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Sales Tax Slipping

It is generally agreed among tax experts that sales taxes are among the least desirable of taxes, and ought never to be imposed unless there is no other way. The reason, of course, is that nearly every cent collected through them is a direct deduction from purchasing power, and that they fall with unfair heaviness on those whose income is smallest.

Thus it is interesting to note, as the Federation of Tax Administrators have done, that Louisiana is the eighth state to abandon them. New York, Vermont, New Jersey, Idaho, Kentucky, Maryland, and Oregon preceded Louisiana in abandoning state sales taxes after trial. Louisiana went further, and rescinded the authority granted to New Orleans to levy a municipal sales tax.

Widespread sales taxes were a child of the depression. To see them gradually being abandoned at a time when the national government faces tremendous arms expenditures, is a cheering sign that states are doing their share by making the state tax burden less onerous when the national burden is bound to grow.

Tennyson, Prophet

Prophecy is slippery business, and out of favor today. The prophet is pretty apt to get the bird not only in his own country, as of old, but abroad as well. Yet prophecy always has a fascination, whether you take it seriously or not, and many have turned today from the daily news of bombing and dog-fights to Tennyson:

For I dilt in the future, far as human eye could see, Saw a vision of the world, and all the wonder that would be; Saw the heavens fill with commerce, argosies of magic sails; Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down with costly bales; Heard the heavens fill with shouting, and there rain'd a ghastly dew From the nations' airy navies grappling in the central blue; Far along the world-wide whisper of the south-wind rushing warm, With the standards of the peoples plunging thro' the thunderstorm; Till the war-drum throbb'd no longer, and the battle-flags were fur'd.

Tennyson wrote it nearly 90 years ago. The ghastly dew is falling. Will the Parliament of Man follow?

R. A. F. pilot makes forced landing near laundry, is kissed by 43 laundry girls before escaping. Going to the cleaners isn't so bad in Britain.

Jim Farley will help direct a soft drink company as well as New York Yankees. Jim probably plans to make his own pop bottles to heave at the umpire.

Nazis raid Fifth of Forth with bombs made in Czechoslovakia. That's one mixture of Scotch and Skoda the British don't like.

A New Hampshire senator will sponsor a constitutional amendment to limit the presidency to two terms. He was one of those who was very much against F. D. R. having his first one.

Headless woman in Cincinnati side shows faints during performance. Many in the audience knew, of course, the chief reason for fainting is blood rushing from the head.

Firearms are forbidden by Nazis so Danish duelists go to it with bow and arrow in Copenhagen. A pretty pointed affair of honor.

