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Roosevelt's Veto of Bonus Bill Overridden by House, Upheld by Senate—Ford Boosts Wages—Hitler's Peace Program.

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SETTING a new precedent, President Roosevelt "acted as his own messenger" and personally returned to Speaker Byrnes the Patman bonus measure with his disapproval. Before a joint session of the house and senate and crowded galleries the Chief Executive read his veto message, an able and well ordered document in which he set forth his conviction that "the welfare of the nation as well as the future welfare of the veterans wholly justifies my disapproval of this measure." Asserting that an able-bodied citizen, even though he wore a uniform, should not be accorded treatment different from that of other citizens, he said:

"The veteran who is disabled owes his condition to the war. The healthy veteran who is unemployed owes his troubles to the depression. Any attempt to mingle the two problems is to confuse our efforts."

Mr. Roosevelt's stern warning against the dangers of inflation inherent in the measure was listened to in silence, though there was mild applause at other times. All his argument was in vain so far as the house was concerned, for as he left the chamber there were quick demands for a vote and by the time he had reached the White House the representatives had overridden his veto and again passed the bill by a vote of 322 to 98. In the affirmative were 248 Democrats, 64 Republicans, 7 Progressives and 3 Farmer-Laborites. Those voting to sustain the veto were 60 Democrats and 38 Republicans.

The re-passed bill was laid before the senate by Vice President Garner, and Senator Thomas insisted on the reading of the veto message in that body. Action was postponed for one day because a lot of the senators wanted to make speeches.

The debate in the senate was long and perfunctory, and quite unnecessary because the result of the vote had been a certainty for several days. Fifty-four senators voted to override the veto; but 40 supported the President, and only 32 were needed to kill the measure. Three members had switched over from their stand when the bill was first passed. They were Pittman of Nevada, Pope of Idaho and Coolidge of Massachusetts, all Democrats. The only absentee was Norbeck of South Dakota.

BONUS advocates and inflationists were prepared for further action in various ways. One plan was the introduction of a bill to draw \$2,000,000,000 to pay the bonus from the work-relief appropriation, out of which the President has already approved the allocation of about \$1,000,000,000 for immediate work projects. Other measures, as riders to navy or legislative appropriation bills, were being drafted. So there was a prospect of a great tangle in the administration's legislative program.

IN ITS annual statement the Ford Motor company discloses that it made a gain of \$3,759,311 in 1934 over the previous year, to a total of \$580,276,391. Just before these figures were made public, the company announced that the minimum daily wage of its employees would be raised from \$5 a day to \$6, adding \$2,000,000 a month to the pay roll. The Ford and Lincoln plants in Detroit and all other cities share in this revision of the wage scale.

Henry Ford began boosting the wage scale back in 1914, and in answer to adverse criticism of economists, he made the pay increase a policy of his company. He put the minimum wage at \$9 in 1919 and ten years later raised it to \$7, where it remained until the end of 1931. With the depression it fell back to \$4, but in March, 1934, a raise to \$5 was made.

MISS JANE ADDAMS, "first citizen of Chicago," internationally famed as a social worker and peace advocate, has gone to her reward, and her passing is deeply mourned by the many thousands of poor and unfortunate persons for whom she had made life more endurable. She started her real life work in 1889 among the Italians and other foreigners on Chicago's West side, founding Hull House, which grew into the most famous social settlement in America. Later her activities were

extended to the amelioration of sweatshop conditions, the child labor problem, and then to the matter of international peace. During the war she was made president of the women's international peace conference at The Hague, and she interviewed the officials of virtually every one of the belligerent nations. Three times she presided at the sessions of the International Congress of Women, and she was prominent in many humanitarian movements. But it is as the head of Hull House and the tireless friend of the poor and underprivileged that her memory will live longest.

GOV. MARTIN L. DAVEY of Ohio withdrew the warrant charging Federal Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins with criminal libel, so the administrator was able to visit Cleveland and make a speech without being arrested. The governor said that "all the objectives which were sought have been accomplished and no good purpose can be served by carrying on guerilla warfare."

