

News Review of Current Events the World Over

New Deal Money Bill Put Through Senate—Secretary Perkins Proposes Federal Tax for Permanent Dole Funds—Polish-German Peace Treaty.

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YIELDING by a large majority to the President's demands, the senate passed his New Deal money bill, inserting only a few noncontroversial amendments to which the house readily agreed. The administration's victory was decisive and was preceded by the rejection of two major proposals which were obnoxious to Mr. Roosevelt and his financial advisors. The first of these provided that control of the \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund should be given to a board of five instead of to the secretary of the treasury. This was defeated by the votes of 50 Democrats, three "radical" Republicans and the single Farmer-Labor senator. The second amendment offered was put forward by the silver bloc and was beaten only by the assistance of 17 Republican senators, for 28 Democrats were recorded in favor of it and the vote stood 43 to 45. It would have provided for the purchase and re-monetization of silver.

The final vote on the measure was 66 to 23. One lone Democrat had the nerve to stand out against the administration and uphold by his vote his convictions, although several others had opposed the bill in debate. The man who was true to himself was Carter Glass of Virginia, secretary of treasury under Wilson and co-author of the federal reserve act. Senator Gore of Oklahoma was paired against the measure but did not vote. Senator McAdoo of California had done a lot of opposition talking but quit with that and went into the "aye" column. All of the independent Republicans and Slipstead, Farmer-Laborite, supported the bill.

Though the money bill has been summarized before in this column, it may be well to state again its main provisions, as follows:

The treasury is given title to all the nation's monetary gold stocks, including \$3,500,000,000 held by the federal reserve banks.

The President is authorized to re-value the dollar at 50 to 50 per cent of its present statutory gold equivalent.

Coinage of gold is declared at an end. The metal is to be held in bullion form in the treasury as backing for paper currency.

The \$2,000,000,000 stabilization fund is created out of the increased value of the gold accruing as a result of devaluation of the dollar. It is placed in the sole charge of the secretary of the treasury and he is given authority to expend it in virtually any transactions he may deem necessary for stabilizing the dollar abroad.

In addition, the bill removes several present restrictions upon the issuance of government securities, provides that any type of government obligation may be purchased with any other type, that securities issued may be sold privately, and authorizes the issuance of \$2,500,000,000 additional treasury notes.

It was expected that President Roosevelt would act quickly in devaluing the dollar and setting up the stabilization board.

PERMANENT dole funds in all the states, created mainly by a new federal tax upon all employers, is the latest plan of Miss Frances Perkins, secretary of labor. Her scheme, which is rather complicated, provides for the levying of the tax on the basis of employers' pay rolls, beginning on July 1, 1935, and calls on all state legislatures to set up unemployment funds in each commonwealth. The employer would be given the choice of paying the full tax or contributing voluntarily to the fund in his state. The plan is being put into the form of a bill to be introduced in congress. Co-operating with Secretary Perkins are Senator Wagner of New York and Representative David J. Lewis of Maryland.

The Perkins announcement stressed the point that the bill would not provide a federal unemployment insurance plan, concerning which there might be some question of legality. "The proposed federal tax bill," read the formal announcement, "will work in such a way as to promote the

speedy passage of state unemployment insurance laws.

"The federal bill will not define what kind of laws the states shall pass. Wisconsin is the only state which now has an unemployment insurance law, but measures are pending in many other states."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S administration has proposed to congress legislation that would bring the stock and commodity exchanges of the country under the rigid control of the federal government. The President's interdepartmental committee has made suggestions for the federal licensing of those markets and the creation of a governmental agency with extraordinary powers to regulate their operations. The banking and currency committees of the senate and house have these recommendations under consideration as a basis for legislation soon to be introduced.

The interstate commerce committee of the house is working on legislation, also proposed by the interdepartmental committee, that will make the country's communications systems subject to similar regulation by the federal government.

STILL determined that the civil works and relief programs shall be discontinued on May 1 if possible, the President has asked congress to appropriate \$350,000,000 more so they can be carried on to that date. In a letter to Speaker Rainey Mr. Roosevelt said both agencies would soon be out of money, and experts have figured that if more is not provided, about 17,000,000 persons will be dropped from the pay rolls and relief lists.

WHILE President Roosevelt was celebrating his fifty-second birthday with relatives and close personal friends in the White House, many thousands of his fellow citizens were enjoying parties, balls and other entertainments arranged to mark the anniversary. These took place in hundreds of cities, towns and villages all over the country, and the proceeds will be turned over to the Warm Springs Foundation for Victims of Infantile Paralysis, in which the President has been deeply interested for years.

