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News Review of Current Events the World Over

President Returns From Vacation to Face Critical Test of His Administration Policies as Foes Stand Firm on Prevailing Wage Clause.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ended his vacation at Hyde Park and left for Washington where his administration faces serious trouble, involving the prestige of the White House. Capitol Hill is full of lively curiosity over the President's program, and whether he will fight the present congressional defiance of his leadership and go before the people with one of his famed fireside talks, or whether he will agree to a compromise.

Mr. Roosevelt at the end of his second year in office faces a predicament in his relations to congress similar to that which confronted Mr. Hoover in 1931.

Unless he regains control his entire program is likely to bog down. The fight hinges on the \$4,880,000,000 work-relief program, the first item in the President's budget message and the principal mainstay of his program. Secret conferences at which slices of pork were reported to have been dangled before the avid eyes of revolting senators were said to have been held. A few supporters of the McCarran prevailing wage amendment which wrecked the bill and forced its recommendation to the appropriations committee were said to be wavering under the pressure. Senator Robert F. Wagner, who voted for the amendment, acted as peacemaker. He intimated the possibility of a compromise by paying more than the so-called security wage of \$50 a month, but still lower than the prevailing rates. Other leaders declared they would not budge from their positions.

Since next year will bring another Presidential election, a third of the senators will be up for re-election, and all of the house members. They are watching closely the present situation because, if the President is slipping, they want their own records back home in good order.

MUSSOLINI has sent 5,000 more Italian troops to east Africa, making 10,000 that have been dispatched for the possible war with the empire of Ethiopia. With the latest contingent went Gen. Rudolfo Graziani, who will be in command of the expeditionary army. The soldiers were given a fine send-off at Naples, Crown Prince Humbert being present.

Mussolini has set European governments buzzing in a speech in which he repared defiance at Italy's foes, asserting that he could put eight million armed men in the field if necessary. Newspapers during the past few weeks have openly referred to the possibility of a war between Italy and Germany over Austria, and it was thought that Il Duce's speech was made to impress upon the Nazis that he was prepared to defend Brenner pass, although a part of the troops are being used in Ethiopia.

THE Blue Eagle lost another tall feather the other day, when Federal Judge Nields at Wilmington, Del., held that the collective bargaining provision of NIRA is unconstitutional when applied to companies not engaged in interstate commerce. The administration and organized labor immediately joined in a fight to preserve the validity of Section 7-A, and announced that an immediate appeal would be taken before the United States Supreme court.

The Wagner labor relations bill making Section 7-A the law of the land and outlawing company unions may have to be revised, if Judge Nields is upheld by the high court. The ruling also gives support to opposition now forming in congress against extension of NRA unless it is reorganized.

Judge Nields' ruling was on an injunction suit brought by the government against the Welton Steel company to enjoin the steel firm from alleged violations of Section 7-A of NIRA and the labor section of the fair competition code of the iron and steel industry. He upheld the right of employees to form company unions for collective bargaining, thus upsetting the claim of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, that the company intimidated employees and dominated the company union. The court held that the company is primarily engaged in state, not interstate commerce, which congress is not empowered to regulate. Judge Nields stated:

"Power to enact Section 7-A was not conferred upon congress by the 'gen-

eral welfare' recital in the preamble of the Constitution, nor by the welfare clause, Article I, Section 8, of the Constitution."

Unless the Supreme court reverses Judge Nields, the decision will prevent the New Deal from interfering with employee-employer relationships of a vast majority of American business.

New Deal policies received another jolt the same day when Judge Charles L. Dawson on application of 35 western Kentucky coal operators issued a writ enjoining the government from enforcing the bituminous coal code, reaffirming an earlier decision that the national industrial recovery act was unconstitutional. Judge Dawson declared that the coal mining is an interstate business, and beyond the power of congress to regulate.

He had previously issued a temporary writ, on petition of the operators on the ground of invalidity of the code, but the court of appeal remanded the case for a finding of fact on the question of irreparable injury. "When the government unconstitutionally interferes with the right of a citizen to do business in his own way, that interference constitutes an injury to the property rights of the citizen," said Judge Dawson, who labeled as fallacious the government lawyers' contention that gains resulting from the coal code should offset losses.

FEDERAL JUDGE W. I. GRUBB of Alabama gave the New Deal a sharp rap that threatens the great electric power development in the Tennessee valley. He ruled that the Tennessee Valley Authority has no legal authority to dispose of surplus power generated at hydro-electric plants on the Tennessee river. The administration is depending on this enterprise to bring about the lowering of private power plant rates, and it was believed there would be an immediate appeal from the decision.

In Washington especial note was taken of the fact that Judge Grubb made permanent an injunction restraining 14 north Alabama cities and towns from negotiating with the Public Works administration for loans to build electric distribution systems. There was speculation as to what effect, if any, this might have nationally on PWA's policy of giving financial encouragement to municipal power developments.