FIRST of the list of projects to be undertaken under the works relief program is the Passamaquoddy tidal power scheme, and there is a lot of grumbling because it was placed at the head of the line by the President himself. This project was once turned down as an economic by Secretary Ickes, the assertion being that it would cost too much in comparison with the returns that might be expected, would take too long for completion and was in a region where so much work relief was not needed. But Mr. Roosevelt, whose Campobello summer cottage is near the location of the proposed dam site, is said to be personally interested in the project, believing it will bring new industries to the area.

Anyhow, this big Maine project is to go ahead, and Maj. Philip B. Fleming of the army engineers corps has been chosen to take charge of the construction. Major Fleming has been serving in the PWA for some time but has been released for this Eastport work.

IN ADDITION to the Passamaquoddy project, calling for \$10,000,000, about a billion dollars in work-relief allotments were given verbal approval by the President, these having been favorably passed by on by the allotment board. Included in this program are extensive rivers and harbor works throughout the country, and a \$100,000,000 integrated works program for Wisconsin. The latter was planned by Senator La Follette and his brother, Governor La Follette, and approved by the administration.

IN AN executive order the President established pay rates under the \$4,880,000,000 work-relief measure, dividing the country into four sections in setting regional wages. Pay will range from \$19 a month for unskilled laborers in the South to \$94 a month for professional and technical workers in the East. The wages will be from 20 to 30 per cent below the prevailing wage rate structure throughout the country.

REICHSFUHRER HITLER, appearing before the reichstag, outlined a 13 point program for disarmament and the improvement of international relations, and did it so well it cannot well be ignored by the other nations of Europe. He again rejected the resolution of the League of Nations council condemning him for the re-arming of Germany, but said Germany might return to the league if that body divorced itself from the principles of the Versailles treaty and from the "psychology of victors and vanquished" and "after Germany is granted full equality rights, extending to all functions and privileges in international life."

To the great satisfaction of Great Britain, Hitler promised to respect the territorial clauses of the Versailles treaty, which, he said, could not be modified by unilateral action. He declared Germany was willing to sign non-aggression pacts with all her neighbors except Lithuania, and to agree to an arms embargo if others would do the same. Also the reich is ready to sign an air convention supplementing the Locarno pact.

ETHIOPIA, in a note to the League of Nations council, defied the Italian war preparations and gave warning that she "would yield neither to intimidation nor to violence." Capt. Anthony Eden and Pierre Laval tried in vain to persuade Baron Aloisi, Italian delegate, to accept a gift of exclusive economic privileges in Ethiopia in exchange for saving the league's face and keeping a united front in Europe. The statesmen in Geneva began to believe there was no way of stopping Mussolini's African adventure. The Rome government is decidedly exasperated against Great Britain, charging that the British are promoting the shipment of war materials to Ethiopia through British Somaliland. Emperor Haile Selassie has just bought a large fleet of bombing planes from Turkey, some of which were sold to the Turks by British firms.

MANEUVERS of the Pacific fleet were marred by another fatal airplane accident. A seaplane plunged into the ocean 40 miles south of Midway Island and the six members of its crew were lost. The victims were: Lieut. Harry Brandenburger, Lieut. Charles J. Kelly, Aviation Chief Machinist's Mate P. C. Litte, Chief Radioman C. M. Derry, First Machinist's Mate P. J. Proteau and Third Machinist's Mate Q. A. Sharpe.

WHEN Dennis Chavez was brought into the senate to be sworn in as successor to the late Bronson Cutting of New Mexico, six "liberal" members silently walked out of the chamber in protest against the efforts that had been made to unseat Mr. Cutting. Those who participated in this unprecedented action were: Senators Hiram Johnson, California; William E. Borah, Idaho; George Norris, Nebraska; and Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota, Republican Independents; and Robert M. La Follette, Wisconsin Progressive; and Henrik Shipstead, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite.

