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## SHELF EVERY MAN OVER 50, AUTHOR URGES

World's Blunders Laid to Doddering Minds of Senile Leaders.

### 'WILD ANIMAL IN PANTS'

Prof. Pitkin Flays 'Tiger of France' for Vast World War Loss.

BY H. ALLEN SMITH

United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, March 31.—Economic stability never will return

until every person more than 50 years old is retired, Walter B. Pitkin, psychologist, author and professor at Columbia university, said today.

Pitkin, who is 54 himself, added that "any person past 50 ought to get into a racket and take off for the moon. He would be better off."

Doddering minds and stupidity are blamed by Pitkin for most of the world's great blunders, in his new book, which he calls "A Short Introduction to the History of Human Stupidity," to be published April 15.

"Young people should be the ruling," he said. "Young people should be in charge of Wall Street and Washington. The average bankers, or past, is incapable of the action that is needed to pull the world out of the present hole."

Mind Is in the Past

"The man over 50 thinks in terms of the past, functions in the manner of the past, and goes blundering along toward the future. It is a terrible error and must be changed if civilization is to endure."

The world's ten classic blunders due to human stupidity were named by Pitkin as:

1. The creation of the world.
2. The Irish race's persistence in raising potatoes.
3. Mussolini's dictum to increase the population of Italy.
4. Prohibition.
5. The Civil war.
6. The World war.
7. All other wars.
8. Lord Kitchener's conduct during the World war.
9. Napoleon's Moscow campaign.
10. The deportment of all farmers.

"The tragedy of the World war, for example, can be attributed directly to doddering minds," Pitkin said.

'Wild Animal in Pants'

"When the war broke out, Clemenceau was 73, Hindenburg was 66, Molotov was 65, Kitchener was 64, Foch was 63, Joffre was 62, Asquith was 62 and Wilson was 58. Some of these gentlemen were ready for the padded cell in 1914."

"Clemenceau was a wild animal in pants. His mind stopped growing half a generation before the war. Europe has paid a pretty price for this man—millions of corpses and billions of money."

History, according to Professor Pitkin, is filled with such instances of human stupidity, but one doesn't need to go to the history books to find it.

"Look around you," he said, "and see what you see. Look at the cotton farmers. Look at Mussolini. Look at the politicians. Look at the New Yorkers, who, year in and year out, vote for Tammany criminals."

"Look at Henry Ford—whose ideas certainly are a menace to the world. He means well. But he is nothing more than a 100 per cent farmer-mechanic. When he begins to think of social problems he makes a terrible botch of it. He is a danger to tinkering with machines, not with people."

Some Not Stupid

Every genius, Pitkin said, is usually stupid in matters outside of his particular accomplishment which makes him a genius.

Some great men, he admitted, were almost wholly free of stupidity. These included Goethe, Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas Aquinas, Disraeli, Francis Bacon, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Benjamin Franklin.

"Julius Caesar," Pitkin said, "was a genius and, at the same time, one of the most stupid men of history. He represented all the genius of Rome and all its stupidity."

"The practice nowadays of comparing America to Rome is justified in this respect. Americans don't give a damn about the future. The resemblance is very striking."

BOY TRAPPED IN HOLE

Rescue Crews Work Frantically to Extricate Child.

PICHER, Okla., March 31.—Rescue crew worked frantically today to free Gerald Collins, 2, from a mine drill hole, little more than a foot across, into which he had dropped.

The child's body fell twenty-five feet into the hole, and then became wedged between jagged rocks, preventing a further fall to an unknown depth.

INVENT DEADLY SHELL

British Firm Claims Penetration of Armor Plate at Ten Miles.

SHEFFIELD, England, March 31.—Development of a new type of high explosive shell capable of piercing the best quality armor plate one foot thick from a distance of ten miles, was announced today at the annual meeting of Messrs. Hadfield, Ltd., munitions manufacturers.

## House Votes to Double Levy on Stocks Deals; Final Tax Bill Vote Near

Only Minor Details Still to Be Acted on Before Passage Friday.

BY PAUL R. MALLON

United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The house today approved a tax schedule which would more than double the levy on stock market transactions.

A tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent on the selling price was written into the billion dollar tax bill over the objection of the New York delegation.

The provision specifies the tax to be not less than one cent a share. The tax under present law is 2 cents.

The vote was 207 to 39.

On the basis of a \$17,000,000,000 business expected on the exchange this year, the tax would raise between \$5,000,000 and \$75,000,000 for the budget-balancing program.

