

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

Death From the Air Barring the Inventor The Republican Odds To Starve Italy

Warfare in Ethiopia consists largely in surprising the enemy in some narrow gorge or valley. Ethiopians have thus surprised Italians on a small scale. Now the Italians have shown that the thing can be done from the air by killing 2,000 Ethiopian warriors, of whom 20,000 were massed in the Mel Mezoid valley, south of Makale. Ethiopians withstood, with fine courage, the attack with machine guns, incendiary and explosive bombs.

England really has free speech. On your soap box in Hyde Park you may say what you please, if you do not advocate crime.

But England does not like free speech from another country, through the ether. The British Broadcasting company will not let Marconi talk from Rome to Englishmen over the radio. He might convince them that it is preposterous to try to starve out Italy for doing in Ethiopia what England has done in many places. The ruling seems hard on Marconi, considering that he invented radio. Without him there would be no "British Broadcasting company."

Those that make betting a business are often sound in their political judgments. They are at least cold, calculating; sentiment does not cloud their vision.

On the Republican Presidential nomination the betting now stands: Senator William E. Borah, 8 to 1. Governor Landon of Kansas, 10 to 1. Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, 15 to 1. Col. Frank Knox of Illinois, 15 to 1. Governor Hoffman of New Jersey, Ogden L. Mills, Senator David A. Reed, all 20 to 1.

Professional bettors agree that Governor Landon is gaining, and will probably lead the procession at 6 to 1 in a few days. Band wagon climbers are more and more polite to Governor Landon.

The "sanctions" wall thrown by England and France around Italy, smaller nations co-operating, to "suffocate and starve Italy," as Mussolini puts it, is now complete. Two million young organized Italians protest against the effort to punish Italy for doing to Ethiopia what England and France have done to other, more nearly civilized countries.

H. G. Wells, aged sixty-nine, younger and more brilliant than when he wrote "Doctor Moreau's Island" and "The War of the Worlds," now in America on his way to see Hollywood, says, "The film is a finer art than the novel, stage or the opera."

Britain's ambassador is conferring with our State department concerning Japan's plan to seize Chinese provinces, containing 95,000,000 Chinese, 35,000,000 more than the total population of Japan.

If the Japanese could control, arm and use 100,000,000 Chinese in the air and on the ground, that would be interesting. But it would not be our business, and it is to be hoped that the British will not persuade our state department that this country ought to attend to it.

Spiritually, politically and otherwise important is the proposed "merger" approved by bishops of the three branches of the Methodist Episcopal church. Together, the Methodist Episcopal church, Methodist Episcopal church, South, and Methodist Protestant church would number 7,500,000 members, the largest protestant group in America.

Young men are coming back into fashion. Dr. Alan Valentine, only thirty-four, former master of Pierson college at Yale, is made president of Rochester university and starts well by denouncing the "ballyhoo" of college athletes, football especially. He speaks with authority, not as a weakling bookworm, for he was a college athlete at Swarthmore, member of the Olympic team at Paris in 1928.

The American Bankers association reveals the interesting fact that our banks hold fifteen thousand million dollars' worth of government bonds—in figures, \$15,000,000,000.

Well might a most important official of the government say: "Inflation? We have it now, biggest ever seen, frozen in the banks. Wait until it breaks loose."

After the Tory election in England prices went soaring on London's stock exchange. Companies that make war weapons and materials were most buoyant. The masses had voted for more, bigger and better battleships, and war, if necessary.

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Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Scene in the legislative council chamber of the Quebec parliament building as Lord Tweedsmuir (John Buchan) was inaugurated as governor general of Canada. 2—Some results of the recent severe storm at Miami, Fla., which smashed a lot of boats and did much other damage. 3—Representative Chester C. Bolton of Cleveland who will be offered in the next Republican national convention as "Ohio's favorite son," for the Presidential nomination.

Mammoth Cheese Is Present to Roosevelt

Dorothy Jean Jadin, five, dressed in the fashion of 1800, ties a big red, white and blue bow on a 1,250-pound Wisconsin cheese which was



