

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, November 23. — All branches of the Federal Government, Legislative, Executive and Judicial, are giving serious attention to the problem of how to relieve private business from the strains imposed by too much Governmental restriction and taxation. The sudden slump in business activities came as a surprise to many Washington officials and a shock to all. For political reasons, no less than economic, it has alarmed those who are concerned with election results and who are

keenly aware that all the Congressmen and a third of the Senators must stand for re-election in less than a year. Something must be done before then to start the wheels of business and industry rolling again.

### POWER COMPANIES ON SPOT

The problem of how Government can help business has even reached the Supreme Court in one of its phases. In response to representations that the electric power companies were ready to spend several billion dollars in extending and improving their service, provided Government would refrain from competition and in general ease up on the restrictions which make capital timid about utilities investments, President Roosevelt said he would favor such a course by Government provided the power companies would readjust their rates in accordance with the actual in-

vestment in their plants, instead of on their replacement cost. The practice of valuation of utilities at what it would cost today to build their plants, and basing rates upon the interest return on such valuations, has been upheld by the Federal courts since 1889. But now a case has come before the Supreme Court, in which the Federal Power commission asks that body to decide that a California electric company must reduce its rates to the basis of the money actually invested in its business.

Should the court find for the Government, it would be a reversal of previous Supreme Court decisions, but it would open the door for the carrying out of the President's pledge to cooperate with the power companies, and so put it up to them to make good on their assurance that they are ready to spend a lot of money and put a lot of men to work once the Government eases up on them.

### CONGRESS WEIGHS BUSINESS "RELIEF"

As an aid to business and industry, in general, Congress seems to be greatly impressed by the desirability of lessening the tax burdens on corporations and on the earnings of private capital, to encourage wider investment and business expansion. It seems a safe prediction that some measure of relief for business will be enacted at this session of Congress, before it gets around to the first item on the President's program, farm relief. The belief of most experienced observers here is that it will be Congress, not the President, which will decide what to do first and how to do it.

### WORKERS' MONEY TO FINANCE WORK

Action by Congress is not needed to carry out a broad plan of cooperating with business and capital in trying to stimulate the building industry. There is already sufficient authority in the laws creating the Federal Housing Administration and Reconstruction Finance Corporation, to enable the Administration to put into effect a plan of not only insuring loans by private capital to finance new building construction, but also making direct loans of Federal funds to organizations engaged in financing building projects. The latest plan under serious discussion is that the money collected in income taxes on the wages of workers, under the Social Security Act, instead of being mingled with the Treasury's general funds, should be earmarked for building loans. This would put workers to work with money contributed by workers, and that seems to many persons here a just and equitable way to use the Social Security fund.

### LABOR SQUABBLE DISGUSTS CONGRESS

A strong reaction is noticeable in Congress against any plan for regulating hours and wages of labor by Federal law, unless the Labor organizations are prepared to quit their position of opposition to any legislation which would place them under responsibility equal to that of employers. There are many indications that Congress is less inclined to one-sided Labor legislation, and somewhat disgusted over the quarrel between the two big Labor organizations, the Federation and the C. I. O. Both organizations have lost a great deal of their political prestige and influence in the past few months.

Much criticism is being levelled at the Secretary of Labor, Mme. Perkins, for her failure to reconcile the differences between the two wings of Organized Labor. Both sides in the Labor controversy show so little confidence in her that, in any other system of government, she would be forced to resign. The personal friendship of Mrs. Roosevelt is believed to be a strong factor in her retention in the Cabinet.

### BUDGET BALANCING A QUESTION

That the business recession will put a damper on any effort to reduce W. P. A. spending is taken for granted here. More men out of jobs means more relief expenditures. That will make it so much more difficult to balance the budget for the fiscal year 1938. The determination to do that is strong, both in the White House and on Capitol Hill. How it can be done is another question. It would require, keen analysts say, higher taxes and curtailment of Federal expenditures, in ways which would be politically risky.

The budget cannot be balanced unless the plan of increased cash subsidies to farmers is abandoned. New Federal power projects would have to be dropped, there could be no reduction of H. O. L. C. interest rates, and no great new projects for direct spending of Government funds. How far Congress and the President will see alike on specific curtailment of Federal spending is a question.

## SELLS MATCHES FOR \$10 EACH

Smooth Talking Salesman Fleece Wilkes Court Crowd of \$100

### DOES IT LEGALLY, TOO

North Wilkesboro, Nov. 19. — An itinerant salesman who boasted that he was the world's best salesman and could prove it sold burnt matches for ten dollars each to people in a crowd on the courthouse square in Wilkesboro one day this week at court recess.

In the one hour that he stood on his small truck and did the selling it was estimated by bystanders that he fleeced people in the crowd of at least \$100.

But it was all done in a most legal way and without misrepresentation by his sales chatter. He started out by selling empty boxes at one dollar each and told the 26 who purchased them that they were empty. When they found some shiny articles in the boxes they were well pleased and he went ahead with five-dollar sales, which were pen and pencil sets.