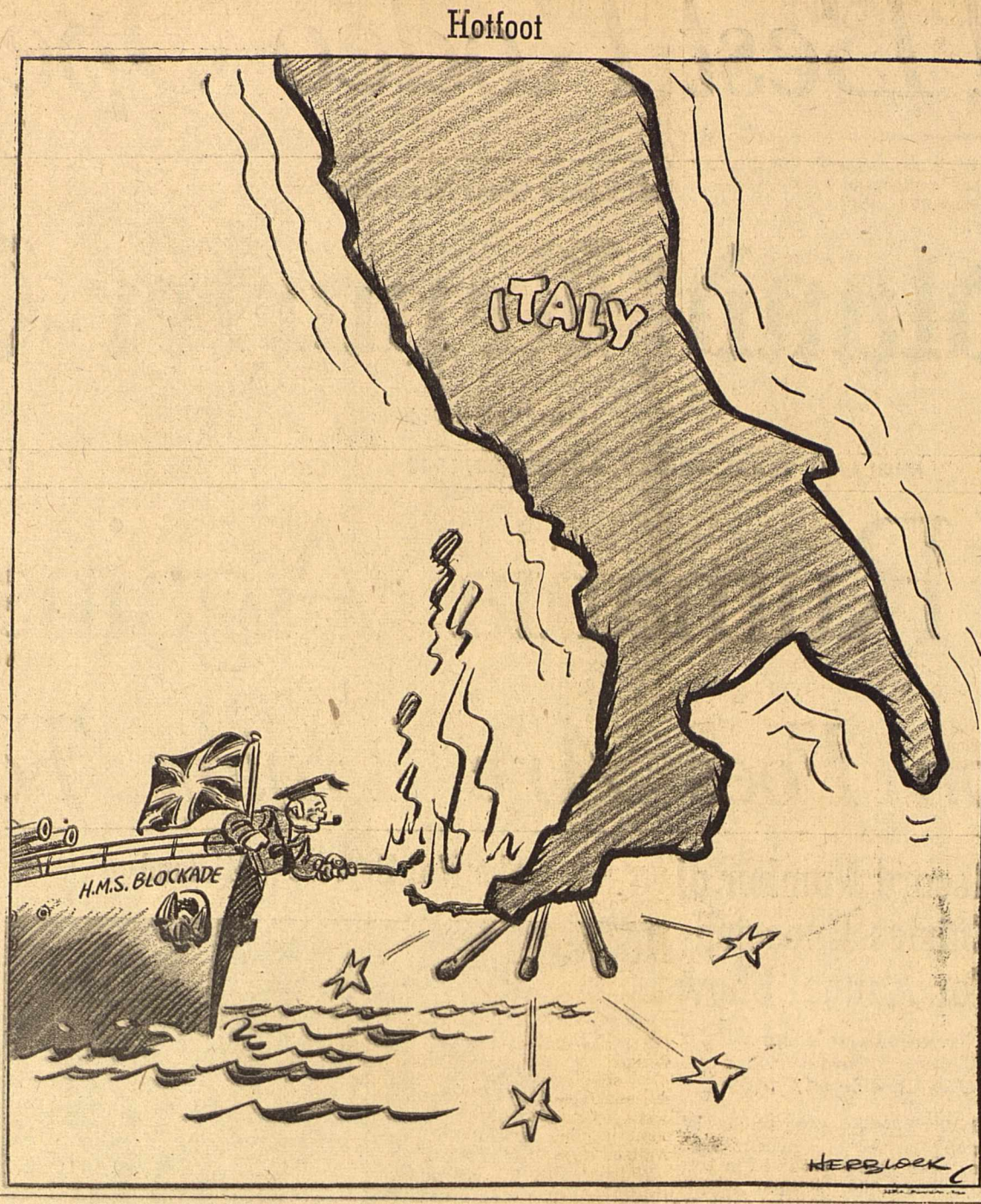
It's the careless motorist who finds it doesn't pay to learn safety by accident.

The burglar alarm at a major league ball park went off accidentally, with many fans noticing the startled look on the umpire's face.

All the Nazis have to do to dispel this talk about a famine in Germany is to shove Hermann Goering in front of the lens again.

VENERABLE WRITER

Answer to Previous Puzzle. HORIZONTAL: 1 Pictured European author, Maurice. 10 Metal. 12 By way of. 13 Needs. 16 Part of a chain. 17 Rate of exchange. 19 Hamlet. 20 Custom. 21 Ransoms. 23 Viscous fluid. 24 And. 25 You. 26 Wood spirits. 28 Note in scale. 29 Cow's call. 30 Animal pest. 32 Organ of hearing. 34 Local word phrases. 37 Lining. 39 To regret. 40 He is a native of. 43 Dover property. 44 Do not (contr.). 46 Sea miles. 47 S-shaped object. 49 Each (abbr.). 51 Verse of two measures. 55 Venomous snake. 56 Solitary. 57 Goddess of dawn. 59 He is a successful (pl.). 60 Sea miles. 61 Horse's neck hair. 62 To request. 63 Electrical unit. 64 One who evades. 6 Ceremonial. 6 Dormant. 7 Northwest (abbr.). 8 Vulgar fellow. 9 A difficulty. 10 His famous play. 11 To scratch. 14 Street car. 15 Emerges. 17 Bug. 18 Wine vessel. 21 Parallelogram. 22 Visible vapor. 25 Also. 27 Baglike part. 29 Department. 31 To debate. 33 To free. 35 Duet. 36 Intelligence. 37 Melts. 38 Nay. 41 Musical note. 42 Neuter pronoun. 45 Very small. 48 To simmer. 50 Genus of bees. 51 To fish. 52 Sick. 53 Ratite bird. 54 Coin. 55 Trent. 58 Giant king.



