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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Deaths of Army Pilots Embarrass the Administration—President's Plans for Continued Relief—Emperor of Manchukuo Crowned.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

DEATHS of five army aviators killed in operations connected with the carrying of the air mail have supplied the Republicans with ammunition for attacking the administration that they are not neglecting. President Roosevelt himself is distressed by the casualties, and it is believed his supporters will hasten to offer in congress a bill giving the air mail contracts back to private companies. Postmaster General Farley has had to shoulder the greater share of the blame, if blame there is, and though he has steadily defended the cancellation of the contracts, he probably would be glad to see the army air corps relieved of its new task. There is no question as to the courage and ability of the army flyers, but it is evident they have not had the peculiar training to fit them for carrying the mails, and their airplanes are not suitable for the work. Of course, the weather has been against them, but little attention is paid to that fact by those who are making political capital out of the deaths of the five.

Mr. Farley, appearing before the senate committee investigating air mail affairs, declared that no one deplored the fatalities more than he, but that the Post Office department had felt it must cancel the contracts and had acted on the basis of the law and the conditions under which it found the contracts had been made. He assured the committee that as rapidly as possible the department would work out a new policy in the public interest with respect to the air mail and would take into account the interests of the operators.

The postmaster general had been summoned especially to confront his predecessor, Walter F. Brown, and to consent to Mr. Brown's repeating a remark he said Mr. Farley had made to him about Senator Hugo L. Black, chairman of the committee. This was: "He's just a publicity hound. But don't tell anybody I said so, because I've got to get along with him."

Mr. Farley immediately denied that he had said any such thing, and, scarlet faced, he departed for New York amid roars of laughter. His denial was necessary, doubtless, but it didn't seem to impress anyone.

Speaker Rainey says the army air corps is inefficient and poorly trained, and for this he blames the three previous Republican administrations. He indicated he would support a resolution already approved by the house rules committee calling for investigation of War department methods. Maj. Gen. Ben Foulois, chief of the Army Air corps, defended his men warmly.

HOW the President proposes to carry on the relief program was revealed at a press conference. In addition to continuation of the CWA in cities, relief of distressed families in rural regions is to be placed on a new basis, and the government is to undertake the transportation of entire communities from non-operating coal mine localities and similar centers of unemployment to the subsistence homestead colonies which are being created with \$25,000,000 of public works funds.

In rural regions families in distress are to be helped to raise enough food for subsistence and to get part time employment in industries and on road building and other public works.

Communities of miners, out of work because of the closing down of coal mines, the President calls "stranded populations." They were left stranded when work gave out and there is no prospect of a resumption of mine operations. In most cases the mines have been exhausted. The President said the undertaking would be to move an appreciable number of such families to localities where they can maintain themselves on small tracts of land with incidental industrial employment, which is the subsistence homestead idea now being tried out at Reedsville, W. Va.

Concerning that Reedsville plant, a pet of Mrs. Roosevelt's, it is interesting to read that the house refused by a margin of 165 votes to approve the construction and operation there of a factory to make post office furniture. The project was denounced as "a plunge into state socialism."

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT in a special message asked congress to create a new federal commission to regu-

late the wire, cable and radio communications systems. He proposed that the new commission take over the duties of the federal radio commission and the functions of the Interstate Commerce commission which dealt with telegraph and telephone regulation.

Mr. Roosevelt said the new body should be given "full power to investigate and study the business of existing companies and make recommendations to the congress for additional legislation at the next session."

This means that if the President's desires are carried out, as they undoubtedly will be, the question of communications mergers will go over for determination next year.

Senator Schall of Minnesota, Republican, was aroused to strong protest against the proposed commission, asserting that it meant the newspapers would be subjected to censorship by the administration and that "not one word of the skulduggery committed in Washington could reach the people of the United States."

THERE are signs indicating that the administration is going to modify its stand and that of its predecessors concerning the war debts. Some Republicans in the senate tried to put through a resolution offered by Robinson of Indiana asking the President, if not incompatible with public interest, to inform the senate by what agreements he had accepted token payments from Great Britain, Italy and Czechoslovakia and had recognized them as not in default. It also asked what steps, if any, have been taken to induce defaulting nations to pay; whether any understandings have been reached concerning revision; and whether any assurances have been given linking debt payments with tariff concessions.