He wound up his selling by buying three matches at 25 cents each from persons in the crowd and selling them at ten dollars each, after making them absolutely worthless by striking them. He did not promise anything else for the ten dollars.

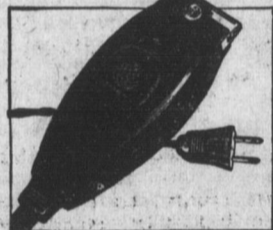
After fulfilling this deal he asked more than a score of persons what they would do with the money under such circumstances and they gave varied answers but none suggested that he give it back, the usual answer being that they would stick it way down in their pockets. He said however, that he was going to use the money for a worthy cause—for the benefit of widows and orphans—that his wife was a widow and that he was an orphan.

The astonishing angle to the whole affair for those who did not play the sucker role was that

### GET UP NIGHTS

FLUSH KIDNEYS WITH Juniper oil, buchu leaves, etc. Make this simple test if passage is scanty, irregular, smart or burns, have frequent desire, get up nights or if kidneys are sluggish causing headache. Use Juniper oil, buchu leaves etc., make into little green tablets called Bukets to flush the kidneys, just as you would use castor oil to flush the bowels. Help nature eliminate troublesome waste and excess acids. Ask any druggist for the test box of Bukets. Locally at Turner Drug Company.

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he actually took the money and made them like it. Not a soul among those fleeced raised one word in protest, notwithstanding the fact that he "rubbed it in" by telling them to carefully keep the matches and tell their grandchildren some day that they paid ten dollars for a burnt match absolutely without value.

### Bad Egg

Helen—I understand Elsie's fiancée is supposed to be a dreadfully bad egg.

Bertha—So that's it. I've wondered for a long time why she didn't like to drop him.

## Plumbing and Heating

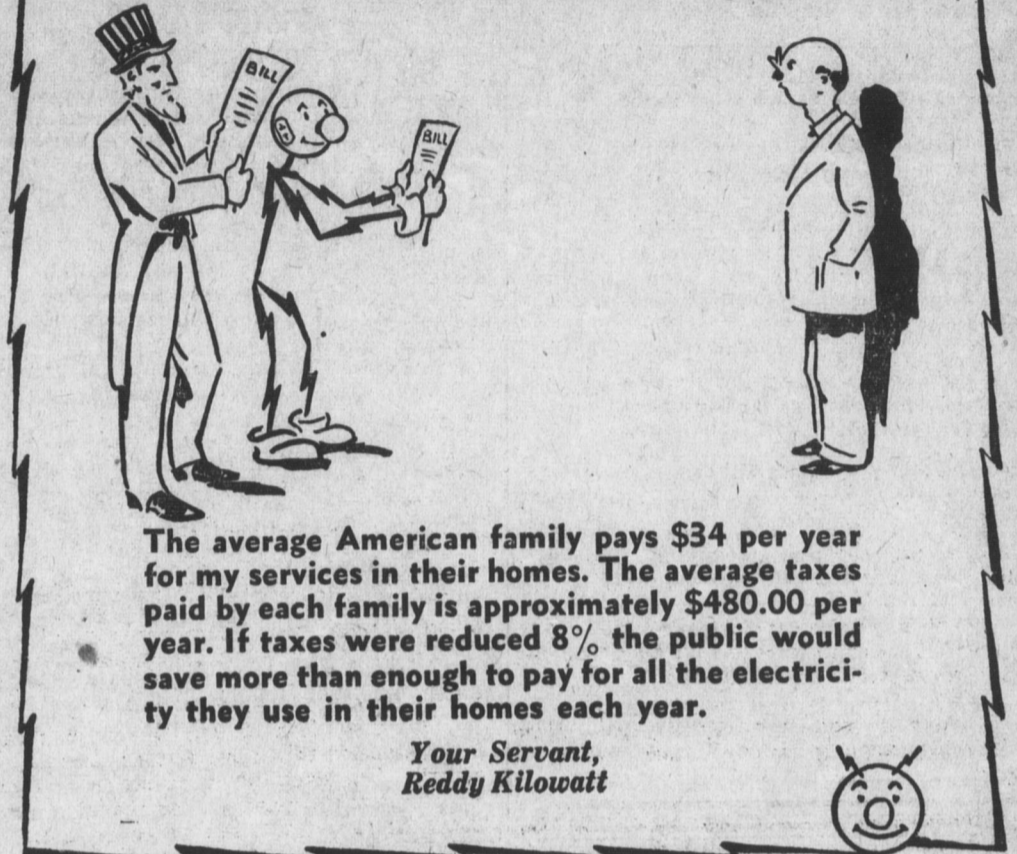
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With Wheeler and Wolsey

Rhythm Wranglers—News

Adm. 10c-25c

Friday-Saturday—Matinee and Night —

### BOB STEELE in "THE RED ROPE"

Frank Buck Serial—Clyde Comedy

Adm. 10c-25c

Monday-Tuesday — Next Week—

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### BACK IN CIRCULATION

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## JOAN BLONDELL

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