Only Minor Details Left

Therewas tax was part of the Democratic-Republican coalition plan. It was the last big remaining feature of the substitute schedule for the sales tax.

Other main items of the program already have been adopted. Only minor details remain to be acted upon.

When these are cleaned up, the house will pass the tax bill Friday.

The action was preceded by a short but spirited debate to which the house paid little attention.

New York representatives protested against the tax, claiming it was an unfair restriction to business. A few westerners claimed it should be higher.

A motion by Representative Tom Blanton (Dem., Tex.) to increase the tax to 1 per cent was defeated.

The amendment is drafted so the tax will be doubled on short sales. While this phase of trading is not mentioned specifically, the treasury has advised the ways and means committee that inasmuch as two-sale transactions are involved in short selling the tax will apply on both.

Beer Fight to Wait

Acting Chairman Crisp of the house ways and means committee canvassed the situation in the house today, and announced that efforts would be made to strike out at least five features of the bill, surtaxes, coal and oil, automobiles, stocks and estate.

That means another vote will be taken on these subjects.

At the same time Representative Cullen (Dem.), head of the Tammany delegation, announced he would not seek to get another vote on his 2.75 per cent beer amendment.

"The next house will be wet," he said. "We will do it then."

## VESTAL IN HOSPITAL

Congressman Is Suffering With Heart Ailment.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Representative Albert H. Vestal of Indiana is in Navy hospital here under orders of physicians to remain two months to receive treatment for a heart ailment.

Vestal's condition became alarming Tuesday night and he was removed from his apartment to the hospital.

Rest and quiet for a long period will be necessary, attending doctors state.

Mrs. Vestal and daughter, Vivian, are with the representative.

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8 HURT IN RAIL CRASH

Nine Cars of De Luxe Train Are Derailed in Nebraska.

HOLDREDGE, Neb., March 31.—Eight persons were injured, two believed seriously, when nine cars of the crack Chicago-Denver Burlington train, the Aristocrat, were derailed near Axtell, Neb., today.

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Struck by a fast passenger train as he attempted to pick up a silver dollar beside the track, John Helton, 67, of 518 South West street, former city employee, was killed instantly today.

The accident occurred on the right of way of the Pennsylvania railroad near the White river bridge.

Faced by poverty for the last three years, Helton had been making a meager living collecting junk in the vicinity.

## BALANCING THE BUDGET

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Following are the new and increased taxes so far adopted by the house in the new revenue bill to balance the federal government's budget for the next fiscal year:

Item POSTAGE Estimated Revenue

Letter postage raised from 2 to 3 cents ..... \$135,000,000

INCOME AND ESTATE TAXES

Higher individual income and surtaxes ..... 139,000,000

Higher estate and gift taxes ..... 30,000,000

Corporation income tax raised from 12 to 13 1/2 per cent ..... 26,000,000

Rate of 15 per cent on consolidated corporation income tax returns ..... 9,000,000

Repeal of "net loss" provision ..... 20,000,000

Dividend exemption changes ..... 11,000,000

Corporation exemption cut from \$2,000 to \$1,000 ..... 6,000,000

SALES AND EXCISE TAXES

Imported gasoline and oil, 1 cent per gallon ..... 25,000,000

Imported coal, \$2 per ton ..... 1,500,000

Malt, wort and grape concentrate ..... 46,000,000

Lubricating oil, 4 cents per gallon ..... 35,000,000

Cosmetics, 10 per cent ..... 25,000,000

Furs, 10 per cent ..... 20,000,000

Jewelry, 10 per cent ..... 15,000,000

Sporting goods and cameras, 10 per cent ..... 4,000,000

Matches, 4 cents per thousand ..... 11,000,000

Chewing gum, 5 per cent ..... 3,000,000

Radios and phonographs, 5 per cent ..... 11,000,000

Automobile, 3 per cent; trucks, 2 per cent; accessories, including tires, 1 per cent ..... 57,000,000

Yachts and motorboats, 10 per cent ..... 500,000

Candy, 5 per cent ..... 12,000,000

Cereal beverages, 1921 rates ..... 11,000,000

Mechanical refrigerators, 5 per cent ..... 4,500,000

MISCELLANEOUS TAXES

Amusement admissions, 1 cent on each 10 cents over 46 cents ..... 40,000,000

Telephone and telegraph messages, 5 cents on messages between 20 and 50 cents; 10 cents on those over 50 cents; leased wires, 10 per cent ..... 35,000,000

Rental of safe deposit boxes, 10 per cent ..... 1,000,000

Capital stock and bond issues, 10 per cent per \$100 ..... 13,000,000

Stock market transactions, one-fourth of 1 per cent ..... 75,000,000

Total so far adopted ..... \$826,500,000

INDIANA MINERS ON VERGE OF STRIKING

Scale Committees Are Far From Agreement on Wage Slash.