LOVE ON THE LINE

BY PAUL FRIGGENS

CAST OF CHARACTERS: CARRIE LANE—an eastern girl who came into the frontier west to find a home. MARK DEUEL—a homesteader who keeps his business to himself. ASHTON OAKS—a land agent, with town lots to sell.

YESTERDAY: Carrie is terrified after the shooting. Mark laughs it off, says Newt Gale took care of Oaks all right. But Carrie is worried about him. As he walks back to his room, Newt Gale warns him to look out for the land agent.

CHAPTER V. THE Taylors left Sioux Springs early. Carrie joined them after a hearty breakfast at Ma Parnley's. The wagon was piled high with supplies, most for Carrie's claim. She sat between Mrs. Taylor and big Ed, perched up in front of the load.

The wagon, grinding deep into dry prairie earth, rolled up a choking cloud of dust. Ahead, Carrie could see still other wagons, and behind them Sioux Springs single dusty street was alive with rumbling, creaking freighters and every conceivable homesteader outfit. Carrie would never forget that morning. The sun beat down mercilessly, she thought, and she was glad that Mrs. Parnley had warned her to wear her biggest bonnet. Mrs. Taylor wore one, too. Big Ed Taylor, busy driving, didn't say much except to note the powdery dryness of the land. "Seems," Ed said, "as if this is about the driest spot I've seen in a long time. Little rain would sure help this here prairie grass. Look at how brown it's gettin' now."

It was brown. Carrie sat there, bumping along, staring at the seared grass as far as her eyes could reach, and thought, with a shudder, it was almost hot enough to burn. She noticed, however, the grass was greener along the bottom lands when Ed Taylor whipped his team of grays across Rock Creek an hour before noon and pulled up at Carrie's claim. While Mrs. Taylor got out their lunch, he unloaded supplies, stacked them near the soddy site. Then they sat down and ate as Carrie never remembered eating before. The Taylors drove on to their own claim, a mile distant, after eating, promising Carrie to return early for her that afternoon. "Might as well come with us now," big Ed said, "until we get straightened around. Not much you can do here alone till we put up that soddy." But Carrie refused, saying she might as well get used to being on a homestead alone, that she wanted to get the "feel" of her land. Carrie waved goodbye to the Taylors, standing there on her stack of supplies, and was thankful that such people lived. She watched them down the knoll and out of sight beyond the trees along Rock Creek. She was turning back to survey the things Taylor had unloaded when she saw a lone figure driving across the creek in a buggy toward her claim. Instantly she was excited. She did not have long to wait. The visitor was Ashton Oaks. Carrie recognized him with a sudden fear, which she could not wholly disguise as he drove up.

Are You Superstitious ABOUT TRAITS?

BY RUTH FARRAR, NEA Special Correspondent

DO you believe fat people are invariably good-natured, that red-headed people are always high-tempered, that quiet people are more intelligent than their rowdier brethren? Many people do, says Dr. B. A. Cartwright of the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Cartwright, who's spent 30 years gathering more than 12,000 popular American superstitions, finds these are some of the common beliefs about personal traits: A flat hand indicates a good disposition. A weak mind and a strong back go together. A high forehead is a sign of intelligence. Narrowness between the eyes is the sign of a snail. Birds are not as trustworthy as brunets. A square jaw indicates will power. Slender, sensitive hands indicates artistic ability.



