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Behind the Scenes in Washington

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By RODNEY DUTCHER
Reporter-Telegram Washington Correspondent.

WASHINGTON.—Because in these days one can never be quite sure that the administration is going to do next, there is only one prospective signpost which will point to whatever road Roosevelt means to take in the up-untill-recently flourishing anti-monopoly attack.

Someone will have to be appointed to replace Robert H. Jackson when he steps from the assistant attorney generalship in charge of anti-trust cases into the office of solicitor general. Mr. Jackson displayed an uncommon amount of interest in strengthening and enforcing the anti-trust laws, although hampered in the latter effort by lack of funds and court-weakened statutes.

If Jackson's place is filled by a man whose interest in breaking up illegal business combinations is doubtful, the New Deal anti-monopoly crusade may be considered to have withered and died. General Counsel James L. Fly of TVA is the man receiving the most vigorous backing of the New Deal's would-be trust-busters.

Meanwhile, search behind the scenes makes it plain that no one has yet lifted a finger toward formulation of such an anti-monopoly program as has long been promised by Roosevelt.

Calling Mr. Roper.
SECRETARY of Commerce Daniel C. Roper limped home in the wake of the "little business men's" conference and soon was answering the telephone to take a call from Milwaukee. A voice on the other end begged for a few words as to the results of the conference. Roper spoke in glowing terms and at some length.

"And now," he concluded, "I want to congratulate you. It is indeed encouraging to find someone sufficiently interested in this important meeting to telephone all the way from Milwaukee."
"That's very nice of you, Mr. Secretary," said the other fellow, "but to tell you the truth there were half a dozen of us fellows here at the club playing poker and I was trying to show that you fellows in Washington were easy to get to. I just bet these guys I could reach you by telephone. You've just helped me win a hundred dollars. Thanks!"
Irrked by Jibes.

THE sharp barbs in the Lincoln Day speech of Governor George Aiken of Vermont before the ultra-conservative National Republican Club in New York were not welcomed at G. O. P. national committee headquarters in Washington. The leadership of the party machine leans far toward the conservative side and does not agree with Aiken's assertion that Lincoln would be ashamed of the leadership if he were alive today.

The committee machinery is now

'So You've Decided to Play Ball With Us—Eh, Chum?'



Hold Everything!



Sheep; Goats and Horses Increase; Mules; Cows; Hogs Decline in Texas

Increases in the number of sheep, goats and horses, and decreases in mules, cattle and swine in Texas are shown by the annual January 1, 1938, livestock report of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics issued through the office of V. C. Childs, Agricultural statistician. While marketings of both cattle and sheep from Texas reached record proportions during 1937, births of both calves and lambs were large, and the number of all species are converted to animal units, which allow for difference in size and feed requirements of the several species, the change from last year is only a decrease of about two per cent.

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stays mad all the time.
A lot of talk is made every time it snows, trying to figure how much rain it amounts to. I read some statistics this morning, as follows: It takes about seventeen inches of newly fallen loose snow to make one inch of water, but only four inches of moist snow, packed in a drift, to make the same amount. On an average, it takes sixteen inches of snow to amount to one of water.

I was looking through the marked copy of Nat Campbell's book, "Foolishness and Foolishness," which he left us the other day, and I hope he will forgive me for reprinting one of his verses, entitled "Changing Ways."
The business man of years ago
Would "take his pen in hand"
Before he'd write a business note
Or issue a command.
But now, quite often 'ere he writes
An edict or a plea,
With some dexterity he'll take
His steno on his knee.

A. M. East, engineer for the city, has been working out some statistics since he came here, and he decided that among other advantages, Midland has a very low death rate. He mentioned his findings to Steve Debnam, county agricultural agent, but Steve disagreed. He said Midland's death rate is the same as the rate in any other place. He claims that we all die sooner or later, consequently the death rate everywhere is 100 per cent.

