

## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### World Court Adherence Proposal Sidetracked in Senate—President's Social Security Plan Arouses Storm of Discussion.

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**R**ATIFICATION of the world court protocols received a setback when Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican, California, bitterly denounced such action as a "back door entry" to the League of Nations, and senators' leaders rather than risk an immediate vote, delayed definite action.

Senator Johnson's attack came on the heels of a special message to the senate from President Roosevelt who asked for early ratification of the protocols. It was the most determined movement yet made to put the United States into the court.

Other senators, it is said, were ready to follow Johnson's lead, particularly Senator Borah, long time foe of the court.

Johnson supported his opening attack on the court by offering four embarrassing reservations to the resolution of ratification:

1. Prohibit the court from entertaining jurisdiction on any question relating wholly or in part to internal affairs.
2. Permit recourse to the court only by agreement through general or special treaties between the parties in dispute.
3. Prohibit the court and the league of nations from trying to assume jurisdiction on any question which depends upon or relates to the Monroe Doctrine.
4. Declare the United States, by joining the court, assumes no obligations.

Through Johnson's action, these questions must be voted upon before a final vote can be reached on the resolution of adherence.

Although the question has been sidetracked for a time, it will be brought up soon, it is said, and Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, has stated that he was confident of ratification when the final test comes.

**T**HE third phase of testimony presented by the state in the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, charged with the murder of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's son, has begun. Eight handwriting experts called by the prosecution have completed their testimony, each declaring that in his opinion, the four ex-carpenter was author of the ransom notes, and the state now moves on to the story of finding the tiny corpse in a shallow grave in the woods near Hopewell, N. J., two months and twelve days after the kidnaping on the night of March 1, 1932.

Following this, the story of how Hauptmann was captured last September through identification of one of the gold certificates which made up the ransom, will be told.

Eight men, who have qualified with the court as experts, have declared that Hauptmann penned the ransom notes. Photographic enlargements of the notes and of Hauptmann's admitted writings have been shown in the court, and each peculiarity of each character has been carefully gone over.

Defense lawyers have fought each scrap of testimony bit by bit. An attempt has been made to show that some one might have forged Hauptmann's handwriting in an effort to throw suspicion on him, but this has been vigorously refuted by witnesses who have been firm in their assertions that only the prisoner could have been the author.

An attempt to forestall efforts of the defense to pin the crime on Isador Fisch, furrier, who died in Germany, is being made by New Jersey officials. Pinkus Fisch, brother of Isador, his wife, Czerna; his sister, Hannah, and Fisch's nurse, Minne Steingnitz, have been brought from Germany to testify. Pinkus has asserted his belief that his brother is not guilty.

**T**HE Saar will be returned to Germany on March 1, a special committee of the League of Nations has decided. The proposal will be submitted to Berlin at once. Opposition to this proposal is expected, since the reich originally demanded the basin's return formally on or before February 15.

Another difficulty arises over France's demand that Article 42 of the Versailles treaty establishing a demilitarized zone should be applied to the

Saarland. This would ban Nazi storm troops and Brown Shirts from the territory after its return. Compliance of this demand would be an admission from Germany that the Brown Shirts are a semi-military organization, and this Berlin has long denied in computing her military strength.

Germany won an overwhelming victory in the plebiscite held to determine the wishes of the inhabitants of the rich Saar basin as to the future status of that territory. The complete vote as announced by the commission was: for return to Germany 477,119, for annexation to France 2,124, and to return to present status under League of Nations control 46,513. Their margin of victory exceeded the hopes of even the most optimistic Nazi leaders.

Love of the fatherland won over antipathy to Hitler principles in influencing the voters. The Saarlanders in voting to return to reich rule exchange their personal and political liberties for the regimentation of a dictatorship with its curb on the press, free speech and individualism.

