

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Hundreds Perish in Hurricane That Hits Florida—Liner Stranded on Reef—Italy Accuses Ethiopia Before League Council.

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FLORIDA was the victim of another terrific hurricane that swept up from the Caribbean across the keys and the southern end of the state, then along the west coast and into Georgia. The total of fatalities was uncertain but at this writing the number of dead is estimated at more than 500. Of these perhaps 300 were war veterans in labor camps on the keys where they were employed in construction work. All buildings on many of the keys were demolished and a relief train that had been sent to take the veterans away from the danger zone was smashed to pieces. The survivors on the islands were without shelter, food and medical supplies, but relief expeditions were quickly sent by the Red Cross and other agencies.

The towns along the west coast reported extensive property damage.

Responding to assertions that the great loss of life in the veterans' labor camps was due to lack of preparation against such a disaster, President Roosevelt ordered a thorough investigation by Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, administrator of veterans' affairs. Harry Hopkins, head of the FERA which set up the camps, also started an inquiry, and so did the American Legion. The affair promised to attain the bad eminence of a national scandal.

Caught in the fury of the storm, the Morgan liner Dixie, from New Orleans for New York, was driven aground on French reef, about 60 miles south of Miami. Her passengers and crew, numbering 372, were in great peril for three days, but various steamers and coast guard cutters rushed to the rescue in response to her SOS call and as soon as wind and seas abated enough all were taken off the stranded vessel and conveyed to land, most of them to Miami. Passengers on the Dixie warmly praised the gallant work of the ship's officers and crew.

OFF the coast of Portugal the Cunard-White Star liner Doric was in collision with the French steamer Formigny and so badly disabled that she called for aid. The British steamers Orion and Viceroy of India went to the rescue and took off the Doric's passengers, numbering 736. The crew remained aboard. The Doric was returning from a cruise to the Mediterranean. Wireless reports said the Formigny was all right.

BARON POMPEI ALOISI, cold and sardonic, stood up before the League of Nations council in Geneva and presented Italy's case against Ethiopia, denouncing that empire as utterly unworthy to be classed with civilized countries. In addition to his speech, he laid before the council a long memorandum detailing the alleged conditions of slavery that still prevail in Ethiopia and the participation of its government in the slave trade. This memorandum was elaborately documented. Addressing the council, Aloisi said in part:

"Ethiopia, taking advantage of her position as a member of the League of Nations, sheltered behind the treaty of friendship concluded with Italy in 1923, has since that date multiplied provocations, hostile demonstrations, incursions of pillagers, acts of brigandage, and violence against the peaceful populations of our frontier."

"The Ethiopian government does nothing to make itself worthy of belonging to the community of civilized nations. Even today that country has to be represented by European advisers in order to make its voice heard in the League of Nations. The Italian government considers, in these circumstances, that a state such as Ethiopia cannot have either equality of right or equality of duties as compared with civilized states. To claim that members of the league are required to observe rules of the covenant in their relations with members who have always and constantly been outside those rules is contrary to all the principles of right and justice."

To the press correspondents the baron was even more explicit. "You have heard the Italian thesis," he said. "That is final. Italy has asked nothing, not even the withdrawal of Ethiopia from the league. From now on Italy will play a passive role here. We are not going to discuss anything with Ethiopia, but we will discuss Ethiopia with the league. It is up to the members of the

league council to decide whether they want to expel Ethiopia or expel Italy."

Ethiopia's reply to Italy was presented to the council by Prof. Gaston Jeze, a Frenchman. He protested in a dignified way against the brutal wording of the Italian statement and told the council if it considered the expulsion of Ethiopia the league would be setting a precedent of judging member states according to the manner in which they conducted their internal affairs. Some members might find this dangerous, he said.

Jeze ended with a dramatic reminder that time is pressing and this is not the moment for dilatory measures.

"The question is whether there is danger of war, and whether there is danger of an early opening of a war of extermination," he said. "That is the point to which the council ought to direct its most serious attention."

WHILE the European statesman were struggling with the Italo-Ethiopian question, Secretary of State Cordell Hull quietly took a hand in the game. He did not in any way involve the United States in the wrangle, but he put an end to the deal, whereby Haile Selassie was giving a great development concession to Americans. Officials of the Standard-Vacuum Oil company went to Mr. Hull's office and admitted ownership of the grant. The secretary admonished them that the concession had been "the cause of great embarrassment not only to this government, but to other governments who are making strenuous and sincere efforts for the preservation of peace."

The oil men thereupon announced their intention of withdrawing from the deal with Ethiopia, and the big concession sensation was entirely deflated. The British government was especially pleased with this outcome and felt deeply grateful to Secretary Hull.

