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## News Review of Current Events

### GREEN SHAPES WAGE BILL

Dictates House Amendments . . . Thousands Flee China, Expecting War . . . Housing Measure Stirs Up Senate

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SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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#### Where Was John Lewis?

WILLIAM GREEN, president of the American Federation of Labor, emerged as the administration's favorite son in matters affecting labor as he was permitted virtually to write his own amendments to the house version of the wages and hours bill. The senate had passed the bill, 56 to 23, only after President Roosevelt had called Green to the White House and persuaded him to give lukewarm approval to the measure, with the understanding that the house would amend it.

Southern Democrats in the senate, led by Pat Harrison of Mississippi, bitterly opposed the bill, but their motion to recommit it to committee was defeated, 48 to 36. The same vigorous opposition was expected from Dixie's representatives in the house labor committee, but the "Green amendments" (so called because of the federation president's complete domination of the committee meeting) patched up the essential differences.

The bill, as passed by the senate, would create a labor standards board empowered to set minimum wages up to 40 cents an hour and maximum work weeks down to 40 hours. The house committee had intended to extend the limits to permit the board to set wages at 70 cents and hours as low as 35. Under Green's influence the house committee decided to accept the senate provisions on this part of the measure, but the scope of the board was greatly curtailed by an amendment which would permit it to deal only with employers who maintain "sweatshops" and "starvation wages" through fake collective bargaining agencies.

The "Green amendments" in brief are:

- Board jurisdiction over wages and hours in any industry only if it finds that collective bargaining agreements do not cover a sufficient number of employees or facilities for collective bargaining are ineffective.

- Acceptance of wage-hour standards established by collective bargaining in any occupation as prima facie evidence of appropriate standards in that occupation.

- Board cannot alter wage-hour standards already prevailing in occupation in community considered, or establish classification in any community which affects adversely the prevailing standard in the same or other communities.

- Industries are protected against prison-made goods.

- "Label provision" of original act is eliminated to protect industry from what is considered a nuisance.

- Government work is removed from the board's control and placed under the Walsh-Healey act.

Chairman Mary T. Norton (D., N.J.) of the labor committee indicated the bill would be brought up in the house under a special rule and speedily passed.

#### \$700,000,000 for Housing

HAVING disposed of wages and hours legislation, the senate took up the Wagner-Steagall low-cost housing bill. This would authorize the flotation of a \$700,000,000 bond issue by a United States housing authority. To meet operating expenses of the program's first year, \$26,000,000 would be appropriated immediately. The proposed bond issue was cut from \$1,000,000,000 as a compromise with the Treasury department, which objected to so high a figure.

The bill would aid low-cost housing projects in two ways. It would make loans to the full amount of contracted projects, aiding the repayment of the loans by direct grants if the sponsors kept rents sufficiently low; or it would make direct grants not to exceed 25 per cent of the cost of a project. Under this latter method, the President would be authorized to make an additional 15 per cent grant from relief funds, to be used only for the employment of labor. Sponsors would be required to contribute at least 20 per cent of the cost.

Over the protest of administration leaders, including Senator Wagner and Majority Leader Barkley, the senate adopted an amendment by



A. F. L's WILLIAM GREEN . . . leaves White House with a smile.

Harry F. Byrd (D., Va.) limiting the cost of the housing projects to \$4,000 a family or \$1,000 a room. Wagner objected, principally on the grounds that this would not be sufficient for projects in New York city, where it is believed much of the money will be spent.

#### Flee from the Rising Sun

WAR was still officially undeclared, but all signs indicated that Japan was making ready to prosecute a long-term conflict in North China and that the Chinese were everywhere preparing to withstand the advance of the Japanese army. Steady streams of refugees pouring out of the area while they had the chance revealed the opinion of masses of people that a great war was inevitable.



Gen. Chiang Kai-shek

Tokyo was hurrying soldiers to the front.

