Isolated Nepal



Nepal Porters Carry 150-Pound Loads.

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The Tiger Charges.

Prepared by National Geographic Society. | break through the intervening, un-Washington, D. C.-WNU Service. TEPAL, though isolated in the high mountains north of the border of India, and almost untouched by western civilization, is remarkable in a number of ways. It can boast of unrivaled natural scenery, of the highest and most fascinating mountains; of unique architectural monuments; of an immense army quite out of proportion to the population; of an excellent and enlightened system of government which brings peace and prosperity to the little kingdom.

Even the chosen few who gain access to Nepal may not wander at will. An interesting way to approach Nepal is through Raxaul, on the tiger turns with a bitter snarl the frontier of India.

The most agreeable way of reaching Raxaul is by way of Patna, the at the bottom of a little gully. ancient capital of Asoka. From here the plous Buddhist emperor Taral, you push on to the railway himself set out, in 250 B. C., on terminus, Amlekhganj. From here has been such violent objection to his religious pilgrimage to Nepal you continue the journey toward the word subsidy that the straight-

SEEN HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field

Washington .- The best the Amercan merchant marine can hope for from the present congress is a restoration of the \$22,000,000 cut out of the post office appropriation bill. The item approved originally was \$26,500,000 for ocean mail carrying, but the senate cut this to \$4,500,000.

No one contends that carrying the mails by American ships is worth any such sum as \$26,500,000. If it were a question solely of getting the mails carried, there is little doubt that foreign ship owners would bid a lower price than that. And be glad to get it.

The larger sum is paid actually because of the accepted theory that the government must encourage an American merchant marine, and on two theories. The first theory, of course, is national defense. In the event of war, both the army and navy would need a very large number of auxiliary vessels-boats to carry supplies, oil, food, munitions, etc. In the World war the whole hope of the Germans to win was based on the possible success of their submarine campaign to break this line of supply.

The other reason is the one so frequently stated by President Wilson. He liked the illustration that But you have little time to conif one department store used the desider this possibility. From a neighlivery service of a competitor to boring clump of banana palms send out its merchandise, it would comes a series of snarls, and benot be long before the one dependfore you quite realize what is haping on the other for trucks or pening a huge bristling mass of wagons would be forced out of busiblack and yellow is hurtling toward

you. It is a wonderful thing, the izing the service during the first few charge of an angry tiger-the months or years. break from cover in a crash of Mr. Wilson was very forcibly imthunder, the mighty bounds toward pressed with the advantages that the foe, the gleaming teeth, the Germany and Britain had gained in the period prior to the war by having their own trade routes to South America where he was anxious, as has been every subsequent Presi-

There's the Question

defeat as he rolls over and lies dead If these two reasons for having After two days' shooting in the and other sacred strongholds of his Katmandu, the capital of Nepal, by forward course of encouraging the

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contemplate enactment of the tax plan without the excise taxes. So that, in addition to writing in all kinds of exemptions, the proposal of the Hill subcommittee would strike \$221,000,000 of annual revenue from the bill.

There is a further element which puts the whole house subcommittee program into red ink, the treasury experts privately point out. This is that the committee counts on \$100,000,000 from the "windfall" tax. No one in the treasury has ever really taken that tax seriously. As a matter of fact, treasury experts

do not think the President had figured on it seriously as a revenue raiser. Its purpose was far more propaganda than as a money producer.

It was intended to hold up before the country the interests that profited from the Supreme court decision invalidating the AAA and outlawing the processing taxes.

Difficulties in Way

Constitutional difficulties of actually collecting the tax are something else again, and so the treasury experts who figured out the tax schedules just put that to one side, as far as any reliance on revenue was concerned.

Meanwhile the hearings scheduled by the house committee, and those which will follow when the measure gets before the senate finance committee, will riddle the whole idea that a change in the corporation taxes will produce the needed revenue without that very substantial part of the whole tax scheme which the President himself included, the excise taxes.

It has been no secret from the first that the senate would rewrite the whole bill. Members of the house admit that freely. Administration leaders in the senate like Pat Harrison, chairman of the finance commtitee, will do their best to follow the President's ideas as closely as possible.

forced to retain the present corporation levies in whole or in partthe tax on all net earnings of corcorporations of any size, the capital stock tax, and the excess profits tax. In fact, there has been a strong tendency to save all these taxes, intact, and add on enough of the tax on undistributed earnings as proposed by the President to make up the additional amount needed.

