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## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### King Albert of Belgium, Killed by Fall While Mountain Climbing, Succeeded by Leopold—Three Great Powers Protect Austria.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

ONE of the best and most beloved of the few remaining kings, Albert I of Belgium, met a tragic death while practicing for his favorite sport, mountain climbing. He was attempting, alone, to scale a 90-foot pinnacle near Namur and fell, being probably instantly killed. Hours later his body was found and carried to Brussels. Queen Elizabeth was ill and was not told of the king's death for some hours.

The Belgian nation was plunged in genuine mourning, and all the world sympathized, for Albert had won high esteem by his heroism during the World war and his just government of his people.

Albert is succeeded by Crown Prince Leopold, duke of Brabant, his eldest son. Leopold is thirty-two years old and was married in 1926 to Princess Astrid of Sweden. They have a daughter and a son. The new ruler was probably one of the youngest soldiers in the World war, enlisting as a private when he was thirteen years old. He was treated as an ordinary soldier, seeing active service in the trenches, and was a sergeant when the armistice was signed.

The dead king's funeral was of course a stately affair. The procession from the Brussels palace to the cathedral of St. Gudule was led by mounted gendarmes who were followed by British, Italian and French troops. Then came the Belgian troops with crepe-draped flags. Albert's personal colors were carried just ahead of the gun carriage that bore the casket, and his favorite charger followed, the saddle empty and field boots reversed in the stirrups. Next walked Crown Prince Leopold, his brother, Charles, and their brother-in-law, Crown Prince Umberto of Italy, the latter carefully guarded by police because of the attempt to assassinate him in Brussels in 1926.

In the throng of notable persons in the processions were representatives of all nations. Ambassador Morris was there for the United States; President Lebrun and Premier Doumergue headed the large French delegation; from England were the prince of Wales, Field Marshal Lord Allenby and Admiral Sir Roger Keyes; Germany was represented by Dr. Friedrich von Keler, and Poland by Ignatz Paderewski.

Next day Leopold was crowned, with Astrid on the throne beside him. The parliamentary reply to the new ruler's speech from the throne thanked the new queen for having given birth to two children, insuring the permanence of the dynasty.

CAPT. ANTHONY EDEN is moving from capital to capital in Europe on the rather hopeless mission of reviving the disarmament negotiations. In Paris he was told by the seven big men of the French cabinet that France was unwilling to reduce her military power while the Nazi menace continues, and the French government had already coldly refused to discuss the matter with Hitler "while Germany is rearming." Concessions recently offered to the German chancellor had been met with inconclusive arguments, and with demands for a German army of 300,000 effectives, which France rejected. The most the French statesmen would say was that they "looked forward in a most general manner toward the possibility of an international accord, equally hoped for by both parties on the question of disarmament."

Discouraged but persistent, Captain Eden went on to Berlin and Rome for further conversations based on the British plan for reduction of armaments.

FOR the time being the danger of a European war arising from the Austrian Socialist rebellion is over. Great Britain, France and Italy have united to safeguard Austria's independence, and while that holds no other nation dare attack. Long conversations were held in Paris by British Ambassador Lord Tyrrell, Premier Doumergue, Foreign Minister Louis Barthou, Capt. Anthony Eden, British lord privy seal, and representatives of Italy, and the

outcome was this statement to the world: "The Austrian government has inquired of the governments of France, Great Britain and Italy as to their attitude with regard to a dossier which it prepared with a view of establishing German interference in the internal affairs of Austria and communicated to them. The conversations which have taken place between the three governments on this subject have shown they take a common view as to the necessity of maintaining Austria's independence and integrity in accordance with the relevant treaties."

This pronouncement was proposed by Premier Mussolini, who seeks to keep Austria intact as a buffer state between Nazism and Fascism. It is, of course, directed to Hitler, who hopes that the government of Chancellor Dollfuss may be overthrown, if not by force, then in elections.

SENTIMENT in favor of the immediate payment of the veterans' bonus is so strong among the Democrats in the house that the promise of a veto by the President did not deter 145 representatives from signing a petition to take the Patman bill from the committee and bring it up for a vote on March 12.

Speaker Rainey had been to the White House and returned with this message: "I am authorized by the President to say that this is not the time to pay the bonus and that he cannot approve any legislation to that effect."

But the members went right on signing. Mr. Rainey was visibly disturbed, but said, in reply to inquiries, "We're going to let the house do just as it pleases."

Wright Patman of Texas, Democrat, author of the bill, told the house the measure would provide the administration with the mechanism for carrying out the inflationary program it already has embraced, and that it would save the government billions of dollars in interest. It seemed most likely that the bill would be passed by the house, and it may also get through the senate, for the sentiment for it has been steadily growing in that body.

ONLY seven members of the house voted in the negative when the \$258,000,000 tax revision bill came up for passage. It is expected the senate will make many alterations in the measure for the purpose of further fortifying the statutes against evasion.

