

# News Review of Current Events the World Over

## Litvinov, Soviet Commissar, Baits Europe's Statesmen at Geneva—Secretary Doak Denounces Suggested Wage Reduction.

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**M. Litvinov**  
Grand and the rest of the commissioners by the calm statement that their "capitalistic" governments were ruining themselves and the rest of the world by selling goods dear at home and cheap abroad—in other words, by dumping. And he then with equal calmness denied flatly that the Soviet government had been guilty of this pernicious practice, though generally accused of it. Russia, he asserted, had done just a little friendly exporting.

"It is perfectly obvious that low prices cannot be regarded as indicating dumping," he declared. "If, however, by dumping is understood a policy of high monopolist prices in the home markets and cut prices for export, it will be found precisely that it is the capitalist countries which are guilty in this respect."

The Soviets, continued the commissar, are eager to help in bringing to an end the present economic depression, and on their behalf he offered two suggestions for the consideration of the commission. The first of these was that the European powers adopt a convention pledging themselves to compulsory sale in the home markets at prices no higher than on foreign markets. The Soviets, Litvinov said, would sign such a convention. He asserted that it would raise the buying power of the masses and help them absorb overproduction.

His second proposal was this: In order to remove the atmosphere of mistrust and jealousy that has been aggravating the crisis, all nations should sign a pact of "economic non-aggression" along the same lines as the Kellogg pact outlawing war. The draft of a protocol of such a pact was submitted to the delegates. It called for a general customs truce, among other things.

In the first sessions of the commission the question of the proposed Austro-German customs accord was brought up, and the pact was vigorously and skillfully defended by Dr. Julius Curtius, German foreign minister, and Johann Schober, Austrian vice chancellor. The British and French insisted that the accord should be submitted to the World court for an opinion as to whether it violated the post-war treaties, and the council of the League of Nations ordered this done. The council has selected Arthur Henderson as chairman of the 1932 disarmament conference.

WHEN the directors of the World Bank for International Settlements met in Basel, Switzerland, they heard from Gates W. McGarrath, its president, that the deposits of the institution have gone past the \$400,000,000 mark. This sum is far in excess of the expectations, and it clearly shows, according to the belief there, that the world bank is becoming something more than a mere depository for the central banks of various nations, so that even if the reparations payments should later be put on some other basis, or cease entirely, the bank would still be certain to continue to function.

The bank has consented to help in putting the Austrian bank, Creditanstalt, back on its feet but it was decided that the initiative must come from the League of Nations committee for control of Austrian loans.

IN LONDON the world grain conference was trying to find the remedy for the crisis in the agricultural world brought on by the immense overproduction of wheat. Samuel R. McKelvie, member of the American farm board, told the delegates the first thing was to slash acreage to consumption needs, and submitted the results of a study of the situation of increasing surpluses and falling prices. Speaking from the American standpoint, he said: "We see no possibility of a satisfactory solution of the



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world wheat problem which does not include, as the most important single element, curtailment of production in exporting countries, individually and as a whole, until a better adjustment between supply and disposition can be effected, and restraint upon fresh expansion of production thereafter."

As a material aid toward relieving overburdened markets McKelvie urged every possible means of consumption expansion and suggested abolition by European importing countries of their protective tariffs, milling regulations and preferential prices for domestic wheat.

THERE has been of late much discussion as to whether conditions in the United States justified a general cut in wages, and what the effect of such a move would be. Secretary of Labor Doak took a hand in the debate with a statement to the effect that any move on the part of industry to lower wages would be considered a violation of confidence by the administration because of the agreement to maintain wage scales which President Hoover obtained from the industrial leaders late in 1929. In the event of wage reductions, he declared, organized labor would be justified in demanding higher pay and in opposing the move by strikes.

Mr. Doak added that so far as he knew, no leader of industry has proposed a reduction in wages. Such suggestions, he said, have come from bankers, and are based on the opinion that workers' pay should be lowered to conform to the low price levels which have resulted from the depression. He attributed the current controversies between workers and employers to the expiration of agreements, and added that in nearly every case the difficulties have been amicably settled. Six impending strikes, which were brought to the attention of the Labor department the previous week, were averted by the department's conciliation service, and in every case a return to the existing wage scale was effected.



