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amendments to the Independent Offices Appropriations Bill, run up the total by \$250,000 over the President's budget recommendations. The bill, which has been passed by the House, is now before the Senate. It is the restoration of benefits to veterans of the World War, and the Spanish-American War, as well as 10 per cent of a 15 per cent salary cut for Federal jobholders. The House has concurred in the bill. The President, lacking authority to veto the objectionable items in the bill, he vetoed the whole thing, and sent it back. There was a furious struggle among the Congressmen between personal loyalty to the President and political self-interest, and the latter won. The bill was passed over the veto, and the President had suffered his first defeat.

With selective veto power, the President could have ordered the objectionable items deleted, and Congress would have been put upon the spot. Instead of voting again upon the entire bill in which were lumped all sorts of appropriations, many of the items would have been voted upon by themselves. The President would have had considerable explaining to do.

Strong Medicine

The old adage that it takes a crook to catch a crook doesn't hold true in Secretary Hicks' Interior Department. His super-steady Glavin, no crook himself, has sent the crooks to speak of. He didn't catch K. K. Burlew, whom the President has named First Assistant Secretary of the Interior, in any crooked work, much as this would have delighted the crooks in the department who resent Burlew's high-handedness in his own right. And speaking of high-handedness, it came out yesterday before a Senate committee holding hearings on Burlew's nomination that what they've been saying in Washington about the GOPP ways of the Interior Department is entirely true.

Wire-tapping, simple eavesdropping, an overall system of espionage—these have been the methods by which Secretary Hicks has "prevented any use of the department like the Fall scandal of the Harding Administration. At one time there were 300 "investigators" looking into the department's personnel and contractors on PWA jobs. And it all has been done in a good cause, that of protecting the Government from graft and double-dealing, but if any body cares to make the point that the treatment is about as bad as the suspected ailment, he may find high authority in a recent decision of the Supreme Court on wire-tapping, which read:

"Congress may have thought it less important that some of its members should be unwelcome to the Government than that it should resort to methods deemed inconsistent with ethical standards and destructive of personal liberty."

Signs of Fight

Some 30 claim agents of the city, representing insurance companies mainly, have formed the Charlotte Claim Men's Association. One of the chief purposes of the organization is set forth in its constitution and by-laws:

"In co-operation in vigorous fighting collisions, deception and fraud, fraudulent claims, and promptly to discontinue any claim for damages unscrupulous and unethical practices, whether indulged in by individuals or companies."

This is something all persons who carry liability insurance ought to be in favor of, inasmuch as the payment of unjustified claims comes out of their pockets. The City of Charlotte has shown what can be done by challenging claims for damages. Instead of settling them. Last fiscal year, the City paid out in claims only a little more than ten per cent of the amount it had budgeted. And over and above the intrinsic saving that the disingenuousness of a number. People would have been ready to take advantage of easy marks, which both insurance companies and governments are, if the easy marks rise up and show fight.

That Deal

The New York Times' Washington man, Felix Belk, Jr., has a strong suspicion that the seven South-eastern Governors who had a conference with President Roosevelt last week struck up a trade. The story goes that in return for the President's promise of a re-examination of the Southern freight rate structure, they agreed to come out for the wage-and-hour bill, always provided it would preserve a differential in favor of the South. And the Governors did come out for the wage-and-hour bill, though whether as a quid for the pro of lower freight rates one can only speculate.

We hope it isn't true, for if there is validity to the South's claim for equal freight rates, it ought to be allowed independently of extraneous legislation. And by the time the Senate takes up the bill, the wage-and-hour bill is desirable.

freight rates have nothing to do with it.

But if it is true that a deal was put through, the Governors apparently got the best of the deal. The Interstate Commerce Commission, despite its quasi-judicial nature, is a unit that is more or less responsive to the suggestions of the President, by whom appointments to the commission are made. But Congressmen from these Southeastern States are a diverse and rambunctious lot, noted for wearing no man's collar. Besides, there's an election coming this year, and if any Governor is so brazen as to have that he can even foretell, much less dictate, a Congressman's vote in an election year, he has another think coming.

