BEHIND THE SCENES

Washington

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This belief has grown along evidence that the house is all set to fight for the principle and an impression that the "relief" provided by the senate's action is only psychological.

IT ALL DEPENDS

As to the merits, that all depends on how you look at it. Under the senate plan, a large majority of American corporations would pay a smaller tax bill than under the house bill. About 130,-000 of the 200,000 corporations had net incomes of less than \$5000 in 1936 and the senate plan means a smaller tax payment than the house bill to all corporations earn-

ing less than \$6500.
In the brackets between \$6500 and \$25,000 the senate plan costs more in taxes than the house bill, the senate plan tax would be about 25 per cent higher.

Over \$25,000, the senate plan is relatively more expensive to corporations which pay out profits in dividends and less expensive than the house plan for those which do

As compared with the Senate's 18 per cent flat corporation rate, under the house plan companies paying out all profits in dividends would pay 16 per cent and companies paying no dividends 20 per cent, with intermediate variations which, for instance, would cause a company paying out half its profits in dividends to pay 18 per cent.

WHO'S GETTING SOAKED?

Because American corporations, as a general average, pay out about 77 per cent of profits in dividends, it is argued that a larger amount of business is being soaked under the senate plan than under the house bill.

Nevertheless, the charge that the senate plan is soaking small business for the benefit of big legal controversy between corporations which don't pay out dividends is fully valid only when the importance of a roughly estimated 140,000 corporations earn- an arbitration board. ing less than \$6500-which get a break under the senate plan-is heavily discounted.

NUMBERS DECEIVE

Inasmuch as 90 per cent of corporate business is done by about 15 per cent of the corporations and ico relative to the expropriation, corporations earning less than \$25,000 do only about 10 per cent ernment's right to take such acof the business, it can be seen that the numerical majority of corporations benefiting from the sen-ate plan comes far from suggesting a true picture of the relative effects of the two corporation tax

Corporations earning less than \$65000 obviously do much less than 10 per cent of the total corporate business. This group is the only bracket group in which all coinpanies-or even a preponderance of them-benefit under the finance committee's proposal.

USELESS TALK

Most observers agree that neither senate nor house debate on the reorganization bill made any converts one way or the other, but there has been plenty of debate and the senate part of it was described by Senator Matt Neely of West Virginia as follows:

"The oldest inhabitant scarcely remember when the debate on the reorganization bill began. And what an extraordinary debate it has been.

The honorable, able and voluble senators who have delivered so many philippics against this measure have compassed sea and land to make one proselyte. They have discussed practically everything in (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

3 Legged Turtle Wins University Race In Shuffle

DETROIT, Mich. (UP) — A three-legged turtle that overcame a natural tendency to run around in circles today wore the blue ribbons for the third annual running of the University of Detroit "turtle trudge." The winner was Gael-

At Joint Exhibition Of Pets By FRED BAILEY men, and the cats, mostly hun-

The room was full of cats, mice the walls just in case a mouse and women—all perfectly content- got loose.

The strange scene was at the opening day of a joint exhibition of prize pets by cat and mouse

fanciers of the country. The American Mouse Fanciers' club hesitated when invited by the Columbian cat fanciers to hold a joint exhibition. They feared a merger that would leave only the

cats in the running. But the mice stole the show. They were the center of attraction of both spectators, mostly wo-

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP) - gry. Chairs were placed about

"We are hoping that there will be no accidents and no fatalities," said Mary E. Hantzmon, show manager, "But you never can tell, Mice, cats and women are like mixing gunpowder, dynamite and nitroglycerine."