The Democratic leadership in the senate succeeded in having the resolution sidetracked into the foreign relations committee. Senator Robinson of Arkansas made a speech openly referring to the necessity for some further concessions on the part of the United States if any further payments are to be obtained, but he denied that negotiations looking to revision had taken place yet.

The vote on the motion to commit the resolution showed there has been a considerable change from the opinion held in the senate in December, 1931, when the Hoover moratorium resolution was passed successfully only after it had been amended to include a reservation reasserting congress' unalterable opposition to revision or cancellation of the debts.

THERE'S a new emperor in the world and a new dynasty has been founded. By direction of Japan, Henry Pu-yi, who in his infancy was the "boy emperor" of China, and who has been the chief executive of Manchukuo, has been enthroned as emperor of that puppet state. The young man—he is twenty-eight—assumed the name of Kang Teh, which being interpreted is "tranquillity and virtue." He probably is virtuous, but the tranquillity is problematical in view of the way Japan and Russia are snarling at each other, for if those nations go to war the scene of the conflict will be the newly established empire which used to be Manchuria.

Great preparations were made for the coronation ceremony, but Henry's Japanese sponsors were so apprehensive of attempts on his life that the public was not admitted to the rites in Hsinking, the capital. The emperor rode the five miles from the palace to the "altar of heaven" in an American bullet-proof automobile and the route was protected by barbed wire stockades and lined with thousands of troops. For every three Manchukuan soldiers in the lines there was one Japanese soldier, and also there were swarms of secret police.

Simultaneously with the elevation of the new ruler, his invalid wife, Yuch Hua, was vested with the dignities of queenhood, although her health precluded her participation in the ceremonies.

JAPAN and soviet Russia are now quarrelling over military airplane flights over each other's territory, and have exchanged sharp notes of protest. Though the situation seems to be tense, an official spokesman for

Japan denied that hostilities are imminent.

"The world need not be afraid that Russia and Japan are on the verge of war," he said. "All of these protests and the noisy fuss are a good sign that the danger of war is far away. When both sides are silent, look out."

OUTWEIGHED by 86 pounds and with ten inches less reach, Tommy Loughran was unable to capture the heavyweight title from Primo Carnera in the fight at Miami, Fla. The Philadelphia boy fought gamely and more skillfully than the giant Italian, but lost the decision in eleven of the fifteen rounds.

SECRETARY OF WAR DERN, probably following the ideas of General MacArthur, chief of staff, told the military affairs committee of the house that he was decidedly opposed to congressional plans for an independent and greatly enlarged air corps. He was arguing against two bills introduced by the committee providing for the purchase of 4,384 military airplanes and for the separation of the army air corps from the jurisdiction of the general staff, and the granting of officers and enlisted men of the air corps special compensation and rank.

Mr. Dern held that the air corps was only a co-ordinate part of the army, that its flying officers and men were not heroes of glory any more than the infantry and the artillery, that the whole army organization must proceed in balance and that the air corps has had more than its rightful share of progress in recent years.

ONCE more the tariff comes up as a leading issue, for the President has sent to congress a request for new powers permitting him to fix the tariff within wide limits. The legislation he asks is designed to expand trade and would give the Chief Executive authority to shift the tariff up or down by as much as 50 per cent so that reciprocal tariff treaties with other nations may be negotiated. Furthermore, these treaties would not have to be confirmed by the senate, and the tariff commission would not be consulted. The new authority would be limited to three years and no article could be placed on the free list or removed from it. It was predicted that many Republicans and some Democrats would oppose the scheme, but that it would get through congress after long debate.

UNDER the management of Gen. Hugh Johnson, the NRA opened a series of public hearings in Washington, open to all individuals and organizations that wanted to present suggestions or complaints concerning policies or administration of the NRA codes. The possible benefits from such hearings appeared to be lessened by the restrictions decreed by General Johnson. He ruled that all speakers should be considered as "witnesses"; that only facts might be presented, and that no argument would be permitted.