In the Fengtai-Lukouchiao district southwest of Peiping, 30,000 veteran Japanese troops massed for an attack upon five divisions of China's central government army, numbering approximately 60,000. Including the remnants of the twenty-ninth army, driven from Peiping by the Japanese, there were said to be 100,000 Chinese. Both sides were well equipped with airplanes.

Latest news from the Madrid front indicated that a rebel attack in the Usera sector southeast of the city had been repulsed by machine gunners and dynamiters.

#### El Caudillo Is the Boss

INSURGENT Spain has a "head man" and also has a name for him now. In Germany things are bossed by "Der Fuehrer," and Italians scurry to obey "Il Duce." Now Rebel Spain has dubbed Gen. Francisco Franco "El Caudillo." Throughout the realm on walls and fences are signs bearing the motto, "Homenaje el Caudillo"—"Obey the leader." And the people salute him by raising the right arm.

Franco's followers are protesting that he is not a fascist, but he has never announced just what form of government he will propose for the nation. There is said to be a scheme afoot to shape it along the lines of Portugal's corporative government. Since he openly declared on July 19 that he believes the restoration of a monarchy is vital to cohesion of Spain, it is believed that this is what he will eventually effect. Prince Juan, third son of the former King Alfonso XIII, is the likely candidate for the crown.

#### Women Hear War Cry

ONE of China's chief agitators for war was Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, Wellesley-educated wife of the dictator. She urged women to fight Japan "according to their ability," citing the fashion in which the women of Spain are occupying the fighting lines.

"In the World war the women of every country gave their best," she declared. "The women of China are no less patriotic or capable of physical endurance."

"China is facing the gravest crisis in its history. This means we must sacrifice many of our soldiers, masses of our innocent people, much of the nation's wealth and see ruthlessly destroyed the results of our reconstruction."

#### U. S. Keeps Naval Pace

INDICATIONS were that both the United States and Great Britain would embark upon unusually large peacetime naval building programs in 1938.

Britain, according to reports in London, will lay the keels for from three to five battleships, six or seven cruisers and a proportionate quota of destroyers, submarines and smaller craft, to surpass the 1937 total of 684,000 tons, a peacetime record. It was also reported that personnel would be increased ultimately by 125,000.

With the placing of additional 1937 contracts, Britain will soon have 110 vessels under construction. These will include: 5 battleships of 35,000 tons, 5 aircraft carriers, 8 cruisers of 9,000 to 10,000 tons, 5 cruisers of 8,000 tons, 7 cruisers of 5,300 tons, 16 superdestroyers of 1,650 tons, 18 submarines of from 540 to 1,520 tons, 12 sloops and 10 motor torpedo boats.

Admiral William D. Leahy, chief of American naval operations and acting secretary of Uncle Sam's navy, said in Washington that congress will be asked to provide funds for the construction of two battleships and two cruisers in the 1938 fiscal year. The admiral inferred in a press conference that the United States expects to keep pace with other nations which are planning extensive naval building.

#### 14 Lost in Flying Boat

IT WAS believed 14 persons were lost in the Caribbean sea when the Santa Maria, luxurious new flying boat of the Pan American-Grace Airways, crashed 20 miles off Cristobal, in the Canal Zone, after nearly completing a scheduled flight from Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Last radio reports from the pilot indicated he was trying to spiral down to the surface of the sea in a torrential rainstorm. Two United States submarines, cruising the area in the hope of picking up some survivors, found part of the airliner's shipment of mail, an engine casing, a few other parts and a bucket of ice cream floating in the water. It was feared the pilot, copilot, steward and 11 passengers, mostly Americans, were locked in the cabin and lying on the bottom of the sea.

#### Wedge to Split Loyalists

AS THE battle of Madrid continued to rage, Gen. Francisco Franco's eastern army was driving an ever-widening wedge into the territory near the junction of Teruel, Cuenca and Valencia provinces 100 miles east of Madrid. His object is to impose a barrier between Madrid and the loyalist government's capital at Valencia.

Government forces all along the line of advance were reported surrendering or fleeing. Insurgents claimed to have captured large numbers of automobiles and supplies of arms, munitions and clothing.

