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the streets, and long ago gave up on headgear and other feminine accessories which are, by male standards, out of this world. There is no complaint that

this world. There is no complaint that it is the bride, and not the groom, who ets the wedding picture in the papers. We experienced no pains upon learning that the vast majority of American wealth is held by, and spent by, women. You have to hand it to 'em, and not just because Fate wills it so. The sex is talented.

The sex is talented.

But what we want now, more than anything else, is to hear from this great American lobby—and were prepared for anything. Come on, girls, out with it. What in heaven's name is next?

Ruml To Rear

Be Too Late for March 15

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If there was ever hope that Beardsley Ruml's doctrine of pay-as-you-go taxa-tion would bring relief to the majority and the taxpayer before the Majoricomodiane, that hope has flown. For, though the majority of Congressmen have pledged allegiance to the new principle of easing the income tax blow, no action has been taken, and it's already too late for rellef. Taxpayers must prepare to pay at least a quarterly installment March 15.

The House Ways and Means Committee.

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The House Ways and Means Commit-

The House Ways and Means Committee, where laxes are born, has delayed consideration of the measure, and though some form of the pay-as-you-go principle is certain to become law sooner or later, it is likely to be Summer before a withholding or monthly payment plan can be passed. Income taxes, therefore, are to be pald in the same old way in March and June-For a movement of such wide popularity, the plan to put income tax payments on a current basis has acturally enlisted precious little official support. Though new Congressional control of the payment of the control of the payment of the property of the payment of the property of the payment o

ally enlisted precious little official sup-port. Though new Congressional con-verts are to be heard daily, neither the Ways and Means Committee nor the Treasury has taken a stand. Both are apparently still puzzled over remission of the 1942 (axes in order to make 1943 taxes payable now. So, with Washington moving delib-erately when it moves at all, there's nothing left, for the hard-hit populace but to die down and nay up as usual.

nothing left for the hard-hit populace but to dig down and pay up as usual. And if the plan is delayed for inclusion in the general tax bill, there will be no relift until 1944. We believe that many thousands, without the money to meet the heavy new scale, will be forced to default. But Washington doesn't seem

to be concerned with that possibility.

There, by the grace of the Foreign Relations Committee, goes Edward J. Flynn to an uncertain fate on the floor

of the Senate. He passed the first bar-

of the Senate. He passed the first barrier by the narrowest of margins, and the strength of the opposition in committee may be taken as an index of the trouble still ahrad. Administration leaders seem confident now that The Boss will be confirmed, and soon be erinning his arin as a special envoy in Australia. The Republicans, voting in formation, persuaded three Democrats George, Van Nus and Gillette to oppose Dear Eddie, and if the same ratio holds in Senate voting, there will be a photo funch.

Strate voting, facre will be a photo funch.
But if he goes, he goes, and there can be only touche to his success in a theater where relations are delicate and unity to the function of the first hereak into the potential of the function of

most successful diplomatic missions have been accomplished by amateurs. Since the outbreak of the last war, there have been 30 different Ambassadors to posts in China, France, Germany, Great Britan, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain and Russia. Three-fifths of those men had no previous diplomatic experience. Walter Hines Page, Robert W. Blingham, Thomas Nelson Pace, Robert Johnson, Alexandert Moore, Myran T. Herrick, Alexandert Moore, Myran T. Herrick, Grew Mellon—Il were to Dawes, Anders Mellon—Il were newcomers to the field of diplomacy. So, failing to pun any anytic block.

field of diplomacy.

So, failing to pm any paving block standal on The Boss, the opposition may fail to make the charge of unpreparedness stick, and he may yet go forth to

conquer.

Round One Boss Flynn Wins Committee, And Places a Bet on History

Pay-As-You-Go Tax Plans Will

By carrier: 20 cents a week; one month, 87 cents, By mail; One month 87 cents; three months, \$2.60; six months, \$5.20; one year, \$10.40.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1943

Minor Key

The Critics Were Quick To Hit At a Momentous Conference

At a Momentous Conference

That there was immediate criticism
from many quarters of 4th historic
Roosevell-Churchill meeting in Casablanca, we suppose, was natural. There
is still no suppression of optimon, and
appointment. What putzles us is that
it aprain up, in Britain and the United
States. like a jack-in-the-hox, right on
the heels of the public announcement of
the conference between Alled Baders.

It was almost as if the opposition in
both countries awaited the moment as
a new opportunity for criticism. The
whole world, the Axis sphere included,
must agree that the North African sesston certainly advanced the United Na-

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sion certainly advanced the United Nations cause, brought a new measure of understanding and developed-war-piensfor 1943. But the critice would have us believe that Stalin's absence was of greater importance than the fact that the conference was held at all.