**G**ENERAL REVISION of air mail rates to prevent possible destruction of commercial aviation has been recommended by the bureau of air mail of the Interstate Commerce commission. An investigation conducted by the bureau discloses that most of the routes are being operated at substantial losses, and rate increases were recommended on 19 routes. Rates on one route would remain unchanged, and 11 others would be decreased, if the recommendations are carried out.

The proposed new increases range up from nine cents per mile for postage not to exceed 300 pounds per mile, while the reductions ranged as high as 13.5 cents per mile. Operation losses of \$1,757,903.39 were shown in tables submitted by the 31 existing operating companies, and it was pointed out that the industry would be endangered if the contractors were forced to continue operating at tremendous losses.

**T**HE most far-flung innovation the New Deal has proposed thus far—the "social security plan" proposed by President Roosevelt—has aroused a storm of discussion. Administration adherents greeted the scheme with wild enthusiasm, while the opposition, led by Senator Borah, Idaho, has voiced vigorous criticisms.

All business in congress has been sidetracked to permit immediate action on the proposed measure. Public hearings have already been started in the senate finance committee, and the house ways and means committee has postponed consideration of the bonus bill to work on the security plan. This is being done at the President's behest. The plan provides:

Flexible, but compulsory unemployment insurance under a federal-state system restricted to workers and financed by a 3 per cent tax on payrolls after January 1, 1938. The government will aid in bearing administration costs, and the treasury will handle the fund. Ninety per cent of the pay roll tax is to be refunded to employers who contributed to state unemployment plans. A maximum of \$15 a week of compensation to begin four weeks after the worker loses his job and to last for not more than sixteen weeks is contemplated.

The second part of the plan provides for old-age pensions. The government is to co-operate with the states and pay a maximum of \$50 a month to persons over sixty-five. The national government is also to aid states in formulating a plan for persons under sixty-five which will be financed jointly by employer and employee through a pay roll tax; the funds to be handled by the federal government; the amount of pensions to be a percentage of the employee's wage; with non-manual employees receiving more than \$250 a month to be exempt from the plan.

The third section of the scheme provides for appropriations to give better facilities to caring for mothers, and dependent and crippled children, and the fourth section would furnish larger appropriations for public health aid, investigation and research. Cost of the entire program to the

federal government will be \$100,000,000 next year and \$200,000,000 in succeeding years. The cost to the states will be \$75,000,000 next year and \$150,000,000 in succeeding years. Some idea of the size of the plan may be gained from the report of the President's cabinet which said reserves for old-age pensions must be maintained after some years at \$15,250,000,000.

**O**NE of the most spectacular prison breaks in history was effected when four convicts in the San Quentin (Calif.) state prison overpowered two guards, slugged the warden unconscious, kidnaped six hostages including four members of the state prison board, and fled in a state owned automobile. The felons were captured two hours later 54 miles from the prison after a running gun fight with prison guards and posse. One of the convicts was wounded, as were two of the hostages.

Trouble has been expected at San Quentin, where some 6,000 prisoners are housed in space designed for only 3,000. Unrest has been evident for some time, especially since it became necessary to put more than one man in each cell. Only 190 guards have been regularly employed.

**E**XTENSION of life of the Reconstruction Finance corporation for two years will be asked, informed congressmen assert. The RFC's authority to make loans expires on January 31. It is rumored that the extension will include a proviso permitting the President to put the organization out of business by proclaiming the emergency ended at the conclusion of the year.

The extension plan may also carry a section doubling the length of time for maturity of loans the RFC may make. The present limit is five years.

**T**HE final fate of NRA seems to be up to the President. Reports from the capital say the National Industrial Recovery board, successor to Gen.



Donald Richberg

Hugh Johnson, who asserts NRA is "as extinct as the dodo," has avoided a direct recommendation that the institution be made permanent. Since this was evidently done with the approval of the President, the future of the Blue Eagle seems to be somewhat clouded. The board, of which Donald Richberg is chairman, pointed out three possible courses which the President can follow. The first course would be to make NRA permanent, but in simplified form. Under this plan, every industry would have to go under a code fixing wage and hour limits and prohibiting child labor. Trade practice provisions would be entirely voluntary. In rare cases where price fixing is employed, the government, not the industry, would fix the price.