SENATOR HUEY P. LONG of Louisiana sustained another severe blow in the New Orleans Democratic mayoral primary, which is equivalent to an election. The "Kingfish's" candidate, John Klorer, was soundly beaten by T. Semmes Walmaley, the present incumbent and now one of Long's bitterest foes. There was a third candidate and Walmaley did not obtain a clear majority, but Klorer announced that he would not force a runoff primary. His chief issue in the race was a drastic reduction in electric rates in New Orleans, and as the present city administration has promised to bring this about, Klorer said he would take it as his word.

Another defeat for Long was the finding of the congressional committee in the contest between Mrs. Bolivar E. Kemp and Jared Y. Sanders for the seat of the late Representative Kemp. The "Kingfish" ardently supported Mrs. Kemp and the election was so replete with scandal that the committee recommended that neither aspirant be seated. The house adopted this report.

OUTSTANDING in current foreign news is the fact that Germany and Poland have signed a peace pact that is to endure for ten years. The treaty stipulates that during that period under no conditions is force to be used in relations between these countries. The successful negotiation of this pact is considered a great triumph for Joseph Lipski, Poland's minister to Germany, and for Foreign Minister Joseph Beck, and the jubilant Poles assert that their nation must now be considered one of the great powers of Europe. They are especially proud of the way in which they have blocked the plans of Maxim Litvinov, foreign commissar of Russia, who was trying to combine with Poland for a protectorate over the Baltic states. They appeared to be going along with him but were secretly conducting the negotiations with Berlin.

According to European correspond-

ents, one reason for Germany's radical change of policy toward Poland is Warsaw's disinclination to become in any way involved with the problem of Austria, which is expected there to turn Nazi in the near future. Polish statesmen privately state Poland does not oppose the Austro-German an-schluss (union). They claim once this is accomplished the question of obtaining a port on the Adriatic sea would become more important to Germany than the return of the Polish corridor.

Announcement of the Polish-German treaty created a sensation in Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, all of which countries have quarrels with Germany and had been relying on Poland's support.

IN A brilliant ceremony in St. Peter's the pope beatified three Jesuit priests who were martyred by Indians in South America more than three hundred years ago. They were Fathers Rocco Gonzales, Alfonso Rodriguez and Juan del Castillo, who were killed in 1628 after establishing collective farming groups of the natives.

CAMILLE CHAUTEAUP and his French ministry didn't last as long as had been expected. Without waiting for a vote by the chamber of deputies that would oust them, the cabinet members all handed their resignations to President Lebrun, being unable longer to withstand the storm of attacks resulting from the Bayonne bond swindle. Former President Gaston Doumergue was entreated to accept the premiership, but refused on the ground that he is too old to head the government in such a critical time. Herriot and Daladier, both former premiers, were the next possibilities, but it was feared both had too many political enemies, though they are respected and have clean records. However, Daladier, undertook the job of forming a new government.

PRINCE ERNST VON STARHEIMBERG, leader of the fascist Heimwehr of Austria, has called on that armed home guard to make a fight to the finish on the Nazis, and he is backed by the government of Chancellor Dollfuss. In a statement the prince said: "Every leader down to the last man must henceforth immediately avenge every Nazi attack. If legal authorities fail to mete out justice, take the law into your own hands."

"There is only one law in the Heimwehr—I command and you obey. My command is that, effective today, the Heimwehr must go actively into the offensive."

Vice chancellor Fey promptly gave his approval to the prince's order, and added: "This is a final fight. It is now or never. Whoever raises a hand against the Heimwehr must be struck down."

The immediate occasion for this activity was the impending anniversary of Chancellor Hitler's elevation to power in Germany which was expected to be marked by further efforts to Nazify Austria.

FORMER KAISER WILHELM celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday with the usual family gathering in Doorn, and there were, also, the customary intimations that he expects to be restored to the throne of Germany. But the occasion was marked in the reich by the launching of a new anti-monarchist campaign in which the first development was the complete absorption of the monarchist Steel Helmet organization by the Hitler storm troops.

"The monarchy is nothing to us—the life of the nation is everything," said Johannes Engel, Nazi labor dictator for Berlin and Brandenburg, in an address to members of Nazi guilds in the reorganized German labor front.

