

**News Review of Current Events**

## CHINESE QUIT NANKING

Chiang Will Lead His Armies Against the Invaders . . . Congress Is Expected to Enact Tax Law Revision



Looking as if he had just bitten into a sour, very sour, pickle, Norman H. Davis, chief of the American delegation to the nine-power conference in Brussels, is pictured chatting with British foreign minister Anthony Eden (left) and French foreign minister Yvon Delbos (right).

### Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

#### Chinese Flee From Capital

NANKING, capital of China, was abandoned as the seat of the government because of the rapid advances westward of the Japanese forces. Officials were being scattered in several cities, the central point being Hankow, on the Yangtze 300 miles west of Nanking. One army of the invaders was moving from Shanghai on Nanking, and another was about to attack Tsinan, capital of Shantung province in North China.

China, however, was far from giving up the fight. It was reported in Shanghai that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had resigned as president of the executive council in order to lead his troops in a final effort to stop the Japanese and win the war. H. H. Kung, it was said, would succeed Chiang in the presidency. He is finance minister.

Thousands of civilians and foreigners were fleeing from Nanking. But military authorities remained there and declared the city would not be surrendered to the Japanese without a desperate fight.

If the Japanese penetrate the powerful "Hindenburg line" anchored on Soochow, Changshu, and Kashiing, the Chinese were expected to fall back to new positions stretching from Kiangyin, on the Yangtze river, to Wusih, 100 miles east of Nanking.

Paris heard that Japan was threatening to establish a naval blockade of the Chinese coast if any nations attempted to send supplies to the Chinese armies.

#### Airplane Crash Tragedy

GRAND DUKE GEORGE OF HESSE, his wife, mother and two little sons and six other persons were killed when a Belgian air liner crashed and burned near Ostend. They were on their way to attend the wedding of the duke's brother Ludwig in London. Ludwig succeeded to the title and the marriage ceremony was performed privately with him and his bride, Margaret Campbell Geddes, daughter of Sir Auckland Geddes, in deep mourning. Ludwig was the third grand duke of his line within a week, for his father died only a few days before the airplane tragedy.

#### Leaving It Up to Uncle Sam

UNLESS Congress changes the neutrality act, it is probable the nations that signed and adhered to the nine-power Pacific treaty will take no positive action against Japan for violating that pact. The delegates to the Brussels conference, with the exception of Italy, voted to censure the Japanese for making war on China, and then adjourned to get further instructions from their governments.



N. H. Davis

Great Britain and France agreed to join in any effort "short of war" which the United States may de-

#### "Fireside Chat"

CALLING on the nation for full cooperation in the taking of the voluntary census of the unemployed, taken by the Post Office department, President Roosevelt in a "fireside chat" by radio said that permanent cure of the unemployment problem lies in finding jobs in industry and agriculture. Nevertheless, he said, it is still the policy of the administration that no one shall starve through lack of government aid.

He gave assurance that the government will try to stimulate private industry enough to enable it to re-absorb the jobless; and after the results of the census are tabulated, a long-range program will be launched. This program, he said, will apply to employers as well as to workers, and in this was perceived a note of encouragement to business.

The President said prosperity of the nation depended upon national purchasing power, and added:

"Our far-sighted industrial leaders now recognize that a very substantial share of corporate earnings must be paid out in wages, or the soil from which these industries grow will soon become impoverished. Our farmers recognize that their largest customers are the workers for wages, and that farm markets cannot be maintained except through widespread purchasing power."

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that America will not try to solve the employment problem by a huge armament program, as other nations are doing.

#### Thalberg's Millions

AN INVENTORY filed in probate court at Los Angeles placed a gross value of \$4,469,013 on the estate of Irving G. Thalberg, motion picture producer. The net estate will amount to about \$2,244,000. After several cash bequests to members of the family the remainder will be divided into three trust funds of about \$629,000 each.