Steve's idea is that the mean annual death rate is constant. It's like a local man said about his wife's temper. He said she is the most even tempered woman he ever saw, she

1,542,000 head, compared with 1,658,000 head on January 1, 1937. The average value per head also declined from year earlier and the total valuation of all swine was placed at \$12,400,000, compared with \$14,185,000 on the same date last year.
Following the large lamb crop of 1937, sheep numbers have continued on the upward trend which started in 1936. The 9,400,000 head estimated on farms and ranches and in feed lots on January 1, 1938, is 480,000 head more than a year earlier. The present number of sheep is the largest of any year on record. The number of stock sheep was estimated at 9,100,000 head compared with 8,750,000 head on January 1, 1937. The average value per head on January 1, 1938, for all sheep was about 50 cents below the value per head a year ago, and the total valuation of all sheep was placed at \$45,830,000 compared with \$47,771,000 on January 1, 1937.

The total number of goats on farms and ranches January first this year was estimated at 3,050,000 head. This number was 160,000 head, or about six percent larger than a year ago. However, the average value per head was about \$1.60 less than a year earlier.

For the United States smaller number of horses, mules and cattle and larger numbers of sheep and hogs on farms January 1, 1938, compared with numbers on January 1, 1937, are shown by the annual inventory estimates of livestock on farms made by the crop reporting board of the bureau. The change from a year earlier was relatively small for all species, the decreases being 2.5 per cent for horses, 2.1 per cent for mules, and 0.8 per cent for cattle; the increases were 0.6 per cent for sheep and 3.4 per cent for hogs. The number of milk cows, which is included in the total for all cattle, declined 0.4 per cent. When the number of all these species are converted to an animal unit basis, which allows for the difference in size and feed requirements of the several species the change was very small, amounting to a reduction of 0.5 per cent.

The total inventory value of all

Up in the Air Over a Flood



This gentleman became a telephone pole sitter—not by choice—when flood waters trapped him near Sebewing, Mich. The flood at Sebewing, only one of many which swept north central states, caused damage of \$300,000.

Sky to Be Photographed; Job Will Require 50 Years

SAN JOSE, Cal. (U.P.)—A photogrammetric mapping of the entire sky, which will take 50 years to complete, soon will be undertaken at the Lick Observatory on Mount Wilson. Dr. Joseph H. Moore, assistant director, has revealed.

The project has been made possible by the donation of \$65,000 which will be used in the construction of the largest star camera in the world. The instrument will have a 20-inch lens.

The carrying out of the 50-year program will make possible the measurement of the rotation of the entire stellar universe.

