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Speaker Rainey's Death Starts Race for His Position—Prominent Men Organize Liberty League to Combat Radicalism.

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HENRY T. RAINEY, veteran congressman from Illinois and speaker of the house, died unexpectedly in a St. Louis hospital where he was believed to be recovering from an attack of bronchial pneumonia. The immediate cause of his death was angina pectoris. Mr. Rainey, who was within a day of being seventy-four years old, was first elected to congress in 1902, and he served continuously with the exception of one term, being defeated in the Harding landslide of 1920. He was elected to the speakership when John Nance Garner became Vice President. His control over the house during the sessions of last year and this year, while the President's program was being put through, was gentle but so firm that the legislators were kept well in line.

Mr. Rainey devoted much of his service in Washington to efforts to improve the condition of the farmers, for he held that farm prosperity was essential in any program for national well being. He also was a student of tariff and fiscal subjects. As a Democrat he was always a "regular." He was the author of the tariff commission law and of much other important legislation.

Mrs. Rainey acted as her husband's secretary for years and is so well acquainted with congressional work that the Democrats may select her as the candidate to complete his term as representative from the Twentieth Illinois district.

Mr. Rainey was buried in his home town, Carrollton, after services which were attended by President Roosevelt and many other notable persons.

SPEAKER RAINEY'S death will result in a spirited contest among a number of men who are ambitious to succeed him. First in the line of succession, so to speak, is Representative Joseph W. Byrns of Tennessee, who has been serving as majority floor leader and who is head of the Democratic national congressional committee. President Roosevelt is going to take no part in the race, but the more liberal of the New Dealers are known to favor Sam Rayburn of Texas. Well informed observers believe Byrns will be elected speaker and Rayburn floor leader. Other aspirants for the speakership are John E. Rankin of Mississippi, who has announced his candidacy; William B. Bankhead of Alabama, and John J. O'Connor of New York.

Mr. Byrns has been a member of the house continuously since his election to the Sixty-first congress. His work as floor leader, in conjunction with Rainey's rule as speaker, was not especially pleasing to the New Dealers for some months during the last session, but before adjournment most of the misunderstandings were cleared up. In any case, the administration seldom interferes in the selection of the leaders of congress, not wishing to incur the enmity of powerful members of the party.

RETURNING from his swift trip to attend the funeral of Mr. Rainey, the President went directly back to Washington instead of going to his Hyde Park home. This change in plan was due, it was said, to the development of a bitter dispute between Gen. Hugh S. Johnson on one side and Donald Richberg, Mr. Roosevelt's chief industrial adviser, and Secretary of Labor Perkins on the other, over the new structure to be given the NRA.

The issue, it was disclosed, is whether there shall be a board of control in authoritative management of the NRA or a board which shall be more advisory in power, leaving the real control still in the hands of the administrator and his deputies. It was expected Mr. Roosevelt would take command of the situation and determine definitely what shall be done with the recovery administration.

ORGANIZED labor scored a victory over Recovery Administrator Johnson when the national labor relations board ordered John Donovan, former president of the NRA union dismissed by Johnson for "inefficient-

cy," reinstated to his position with the labor advisory board.

"The agencies which are administering the law should in their own dealings uphold its purposes," the board said in its decision, giving a veiled reproof to Johnson for what it implied was a violation of section 7A of the NRA.

With rather bad grace the NRA accepted the rebuke and permitted Donovan to return to his job. Johnson himself had nothing to say about it, but Dr. Gustav Peck, Donovan's immediate superior, issued a statement in which he sniffed at the board's decision and warned Donovan that he would have to "toe the mark."

Soon after this the NRA announced that it does not regard itself as obliged to withdraw the Blue Eagle in cases where the national labor relations board has found companies guilty of violation of section 7A of the national industrial recovery act and of subsequent failure to obey the instructions of the board.

The labor board has recommended withdrawal of the Blue Eagle to the NRA compliance board in all cases where companies have disobeyed its instructions to reinstate discharged employees. The decision by the NRA will remove teeth from decisions by the board, since it may now hear cases, make decisions, and find that no penalties are inflicted for disobeying its orders.

COTTON garment code amendments reducing the working hours and giving workers a wage increase have been signed by the President. The amendments, which affect plants in 42 states, are of far-reaching importance. Sidney Hillman, labor advisory board member and Amalgamated Clothing union head, termed signing of the order "the most far-reaching move NRA has yet made to increase employment." It was hoped that this order would avert the threatened strike of the garment workers.