This additional amount, by the way, is roughly \$792,000,000 a year, less whatever is raised by proc-

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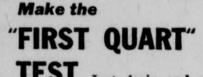
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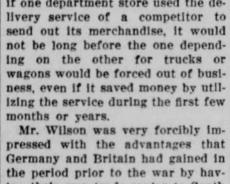
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an American merchant marine are accepted, the question then comes of how to make it possible. There

The famous Leviathan is a classic

Instead the government spent \$10,-

000,000 in reconditioning her, turn-

ing her into an oil burner, etc., and

then, after leasing her to private

ownerships, lost money on her every

year since. Moreover, the private

interests that leased her also lost

Which would seem to indicate that

perhaps there are some fundamental

things to be cleared up, such as ar-

before very much hope can be had

The proposed excise taxes, which,

rulated to raise \$221,000,000 a year.

hill and in the Treasury depart-

Treasury experts have been work-

ing on this whole problem for

months. They know very accurate-

ly what can and what cannot be

done in the way of raising revenue.

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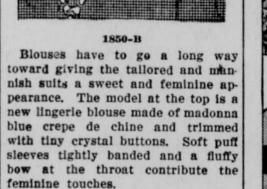
the revenue required.

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Expectation has been all along that, in order to make sure of enoungh money, they would be porations, now 15 per cent on all

essing taxes and the windfall taxes.



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faith. At Patna you board a paddle boat and cruise five of six miles up the Ganges-the distance varies according to the height of the riverand get into a waiting train on the other side. Next morning you wake begins. up in Raxaul.

On one side lie the unbroken acres of the Bihar rice fields, yellowing beneath the sun; on the other lie more rice fields, in the sequestered kingdom. You strain zon and dimly perceive a dark green belt.

This flat, low-lying tract of cultivation and jungle, lying between the Himalavan foothills and the border of Bihar, and stretching 200 miles from east to west, is known as the Tarai. From April to November this part of the country is infested with a deadly malarial fever. Thus the stray visitor to Nepal wisely confines his visit to the winter.

Beyond the Tarai again rise huge shadowy forms, the Himalayas hiding in the morning mist.

Through the Jungles.

From Raxaul, a little meter-gauge train sets off across the Taral. For the first mile the railroad leads through the main street of the city. with shop and house fronts on either side. Then it comes out into the open rice fields and so into the tiger and rhino-haunted jungles beyond. And what jungles! Halfway through them your train draws up, all passengers get out, clamber onto the backs of waiting elephants, and pad silently off into the mysterious depths.

The jungles of the Nepal Taral are sub-tropical and consist chiefly of sal trees with long, thin black trunks, and huge leaves starting very near the base. Here and there a giant teak, with its beautiful crocodile back, soars upward, stately and erect.

All this thriving growth is interrupted in certain places by the passage of wide river beds. These have long been destitute of water. and their barren white sands and smooth round pebbles contrast strangely with the luxuriant vegetation on either side.

A tiger shoot in Nepal is conducted on novel lines: the tiger is attracted to a kill and is then surrounded by a ring of elephants. Slowly the ring closes in until the going on, charges.

On a shoot you may ride some two miles from the train to the kill, where you join the ring of 90 elephants surrounding it.

Lurking somewhere within that wide circle is the tiger.

The huge animal upon which you sit moves stealthily forward. You to see if the moon has risen. It is look down the line of waving trunks and swishing tails: there is not another howdah elephant, carrying dor, are the Himalayan giants, leaping to fantastic heights above the rifles, for a hundred yards. Perhaps the wily creature sought would | clouds.

motor. Some thirty miles of narrow but | under the American flag has never excellent road lead through wooded been possible. Even with the huge foothills to Bhimphedi, where the Republican majority that resulted ascent of the first mountain pass from the 1930 election, it was never possible to get such a measure

which subsides into a last groan of

Here ponies and dandis take the through congress. The late Senator place of cars. There are two differ- Jacob H. Gallinger of New Hampent types of dandi; one is a wooden shire again and again deplored the chair with leather cushions, the fact that despite an almost universal other a canvas hammock, slung on desire to build up an American merlong poles, in which you can lie full chant marine congress was never your eyes toward the eastern hori- length. Both are carried by teams willing to aid it except by subterof six coolies in bright-blue cotton | fuge, This subterfuge, of course, has aluniforms.