General Johnson opened the proceedings by admitting NRA had many faults that he hoped would be corrected. Then came the flood of complaints, starting with those of small business men who assert the codes have operated against them and in favor of the large concerns. Mrs. Pinchot, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, unexpectedly appeared and declared the government had been defeated by the "steel trust," and she was supported by Edward F. McGrady, assistant secretary of labor. Mrs. Pinchot said that in the cases of the big steel companies the workers had been betrayed by the NRA, and she made a bitter personal attack on General Johnson. Next day the cause of labor was brought more prominently to the front by Mr. McGrady and others who declared employers had been erasing the code provisions at the expense of their employees.

NRA and the Ford Motor company are tangling up in another fight. The company was charged by workers with having refused to bargain collectively with their representatives at the Edgewater, N. J., and Chester, Pa., plants, and William H. Davis, national compliance director, arranged to hear the arguments of both sides at a meeting in Washington.

Secretary Craig of the Ford company sent Davis a long letter denying the concern had violated any provision of the automobile code or the national recovery act, and refusing to send a representative to the meeting. The NRA thereupon notified President Edsel Ford that it would investigate the charges "without his co-operation."

The automobile industry was disturbed by widespread labor troubles and the threat of a general walkout. Difficulties over union organization and demands for pay increases are at the bottom of all the row.

By Western Newspaper Union.

Germany Still Has an Army That Keeps in Form

THOUGH the German army is small, under treaty restrictions, it is kept efficient. The troops guarding the mountainous Bavarian frontier have been holding their winter maneuvers, and this photograph shows one of their mountain batteries in action on the lofty Zugspitze.



BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

A PAIR OF HANDY POCKETS

"YES, indeed," continued Nimbleheels, "I take the very greatest care of my tail. The way I feel about it is that I might just as well lose my life as my tail. I probably would anyway."

"Probably would what?" asked Peter, looking puzzled. "Probably would lose my life, of course, if I should lose my tail," replied Nimbleheels. "You see, in times of danger I depend on jumping to escape, but without looking correctly there would be no use in jumping. And as I have already told you, it is my long tail which keeps my balance in the air. But such a long tail is a great help," added Nimbleheels with a funny little sigh.

"I should say so!" exclaimed Peter Rabbit. The eyes of Nimbleheels twinkled. "I should like to know what you know about it," said he. Peter glanced at his own funny little bunch of a tail and laughed. "Nothing," said he. "My tail isn't the least bit of care. But I was thinking that if I had as long a tail for my size as you have for your size it certainly would be some tail and some care. I suspect that lots of times when I thought myself safe inside the dear Old Brier Patch my tail would be way outside. I really don't see how you keep track of so much tail."

"Oh," replied Nimbleheels, "that is easy enough. When I am not jumping or running about I keep it curled around in front of me. Then I know just where it is. By the way, Peter, do you mind if I go look for a pocketful of seeds? I am rather hungry."

"Look as much as you like. I think you will find plenty here in the Old Brier Patch, but before you go tell me what you mean by a pocketful," replied Peter.

"Just exactly what I said," retorted Nimbleheels. "If I can just get a pocketful of seeds I can bring them back here and we can talk while I eat them."

Peter blinked his eyes and stared at Nimbleheels in the rudest way. It certainly was most impolite.

"Have you a pocket?" Peter demanded.

"Certainly. Of course," replied Nimbleheels. "How in the world was I going to get a pocketful of seeds if I hadn't a pocket to put them in? As a matter of fact, I've got two pockets."

and mighty handy pockets they are. I really can't imagine how anyone can get along without pockets. Next to my tail I think more of my pockets than of anything else I possess."

Peter was still staring as rudely as ever. "I don't see any," said he. "Where are they?"

"In my cheeks, of course. Where else would they be?" replied Nimbleheels. Peter didn't know where else they might be, so he said nothing. "They are so handy that I simply couldn't get along without them," continued Nimbleheels.

Peter sighed. "I wish I had a pair of handy pockets," said he.

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BONERS



The bourgeois were tradesmen, such as professors. They had little chance of becoming anything higher.

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

The Lord tempests the wind to the shore and the land.

Hypocrisy means being what you are not.

Under the Mikado is an officer called the "Shotgun."

Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, was a college student who translated the Old Testament into the New One.

Explain in your own words how the French people solved the problem of stopping the sand dunes from destroying the farm crops.

The French passed a law prohibiting all sand dunes.

Achilles was invulnerable except in heel.