General MacArthur

HOW the American army is to be reorganized, developed and modernized was described in an announcement by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, chief of staff. The plans set forth include extension of mechanization and motorization throughout the army, the revamping of the cavalry arm by the substitution of fighting machines for horses, and the development of powerful tank forces to be attached to army corps or field armies, rather than the infantry, which remains the basic arm.

Some cavalry units with horses as mounts will be retained for use in rough country, but in general the horse as a war weapon is discarded. The mechanized force at Fort Eustis will be reorganized a reinforced cavalry regiment. Combat cars, equipped with machine guns and possibly heavier weapons, which can travel 70 miles an hour on hard roads, are counted on to give the cavalry high mobility.

Despite the more extensive use of machines, the infantry will remain the backbone of the army according to General MacArthur's program.

AS WAS predicted, the War Department has decided to abandon wholly or in part 53 surplus forts, camps and reservations. In the list announced by Secretary Hurley are Fort Lincoln, N. D.; Fort Missoula, Mont.; Fort Eustis, Va.; Fort D. A. Russell, Texas; Fort Brown, Texas; Fort Hunt, Va.; Camp Stephen D. Little, Ariz.; Camp Garry J. Jones, Ariz.; Miller Field, N. Y.; and Chanute Field, Ill. Of course the abandonment of these posts may be prevented by indignant congressmen.

HOOVER dam across Boulder canyon of the Colorado river is within the law and work on the huge project can go ahead. So ruled the Supreme court of the United States in deciding that the act of congress authorizing the construction was constitutional and dismissing the bill of complaint of the state of Arizona. The court, however, declared that Arizona had shown that it might be injured by the distribution of water from the reservoir to be created and that it therefore has the right to make further appeals for relief should its rights be impaired.

In another case, that of Tetts Stromberg, youthful communist, the Supreme court held invalid that clause of California's "red flag" law which makes it a felony to "display any red flag or other device in any public place or from any building as a sign, symbol or emblem of opposition to organized government or as an invitation or stimulus to anarchistic action, or as an aid to propaganda that is of a seditious character." The finding declared this clause was "repugnant to the guarantee of liberty contained in the Fourteenth amendment."

CELEBRATING the fiftieth anniversary of its birth, the American Red Cross staged on May 21 what it called "the world's greatest dinner party." Every one of its 3,500 chapters held an anniversary dinner in its community, and all of them were connected up by radio with the main dinner in Washington. At this feast President Hoover, who is also president of the Red Cross, was the principal speaker; and the guest of honor was Judge Max Huler of Geneva, Switzerland, president of the international committee of the Red Cross. With them sat cabinet officers and their wives and many other notabilities.

The Post Office department issued a special commemorative stamp on the anniversary date.



Cardinal Segura

POPE PIUS XI, addressing a group of Spanish pilgrims, described the burning of churches and other religious edifices in Spain as "sacrileges against God and holy religion" and added: "While I recognize the abnormal situation in Spain, it cannot justify the outrageous deeds carried out by the enemies of God that were not suppressed by the authorities."

The Vatican, however, is promoting a policy of conciliation and the papal nuncio, Tedeschini, has had friendly consultation with Minister of Justice de los Rios who explained the arrest and expulsion of Bishop Mujica of Vitoria. The nuncio has expressed sorrow over what has happened, and it is understood in Madrid that he places much of the blame for the rioting on the attitude of Cardinal Segura, the former primate of Spain, who was forced to leave the country because he would not accept the republic without protest.

Cardinal Segura and Bishop Mujica got together at Lourdes, France, and proceeded to Rome for an indefinite stay. They will probably be told that the Vatican intends to drop the quarrel with the republic.

DEATHS of two Americans attracted considerable attention. In Tours, France, Brig. Gen. Robert H. Dunlap, a distinguished officer of the marine corps, was killed by a landslide in a heroic effort to save the life of a woman. Ralph Barton, famous cartoonist and illustrator, committed suicide in his New York apartment, leaving a note that said he feared he was going insane.

DESPITE the rebellious Cantonese, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek is still the ruler of China, and when the people's convention closed its twelve-day session in Nanking he made an impressive plea for unity and for co-operation with the government in suppressing banditry and communism.

The principal achievements of the convention were the adoption of a new constitution, which goes into effect on June 1, the declaration of the republic of China with its permanent capital at Nanking, and the mandate given the government to carry out the terms of the manifesto declaring all unequal treaties between China and foreign powers null and void.