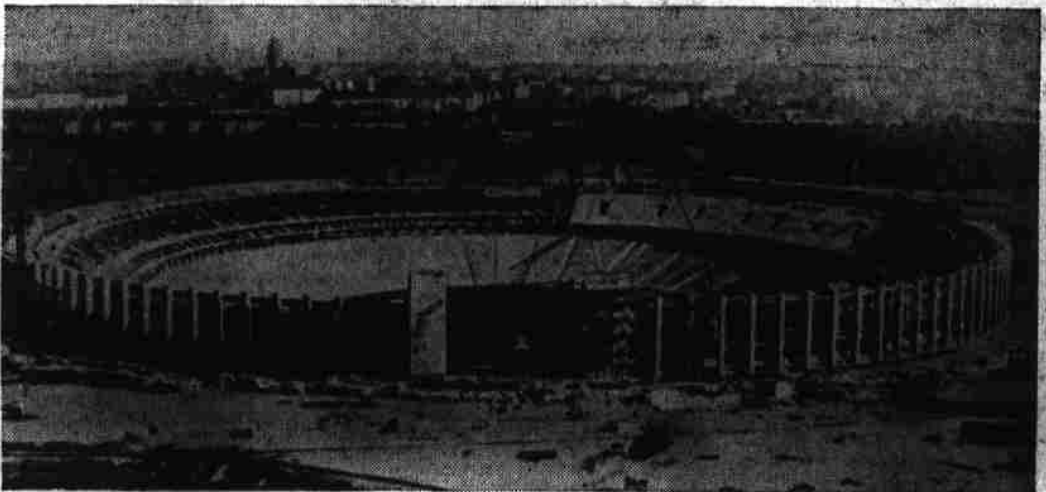
presented to President Roosevelt during cheese week. The cheese is a duplicate in size and form of America's first mammoth cheese which was presented to Thomas Jefferson in 1802.

Sail to Wed in South Africa



Left to right, Alice Schofield, Dorothy McNamara and Marion Siegel, all of Tonawanda, near Buffalo, shown on the vessel on which they sailed for Johannesburg, South Africa. After 10,000 miles of ocean travel, these three girls, who had never traveled the ocean before, will meet their prospective husbands, all employees of the Columbus-McKinnon Chain corporation of Tonawanda. A triple wedding will follow the girls' arrival. Miss Schofield is engaged to James Rennie, Miss Siegel to Walter Wolf and Miss McNamara to William Allan.

Olympic Stadium Being Built in Berlin



The huge bowl in which many events of the coming Olympic games will take place, is being rushed to completion on the outskirts of Berlin, Germany. This view of the stadium was made from the Fuhrer tower.

Widow of Edison Marries Again



Mrs. Thomas A. Edison, widow of the famous inventor, is shown with Edward E. Hughes, attorney of Franklin, Pa., whom she married recently.

New Yorker Is New FHA Chief Architect

Howard L. Smith of New York, who has been appointed chief archi-



tect of the federal housing administration, which is pretty busy these days.

To him will go much of the credit or the blame for the appearance of thousands of new structures being built by FHA.

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL

By Carter Field



Washington.—To observe strict neutrality—but not to benefit by it—is the rather paradoxical attitude in the United States Department of Commerce. This applies not only to trade with Italy—trade with Ethiopia was never important—but to trade in other parts of the world. The thought, apparently, is not to take too much advantage of Italy's occupation with her war by sneaking away a part of her international trade.

The whole thing seems rather nebulous, though also very high-minded. But apparently it does not apply to South America. Perhaps because Washington has always regarded southern American trade as belonging to this country—not by divine right, nor even by geography, but perhaps because of some expected gratitude for the Monroe Doctrine. Though as a matter of fact that doctrine has been resented rather than appreciated by our Latin-American friends for many years now. In fact, it began to cool shortly after Washington forced France to withdraw its support from Maximilian, not long after the American Civil war.

So the best minds interested in furthering our international trade began several weeks ago to think about the possibilities in South America, now that Italy is very busy in Africa. In fact, it was decided to have a new head of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, and that this new head should be one capable of taking advantage of this golden opportunity in South America.

As this is written the name of this new "sales manager" for Uncle Sam has not been announced, but it has already been discovered by our consuls from Panama down to Cape Horn that Great Britain apparently had the same idea. Whether it occurred to the best minds in Downing street before our Brain Trusters thought of it, or whether they merely went into action without waiting for a lot of conferences and on the selection of a suitable person to direct it, is not only not disclosed—it is not known. But the fact is sadly admitted in whispers, that the British beat us to it. And the comment is sadly added—"as usual."

Not "Cricket"

It is rather interesting that the official who disclosed this situation to the writer, in discussing what he thought this country ought to do in observing the amenities, long before he mentioned the British, said that to expand our trade all over the world at the expense of the Italian international trade would not be "cricket." Which happens to be a distinctly British expression, though widely used here. Just why it would not be "cricket" to take advantage of Italy's pre-occupation in some parts of the world, and not in others, is not clear. In the Department of Commerce there is a certain theory about it. This is to the general effect that Latin-American trade belongs naturally to the United States, and that therefore anything we can do to cement it is justifiable at all times, whether the nations from which we take it are engaged in a war or not, and whether we approve of that war or not.