GERALD B. THORNE, chief of the live stock and feed grains division of AAA, says that in order to rectify inequities in corn-hog production it has been decided to permit modification of the base production quotas. The tentative plan is:

Each county now has an aggregate base production of corn and hogs which will be left untouched. Within the county bases, however, machinery will be set up, largely through county committees, by which the bases can be altered. Thus the farmer who planted less than normal corn in 1932 and 1933 and has a low corn base can be given an increased base. In the same way the farmer who raised fewer hogs for one reason or another in those years than ordinary on a farm of that size may get a larger hog base.

For these increases, however, there will have to be corresponding adjustments downward for other farmers.

EARLY court tests of the Wagner labor dispute; act may be obtained, for already complaints have been filed with the new labor relations board against two subsidiaries of General Motors and the Portsmouth, Ohio, plant of the Wheeling Steel corporation. The complainants are the United Automobile workers and the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers.

UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS, in annual session at Amarillo, Texas, having been assured that the stars and bars would not be banned, accepted the invitation to hold a joint reunion on Gettysburg battlefield with the Grand Army of the Republic in 1938. Paul Roy, who extended the invitation on behalf of Governor Earls of Pennsylvania, told the confederates they would be free to carry the flag of the south wherever and whenever they pleased.

NOTEWORTHY among recent deaths are those of Right Rev. Walter T. Sumner, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, who won fame long ago as a crusader against organized vice in Chicago; George C. Hanson, veteran American diplomat, who shot himself to death on a steamer when returning from Greece; and Charles J. Vopicka of Chicago, who was American minister to several Balkan countries during the World war.

DR. CHAIM WEIZMANN, veteran leader of the Zionists, was elected president of their world organization at the nineteenth congress held in Lucerne. A resolution was adopted declaring against "systematic deprivation of the rights of Jews in Germany, which undermines their moral and material position."

The German delegation to the congress unanimously voted against the resolution, declaring it did not constitute a "constructive plan" to meet the situation of Jews in the reich.

SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL, the English speed demon, satisfied his ambition to run his automobile, the Bluebird, at a rate of 300 miles an hour, on a salt track in Utah. As a matter of fact, he covered the thirteen mile course at an average speed of 301.337 an hour or more than five miles a minute. Over one measured mile he ran at the rate of 304.331.

RUSSIA'S reply in America's protest against the subversive plotting of the Communists in Soviet territory was a rejection and a coldly worded re-assertion of the old and more than dubious position that the Moscow government is not and cannot be held responsible for the doings of the Communist Internationale. This was considered for four days by official Washington and then it was decided to let the matter drop with another and rather milder warning. The new note sent to Moscow said:

"If the Soviet government pursues a policy of permitting activities on its territory involving interference with the internal affairs of the United States, instead of 'preventing' such activities, as its written pledge provides, the friendly and official relations between the two countries cannot but be seriously impaired."

SENATOR HUEY LONG crowed a lot about the success of his one-man filibuster which killed the third deficiency appropriation bill, but he didn't add to his popularity among the people who looked forward for help from the agencies that are now hampered by the failure of the measure. Besides that, it is now admitted that his filibuster rescued the Democratic house leaders from a tight place in the matter of the cotton and wheat

W. L. Granfield still further, it appears that Huey's domination of Louisiana is going to be investigated by a congressional committee. That committee probably will be headed by Representative William L. Granfield of Massachusetts, for he was the author of the elections investigation bill, which was found to contain a little "joker." This joker gives the committee such wide powers that it can probe into all the facts concerning Long's complete control of election affairs in his state and the methods by which he has attained to the position of a dictator there.

MRS. ANNA WILMARTH IKES, wife of Secretary of the Interior Harold Ickes, was killed when an automobile in which she and three friends were riding was overturned in a ditch at Velarde, N. M. Mrs. Genevieve Forbes Herrick, well-known newspaper writer; Ibrahim Seyfullah, secretary of the Turkish embassy in Washington, and Frank Allen of Gallup, N. M., the driver, were severely injured. Allen died later.

