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## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### President Confers With Roosevelt and Congress Leaders on War Debts—Hitler Offered German Rule Under Conditions.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

**P**RESIDENT HOOVER and President-Elect Roosevelt held their scheduled conversation on the war debts in the White House Tuesday and exchanged views as to the wisest course for the United States government to pursue. The conference may have been of value to the two gentlemen but its national or international importance is questionable. Mr. Roosevelt had no intention of committing himself concerning the debt question or of assuming any responsibility in advance of his inauguration. Mr. Hoover can do nothing more than make a recommendation to congress in the matter of reopening the debt settlements, and it is practically certain that congress is overwhelmingly opposed to reducing the debts or suspending the payments.

Besides Mr. Hoover and Mr. Roosevelt, there were two persons admitted to the conference. These were Secretary of the Treasury Ogden Mills, who with Secretary of State Stimson had prepared the data for the President; and Dr. Raymond Moley, professor of government and law in Columbia university, who attended as Governor Roosevelt's adviser. Doctor Moley, an authority on sociology and crime, was one of the so-called "brain trust" that traveled with Roosevelt during the campaign, and it was he who assembled much of the material for the governor's speeches. There are those who think the professor will be the Colonel House of the Roosevelt administration.

The President, as is well known, favors action looking to revision of the war debt settlements, but knows congress would not sustain him in this position; so it was thought probable he would merely tell the debtor nations that the United States declines to suspend the December 15 payments and that there is no immediate prospect of reduction of the terms. However, it was believed in Washington that he would recommend to congress the re-creation of the war debt funding commission for the purpose of making new settlements with the nations that might otherwise default. This he tried to have done in 1931 but congress declined, and it probably will decline again, which would mean the entire debt problem would be passed on to the incoming Democratic administration.

**W**EDNESDAY morning the President and Secretary Mills went over the whole matter again with 13 leaders of congress, including Speaker Garner, the Vice-President-Elect, and these: Senators Smoot, Watson and Reed, Republicans, and Harrison, King and George, Democrats; Representatives Collier, Rainey and Dough-ton, Democrats, and Hawley, Treadway and Bacharach, Republicans. With them he sought to formulate a united policy on the debts for presentation to congress; and this was the conference of greater importance, for these leaders really will determine the attitude of the government in the matter.

Czechoslovakia joined Great Britain, France and Belgium in the petition for suspension of payments and revision. Italian ministers decided that Italy would pay its debts punctually and Premier Mussolini approved.

**O**VER in Berlin there were conferences during the week that were vital to the future of the reich and of intense interest to the rest of the world. After talking with leaders of various parties, President Von Hindenburg summoned Adolf Hitler, chief of the National Socialists, who had demanded control of the government for his party and the post of chancellor for himself. The Nazi leader set forth the aims of his movement, and in return the president gave him a mandate to form a cabinet under certain conditions which Hitler temporarily at least rejected.

The president demanded that Hitler agree to respect the majority of Von Papen's emergency decrees and that

his cabinet would have to be backed "by a majority or almost a majority" of the reichstag. Von Hindenburg also demanded Hitler's pledge to govern according to parliamentary rule. He further stipulated that Hitler must maintain the present military and foreign policies and that General Kurt von Schleicher must be retained as minister of defense and Baron Konstantin von Neurath as foreign minister.

At this writing the outcome of the conference is in doubt. Hitler was still trying to get assurance of a majority in the reichstag, but this seemed a feat almost impossible as Hugen-burg's Nationalists and various other relatively small parties were holding out.

**R**EDUCTIONS in the budget of approximately \$500,000,000, requested of the cabinet by President Hoover have been met. The cuts in appropriations for the fiscal year beginning June 1 next were settled by the cabinet at about \$700,000,000, but it was explained that this would be offset "by certain increases in uncontrollable items, such as interest and amortization on the public debt and tax refunds to the extent of about \$150,000,000."

The White House statement said "the administration is determined to present a balanced budget," and leaders of congress appear equally determined to keep down the regular appropriations at the short session.