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 31.—Approximately 7,000 union miners were expected to take their tools home with them at the close of work today.

Scale committees representing the Indiana Coal Operators Association and District 11, United Mine Workers of America, still were far from agreement on contracts, to replace those which expire at midnight.

Officials said there was no more than a remote possibility that a last-minute agreement would be reached.

That the groups would not agree on a new wage scale before expiration of the present contract appeared more certain as shaft mine operators announced they would not seek another joint conference with miners.

Seek to Break Ranks

Meanwhile Abe Vales, president of District 11, awaited replies from invitations he has sent to all operators in Indiana, asking them to sign individual agreements to continue operations under conditions set out in the present contract.

Vales said he expected several operators to sign the individual agreements. Harvey Cartwright, secretary of the operators' association, said he believed the organization would remain intact.

Strip miners reached an agreement with operators last week. They plan to continue work on the present contract basis. If, however, shaft miners agree on a new wage scale, strip miners automatically will adopt it.

No Agreement Reached

Two conferences have been held by the scale committees since their appointment a month ago. Both adjourned without promise of agreement.

Retention of the basic wage scale of \$6.10 a day was the principal demand of miners for the 1932 contract.

Operators favored a drastic reduction in wages and payment of straight time for work after the eight-hour day, instead of time and a half, as demanded by the miners.

Officials of the United Mine Workers of America were out of the city today and employees would (Turn to Page Nine)

Testifies in Rate Case Audit

Harry Boggs, accountant, today testified before Albert Ward, special master in chancery, on an audit of the books of the Frankfort Heating Company, seeking to set aside an order by the public service commission reducing its rates.

Hourly Temperatures

6 a. m. .... 35 10 a. m. .... 36

7 a. m. .... 36 11 a. m. .... 36

8 a. m. .... 35 12 (noon) ... 37

9 a. m. .... 35 1 p. m. .... 38

## 'GREAT LOVER' ROLE LAID TO AGED RECTOR

'Called Me Darling, Queen of My Heart,' Says Girl He 'Tried to Save.'

'MISDEEDS' ARE TOLD

17-Year-Old Witness Says

60-Year-Old 'Uncle' Had Many Young 'Nieces.'

BY HERBERT MOORE

United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, March 31.—The white-haired 60-year-old rector of Stiffkey (pronounced Stewky), Dr. Harold F. Davidson, who is undergoing church trial on charges of improper conduct with a host of women, habitually addressed golden-haired Barbara Harris, 17, as "darling, queen of my heart," according to testimony of Sylvia Harris, Barbara's 22-year-old sister, today.

Sylvia created a minor sensation by asserting that she too had been "pestered" by the clergyman.

Sylvia followed Barbara as a witness after the younger girl had died for seven hours with the rector's counsel in a gruelling cross-examination.

In supporting the charges against the divine, she laid bare her own past.

Made Fuss Over

"He made a fuss over me," Sylvia declared, eying the immaculate and well poised figure of the elderly Davidson, who gave little indication that he had heard her.

She told of Davidson visiting the house where she was employed as a domestic.

"I was furious," she declared, "I told him it was enough to get me the sack."

Baby-faced Barbara's stories of black eyes, appendicitis scar investigations and other incidents in the social research career of the white-haired rector were to be elaborated by other witnesses today.

The witnesses are attracting a record-breaking audience for their stories, which are making the trial the most sensational in English church history.

Barbara Harris testified that the rector had requested that she call him "Uncle Harold," and said that he had many more similar "nieces."

'Rescue Work' Is Defense

The crowd outside was thrown into commotion this morning when the taxi driver who had brought Dr. Davidson to court called a policeman and complained that the rector had paid him a penny instead of a half crown, or half dollar, which is similar to a penny in size.

The policeman recovered the balance of 29 pence due the cabbie.

Barbara alleged that the rector always wanted her, and that, on the many occasions he came to her room, he never talked religion, "and he had plenty of other girls," she added.

The aim of the Norwich consistory court, as brought out by Roland Oliver, counsel for the bishop of Norwich, was to determine whether the rector's association with women was for the salvation of their souls or the indulgence of the rector. Dr. Davidson's defense was that he was engaged in rescue work.