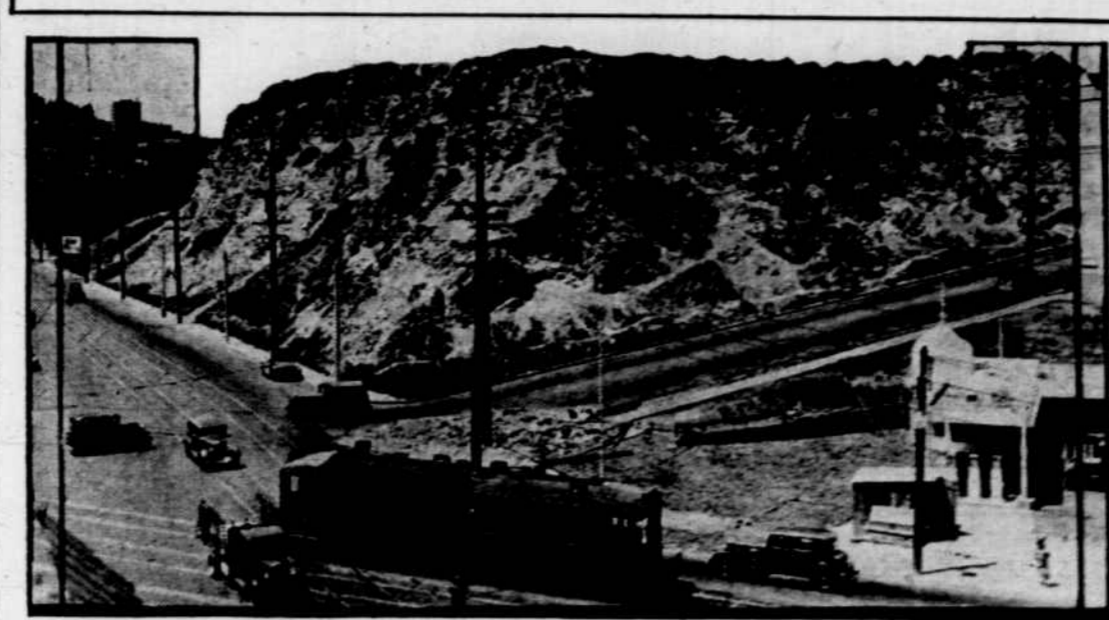
SENATOR GEORGE NORRIS of Nebraska and Arthur F. Mullen, former Democratic national committeeman for that state, are engaged in a warm dispute that may cause considerable embarrassment for President Roosevelt, friend of both men. Mullen carried to the White House a hot protest against a \$20,000,000 power project which is sponsored by Norris. He is attorney for two \$7,000,000 power plants which already have been approved by the PWA, and he asserts there is no field for the enormous amount of electrical energy that would be developed by the three projects, and probably not enough water for all of them.

The first project approved by PWA was at Columbus, Neb., 80 miles west of Omaha, and situated on the Loupe river. The second was on the Platte river, 150 miles farther west, at Sutherland, Neb. Both were approved in the fall of 1933.

BOWED down by deep grief, the Belgian people laid to rest their beloved queen, Astrid, who was killed near Lucerne, Switzerland, when the automobile driven by King Leopold swerved from the road and dashed against a tree. Astrid's skull was crushed and she died almost immediately in the arms of her husband, who was cut painfully by the smashed windshield.

The queen's body, taken back to Brussels, was taken to the cathedral of St. Gudule for the funeral ceremony and then was interred in the royal crypt at Laeken.

Site Selected for New United States Mint



UNCLE SAM'S old mint in San Francisco, at Fifth and Mission streets, is out of date, so a new one will be erected on the block pictured here, now occupied by a rock promontory. The site is at the intersection of Duboce and Buchanan streets at Market street, the other sides being bounded by Hermann and Webster streets.

Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

ANOTHER GAME OF HIDE AND SEEK

YOU remember the game of hide and seek Danny Meadow-Mouse played with Buster Bear? You remember what a very dreadful game it was for Danny? But hard as it was for Danny, it didn't begin to be as hard as the game Lightfoot the Deer was playing with the hunter in the Green Forest.

In the case of Buster Bear and Danny, the latter had simply to keep out of reach of Buster. As long as Buster didn't get his great paws on Danny the latter was safe. Then, too, Danny is a very small person. He is so small that he can hide under two or three leaves. Wherever he is he is pretty sure to find a hiding place of some sort.

Presently over in the distance he heard Sammy Jay screaming, "Thief, thief, thief!" A little sigh of relief escaped Lightfoot. He knew that that screaming of Sammy Jay was a warning to tell him where the hunter was. Knowing just where the hunter was made it easier for him to know what to do.

A Merry Little Breeze came stealing through the Green Forest. It came from behind Lightfoot and danced away towards the hunter with the terrible gun. Instantly Lightfoot began to steal softly away through the Green Forest. He took the greatest care to make no sound. He went in a half circle, stopping every few minutes to

look and listen and test the air with his wonderful nose.

Can you guess what Lightfoot was trying to do?

He was trying to get behind the hunter so that the Merry Little Breezes would bring to him the dreaded man-scent. As long as he could get that scent he would know where the hunter was though he could neither see nor hear him. If he had remained where Sammy Jay had found him, the hunter might have come within shooting distance before Lightfoot could have located him.