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Mother's Cook Book

SALAD DRESSINGS

A PALATABLE salad dressing is the making of a salad. The french dressing is one of the favorites as well as mayonnaise made with sweet fresh olive oil. However, for those who cannot obtain fresh olive oil, or find it too costly for the purse, there are other that are most tasty and easy of preparation.

Cooked Dressing. Put one egg, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, one and one-half teaspoonfuls

The Swing in the Apple Orchard

By ANNE CAMPBELL

THE swing in the apple orchard was loveliest in spring. We swayed in the dewy morning. Where trees were blossoming. Our aim was to reach the fragrance. Of the highest bloom of all. The birds in their brown nests trembled. We heard their mother call.

The swing in the apple orchard. In autumn, brown and sere. Was drenched with a leafy splendor. That was regal to behold. We saw, as the apples ripened. The silver hand of Time. His shadow across the orchard. Plucked apples in their prime.

The swing of the apple orchard. In autumn, brown and sere. Was shunned by the busy children. For the school bell sounded clear. The swing was a teasing ribbon. Until the end of May. And it hangs now in my remembrance. The ghost of a bygone day!

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vinegar. To the dry ingredients add the salad oil, mix well, then add the onion juice and vinegar with a small piece of ice. Beat until thick.

For variations of french dressing, add a few tablespoonfuls of finely mashed Roquefort cheese, beat well and serve on head lettuce.

For added flavors, a bit of chili sauce, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish, chopped pickles, olives, peppers, green onion, pimiento, celery, parsley, chives, garlic, all may be used in groups to add variety. To vary the mayonnaise, add chopped green and red pepper, catsup, chili sauce, capers.

For a Russian dressing: To half cupful of uncooked mayonnaise add one-half cupful of chili sauce, two tablespoonfuls of catsup, and one-fourth of a cupful of whipped cream.

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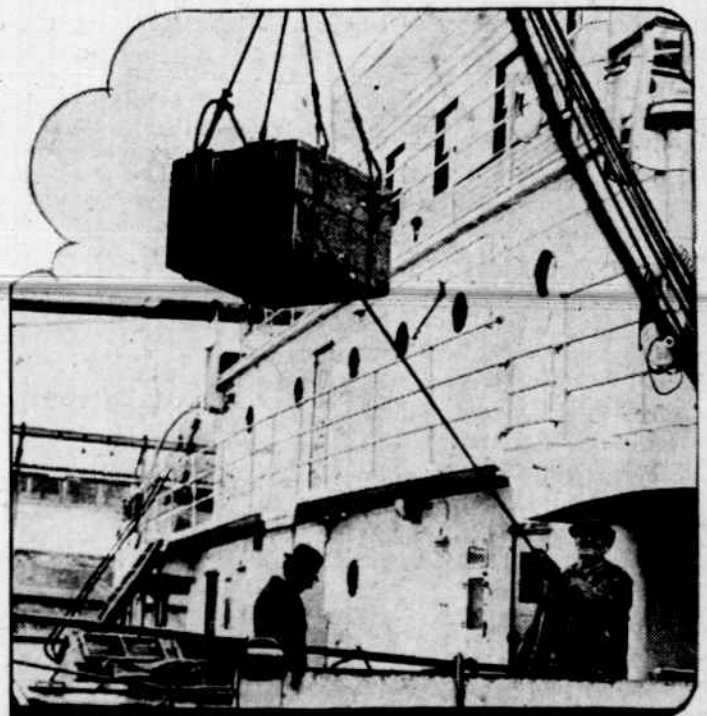
Forms of Egyptian Sphinx. There were three in ancient Egypt—a human-headed lion, a ram-headed lion and a hawk-headed lion. Later the Phoenicians and Greeks imported the sphinx from Egypt and reproduced it in various shapes and forms, of all sizes and of different materials. These found their way back to Egypt, but in different form.



"When a girl gets a man eating out of her hand, so to speak," says romantic Romona, "it is a safe bet she will soon have him eating out of cans."

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Gold Coming Back From Europe



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S monetary policy, including devaluation of the dollar and purchasing of gold, is bringing great quantities of the precious yellow metal to the United States, every liner from Europe carrying its quota. In the photograph is seen the unloading of a crate holding \$5,064,000 in gold from the steamship Roosevelt.