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## CURRENT EVENTS IN REVIEW

By Edward W. Pickard

### Speeches by President on Western Trip

TRAVELING rapidly to the Pacific coast for some fishing, President Roosevelt delivered several important addresses. The first was at Fremont, Neb., where he spoke to about 15,000 farmers and was enthusiastically received. Mr. Roosevelt set forth the chief accomplishments of his administration to date, and challenged his opponents to do better. He defended the legality of the New Deal doings and made it plain that he would continue to carry on experiments for the welfare of the people. Defining his idea of constitutional government, he said its true function is "to promote the general welfare, not by interfering unduly with individual liberties, but by bringing to the aid of the individual those powers of government which are essential to assure the continuance of the inalienable rights which the Constitution is intended to guarantee. It is democracy in the good old American sense of the word."



President Roosevelt

Coming to the AAA, in which his hearers might be supposed to be most vitally interested, the President asserted that "agricultural adjustment is an expression in concrete form of the human rights those farmer patriots sought to win when they stood at the bridge at Concord, when they proclaimed the Declaration of Independence, and when they perpetuated these ideals by the adoption of the Constitution."

No matter what attempts may be made to tear it down, "the principle of farm equality expressed by agricultural adjustment will not die," the President told the crowd.

The AAA has made "honorable history," the President declared, and as a result, smoke is pouring from chimneys again and workers without regular jobs are obtaining employment.

He served notice that it is the purpose of his administration to "use every square mile of the United States for the purpose to which it is best adapted." Nature must be harnessed instead of despoiled, he asserted.

At Boulder Dam the President assisted in the dedication of the great project and delivered an address in which he announced that government spending for employment purposes was nearing its end and that now private industry must take up the burden of decreasing the army of the unemployed. He defended the administration against the charges of "boondoggling" and said its efforts "meet with the approval of the people of the nation." He touched only lightly on the power question. Secretary Ickes, who also spoke, said Boulder Dam should be re-named Johnson Dam, in honor of Senator Hiram Johnson.

Again at Los Angeles in the Hollywood Bowl and at San Diego the Chief Executive delivered addresses, and then he went to catch some fish.

High Cost of Living Is Subject of Inquiry

OBEYING the instructions of the President, the federal trade commission has begun a survey to determine why the cost of living is mounting so high. Several members of the commission's staff started the investigation in Detroit, where the housewives staged a meat strike some weeks ago. Other members of the staff will take up the work in Chicago, and later the inquiry will be carried on in other centers. The agricultural income especially is to be investigated.

Illinois Republicans for Knox for Presidency

COL. FRANK KNOX, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, is now an accredited candidate for the Republican Presidential nomination, for he has received the indorsement of the Republican state central committee of Illinois. Colonel Knox has been in a receptive mood for a long time and has traveled all over the country making speeches. In various unofficial straw votes he has been placed second only Senator Borah being preferred to him.

Addressing the Illinois central committee, Colonel Knox said: "I have been from the Atlantic to the Pacific

and from West Virginia on north, and everywhere I find that the Republicans not only think that they will be victorious but they have a deep sense of responsibility to rescue the country from the hands of socialists."

Budget Summation Shows Reduction in Deficits

IN A "budget summation" given out at Washington by order of the President it is shown that the federal deficits will be reduced by more than a billion and a quarter from the original estimates, because economic conditions have grown "decidedly better" and tax receipts are higher than was expected. The estimated deficit for the current fiscal year will be \$3,281,000,000.

"The prevailing rate of recovery," the President said, "points to the speedy decline of federal expenditures for emergency activities."

Unless the AAA's processing taxes are knocked out by the Supreme court, he argued, the government "will not need new taxes or increased rates in existing taxes to meet the expenses of its necessary annual operations."