The income from one of those will go to Norma Shearer, his widow, for the remainder of her life. Their two children are to receive the income from the remaining two funds until they are thirty-five years old, then the principal.

#### Lewis Back from Europe

SENATOR LEWIS of Illinois returned from a tour of Germany in which he sought to arrange for payments to American holders of German municipal bonds. The group of which he was a member has submitted a report to Secretary of State Hull.

In France, England, and Germany, the senator said he found a strong increase in American exports to the three countries but expressed himself at a loss to see how the nations could pay for their purchases.

#### Row in Coal Bureau

GEORGE E. ACRET, acting director of the division of examiners of the bituminous coal commission, resigned and suggested a congressional investigation of the agency. He says it has almost completely broken down, and for this he blames Senators McAdoo of California and McGuffey of Pennsylvania.

#### Extra Session Opens

WITH the evident intention of doing what it can to aid business, congress began its extraordinary session. Its first business was to listen to a rather long message from Mr. Roosevelt in which the Chief Executive committed himself to limited tax law revision for the purpose of removing admitted injustices suffered especially by small business and non-speculative investors.

Mr. Roosevelt proposed tax "modifications adequate to encourage productive enterprise," but explained that he sought primarily to aid at the expense of individual or partnership undertakings.

The President said exercise of "ordinary prudence" would protect the nation against prolonged business recession.



#### JUMPER THE HARE CANNOT SLEEP

JUMPER THE HARE was growing thin. Yes, sir, he was growing thin. He never had been very fat, but now he was thinner than ever and getting more so every day. What was making him thin? Why, just worry. That is all—just worry. Here it was the beautiful springtime and plenty to eat, yet Jumper was growing thin. Very few people have a good appetite when they are worried. It was that way with Jumper. He just couldn't eat much, and what was almost as bad, he



You Know Reddy Can See in the Night.

couldn't sleep much. Now eating and sleeping are what make people fat, and whoever cannot eat and cannot sleep is bound to grow thin. And so Jumper grew thinner and thinner, while almost everybody else grew fat.

It was all because of Reddy Fox. Reddy had made up his mind that he was going to catch Jumper the Hare and Jumper knew it. Now Jumper can outrun Reddy Fox, and when it comes to a race he isn't the least bit afraid. But Reddy is sly, very sly. He knew better than to try to catch Jumper by chasing him. He knew that he would have to catch him by surprising him when he was asleep, or by hiding close to some place where Jumper was in the habit of eating.

Jumper knew that, too. Of course he did. He knew just as well as Reddy did that Reddy couldn't catch him in a race. He felt perfectly safe as long as he could see Reddy or knew exactly where he was. But at all other times he was worried. You see, he didn't know but Reddy might jump out from behind any bush or tree, and so he had to be on watch every minute he was awake. That was bad enough, but what was worse was the fact that he didn't dare sleep. Of course, he had to sleep some, but it was in little naps from which the merest rustle of a leaf would waken him all ready to jump and run for his life. Now you know little naps like that give very little rest. And it is dreadful to close your eyes wondering if you will ever open them again. It was no wonder that Jumper grew thin.

It would not have been so bad if Reddy had been content to hunt him in the day time only. But he wasn't. You know Reddy can see in the night. And so he hunted by

#### Charlie in Toyland



None other than the very sophisticated Charlie McCarthy, wooden pal of Ventriloquist Edgar Bergen, is pictured here as he visited the toy center in New York for the preview of good things for Christmas of 1937. Alex Wanamaker, five, is enacting the role of Charlie's boss here.

day or night, whenever he felt like it, and so of course poor Jumper never knew when he might safely sleep. He kept to the deepest part of the Green Forest, hoping that Reddy would not hunt for him there. You know Reddy is more fond of the edge of the Green Forest than he is of the deep, dark lonesome parts. But he had made up his mind to catch Jumper, and so now he followed Jumper to his most lonely hiding places.