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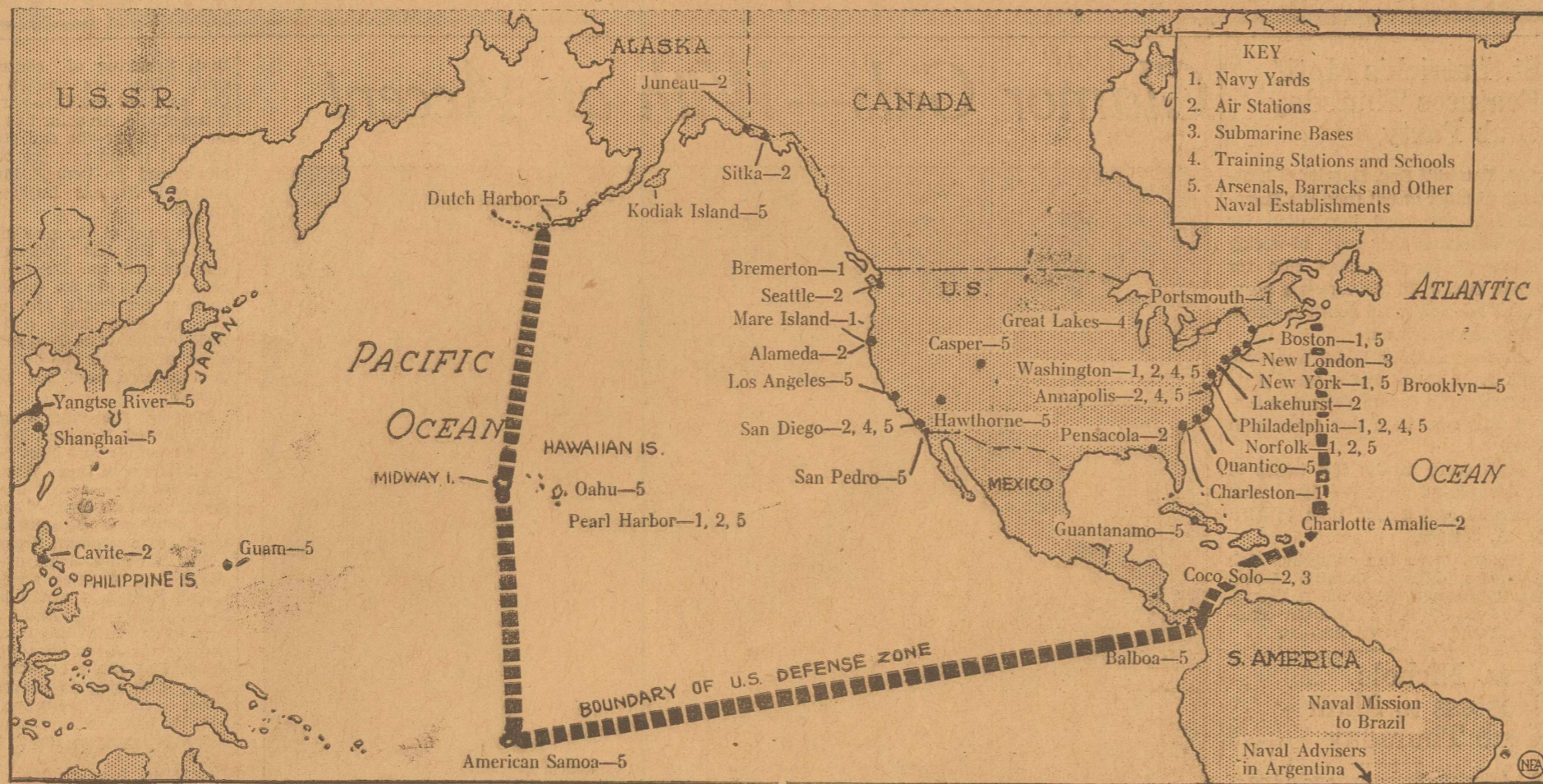
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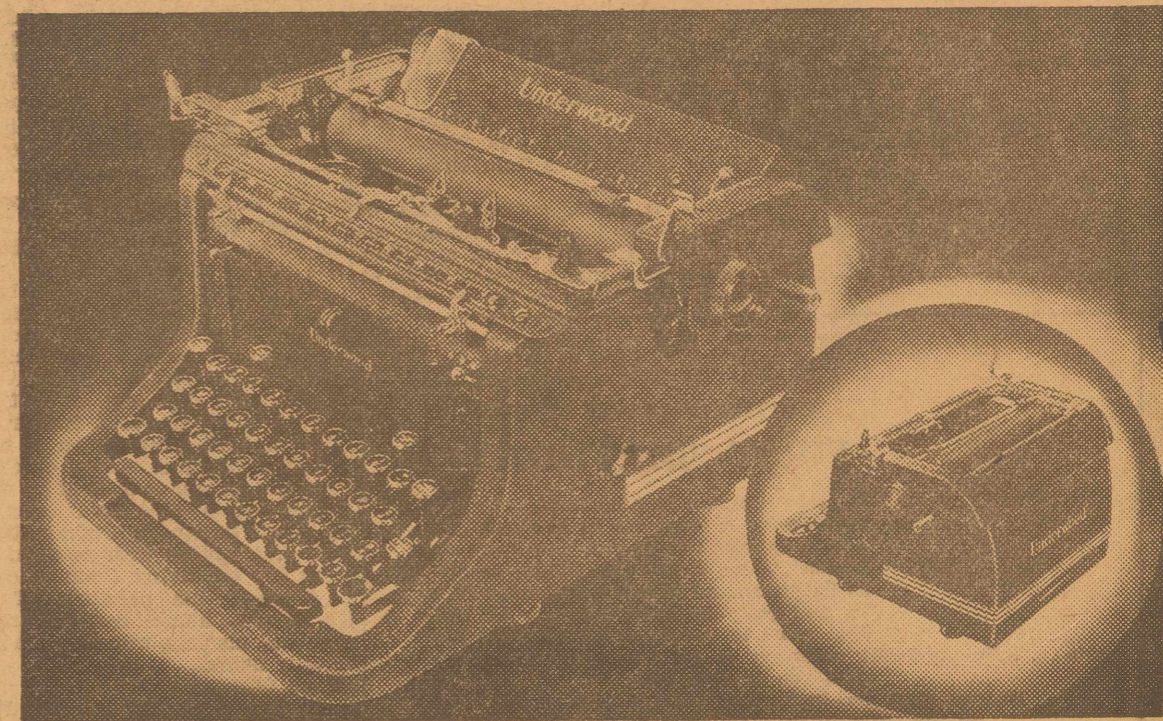
departments. Almost half the 148,859,341 words sent last year were other than naval business. It broadcasts daily weather reports from 27 stations. Inspectors are maintained in more than 50 plants doing work for the navy, and vast oil reserves in California, Wyoming, Colorado, and Utah are under constant supervision. The purpose of all this elaborate shore establishment is simply to keep ships at sea. They are divided in this way: First, the United States fleet, which in recent years has been the main striking force of the navy. The old days of an Atlantic and a Pacific fleet have long passed, though the idea is being revived again the present debate over the navy. This principal fleet is, and has been since 1922, in the Pacific. There is a small Special Service Squadron based on the Canal Zone and operating in the Caribbean. The Asiatic fleet, normally small and consisting mostly of river gunboats, is temporarily augmented during the war in China. Special services like the sending of Squadron Forty-T to Spain to take away American civilians, detach from the U. S. fleet a few vessels from time to time. But normally, except for small squadrons or individual ships detached for special service, the whole power of this vast establishment is devoted simply to maintaining at sea, in maximum efficiency, the United States fleet.