**W**ESLEY L. JONES, veteran Republican senator from Washington, who was defeated on November 8 for re-election, died in the Mount Baker sanitarium in Seattle. He had served in congress for 33 years, was one of the most uncompromising of the dries, and at the time of his death was chairman of the powerful appropriations committee.

Governor Hartley of Washington appointed E. S. Grammer, a Seattle lumberman and a Republican, to fill out Jones' unexpired term, thus assuring the Republicans of a majority in the short session.

**W**HAT did the President say to Fred Britten? That was the question that was agitating the proponents of a bill legalizing beer. The wet congressman from Chicago admittedly went to the White House in the hope of finding out what Mr. Hoover would do to such a bill if it were passed in the short session, and as he came forth he announced he was convinced that the President would not veto it. Rejoicings among the beer boys!

Then came swiftly Theodore Joslin, one of the White House secretaries, with the flat assertion to the newspaper men that "the President had declined to discuss beer with Mr. Britten." Cheers from the dries!

Notified of this action on the part of the White House, Mr. Britten stuck by his guns, asserted that Mr. Joslin knew nothing about what had been said during his conference with the President and reiterated his prediction that Mr. Hoover would approve beer legislation.

**R**AYMOND ROBINS, the long missing social worker and prohibition advocate, was found in the mountains of North Carolina masquerading as "Reynolds Rogers," a mining engineer and prospector. Identified by his nephew and then by his wife, he insisted for several days he did not know them and was in reality "Rogers." In other respects his mind was clear, and after a rest in a sanitarium and medical care he recognized Mrs. Robins and his own identity and was declared to be on the way to normal health. The psychiatrist in charge said Mr. Robins had been suffering from amnesia or a similar mental malady. Ever since his disappearance early in September Mr. Robins had been in the Great Smoky mountains, tramping about and prospecting.

vote before March, but will not predict the outcome. Should the ratification or rejection of the pact go over to the new congress, its fate would depend largely on the attitude of the new President. This, it was hoped, would be revealed by the testimony of Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the New York power authority, who was scheduled to appear before the senate foreign relations subcommittee after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Powerful opposition to the treaty developed at the fourteenth annual convention of the Mississippi Valley association in St. Louis, on the ground that one article would dry up the Illinois waterway, now nearly ready for opening, and the lakes to the gulf water route. The article in question, it was said, takes from congress its rights to prescribe diversion from Lake Michigan for navigation purposes. The Mississippi Valley association has in the past endorsed the St. Lawrence project, and it still does—but it opposes the treaty in its present form.

**YOSUKE MATSUOKA**, the smooth, smiling representative of Japan in Geneva, appeared before the council of the League of Nations and set forth his country's position in relation to Manchuria and China. In effect he defied the league and ridiculed the findings of the Lytton commission whose recommendation of the internationalization of Manchuria he declared unthinkable.

"Establishment of the state of Manchukuo seems to be the only solution possible," said Matsuoka in fluent English. "We have violated neither the covenant of the league, the nine-power treaty nor the pact of Paris. We acted in self-defense and spontaneously, and when we acted the independence movement developed spontaneously."

Matsuoka assured the council that China was a dismembered nation which was a prey to rival war lords and was menaced by communism. Had China or even Manchuria been properly governed, the present situation would not have arisen, he said.

Wellington Koo replied with eloquence and spirit for China. He charged that Japan had kept China in turmoil as part of a plan to conquer Asia and the world in successive stages. Matsuoka had complained that Chinese boycotts were hurtful to friendly relations. Koo inquired whether friendly relations still existed. He explained that the boycott was a self-imposed sacrifice and the most humane method of resistance to aggression yet devised. Then he whipped forth a clear threat in behalf of the Chinese government to legalize, extend and protect the boycott.

The league council was helpless, for there was no chance for conciliation, so the whole affair was referred to the assembly of the league. Whatever the assembly may do, the statements of Foreign Minister Uchida and the war office in Tokyo make it plain that Japan intends to maintain the status quo in Manchuria.