There are complaints that General Giraud and de Gaulle did no more than shake hands. Rossevell and Churchill should have forgotten, then, their battlep plans and turned their attenion to reconciliation of French political leaders. There are complaints that no definite war aims have been stated. Would they publish the minutes of the meeting, complete with time and place of each coming attack? There are complaints that no definite that no stall the state of the meeting. Complete with time and place of each coming attack? There are complaints that no delived High Command was amounced. All must come at once, There is no satisfying the sharpdooters. To accept billing's met sharpdooters. To accept the plants of the metals of war we calling out old challenges at every we calling to the fact of the control of the challenges at every we calling the control of the challenges at every we call the control of the challenges at every we call the control of the challenges at every the

their every motive, to confuse and di-vide public opinion in the midst of war by calling out old challenges at every step. Cannot it be taken for granted, temporarily, that the President and the Prime Minister and their staffs went to Casabianca steadiastly determined to improve the position of the United Na-tions as a whole, including Russia and China?

China?

Have not the Democracles come a long way together since the black days when France fell and Dunkirk burned itself upon the world's consciousness?

Is it possible that assistance is purposely being dented Russians and Chinese, or that the Anglo-American pow-

nese, or that the Anglo-American pow-ers are actually attempting to foment-trouble-among. the French2. Was this-conference simply a publicity stunt, in which the lives of several of the world's most important men, were risked? It was simply what it seemed to be, before the belittlers groped around for their mysterious hidden meaning: a vital final discussion of plans for the drive against a common enemy, by the only powers on earth now able to choose their may hattlefields. their own battlefields

Lust Straw

Now the Women Want Equal Rights, and We Thought . . .

Rights, and We I hought...

Before Congress to our consternation, is the eleventh in a series of bills designed to give equal rights to women. We haven't read the bill, and know only that a co-sponsor is Senator Robert Rices Reynolds, that staunch defender of American womanhood. And we can't even imagine what its contents might ber—In-sublime ignorance, we had supposed that women had every right in the books; and were in fact, thinking off proposing defense legislation in behalf of the man of the house.

We've been through the Bill of Rights.

We've been through the Bill of Rights We've been through the Bill of Rights seven times, memorated the Atlante Charter and read the last minutes of our favorite particle slight in the last minutes of our favorite particle slight in sight the dradity sex hash! taken, by-storm or gentic wiles. We're beginning to suspect trickery; perhaps they're asking for brand-new franchises they've dreamed up. themselves

We do not disgain the cause, if there We do not digitan the cause, if there is one. Not in the least, if the indices see something they want, we all know the answer, But we have paced in admirtation as more and more of them worked their way into business, and politics, even into Congres. We have followed with growing respect their place in a world at war their own Army and Navy would be a tribute to any old sex, their record of punctuality. and hard work in industry outstrips that of men. They become increasingly important, unhampered, so far as we are able to determine, by any deterring

Foolish Battle

The Size Of The Army

By Raymond Clapper

WASHINGTON EVEN Mrs. Roosevelt and her newspaper columns are joining in the argument over the size of the Army. It is an interesting but not very profitable argument because only the high command plus a few top men in wer agencies have the combined information to make a sound-decision.

ion to make a sound decision.

Can you decide by a public argument how, many tanks we should have? Then how can a public argument decide how many soldiers we should have? Actually all programs change from the state of the stat

Instance.

Likewise there is no sacred, fixed, magic number for the size of the Army. Undersecretary of War Patterson says it is vital to have 7,500,000 men in 1, 1844. We now have about 5,000,000 men in 1, 1844. We now have about 5,000,000 men in 1, 1844. We now have about 5,000,000 men in 1, 1849. Secretary Fatterson says. But conditions over the next year may require an up or down in that 7 1-2 million, just as they changed production schedules in the last year. At least we hope the Army is going to do it that way and not freece in spite of hell and high water on any magic number.

nd high water on any magic number. We don't need more men than we can send abroad—plus allowances for internal security, replacements and training cadres. The Army can possible, of the security of the properties of the possible of the security of the possible of the security of the basic war strategy of the Diricel Nations is to combine all their material and manpower resources in such a way as will achieve the maximum possible impact upon the enemy in the shortest possible time.

The Army cannot best serve the purpose of the quickest victory by asking for more men than it can use and thereby wasting manpower that might be more usefully engaged in building escort ships or

growing food. Neither can William Jeffers. Rubber Administrator, best serve the purpose of the guidexas victory by insisting on priority for all of his rubber program regardless of the delay this might cause to execut siting or to high-octane-gasoline production. Rubber conservation measures are still losse—as for instance rolling huge inter-city busses on the best rubber tires over routes competing with railroads, awhen—outle Annalde Lite Larific Li-unnecessary, traval.

instance rouning rugs inter-city buses on the best which could handle die traffic if unnecessary, travil were reduced.

The only useful service that the various committation of the size of the Army to could be the country of the size of the Army to could be size of the Army to could consider them. Time would be saved if Congress could consider the size of the Army must be considered in other than the size of the Army must be considered in connection with how many men and how much equipment we can send abroad. It must be considered in connection with how many men and how much equipment we can send abroad. It must be compared to the size of the Army must be considered in connection with how many men and how much equipments in one-third of our tanks and combat planes went to sur Allies last year. Thus we are producting and shipping for other production above last year's record and we are trying to do it with less manpower. The size of the Army cannot be determined to the army cannot be defined to the arm

Into account.