Probation Officer Finds Women More Difficult

PROVINCETOWN, Mass. (U.P.)—Men can be made to see the error of their ways, but most women seem to feel that they know it all, says John A. Cook, probation officer of a Barnstable court, in his annual report. He would rather deal, he asserts, with six men than with one woman.

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(This is the first of four stories discussing the United States Navy in the light of present proposals for tremendous armament increases. Other stories in the series will tell of the navy's history, its duties and its personnel.)

By WILLIS THORNTON
 NEA Service Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON.—There is more to the United States navy than greets the eye when you see that file of wallowing battle-wagons plunging toward you in the newsreels. What you see in that picture is merely the cutting edge of an enormous machine that spreads literally around the world. The navy is something more than just ships cruising under a tropic sky, operated by nattily uniformed young men "seeing the world" on picturesque shore leave in Yokohama or Algiers.

Behind all this is a sheer administrative and business problem that makes the navy "big business" with a vengeance.

Here are some of the jobs that the navy does with smoothness and precision, just in the course of the day's work:

Keeps in service 535 vessels of all types and 1122 airplanes.

Guard and operates naval property in which the taxpayer has invested almost \$3,000,000,000.

Provides training, living quarters, food, and clothing for more than 100,000 men.

Operates 11 navy yards, 18 hospitals, 20 offices of the hydrographic service, 53 radio stations, 37 radio direction-finder stations, 24 dry-docks, and 15 shipbuilding ways.

Builds ships, planes, torpedoes, manufactures powder, maintains 41 marine barracks.

Spends more than \$500,000,000 a year, including more than \$100,000,000 for supplies.

Myriad Activities.

In London, Tokio and Rio de Janeiro, naval officers bend to their assignments of keeping track of foreign naval developments. On Kiska island, far out on the edge of the Aleutian archipelago, navy men work on the establishment of an air station. On the island of Guam in the far southern Pacific, naval officers sit in judgment over local affairs of 20,000 natives. They are the government there.

