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## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### Chancellor Hitler's Defiance of Treaty Provisions Alarms Europe; Drouth Threat Causes Wallace to Lift Restrictions on Spring Wheat Planting.

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GERMANY, having recently boldly announced that she was now possessed of a military air force in violation of the Treaty of Versailles, still more boldly declares she is no longer bound by the obligations of that pact and proposes to build up an army of about 480,000 men, comprising 12 corps of three divisions each. This was the decision of the cabinet, which decreed compulsory military training throughout the reich. The exact number of men in the army will be determined by a law to be enacted later.

This was Chancellor Hitler's reply to the action of France's chamber of deputies in accepting Premier Flandin's plan to increase the term of conscript service in the French army to 18 months and subsequently to two years. Germany considered that France was "dealing the last blow to disarmament," and Hitler, rushing to Berlin from Berchtesgaden, directed the action of the cabinet and issued to the German nation a rousing appeal for full support. He declared that the failure of other nations to reduce armament as called for in the Versailles treaty had released Germany from all treaty obligations, and that while the reich had only peaceful intentions, it must re-arm to protect its territorial integrity and maintain the respect of the world as a guarantor of European peace.

France is in no mood to take Hitler's defiance "lying down." An appeal was sent to the League of Nations to convene an extraordinary council to deal with Germany's violation of the Versailles pact. The note hinted at the possibilities of economic sanctions (penalties) against Germany which might result in a boycott. An attempt is being made to force Britain into an alliance with France, and the mission of Sir John Simon, British foreign minister, to bring Germany back into the comity of European nations is regarded as seriously compromised. France and Italy insist that Simon go to Berlin as spokesman of the three powers, and not as the representative of Britain alone. Premier Mussolini is said to be backing France, and is alleged to be the prime power in a scheme to revive the pre-war policy of encircling Germany with a ring of steel.

President Roosevelt expressed his hope that his "good neighbor" policy might be extended to Europe as a basis for peaceful settlement of the tense situation. Just how the President expects to prevail upon those traditional enemies to become "good neighbors" was not fully explained. He declined to say whether this government will send a note to Germany protesting abrogation of military provisions of the separate treaty with this country. Although the United States is not a signatory to the Versailles pact, the separate peace treaty negotiated with Germany includes the military phases of the Versailles treaty. Many people in this country feel that United States intervention in the European dispute is neither necessary nor advisable.

GOV. MARTIN L. DAVEY of Ohio, charged by Federal Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins with "corruption" in Ohio relief, went before the state senate and demanded a thorough investigation. He defied Hopkins to come to Ohio for trial on a warrant he had secured charging Hopkins with criminal libel. Hopkins had alleged in a letter that he has proof of "corruption" of relief administration in Ohio including soliciting of funds for campaign purposes from firms that sold relief materials. Hopkins, through C. C. Stillman, FERA regional officer, has taken over administration of Ohio relief. Department of Justice attorneys in Washington declare they stand ready to defend Hopkins, but there was no indication that Hopkins would go to Ohio, although he may change his mind. The spectacular blowup is said to have had its inception in the 1934 political campaign. Davey made campaign speeches charging that Ohio relief was mismanaged, and particularly aimed his barbs at Cleveland. This irked Cleveland leaders since relief there had been administered through a non-political group, which later became the official Cuyahoga county relief administration. Hopkins often took note of

the fact that Cleveland's relief committee was "one of the best in the country." Later Davey pledged himself not to touch the Cleveland organization, but is said to have ousted several members, and repeated old charges. Cleveland leaders took the fight to Washington.

Ohio Democrats stand firmly behind Davey. The Democratic delegation in the Ohio legislature appealed to President Roosevelt "to right the wrong which has been done our governor" and Francis W. Poulson, Democratic state chairman, summoned to appear before the grand jury, delivered a scathing attack on Hopkins. Poulson charged that Republicans in high government offices "have betrayed the President," and named Hopkins as "one who could be expected to tear down the Democratic party."

CLARENCE DARROW, foe of NRA, and author of the famous report which attacked NRA more than a year ago, assailed the administration's economic theories, including the national recovery act, in his testimony before the senate finance committee. The famous lawyer whose sharp speech and fiery courtroom tactics have made him famous, denounced NRA as playing into the hands of big business, the destruction of the "little fellow." He argued that NRA attacked the problem from the wrong angle and that the real trouble lay in faulty distribution, thus assailing the theory of scarcity. Darrow swept aside statements that NRA had helped organized labor, reduced unemployment and abolished child labor, with an assertion that it would have happened anyway. "The panic put an end to child labor," he said. "There wasn't any room for it while fathers and mothers were out of work."

"There is no question that small business has suffered under the NRA," Darrow continued. "It has suffered more than it would have suffered otherwise."

