

# The Week in Washington

A RESUME OF GOVERNMENT HAPPENINGS IN THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Washington, March 5—A bargain with Great Britain, whereby that nation would increase purchases of surplus American farm products as practical compensation for the United States giving full support to the British war program, is being urged by congressmen from rural areas.

Farm groups, which are backing this proposal point out that exports of farm products have fallen off alarmingly and that the lend-lease bill offers an opportunity to make a deal to regain the lost British market.

The farm representatives are also complaining that Great Britain is buying farm products from other countries—cotton from Brazil and tobacco from Turkey—but is confining its purchases here to munitions.

Last year, government experts estimate, U. S. exports of cotton fell off 75 per cent, of wheat over 50 per cent, and that the decrease in exports of tobacco, fruit and other products were equally drastic. Surplus crops have therefore become a more serious problem than ever.

**Question Turns to Next Step**  
When all doubt ended last week as to passage of the lend-lease bill, discussions here turned to what will happen next. Those discussions revolve around the questions of how long we can keep out of actual war, what new measures will be taken to speed up production of planes and

other needed equipment and what methods will be used to meet the huge expense that this program will incur.

It is feared that the answers to these problems will involve more squabbling and ill-feeling than the lend-lease bill itself, since many of the Republicans who opposed that bill did so because they didn't want to give Mr. Roosevelt "dictatorial" powers—not because they were opposed to full aid to England.

The revenue and defense production programs, however, are more entirely domestic situations—and the Republicans have a strong club to back up their opinions on these measures—namely, the business leaders who are called upon to produce the implements of war. On the other hand, the administration feels it is necessary to give labor the best break possible.

The administration may feel that it is playing ball with big business by placing business leaders in many key positions in the defense program, but it is evident that many business men don't agree. Speaking in behalf of the National Association of Manufacturers, James Preston, Washington columnist, refers to government "plotters" who are "sniping at business men" and says, "If the sniping continues, it wouldn't surprise many in Washington to see a whole group of business men tell the President that unless the firing ceases they will pack up their bags . . . and go home."

**Rough Road Ahead**  
It is expected that, unless some super-plan is thought up to make peace between the administration, business and labor, the defense program is going to travel a rough road. Unfounded reports that Wendell Willkie might head the American Federation of Labor is an example

## Film Honors



Ginger Rogers (above), winner of the annual Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Science award for her performance in "Kitty Foyle." For his role in "The Philadelphia Story," James Stewart was voted outstanding actor in 1940.

of the type of move which might be taken to improve the situation.

The new tax program, which will come up this month, is certain to put business on guard, ready to start battling all tax suggestions which would further reduce profits. It is expected, however, that congress will try to spread taxes over all wage-earners rather than raise funds by new "soak business" or "soak the rich" levies, and that efforts also will be made to do much of the necessary borrowing from the public at large.

Informants close to the treasury department says that it is considered essential that much of the increased national purchasing power, resulting from the defense program, be loaned back to the government, or price inflation will follow. They point out that a big public demand for automobiles, and other luxuries people would buy as their incomes increase, would mean that industries now doing defense work would not be able to supply the demands of the public. That would send prices sky-rocketing. Therefore, the government will attempt to get the public to use its increased income to buy bonds and saving stamps.

## Clark's Creek News

"Grandpa" Clark is worse again. His condition is considered critical. Mr. B. A. Gober is recovering from an attack of the "flu."

Mr. Jack Taylor is out again after several days in bed with the "flu." Mrs. Rosalie Crawford of Burlington, N. C., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Byrd.

Mr. George Byrd has been confined to his home for several days because of illness.

Mr. Andrew Jests is on the sick list with a case of "flu."

Rev. W. L. Atkins will give a lecture on the Life of Christ Sunday night, March 10th, at the Advent church. This lecture will be illustrated with beautiful pictures by famous artists. There will be no admission fee. An offering will be taken.

## TURKEY WILL FIGHT IN DEFENSE OF GRESEE

Athens, March 1.—Turkey has announced that she will go to war against Germany if Nazi troops strike across the Balkans upon Greece, according to an unconfirmed report reaching Athens from Ankara early today.