A WELL-RUN DEPARTMENT

WASHINGTON—The annual report of the Attorney General is a constructive record, not only in its recommendations for the future, but in the narration of what the Department of Justice has done in the past year.

Of course, the record of Edgar Hoover's FBI is known to everybody. The work it has done in crime suppression is a major accomplishment and the work it proposes to do in crime prevention is a matter of national concern of first magnitude. While it is true that Mr. Cummings did not appoint Mr. Hoover, and that the latter's work is his own, yet the Attorney General insisted on his retention, and has supported him in his magnificent efforts.

If Homer Cummings' plans are carried through, he will lay down the administration of Federal justice in far better condition than he took it up.

His principal recommendations are:

- (1) for complete procedural reform, simplifying and speeding the arbitrariness of practice in the Federal courts;
- (2) the appointment of a sufficient number of additional judges to insure that none of the present heart-breaking delays continue for want of proper manning of the bench;
- (3) the creation of an administrative and fiscal officer for the whole judicial system under the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

Taken together, these three accomplishments, would work a beneficent revolution in Federal court procedure. The latter, I think, is of the utmost importance. After all, the administration of justice is a business. The planning and conduct of it is not a judicial function. It is a purely executive or managerial job. It seems almost incredible that the vast sprawling court system has for so long had no managerial department to plan and coordinate. It is this mechanical aspect of its work, such supervision as there has been is now in a conference of circuit judges and in the Department of Justice.

The report on the Anti-Trust Division by Mr. Robert Jackson, Assistant Attorney General, is partly a political score, but every anti-trust acts are a flop and that, for the sake of business, big and little, as well as the public, they need a good going over. Neither Mr. Jackson nor the Attorney General makes any specific recommendations for changes. This, Mr. Cummings repeats what he is already on record as saying, that what this situation needs most is a careful and deliberate study and not more snap shooting.

The record of successful litigation from the Government's standpoint, in the Solicitor General's part of the report, is the best. I believe, that the Department has ever had. It reflects great credit on Stanley Reed and on the whole force of trial lawyers.

After finding so many things to praise, it is a pleasure to look at the story of a whole year's work in one great Cabinet branch and find so nearly a perfect score—a well-organized and planned machine hitting on all cylinders.

There have been many rumors that Mr. Cummings is tired and getting ready to step out of the Cabinet. The country has good reason to hope that he won't do it—at least until he gets all this job of reformation buttoned up.

Visiting Around

You Ain't Comptroller's Rigney, Are You, Mr. X?

(Correspondent, Monroe Journal)

I have two more weddings in mind which I think will happen soon, I hope.

Keeping Up With the Joneses (Morganton News-Herald)

Thad Jones, of Calabaw, visited Ed and Joe Jones here in Valdese Sunday.

In Darkest Stanley (Stanley Item, Lincoln County News)

During the past three days this place has been visited by a very heavy fog and much darkness, which made it very dangerous to driving cars on the roads.

A Thorough Blessing-Out For Thompson

She Is Called Hysterical, Asked To Put Up Proof Or Shut Up

Dear Sir:

"If this is not justice, then I am dead, dumb and blind," shrieked Dorothy Thompson the other day as she waved hysterical over the government farm-control program, the plans for a new industry control, and what she referred to as "acquiescent courts."

Dorothy thinks the Roosevelt crowd has created a half-railing burlesque—"Big Business" with which they are trying to scare all the little business men into accepting government control, under promise of protection from the bugaboo of high taxes, however, she is raising a bugaboo herself, only a far bigger one, in trying to make our government out to be a fascist monster.

She ridicules the principle of majority mandate provided for in these control plans, insinuating that the whole thing is put on by whispering campaign and subversive methods, with "inequatorial hearings" and "income tax investigations" for anybody who dares to criticize any of it.

