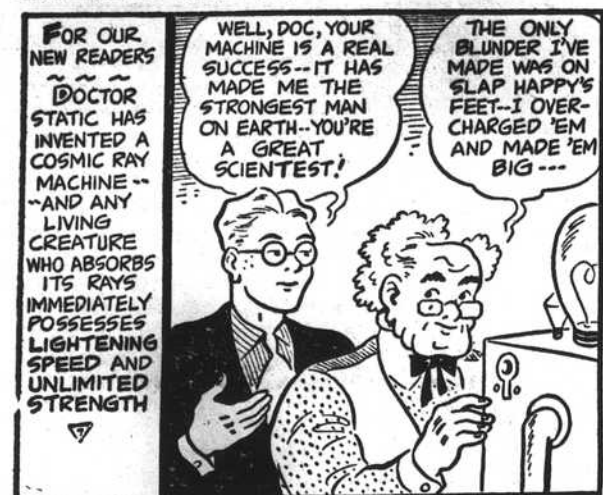


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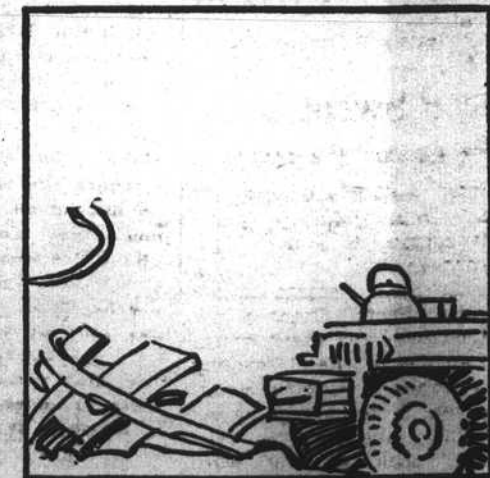
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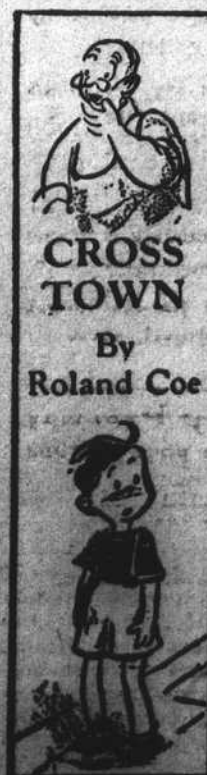


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WASHINGTON today is a vast stage upon which events of national and international moment crowd themselves with lightning rapidity and with kaleidoscopic clarity. They are events and proposals which have ramifications affecting the lives and destinies, one way or another, not only of our own people in the cities and hometowns in America, but of people everywhere.

And we criticize our congressmen... gripe at our governmental agencies freely and often, but, as a matter of fact, it is amazing that with the quickening and increasing tempo of affairs here, the men and women in government keep abreast of the times and the responsibilities with which they are faced as well as they do.

Just within the last few days... Victory for the Reciprocal Trade extension in the house and its defeat by a senate committee... the overwhelming vote of confidence in world cooperation by the house action of Bretton Woods... the streamlining plans for the Veterans administration by General Bradley... the President's victory in the Russian embassy at San Francisco... the Truman proposal for temporary unemployment compensation during the reconversion era... the modernization of the governmental set-up as planned... the Murray-Wagner-O'Mahoney full-time employment bill... all these are a few examples. And now the Wagner-Murray-Dingie bill which will affect the lives of every man, woman and child in every hometown and rural community in America.

It completely overhauls, enlarges and federalizes the present social security law, bringing under its provisions an additional 15,000,000 farmers, farm laborers, domestic employees, small merchants, professional men and women, seamen and employees of non-profit organizations.

BILLIONS INVOLVED
The new measure, a bulky, 185-page document, carries with it appropriations which will run into billions of dollars. The section on hospitals and health centers alone calls for \$950,000,000 over a 10-year period. That it will meet with determined opposition is a foregone conclusion, for it attempts to nationalize all provisions of the present act, except medical and public assistance, taking over old age and survivors insurance and unemployment compensation from the states and placing those features exclusively in the hands of the federal government.

Rates to employers are increased from the average of 3 1/4 per cent they are now paying to 4 per cent to finance all the insurance features, and employees would pay approximately 3 per cent more than they are paying under the present law but are given greatly expanded protection.

The farmer is entitled to all the provisions of the bill except unemployment compensation and temporary disability insurance. He would get medical aid, old age and survivors insurance and disability insurance for which he would pay 5 per cent on his net income up to \$3,600. He would make his payments quarterly or semi-annually. If the farmer has a hired hand, he would deduct 5 per cent of his net income for transmission to the government, and records would be kept through the use of stamps to be issued for the purpose, eliminating any book-keeping.

The same method would be used by the small business man. He would pay on his net income up to \$3,600 at the same rate, and if he has one or more employees not now receiving benefits of the social security law, he would deduct their percentages and issue stamps to the employees to eliminate book-keeping. In some states from one to eight employees are not now covered by the social security law.

DOMESTIC HELP AIDED.

Domestic help would come under the same provisions. If you have a maid, a cook, a washwoman, you would deduct the proper percentage from her pay on pay-day and present her with stamps for her book issued for the purpose. Professional men such as doctors, lawyers, dentists, veterinarians, etc., also become eligible for the benefits under the law with a cost of 5 per cent on net income up to \$3,600.

Briefly, the provisions of the new bill provide:

1. A program of federal grants and loans for construction of hospitals and health centers especially in rural areas.
2. It broadens the present federal grants-in-aid for public health service up to 75 per cent of amount expended by the states.
3. Expands the community-wide maternal and child-health and welfare service, the federal government paying up to 75 per cent of amount expended by the states.

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