Far up the Yangtze river in China the navy's gunboats penetrate. In the Caribbean, up the New England coast, even in far inland Wyoming, you will find navy men. This vast establishment covers the country and reaches out to the corners of the earth.

Its nerve-center is in Washington, in the long, low buildings built during the World War to house the Navy Department. There is the office of the Secretary of the Navy, direct civilian representative of the

President as commander-in-chief. Twin Services.

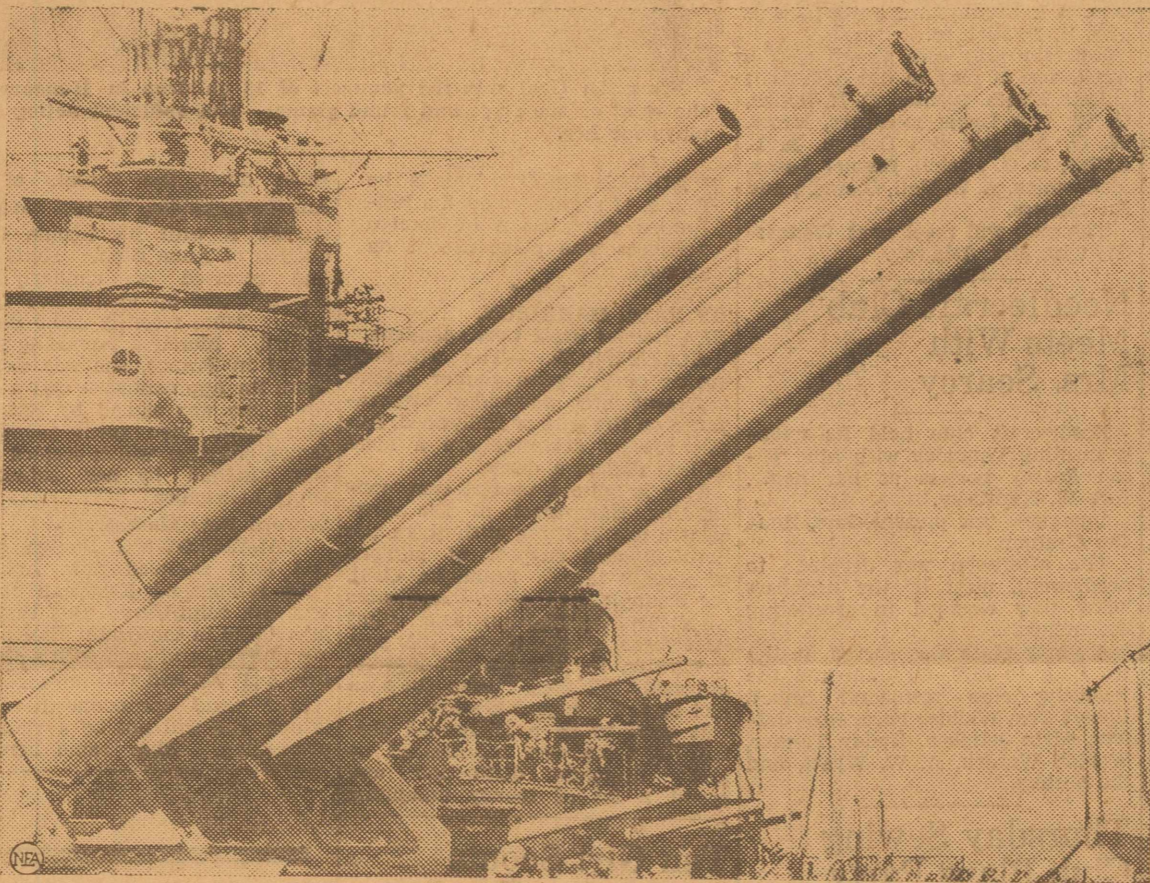
MODELS of naval ships old and new, paintings of navy notables and scenes of navy exploits fill the corridors. The link to the Siamese-twin service, the Marine Corps, is impressed on you the moment you enter the navy building. A marine guard room, with racks of rifles and an impeccable sentry with fixed bayonet, face the visitor who enters the building.

