

SUPPLY BILLS SLASHED BY CONGRESS IN DETERMINED MOVE TO BALANCE BUDGET

Leaders Take Prompt Action Instead of Waiting to Effect Economies by Bureau Reorganization.

ARMY AND NAVY 'MERGER' URGED

Representative Byrns, Sponsoring Proposal for One Department of Defense, Cites Large Savings.

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WASHINGTON, April 8.—Though the battle over reorganization of government departments rages on, congress has settled down to a policy of making what cuts are necessary to balance the budget, in the annual supply bills, rather than depending on the more indefinite economies of reorganization.

This does not mean that consolidation and elimination of bureaus has been abandoned. Leaders in both houses of congress intend to continue work on a far-reaching reorganization, which they expect will accomplish major economies in the fiscal year 1934.

However, it is being recognized that only quick economies can come only through slashing funds of existing bureaus and departments.

Even if consolidations are accomplished before the end of this session, it will be impossible to predict accurately how much money should be allocated to the new agencies.

Urge Army-Navy "Merger"

It probably will be necessary to make appropriations large enough for any contingency and depend on the consolidated bureaus to return excess funds at the end of the year.

Such program would leave it doubtful whether the budget actually had been balanced.

Representative Joseph W. Byrns (Dem., Tenn.) pointed this out today in connection with his plan for uniting war and navy departments in one department of national defense. The house expenditures committee refused to report the bill Thursday, but Byrns intends to urge the economy committee to do so.

"The bill is not intended to decrease the size of either the war or navy department," says Byrns. "It does not call for elimination of any work done by either."

But putting the two under one chief gives an opportunity for reducing overhead, where there are three recruiting stations in one town, for instance, for reducing civilian personnel, and for effecting economies in purchase of food and other supplies. I think the measure will save \$100,000,000.

Costs Possible Savings

"But my bill merely creates a new secretary of national defense, and gives him power to administer the two departments as he sees fit. I think the measure would accomplish economies in the coming fiscal year, but we would not know the amount until the end of the year."

Meanwhile, the increasingly ruthless temper of the house was made apparent in the first hour of voting on the independent offices appropriation bill. No cuts were made in the allowance for the President's expenses, though considerable criticism of his secretarial staff was voiced; but an item of \$840,000 for completion of Arlington memorial bridge here was eliminated. The cuts continued as consideration of the bill proceeded.

The senate appropriations committee is going ahead with its work of lopping off 10 per cent of whatever totals the house fixes, in spite of warnings from cabinet members, just made public, that no more cuts should be made.

In both houses attempts will be made to reduce the retirement pay of emergency officers and cut off entirely the retirement allowances of those drawing salaries from the government.

NAB NEGRO IN HOLDUP

George Barber Suspect in Robbery of Grocery; Companion Flees.

George Barber, 24, Negro, 1739 Northwestern avenue, was held by police today on a vagrancy charge as a bandit suspect in connection with the holdup Wednesday night of a grocery at Twenty-seventh and Annette streets.

Barber's companion escaped under gunfire as a squad of police in charge of Sergeant Barrett Ball found the men walking near Eighteenth street and the canal. Ball said he believed the fugitive was not wounded.

Two Negro bandits who robbed Cassius Wright, operator of a grocery at 901 West Twenty-seventh street, of \$10, late Thursday, are sought by police.

BROTHERS ARE KILLED

Truck Hits Auto Near Hillsboro and Pair Die.

By Times Special
HILLSBORO, Ind., April 8.—Two brothers, William, 21, and Howard McCormick, 17, of Acton, were killed near here Thursday when the automobile in which they were riding collided with an Interstate Trucking Company truck.

The boys, en route to visit an uncle, Albert Livengood, were in sight of their destination when the crash occurred. They are survived by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McCormick of Acton; two sisters and a brother.

A British anatomist has advanced the theory that while brains develop, teeth rest and that many men with defective teeth have more than ordinary brain power.

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Odd Jobs—No. 3

Good Eggs and Bad Eggs, She Judges 7,560 in a Single Day



Mrs. Mary Chatham doing a bit of egg candling at the rate of fifteen henfruit a minute.

MRS. MARY CHATHAM, 1931 West Vermont street, says this shouldn't start out with—and she knows her eggs."

She's heard that crack throughout her past ten years of candling eggs in Indianapolis, and she's tired of it—the wisecrack.

She says they crack wise on that type of wit often, ten times oftener, than she cracks eggs for the trade.

And Mrs. Chatham doesn't crack many eggs. Nor does she put all her eggs in one basket, for in her job of egg-candling at

the Wadley Company, 335 West North street, she's supposed to grade those eggs as she handles them.

In ten years of egg-candling Mrs. Chatham has held approximately 20,000,000 embryonic Denver sandwiches to a little electric-lighted window and mentally catalogued, "Okay! Not so hot! Cracked!"

JUST to watch her candling eggs at the rate of fifteen a minute, 900 and hour, and 7,560 a working day gives the observer a

feeling that maybe the next quartet will be scrambled.

You see she candles them in "fours," just like you draw in a game of "stud poker." Two eggs are held in each hand and switched with the deftness of fingers worthy of a magician before the light and then back into their graded crates.

"I can handle five eggs at a time, but it's slower," Mrs. Chatham asserts.

She can tell by clicking the eggs together in her hand, as would dice, whether they're cracked or cracked. If they are cracked, out they go to the box reserved for cracked ones.

Day in, day out, she, with other egg-candlers, works in a clean, but dark, basement, protecting the public's omelets.

THE third day out and all is well! Well, the old maestro is a great optimist, but he never thought his "Back to Prosperity With Bernie" Limerick campaign would gather so many recruits.

My Times spies tell me so many limericks are pouring in that the depression that gets you, Mr. Editor, it's something else! Now you're a victim of the Bernie Prosperity.

If you haven't entered the limerick contest yet, folks, borrow a pencil right now—or, better yet, go out and buy one, and start right in writing a last line for the old maestro.

Write Last Line

There is an unfinished limerick at the bottom of this article, the third of its kind run in The Times. The fourth and last limerick will be printed in Saturday's Times, which also will announce the winners of Wednesday's, Thursday's and today's contest.

Two tickets to the Ben Bernie dance will be awarded the persons submitting the best last lines for the limericks printed. Get your entry to the Contest Editor Saturday morning, early. Mark the date of the limerick on the outside of the envelope which you send in addressed to the Contest Editor. For instance, today's limerick when sent in will say Friday on the envelope. Be sure to inclose your name and address.

A grand prize of \$10 (to be taken from the coin hoarded in the ole maestro's coffers before the anti-hoarding campaign) will be awarded to the writer of the best limerick submitted during the entire contest, to be selected by The Times judges, and presented by the old maestro himself, with all the lads looking on, at the dance Sunday night, on the Indiana roof.

Samuel ate handful after handful of the salt. It inflamed his bronchial tubes, his larynx, his left lung and trachea.

His mother, looking out of the window, saw her child eagerly downing the salt.

Rushing out, she found the big of salt broken open and spilled all over the carriage covers.

Samuel was thirsty; he had convulsions.

The baby was rushed to the hospital, where, despite the efforts of three physicians, it is feared he will die.

EVERYTHING'S OKAY, LET'S BE CHEERFUL!

This one is for you:

Here's a sample limerick:

Oh why should the whole world be fearful? There's sunshine, a whole eye and earful. Though we haven't much dough still with price so low

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Address your completed limericks to the CONTEST EDITOR of The

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