The second course would be to extend the NRA as it now stands, but for a limited period. Unless legislation of this kind is enacted, the act will expire automatically on June 16. The third course would amend and extend the NRA.

Most members of the board, it is said, prefer the "permanent" plan which would broaden the government's regulation of business. No industry would escape the wage and hour codes. Today many industries, among them the telephone, telegraph, and tobacco industries, are not under trade codes, since these have not been able to agree on terms. The present law permits the President to impose a code only when an industry refuses to submit voluntarily, such as in the case of the cotton garment industry.

Observers are not at all sure the President wants a permanent code. Several uncertainties have made it difficult for the President to decide, one of which is the status of section 7a, the collective bargaining clause.

**A** NUMBER of important issues await the League of Nations as it convenes at Geneva on its fifteenth birthday. Five major disputes will come before the body, of which the Saar plebiscite, involving as it does the disposition of the future national allegiance of that rich territory, holds most immediate interest.

Other decisions which await action of the league include: the dispute between Iraq and Persia over alleged border violations by the latter; the border conflict between Italy and Ethiopia; the Greek complaint that Greek minorities in Albania are being deprived of their guaranteed rights; and the long war in the Chaco Boreal between Bolivia and Paraguay.

**I**MPROVED conditions among corn belt farmers are indicated by a federal report which shows a gain of \$82,980,502, or more than 30 cents a bushel for each grower, has been realized by farmers in 10 states who availed themselves of the government 45-cent corn loans. Only slightly more than \$500,000 of the \$120,402,259 remains unpaid. About 18,000,000 bushels are under seal under the new 55-cent price, report states.

## Tea Party at the Zoo in Detroit



**Q**UITE a social gathering can be depended on when Mr. and Mrs. Chimpanzee entertain their relatives at tea in their Detroit Zoo apartments. The entire family is being trained for public appearances at the zoo theater next spring, and the occasional tea party is the only relaxation the young thespians get from the tiring rehearsal routine.

## Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

### PETER DISCOVERS SNOWFLAKE

**R**OUGH BROTHER NORTH WIND hurried up one big cloud after another, and late in the afternoon white, feathery flakes came drifting down out of the sky. Peter Rabbit sat tight in the dear old Briar Patch. All night he remained squatting just inside the entrance to an old hole Johnny Chuck's grandfather had dug a long time ago in the middle of the dear old Briar Patch. Some time before morning the snow stopped falling and then Rough Brother North Wind worked as hard to blow away the clouds as he had to bring them.

When Jolly, round, bright Mr. Sun began his daily climb up in the blue, blue sky he looked down on a world of white. It seemed as if every little snowflake twinkled back at every Jolly Little Sunbeam. It was all very lively and Peter Rabbit rejoiced as he scampered forth in quest of his breakfast.

He started first for the weedy field where the day before he had found Dotty the Tree Sparrow and Slaty the

Junco. They were there before him, not seeming to mind the snow in the least and having the very best of good



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times, as they picked seeds from the tops of the weeds which showed above the snow. At once Peter discovered that they

were not alone. Quite as busy seeking seeds as were Dotty and Slaty was a bird just a little bigger. The top of his head and back were a rusty brown and on his back were streaks of black. Back of each eye and on each shoulder was a little patch of this same rusty brown. The inner tail feathers were black, and the outer half of the long wing feathers were black. Otherwise he was dressed all in white. It was Snowflake and Snow Bunting. Peter knew him instantly. He knew that there is no other small bird who is so largely white. Peter had his usual question ready.

"Are you going to spend the winter here, Snowflake?" he cried.

Snowflake was so busy getting his breakfast that he did not reply at once. Peter noticed that instead of hopping he walked or ran. Presently he paused long enough to reply to Peter's question. "If the snow has come to stay all winter, perhaps I'll stay," said he. "I can't understand how folks can be contented where there is no snow and ice. You don't catch me going way down South. Why, when the nesting season comes around I follow Jack Frost clear up to where he spends the summer. I nest way up on the shore of the Polar Sea, but, of course, you don't know where that is, Peter Rabbit."