In the long wings of this building more than 2200 civilian employees grind out the routine work of the Navy Department, and there are 68,000 more of them in the field. Naval officers in civilian clothes, civilian engineers and clerks pore over the details of administration. Whole rooms full of draftsmen bend over their drawing-boards, intent on the details of new ships or other construction.

After the secretary and his civilian assistants, the head man of all this far-flung shore organization is the Chief of Naval Operations. His division is responsible for training, communications, naval intelligence, co-ordination with other defense arms like the army, war plans, ship movements, and the co-ordination of the 14 districts into which naval administration is divided.

Training Officers and Men.
 THERE is the Bureau of Navigation, responsible for the Naval Academy at Annapolis where 2228 young men from every part of the country are training to be the navy's officers. This division also supervises the Naval War College at Newport, R. I. and the many schools and correspondence courses the navy maintain, together with the Hydrographic Office and the Naval Observatory.

There are Bureaus of Yards and



When these great guns speak, the whole machinery of the navy organization backs up their authority. These are six 14-inch rifles, half of the main battery of the U. S. S. California, already out-ranged by 16-inch batteries aboard the Colorado, Maryland and West Virginia. All big navies are now said to be planning 18-inch guns, far outranging anything now afloat.

Docks, of Ordnance, of Construction and Repair, of Engineering, of Medicine and Surgery, of Supplies and Accounts, of Aeronautics, all of which do about what you would expect from their names. And of course, there is the headquarters of the U. S. Marine Corps. **Torpedoes Are Expensive.** THE navy manufacturers all its torpedoes (at about \$15,000 each), half its own powder, and about 53 per cent of all its ordnance work. Its elaborate shore system of radio communication carries not only all its own messages, but something like a million dollars' worth of messages ever year for other government

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CLYDE E. THOMAS (Of Howard County)

For District Attorney: (70th Judicial District) WALTON MORRISON (Of Howard County)

BOYD LAUGHAN (Of Midland County)

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MARTELLE McDONALD (Of Howard County)

For District Clerk: NETTIE C. ROMER (Re-Election)

For Representative: (88th Legislative District) JAMES H. GOODMAN (Midland County)

For County Judge: E. H. BARRON (Re-Election)

For Sheriff, Tax Assessor & Collector: A. C. FRANCIS (Re-Election)

For County Clerk: SUSIE G. NOBLE (Re-Election)

For County Treasurer: LOIS PATTERSON (Re-Election)

For County Attorney: MERRITT F. HINES (Re-Election)

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(Precinct No. 2) B. T. GRAHAM (Re-Election)