Van Sweringens Recover Railway Empire

VAN SWERINGENS brothers have regained control over the vast railway and real estate empire they built and lost to New York bankers. At the height of the boom this was valued at \$3,000,000,000. It was taken by a banking group when the Van Sweringens defaulted on loans of \$48,000,000 and was put up at auction. The brothers regained control for \$3,127,000 by bidding in the majority stock of the Allegheny corporation, holding company for all but one of the so-called Van Sweringens roads, including the Chesapeake & Ohio, Pere Marquette, Nickel Plate, Missouri Pacific, and Chicago & Eastern Illinois.

War in Ethiopia Growing Nearer Day by Day

ITALY having rejected the peace plan proposed by the League of Nations committee of five, and Ethiopia having accepted it, the committee reported to the league council that its efforts to solve the problem were futile. The council thereupon held a public meeting and adopted unanimously the recommendation of its president, Enrique Ruiz Guinazu of Argentina, that it proceed under article 15 of the covenant, drafting a report and recommendations for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian embroglio.

A feature of the council's session was an address by Capt. Anthony Eden, British minister for league affairs. Conversations in Rome between British Ambassador Sir Eric Drummond and Premier Mussolini had led some to think Great Britain was weakening, but Eden announced his government was "steadfastly determined to abide by its policy" as previously declared.

Emperor Haile Selassie wired the league requesting that in view of the "increasing provocative attitude of Italy" neutral observers be dispatched to Ethiopia to establish responsibility in case a clash occurs.

The Ethiopian ruler notified the league that he could not delay general mobilization much longer, in view of the "increasing gravity of Italian aggression," but he decided to wait a little longer for action by the league before calling to arms his warriors, whose number he estimates at 2,000,000.

Mussolini, who asserted he expected Ethiopia would soon assault Italy's colonies proceeded to put 250,000 troops in east Africa. Nearly every day vessels left for Eritrea carrying large bodies of soldiers. On one of them went Prince Adelberto of Savoy, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel. In addition to the Italian troops, Mussolini will have half as many native fighters from Eritrea and Somaliland. The duke intimated he would quit the League of Nations if it took any action against Italy, but he also offered to negotiate an accord with Great Britain.

The British asked France to define its attitude should any nation attack the empire, and soon after Sir Samuel Hoare replied to France's questions regarding the British attitude toward possible trouble on the continent. The foreign secretary assured France that Great Britain would always support collective action against any aggressor.

American Legion Elects Ray Murphy Commander

AMERICAN Legionnaires in convention in St. Louis adopted with shouts of approval a resolution for active opposition to "nazi-ism, fascism, communism and other isms contrary to the principles enunciated in the Constitution." Still cheering, the delegates followed that up by asking the withdrawal of United States recognition of soviet Russia.

The veterans commended recent legislation for national defense and called for a larger army, continuation of the officers' training camps, the C. M. T. C. and R. O. T. C. in schools, and for a navy equal to any in the world. They asked all nations to work for world peace, and approved the neutrality resolution of the last congress.

Cleveland, Ohio, was awarded the 1936 annual convention after four ballots. The national American Legion band championship was won by the Chicago Board of Trade post musicians.

At their final session the veterans elected J. Ray Murphy of Ida Grove, Iowa, national commander, and passed a resolution demanding immediate cash payment of the soldiers' bonus. Vice commanders chosen were: Raymond A. Gales of Virginia, W. E. Whitlock of South Carolina, Whitney Godwin of Florida, Oscar Worthwine of Idaho, Lou Probst of Wyoming.

Senator Lewis, Ill in Moscow, Is Recovering

THE many friends of Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois were glad to learn that he was recovering from the attack of pneumonia that laid him up in Moscow for several weeks. For a time it was feared the illness would have a fatal outcome because the senator's heart was weak. Late dispatches said he was able to take nourishment but the physicians could not tell how soon he would be in condition to travel.