The suffering due to continued concentration of wealth would have gone on anyhow, he said, but added that NRA accelerated it. "I am not an optimist," he added. "I may be an idiot, but not a cheerful idiot."

RESTRICTIONS on planting spring wheat have been removed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, who fears the effect of another widespread drouth. The year's first crop report showing that farmers intend to plant 17,847,000 acres of spring wheat is said to be responsible for Wallace's about face. Last year the acreage was 18,521,000 acres. The administration is convinced that the government and farmers have a duty to protect consumers against a wheat shortage, he said. Farmers will plan an additional 900,000 to 2,300,000 acres as a result of the new order, and will harvest between ten and thirty million bushels more, Wallace estimates. Spring wheat normally constitutes about one-fourth of the nation's crop. He denied that the European situation pointing to a possibility of increased sales had anything to do with the new decision. Farmers under contract who plant their full spring wheat acreage will receive full benefit payments, but in return will be required to agree to reduce production in 1936 by the amount asked in next year's contract plus the amount they would have reduced this year. There is no indication that the corn acreage control program for 1935 will be altered.

DONALD R. RICBERG was named by the President to head a reorganized NRA board, taking the place of S. Clay Williams, resigned. At the same time the President increased the group governing the Blue Eagle agency from five to seven. A White House statement emphasized the change was made to accelerate the drive to push extension of the NRA through congress.

BY A vote of 202 to 191, the house voted to substitute the Patman currency expansion bill for payment of the soldiers' bonus for the "sound money" plan of Representative Vinson. A boisterous house thus defied President Roosevelt's warning that he will veto immediate payment of the adjusted compensation certificates.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is looking ahead to 1936. Authoritative word has reached the Capital that he wants all controversial administration legislation cleared away at this session; so that congress can meet for a short and harmonious session prior to the 1936 Presidential campaign. Besides the relief bill, Mr. Roosevelt is said to be specially anxious to have congress pass his social security program; utility holding company legislation; a bill continuing NRA for two years; transportation regulation co-ordination; banking legislation; ship subsidy and increase in the capital of the Home Owners Loan corporation. If this can be cleared from the calendar, it may prevent any serious party squabbles that might interfere with plans to bring about Roosevelt's reelection. The White House is seriously concerned over rumors that congress may scrap a good part of the administration's controversial legislation.

MUSSOLINI'S answer to the latest note on the Abyssinian situation postpones approval of the proposal that differences be decided by an international commission on conciliations "at least until the futility of direct negotiations has been proved." Il Duce made a counter-proposal suggesting that the Italian minister to Abyssinia and the Ethiopian foreign minister get together for a series of personal conferences, go over all the data, and attempt to settle the dispute without the necessity of conciliation under the direction of the League of Nations. Direct negotiations are said to have the approval of both the French and British.

SPRING arrived in the West with a stifling dust storm which shrouded the country from eastern New Mexico to the Great Lakes. Powdered soil whipped up from the drouth-scoured prairies hid the sun, and beat relentlessly upon the senses. A dozen deaths were reported, due to suffocations, dust-induced pneumonia and traffic accidents. Freight trains were rolled to sidings, and passenger trains crept along on slow orders. Schools were closed in a number of communities in western states. Wheat prices jumped from 2 to 3 1/2 cents a bushel as winds cut into the dry Southwest, and Governor Landon of Kansas appealed to President Roosevelt for aid.

THE government is ready to sell gold to foreign nations that can offer an attractive proposition, Secretary Morgenthau announces. Recent sales to the Bank of Mexico and to Guatemala, Morgenthau points out, have cleared the way to similar negotiations with other countries, although he emphasized that no other transactions are being considered at this time. No conditions were attached to the transactions already consummated. In the dealings with Mexico virtually all her silver sales have been made to this country.