The cats and mice were in separate cages. Miss Hantzmon said the cats would not molest the mice even if they were placed to- bill for the \$3 old age assistance gether, but mice owners weren't tax. When he didn't pay it, city

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WEATHER

WASHINGTON, D. C. (NEA)—Current betting by those closest to the tax bill indicates a belief that the remnant of the hated undistributed profits tax retained by the senate finance committee is more likely than not to be contained in

HOUSE LEADERS

TO STAND FIRM

Postponed To Take Up

Other Legislation

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP) =

Rep. Sam Pettengill, Indiana Dem-

ocrat, today asked President

Roosevelt to prove his statement

that he has no dictator ambitions

by withdrawing his approval of

bill now pending in the house.

Pettengill, leader of the house

coalition group fighting the bill,

arged the president to "put first

things first" and to place legisla-,

tion designed to help business

The demand came a short time

ahead of the reorganization bill.

after the president had returned from a Warm Springs trip to take

personal charge of the house fight.

renewed their predictions of fav-

orable house action on the bill

aside the explosive measure to

consider the Glass bill for extend-

ing the lending powers of the RFC.

Pettengill said "the president

has said he did not want to be-

come a dictator. I accept his

statement 100 per cent. He says

we have nothing to fear but fear

itself. He recognizes the fact that

there is fear. He can help the situation most by doing something

WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special)

-Administration leaders, confi-

dent their timely compromise had

staved off a possible defeat, re-

fused today to make further con-

cessions to house opponents of the

At an unusual Sunday confer-

ments, which had been hastily

advanced when a coalition of Re-

publicans and dissenting Demo-crats appeared to be getting the

administration forces expected to

"stand pat" on two other contro-

versial provisions — substitution of a single civil service adminis-

trator and creation of an auditor

to help business."

upper hand.

The house meantime shuntled

At the same time paty leaders

government reorganization

OIL COMPANIES TURN TO COURT TO GAIN RELIEF

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Constitution Violation Is Charged In Pleas Of Their Attorneys

MEXICO CITY, Mexico. (Special)-Foreign oil companies turned to the supreme court today in For example, on a \$15,000 income a last legal effort to recover expropriated Mexican oil holdings valued at more than \$400,000,000.

The 17 United States and Britsh-owned companies built their appeal to the supreme court on the contention that President Cardenas' expropriation decree of March 19 violated the Mexican constitution.

They planned to ask the court to declare President Cardenas expropriation decree unconstitutioanl.

The companies argue that article 27 of the constitution authorizes only the expropriation of lands and waters in carrying out the nation's program of socialization; not personal property such as tools, plants and equipment.

Furthermore they allege that the companies were derived of their properties, possessions and rights without due process before the courts and that no indemnification was paid at the time of expropriation.

President Cardenas' decree on March 18 culminated a prolonged companies and the oil workers' syndicate over wages and other benefits granted the workers by

The companies held paying the increased wages — amounting to more than \$7,200,000 — and other benefits would be more than the oil industry could bear.

The United States government. in making representations to Mexdid not question the Cardenas gov-

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Found Dead hour bill for presel gress this session.

At Gathering Near Clinton, N. C.

CLINTON, N. C. (Special) — Searchers found the body of Coleman Tew, 21, of Six Run River yesterday nearly 12 hours after, Police Chief E. L. Cherry said, he shot his sweetheart and fatally vounded a young banjo player. The victims of the shooting were 17-year-old Grace Carter, of near Clifton, and Rudolph Smolka, who until a few weeks ago played in an orchestra at a New York theater. Smolka, shot several times through the chest, died

in a Fayetteville hospital. The three, with a few friends, were gathered in the Carter farm home Saturday night, Chief Cherry said, and Tew shot the girl and the musician and fled into the night. Cherry said the youth also fired at Grace's sister, Mrs. Mel-burn Butler, but missed.

The police chief said he was informed that while the young people were gathered about the piano, Tew asked Smolka to play a song, 'it doesn't pay to play with fire," and Smolka replied that he couldn't play the piece without the mu-

"I can play it by ear," Grace

Then, the officer related, the girl played the song and Smolka sitting besire her, sang, and a moment later Tew, his hand clutching a revolver in his overcoat pocket, edged up behind them and the vicinity last night but failed

ohma, owned by two co-eds.