Of principal interest to the average taxpayer is the bill's readjustment of the income tax rate structure to provide a new normal rate of 4 per cent and surtaxes starting at 4 per cent on net income above \$4,000 and ranging in graduated brackets to 59 per cent on incomes of \$1,000,000 or more. The new tax rates, however, will not be effective on 1933 incomes.

Generally the bill is designed to prevent such tax evasion methods as were disclosed during the recent investigations of the senate banking and currency committee into stock market practices.

JUSTICE finally has caught up with Roger Touhy of Chicago and two members of his notorious gang. Their second trial for the kidnaping of John Factor ended in a verdict of guilty, the jury fixing the penalty at 99 years in the penitentiary.

One Charles W. Mayo of Alabama, with an accomplice, devised a fantastic plot for the kidnaping of E. P. Adler, banker and publisher of Davenport, Iowa, from a Chicago hotel. Both were caught and confessed, and then Mayo hanged himself in his cell. The "snatching" game appears to be about played out.

OFFICIALS of St. Paul and Minneapolis were considerably angered by a statement made by Attorney General Homer S. Cummings in which he said the Twin cities were "breeding grounds of crime." Mayor Mahoney of St. Paul telegraphed to Mr. Cummings demanding that he amplify his charges, but the attorney general's only reply was to say that he meant what he said. Thereupon the mayor gave the Ramsey county attorney a list of twelve persons, including Mr. Cummings, whom he wished asked to appear before the grand jury, which is now in session. It was said legal con-

ditions probably would prevent the subpoenaing of the attorney general and other national officials.

ACCORDING to the farm administration, 400,000 farmers had signed contracts to reduce their production of hogs and corn this year. Most of these contracts were executed by Middle West farmers. In other states the campaign is just getting well started. Iowa leads with a total of 150,000 contracts, representing more than 80 per cent of corn and hog producers in that state. Figures for other states are: Illinois, 47,000; Missouri, 42,000; Nebraska, 22,000; Kansas, 19,000; Minnesota, 50,000; Indiana, 70,000; Ohio, 25,000; Wisconsin, 15,000; and South Dakota, 13,000.

FRANCE was stirred by a mystery murder that is connected with the \$500,000,000 Stavisky scandal. Albert Prince, counselor of the Court of Appeals and the key witness in the Stavisky case, was lured from Paris and slain and his body was tied to a railroad track near Dijon and mangled by a train.

In the same connection, the Paris police announced they had discovered evidence that Stavisky was an international spy as well as a swindler; that he was aided by a number of women, and probably had sold valuable information to the German government.

AS THE fighting planes of the American army, with their guns removed, began carrying the air mail over routes formerly covered by private air line companies, the senate committee investigating air mail contracts resumed its inquiry.

The main witness was Walter F. Brown, postmaster general under President Hoover, who has been accused by his successor of collusion and favoritism in the letting of the contracts. Mr. Brown had denied the charges in a long statement and in appearing before the committee he waived the immunity which generally shields a congressional witness from subsequent prosecution.

At the hearing Mr. Brown again denied the accusations in detail, but made admissions that were not favorable to the defense.

Colonel Lindbergh, more or less involved in the air mail affair, gave to the senate investigators a statement of his aviation profits, as follows:

1. From sale of warrants to purchase stock in the Pan-American Airways, \$150,884.80.
2. Salary from Pan-American, \$10,000 a year.
3. Salaries of \$7,194.45 in 1931 and \$6,000 in 1932 and 1933 from Transcontinental and Western Air.
4. From Transcontinental Air Transport (predecessor to Transcontinental and Western Air), \$250,000 in cash, reinvested in that company's stock and later sold at a \$195,633.75 profit.
5. A \$10,000 a year salary as technical adviser to the Pennsylvania railroad for three years and a \$1 a year salary since 1931.

Losses: \$554.75 from investments in other aviation companies prior to 1933.

GEN. AUGUSTO SANDINO, for years the leader of rebels in Nicaragua until a year ago when he made peace with President Sacasa, was murdered by members of the national guard at Managua. His brother and two of his aides also were killed. The crime was denounced by Sacasa and an investigation was ordered, for the government had guaranteed the lives of Sandino and his followers while in the capital.

EVEN in a republic the people like to read about the doings of royalty, so there has been much interest in the romance of Prince Sigvard, twenty-six-year-old son of Crown Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden. Sigvard fell in love with Erika Patzek, a German film actress who is little known and comes from a middle class family. The prince was determined to marry Erika but his grandfather, King Gustav, refused his consent and told Sigvard he would be disowned if he persisted in his plan. Nevertheless the young man, unable to get the necessary papers in Berlin, went to London with Erika and it was reported the wedding would take place there on March 8.

The prince is well aware that if he marries the German girl he will forfeit his royal rights and thenceforth will be just "Mr. Bernadotte," but he apparently is ready to give up everything for love. In 1932 his cousin, Prince Lennert, married the daughter of a Stockholm industrialist and is now known as Mr. Lennert Bernadotte.

## BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

### PETER AND NIMBLEHEELS COMPARE TAILS

PETER RABBIT always has been interested in tails. He just can't help it. You see, he hasn't much of a tail himself, so when he meets anyone whose tail is short he always has a friendly feeling. And when he meets one with a long tail he always is a wee bit envious. Peter is like a great many people in that he always wants what he hasn't got.