TWO prominent Democrats, two Republicans almost equally prominent, and one leading industrialist, all of them of conservative tendencies, have united to organize the American Liberty League dedicated to a war on radicalism in the United States. The five founders of the league are: Alfred E. Smith, Democratic Presidential candidate in 1928; John W. Davis, Democratic Presidential candidate in 1924; Nathan L. Miller, Republican ex-governor of New York; James W. Wadsworth, Republican congressman from New York, former senator and Presidential possibility for 1936; Irene Du Pont, manufacturer, who supported Smith in 1928 and Roosevelt in 1932. They believe the league membership will grow into the millions and that it will become an important element in the national life.

For president of the organization the founders selected J. J. J. Shouse, former chairman of the Democratic national committee and president of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment until repeal was accomplished. In a statement Mr. Shouse set forth the purposes of the league as follows:

"It is a nonpartisan organization, formed, as stated in its charter, to defend and uphold the Constitution of the United States and to gather and disseminate information that (1) will teach the necessity of respect for the rights of persons and property as fundamental to every successful form of government, and (2) will teach the duty of government to encourage and protect individual and group initiative and enterprise, to foster the right to work, earn, save, and acquire property, and to preserve the ownership and lawful use of property when acquired."

To interviewers Mr. Shouse declared the league was not anti-Roosevelt, but it seemed clear that it will be opposed to most of the major purposes of the New Deal and the radical professors of the brain trust. He said he had visited the President and informed him fully of the purposes of the league, but he would not tell what Mr. Roosevelt's reaction had been.

THE strike of truck drivers in Minneapolis was ended when the men and their employers accepted a com-

promise agreement, and martial law in the city was discontinued, business thereafter speeding back to normal conditions. The peace plan, devised by federal representatives, provided that all employees on strike be returned to their jobs without discrimination and on basis of seniority. It included an agreement to hold an election within ten days in each of the 108 firms involved to determine whether their employees want the drivers' union or other representatives to act for them in collective bargaining, and a pledge of the 108 firms to pay for at least one year not less than 50 cents an hour to drivers and 40 cents to helpers, platform men and inside workers.

WILLIAM GREEN, president of the American Federation of Labor, says he hopes the general strike of textile industry workers will be averted; but he announces at the same time that the federation indorses the strike and will cooperate fully with the officers and members of the United Textile Workers' organization. He appointed federation committees to assist the textile workers and announced that he would draft trained organizers and strike specialists from other unions to assist the textile union.

George A. Sloan, president of the Cotton Textile Institute and chairman of the cotton textile code authority, said the threatened strike is not justified by the facts established by impartial government economists.

Challenging the wage increase demand of the United Textile Workers of America, Mr. Sloan declared that "as a result of three basic wage provisions in the code the hourly wages paid in March, 1934, show an increase of 7 per cent as compared with March, 1933, when there was no code.

"All of this has meant a substantial increase in manufacturing costs," Mr. Sloan said, "and the research and planning division of the NRA found, after a comprehensive investigation last June, that 'under existing conditions there is no factual or statistical basis for any general increase in cotton textile code wage rates.'"

LIEUT.-COL. MARIO HERNANDEZ organized a plot to overthrow the government of President Mendetta of Cuba and establish a military dictatorship, but the authorities got wind of it and frustrated the conspiracy, in which a considerable part of the army was involved. Col. Fulgencio Batista, head of the army, said that Major Benitez and some soldiers were sent to arrest Hernandez and that eight men of the detachment were killed. Hernandez tried to shoot Benitez but was himself shot in the head and neck. The official report said Hernandez was being rushed toward Havana in an automobile and that the car upset, the prisoner being killed, though the others in the car were uninjured.

Maj. Angel Echevarria, commandant of Fourth Infantry at Camp Columbia, and Capt. Augustin Erice, chief of the signal corps, conspirators with Hernandez, were captured later and a summary court martial sentenced them to death.