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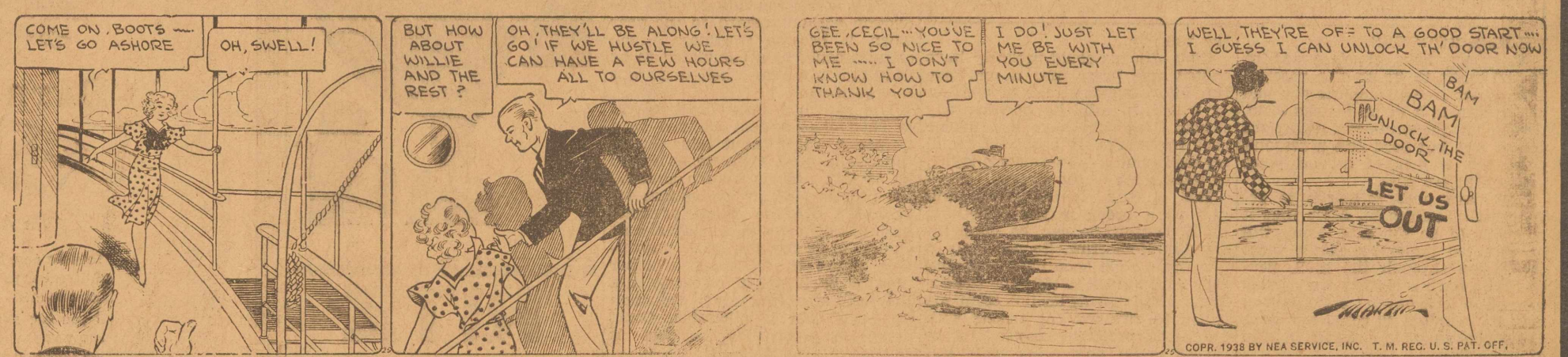
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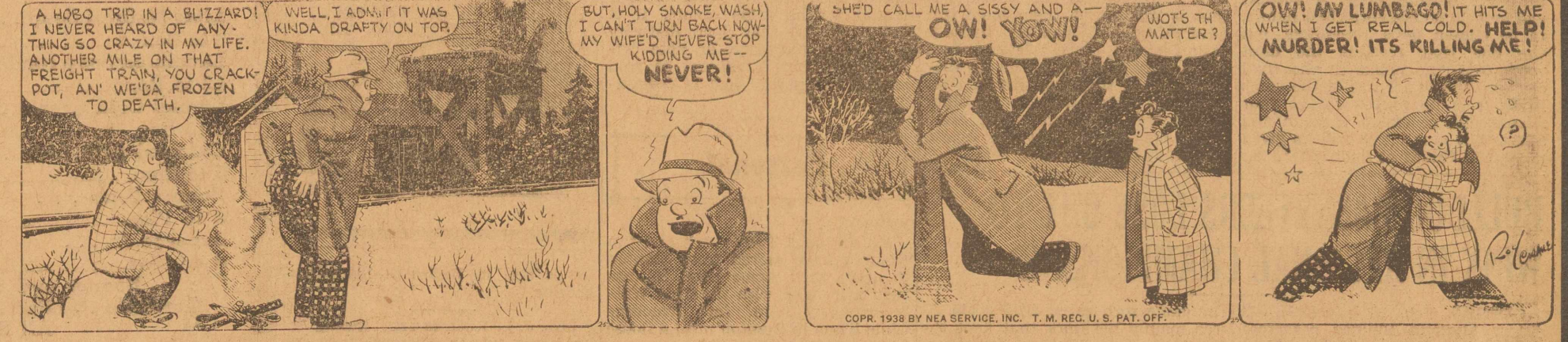
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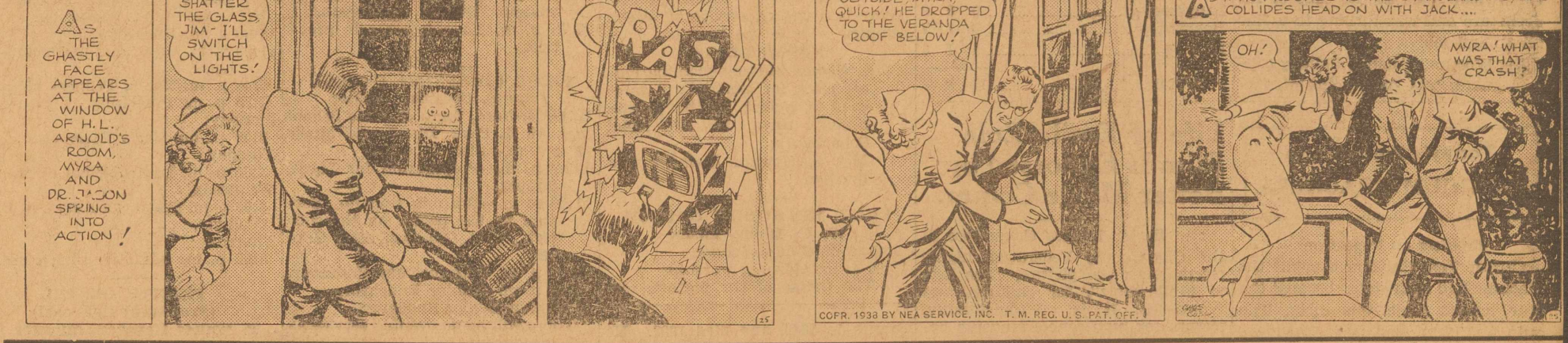
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