INTERNAL troubles continue to rock Cuba, and President Carlos Mendieta's regime appears tottering. Manuel Despaigne, the only member of Mendieta's cabinet who was in office, has resigned as secretary of the treasury, completing the rout of the ministry brought about by the school strike. And twelve assistant cabinet secretaries have also deserted the administration.

The cabinet resignations began over differences of opinion as to how to deal with the strike of several hundred thousand students and teachers which has developed into a national movement to oust the Mendieta administration. Communist-led labor organizations are ready to throw their strength behind a revolutionary general strike, and the situation is becoming critical. Although armed forces are being held in readiness to quell disorders, there is some doubt as to their loyalty to the president. Col. Fulgencio Batista, army chief of staff, was reported ready to throw his support to Dr. Carlos Manuel de la Cruz for president if the Mendieta government falls, but leaders of the anti-Mendieta movement have indicated Batista's choice would not be acceptable to them.

Terrorism continues rampant. Bombing has become general, railroads have been blown up, and Havana has suffered considerable damage to property.

POSSIBILITIES of a merger of Democrats with Republicans in fighting for repeal of the "pink slip" or income tax publicity section of the 1934 revenue act was seen as Representative Bell, Missouri, pleaded for immediate passage of his bill eliminating the publicity provision.

"Not only is there fear on the part of the people of the country on account of gangsters and racketeers," Bell asserted "but there also is concern among business men, because their competitors will have the opportunity of nosing into their secret files."

A SWEEPING investigation of NRA and charges of graft and corruption was started by the senate, when it passed the Nye-McCarran resolution for a finance committee inquiry after a series of floor conferences between the sponsors, administration leaders, liberal Democrats, and western progressives. Sponsors of the bill originally demanded a special committee to investigate NRA, but finally agreed to the finance committee handling the inquiry. Since the finance committee is headed by Senator Pat Harrison, administration follower, this may mean little. However, it is understood that Harrison agreed that counsel and professional investigators be employed, and also yielded to demands that the committee confer with McCarran and Nye in planning the investigation. If Harrison attempts to "whitewash" the NRA, it is rumored that Nye will take the floor to demand that the inquiry be placed in the hands of the judiciary committee.

THE Irrepressible Huey Long announced in Baton Rouge that he will be a candidate for governor of Louisiana in 1936. That may be just more Kingfish conversation. However, it is known that Long has not preferred the office he now holds, and there is some possibility that he may seek the chief executive's chair of his state. When asked what would become of his candidacy for the presidency, he said that being elected governor and being a candidate for president would not interfere with each other.

DETERMINED not to accept the McCarran-Federation of Labor prevailing wage amendment, the administration forces in the senate sent the work relief bill back to the committee. What will happen now to the President's big program is problematical. Senator Byrnes of South Carolina, one of the administration men, declared the measure had met its death.

Insisting he was expressing his own belief and not talking for the President, Byrnes said, "There is no prospect" of reviving the works program and "The committee probably will do nothing about it."

"The President stated that if the McCarran amendment were adopted he would not sign the bill," Byrnes said. "The senate adopted it, therefore, so far as the works part is concerned, the bill is gone."

Adoption of the McCarran amendment by the senate was brought about only after a hard fight and by means of a rather tricky shifting of pairs in which Huey Long took a leading part. It won by a margin of one vote, whereupon Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, moved that the bill be sent back to the committee. This was done, Senator Glass expressing the hope that the committee would report out a bill "that will not be quite so controversial."