For the life of him Peter couldn't keep his eyes away from the tail of



It was the Longest Tail for the Size of its Owner Peter Had Ever Seen.

Nimbleheels the Jumping Mouse. It was the longest tail for the size of its owner that Peter ever had seen. It was more than twice as long as the body of Nimbleheels, and it was slim and tapering. As he looked at it Peter couldn't help wondering how it was possible for Nimbleheels to make such very big jumps when he had to take such a long tail as that with him. It was this which led him at last to ask Nimbleheels if that tall didn't bother him when he jumped.

"Certainly not," declared Nimbleheels very emphatically. "If I didn't have such a long tail I wouldn't be able to make such long jumps."

Peter looked as surprised as he felt. "For goodness sake!" he exclaimed. "What has your tail got to do with your jumping? I'm a pretty good jumper myself, or thought I was until I met you, but my tail doesn't have anything to do with my jumping."

Nimbleheels laughed. It was a funny, thin, high, squeaky, little laugh. "No," said he, "I shouldn't think it could have much to do with your jumping."

Peter grinned and looked over his shoulder at the funny little bunch of cotton he calls a tail. "No," he agreed, "it isn't much as tails go, and it isn't of any use in jumping. All the same it is very useful and I don't know how I would get along without it."

Nimbleheels pricked up his ears and looked interested. "Is that really so?"

### You Are My Music

By ANNE CAMPBELL

YOU are my music, bringing harmony, With your sweet self, to me; Ringing clear bells above my busy days, Sounding a note of praise.

You are my music. When I cease to hear The song of you, so dear, Then I shall know the time has come for me To heed God's melody.

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## How Welsh Quarry Workers Return to the Village



## Here's Your Chance to See a Ghost



CRUMBLING to ruin, this thirty-five-room mansion on the estate of the late Harlow Higginbotham near Joliet, Ill., is haunted, according to many. Some who do not believe in spooks assert nevertheless that there are strange goings-on at night in the abandoned old house. Built at a cost of \$200,000, the mansion was deserted seven months after it was completed.

enough and seem easy enough while everything is going smoothly. It is when they are most needed, however when there is resentment and disunion and hot-headedness, that these simple remedies are not so easy to observe. It is like telling a vehicle that is rolling rapidly down hill to be reasonable in turning the corner.

That, you may say, is what we have brakes for. And that is exactly how married people should use such a set of rules—as brakes, when they feel things going down hill. Once they stop you, the rest is simple enough. What they tell you to do is really what you want to do. It's the stopping to think about it that is the big thing.

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### For Business Wear



Here is a mighty attractive business suit in black rabbit's hair wool with a golden yellow print blouse. The same print faces the revers and cuffs.

## BONERS



The soil of Prussia was so poor that the people had to work hard to stay on top.

BONERS are actual humorous tid-bits found in examination papers, essays, etc., by teachers.

Uncle Tom's cabin was a station on the underground railway.

Three metals we have just studied are: Arsenic, Antimony and Bismarck.

Shelley unfortunately died while drowning in the Gulf of Leghorn.

There are people who see red at the thought of cruelty to animate life, yet do not feel the slightest twinge in viewing a wholesale slaughter of inanimate life.

Anglo-Saxon poetry was mostly illiterate.

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### SOME CANAPES

THE canape has been popular for many years as an appetizer for the beginning of a meal. Usually the foundation is a bit of toast cut in some form and covered with zippy mixtures that not only please the eye but sharpen the appetite.

**Caviar Canapes.** Season caviar with a dash of lemon juice and a few drops of onion juice, or rub the toasted circle with a cut garlic for flavor. Spread the caviar over toasted rounds of bread and sprinkle with chopped hard-cooked eggs. Garnish with a little fresh cress.

**Mushroom Canapes.** Sauté mushrooms in butter until nicely cooked, season with salt and a dash of cayenne and place on thin rounds of toasted and buttered bread. Cover with chopped hard-cooked eggs. Garnish with curls of lettuce or sprigs of water cress.

**Anchovy Canapes.** Toast rounds of white bread a golden brown. Spread with butter and lay on each round two boneless anchovies. Sprinkle with chopped hard-cooked eggs and dust with pepper. Garnish with crescents of lemon sprinkled with chopped parsley.

**Tomato and Cucumber Canapes.** Sauté rounds of white bread in butter on one side. Fry slices of tomato in butter until well cooked, place on the round of bread, season with salt and pepper, spread with a thin coating of mayonnaise and top with a thin slice of cucumber. Sprinkle the top with chopped cooked egg.

**Crab Meat Canapes.** Toast slices of bread and cut into circles, then into crescents. Cover with crab meat seasoned with lemon juice, salt, cayenne and moisten with a little thick white sauce. Cover the crescents rounding over the top. Spread with two tablespoonfuls of butter and one teaspoonful of egg white. Sprinkle with cheese and brown in a quick oven. Lobster meat may be used in the same way.

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