

*Doubtful Slash Little Economy F. R. Conference Power Meetings*

By PAUL MALLON  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—  
The economy drive is on, but not seriously. Statements are coming daily from Congressional appropriations authorities announcing that this much or that much is going to be saved to the taxpayers. This happens to be the time of year for optimism. Later on the boys will very reluctantly appropriate all the money that is needed and say not a word about it, until they get back home among their constituents.

For example, Chairman Buchanan of the House Appropriations Committee is being currently quoted as saying he "hopes" for a saving of \$2,500,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000. This is unusually conservative for Mr. Buchanan. He could "hope" for a saving of \$10,078,000,000, which happens to be the amount of money they appropriated last year.

People with long memories will recall that Mr. Buchanan had a similar hope last year. He then went to Warm Springs and announced the formation of an economy bloc of House members who were to pare expenditures down if it killed them. The result was \$10,078,000,000. Mr. Buchanan probably tell you, off the record, that it will be about the same this year.

**Difficulties**  
There are three big items of Government expense: (1) Army and navy, (2) relief and (3) interest charges on the debt. None of these three items is going to be reduced substantially. And until they are reduced the Federal budget is going to be about \$6,500,000,000 to \$7,000,000,000 annually.

The economy moves instituted by the President, such as the Brookings report recommending consolidations, cannot touch the big items. In fact, Mr. Buchanan agrees now that not very much of a cut is possible in the regular establishment. He sees also increased appropriations for old age pensions as a result of more States qualifying for the Federal grant. Other phases of the security law for which no tax is levied will boost the regular budget.

**WPA must have more money.**  
The present fund will be exhausted January 29. Since Congress appropriated \$1,425,000,000 for WPA last session, and this sum will not last the year out, it is evident that, even with a reduced WPA, it will have to appropriate at least that much.

Also, Congress made available \$300,000,000 for PWA. The way congressional leaders are talking indicate at least that much will be provided again.

The move for cooperation between Government and power interests may not amount to much. The conferences launched by the President with utility leaders before election are bogging down. It is more than a good guess that no agreement will be forthcoming. Leaders within the TVA are divided among themselves on the proposed grid system. David Lilienthal, TVA's chief power man, who studied the system in England, does not like it. Sidling with him is no less an influential person than Senator George Norris.

**TVAers will admit, off the record, that in a year or so, they will have more dams and power than they know what to do with.**

**Judges**  
Mr. Summers, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, plans to introduce a bill (which has been defeated before) giving Supreme Court Justices the right to retire at 70 instead of resigning. The difference is that Congress can cut the pay of a resigned Judge, but not of a retired one. A retired Judge also is subject to call of duty from the court. Circuit Judges now have retirement privileges; no one knows why the Supreme Court Judges were left out.

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**SHE PONDER'S FOOD PROBLEM**



But Santa knows where she lives.

**Child, 3, Falls As Knees Sag With Hunger**

**Family of Six, Mother Ill, Faces Dreary Christmas**

By SALLY GOODFRIEND  
She sat on the edge of her bed and sobbed—this very small young lady whom Howard Brodie sketched so beautifully.

It wasn't only that she had fallen down and hurt herself, but she was hungry.

She had been hungry before—lots of times—but somehow she had never felt so unhappy about it.

She tried to explain how she felt, drawing on her not very extensive 3-year-old vocabulary.

"I feel kind of watery here," she pointed to her two bruised knees. "They don't walk very well. They don't run very well, and when they don't run I can't run either."

Ruth wiped her very damp little nose on the back of her grimy hand.

**HER MAMA CRIES**

"Mama cries when my knees feel like this," Ruth continued. "But I don't cry—ceptin' when I fall down."

There are six in Ruth's family, a father, who has been unable to find work; a mother, who has been ill for many months; a 14-year-old sister, who does all the house chores; another sister nearly 5, and a baby brother 9 months old.

Life is a pretty dreary affair for this little group. There are days, long, cold days, that run along, leaving the children with racking coughs. There are nights that seem years long because the rickety shack in which they live trembles with every gust of wind.

At the nursery school attended by Ruth and her sister Julia, the children learn that they must drink quarts of milk each day and tomato and orange juice. But it takes money to buy these things, and the little girl knows already that money is something precious—something that is owned by rich people.

When Ruth and Julia go to school these mornings, they venture forth, their small rummies warmed only by black coffee.

**BETTER THAN NOTHING**  
With the amazing philosophy of youth, Julia admits that although she doesn't like the strong brew, she thinks it's "better than nothing."

Both the children are curiously reluctant to discuss the imminence of Christmas.

They know all about Santa Claus. They know all about his ruddy face, and his beautiful white whiskers, and his red suit, and the great pack of lovely things he carries on his back.

They know that he pauses at homes where there are children and leaves all manner of beautiful things for little girls and boys who have been good throughout the year.

But neither Julia nor Ruth has any hope that Santa Claus will pause at their door. He never has in the past, so, they say, there is no

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reason to believe that he will this year.

"I guess he doesn't know where we live," Julia said quietly. "I wish he did. Then maybe we could get some paper dolls like we have at school."

**SANTA TO LEAVE BOX**

This year Santa Claus does know where Ruth and Julia and their father and mother and sister and brother live. This year, acting for all of you who contribute to the Christmas Stocking Fund, he will leave a wonderful box at their doorstep.

There will be food and perhaps sweaters and toys for the children. There will be a dinner for the parents. There will be all manner of things to make the day bright and gay for this family.

And one of 500 similar families to be visited by the Santa Claus dispatched on his errands of mercy by all of you.

Your gifts to the Christmas Stocking Fund will make his visits possible. Your contributions to the fund will make his pack just that much heavier.

So think of Christmas in terms of Ruth and Julia and their hundreds of brothers and sisters who may hold the blue bird of happiness for one day at least—if you will help them.

**Cliff House Sale Approved by Court**

Sale of the Cliff House, overlooking the Seal Rocks at ocean beach at a price of \$200,000, was approved yesterday by Superior Judge Dunne.

The sale was by the Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company, executor of the estate of Charles W. Sutro.

It was announced by Whitney Brothers, operators of Playland at the beach, the purchasers, that remodeling of the structure will commence immediately at a cost of \$75,000.

**Dear Mother: I'm Married! Socialite Elopes to Reno**



Betty Shortidge She Sprang a Surprise

WITHOUT telling her socialite mother of her intentions, Miss Betty Shortidge, 22, went to Reno Saturday and was married there yesterday to Gordon Wilson Dennis, San Francisco insurance broker.

She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Nyman.

When Mrs. Beatrice Shortidge of San Francisco and Atherton social register, received a brief telegram from her daughter announcing the marriage and saying she would be

home Tuesday, the mother said: "This is all a surprise to me. All I know about Mr. Dennis is that he is in the insurance business down town, lives in Atherton, is about 31, divorced and has an 8-year-old daughter, Nancy."

The bride is a graduate of Miss Burke's School, the University of California and is a member of Alpha Chi Omega. She was living with her mother and her grandmother, Mrs. George Fife, at 491 Lake street.

**Social Security Form Deadline Set**

Postmaster William H. McCarthy, adding that dismissed his final warning last night, employers should notify their employees to file their forms before and those who fail to file are under the Social Security act, subject to a term in prison or a fine night tonight is the deadline, the or both.

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