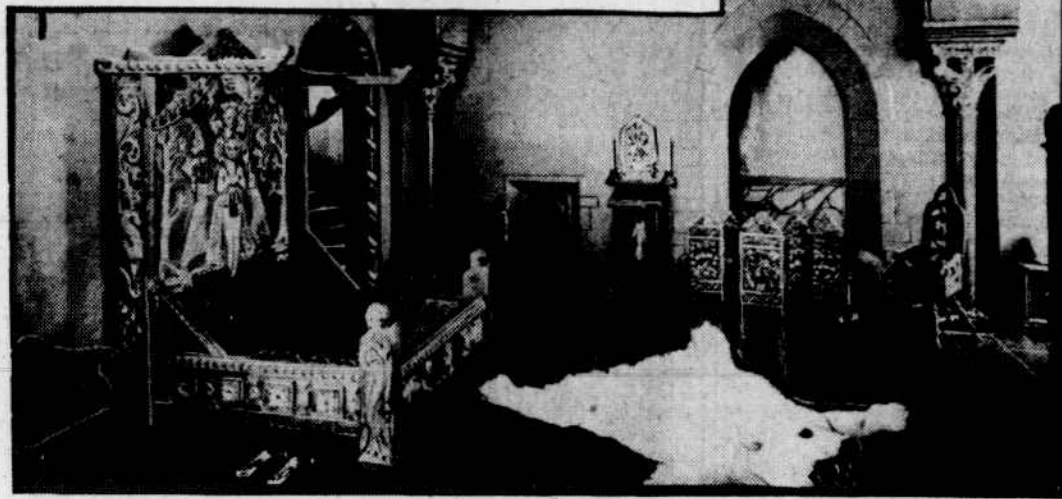
COMPROMISE and White House pressure brought about the defeat of the McCarran "prevailing wage" amendment to the work relief bill in the senate, and administration leaders were confident that the measure would be laid before the President free of the deadweight of the amendment. The deadlock over the amendment was broken when Senator Richard B. Russell, Jr., of Georgia proposed a substitute which leaves the President free to pay "security wages," officially estimated at \$50 a month, provided they do not adversely affect the wage scale in private industry; and providing that the prevailing wage must be paid on all permanent federal building projects. This way out, which had been approved by the White House, was accepted by the senate by a vote of 83 to 2, after the McCarran amendment had been defeated, 50 to 38. The two votes against the compromise were cast by Metcalfe of Rhode Island and Hale of Maine, both Republicans. Before the vote on the McCarran amendment was taken Senator Glass announced he was authorized to say that if it prevailed President Roosevelt would veto the measure.

Senate action finally developed into a race to pass the measure before Huey Long returned from Louisiana. Administration forces defeated three attempts to slash the bill, and overrode protests of old line Democrats that the bill imperils the nation's credit. Senator Glass, chairman of the appropriations committee in charge of the bill, solemnly asserted: "I stand on my prediction that this tremendous appropriation will impair the credit of the United States."

WILEY POST'S second attempt to fly from Los Angeles to New York through the stratosphere in record-breaking time ended at Cleveland, where he was compelled to come down because his supply of oxygen was running short. He said he would have "passed out" in a few minutes if he had not descended to breathable air.

## Screen Star Builds Miniature Doll House

THE doll house of Colleen Moore, screen star, is a fairy castle of incomparable beauty—a work of love which has made the world's most exquisite and costly toy a veritable shrine to the little god of miniature. Created by a score of famous artisans over a period of nine years and at a cost of \$435,000, the enchanted capital of fairyland soon is to be booked on a world tour for millions to see. Proceeds from exhibitions throughout the United States and abroad will be donated to hospitals for crippled children. By this means more than \$1,000,000 will be realized from showings which will



require a three-year schedule of bookings in every city in the United States and all foreign capitals. Constructed of aluminum and copper with fantastic angles and sky-sweeping turrets and steeples, no semblance of architectural convention is found in this giant abode of little people. Resting on the summit of a rugged precipice, the castle, which is nine feet wide and nine feet long, rises fourteen feet into the air and weighs approximately 6,000 pounds. The house, excepting rivets, contains more than 200,000 pieces, being a mechanical marvel of unprecedented intricacy, yet practicability. Equipped throughout with mechanical wonders in miniature, the house boasts of a solid golden cathedral organ standing nearly fifteen inches high, which plays through an elaborate electrical system via remote control. Miss Moore's famous doll house also has the world's smallest electric light bulbs, each being the size of a grain of wheat and imbedded in sockets with the circumference of pinheads, in a golden chandelier, strung with glittering, pear-shaped diamonds. The doll house, wired with an electrical system requiring months of labor and experimentation, is controlled with a series of transformers and switches for each room. All lighting, with the exception of flood-lighting in the gardens, is indirect, with more than 400 small-watt bulbs being utilized in the system. Water tanks on turrets and in the dungeons of the castle feed live fountains in the kitchen, garden and bathrooms. The tanks, on emptying, play beautiful chimes in the steeples every ten minutes automatically. Operated by electricity, a magic feathered nightingale perches on a lavender glass tree in the Garden of Aladdin and sings full-throated, joyful tunes. The doll's house contains eleven rooms, Aladdin's Magic garden and Noah's entrance hall. The furnishings throughout the house represent years of effort in collecting in every part of the world. They are in scale an inch to the foot and are probably the most priceless in existence. Photograph shows the prince's bedroom in Colleen Moore's doll house.

## Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

### WHAT DANNY MEADOW MOUSE DID

TO GRANDFATHER FROG, watching from the safety of the Smiling Pool, it seemed that Danny Meadow Mouse hadn't the least chance in the world. There he was on the bank of the Smiling Pool with water in front of him and Reddy Fox creeping up right behind him. To try to run back would be to run right into Reddy's mouth. There wasn't a place for Danny to hide.