V. F. Ridder Will Succeed Gen. Hugh Johnson

GEN. HUGH JOHNSON will soon be out of a job again, for on October 15 he retires from the position of works progress administrator for New York city. This is in accordance with a previous agreement with President Roosevelt. He is to be succeeded by Victor F. Ridder, publisher of the German language newspaper New Yorker Staats-Zeitung und Herold and the New York Journal of Commerce.

Williams Says Business Must Share With Workers

AUBREY WILLIAMS, first assistant to Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins, said in an interview that the unemployment problem will not be solved in a business pick-up unless industry "shares increased business with the workers." He asserted that the present gain in business has put few more people to work, and explained this fact by attributing it primarily to increased efficiency which permits employers to produce more goods than before with fewer employees.

Williams said there had been a drop in the number of people on relief, but he attributed this largely to a "hard-boiled" policy under which the rolls were combed of ineligible.

"As fast as they go from relief to jobs, we get as many new ones on relief who have exhausted their savings," he asserted. "We have become pretty darned hard-boiled on relief."

"Even the National Industrial Conference board says there is more unemployment now than a year ago," he continued. "Business absorbs new business without increasing employment. They get a dividend out of it, but no new jobs are given. We are not feeling any benefit as far as most of our clients are concerned."

By executive order the President added \$800,000,000 to the sum which Harry Hopkins has to spend as PWA administrator, making the total at his command \$1,375,000,000.

Republicans Will Open Chicago Headquarters

REPUBLICAN national committee men met in Washington and began the serious preparation of the Presidential campaign. It was decided unanimously that the party efforts in the western states should be most vigorous and should begin immediately. Headquarters will soon be opened in Chicago with National Committeeman Harrison Spangler of Iowa in charge, and funds were allocated for its expenses.

The committee did not discuss candidates or the selection of a convention city. The latter will not be chosen until the winter meeting. At present Chicago, St. Louis and Kansas City are the leading contenders, with the last named in good position because of its new air conditioned convention hall.

Grecian Lines

Grecian lines are interpreted in crinkled silver lame for this gown of unusual elegance. Fine accordion pleating is used in the bodice and hip-length cape.

### Open Air Park Library Sets Honesty Record



NOT a single book or magazine was missing from New York's only outdoor park library after a week of operation. The 100 per cent honesty record at Bryant park surpassed the best expectations of the librarians in charge. Workers usually, but now jobless, these people are shown enriching their minds in the time that would otherwise hang heavy on their hands.

### Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

#### LIGHTFOOT'S CLEVER TRICK

LIGHTFOOT the Deer is smart. Yes, sir, Lightfoot the Deer is smart. He has to be, especially in the hunting season, to save his life. If he were not smart he would have been killed long ago. He never makes the foolish mistake of thinking that other people are not smart. He knew that that hunter who had started out to follow him early that morning was not one to be easily discouraged or to be fooled by simple tricks. He had a very great respect for the smartness of that hunter. He knew that he couldn't afford to be careless for one little minute.

The certainty of danger sometimes is easier to bear than the uncertainty of not knowing whether or not there really is any danger. Lightfoot felt that if he could know just where the hunter was, he himself would know better what to do. The hunter might have become discouraged and given up following him. In that case he could rest and stop worrying. It would be better to know that he was being followed than not to know. But how was he to find out? Lightfoot kept turning this over and over in his mind as he traveled through the Green Forest. Then an idea came to him.

"I know what I'll do. I know just what I'll do," said Lightfoot to himself. "I'll find out whether or not that hunter is still following me and I'll get a little rest. Goodness knows, I need a rest."

Lightfoot bounded away swiftly and ran for some distance, then he turned and quickly but very, very quietly returned in the direction from which he had just come, but a little to one side of his old trail. After a while he saw

what he was looking for, a pile of branches which wood choppers had left when they had trimmed the trees they had cut down. This was near the top of a little hill. Lightfoot went up the hill and stopped behind a pile of brush. For a few moments he stood there, perfectly still, looking and listening. Then, with a little sigh of relief he lay down, where, without being in any danger of being seen himself, he could watch his old trail through the hollow at the bottom of the hill. If the hunter was still following him

he would pass along through that hollow in plain sight.