One would assume that this has been the case, although it won't burt to re-check. We know that in some tiens there was heavy over-ordering because of early invex and the need for speed. Those days are and in conjument. That is the only realistic approach to victory.

Side Glances



"You're the first visitors we've had for weeks—the war certainly brought us a lot of calm and restful-week-ends!"

Prettu Good Amateur

Henry The Morgue

By Michael Evans. In Coronet

THE late General Hugh S. Johnson was not exactly a subtle writer. He
never used a rapier if a shilliah was at hand. Hearing that the
President liked to call Braintruster Thomas Corocan "Tommy to
Cork." Johnson gleefully proceeded to rectilisten the entire New Deal.

He evalued a whole series of nicknames. His favorite was Henry the Morque. As delighted was Johnson with Henry the Morque that he found some excuse for employing the quaint patronym at least once a week and oftener until death cut short his literary career.

patronym at least once a week and oftener unit orain; cut suous his literary career.

Henry Morgenthau has had many painful experiences in the ten years he has been in Washington. He has been bersted by the conservative press as a long-haired reformer, attacked by the radicals as a reactionary defender of the satus qua and diameted by bankers as a diction. He had not patronage. But probably no cross has been marker had the patronage. But probably no cross has been marker had the patronage in the patronage of the probably no cross has been harder to been than "Henry the Morgie."

Now Henry Morgenthau is a sincere, consclenitious and escentially humorless man. His own Joeks retund you of a Yordshire pudding-very wholesome but not much grace or lightness. Probably what makes Henry the Morgie most painful for the literal-unided Morgenthau, and "Henry", Or as Morgenthau has explained to intunate, he sometimes employs "themy Penny" in a spint of affection and gentle fun. But never, Henry the Morgie, . Ughl.

Today, with America engaged in glosal war, Morgenthau commands probably the most vital post on the home from:

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ands probably the most vital post on the home front.

Morgenthau is a modest man and would be the first to admit that few Secretaries of the Treasury have entered their job with test technical knowledge than himself. His background consisted of handling a portfolio of investments ibuilt up from about 50 thousand oldiars given him by bit father) and managing his Fishkill, New York, farm, And, before going to the Treasury, he had had a few months' experience at the head of the Farm fredit had been appropriated to the head of the Farm fredit had been as the propriate of the New Beal to ball out morthage-frorer farmers.

minimiseation, an emergency agency set up by the New Deal to ball out meritage-force farmers.

The Treasury was the lost spot. It was an exciting atmosphere that Morganithan stepped mine when he entered the damp gaza building that squats across. Executive Ave. from the White House. One day comonies would report to the besudence secretary that the budget estimates were off by a billion dollars—on the red ink side. The next work of the president would give orders to start "pump printing" at the rate of \$300,00000 a month.

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What is often disregarded is the fact that his hand has been at the helm of the Treasury through the most amazing period American govcontract the contract of the c

Spraking before a Congressional committee last Summer, he said:
"Since Pearl Harbor I (blink we must change our engire mode of living. I think these few people should be asked to give up their special privileges in view of the sacrifices that must be made."

To which Senator Barkley interpreted: 'I am sorry to interrupt, but that point sticks in my craw.'

"If you don't mind," snapped Morgenthau, "Pearl Harbor sticks in my craw, too."

Dan Tapus Bissisapse

A Verbal Award

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To Mr.-Imison and The Charlotte News we extend our congraba-lations in the knowledge that the highest award is after all framesten

Anniversary Presents

-By Herblock



Platform Of The People

Kill Absentee Ballots

Editors, The News:
Honorable J. M. Broughton,
Governor of North Carolina,
Raleigh,
Dear Governor Broughton:

Raiseja.

Dear Governor Broughion:

1 am writing to you as a private
citraen interested solely in the success of the democratic process and
in good government in our state.

In most government in our state.

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Visitim' Round

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(Silver Hill item.
Lexington Dispatch)

Mrs. Everette Faulkner set herself up to a nice new cook slove during the holidays. Being such a good cook, eite can make pienty of those fine hot breads and cookies

sther counties in the state, and, with the outrageous frequenties of the state in my own county of Watauga. In this county with a population of about 17,000 there were approximately 1,000 absente votes, while in the adjoining country of Cathwell with a population of the state o

population of over 33,000 there were less than 100.

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A. P. KEPHART.

A Red-Hot Critic of State and County

State and County

Editors. The News:

I would like for someone—who
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the columns of your puper just
what is the matter with our State
and County office-holders. The cry
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see expecting big related in saliery.
The State has an enformous cash
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in 1933—and what can be but?

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H. E. MARKS.
North Charlotte.

(We seridusly mustion the arbitrary figure of 20 ner cent as in Old Ace Assistance reduction; and would arrue that the average lineame of today has elsen to its highest moint in history.—Editors, The News.

Bildle Thannellad

It is possible to be well acquainted with God, to have Him quanted with God, to have Him in for a friend. Some find Him in quiet, in silence. His kingdom is within us: Acquaint now thyself with Him and be at peace; thereby God shall come unto thee;— Joh 22-21.

-A. P. KEPHART.