At the first social gathering of directors and workers of the German industrial works at Spandau, Herr Zilkens, a Nazi orator, was cheered when he proclaimed: "We need no kaiser, we have Adolf Hitler."

THE international wheat advisory commission began its third session in London, and on its agenda was a measure for world wide rehabilitation of wheat by the establishment of a minimum scale of prices and exports. Its approval by the 21 nations adhering to the international wheat pact was doubtful, and at American headquarters it was declared that unless all countries were agreed the pact was doomed to failure.

One European delegate took the view "it would put the Liverpool and Winnipeg exchanges out of business," but others stressed it would fix minimum prices only temporarily. Other permanent measures to boost prices would influence speculation in futures, they contended.

FURTHER information about the earthquake in India leads to the belief that it was the greatest disaster that country ever suffered. That the loss of life was appalling is shown by the statement of the rajah of Monghyr that the dead there alone numbered 25,000. An engineer was quoted as having declared after a survey that the names of both Monghyr and Munsaffarpur might as well be erased from the map.

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Game Favored as Replacement Crop

Birds and Animals Will Aid in Solving Farmers' Land Problems.

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Encouraging game birds and animals will help solve the land-use problems of farmers who have taken areas of wheat, corn, and other crops out of production, advises the bureau of biological survey. Game, the bureau points out, has value as a source of recreation and food for the landowner and as an attraction to hunters who will pay for shooting privileges or will reimburse the farmer in other ways.

Game as a replacement crop will also help prevent a serious decrease in this natural resource, says the biological survey. In periods of economic depression, the value of game as a food resource becomes more widely appreciated, and squirrels, rabbits, and game birds thus have a much greater importance than in times of plenty. Under the pressure of increased hunting, however, game is likely to be seriously decreased unless something is done to aid it.

Many farmers, the bureau recognizes, have sufficient interest in game and other wild life to undertake replenishment measures on their own initiative, and others can be interested if satisfactory reimbursement is provided. Local groups of hunters, sportsmen's organizations and state conservation departments, it is suggested, could well help in thus increasing game by arranging to finance food-plant and cover restoration—something that is much needed in most farming sections, in harmony with the program of the Agricultural Adjustment administration, and will be of great benefit to sportsmen.

Several Plans Followed by Ohio Sheep Farmers

A large percentage of lamb crop, heavy fleeces, low mortality and economical feeding are the principal factors in successful sheep farming in southeastern Ohio, a writer in the Ohio Farmer found from a study of the accounts and methods on 214 farms there for the last three years. A comparison of the high ten in income shows they made twice as much return as the lowest ten in this group.

Close culling and good care of the flock of ewes, keeping a flock of breeding ewes and not maintaining wethers, the use of vigorous rams, cross breeding and early lambing were points in favor of large lamb crops. Those with large profits had their lambs come early, from February 22 to April 15, controlled parasites and fed their lambs well for early market. They kept no wethers, believing that a sheep must do more than merely produce a fleece.

The best sheep farmers drenched for stomach worms, and those with lowest income did not follow this practice regularly except in a few cases. The mortality was three times as great with the least profitable flocks. The owners of the best paying flocks used 75 per cent more grain and a better grade of roughage, including some legume.

Storing Ice

In packing ice in a farm icehouse place the cakes close together to make the mass as tight and solid as possible to eliminate cracks and openings through which air circulates, says the United States Department of Agriculture. When cakes are irregular in size, fill the opening between cakes with small pieces of ice. Broken ice on top of the cakes or projecting pieces along the sides should be removed. With sawdust or mill shavings for insulation, leave at least a 12-inch space between the sides of the ice stack and the walls of the building and fill with dry sawdust or shavings as the packing in the center of the room proceeds. Also place a layer of dry sawdust about a foot thick on the bottom of the house, except in the middle, where the layer should be a few inches thinner so that the cakes will have a tendency to slide toward the center.

Handling Peat Soils

The first step in reclamation of peat or muck soils is thorough drainage. Deep fall plowing, to hasten decomposition, and rolling are beneficial on the deeper peats. Seeding down to timothy and pasturing for several years is advisable with raw peat. The second step in making peat land pay is fertilizing. Peat contains from ten to fifteen times as much nitrogen as the common soils and is badly out of plant-food balance. If the peat is fairly well decomposed, applications of phosphate usually are profitable. About 200 pounds of potash, plus 200 pounds of 20 per cent superphosphate, supplied to test plots show the most economical treatment. — Wallace's Farmer.

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