

# BRISBANE

## THIS WEEK

**Feed Everybody? Big Job Roads Ask \$170,000,000 Can't Shoot Santa Claus Steel Coffin for Wong**

It is announced that the government will feed, at public expense, men that go on strike while the strike lasts. The American Federation of Labor representative in the South says the 500,000 textile workers about to go on strike will look to the government to take care of them while the strike lasts.

According to the Associated Press, Harry L. Hopkins, government relief administrator, says: "It is a surprising thing to me we haven't had a d—d sight more strikes than we have."

We shall probably have strikes in sufficient number if the government supports all strikers, and, if it should decide to pay them out of public moneys the wages they are asking while the strike lasts, there might be a great many strikes.

Railroads ask for an increase of \$170,000,000 in freight rates to offset increased expenses which "reflect economic policies of the government." Railroads must run, and if the people are not paying enough they must pay more. It is to be hoped that increased payment will provide good pay for railroad workers, conductors, engineers, trainmen, track walkers, all others.

There is nowhere in the world a better body of men, more reliable, dignified, obliging, safe, sober and useful, than American railroad workers.

The "American Liberty league," organized to protect the beautiful old American dollar and "vested interests" from the "New Deal," expects former Governor Al Smith to help.

Mr. John W. Davis, who also ran for President on the Democratic ticket, is said to be with the league "heart and soul."

Former Governor Smith's friends think he may be "too busy."

The probability of beating President Roosevelt's party this fall was expressed well by a former Democratic cabinet member who is not a Roosevelt man:

"You can't shoot Santa Claus, you know, especially around Christmas."

This administration is, for tens of millions of Americans and hundreds of American cities, the greatest "Santa Claus" in all history.

Edmund Wong On Wah, Chinese air pilot, dreamed that he crashed after a collision and told his American wife that when he did die he wanted an iron coffin.

Wong On Wah was selected with another Chinese flyer, Fong Shek, to maneuver above the steamship Bremen, bringing in Gen. Chang Fahway. The planes collided, Wong was killed and his desire to fly and fight for the Chinese army thwarted. He will be buried here in a \$750 steel coffin. General Chang, whom Wong never saw, gave the order.

Why do you suppose Wong wanted an iron coffin? It could not keep the soul in or keep the worms out, presumably. Many prosperous Americans are buried in coffins of bronze.

Not long ago Mussolini and Hitler met with all signs of amity eternal at Venice. Hands were clasped, vows of friendship and co-operation exchanged. Mussolini was to visit Hitler at his country estate as soon as possible, and the world said, "How lovely to see dictator brethren dwelling together in amity!"

And now the Mussolini visit to Hitler is postponed indefinitely. Mussolini did not like the Dollfuss assassination, and seems to hold Hitler's Nazi friends responsible.

Europe discusses the expulsion of Mrs. Sinclair Lewis from Germany as a forerunner of rigid press control. All copies of the London Times in German were recently seized and it is expected that foreign correspondents will be asked to leave if they write anything displeasing to Hitler. Engines would not last long without a safety valve, and liberty does not last long without free expression of opinion.

Modern dictators need to encroach several hairs' breadth on established liberties, and all agree with Napoleon, who said his power would last but a few weeks if he permitted freedom of the press.

Germany, preparing for a hard winter and with scarcity, is endeavoring through Propaganda Minister Goebbels, "to establish hunger as a virtue" and arouse the people's enthusiasm concerning the duty of "doing without."

In this country also we expect a hard winter, but instead of a glorifying of hunger and the "noble patriotism of going without," our government says: "Nobody shall be hungry." The American plan will be the more popular.

Lord Edward Montagu, second son of the Duke of Manchester, thought he would join the French Foreign Legion, changed his mind, started a "hot dog" stand on the edge of the Thames, at Maidenhead, and is well satisfied.

He sells coffee, soft drinks and sandwiches with his hot dogs, and he made four pounds in 24 hours and finds hot dogs more comfortable and profitable than the Foreign Legion.

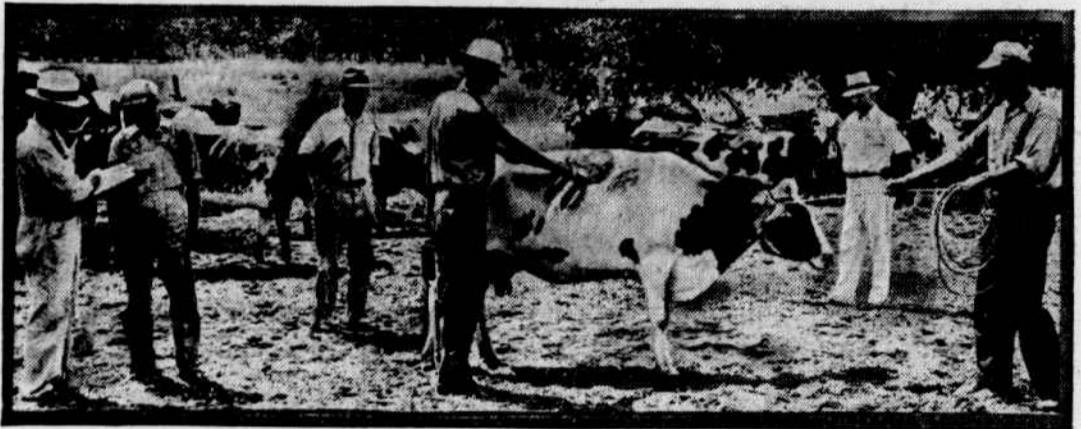
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## They're Not "Fair Weather" Friends, Either



After "watching the clouds roll by" for fifty years, Dr. Charles F. Marvin, seventy-six, has completed his term of service with the United States weather bureau and gone into retirement. At the farewell party given in his honor by his fellow office workers, he is shown congratulating Miss Annie Rellie, most recent member to join the bureau.

