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Laval in Uncomfortable Position as Anglo-Italian Relations Grow Worse—Senator Vandenberg "Not a Candidate."

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PIERRE LAVAL, premier of France, found himself in a tight place because of his efforts to retain the friendship of both Great Britain and Italy and to keep his government from being upset by its foes at home. In the process of trying to find a way to bring about a peaceful settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war, Laval proposed that Britain withdraw its big home fleet from the Mediterranean to mollify Mussolini. This suggestion was laid down flatly.

The cabinet gave hearty approval to the policy at Geneva of Capt. Anthony Eden and Samuel Hoare, secretary for foreign affairs. Its stand was reported to be substantially this: Mussolini will respect nothing but force. He would interpret any withdrawal of Britain's Mediterranean forces as a sign of weakening. If Mussolini wants to clear the way for Italo-Ethiopian peace talks, let him halt his armies in Ethiopia and accept league terms as basis for negotiation as Ethiopia already has done.

Furthermore, the British government called on Laval for a definite reply to its question whether France would cooperate with the British fleet if there were an open break with Italy. The French answers to this query had been too wobbly to suit Downing street. Particularly the English wanted to know if their fleet would be permitted to use the French naval dockyards. It was believed that if Laval could not satisfy the British, the latter would withdraw from active leadership in the League of Nations and refuse to renew the Locarno commitments on which France relies for protection against Germany.

DISPATCHES from the African war front are subjected to so severe a censorship that they are not only unsatisfactory but often quite unreliable. All kinds of sensational stories are circulated and some of them may be true. One such is the report from Djibouti, French Somaliland, that Italians killed a number of British Somaliland subjects near the Ethiopian frontier, some of the victims being members of the camel corps that is a part of the colonial army. British Vice Consul Lowe heard, also, that Italians had gassed and shot a lot of cattle and goats in British Somaliland.

Certainly relations between Italy and Great Britain were growing worse daily and there were many predictions that the two nations would be at each other's throats before long. The British have been in a deadly cold humor ever since they found out that Mussolini's friends had been trying to stir up an anti-British revolt in Egypt. Now the border between Egypt and Italian Libya is the scene of swift concentration of troops on both sides.

SENATOR ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG of Michigan, who has been mentioned frequently as a possible Republican nominee for the Presidency, came back from a summer tour of Europe and declared flatly he is "not a candidate for anything on earth." He did not attempt to predict who would be named by the Republicans, but did say he felt the G. O. P. would win in 1936.

"I think President Roosevelt wrote his obituary in his first speech in congress in March, 1933," he said, "and historians will show it, when he said 'most liberal governments have been wrecked on the rocks of loose fiscal policies and we must take care to avoid that.'"

Liberal spending by the New Deal was defended by Senator Fletcher of Florida, chairman of the senate banking committee. In an interview he said that "government activities" and expenditures have restored about \$10,000,000,000 of bank credit lost in the \$21,000,000,000 deflation of 1930-33. "Business is going to get the benefit of that. The money the government is putting out is going to people who are putting it in the banks. It is increasing purchasing power and likewise expanding the credit facilities of the banks."

The senator expressed the belief

business was "reviving," declared relief and other emergency expenditures would drop as continued improvement was shown, and predicted many work projects would be of lasting benefit.

IT DOESN'T take much these days to cause the Republicans to rejoice. The latest event hailed by them as a harbinger of victory next year was merely a by-election in Massachusetts to fill a vacancy in the state senate. The district normally is Republican and this time as usual a Republican was elected. The reason for the G. O. P. shouts was found in the decreased vote polled by the Democrats, and the fact that Salem, a mill town and former Democratic stronghold, was captured by the Republicans.

Democratic leaders said that the issues in the election were purely local and that the reverse at most was a rebuff for the administration of Democratic Gov. James Curley.

VICE PRESIDENT JOHN GARNER and a large number of senators and representatives sailed from Seattle for Manila to represent the United States at the formal establishment of the Philippines commonwealth and the inauguration of President Manuel Quezon on November 19.

For the first time in history both the President and the Vice President were outside United States territory at the same time. Secretary of State Hull was the ranking official left in Washington and consequently was the temporary head of the government. However, Mr. Roosevelt was in close and continual communication with the capital by wireless throughout his cruise.