**L**ATEST advices from Manchukuo say that the Japanese there have just launched a great military drive against the 33,000 Chinese who have been threatening from the north. In China it is declared these forces are under the command of Gen. Ma Chan-shau, whom the Japanese claim to have killed in battle some months ago. General Ma made a name for himself as the gallant defender of Tsitsihar, against the Japanese a year ago. Later he served with the Japanese army, but only, as he later revealed, to obtain Japanese secrets.

The Chinese forces are concentrated in the northwestern part of Heilungkiang province.

**SENATOR F. BYRNES**, Democrat of South Carolina, has announced that he will ask the first Democratic senate caucus at the December session to agree not to confirm any of President Hoover's recess appointments, these including several appointments to the home loan bank board, the tariff commission and other bodies.

**A**FTER serving 23 years as president of Harvard university, A. Lawrence Lowell, one of the world's foremost educators, has resigned. No reason was given in the announcement, but Doctor Lowell is seventy-six years old and it had long been known that he desired to retire as soon as the new house plan, which he regarded as the capstone of his career, was working smoothly.

**U**NIVERSITY of Michigan, with an unbroken list of victories, won the football championship of the Western Conference, with Purdue a close second. Yale defeated Harvard in their annual battle which still holds chief interest in the East.

## Here Are the Country's Finest Fox Hounds



**I**F YOU are a lover of dogs—and most of us are—you will be interested in this photograph of the five champion fox hounds of the United States. The picture was made in Washington, where the hounds were competing in the meet of the National Foxhunters' association. They are the property of A. G. Rolfe of Richmond, Va., and were bred and trained by R. L. Hays of Buckhannon, W. Va. These dogs hold more championships than any other pack of fox hounds in the country.

## STORY FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

### PETER SURPRISES HIS FRIENDS

**T**HE Merry Little Breezes of Old Mother Westwind were tired of playing alone. "Let's go to play with Striped Chipmunk!" cried one. No sooner was it proposed than away they raced across the Green Meadows up to the old stone wall on the edge of the old Orchard nearest to the Green Forest. It did not take them long to find Striped Chipmunk. He was racing along the old wall as if his life depended on it. "Come play with us!" shouted the Merry Little Breezes, dancing around Striped Chipmunk. "Too busy. Too much to do," mumbled Striped Chipmunk, for his cheeks were stuffed with nuts so that he could hardly speak at all. With that he whisked out of sight between the stones of the old wall. Presently he was out again scampering back toward

### EACH STEP WILL TELL

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

**W**E SELDOM face a precipice Where we must choose the right or wrong. 'Tis not as simple as all this— Then even weaklings would be strong. Life is a path we walk along, The path an easy one to miss, No crimson light, no sounding gong, To warn us of some great abyss. No, step by step we rise or fall, And hardly know we fall or rise; Each hour directions must recall, And watch the way with open eyes. Below the valley always lies, But they who think to see a wall That separates the earth and skies Will never find it so at all. There never was a major sin Without a minor ere we fell, Some compromise, some giving in, Surrender of some principle. No, we must watch the path, and well, The depths to pass, the heights to win; Each hour will say, each step will tell— We are what we have always been. © 1932, Douglas Malloch.—WNU Service.

### Wolverine Quarter



**H**arry Newman has been the first string quarterback of the strong University of Michigan team this season and has proved himself one of the best players in the Western conference.

"Yes, there is!" cried another. "Who?" shouted all the others. "Peter Rabbit," was the reply. "Peter never works. He always is ready to play."

So the Merry Little Breezes raced over to the dear Old Briar Patch to look for Peter. But Peter wasn't there. Mrs. Peter said that he had gone over to the Green Forest. Back to the Green Forest raced the Merry Little Breezes. They know all of Peter's favorite places over there and they hadn't a doubt that they would find him. Straight to a certain bramble-tangle they hurried to Peter.

"Hello, Peter!" they shouted gleefully. "Come play with us!" "Can't," replied Peter. "I'm too busy."