TICKLING FEET CAUSES STUTTERING. Long thumbs indicate a stubborn disposition. A protruding chin is a sign of pugnacity. A pointed elbow is a sign of a sour disposition. People with green eyes are not to be trusted. A person with black eyes has a very hot temper. If your fingers do not fit closely together, it is a sign you are a spendthrift. People with long, thin ears can keep a secret. A small mouth indicates stinginess; a large mouth indicates generosity. A dimple in the chin means devilment within. Teeth set far apart indicate a strong impulse toward wandering or traveling. If you look old while young, you will look younger as the years come on. A homely baby will become a beautiful woman or a handsome man. Baldness is caused by an excessive use of the brain. Cold hands indicate an affectionate nature. A child born on Wednesday will have a good memory. To tickle a baby's feet will cause it to stutter. If a child talks before it walks, its tongue will be its ruin. The young lady who sits with her thumbs resting inside her hand will be dominated by her husband, while if her thumbs are extended, she will rule the household. If the lines on a woman's forehead bend at the ends, she is a social success. If you believe many of these superstitions, it's time to stop and reconsider. Two Columbia University professors who spent four years digging up research to explode superstitions, have announced that most of our firmly grounded beliefs on personal traits aren't true.

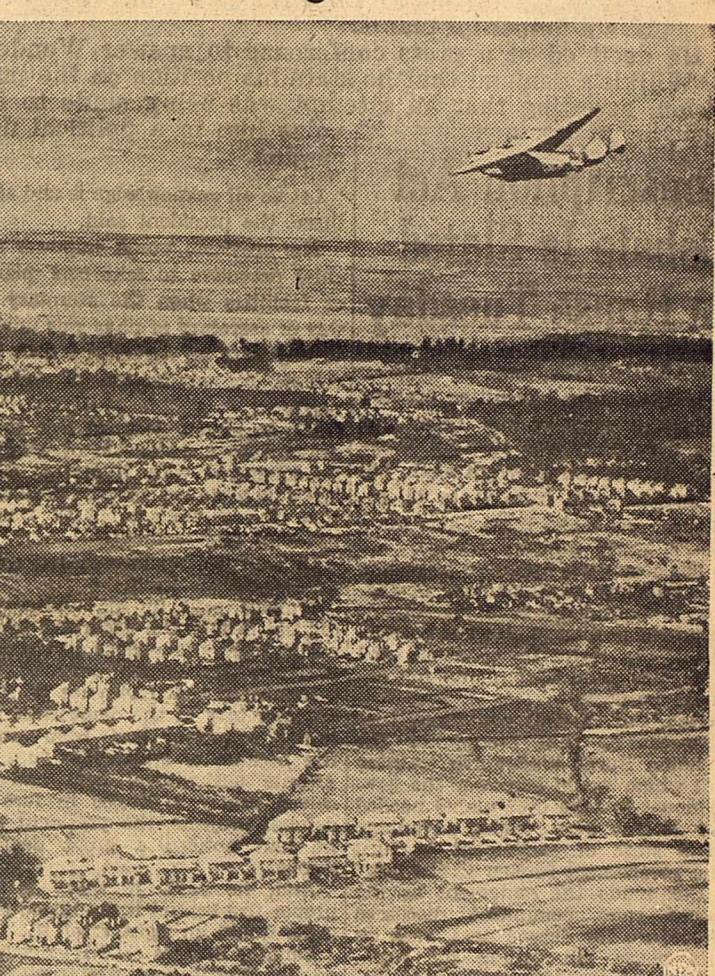
Chicago. In six months it will be too late to get in on this. You don't need to homestead out here one hour. Oaks stopped. Carrie Lane was not listening. She was looking toward Rock Creek and the waving sleggrass and the rolling plains beyond. She turned back, with a look of definite defiance. "Mr. Oaks, I'm sorry, but I think you'd better drive on." Oaks flushed. He turned back to the buggy, picked up the reins, but he held them a minute. And then he bowed ever so slightly and smiled, a dark, insinuating smile. "I suppose Mr. Deuel is to blame for this." He nodded his head. "In that case I don't think you or Mr. Deuel either have heard the last from me." He climbed back into his buggy, reached for his long, black whip. "It might be a good thing to remember, Miss Lane, that pretty girls sometimes get mixed up in things out here a lot more than they want to." He cracked his whip and the buggy rolled away. Carrie, trembling, sat down on the pile of lumber and watched him across Rock Creek. It was with a long sigh of relief she saw the Taylor wagon pull through the trees an hour later. NEWT GALE was closing his livery stable at midnight when he glanced in the direction of the darkened land office across the street. A solitary figure crouched in the shadows. "Um, that's funny now," mused Newt. "This time of night. He walked toward the land office. Suddenly the figure darted down the side of the building and out of sight. But not before Newt Gale recognized the flat-crowned hat and the cutaway coat of Ashton Oaks. (To Be Continued)