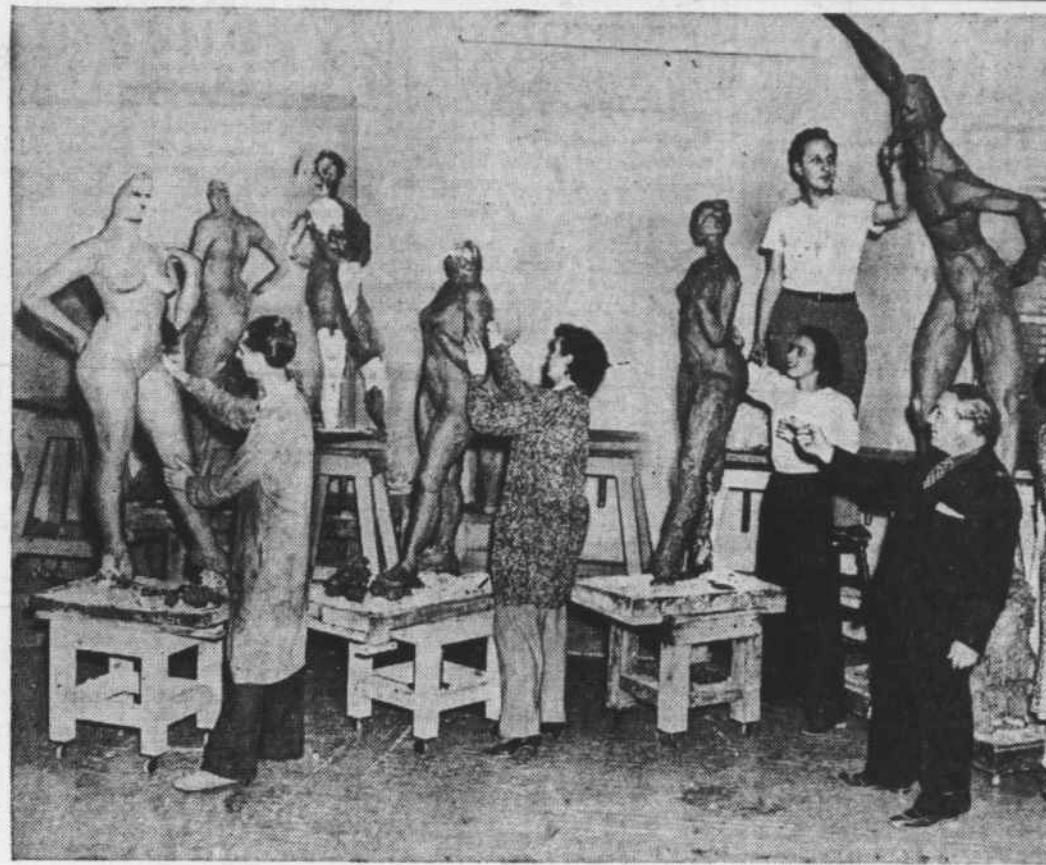
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### This Doesn't Mean All Collegians Are Chiselers



Elkins Park, Pa.—When students return soon to their studies at Temple university, they will resume their lessons in sculpture. They are shown here learning modeling under the direction of Boris Blai in the university's Stella Elkins Tyler school of fine arts. Classes in bronze casting will follow.

### GOONIE STOP

by Thornton W. Burgess

#### SAMMY JAY CALMS DOWN

EVERYBODY on the Green Meadow and in the Green Forest who heard Sammy Jay thought he had gone crazy. He certainly acted as if he were crazy. He couldn't sit still long enough to answer questions, but flew here and flew there, and flew everywhere, all the time screaming so fast that he mixed his words all up. It was no wonder that his neighbors thought Sammy Jay was crazy.

But he wasn't. No, sir, he wasn't. He was just excited, terribly excited



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#### Rough Rider



A dyed quill shading from bright red to dark green is stuck through the upturned brim in a new version of the "Rough Riders" hat. The body of the hat is henna-red felt. The rounded crown is low.