For a long time Lightfoot rested comfortably behind the pile of brush. There was not a suspicious sound to show that danger was abroad in the Green Forest. He saw Mr. and Mrs. Grouse fly down across the hollow and disappear among the trees on the other side. He saw Unc' Billy Possum looking over a hollow tree and guessed that Unc' Billy was getting ready to go into winter quarters. He saw Jumper the Hare squat down under a low hanging branch of a hemlock tree and prepare to take a nap. He heard Drummer the Woodpecker at work drilling after worms in a tree not far away. Little by little Lightfoot grew easy in his mind. It must be that the hunter had become discouraged and was no longer following him.

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## QUESTION BOX

by ED WYNN, The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: I just heard of a man who had a chicken farm in Florida that made him a million dollars in the last year. Do you believe that—if so, how did he do it?

Sincerely,  
IKE ANT. C. HOWE.

Answer: He cut his farm up into building lots and sold the chicken coops for bungalows.

Dear Mr. Wynn: A friend of mine said that many poor families would starve if it wasn't for liquor. What does he mean by that?

Sincerely,  
RHE FORMER.

Answer: He means that lots of families would starve to death if it wasn't for the fact that by selling their empty beer and whiskey bottles they get enough money to buy food with.

Dear Mr. Wynn: What is the quickest way to make sawdust?

Yours truly,  
M. T. NOODLE.

Answer: Use your head, my boy, use your head.

Dear Mr. Wynn: On our twenty-fifth wedding anniversary my wife and I had a big party. The guests called on my wife for a speech. She said I was a model husband. Don't you think that is wonderful after 25 years?

Sincerely,  
LOUIE VILL.

Answer: All depends how you look at it. According to Webster's dictionary the word "model" means "a small imitation of the real thing."

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am placed in a very peculiar position. I am a girl twenty years of age and have just met a young man twenty-three years of age. He has lived all his life with his widowed father, on

### Eve's Epigrams

There are always two sides to a question—and then there are the actual facts to take into account.

### ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

By ANNE CAMPBELL

All of the children drew a sudden breath, as if they'd glanced at Death.

The Teacher called the name of one who went This summer to that far Land of Content;

And no one answered . . . so with a swift flick Of her new pencil, Teacher made a check.

My daughter, telling me about it, said She left her startled and uncomfortable,

As if Death was just that: a name called out— No answer—and a pencil's careless flout!

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"It's just about this time-a-year the child figures how he is going to keep out of college," says coed Cora, "while Dad figures how to keep him there."

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### DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is a petition?" "Unanswered letters."

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### Mother's Cook Book

FOR THE CHILDREN

WHEN the children refuse to eat when meal time comes, usually it is nothing to worry about. Just give them a fruit drink or an egg yolk beaten well and added to a glass of orange juice. A bit of honey for sweetening may add to its attractiveness, but usually the orange juice has sufficient sweetness to be very palatable.

In addition to being very appetizing

the following will build healthy bones and teeth and add vitamins which stimulate appetite and digestion:

**Orange Milk Foam.** Take six tablespoons each of orange juice, milk and water, one teaspoon of honey and beat or shake well. Serve in a large glass at once. This is a good breakfast or luncheon drink. The addition of citrus fruit juices to milk promotes its digestion and adds to its palatability. Children who refuse milk when served alone will take it in this way. The addition of an egg yolk will make a real food drink. The use of honey is recommended as it is partly digested sugar and is for that reason easily assimilated.

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### Kindergarten "Quads" of Detroit



ON SCOOTERS specially purchased for the occasion, Michigan's famous Morlok quadruplets are seen starting to scoot to school in Detroit where they enrolled in the kindergarten class. They are the only kindergarten quads in America. The teachers started to worry about identification so their mother put a name button on each dress.