FLYING men of the United States army had a chance to show what they can do in mass during the week, for the air forces were mobilized in grand maneuvers at Chicago, New York and elsewhere under the direct command of Gen. B. D. Foulis, dean of the fighting air men. The planes, of all types, concentrated at Dayton, Ohio, and on Thursday put on a parade and exhibition at Chicago that was the closing feature of the city's jubilee. Then they descended on the Atlantic coast and displayed their ability to defend the metropolis and Boston from hostile attack. A night bombing raid on New York had been planned, but General MacArthur, chief of staff, vetoed this, asserting that the maneuvers represented a real attempt to test out the defensive power of the air arm rather than the staging of a circus. Nearly seven hundred planes took part in the maneuvers, being gathered from all parts of the country.



General B. D. Foulis

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# Sunday School Lesson

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## Lesson for June 7

### JESUS CRUCIFIED

**GOLDEN TEXT**—But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

**LESSON TEXT**—Luke 23:33-46.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—Jesus' Death on the Cross.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—Jesus Taking the World's Guilt.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—What We Owe to the Lord Jesus.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—Love's Supreme Sacrifice.

I. **The Place of Crucifixion** (v. 33). They led Jesus away to Calvary, a hill north of Jerusalem resembling a skull. Calvary is the Latin word and Golgotha is the Hebrew. This is a most significant name for the place where man's redemption was accomplished. The skull is an apt picture of man's condition as the result of sin—life and intelligence gone, leaving only the dark empty cavern which once contained them. Jesus was not crucified in the city for he was to suffer without the gate (Heb. 13:12).

II. **His Companions on the Cross** (v. 33). Two malefactors were crucified with him. This was in fulfillment of the Scripture. "He was numbered among the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12). He was sinless, but became sin for us.

III. **His Forgiving Love** (v. 34). He cried, "Father forgive them." He not only had in mind the soldiers who acted for the government, but the Jews who in their blindness were ignorant of the enormity of their crime.

IV. **The World Revealed** (vv. 34-43).

Jesus Christ on the cross is the supreme touchstone of human life. It is at the cross that the world's heart is revealed. Take a cross section of the world at any time since Christ was crucified, and representatives of the various classes therein were found around Jesus on the cross. In a real sense the cross is the judgment of this world (John 12:31).

1. **The Covetous** (v. 34). They gambled for his seamless robe right under the cross where he was dying. This represents those whose primary interest in Christ is a means to get gain. If they had had eyes to see they could have beheld a robe of righteousness being provided in his death to cover their sinful nakedness.

2. **The indifferent** (v. 35). "The people stood beholding." They gazed upon him with indifference. The great mass of the world still gazes upon the Crucified with stolid indifference.

3. **The scoffers** (vv. 35-39). a. The rulers reviled him for his claim to be the Savior (v. 35). They wanted a savior but not a crucified savior. Many today are religious but have only contempt for a salvation which centers in an atonement made by blood. They uttered a great truth when they said, "He saved others, let him save himself." He could not save himself and others, because God's plan was to save others by giving himself.

b. The soldiers reviled him for claiming to be a king (v. 36, 37). The title "King of the Jews" had been placed over him in bitter irony, but it was true, for by right of the Davidic Covenant he shall one day be King over Israel (II Sam. 7:16). Through his death he came into the place of Lordship over all who will acknowledge him. The fact that the superscription was in Greek, Hebrew, and Latin shows that he was to be King over all the world.

c. **The impatient malefactor** (v. 39). This brutal man joined in reviling the Savior, even though he personally was under condemnation.

4. **The penitent malefactor** (vv. 40-43). This conscious sinner who discerned the heart of the Savior prayed for mercy. He saw that the dying man was the forgiving God. The fact that he acknowledged his sin as against God showed that he was penitent. His request for Christ to remember him when he came into his kingdom shows that he recognized that the One who was dying on the cross was making atonement for sin and that he would one day come to reign as King. The salvation of this penitent thief was immediate. Christ said, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise."

V. **The Death of Christ** (vv. 44-46). So shocking was the crime that nature herself threw around the Son of God a shroud to hide him from the goddess crowd. Darkness was upon the land at noonday. When the price of sin had been paid, he cried with a loud voice, showing that he still had vitality, that his death was not through exhaustion but by his will.

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