It may be that in London the exporters and the government figure the same way, on the theory that on account of Sir Francis Drake, or maybe Sir Henry Morgan, Latin-American trade naturally belongs to Britain, and hence any means of taking it away from some other nation is justified.

There is a widespread suspicion, however, that "cricket" does not interfere with Britain's commanding all of Italy's foreign trade that she can get her hands on. Even during the World war, some State department underlings recall, "business as usual"—which means get all you can—was quite a motto in the tight little island.

Canadian Treaty

On the whole the administration expects to benefit enormously, at the next election, by the effects of the Canadian reciprocal treaty. Its political ramifications are legion, but now that time has been allowed for estimating its economic consequences, let's take a look at the political aspects, which were very much to mind at the White House, if not at the State department, while the problems were being weighed.

The worst liability to the administration is the dairy section, which will let a much larger volume of Canadian milk, cream, butter and cheese into this country, and hence will irritate the dairy farmers of New England, New York, Wisconsin and Minnesota, particularly, and all other dairy farmers in general.

Incidentally it was rather odd that there was such a rush to sign the treaty that the ceremonies almost synchronized with those attendant upon the delivery at the White House of the 1,250-pound

Wisconsin cheese, drawn by "Dunder and Blitzen" and the rest in a Santa Claus sleigh. Which, by the way, had been intended as a high light of National Cheese week.

The dairy concessions to Canada are much worse politically than the lumber section, although actually opponents of the lumber section were more vocal. The reason is that every domestic dairyman is on the same side of the dairy controversy. He wants all the protection he can get from foreign competition. Whereas the lumber industry is divided into two groups, with best opinion being to the effect that the stronger group, as far as votes are concerned, favors abolishing all restrictions against Canadian lumber and shingles.

Perhaps the best evidence is that the group favoring no tariff on lumber won every fight in congress until the very last. Then the tariff group won, but only by combining with the oil, copper and coal groups in a log rolling operation, which resulted in the imposition of the so-called "exercise" import taxes, that really are tariff schedules.

Lumber Tariff

Actually the interests favoring a higher tariff against Canadian lumber are not politically important, save in the extreme Pacific Northwest. Mid-western lumber interests, which might be supposed to be allied, actually are not, for the simple reason that in the days before they thought there would ever be a lumber tariff, they bought huge tracts of forest land in Canada!

Number one among the assets of the treaty, politically, is fruit. Canada's willingness to take our oranges, prunes, apricots, peaches and raisins just makes the difference between good times and bad in highly important areas in California. Incidentally, the orange schedule appeases Florida, over-coming—it is hoped—her anger against the administration for the Cuban reciprocity treaty, which let in early fruits and vegetables that compete with Floridian products.

Florida, of course, is not important politically. Not certainly when a Presidential election is being considered. But never forget California! Not because she elected Woodrow Wilson in 1916, but because her 22 electoral votes are absolutely essential to any G. O. P. hope so far outlined, of ending the New Deal and retiring Franklin D. Roosevelt from the White House.

Figuring on Lodge

Massachusetts Democrats are figuring that Henry Cabot Lodge, grandson of the famous statesman who "broke the heart of the world" in his fight against Woodrow Wilson on the League of Nations, will be the G. O. P. candidate for senator next year. They are so sure of this that they are already shaping individual political plans to fit in with that picture.

Incidentally, they are not particularly happy about this situation. Despite his youth, they are not discounting young Lodge's ability as a vote getter. On the contrary, they point out that he has all the advantages of a great name, and none of the liabilities.

The famous Massachusetts senator, as a matter of fact, had accumulated a lot of enemies before his death. In his last race for the senate he barely pulled through. At his last national Republican convention, that at Cleveland, far from being the dominating figure he had been at such gatherings for nearly a generation, he was rather obviously sidetracked. In fact, that sidetracking led to animosities which rose to plague William M. Butler, at the time Republican national chairman and representative on the ground of President Coolidge, when Butler later ran for the senate against David I. Walsh.

None of these old feuds are believed to linger on, however, by Democrats interested in holding a senate seat, and some of them in winning that seat for themselves. They do not expect young Lodge to lose any Republican votes on account of them.

Democratic Fears

Moreover, Massachusetts hasn't got Republican members of the house, more than any other state at present except Michigan, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania. And more than such historically Republican states as California, Illinois and Ohio.

So their fear is that, with evidences such as the Rhode Island election and that Massachusetts has backslidden on the New Deal, young Lodge, with nothing against him, may poll the full Republican vote.

The tremendous majority of Gov. James M. Curley in 1934 does not reassure them. They point to the fact that Curley was strong enough to nominate his own candidate for mayor of Worcester, over the sitting mayor, but then the Republicans won the office on November 3.

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