### Always Beautiful

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

ZINNIA, gardenias, it's all the same to me, There isn't any difference, as far as I can see. Hothouse flower's or ones like ours, I always think and say That anything is beautiful, is pretty in a way. Buttercup or gutter pup, an orchestra, a bird, Always something to be seen or something to be heard, Alleyway or valley way, a country road, a street, Always something to be found, and always something sweet.

Silken hose or cotton clothes, it's all the same to me, There isn't any difference, as far as I can see. Womenfolk are human folk, whatever they may wear, Whether cotton, whether silk, I never really care. Janitors and senators, in overalls or what, Something good in all of them, the rest to be forgot. Fellowmen, if yellow men, or white or black or red, Chilly till they find a fire, and hungry till they're fed.

Many things and penny things, it's all the same to me, There isn't any difference, as far as I can see. All we own, however known for property or lands, All we own is in our hearts and never in our hands. Things we love are far above whatever we possess, Things we feel, not things we have, will bring us happiness. What we need, not much indeed, and then our loves and dreams. And life is always beautiful, or so it always seems.

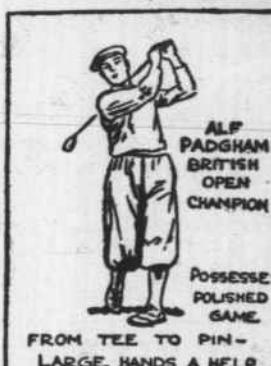
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paint is not intended to be exposed to weather; yet when a window is open, the window sills are no better protected than if they were outdoors. For this reason it is paint on the inside window sills that first becomes damaged. For protection, window sill paint and the paint on other nearby parts of a window can be given a coat of spar varnish. This, of course, is glossy but even so, it is better than the cracking, peeling, and even disappearance of the paint.

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### GRAPHIC GOLF

By BEST BALL



ALF PADGHAM—BRITISH OPEN CHAMPION

POSESSES POLISHED GAME

FROM TEE TO PIN—LARGE HANDS A HELP

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### SETS PRO PACE

ALF PADGHAM was the British professional golfer of the year 1936. His crowning achievement was winning the British Open title but even prior to this event he had won several major events. His yearly earnings total as well as his average score would compare favorably with that of high bracketed American pros. To win such an amount of money in English tournaments, one must have a monopoly on the prize events and it is just such a golf tycoon that Padgham proved to be. Padgham can put plenty of power and subsequent distance to his drives but they are not the result of great physical leverage but rather the product of smooth, leisurely swinging. This is the hallmark of the consistent golfer who can shoot par golf for round after round. Bobby Jones once observed that he had never known a first class golfer who did not possess large hands and feet. Padgham can boast of the former in good measure. To the English observer they compare favorably with Harry Vardon's, which means the ultra in British praise. While Padgham's game is now well rounded there was a time when his putting was the weak sister of his game. Practice cured this and his smooth flowing stroke is now good enough to more than hold its own with golf's greatest.

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### FIRST-AID TO AILING HOUSE

By ROGER B. WHITMAN

#### DULL DOOR KNOBS

TWO years ago a Colonial house was built in my neighborhood; small but very charming in design and appearance. It was quickly bought and occupied. The new mistress was very proud of it, and tried to keep it in its new condition. But inevitably, it began to deteriorate. One thing that greatly troubled her was the appearance of the hardware of the front door; the door knob and its plate, the push button and the knocker. When new, these were shiny brass, and weekly polishing was part of the house-mistress' schedule. After a year or so, however, she found that the metal no longer responded.

A glance was enough to show that the brass did not go all the way through; that it was only on the surface. The body of the hardware was steel, and was exposed as polishing took off the brass plating. The builder saved a little money for himself in using brass-plated steel instead of solid brass, although at the most it could not have been more than a dollar or two.

My advice was to replace the cheap metal with other pieces of solid brass, which could be had at any well stocked hardware store. One disadvantage of steel hardware is that in time the paint

### MOPSY



BUT I DON'T NEED THE EXERCISE—I WALK IN MY SLEEP!  
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