"I told Danny he was foolish to come over here," muttered Grandfather Frog. "I'm rather fond of the little fellow, and I hate to think that I shall never see him again."

Grandfather Frog saw Reddy start to spring on Danny Meadow Mouse and closed his big, goggle eyes so that he would not see the dreadful end of Danny. He expected to hear Danny's last despairing squeak, but instead he heard a splash. Grandfather Frog's big, goggle eyes flew open, and then he gave a grunt of surprise. On the bank where Danny had been a second before was Reddy Fox, and if ever there was an angry and disappointed Fox, that one was Reddy. And there in the Smiling Pool itself was Danny Meadow Mouse swimming straight out toward the middle as if he were quite as much at home in the water as his big cousin, Jerry Muskrat himself.

From the way he headed it was quite clear that Danny intended to swim across the Smiling Pool to the other bank. "Chugurum!" exclaimed Grandfather Frog. "Chugurum! Bravo, Danny Meadow Mouse! Bravo!"

Danny made no reply. He was too busy. He couldn't waste his breath

talking. Besides, he was afraid he would swallow some water and choke. So he kept right on swimming as hard as ever he could. The truth is, Danny was in a hurry to reach the other bank. While he wasn't afraid of the water, he was afraid of certain folks who live in the water. He knew that Snapper, the great, big Snapping Turtle lives in the Smiling Pool, and that nothing would make him happier than



So Danny swam with all his might for the other bank of the Smiling Pool.

A fat meadow mouse for his dinner. Then Danny couldn't help but think of Billy Mink. If Billy Mink should happen along, well, Danny didn't like to think of it. You see, Billy Mink is also fond of fat meadow mice.

So Danny swam with all his might for the other bank of the Smiling Pool.

## Parisians Take Their Tea in a Stable



A NOVEL tea shop has been set up in a stable on a farm situated near the Bois de Boulogne in Paris that is proving quite popular with the ladies of the smart set. A large pane of glass is all that separates the tea drinkers, who seem to prefer the fresh milk to the tea, from the stables and if they wish they may try their hand at milking the cows.

## YOU AND I TOGETHER

By ANNE CAMPBELL

YOU and I together  
Have shared adversity.  
Our faith has tumbled mountains  
Of care into the sea.  
We've faced small tribulations  
With laughter in each heart;  
But what has life to offer  
For you and me, apart?

You and I together  
Are strong to conquer Fate,  
But separate, how stony  
The path to heaven's gate!  
I do not fear life's sorrows,  
But I should miss the start,  
And never reach the hilltop,  
With you and me, apart!  
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## MINUTE MAKE-UPS

By V. V.



If you are going to wear a veil—and many of the new hats flaunt them—be sure you rouge up close to your eyes to make their color brighter. If the veil extends past your lips, use a brighter lipstick than usual.

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### Growth of Fishes

The growth of fishes probably decelerates with age, but under favorable circumstances it never stops. If fish growth were shown on a graph, the weight curve would show a steady upward line, but the length curve would ascend rapidly at first, then almost straighten out. That is because as the fish grows large, the corresponding increase in girth tends to make the weight increase rather constant.—Detroit Free Press.

## QUESTION BOX

by ED WYNN, The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I am a man twenty-four years of age and extremely bashful. I am madly in love with a girl my own age and would like to marry her, but I am too bashful to even broach the subject. I will never get over my bashfulness, and do not know what to do. Can you give me an idea that will help me?

Yours truly,  
O. B. O'GOSH.

Answer: The next time you call on her get the conversation switched around to the different kinds of drinks there are in the world. Then each of you take turns asking each other which drink you prefer. Now you're all set. When she asks you: "Do you like tea," turn to her and say: "Yes, but I like the next letter better."

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I went to the circus yesterday, and in one of the side shows there was a

skeleton of a horse. The man said it was the skeleton of a horse that was ridden by "Richard the Third." I am a student of Shakespeare and I was surprised at this, as I always understood he didn't have a horse; in fact, he offered his kingdom for a horse. What do you think of the situation?

Yours truly,  
ELLA PHANT.

Answer: Very simple. The skeleton you saw is of the horse he offered his kingdom for.

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I am a young and rather attractive looking blond girl. I am in love and go with a handsome boy about my own age. He is a professional baseball player. My mother says it is wrong for me to go with a baseball player, as he is in a wicked business. Is this true?

Sincerely,  
A. FOUL.

Answer: Tell your mother baseball is not wicked. If she looks in the Bible she will read: "Rebecca took a pitcher to the well."

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"Giving the janitor the cold shoulder for tips all summer," says ironic Irene, "will lead him to make it hot for you all winter in his own way."  
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## DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is a pyramid?"  
"First open shop job."  
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