His Highness Registers a Kick



The camera caught the Duke of Windsor in this informal pose, apparently kicking the "sea cramps" out of his legs after his ocean voyage from Lisbon to Hamilton, Bermuda. He and the Duchess are pictured relaxing in the gardens of Government House.

War Has Changed This Picture



Peaceful skies reigned over Southampton, England, when this picture of America's "Yankee Clipper" arriving was made. Today many of the houses in southern England's greatest city lie in ruins, victims of recent repeated bombings as Germany's air force started the "Battle of Britain."

INTERPRETING THE WAR

By DeWitt MacKenzie, Associated Press Staff Writer

His theme is that he is happy and 'Britain today is a happy country' because she at last "set to work to make good the years that the locust had eaten" during the period of appeasement and indifference, and is determined "to fight until either this nation or Hitler is destroyed."

Oddities in the News Round-Up

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Aug. 30. (AP.)—Private Thomas E. Deiter, whose joke was that he had come through recent war games in upper New York "without being wounded," went on the casualty list today. He was brought to a hospital suffering from burns administered by barracks mates who liked jokes, too. They gave him the "hot foot." CUMBERLAND, Md., Aug. 30. (AP.)—At 75, Charles H. Grubb is passing out cigars again for the second time in 15 months. His wife, 38, has given birth to a second daughter. Their first was born in May, 1939. Special rodeo lunches priced right at Hurley's—half block west court house. Welcome all! (Adv.)

2 Members of Band Die as Automobile Plunges Into Lake

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

If England can hold out one month more against the intensified German bombing, until October 1—approximately the beginning of bad flying weather and rough seas in the average year—I believe she will have established her right to claim that she may win the war. If she cracks up before this fateful month is passed, obviously, Hitler has his conquest in the bag. We shall be smart, too, if we recognize that his position is powerful. There's one vital thing lacking to make it possible for us to give a close estimate of what may happen in the next month—and that's how much damage the British Isles are suffering materially, and how much in morale, if any. The British government won't give us the answer to that and the Germans are unable to.

It would be hard to believe that the material damage isn't heavy, but I believe more depends on the civilian morale. England can stand to lose a lot of homes and factories before her situation will become desperate. Public morale, though, must increase with adversity. Indications are that the morale of the British Isles is riding high. A striking picture of England's will to win is painted in an article carried for this morning's papers by the Associated Press from E. A. Montague, an English newspaperman in London.

Negro Electrocuted For Raping Woman

HUNTSVILLE, Aug. 30. (AP.)—Florence L. Murphy, 26-year-old negro, died in the electric chair early today at state prison for the rape of a white woman at Terrell. "You are taking my life for something I didn't do," the negro said. He was calm as he was strapped into the chair. The negro was convicted of an assault on the wife of a farmer. The woman was stabbed three times.

French Press Starts Attacks Upon Jews

VICHY, France, Aug. 30. (AP.)—The French press began editorial attacks on Jews today, following promulgation of a decree lifting a ban on newspaper attacks based on race or religion. Special rodeo lunches priced right at Hurley's—half block west court house. Welcome all! (Adv.)

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**Livestock Market**

FORT WORTH, Aug. 30. (AP). (U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle 1,500; calves 900; few beef steers and yearlings 5.50-5.50; load heifers 9.50; three loads 9.80 lb. steers 10.00; two loads fat cows 6.00; most butcher cows 4.25-5.50; bulls 4.50-6.00; slaughter calves 5.75-8.25; better kind scarce; about two loads 4.36 lb. stock steer calves 10.00, and two loads 404 lb. heifer calves 9.00.