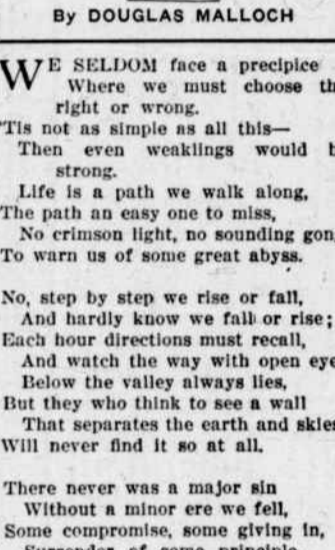
The Merry Little Breezes looked at one another as if they couldn't believe their own ears. Whenever before had Peter Rabbit been too busy to play? "That's a joke!" they cried, and laughed merrily. "Come on, Peter! It's a splendid day for a romp. We'll play hide-and-seek and tag and anything else you want to."

"It's a splendid day to work, too," replied Peter, "and I've too much to do to play." Peter was trugging at a big bramble which he had cut off to get it out of one of his private little paths.

Once more the Little Breezes couldn't believe their own ears. Peter Rabbit working! Whoever heard of such a thing? "You don't really mean that," ventured one of the Little Breezes. "I certainly do," retorted Peter. "I've cleared all the brambles out of my paths in the dear Old Briar Patch, and now I've got to clear them out of my private paths over here so that when I need to use them in a hurry there will be nothing in the way. Besides, I'm going to cut a few new paths. You know there is nothing like being prepared. You ought to do a little work yourselves. You've no idea how interesting it is and how it makes the time fly." With this Peter turned his back on the Merry Little Breezes and began to cut another bramble.

The Merry Little Breezes looked at

## Where War on Cancer May Be Settled



**T**HIS is the Rockefeller Institute for Cancer Research in Copenhagen, Denmark, which was built and will be maintained by funds from the Rockefeller foundation. The institute was formally opened recently and will be under the direction of Dr. Albert Fischer, famous Danish cancer specialist.

two of finely chopped onions. Cook until light brown, then add one-half cupful of good stock, stirring constantly. Mix one teaspoonful each of sugar, made mustard, and tarragon vinegar; add while the sauce is boiling.

**German Sauce.**  
Put three tablespoonfuls of butter into a saucepan with a sprig of parsley finely chopped, add four good-sized tomatoes with seeds removed, or the equivalent of canned tomato. Season with salt and pepper, add one-half cupful of water and bring to the boiling point. Serve with roast meats.

**Dutch Sauce.**  
Put the yolks of two eggs with four tablespoonfuls of butter, one-half cupful of water, salt and nutmeg to season, and mix thoroughly. Do not boil, but simmer until thick, over hot water. Remove from the fire, add a tablespoonful of lemon juice and serve with fish or calves head.

## BONERS



A person does not drown in Great Salt Lake if he keeps his head above water.

**BONERS** are actual humorous tidbits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

What would you do in the case of a man bleeding from a wound in the head? I would put a tourniquet around his neck.

Manga Carta was all for liberty. No man should be imprisoned for debt, so long as he had the money to pay.

Pasteurized butter is made from cows on pastures. Universal suffrage was when the whole universe was made to suffer.

The heroic couplet is the place in the story where the lovers who have had a lot of trouble so far are at last united.

Annual flowers are used at weddings and birthdays. Perennial flowers are used for funerals.

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## GOOD SAUCES

**A** WELL-MADE sauce, smooth, nicely seasoned, will add much to any dish of meat or vegetables. Often a good white sauce for a foundation may be used with chopped hard-cooked egg, lobster, or cooked mushrooms, parsley, or various other flavor foods, to make a most tasty sauce.

**Onion Sauce.**  
Melt three tablespoonfuls of butter, add four tablespoonfuls of flour, and



"Judging by the dizziness of the so-called younger generation," says Hollywood Fifi, "one is led to believe that the hand that rocked the cradle overdid the job." © 1932, Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

## KITTY MCKAY

By Nina Wilcox Putnam



The girl-friend says she knows just when to say stop; it's when the traffic has been going one way, long enough. © 1932, Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.