Now Sister Dorothy, if she ever expects to convince her high-brow clientele of stuff like that, she will have to submit evidence in actual known instances. It stands, what she has said has no more weight than ordinary housewife gossip. Since she makes such verbose pretensions to being intellectual, and even has the brass to consider herself a big game, this kind of blab makes her appear ridiculous.

Once before, I recall, the lady spluttered through a whole column of newspaper to cuss out the administration for not being democratic (it was while the Supreme Court row was on), but she never could get a clear idea of what she thought democratic meant. And that seems to be her trouble all along. Flattered by many as being very intellectual, and owning by her own testimony) some General Motors stock, she evidently classifies herself somewhat as a high-brow. She has never caught their point of view; she probably simply can't. At any rate, her ideas appear to move within too small a scope to grasp what democracy is all about, or to enable her to identify it when she consult it.

I think she may as well seek that rat, throat and are especially

CHAR. C. RODEFFER.

Rockingham.

FARMERS ANTICIPATING CONSERVATION CHECKS; OTHER FARM NOTES

Dear Sir:

The farms as a whole throughout the country are in good shape compared with a few years back. Most of the farmers will have a soil conservation check which will mean a good deal to the middle class farmer when the weather is bad and the farmers cannot work on the farms. Of course there will be some to receive these checks that do not deserve as much as they will receive. Why? Because they have given in more or less than they really had.

The President's program is a very good thing if it had been carried out as it was planned. There are some farmers that planted all the cotton they could work, not thinking they were going to get the price so low. The King of the South American, the farmers of the United States, are not good about the middle class farmer when the weather is bad and the farmers cannot work on the farms. Of course there will be some to receive these checks that do not deserve as much as they will receive. Why? Because they have given in more or less than they really had.

The prospect for a good grain crop in this state looks very good. We should make it a habit to plant more grain and feed. People should make a practice of raising more cattle so as to have beef for the market. We should have more milk cows, so that every farmer in the South America, the farmers of the United States, are not good about the middle class farmer when the weather is bad and the farmers cannot work on the farms. Of course there will be some to receive these checks that do not deserve as much as they will receive. Why? Because they have given in more or less than they really had.

ROBERT L. GAULE, JR.

Ansonville.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS ALMOST INCONVENIENT AT NIGHT FROM NEON SIGNS

Dear Sir:

It is a coincidence, I realize, but a dangerous situation is created by the background for the red traffic signals at Fifth and Second streets.

One who is unfamiliar with the location of traffic lights will not notice the red light at night with the similarly red store signs constantly on.

It is probable nothing can be done about this but it might be well to point out the danger and hope it will be noticed and remembered by those who read eastward on Fifth street.

MAXWELL M. HARRIS.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope. Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.

SQUARE EGG
 WAS EGGED BY A RHODE ISLAND RED
 Owned by G. CURTIS GRANTON, Conn.

FRUIT JAR IN CONSUMPTION FOR 80 YEARS
 Owned by Mrs. E. SCHULTZ, LE SUEUR, Minn.

ROWDY BOCAN
 WRESTLED 70 TIMES IN ONE WEEK
 —AND GAINED 70 POUNDS
 WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

SMALLER INDEPENDENT COUNTRY
 —THE GERMAN HOSPICE—ROME, ITALY
 IS BUILT ON A GREAT MASS OF EARTH OR CALVARY
 ITS INDEPENDENCE IS GUARANTEED BY ITALY, GERMANY & AUSTRIA

Explanation of Today's Cartoon

THE SMALLEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD—One of the strangest international curiosities is the tiny German Hospice, independent state, known under the name of the German Hospice, which is situated between the territories of Vatican City and Rome. It is composed of a few buildings clustering around the German Church of Santa Maria dell'Anima and is inhabited by members of the German Catholic clergy and laity. The history of this territory goes back to St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine. St. Helena founded the earth was donated on the spot where the German Hospice is situated today. The independence of this tiny state is guaranteed by the Vatican state, Italy and Germany.

It Seems To Me

WASHINGTON—As I came into the press gallery the Senator who had the floor was saying, "When Lee rendered his sword at Appomattox."

That seemed curious to me, because the episode must have occurred a number of years ago.