In a race marked with laughs and tragedy, Gaelohma waddled over the distance of five feet —

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Opened fire.

The girls sccreamed, and Tew ran from the house, firing several times as he went, Cherry said. One of the bullets narrowly missed the other sister.

to locate any traces of wreckage or other indications as to the possible fate of the plane and its occupants.

Menwhile, the main body of the U. S. fleet, which for two days narticipated in the starch for the Cats, Mice And Women Mixing

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Child Is Dunned For Pension Tax 18 Years Early

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (UP) — Gerald Berman, 3, has finally straightened out his troubles with the tax collector. For two years in a row, Gerald has received a

Japs Still Get Out And Shove

Armies can be mechanized, and mechanized some more - but there still comes a time when the troops must get out and push. The picture above shows Japanese soldiers shoving a truck of a motorized transport unit over a bad stretch of Chinese road. The Japanese engineer corps has been kept busy building roadways in advance of the armies.

Green Sacrifices Point To Obtain Wage, Hour Bill

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UP) — William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, announced today that he had made a concession in regard to minimum wages in an effort to

After meeting with the house labor sub-committee seeking to Carolina Tragedy Occurs draft a suitable bill it was said that Green would not oppose a measure with as low an hourly rate as 25 cents if the floor is in-

creased annually.
Green told reporters the federation would accept a minimum as low as 30 cents if no board was established to cut below that level for certain industries or locali-

John L. Lewis, head of the CIO, has told the house committee the (Continued on Page 5, Column 7)

Tip Followed **In Plane Loss**

Natives Report Seeing Of Smoke Off Island In Pacific Group

HONOLULU, T. H. (UP) -Naval aircraft from Pearl harbor prepared today to check a possible lue to the whereabouts of a VP-18 patrol bomber, missing since Wednesday with six persons aboard.

Reports from Anahola, on the sland of Kauai, said that school children there had told their parents that they saw smoke rising from the water off Anahola lighthouse, on the northeastern shore

of the island, Wednesday noon, Villagers searched the beach in

participated in the starch for the missing bomber, lay idle of Laha-ilna roads. More than a thou-sand officers and men enjoyed a brief shore leave before returning to their ships which will leave for the sea again. for the sca again,
Following four days of tactical

FDR Receives fiercely-fought government reorganization bill. Railway Plans ence they won President Roose-velt's tacit approval of two amend-Labor and Management In

Accord Upon Method Of Assistance

House today their views on emergency railroad legislation which President Roosevelt soon will rec-

The labor group has been urgng protection for workers whose jobs might be menaced in rail consolidations. Management spokesmen have advised temporary financial aid for hard-pressed roads. and ultimate coordinated federal control of all transportation.

The White House conference The white House conference was requested by the Association of American Railroads and labor brotherhood officials. It follows an extended study of the railroad situation by Mr. Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Ga.

The chief executive will send to congress within a few days a report by a special committee of interstate commerce commissioners analyzing railroad conditions and recommending a program of im-provement. He has indicated he then will ask immediate legislative

Congressmen close to the administration said a bill to give the (Continued on Page 4, Column 4)

Blonds Are Given Honors As Models Stage Exhibition

NEW YORK, N. Y. (UP) — Blonds won all the honors for the past year's modeling when the 160 ield their annual exhibition meet-Virginia Judd, 21, of Indianapolis el." Libby Harben was chosen the quarters. (Continued on Page 4, Column 4) (Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

(Continued on Page 2, Column 6) **Essay Contest** Is Announced

High School Students To Participate In Air Mail Week Event

National air mail week essay contest regulations and prizes have been announced by E. P. Whitman, postmaster. High school students only are eligible to compete and all entries must be postmarked not later than May 1. The essays shall not exceed 250

words and subject matter will be "Wings Across America." They will be judged on originality, continuity and construction, and spelling, punctuation and neatness. Each essay must be certified by the school principal as to eligibility, identification and lo-cation of the school, and must show the contestant's home address. The essays should deal with the ideas, purposes, and advantages of air transportation as it affects modern communication.