RUSSIA'S immense airplane, the Maxim Gorky, largest land plane in the world, was destroyed when it collided with a small training plane over a Moscow suburb, collapsed at a height of 2,000 feet and fell in ruins. All on board, 48 in number, were killed, as was the pilot of the small plane.

SECRET hearings were opened by the house military affairs committee to investigate charges that the Tennessee Valley authority already has squandered \$1,000,000 of government money in questionable awards of contracts for dynamite and powder and through other irregularities. Arthur E. Morgan, head of the TVA, and his two fellow directors, David Lilienthal and Harcourt A. Morgan, were summoned before the committee.

The charges are contained in an audit of the TVA made by Comptroller General J. R. McCarl. Some of the irregularities he claims to have uncovered are:

The awarding without competitive bidding of a contract which obligated the government for an indefinite sum of money, estimated at \$615,000.

Overpayments of an original contract by as much as 120 per cent.

Awarding of contracts, in contravention of law, to firms which were not the low bidders, with one contract going to a bidder who was seventh from low.

Failure to require one large contractor to post performance bond and at the same time the payment of fees to this contractor in advance, despite a legal prohibition against advance payments.

Solicitation of bids by telephone or circulars among a certain group of private business houses, or in other irregular ways.

The inquiry came as the administration was trying to get the house committee to report favorably the bill, recently passed by the senate, providing more money for the TVA and enlarging its scope of operations.

HOUSE leaders were hurrying toward passage the administration's amendments to the AAA act, enlarging the powers of that organization, the demand of opponents for long debate being denied. It was certain this measure would arouse controversy in the senate. Jobbers and retailers of foodstuffs, of whom there are about 911,000 in the country, are much disturbed by these proposed amendments for the measure extends to them the processing taxes now imposed on food manufacturers, makes them subject to regulations not yet specified and requires that each one be licensed by the AAA.

CROWN Prince Frederik of Denmark and Princess Ingrid of Sweden were married in Stockholm in the presence of a brilliant assemblage. A week of activities preceded the ceremony, attracting great throngs to the Swedish capital.

City That Has No Smoke or Grime



MASON CITY, WASH., is one of the cleanest cities in the world, having neither chimneys nor grime, for electricity supplies heat and light for all its buildings. It has a population of 3,000 workers on the Grand Coulee dam project, and their families.

Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

AN ENEMY PROVES TO BE A FRIEND

The things we do and things we say. (Tis true though hard to believe it so) Affect the lives of other folk More often than we ever know.

SO it is that friends often hurt each other and in the same way enemies help each other without the least idea of so doing. It is a funny world. It certainly is a funny world. You think only of yourself and straightway do the greatest possible kindness or an equally great harm to some one of

out to be caught. Then Hooty the Owl and Mrs. Hooty arrived in a tree close by and Danny overheard Mrs. Hooty tell Hooty that she had seen and heard some one moving down below and that she intended to stay right there until she found out who it was. Danny at once thought that she was watching for him. But when he had had time to think a little he remembered that he hadn't so much as poked his nose outside that hollow log since the coming of Mrs. Hooty, so of course she couldn't have seen him. Could it have been Billy Mink she had seen? Danny at once became very much interested and crept a little nearer the



Danny Overheard Mrs. Hooty Tell Hooty That She Had Seen and Heard Some One Moving Down Below.

whom you are not thinking at all, and never know anything about it. Just take the case of Mrs. Hooty and Danny Meadow Mouse. Danny always thought of Mrs. Hooty, just as he did of Hooty, as one of the enemies he must always be on the watch for after dark, and Mrs. Hooty always thought of Danny Meadow Mouse simply as a good dinner if only she could catch him. The idea of doing Danny a good turn never in all her life had entered her head. Nor had the idea that she could do such a thing ever entered Danny's funny little head. Yet Mrs. Hooty did do Danny a good turn. In fact, all unknowingly she proved to be a friend.