It really was quite dreadful for Jumper, and yet it would have been worse for some others had they been in his place. You see, bad as it was, it wasn't quite as bad as things had been in the Great Woods, where Reddy had lived before coming down to the Green Forest. There he had had to watch out every minute for Tufty the Lynx and Howler the Wolf and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Wolverine, which was, of course, much worse than having just Reddy Fox to watch out for. So he had grown used to being always in danger. But since he had come to live in the Green Forest he had felt so much safer and life had been so much easier that now

## RED SNAPPER IS GREAT DELICACY

Expert Tells How to Cook and Serve This Fish.

By EDITH M. BARBER

"IS STEAK fish the same as red snapper?" asks a reader. "And how should it be cooked?" I have heard almost every fish which is large enough to be cut into steaks called by this name. Snapper is often known as redfish in the South, where it is considered a delicacy. Almost any method may be used for cooking it. I have recipes for boiling, baking, and broiling in my files.

In New Orleans the snapper is called, "the king of the fish market." Spices are usually used in its preparation. They are put into the water when the fish is "poached" or a cut, the shape of a letter S, is made on the back and then this is stuffed with thyme, cloves and bayleaf. The body of the fish may then be stuffed with a highly seasoned bread stuffing to which, in season, oysters are often added. It may then be rubbed thoroughly with butter or oil and baked in a hot oven, or it may be baked instead in a creole sauce. The sauce may be made separately and served with the fish.

Creole Sauce.  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
1 chopped onion  
1 tablespoon flour  
2 cups tomatoes  
1/2 cup chopped mushrooms  
Thyme  
Bayleaf  
Cloves  
Cayenne pepper  
1 clove garlic, minced

Heat the olive oil and brown the onion in it. Stir in the flour and let brown slightly. Stir in the other ingredients and let simmer half an hour.

Red Dressing.  
1/2 cup vinegar  
1/2 cup olive oil  
1/2 cup catsup  
1 1/2 tablespoon salt  
1 teaspoon paprika  
1 hard-cooked egg (chopped)  
1 green pepper  
1 tablespoon chopped chives or onion-tops

Mix the ingredients, add a small piece of ice and beat one minute until thick.

Baked Stuffed Fish.  
1 three-pound fish  
3 cups soft bread crumbs  
1 teaspoon salt  
Pepper  
4 tablespoons melted butter  
2 tablespoons lemon juice  
3 small tomatoes  
6 onion rings  
Salt, pepper

Split and clean fish. Mix crumbs and seasoning, add 2 tablespoons of melted butter and lemon juice. Mix well and stuff fish with mixture. Sew split edges together and place fish on oven-proof platter. Halve tomatoes, place around fish, sprinkle with salt and pepper and arrange an onion ring on each half. Pour remaining butter over fish and tomatoes. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) about fifteen minutes until fish is tender. Remove from

## ANIMAL CRACKERS



By WARREN GOODRICH  
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"Why did my best friends tell me?"

It came very hard to go back to the old way of living. So Jumper the Hare lost his appetite and couldn't sleep and grew thinner and thinner in the beautiful springtime. And so it was that the fun that his friends and neighbors were having in teasing and making fun of Reddy Fox was really the cause of all the trouble that had come to Jumper the Hare, and he was too polite to tell them about it.

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## OTHERS WORTH TRYING

Potato Dumplings.  
6 medium boiled potatoes  
2 eggs  
1 1/2 teaspoons salt  
1 cup flour  
1/2 teaspoon sugar  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 cup butter

Mash potatoes, add eggs, salt, flour and seasonings and mix well. Knead lightly until smooth. Shape into one long thick roll, cut into pieces one-half to one and a half inches and roll into dumplings the length of a finger. Cook in boiling salted water ten minutes. Drain, pour melted butter over them so they will not stick.