So the hunter with the terrible gun walked noiselessly through the Green Forest, stepping with the greatest care to avoid snapping a stick underfoot, searching with keen eyes every thicket

QUESTION BOX

by ED WYNN, The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am in love with a young lady and asked her to marry me. She said she would marry me if I promised to love her "forever." What shall I do? Truly yours, B. HIVES.

Answer: Don't promise that. You may not live that long.

Dear Mr. Wynn: There's a man lives next door to me who has a peculiar habit. Every time he reads of a rich man dying he cries for hours. Can you tell me why he cries, as none of the rich men are related to him? Sincerely, U. SEYMOUR THANME.

Answer: That is very simple. You say when a rich man dies, though he is no relative of the rich man, your neighbor cries? He cries because he is not a relative.

Dear Mr. Wynn: Is it possible for the government to stop suicides? Yours truly, I. TRIEDIT.

Answer: The only way for the government to stop people from committing suicide is for the government to pass a law making it a capital crime punishable by death.

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am a man thirty-three years of age. I am a manager of the hair net department in a 5 and 10c store. I rode my bicycle way out in the country last Sunday. A wild cow chased me for two miles. I found out later the cow was mad because she lost her calf, but why did she chase me? Yours truly, I. NEVERSHAVE.

Answer: The cow most likely took you for the calf.

Dear Mr. Wynn: How is it that in some apartment houses you will find when they live above the sixth floor married couples haven't any children? Yours truly, MISS SHONARY.

Answer: That only happens in apart-

"Football Practice"

By ANNE CAMPBELL

WALTER'S got a grand excuse When he's late for dinner now. Father says: "Oh, what's the use?" Noting Mother's frowning brow. "You know fellows have to play!" "Why were you so late today?" "Football practice!" Wait will say.

Wish I were as big as he! When I'm late I get a look That would slay you! Wait can be Late as anything. . . "Why cook if you're never here?" . . . Peil-mell Wait comes in! Dad says: "Well, Well!" "Football practice!" Wait will yell!

I am proud of Walter, too, Just as Mother is, I know. Though she scolds the whole day through. Keeping meals annoys her so! But I notice that a grin Follows Wait when he comes in. "Football practice?" . . . Hope you win! Copyright.—WNU Service.

Mother's Cook Book

OLD FASHIONED GOOD THINGS.

THERE are any number of people who welcome a loaf of the old-fashioned salt-rising bread. It is not hard to make if the mixture can be kept warm enough. The following is a reliable recipe:

Salt-Rising Bread.

This is such an old-fashioned bread that one has difficulty these days to find a reliable recipe for it. Place in a two-quart bowl one and one-half cups of boiling water, cool to lukewarm. Add one and one-half cups of fresh sweet milk, also lukewarm; one teaspoonful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of corn meal, with enough flour to make a thin batter. Stir the entire mixture well, set into a heater or warming oven or in water that will keep the mixture at 120 degrees. When the first bubble appears stir down; repeat, leaving the dish uncovered. When the yeast is double its bulk mix with flour to knead. Warm the dough and keep all dishes used warm. Make into loaves, rise again and bake in a moderate oven until well browned. Keeping the bread warm during its whole process of rising is very important. The salt is added in the last mixing, as salt has a tendency to kill the growth of the wild yeast.

Cheese Ring.

Take one and one-half pounds of cottage cheese, one teaspoonful of salt, put through a ricer, then add one can of chopped pimientos, one green pepper and two tablespoonfuls of gelatin which has been dissolved in one-fourth of a cupful of cold water. Place in a ring mold and let stand several hours in the ice chest. Turn out on a lettuce bed and surround with alternating canned peaches and pears. In the center place a grapefruit rind filled with mayonnaise.

Fastest American Snake

The fastest American snake, the red racer, can go only 3.6 miles an hour.

and likely hiding place for a glimpse of Lightfoot and studying the ground for traces to show that Lightfoot had been there. © T. W. Burgess.—WNU Service.



"A dumbbell is one of those girls," says catty Katie, "who is as backward in the head as she is in her age." WNU Service.

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Do YOU Know—



That cigars a yard long are common among the Indians of the Amazon hinterland? They are inveterate smokers and the long cigars are smoked by the whole tribe, each cigar being passed from mouth to mouth. © McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WNU Service.

Corn Roast High Above New York



A CORN roast from corn grown in the vegetable garden on the eleventh floor roof of the RCA building in New York was held in the Gardens of the Nations. The corn was roasted by 12 Girl Scouts over a hunter's fire built by them on a terrace of the gardens. The girls roasted the corn to fulfill one requirement for their cook's badge—the preparation of an outdoor meal. Miss Mary Margaret McBride, nationally known food authority, judged their cooking abilities.