Peter confessed that he didn't. © T. W. Burgess—WNU Service.

## KAY

By ANNE CAMPBELL

**I**F YOU meet a young girl with a spirit that shines Like a heavenly light from her brave eyes of gray, The lift of your heart will be one of the signs— That's Kay!

She is like a small boat that bobs over the wave, So sure that the storm will not sweep her away. The faith of her fathers has power to save, Says Kay!

Perhaps she has troubles, but nobody knows. They're locked in her heart, and her laughter is gay. "The world is no better for knowing my woes," Says Kay!

She's true and warm-hearted; she's happy, and sure That the sun's never far from the clouds of today, And her friendship is golden and it will endure! . . . That's Kay!

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## Capes Are the Rage



Lavin selected a bold brown and tan check for this stunning ensemble. The bodice of the two-piece dress is finished at the waistline with a stitched band of the material. Capes are the rage this season.

the three words HE AND PRUNES. The first book of English tells us that "prunes" is a noun and should only be used in boarding houses, while the word "AND," unlike an adverb is a conjunction. In your example you have used the conjunction "AND" to connect the word "prunes," which is a noun, with the word "HE." The word "HE" is a personal pronoun at all times, except when used for laughing purposes, like HE-HE-HE.

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## MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

### HINTS FOR HOME MAKERS

**T**RY adding a bit of grated lemon rind with the usual seasonings for pumpkin pie; it gives an added flavor.

In every well-furnished kitchen one should find accurate scales and measuring utensils, a pair of shears to be used only in the preparation of food; and since the success of a dish depends often upon timing its cooking or baking, a reliable clock.

When cooking squash, wash and scrub it well, then cut into convenient sized pieces to go into the steamer. Cook until tender, then scoop out the squash, mash, season with butter, cream, salt and a grating of orange peel. A small amount of sugar adds much to various dishes, fresh vegetables, meats and meat sauces. It accentuates the various flavors, binds them into a harmonious whole and enriches the color.

When starting out for a day of shopping buy or carry a small package of your favorite candy. When feeling ready to drop with fatigue eat a piece of candy and see how quickly you are pepped up. It will drive away that exhausted feeling and give you plenty of energy to carry on. Sugar is one of the world's greatest energy foods. The hundreds of pounds of candy that were consumed by Admiral Byrd's men during their long Antarctic winter will testify to its value.

A turkish towel or piece of heavy outing flannel placed on the draining board or in the bottom of the dishpan when washing delicate china will save many a treasured dish from breakage. The habit of so many dish washers is to place half a dozen fragile cups together in a pan of water and while floating around the handles are sure to be knocked off or cracked. With china as expensive as it is today, we need to use great care in handling it.

Add a few drops of lime juice to honeydew melons when serving.

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### Do YOU Know—



That the nose of the seal is a very ingenious contrivance. Its shape is such that when the nostrils are closed not a drop of water can enter. Each nostril is provided with muscles which close it hermetically at the owner's will.

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### QUESTION BOX

By ED WYNN... The Perfect Fool

Dear Mr. Wynn: I am a drinking man, but my wife made me sign a pledge that I would not take a drink of whisky for one year. Gee! I'm dying for a drink. What shall I do?

Yours truly, A. LUSH.

Answer: Buy a ticket for the Odion theater and go to see the show and at intermission it will be perfectly all right for you to take a drink. Your pledge is only for one year and the play you are going to see has two acts and three years elapse between the first and second acts.

Dear Mr. Wynn: Am writing to you as I know you are a dear friend of my father. You, of course, remember what a great pleasure

## "With the Greatest of Ease"



New version of "the daring young man on the flying trapeze" given by a white mouse who performs his act on a trapeze held firmly in the strong jaws of an English bulldog. Their home is in London, England.