IN SOME quarters Col. Theodore Roosevelt is credited with considerable influence among the Republicans of the eastern states, and often he is mentioned as a possible Presidential candidate. Another potential candidate, strong in the West, Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, recently wrote to C. Leonard Roosevelt proposing that the 1936 Republican campaign be based on a "trust-busting" issue. The colonel turned down the plan. He replied that, while he was in sympathy with the senator's attitude on monopolies, he felt there are many other issues as great or greater. Among these he named "scandalous waste of the people's money, government extravagance, multitudinous taxes, and attempts to subvert our type of government."

"I entirely agree," Colonel Roosevelt wrote, "that monopolies are evil, for I am a firm believer in the established American principle of competition. I have stated this over and over again during the last eighteen months. 'I do not agree, however, that this will be the major issue of the campaign.'"

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT turned his back on the Pacific and began his return voyage on the cruiser Houston. The vessel was started through the Panama canal while the President went to Fort Clayton and other posts to inspect the garrisons, and to the new Madden dam on the Chagres river. He boarded the cruiser at Pedro Miguel locks and, with President Arias of Panama and Mrs. Arias as guests, proceeded to the Atlantic.

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM L. SIBERT, one of the three men who really built the Panama canal and last surviving member of the canal commission, died at the age of seventy-five at his country home near Bowling Green, Ky. He was buried in Arlington National cemetery with full military honors.

General Sibert's career as engineer and soldier was distinguished. He was made brigadier general by special act of congress for his services in connection with the building of the Panama canal. During the World War he commanded the 1st division of the A. E. F.

He retired in 1920 to engage in private engineering work and subsequently served as chairman of the Alabama state docks commission in construction of the state docks at Mobile. From 1925 to 1932 he was chairman of the Boulder dam commission, and in 1929 and 1930 was president of the American Association of Port Authorities.

JOHN L. LEWIS, president of the United Mine Workers, and his industrial union bloc lost a hot battle when the American Federation of Labor, in convention in Atlantic City, voted to continue the policy adopted last year in San Francisco. This policy was to organize workers in mass production industries, such as automobile and steel, along industrial lines with due protection of the rights of craft unions.

Lewis and his followers proposed that the mass production industries be organized, one union for each industry, with the craft unions kept out altogether.

PARLIAMENTARY elections in Canada resulted in the defeat of Premier Richard B. Bennett and the Conservatives who have been in control since 1930. The next premier will be Mackenzie King, leader of the Liberals who won 158 out of 245 seats in the house of commons. The new deal policies of the Bennett government were repudiated by the electors.

In the program outlined by King, in case he won, the great emphasis was laid on relieving unemployment and lowering tariffs back to 1930 levels. A reciprocal trade agreement with the United States was one of his strong arguments. Nationalization of the Bank of Canada, to control credit inflation and deflation was another plank.

One immediate result of the Liberal victory was the resignation of W. B. Herridge as Canadian minister to the United States, effective when the new administration takes hold. Herridge is a brother-in-law of Premier Bennett and his appointment to the Washington post was severely criticized by King during the campaign.

CAROL, king of Rumania, celebrated his forty-second birthday at his summer palace in Sinala, and as the family gathered for the occasion Mme. Magda Lupescu, the king's intimate friend, arrived unexpectedly from Paris. The Peasant party had intended to make the day, notable by "anti-Lupescu" demonstrations, hoping this would help to keep her in exile, but her return confounded the leaders.

The agitation against Magda has now taken a decided antisemitic turn, her enemies circulating broadsides calling attention to her Jewish origin and charging that through her influence a large number of Jews are getting easy jobs in the public service.

The peasant leaders also redistributed a statement of Julius Manlu, outstanding foe of Mme. Lupescu, that she is "responsible for almost every ill which befalls Rumania."

"I am a monarchist," Manlu's statement continued, "but every Rumanian should receive a good example from the palace. The crown must respect itself."

CONSTITUTIONALITY of two New Deal projects—the AAA processing taxes and the TVA operations in generating and selling power in competition with private power companies—is to be determined by the Supreme court of the United States, and an early ruling on both is expected.

Among the court's negative rulings was a refusal to consider the latest habeas corpus proceedings brought in behalf of Thomas Mooney, California's most famous prisoner. The court also refused to hear an attack on a law which strengthened the political machine of the late Senator Huey P. Long of Louisiana.

SECRETARY WALLACE should welcome the announcement by the American Liberty league that its committee of 58 noted lawyers has volunteered to defend small potato growers against the potato control law. Not that Mr. Wallace intends to violate the act by growing unlicensed spuds, but he has declared he is so opposed to the law that he will try in every way to avoid enforcing it.