## Putting Uncle Sam's Brands on Drouth Cattle



A federal worker with a brush and paint is putting a few daubs on Bossie's coat to show that she has been purchased by Uncle Sam. Other cattle bought in the drouth area in Kansas are near-by waiting to be checked off and marked.

## New Destroyer Is Launched



The Macon, new \$3,500,000 destroyer named in honor of Commodore Macon, victorious leader of the American squadron that fought the British off Cumberland Head, Lake Champlain, in 1814, just after she was launched at the Charlestown navy yard, Boston.

## Adolph Menjou and His New Wife



Adolph Menjou, film star, and Verree Teasdale, actress, were married in Los Angeles by Judge James H. Pope. Menjou was recently divorced by Kathryn Carver.

### Largest Synagogue

Undoubtedly the largest synagogue in history was the Basilica of Alexandria, Egypt, which was destroyed after the Jews made their great exodus under Moses. This edifice was so huge that it held several hundred thousand persons at a time and each trade guild had its own section. The responses of the congregation had to be directed by a flag signal.—Dorothea Myer, Clinton, Okla., in Collier's Weekly.

### Leave Hole in Graves

Indian graves in the Canadian woods are built in the form of mounds and covered with a low, tentlike structure of bark, with an opening in front. In order that (the Indians believe) the spirit of the departed may get out.

### Qualified

Mike—I saw a woman blacksmith today.  
Pat—What was she doing?  
Mike—Shooing chickens.

## SHOWS HIS SOUVENIRS



Midshipman Edwin Denby got home to Annapolis, with 800 or so of his buddies, from a summer cruise in European waters, and he is seen here showing his mother, Mrs. Edwin Denby, some of the souvenirs he picked up on the trip. Middy Denby's father was once secretary of the navy.

## BOOTLEGGERS' FOE



A. J. Melloit of Kansas City, Kan., who is heading the new drive launched from Washington to eliminate the illicit liquor industry of the nation. He will be aided in his campaign against the bootlegger by a force of 3,208 officials and operatives.

## Stone-Crushing With Water

Stone-crushing with water is made possible by a system of high-pressure pumps designed by a Russian engineer, who intends adapting his invention for ice-breakers to carve a path through the ice by bombarding it with jets of water shot out at enormous speed and force.

## In on the Last Stretch

Customer—You said the tortoise I bought from you would live 300 years and it died the day after I bought it.  
Dealer—Now isn't that too bad? The 300 years must have been up.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—William G. H. Finch of New York, appointed assistant chief engineer of the federal communications commission with supervision over the telephone section. 2—Maj. Angel Echeverria (left) and Capt. Augustin Erice of the Cuban army hearing the death sentence pronounced on them for conspiracy to overthrow the government. 3—Dorothy Thompson Lewis, wife of Sinclair Lewis, who was expelled from Germany. 4—View of one of the cell blocks in the Eastern State penitentiary of Pennsylvania after 200 convicts staged a riot.

## Carrying Home Their War Canoe After a Race



Girls who took part in the annual water sports day at the Luther Gulick camp on Lake Sebago, South Casco, Maine, carrying home their war canoe.

## HEADS NAVY BOARD



Rear Admiral Frank H. Clark, U. S. N., has been appointed chairman of the general board of the navy. He succeeds Rear Admiral Richard H. Leigh, U. S. N., who retires from active duty. Admiral Clark has been a member of the general board since June, 1933.

## SOLD TO WHITE SOX



"Bud" Hafey, star outfielder of the San Francisco Missions, who has been sold to the Chicago White Sox. He will get his big chance next year.

## Heaviest Travel

Travel between the United States and Canada is greater than over any other international boundary in the world. During 1933, the number of automobiles from the United States which entered Canada for touring purposes was 3,096,887. Of these, 2,233,418 were admitted for a period not exceeding 24 hours; 863,136 for a period not exceeding 60 days; and 333 for a period not exceeding six months.

## Romance of Today

Artless—Was your first meeting with your wife romantic?  
Attaboy—I collided with her. She wanted my name then, and finally took it for good.

## Fisher Scholarship Winners



Dreams of a college education will come true for 24 boys from the United States and Canada as the result of the 1934 scholarship awards announced in Chicago at the fourth annual convention of the Fisher Body Craftsman's guild. The awards amount to \$51,000 and were given as prizes to the boys building the most perfect model Napoleonic coaches in this year's contest. The four boys from the states who won \$5,000 scholarships, shown above, are: 1—Bartholomew Mandel of Detroit, Mich. 2—Franklin S. Atwater of New Britain, Conn. 3—Robert H. Hellmann of Indianapolis. 4—Frank F. Hines of Blackville, W. Va.

## Planning the Textile Strike



William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor (center), Thomas McMahon, president of the United Textile Workers of America (left), and Francis L. Gorman, first vice president of the Textile Workers' union, conferring in Washington on plans for the strike of the textile workers.