State prizes will consist of an members of the art directors club | air trip from the nearest airport to each state winner to Washingng at Rockefeller Center today, ton, D. C., and return. Winners will bear their own expenses while and fairest of the three winners, in the city. Second prize will be was named "Most Beautiful" and a suitable trophy to be supplied won the title "Million Dollar Mod- and awarded by each state head

Body Of Prized Baby Panda To Serve Science In Museum

CHICAGO, Ill. (UP)—Su Lin, and believed as many more will the prized baby giant Panda which | see her in the museum. died Friday will be nearly as val- She was one of the two pandas uable in death as she was alive, in captivity. The other, her playmate Mei Mei, was brought to Brookfield last February. Both

said today.

Robert Bean, assistant director, said her body would be given to the Field museum for mounting after a post mortem examination to determine the exact cause of death. He said the examination also would be invaluable aid in adding to zoologists's knowledge

were captured near the Szechuen-Tibetian border in western China by Mrs. Richard Harkness, jr., of Su Lin caught a twig in her

throat Sunday. It was removed the same day but she became ill and refused her food. Tuesday and Wednesday she sank rapidly, an oxygen tent and artificial resgether, but mice owners weren't tax. When he didn't pay it, city (Continued on Page 4, Column 7) (Continued on Page 4, Column 7)



Tornado? Eclipse? No. It's Dust Storm

Swirling black across the Kansas prairies 48 hours after the heaviest rainfall this year, choking dust clouds blotted out the sun, eclipse-like, as shown above in the striking picture taken at Wichita. Descending while twisters ripped through other parts of Kansas, and four other states, the dust clouds were mistaken for tornado formations and some residents ran to shelter in nearest cel-

Will Seek Vote **Upon New Bills**

PARIS, France. (UP) — The cabinet today approved drastic financial bills to meet the treasury crisis and planned to seek a vote late today, staking its political life on the outcome.

It was predicted that the senate would reject the bills and even if it passed them the cabinet would resign perhaps in favor of a na-France's resources, a super tax ital level were some of the features of the measures approved by the cabinet at its meeting.

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Actress Freed From Contract

French Star Is Granted Control Over Private Life By Court

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (UP) - Francine Bordeaux, French actress, was free today of a contract which for the past six months has given two agents the right to dictate the men she sees, the books she reads, the clothes she wears. The contract, entered into by the actress so that she would do what supposedly leads to a movie career, resulted in her being known as the "cloistered blonde." Rebelling, she went into court, and Judge Thomas C. Gould struck out the objectionable parts of her contract with the two agents, Sara Parsons and Robert

"Under this contract," her law-yer said, "Miss Bordeaux's soul, is not her own. She can go out only with escorts selected for her. She cannot choose her own clothes. She cannot read any books but those the defendants (Miss Par-(Continued on Page 5, Column 5)

Tulips Blooming In Washington's Parks And Basin

WASHINGTON, N. C. (UP) —
The tulips of Washington, N. C.,
will not be outdone by the cherry
blossoms of Washington D. C.
Following the lead of the todal

minimum wages in an effort to obtain some kind of a wage and hour bill for presentatives of railway labor and management took to the White gress this session. WASHINGTON, D. C. (Special) Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas, Democratic floor leader, and management took to the White said that as far as he knew the company to the compa Being Treated

May Be Increased By At Least Two

ORLANDO, Fla. (UP) - Two alleviating drug which apparently became contaminated with lockional union coalition government. jaw virus, lay critically ill today Revaluization of the Bank of as state and federal agencies continued their analysis of the preon war industry profits and cap- paration that had caused death. Fourteen of the cancer patients originally received injections of the serum. Ten died within five days. Coroner W. W. Duckwith continued to await for autopsy continued to await for autopsy percos, Texas. (UP)—Authoriation findings and other data before ties were searching the country.