The speaker asserted that if the South had known the horrors of reconstruction there would have been no surrender.

He declared roundly:

"I represent is composed of the purest American stock extant." He added that he and his constituents were the guardians "of aristocracy." The gentleman seemed minded to add more in the same manner, but at this point he paused to expostulate. And so I knew it was Cotton Ed Smith.

I am reliably informed that at the moment he is the only Southern Senator left in the upper chamber of the Congress of the United States.

"And when I say 'aristocracy,'" continued Cotton Ed, "I mean in the best sense of the word."

His real name is

Ed Smith, son of William and Mary

Ed Smith, and he was born in Lynchburg, Va., and he lives in Lynchburg.

Naturally he was speaking in opposition to the Wagner-Van Nuys bill.

Cotton Ed pointed with pride to the magnificent record of 1927 when only eight lynchings occurred. In effect, he was saying—

"What could be fairer than that? After all, what are a few lynchings among the purest American stock extant?"

To be sure, I am a little surprised to find Cotton Ed and other sectionalists quite so ready to put on the shoes. After all, one of the most popular lynchings in recent years, one that was applauded by a number of public officials and several congressmen, did not occur in the South but in San Jose, Cal. But Ed Smith takes the present measure before the Congress as a personal affront. He feels that "aristocracy" will be liquidated if the Federal Government undertakes to cooperate in ending mob violence.

As Ed warmed up he covered far more ground than that indicated by the headline.

Again

Ed Smith was talking for the complete and un-

hampered supremacy of the "purest American stock extant." Only a few Senators were on the floor, and nobody paid much attention, but the tone and mood of the address was precisely that of a Hitler rousing the Nordics to take over Deutschland. Cotton Ed may be

a two-by-four demagogue, but he still remains a United States Senator, and even the thickest speech in the upper house is menacing. Indeed, Ed said, "Should this bill pass and become a law, I don't know what may be the result." In other words, when democratic practices go against E. D. Smith he makes a fist and looks in the direction of Fort Sumner.

It seems to me that the anti-lynching bill has become a very vital measure of our belief in democracy. Its immediate purpose is to secure us. It is not enough to say, "What a lawful people we are; only eight were lynched last year." Why should there be one? But by now the issue has become as broad as freedom itself.

The effort to defeat the Wagner-Van Nuys bill rests wholly in the hope that a minority can talk the measure to death and prevent a roll call. To me the filibuster has always seemed the negation of democracy. And now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the force to smash Ed Smith and all the other exponents of "aristocracy," even when they use it "in the best sense of the word."

Senator-to-Be Hill

(Greene C. Hall, editor of The Montgomery Advertiser in the Montgomery Evening Star)

"Lester Hill is the best pork barrel Congressman that Alabama ever had. He is one of the most enterprising young men that I ever saw in Congress. He is a man of astounding energy and resourcefulness."

But he is more than that.

Hill is a man of scholarly tastes. He is acquainted with the best literature that has been written. He is particularly well informed in political history and in the political system. He is an orator of the first caliber, even though he is old-school and somewhat too rhetorical. As a debater he should be a match for any old coddler in the Senate. He is a New Dealer who can give a good account of himself upon any occasion. He is well born; his family being one of the most brilliant and powerful in Alabama. He has had every possible educational advantage. He is slightly Leftist, but not dangerous. His two big feet are on the ground—and best of all, he is Alabama's answer to the cry of the civilized world that Tom Riffin, the beloved story teller, be denied another chance to stand in the Senate and revile helpless minority groups.

Hill will die in the Senate, even though he lives to be 100 years old. He knows his way about politically. Politically he will never die by his own hand, as poor Tom did.

—Fayetteville Observer.

Striking for Pay Dirt

(Greensboro News)

There are sounds as of a conspiracy to get Cameron Morrison into the notion of a candidacy for something or other. It would be business.

Time Will Tell

(Richmond, Times-Dispatch)

All one can do with a Congressional farm bill is what we used to do with the free seeds: Plant it and see what comes up.