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**Wool Market**

BOSTON, Aug. 31. (AP). (U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Wool territory wools in original bags were moderately active in Boston today at 86-87 cents, scoured basis, for good French combing lengths, and at 88 cents, scoured basis, for good French and staple lengths. Combing three - eighths blood territory wools also were selling occasionally at prices in the range, 75-78 cents, scoured basis. Graded combing three eighths and one quarter blood bright fleece wools were receiving some demand at 40-42 cents in the grease. Fine Delaine bright fleeces were bringing 34-36 cents, mostly 35-36 cents, in the grease, which were estimated at 90-92 cents, scoured basis.

**Stocks in the Spotlight**

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (AP.)—Sales, closing price and net change of the fifteen most active stocks today:

NY Central 22.200, 12 5/8 up 3/4  
US Steel 17.400 54 1/2 up 2 3/8  
Yellow Trk 15.300 14 1/2 up 1  
Aviation Corp 10.400 4 1/2 up 1/4  
Graham Paige 10.200 1/2  
North Pac 10.000 7 1/8 up 5/8  
Beth Steel 9.400 7 7/8 up 2  
Curtiss-Wright 8.800 7 5/8 up 1/2  
Gen Mtrs 7.800 48 up 1 1/8  
Int Pap & Pw 7.500 15 1/8 up 5/8  
Unit Airc 7.200 40 1/8 up 2  
Repub steel 7.600 17 3/8 up 5/8  
Gt North Ry 6.800 25 1/2 up 1 5/8  
Chrysler 6.600 75 1/2 up 2 1/2  
North Am Avia 4.800 17 1/8 up 5/8

**Cotton**

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (AP.)—Cotton futures closed 3-6 higher.

**Surprise Rally Is Made by Markets**

By VICTOR EUBANK  
NEW YORK, Aug. 30. (AP.)—The stock market pulled a surprise rabbit out of the hat today. The list was mildly improved at the start but subsequently slowed and prices wavered. Buying in rails then touched off a run-up in steels, motors and other industrial leaders. Gains of favorites ranged from 1 to more than 2 points.

Volume stepped up to around 550,000 shares. Quotations were shaved in many cases at the close by a little profit taking on the bulge.

Bullishness, brokers said, apparently was bolstered by the brightening domestic business picture in addition to the feeling of some that the British were giving a good account of themselves in their battle with the Nazis.

A sharp increase in purchasing of cotton goods in New York's Worth street, with a consequent hardening of textile rates, was interpreted as a constructive factor.

Prominent shares on the forward shift included Great Northern, N. Y. Central, Southern Railway preferred, Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, U. S. Steel, Bethlehem, Chrysler, General Motors, Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, United Aircraft, Douglas Aircraft, Glenn Martin, Bullard, International Paper preferred, American telephone, Westinghouse, Du Pont and American Smelting.