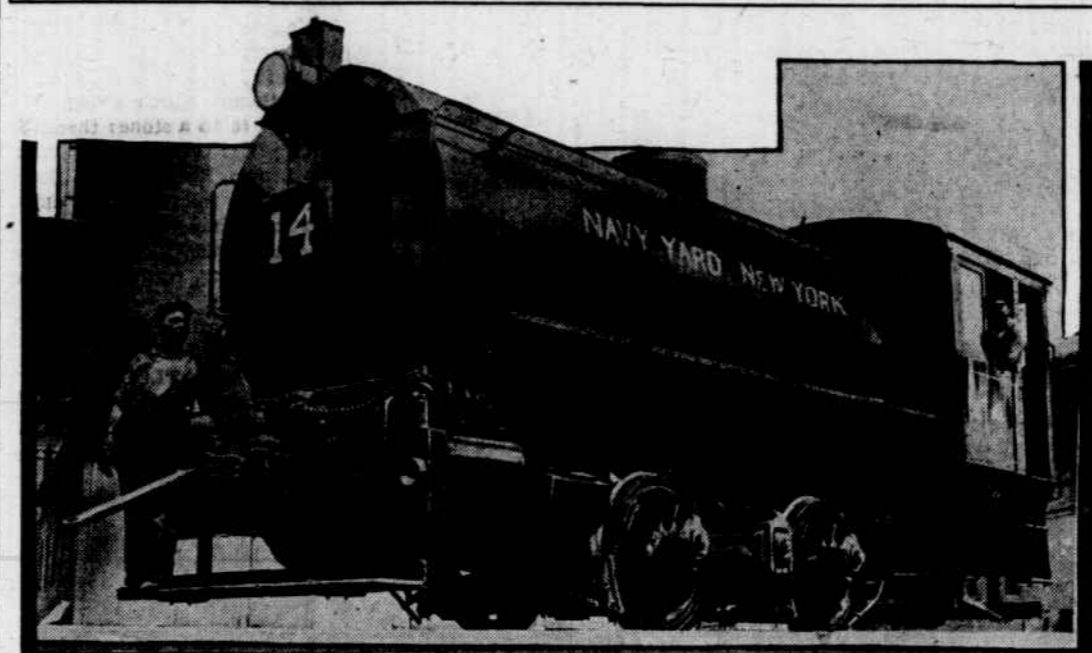
EIGHTY-EIGHT Soviet citizens are now under arrest in Manchukuo, charged with plotting against Manchukuo and Japan and sabotaging Japanese military trains. The Russian government, through Acting Consul General Rayvid at Harbin, has presented to the foreign office of Manchukuo a demand for an explanation of the arrests and insists on prompt measures for the release of the prisoners.

"The arrests were made without documents, accompanied by searches of the apartments and offices of Soviet employees of the Chinese Eastern railway which have not been explained," Rayvid said.

The Japanese allege that some of the prisoners confessed to an attack on the Japanese military intelligence office at Sulienho (Pogranichnaya), to sending Manchurian and Korean communists into the territory, to wrecking trains carrying Japanese troops and munitions toward the frontier, and to creating general disturbances along the eastern line.

Probably before long will come the news that the Japanese have seized the Chinese Eastern railway, and that may very well result in war between Japan and Russia.

Here's the Fireless Steam Locomotive



REGARDED at first as a mere whimsey of a fanciful inventor, W. J. Kremer's fireless steam locomotive is being successfully utilized in the Brooklyn Navy yard. This latest product of the machine age dispenses with the conventional fire box, but boasts instead a water tank. Capable of moving at 12 miles per hour, the engine has the power of other engines its size.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

PETER DISCOVERS LINNET

IT DIDN'T take Peter Rabbit long to find the sweet singer whose happy trills had caught his attention. He spied him sitting on the tip-top of a fir tree in Farmer Brown's yard. Peter didn't dare go over there for already it was broad daylight. But he didn't have to, for the sweet singer flew over in the Old Orchard and alighted just over Peter's head. "Hello, Peter!" he cried.

"Hello, Linnet!" cried Peter. "I was wondering who it could be who was singing like that. I ought to have known, but you see it is so long since I've heard you sing that I couldn't remember your song. I'm so glad you came over here for I'm just dying to talk to somebody."

Linnet flew down a little nearer to Peter. "Look me over, Peter," said he with twinkling eyes. "Look me over and see if you can't tell for yourself."

Peter stared solemnly at Linnet. He saw a bird of sparrow size whose entire body was a rose red, brightest on the head, darkest on the back, and palest on the breast. Underneath he was whitish. His wings and tail were brownish, the outer parts of the feathers edged with rose red. His bill was short and stout. Before Peter could reply, Mrs. Linnet appeared. There wasn't so much as a touch of that beautiful rose red about her. Her grayish brown back was streaked with

QUESTION BOX

By ED WYNN... The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am a schoolgirl and my English teacher wants me to write a sentence with the word "and" five times in succession, and still write it sensibly. Can you help me out?

Yours truly,
L. TALLIAN.