FOR about twenty years John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has owned a 60-acre tract of land at the upper end of Manhattan Island, known as Fort Tryon park, and has cared for it and beautified it. Now he has presented it to New York city as a public park—truly, a magnificent gift. The land, which is valued at \$6,000,000, extends from One Hundred Ninety-second street to Dyckman street.

DON JUAN of Bourbon, the twenty-two-year-old son of former King Alfonso of Spain, and the Infanta Maria de la Esperanza of the Sicilian house of Bourbon, were married in Rome, blessed by Pope Pius and started for London on a honeymoon trip that probably will take them around the world, including a visit in the United States. The young man is of international importance only because he is the heir presumptive to the Spanish throne, and there are chances that the monarchy will be restored by the Spaniards.

"Save Your Old Inner Tubes," Says Miami



THESE girls at the Roney Plaza Cabana Sun club in Miami Beach, Fla., looking for something new to swim in, have taken old inner tubes of automobile tires and are fashioning them into the latest in bathing suits. One tube is enough for three suits.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

LIGHTFOOT VISITS PADDY THE BEAVER

DEEP in the Green Forest is the pond where lives Paddy the Beaver. It is Paddy's own pond, for he made it himself. He made it by building a dam across the Laughing Brook. When Lightfoot the Deer bounded away through the Green Forest after watching the hunter pass through the hollow below him, he remembered Paddy's pond. "That's where I'll go," thought Lightfoot. "It is such a lone-some part of the Green Forest that I do not believe that hunter will come there. I'll just run over and make Paddy a friendly call."

So Lightfoot bounded along deeper and deeper into the Green Forest. Presently through the trees he caught the gleam of water. It was Paddy's pond. Lightfoot approached it cautiously. He felt sure he was rid of the hunter who had followed him so far that morning, but he knew that there might be other hunters in the Green Forest. He knew that he couldn't afford to be careless for even one little minute. Lightfoot had lived long enough to know that most of the sad things and dreadful things that happen in the Green Forest and on the Green Meadows are due to carelessness, often only a moment's carelessness. No one who is hunted, be he big or little, can afford ever to be careless.

Now Lightfoot had known of hunters hiding near water, hoping to shoot him when he came to drink. That always seemed to Lightfoot a dreadful thing, an unfair thing. But hunters had done it before and they might do it again. So Lightfoot was careful to approach Paddy's pond up wind. That is, he approached the side of the pond from which the Merry Little Breezes were blowing towards him, and all the time he kept his nose working. He knew that if any hunters were hidden there, the Merry Little Breezes would bring him their scent and thus warn him.

He had almost reached the edge of Paddy's pond when from the farther shore there came a sudden crash. It startled Lightfoot terribly for just an instant. Then he guessed what it meant. That crash was the falling of a tree. There had been no sound of axes, so he knew it could not have been chopped down by men. It must be that Paddy the Beaver had cut it.



"The world may be round," says soliloquizing Elizabeth, "but everybody on it seems to be pretty flat."

and if Paddy was working by daylight it was certain that no one had been around that pond for a long time.

So Lightfoot hurried forward eagerly, but still cautiously. When he reached the bank he looked across towards where the sound of that falling tree had come from. A branch of a tree was moving along in the water and half hidden by it was a brown head. It was Paddy the Beaver taking the branch to his woodpile.

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Mother's Cook Book

THE DAY OF LEFTOVERS

IN EVERY well-regulated home there will be nice food which should not be slighted because it is left over. One housekeeper cleverly gets everything eaten by serving a tray with small dishes, nicely warmed and seasoned and each member of the family may have a choice. The food never goes begging.

Leftover baked potatoes make most delicious creamed potatoes, having quite a different flavor from the freshly cooked or boiled ones.

In these days of vegetable plates one may have a hot vegetable plate

with a few spoons of peas, beans, tomatoes, cabbage or onions. Such a meal is often preferred by those who realize that they eat too much meat.

One large grapefruit when carefully peeled and the sections (minus their covering) placed on tender lettuce with a sprinkling of shredded almonds and a good dressing, makes the best of salad.

By the way, our beauty dietitians tell us that a dozen almonds a day with an apple, banana or a glass of fruit juice is one of the best luncheons for beautifying the complexion. The almonds must be carefully masticated.