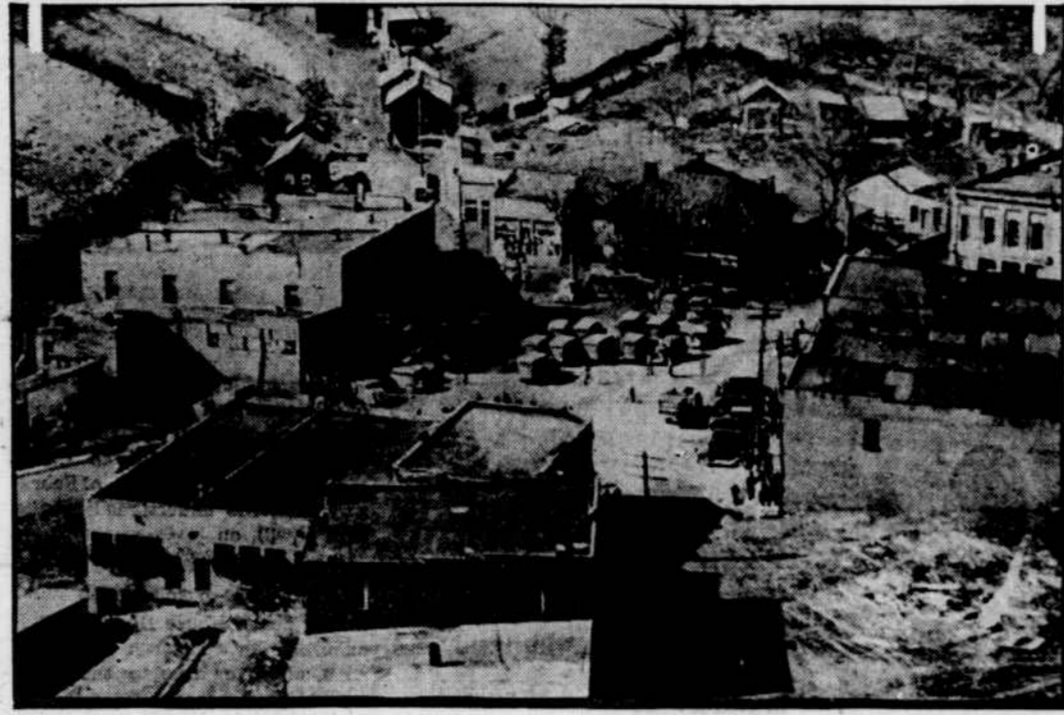
Senator Long, who loses no opportunity to pester the administration and to display his political shrewdness, has started a movement for the specification of \$2,500,000,000 of the work relief measure's total for the purpose of highway construction. Highway commissions in every state were asked by him to endorse this plan. Long said he had discussed it with some other senators and that they liked it.

CHANCELLOR HITLER has been forced to abandon his intensive campaign against the Jews. Economic pressure has caused Der Fuehrer to give up public manifestations of his cherished anti-Semitic policy, speeches at a meeting of political leaders and Nazi party members indicated. Boycotts, foreign-exchange difficulties and other troubles cannot be risked by the reich at the present moment.

THE Saarland after fifteen years under League of Nations rule returned to Germany. Baron Pompeo Aloisi, Italian chairman of the league's Saar committee, took over the reins from Col. Geoffrey Knox, British chairman of the territorial governing commission. The next day, Aloisi formally surrendered the Saar to Germany, and the German flag was hoisted over the territory for the first time since the World war.

CHANCELLOR KURT SCHUSCHNIGG of Austria paid a visit to Ramsay MacDonald, British prime minister, and was told that while Britain is all for maintaining the independence of Austria, return of the Hapsburgs in Austria and more British loans were strictly tabooed. Incidentally, Britain hinted that Austria might be a little more popular if it were a little less rough with the Socialists and trade unionists. Austria saw the light, and gave a half promise to be a little gentler. Everything was very friendly, but the Austrians came to London without invitation, and little effort was made to conceal official Britain's feeling that they would rather they had stayed at home.

Troops Move In to Clean Up Kentucky "Crime Zone"



KENTUCKY National Guardsmen moved secretly into Manchester, Ky., to carry out an order to "clean up" Clay county, whose bloody history led a federal investigator to call it "the worst criminal stronghold in the United States." The troops descended upon the town early in the morning in a surprise move by Gov. Ruby Laffoon to break up an alleged automobile theft ring and end other lawlessness. The town is practically under martial law, and Brig. Gen. Ellerbe W. Carter is in command. Photograph shows an air view of Manchester, Ky., with the state guardsmen camped in trucks in the center of the town.

Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

DANNY MEADOW MOUSE VISITS THE SMILING POOL

DANNY MEADOW MOUSE had taken it into his funny little head to go over to the Smiling Pool. Just why he did it nobody knows. Perhaps it was because he wanted to consult Grandfather Frog, who, you know, is accounted very wise. Perhaps he wanted to call on his big cousin, Jerry



"What Are You Doing Over Here, 'Danny Meadow Mouse'?"

Muskrat. Perhaps it was because he felt uneasy and wanted to go somewhere for a change of scene. Whatever the reason, Danny unexpectedly appeared one morning on the bank of the Smiling Pool.

The very first person he saw was Grandfather Frog sitting on his big, green lily pad. "Good morning Grandfather Frog," squeaked Danny.

Grandfather Frog turned about in a funny little hop of startled surprise and blinked his great, goggle eyes at Danny Meadow Mouse. "Chugurum," said he in a deep gruff voice. "What are you doing over here, Danny Meadow Mouse?"

"Nothing in particular," replied Danny.

"People who are doing nothing in particular are very likely to get into

trouble. Don't you know that, Danny Meadow Mouse?" demanded Grandfather Frog.

"Oh, I guess I can keep out of trouble around here. You're looking very fine, Grandfather Frog. You don't look a day older than when I last saw you."