Answer: That is very simple. Say you were having a sign painter paint a sign which should read "Silks and Satins" and say the sign painter connected the whole thing like this: "SILKSANDSATINS" and you wanted him to paint it over so it would be right. You would say to him: Paint this sign over and be sure to leave a space between "silks" and "and" and "and" and "satins."

Dear Mr. Wynn: I have just arrived in America from my home in Ireland. I always heard this was the land of opportunity. In fact, since childhood I have heard you can pick gold up in the streets in this country. When I got off the boat yesterday I saw something shining on the ground. I picked it up and, sure enough, it was a five-dollar gold piece. I was going to put it in my pocket when I noticed a man holding his hat in his hand and a sign on him read: "Please help the blind"—so I dropped the five-dollar gold piece in his hat. Did I do right?

Truly yours,
M. E. GRANT.

Answer: You did the right thing giving the gold piece to the blind man, because you can see to pick them up.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

FAVORITE RECIPES

THE following recipes have been chosen from prize dishes or cherished recipes:

A Prize Salad.
Take one pint of shredded cabbage, one can of white cherries, one can of sliced pineapple, one pound of blanched almonds, one-half pound of fresh marshmallows and one pint of whipped cream. Cut the cherries into halves. Dice the pineapple, shred the almonds, quarter the marshmallows and mix all together with the whipped cream with a few tablespoons of any good salad dressing.

Almond Soup.
Blanch one-fourth of a pound of almonds by dropping them into boiling water and after ten minutes drain and add cold water to cover. Put the almonds through a food chopper. Mix with two hard cooked egg yolks and add a quart of beef or chicken stock. Make a paste of a teaspoon of flour mixed with a little cold water and add to the broth; cook slowly, season with salt and pepper and add one cup of cream. Serve very hot. Top with whipped cream and sprinkle over it a few shredded almonds.

Prune Dressing.
Take two cups of cooked prunes, one-half cup of cooked rice, using the prune juice in which to cook the rice. Add six large chestnuts blanched and chopped, butter, salt and pepper to season. Mix well and stuff the fowl.

Piquant Cocktail Sauce.
Take four tablespoons each of tomato catsup and white grape juice, one tablespoon each of lemon and orange juice, one-fourth teaspoon of cinnamon and one-eighth teaspoon each of salt, paprika, sugar and cloves.

PETUNIAS

By ANNE CAMPBELL

THE fragrance of petunias drifts on the morning air. They summon me in memory. To lovely gardens where Grandmother grew in days gone by. Those sweet old-fashioned blooms. Their presence brings remembered springs. And quiet, homelike rooms. The humming birds came every year. To Grandmother's bright flowers. The brown bees zoomed in the perfume. Enchantingly quaint bowers. Moss roses graced a hollowed log. A locust tree flung high. Glamorous boughs against the house. White clouds sailed in the sky.

I never see petunias. Without a thought of home. Their spicy flowers recall the hours I wandered (happy gnome!) Down paths I would be glad to see. Bathed in the present's glow. On happy feet I'd run to meet. The friends I used to know!

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in front of his father's house. If this is true why doesn't his father say something to my father for taking his father's "gate."

Truly yours,
IGO BAREFOOT.

Answer: The reason his father doesn't say anything to your father for taking his father's "gate" is that his father is afraid that your father might take "offense" (a fence).

Dear Mr. Wynn:

I know you are an actor and a student of the theater. Can you tell me when the first theatrical entertainment took place and where?

Yours truly,
IMA THESPIAN.

Answer: The first theatrical entertainment was in the Garden of Eden when Eve appeared for Adam's benefit.

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Silk Crepe Turban



Anne Nagel chooses a smart turban of navy silk crepe for wear with her sheer navy afternoon frock. The chic of this softly draped turban is enhanced by a nose veil which lends fascination to the eyes. The veil may also be worn turned back, forming a lacy frame for the face.

Muscle Man Learns to Be an Actor



MUSCLE MAN, young son of Chief Loud Voice of the Tuscaroras, is here seen rehearsing the part he is to play in the pageant drama of Old Fort Niagara, the great historical presentation which is to be one feature of the Four-Nation celebration at Niagara, September 3 to 6. Muscle Man is one of 500 Indians in the pageant drama's full-costumed cast of 3,000.

Do YOU Know—



That an average-size tree with a spread of 50 feet of foliage under normal conditions throws off five barrels of water a day in the form of vapor. This is attracted to the clouds and returns to the earth as rain.

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