Barbara told how she had given the rector a black eye on one of his visits to her, and how, another time, he had saved her from a "strong arm" lover, who wanted to smash her face.

Tells of Suicide Threat

During one passage in which she said Dr. Davidson told her she looked like Greta Garbo, she insisted to the rector's counsel, R. F. Levy, that she had no desire to be a movie star because she could not face a camera.

The girl generally upheld the charges of the bishop's counsel that the rector spent most of his time in London "systematically" misbehaving himself with young women.

The prosecution charged that he paid rent for a number of young girls.

Barbara recalled that the rector had threatened to commit suicide after a performance of Oscar Wilde's "Salome." The rector said he would kill himself unless she accompanied him to his room, she said.

After they got to the room, she added, "I stamped on the floor, but I didn't scream. I gave him a black eye."

MAIL PILOT KILLED

Newark Flier Crashes Near Cleveland in Snowstorm.

By United Press

CLEVELAND, March 31.—An air mail pilot, en route from New York to Cleveland, crashed near Bedford, a suburb, in a snowstorm today and was killed.

The pilot was Robert Malick of Newark, N. J., flying a United Lines ship.

LION ATTACKS TAMER

Macon Man Injured Critically by Beast Under Training.

By United Press

MACON, Ga., March 31.—Robert McPherson, 45, is in the hospital here with a fractured skull suffered when he was attacked by King, an untamed lion used in the act which McPherson was training.

## Special U. S. Probe Ordered in Muncie Liquor Plot Cases

### DIVORCED OR NOT?

Her Problem Still Is Unsolved

By Times Special

ROBINSON, Ill., March 31.—Meeting face to face with her husband for the first time in twelve years, Mrs. Mary Jane Headley, comely red-haired Indianapolis school teacher, reopened her court fight here to learn whether she is married or divorced.

Since her marriage to Richard O. Headley, formerly of this city, in Juarez, Mexico, in 1917, Mrs. Headley has filed seventeen separate suits in divorce proceedings in local courts. She resides at 627 Stevens street, Indianapolis.

Hearing here Wednesday was on a petition of Mrs. Headley for separate maintenance pending decision by local court on whether a divorce granted Headley in Mexico last July is legal.

Headley's divorce was granted there on allegation of desertion and incompatibility. The couple lived together for seven years following their marriage in August, 1917.

Decision on the case was delayed until September following the hearing Wednesday after Headley filed a cross-complaint to Mrs. Headley's petition for maintenance. Headley's attorneys were ordered to make more specific charges contained in the cross-bill.

As attorneys argued on a demurrer to the petition for maintenance, Mrs. Headley sat near her husband, whom she also charged with desertion.

NEW FORD 8 IS ON VIEW HERE

Prices Few Dollars More Than Last Year's 4s.

Henry Ford's new eight-cylinder automobile was placed on display today in showrooms of Indianapolis dealers at prices calculated to create a sensation in the auto manufacturing industry.

Selling at from \$10 to \$75 more than the '31 fours, the new eight is priced at the factory as low as \$460, with other models ranging upward to \$590.

The new fours, not yet on display, will deliver for \$50 less than the eight, dealers said.

The new four is virtually the same as the eight, except for the motor. The V-type eight develops 65-horse power.

According to local dealers the delivery price on the new cars in Indianapolis, including spare tire and bumper, will be about \$70 more than the factory price.

Factory prices on new models as compared with '31 model prices follow:

	New	Eight	New	Old
Roadster	\$460	\$410	\$410	\$350
Coupe	490	440	440	380
Tudor Sedan	500	450	450	390
Ford Sedan	500	450	450	390
Sport Coupe	535	485	485	425
De Luxe Coupe	590	540	540	480
De Luxe Sedan	545	495	495	435
Sedan	550	500	500	440
De Luxe Coupe	575	525	525	465

For purposes of stock classification, the eight has been termed Model 18 and the new four, Model B.

HURD FIGURES COSTS ON MARKET PROJECT

Estimates Will Be Ready Friday, Building Commissioner Says.

William F. Hurd, city building commissioner, announced today he will report his estimates for the proposed city market improvement Tuesday.

The total cost of the improvement will be about \$2,500, Hurd intimated. Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan had planned a committee meeting this week to study the market survey board's proposals, but has decided to wait until Hurd's estimates are completed.

STEAMSHIPS CUT FARES

Twenty North Atlantic Lines to Make 20 Per Cent Reductions.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Members of the twenty steamship lines forming the North Atlantic conference agreed today to accept formally fare reductions of 20 per cent in the North Atlantic service.

ROOSEVELT REPEATS

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