TIDE OF HUMAN AND NATIONAL DESTINY. History is filled with examples of how some seemingly insignificant thing can intervene to alter the destiny of men and nations. Just such a trifle arose to defeat Senator Pat Harrison for the leadership of the U.S. Senate. He served three terms in Congress and is on his fourth term in the Senate. He served his party well in the days when the Republicans were in power and it appeared that he was entitled to the leadership as against Senator Barkley who is now completing his second term. But that is neither here nor there. Back in 1922 and before that, one Theodore G. Bilbo had served as Governor of Mississippi. Shortly after his term as Governor expired, he was called as a witness in a seduction case in Mississippi. Bilbo refused to appear. The case was before Federal District Judge Edwin R. Holmes and the judge sentenced Bilbo to ten days in jail. In 1928 Bilbo was again elected Governor. When his term expired, he came to Washington and through the help of Senator Harrison, was given a job in the clipping Bureau in the Dept. of Agriculture. But the jail sentence rankled and was not forgotten. In 1934, he was elected to the Senate and shortly thereafter, at the instance of Senator Harrison, the name of Judge Edwin R. Holmes came before the Senate for confirmation to the Federal Circuit of Appeals. If Holmes were confirmed, it would be necessary for revenge and Bilbo made it known that he would oppose the nomination of the man who sent him to jail. He announced that he would out-Huey Huey and that the very heavens would shake when he finished with Judge Holmes on the floor of the Senate. Senator Harrison pressed for confirmation of Judge Holmes and Bilbo made his speech in opposition but the speech was a mild fizzle. Holmes was confirmed but Bilbo was angry and quietly awaited an opportunity to strike back at Harrison. Came then the death of Senator Robinson and the need for electing a new leader. Unwittingly, the President indicated that Senator Barkley was his choice by sending him a letter addressing to the "acting" leader. Harriscitites were a bit aggrieved at this letter but still maintained that they had the votes to elect Harrison by a majority of one vote. On the morning of July 21, the Senate went into caucus. One vote held the balance. That was the vote of Bilbo. Hat he voted for Harrison, the latter would have been elected by a vote of 38 to 37. Instead, he voted for Barkley and Barkley won by 38 to 37. Thus did the jail incident of 1923 rise up to affect the Senate leadership and the course of national legislation.

EXTRA! CIVIL WAR RENEWED. On July 21, 1861, was fought the First Battle of Manassas, just a short distance from Washington. It was in this battle that Col. Thomas J. Jackson won the sobriquet of "Stonewall Jackson." On July 21, 1937 the 76th anniversary of that famous encounter was observed. It is an annual custom. There are speeches and music appropriate to the occasion. On Wednesday last, State Senator John W. Rust of Fairfax, Va., in the course of his speech gave it as his opinion that Manassas Battlefield should be deeded to the Federal Government for restoration and development as a national park and shrine. The National Park Service concurred in this view. So did the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Up jumped the United Daughters of the Confederacy, so to speak and resisted the proposal. They insisted that this battlefield be deeded to their organization. Throughout his speech, the Daughters heckled and interrupted the Senator's speech and, perchance, the Civil War will be reopened but this time, there will be ladies participating in the fighting. This time it will be the Lady of the South versus the Lady of the North.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS. As of October 31, 1936, there were 177,879 living veterans of the Spanish American War. Their average age is 62. Most of them receive a pension of $50 per month. Those who are totally and permanently disabled or bedridden or in constant need of an attendant, receive $72 per month. About 21,000 of these veterans are now 65 or over and about 2,500 are totally and permanently disabled. For some time, there has been a disposition on the part of some members of Congress to raise the pension to $60 per month for those who are 65 or over and to provide $100 a month for those who are totally and permanently disabled and in need of an attendant. Such a bill was introduced two years ago and after a hectic experience in the Committee, finally came to the floor of the House for action. It was passed without a record vote. If and when passed by the Senate and signed by the President, it will take effect immediately.

TVA'S LITTLE SISTERS. TVA as you know stands for the Tennessee Valley Authority, a Federal agency which is handling the development of the Tennessee River, the production of electricity at Muscle Shoals, the sale of electric power, the planning of this vast area, and exercising other broad functions. If H.R. 7365 known as the Regional Conservation Act of 1937, becomes law, TVA will have 7 little sisters. There will be one in the east known as the Atlantic Seaboard Planning Agency and led the Great Lakes - Ohio Valley Planning Agency (and would include Illinois), and five others in the Tennessee Valley, the Missouri Valley, the Arkansas Valley, the Southwestern area, and the Columbia Valley. These Planning Agencies will make studies and surveys looking toward soil conservation, navigation, flood control, water power, conservation, soil erosion, and have other functions. Reports and recommendations will be made to the President and the Budget after which the President would ask Congress for funds to carry out such recommended projects. Section 8 of the bill is of considerable interest. It forbids the polluting, discharging of sewage, or making unwholesome the navigable streams and waters over which Congress has jurisdiction. (The Illinois is a
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Mr. Kung is a Chinaman. In fact, he's the Chinese minister of finance. He told our Secretary of the Treasury that China had too much silver reserve. Mr. Kung said that if the market crashed, with hundreds of millions in silver, they would use it to stabilize the currency. He also mentioned that China could buy some of our gold. We have more than half of the world's gold supply at this time. We shook our collective heads and gave him the Chinese equivalent of "okay." An agreement was made. China was to buy gold from us and pay us for this gold with Chinese silver. Now don't that sound rather silly - buying gold dollars with silver dollars. What difference what kind of dollars they are so long as you have plenty of them. But that's the agreement. But it's not all so simple as that. When we get Chinese silver, we must issue silver paper money against it. That silver paper money goes into circulation. Once in circulation, those certificates cannot be withdrawn. This increase in silver paper money simply "inflates" our currency and gradually reflects itself in higher prices that the consumer must pay. Already under this Silver Purchase Act of 1934, we have hundreds of millions of silver paper dollars and they are there to stay. But that's not all. We agree to sell gold, which can be used anywhere, for silver which is a kind of useless metal that cannot be readily sold if at all. If we don't continue our silver purchases until the ratio of silver to gold is as one to three, the market may crash. If it does, with hundreds of millions in silver on hand, we shall be the losers. So why this money policy - this money madness. Many folks would like to know.

ODDITIES. Congresswoman Mary Norton of New Jersey received a request from a male constituent recently to find him a good strong wife. "***Congresswoman O'Day of New York received a request from a gentleman in her district to send his mother a canary. Very obligingly, she sent the canary. A few months later, the same gentleman wrote announcing that both the canary and his mother had passed away and would she please send him a canary to sort of remind him of his mother. She sent another canary. ****Lorton Reformatory to which the convicted criminals and felons are committed publishes a monthly magazine. It is published by the convicts and bears the singular title of "Time and Tied." In the June issue was started a serial crime story.****