Raisin and Nut Pie.  
1 cup sugar  
1 tablespoon butter  
2 eggs  
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg  
1/2 teaspoon cloves  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 cup seeded raisins  
1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cream the sugar and butter and add the beaten egg yolks. Stir in the spices, vinegar, salt, raisins and nuts and cut and fold in the beaten egg whites. Pour into a pie plate lined with pastry and bake at 450 degrees for ten minutes, then at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes longer.

usually by two degrees, the switch again works, and the heater starts up.

With a clock attachment, a thermostat does even more, for it starts the heater early enough in the morning for the house to be warm by getting-up time. Also, at any desired hour in the evening, it will shut off the heater for the night. As showing the watchfulness of a thermostat, I recall an unusually cool spell in summer when on the Fourth of July, we awoke in the morning to find the radiators hot and the chill of the rooms pleasantly taken off.

For many years, both with steam and with hot air, when all heaters were stoked by hand, I had great satisfaction with thermostats. The labor of caring for the fire was reduced to putting on coal and shoveling ashes; there was no running downstairs to turn on the dampers when the house became too cool, or to shut them off when it began to overheat. I found also that in checking a fire at just the right time, there was a distinct saving in fuel.

Later, I used thermostats in connection with a buckwheat stoker and an oil burner. With either of these, house heating is really automatic and it is even more so with gas as the fuel.

A important point in automatic heat is the placing of the thermostat. In one house that I know, there was trouble because the upstairs rooms were never quite warm enough. On looking the place over, I found that the thermostat was on the wall of a small room, so near the boiler that its radiator was the first to heat. As a result, the room warmed up to the temperature at which the thermostat acted, long before the upstairs radiators had had time to heat. This was quickly proved to be the fault by turning off the radiator in the thermostat room. The permanent remedy was to remove the thermostat to the wall of a larger room, where the temperature was more nearly average for the entire house.

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## MANNERS OF THE MOMENT

THERE'S only one thing to do, when you're caught red-handed in the midst of forgetting a date. You simply have to do your best to hide the evidence.

If, for example, it was a dinner date, and the lad turns up just as you are about to pop a potato on the stove of your own little kitchenette, dump everything down the sink, and tell the boy friend that



When a Forgotten Date Turns Up, Hide the Evidence.

you were just fixing up some face lotion . . . That you won't be a minute. And then, for land sakes, hurry with your dressing. If it's a steak you're cooking, that's harder. But maybe you can persuade him it was for a dog or a cat or a sick neighbor. Do try. We hate to see these crestfallen lads who lose their assurance because girls forget dates with them.

Some girls, we know, forget dates purposely. But this is a habit we frown upon. If that's the way they feel, they shouldn't make the dates in the first place. We believe in honor among the parasites.

Greatest Pitch Lake  
Trinidad, an island of the British West Indies, and off the coast of Venezuela, is noted principally for the 312 feet high Maracas falls, and Pitch lake, from which more than 200,000 tons of asphalt, for paving purposes, are exported each year, principally to the United States. The supply is inexhaustible. Any hole made by removal is filled by nature in action near the center of the lake, bubbling up in a liquid state. A steel pipe one inch in diameter has been thrown into the lake, which covers three acres, and weeks afterwards was found in a distant part, bent and twisted.

## FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE

By Roger B. Whitman  
AUTOMATIC HEAT

ONE of the greatest advances in house heating in recent years is in so-called automatic heat; that is, an arrangement by which a house is maintained at an even temperature with no thought or effort by any member of the household. The most important device is a thermostat, which can be applied to a heater of any kind; a heater that burns fuel of any description.

A thermostat is an electric switch that is operated by the temperature of the air that surrounds it. This electric switch controls a mechanism at the heater that opens and closes the dampers, or turns a stoker or an oil burner on and off.

The thermostat is put on a wall five feet from the floor, in a part of the house where the temperature is average for all of the rooms. As the temperature of the air rises to the degree for which the thermostat is set, usually 70 degrees, the switch acts and shuts off the draft, or turns off the motor of an oil burner or stoker. The house then cools off; but when the air around the thermostat has dropped a little,