> Two miles from Bhimphedi lies ways been the mail subventionthe little mountain village of Sisa- paying ship owners a great deal more for carrying the mail than the garhi, where travelers customarily service is worth. spend the night. The village is But, due to the regulations and complete with its garrison of Gurkhas-a foretaste of the tremendous requirements of the shipping board military power active within the (originally set up by President Wil-

> Over the Pass to the Valley. foster an American merchant ma-After rising early at Sisagarhi rine), much of the money spent to you climb the few remaining feet aid American shipping has been which lead to the top of the first pure waste. With the best intenpass, approximately 8,000 feet high. tions in the world, millions were Directly below you lies a smiling valley, while beyond it a turbulent vessels, or the purchasing of ships mountain ocean rises and falls in taken over by the government after colossal waves of sunlight and the war, and then forcing the operashadow; far out to "sea" the waves tion of those ships in an uneconomic way. are capped by the glistening white

horses of the eternal snows. example. The federal treasury Then the descent begins. The path is no longer smooth; it is exwould be ahead something in excess of \$15,000,000, at a minimum, if that ceedingly steep and incredibly rough. It consists principally of giant vessel had been towed out to sea and sunk as soon as the last solid rock and along its jagged sursoldier was brought home from face large loose bowlders are France. strewn at random,

For the next six miles you ride through flourishing fields of brownheaded buckwheat, golden mustard, and ripening rice. The snows are

no longer visible and the sun shines brightly overhead. The path eventually leaves the fields to rise and fall over rolling grassy downland. Then you come to the foot of the Chandragiri pass. From below, the road before you re-

sembles the sheer wall of a precipice; but your ponies make light of it. for an adequate American merchant The view from the top of the

Chandragiri pass is so amazing marine. that you cannot afterwards believe **Boost Excise Taxes** It exists. Below lies the circular rice-clad valley of Katmandu. vevied on 33 commodities, were cal-

bathed in the orange glow of the evening sun. Rising out of it. away to the right, in a medley of under the pile for a few days. In miniature pagodas, palaces, and fact, the best judgment on Capitol towers, is the magnificent capital angry beast, well aware of what is city. Surrounding it, in a black and purple wall, are the mighty ment is that they will not only be

mountain guardians. At first you are disappointed because the snows seem hidden. Vainly do you try to penetrate the misty white banks which cluster around the rocky heights. Sadly you abandon hope and look up into the sky difficult to believe what you see. There, in all their glittering splen-

construction and operation of ships **Government** Ownership

Flood disasters mell a tremendous boom in government ownership of electric power plants. Congress is in a liberal mood with respect to flood relief, but it is also ready to go further in the direction President Roosevelt has always desired in bringing about publicly owned power systems.

Even in the direct relief, which will of course be followed by vast works aimed at lessening the proportions of such disasters, there is a notable advantage to "publicly owned" utilities. For instance, consider two electric plants, one publicly owned, one privately owned, at nearby towns on the same river. It could be the Merrimac, or the Connecticut, or the Allegheny or any son for no other purpose than to river hit in the recent floods.

Money already allocated by the President is available for "replacement" of the publicly owned plant. The stockholders of the privately owned plant must take their loss, wasted in aiding the financing of unless they have flood insurance.

> It is for the future that the development is really important, however. There will be a wave of dam building, aimed at holding back future flood waters, and utilizing the water meantime for the generation of electricity in publicly owned power plants. These naturally must sell their electricity somewhere-the Supreme court upheld that in the TVA case even if it did not specifically mention flood control. But it did say with great clarity that the government had the right to sell surplus power developed incidentally to some constitutional project.

So that actually all the 60-odd injunctions by the private utilities against PWA loans for power plants seem a great deal less important than they appeared to be a few weeks back.

tificial operating expenses forced by Flood Control law and governmental regulations,

The amount of money which will be spent on these flood control projects will stagger the imagination. when added up, as for instance in a general flood control bill. Senator Francis G. Newlands, 25 years ago, was regarded as a nuisance because he talked about spending a couple of hundred million dollars are not dead. They are just pushed for both flood control and reclamation.

Congress at this very session will seriously be considering spending several billion dollars for flood control alone, and without covering the entire country at that.

One bill introduced by Senator Joseph F. Guffey of Pennsylvania, and providing for flood control works in the Ohio basin about Pittsburgh, would appropriate more than fifty-five million dollars. This many exemptions and loopholes that would cover the Allegheny, Monon-It would not produce anything like gahela, Juniata and one or two smaller streams. Copyright .- WNU Service





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