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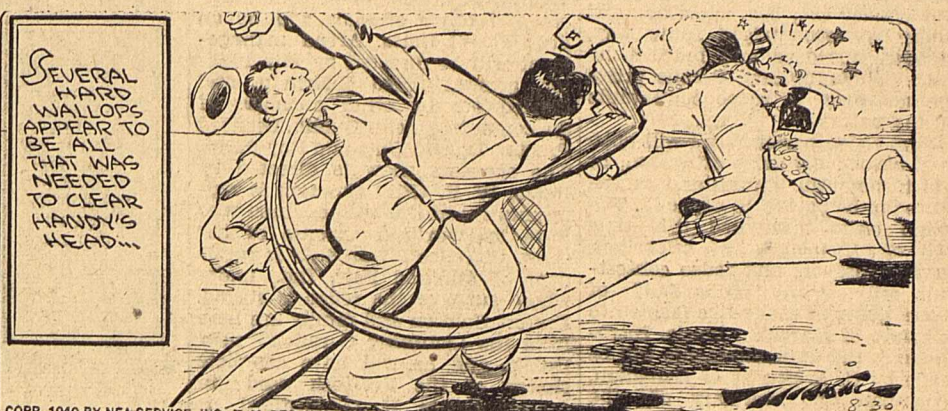
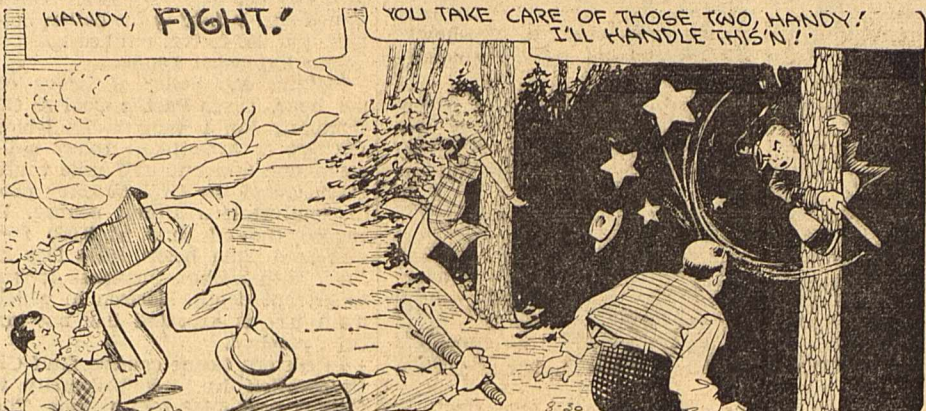
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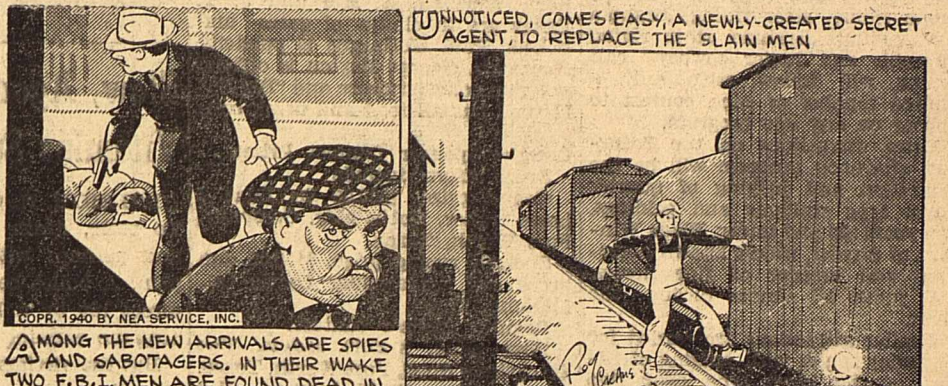
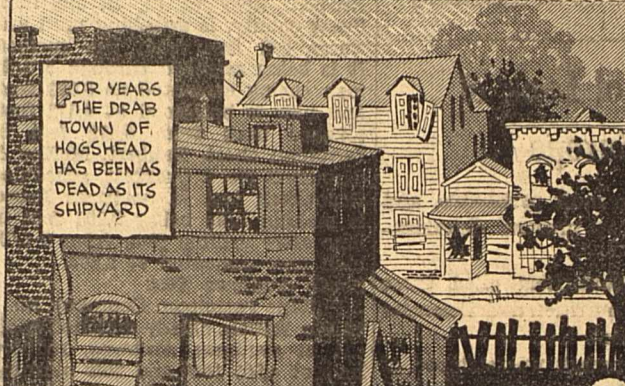
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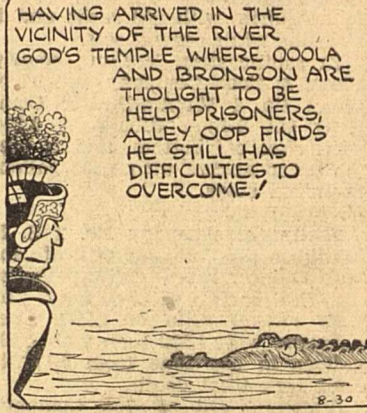
