

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By THORNTON W. BURGESS. The one who's always on the square is always trying to be fair. Farmer Brown's Boy. Farmer Brown's Boy Plays Fair. With food so scarce, it was some-

much as did he himself. But the law of the Green Forest and the Green Meadows is self first. So Reddy and Old Man Coyote spent most of the time they were awake in trying to think of some plan to outwit the other. Old Man Coyote had the advantage. He was the biggest and more than a match for Reddy Fox. He knew this. So did Reddy. Reddy had obtained half a dinner by being a little bolder than Old Man Coyote and getting to it almost as soon as it had been put out by Farmer Brown's Boy. But he knew that that wouldn't happen again. He

knew that next time Old Man Coyote would be in hiding before Farmer Brown's Boy appeared with the food. Reddy Fox is clever. His wits are sharp. There are no sharper wits in all the Green Forest or on all the Green Meadows. But, though he thought and thought and thought and thought, he couldn't think of a plan of outwitting Old Man Coyote again. "It is useless for me to go up to Farmer Brown's tonight," muttered Reddy as late in the afternoon he came out of his home and looked longingly over toward Farmer Brown's. "If a dinner is put out to-

night Old Man Coyote will get every scrap of it. I guess I'll go somewhere else and hunt." But for the life of him Reddy couldn't keep away from Farmer Brown's. The thought that there was likely to be food there was too much for him. "Old Man Coyote may not go up there," he muttered. "Something may happen so that he will not get there at all, or if he does he may get there late. I certainly cannot get that dinner if I am not there. And if Old Man Coyote does get it I won't be

highly in the house appeared. It was a good two hours earlier than the food had been put out the other time. Hardly had Farmer Brown's Boy entered the house again than Reddy was over at that post. When he had licked up the last crumb he trotted off toward the Green Forest, chucking happily. He was thinking of how disappointed Old Man Coyote would be when he arrived a little later. But when Old Man Coyote did arrive he wasn't disappointed. That pan was heaped with food. He, too, licked the pan clean, and then trotted away chuckling. He was chuckling to think how disappointed Reddy Fox must be.

And, watching from a window of the house, Farmer Brown's Boy was chuckling. He had seen all that had happened the previous night, and so this night he had played fair. He had filled that pan a second time, that both Reddy and Old Man Coyote should have a good dinner. (Copyright 1924.)

The next story, "Peter Rabbit Is Driven to Mischief."

U. S. War Debt Policy Unchanged

Washington, Feb. 18.—The American government's war debt policy remained unchanged after a conference today of the debt commission. The commission failed to act on proposals that the debtor governments be reminded again that the United States is awaiting funding proposals.

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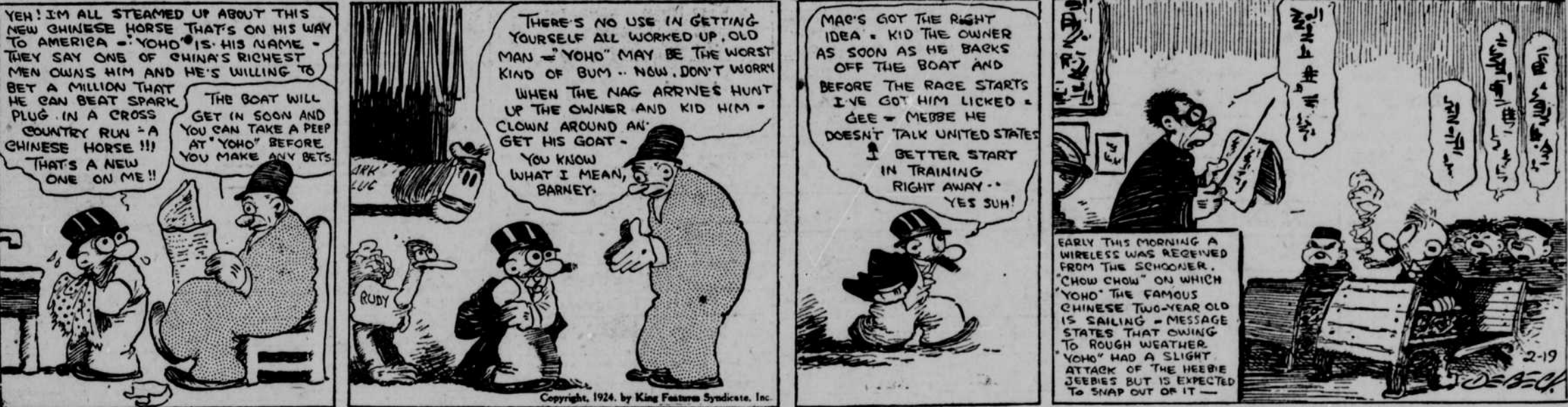
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