The announcement was said to have been made by Turkish Foreign Minister Sukru Saracoglu at the conclusion of the consultations with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on means of strengthening the Anglo-Turkish alliance against Germany's Balkan moves.

Turkey, according to the statement attributed to Saracoglu, regards Greece as being "within Turkey's zone of security and influence" against which any German thrust would meet the resistance of Turkish arms.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. ROST. H. HARPER

Lesson for March 9: Luke 20:9-20; Golden Text: Matthew 5:11

In this lesson Jesus illustrates his rejection by his own people and indicates that he will be received by the Gentiles. His enemies perceived he spoke against them and, fearing to lay hands upon him because of the people who believed in him, set spies to watch him and if possible by artful questioning to lure him to say something that would incriminate him before the Roman governor. They were ancient fifth-columnists.

The wicked husbandman, who beat the lord's servants and then slew his son, represent the Jewish people who rejected the prophets and were preparing to slay the Christ. The curious stone found among the ruins and rejected which later became the head of the corner illustrates that Jesus, rejected by his own, would become the cornerstone of the kingdom of God, the Savior of all men.

One bitter night the butler in a great house, at the master's word, refused to admit a poor woman who knocked at the door. Next morning the master was shaken from his usual stern bearing when he recognized the frozen form on his steps as that of his daughter who had gone away sometime before into sin. She had come back unto her own and her own received her not. Long ago One who knew no sin came unto his own and his own received him not. If he should come to your door a wintry night, cold and hungry and ready to die, would you shut him out? How much the more should you admit him into your heart when he knocks, not to be ministered unto but to bring you eternal life and joy!

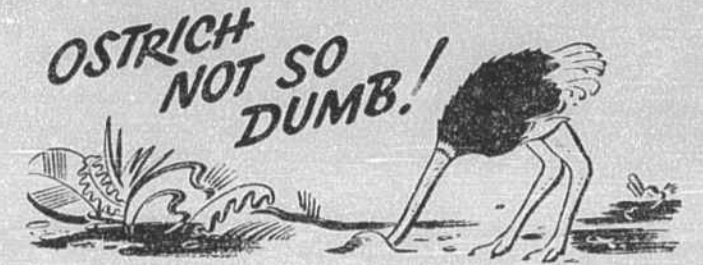
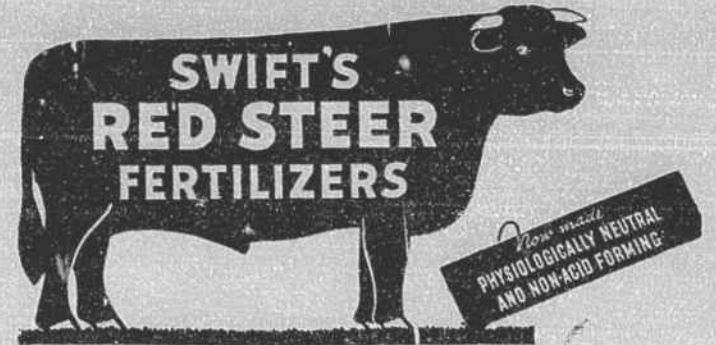
One of the first parachute jumpers was Andrew Garnerin, who descended in a parachute from a balloon in 1796.

## NEW NOVEL OF A GIRL WHO FOUGHT FATE

"When a Girl's in Love," is the title of a romantic new story by Helen Topping Miller, one of America's most popular writers of fiction. Don't miss the opening installment of this enthralling story in the March 9th issue of

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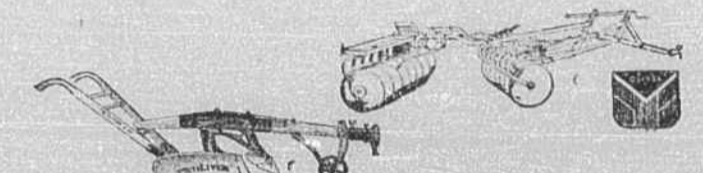
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