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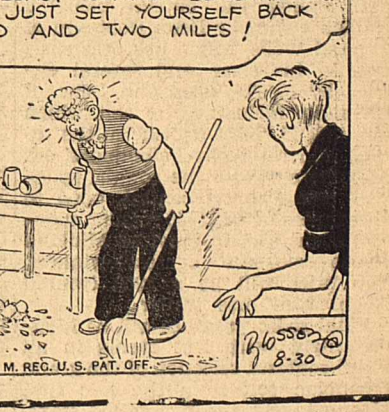
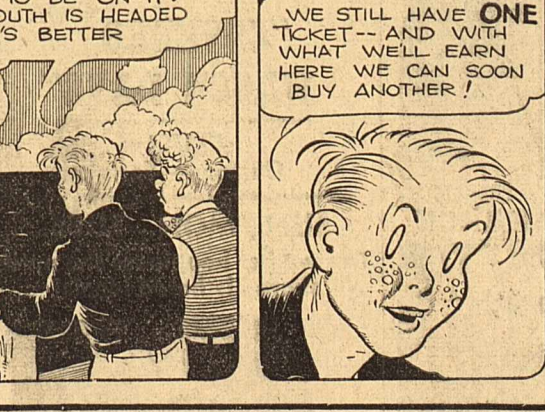
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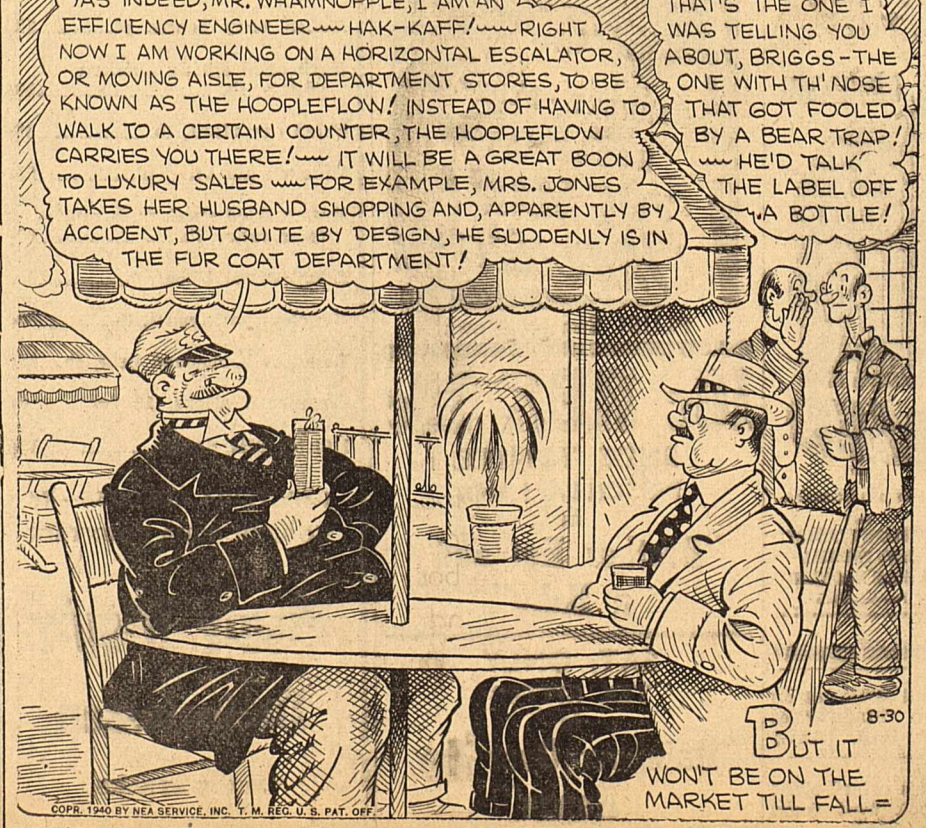
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