Rice and Meat Mold.

Mix two cups of boiled rice with one-half teaspoon of salt and line a buttered mold with two-thirds of the mixture. Mix two cups of chopped cooked meat with one cup of soft bread crumbs, salt, paprika, two tablespoons each of chopped onions, celery and parsley; add two beaten eggs, one-half cup of milk and pour into the mold. Cover with the remaining rice. Over the top place a thick waxed paper. Set into hot water and bake in a moderate oven 35 minutes.

Tomato Sauce.

Take two cups of tomatoes, two slices of onion, two bay leaves, two celery leaves, four whole cloves, one teaspoon of salt, one-fourth teaspoon of paprika, one-half teaspoon of sugar and one cup of water. Cook together slowly for 20 minutes. Strain and add to three tablespoons of butter and four of flour that have been well blended. Cook until creamy.

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DOWN ST. CLAIR COUNTY WAY,

By ANNE CAMPBELL

DOWN St. Clair County way, the summer lingers. The Dawn comes leading Day with rosy fingers. There is no hint of autumn rain. The wildwood is green and fragrant as the lane to childhood.

The bees are humming still. Midsummer gladness Brings to the silver rill no hint of sadness. The winter snows will fall, but in the glowing Red sunshine, green and tall the corn is growing.

Down St. Clair County way, were I a sparrow, I'd fly at close of day straight as an arrow. Alone in the dark wood, I'd need no guiding. For in the solitude a dream is hiding.

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Military Touch



Coq feathers cascade in military fashion from the top of this olive green felt toque. The rolled brim is bound with gold silk braid.

Do YOU Know—



That goldfish in their native waters are not the colorful fish that you see in the aquariums? It was the Chinese—many years ago—who first took wild goldfish out of their streams and evolved the beautiful colorings so common today.

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QUESTION BOX

by ED WYNN, The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: Is it true the best way to make a vegetable speak is to cut out the inside of a melon and make it hollow? (holler). Yours truly, Q. KUMBER.

Answer: Your guess.

Dear Mr. Wynn: Is it unlucky to postpone your wedding day? Yours truly, L. M. DOINGIT.

Answer: Not if you keep on postponing it.

Dear Mr. Wynn: My brother and I have an argument for you to settle. He says the "Eye Teeth" are the last teeth people get; while I say it's the "Wisdom Teeth." Please tell us who is right? Yours truly, DENT. L. FLOSS.

Answer: You are both wrong. The teeth which people get last are "False Teeth."

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am writing a play but can't seem to get a finish for it. I have it all completed up to the last curtain. The last scene shows the heroine starving to death. What do you suggest for a finish? Yours truly, LENA GAINSTMEE.

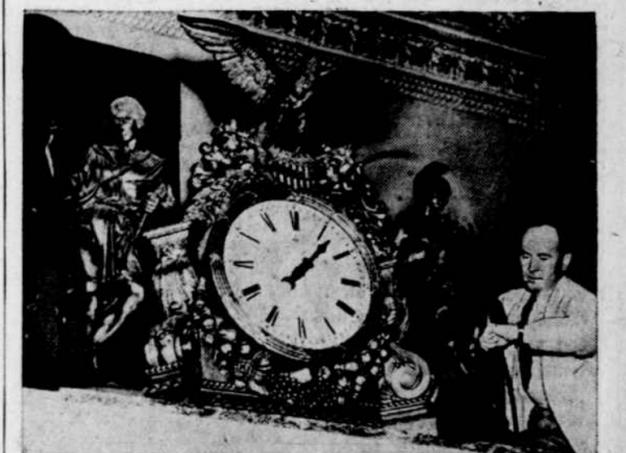
Answer: Have the heroine kneel on the stage, lift up her hands and beg for bread, then have the curtain come down with a roll.

Dear Mr. Wynn: I met a young chap from Atlantic City. He told me that in his home

there is something that runs all over the floor of his basement yet it hasn't any legs. As you know everything, what can that be? Sincerely, C. SAULT.

Answer: Water. © Associated Newspapers. WNU Service.

Someone Stole the Minute Hand



KENTUCKY Colonel C. H. Emerson, floor manager in charge of the majority side of the house, inspects the famous clock below the gallery of the house of representatives. Sad to relate, a tourist had "borrowed" the minute hand, the same one that was set back so often last session so that it would not be later than 12 when the house adjourned. As a result the chamber has been locked until the next session convenes.