You remember that Billy Mink had trapped Danny in a hollow log in the Green Forest. Billy couldn't get into that hollow log because the doorway was too small. So he promptly told Danny that he would keep watch until Danny starved to death inside or came

DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is worry?" "Carbon in the cylinder." © Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.

QUESTION BOX

by ED WYNN, The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: In the past ten days I have read in the newspapers of thirty-four men committing crimes. I discovered, by keeping tabs on them, that twenty-eight of the thirty-four men ran away to Canada. How do you account for that? C. KLUSIVE.

Answer: I am surprised, as I thought everybody knew that it was the only place "Toronto."

Dear Mr. Wynn: Don't you think a man will succeed better in life if he goes by the following rule: "Live and let live"? Truly yours, HAMMOND EGGS.

Answer: That is a great rule for every one excepting a butcher.

Dear Mr. Wynn: A friend of mine has just returned from a trip through the South American tropics and he said that sometimes, while walking along, he would sink 10 and 12 inches in the ground. What struck me rather peculiar was his assertion that farmers lived there



That Washington, D. C., in proportion to its size, has more trees than any other city on the globe—its only rival being Buenos Aires. Seen from the air, the city is one mass of living green. © McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WNU Service.

doorway. He wanted very much to see what was going on outside.

For some time nothing happened. Then he heard Hooty's voice way off in the distance. He crept just a wee bit closer to the doorway and peeped up in the top of the tree where he had heard Mr. and Mrs. Hooty talking. He was just in time to see a great dark shadow sweep silently down. He heard a spiteful snarl and knew then that Mrs. Hooty had tried to catch Billy Mink and had missed him. And he knew, too, that, having escaped, Billy would waste no time hanging about there, but would seek a safer place.

Danny let a little sigh of relief escape. Mrs. Hooty had frightened Billy Mink away and did not herself know that Danny was there. He was no longer trapped. She who would gladly have eaten him had proved a friend by setting him free. Didn't I say that this is a funny world? © T. W. Burgess—WNU Service.

sweetening is a great convenience, as it sweetens at once and does not drop to the bottom like sugar and has to be stirred to be dissolved. Those who like honey use it often in preference to sugar, as it is the best sugar to give children, being easily digested.

When company drops in and needs quick refreshment on a hot day, try an orange ginger ale. For each person combine two-thirds of a cup of orange juice, one-third of a cup of ginger ale, pour over a glass of cracked ice and serve at once. For a delightful ice cream soda serve a glass two-thirds full of orange juice and add a ball of vanilla ice cream. Stir rapidly and serve. Orange juice with lemon juice is liked by many as a combination drink. Iced coffee served as an ice cream soda drink is most delicious. Drop in the ball of ice cream and serve at once. One should remember when serving these refreshing drinks that they are not only cooling to the body, delightful to the palate, but are supplying the body with needed minerals and vitamins for health.

THE UNKNOWN

By ANNE CAMPBELL

I DO not know which way the road may lead Tomorrow. My soul may tremble like a broken reed To sorrow; But though unknown the dark untraveled way, I have Today!

This day is steeped in joy! Each shining minute Has gladness in it. No black forebodings steal the skies' clear blue; The sun shines through. And golden lies the path that winds this hour To love in flower.

I have Today! I face it gratefully, Intending. No matter where the road that's meant for me Is winding To walk it as the saints their hard way trod, With faith in God!

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Back Drapery



In this lovely gown cascading back drapery is held at the hips with a half round crystal clip. The tightly fitted bodice with draped shoulder covering is fastened in front with tiny glass buttons. Gay field flowers are on the black crepe.

Fighting Fire With "Airfoam"



THIS is a scene at Feltham, England, during a demonstration of the "airfoam" apparatus which extinguishes fires in quick time with a smothering action. A mixture of 90 per cent air, 9.5 per cent water and 0.2 per cent soap produces a foam seven times lighter than water, which excludes air from the seat of combustion and can be pumped to great heights.