The latest to become violently The latest to become violently weston G. Frome, of Derkeleys ill were Mrs. T. L. Bates, of Calif., and her daughter, Nancy, Claremont, Fla., and Mrs. Ola on a lonely stretch of road beliall, of Orlando. They had been tween here and El Paso. receiving special treatment since the other deaths occurred in an day by a searching party. The moeffort to ward off lockjaw which claimed the others.

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Japanese Advance Reported; Capture

SHANGHAI, China. (Special) - known. Japanese, advancing under cover of artillery and aviation through smoking ruins and against raking machinegun fire, reported today from had been burned off while they had occupied Taierhchwang in southern Shantung province on ed. Marks on the body showed the central China front.

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LOYALIST ARMY DRIVE FOR SEA

Madrid Is Shelled While Government's Army Is-Demoralized

HENDAYE, French - Spanish Frontier. (UP) — The Spanish civil war neared an early end today with the nationalists in command of the situation on practically all fronts.

Lerida's capture was one of the big events of the weekend fighting. Madrid's streets were littered with debris after heavy shelfing. The nationalists, flushed by success, were fast nearing the Mediterranean coast to cut the road between Catalonia and the rest of Spain,

Doomed Men Despite their position, the remaining loyalists fought like doomed men. Their capture or death appeared certain.

Italians, Moors and Spaniards of the nationalist army were smashing through sector after sector. Prisoners were being taken faster than they could be accommodated. Entire brigades were being wiped out or captured. The rebel forces were reported

within seven miles of Tortoga, last artery of communication between Catalonia and the remain der of loyalist Spain. The army was in a position to march to the coast and complete the victory that has appeared certain in recent weeks. Loyalist leaders mentioned the

possibility of a counter-attack but they had little to sustain them in any such move. The drive gained iomenum as it went and it was soon expected that all organized resistance would soon collapse. Victory Assured

This would leave the national ists free to capture the remainder of the country at their leisure, mopping up as they go. Only few government troops remained in the Lerida area, sniping at the invaders.

With the first glimmer of Sunday dawn Franco's big bombing planes roared over the Pandos mountains south of Gandesa and just west of where the Ebro river vinds southward to the sea.

Tons of bombs plummeted out Fear Florida Death Toll of the early morning sky — a warning of no respite in the fierce pressure exerted during the night. Through the darkened hours the (Continued on Page 5, Column 1)

of the four survivors of the pain Bodies Found Near Highway

Mother and Daughter Are Slain While Traveling Across Country

announcing his final findings in side today for a pair of highwaythe case.

men who Wednesday killed Mrs. Weston G. Frome, of Berkeley, The bodies were found yester

> tive had not been established today although it was known that the women were robbed of cash travelers checks, jewelry and personal effects. Their car, a new Packard, had been stripped. Both women had

been shot through the temple, one Important Town had also been hit with a blunt instrument. Whether or not they had been attacked was not yet They suffered considerably be-

Nancy's knuckles had been burnevidence of torture before death.

New Jersey Lad Shoots Girl Who Invades Home's Privacy

HACKETTSTOWN, N. J. (UP) their horses and looked in a wine Ralph Smith, 10, lived with his dow at the boy. cob pipe like his father, and ask- the hoy said. "I pulled down the

The constable had him in custody today because he shot one of the grand-mannered girls from the was a Canterbury lady on a horse-

big dairy farms who went riding by his shack, play-acting that she

father a cowhand, in a squalid "I told them I was going to get two-room shack, smoked a corn a butcher knife after them first.

ed only one thing from the world shade, then I saw they were looking in the other window. I got the gun and pulled the trigger. I didn't know it was loaded. He screamed hysterically when he saw the jail cell in which Con-

stable John Sherrer locked him for an hour, but a short time. later he was walking down the courthouse steps with a noncha-

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