"I don't feel a day older," replied Grandfather Frog, and his voice was not quite so gruff. You see, it rather tickled him to be told that he looked no older. "Of course I'm glad to see you, Danny," he continued, "but just the same I think you are taking chances in coming over here. Long-legs the Blue Heron comes over here almost every day, and I have an idea that he would just as soon and perhaps a little rather, have a fat Meadow

Mouse for his dinner as an old frog like me."

"I believe you're not glad to see me at all," declared Danny. "You are trying to scare me."

"No such thing," replied Grandfather Frog gruffly. "But I never like to see anybody take unnecessary risks. You know, I believe in safety first. Now what would you do if Reddy Fox should suddenly appear right behind you? You would be in a tight place. There isn't a thing for you to hide under, and hiding in the grass wouldn't do you a bit of good, for that keen nose of Reddy's would soon find you."

"Reddy isn't here, so what's the good of borrowing trouble?" squeaked Danny. "It's time enough to worry when there is something to worry about. Did you ever know a finer day, Grandfather Frog?"

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Indian Village Modern
Indian Village, adjacent to Juneau, Alaska, boasts a modern sewage system constructed largely by Indian labor.

QUESTION BOX

by ED WYNN, The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I am a boy twelve years of age and have been offered a job after my school hours. I am supposed to set 15 rat traps in the basement of an office building every day. Is it hard to learn to set a rat trap?

Sincerely,
I. D. CLARE.

Answer: It is very easy to learn how to set a rat trap after you once get your hand in.

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I am the mother of a girl seventeen years of age. I want her to take up golf, tennis, swimming and other outdoor sports. She refuses and stays in the house. She says she prefers indoor sport. Are indoor sports all right for a girl her age?

Truly yours,
I. WORRIE.

Answer: An indoor sport is all right for a girl, if she knows when to send him home.

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I have a girl friend who is a good swimmer. She told me, yesterday, that she once fell off a boat into the water and a large shark came after her, looked her over, then went away without even touching her. Do you believe that?

Yours truly,
IKE ANTBEE LEEVIT.

Answer: Sure I believe it. It must have been a man-eating shark.

Dear Mr. Wynn:

My husband, who was a fireman, was discharged by the city. The only reason given in his discharge was "For acting childish at the last fire." What do they mean by saying, "he acted childish?"

Truly yours,
HOOKEE LADDER.

Answer: Your husband probably was in charge of the hose crew and "by

acting childish," they mean he played on the ruins after the fire was out.

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I am in love with a boy twenty-one years of age. He wants me to marry him but he is a spendthrift. Is it all right for me to marry a spendthrift?

Yours truly,
WANDA WHATEDU.

Answer: It is all right if he is just starting on his career as a spendthrift. Get in on it, kid.

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Mother's Cook Book

THIS AND THAT

CANDIES make a delicious garnish for simple desserts, and save the time necessary for preparing more elaborate ones. A bit of chocolate or maple fudge crumbled over ice cream, cornstarch pudding, custard, or junket, makes an otherwise plain dessert very stylish.

To make an old dust mop practically as good as new put a large tablespoonful of concentrated lye in a pail half-full of boiling water and let the mop boil in it. Rinse thoroughly several times and put in the sun to dry.

One or two tablespoonfuls of kerosene put into the boiler with the clothes will whiten them.

Begin early and start right with the child; this is especially important if he is to be a strong, well and an efficient citizen.

The normal child eats with zest the food placed before him. Dawdling over food or refusing to eat it will need hard work to overcome. It is far easier to form good habits than to break bad ones.

If the child is accustomed to a variety of foods very early, before he begins to form likes and dislikes, he will like and eat everything as he grows older.

It is the very exceptional child who is made ill by certain foods; of course, one must eliminate them if it is found

WITTY KITTY

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM



The girl chum says a garden is something that never has been known to live up to promise of the seed catalogue.

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to be a real case. Some children feign illness and nausea to gain attention and something refused.

One's methods in dealing with the food question must vary with the child. It will work with some to insist on the food on the plate being eaten before he has dessert. If not hungry enough to eat the food on the plate, he is not hungry enough for dessert. A word of praise, a reward, often brings the desired result. As children are people, they should be treated as such; no two individuals enjoy exactly the same things, so we must be tactful in dealing with little people.

It is wise to look over the supply shelf often and keep it well filled, for with the holiday season, many unexpected calls may be made upon it.

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Spruce Wood for Violins
Spruce wood from the United States Northwest coast may well equal European woods for violin making if carefully selected and seasoned, says an authority on woods.

Eyes of Scientific World on Student



ROBERT J. WEST, University of California sophomore, is going through his daily school work with the eyes of the scientific world upon him. The reason is that West is so sensitive to sunshine that he sunburns in three minutes. No part of his body is immune from the effect. Red cellophane has been put over his workroom window to protect him from the sun. Photograph shows Robert J. West (in sweater) in the University of California's "Red" room, conducting an experiment with a fellow student.