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CURRENT EVENTS IN REVIEW

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Townsend Plan Inquiry Attracts Attention

WHILE waiting for instructions as to what to do in the matter of taxation, the members of the house—and many others—directed their attention to the investigation of the activities of the Townsend pension plan promoters. Speaker Byrns appointed on the probing committee of eight two avowed Townsendites—John H. Tolan, Democrat, and Samuel L. Collins, Republican, both from California. The chairman is J. Jasper Bell of Missouri, Democrat, author of the resolution for the investigation. It was understood that Mr. Bell had already gathered a mass of information to substantiate the charge that the Townsend plan has become a huge racket. The leaders of both parties in congress have been getting rather nervous over the growth of the Townsend movement and are glad to see it attacked; but some impartial observers call attention to the fact that the way the committee is going after it smacks of unconstitutional abridgment of the right to petition.

It was expected that one of the first questions to be considered by the committee would be the salaries received by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, author of the scheme, and R. E. Clements, former California real estate operator, co-founder and general manager. Clements has revealed to newspaper reporters that he and Doctor Townsend receive salaries of \$100 a week each from OARP—the old age revolving pension organization—and \$50 a week each from the Townsend national weekly, which claims a circulation of 250,000.

Congressman John Steven McGroarty, California's "poet laureate," says the Townsendites will control the house of representatives at the next session, and adds: "They have built up the largest political organization in the history of America, with 10 million enrolled members. If you include those who have signed petitions favoring the Townsend plan the number is increased to 30 million. By November it will be twice this large. This investigation will vastly strengthen the Townsend movement and anybody that knows anything knows that. The American people like fair play and they know that this investigation is just dirty politics."

Gen. Hagood Punished for New Deal Criticism

MAJ. GEN. JOHNSON HAGOOD recently suggested to the house appropriations subcommittee that congress take advantage of what he termed "WPA stage money" and use it to improve housing at army posts. Within a few days came this order signed by Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff, by order of the secretary of war:

"By order of the President, Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood, United States army, is relieved from assignment to the command of the Eighth Corps area and further duty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Maj. Gen. Hagood will proceed to his home and await orders. The travel directed is necessary in the military service."

Two Prominent Men Are Claimed by Death

DEATH took from the scene two men prominent in national life—Albert Cabell Ritchie, governor of Maryland for four terms, and Henry Latrobe Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and distant cousin of the President. Mr. Ritchie was a leader among conservative Democrats, from the start a determined foe of national prohibition, and in 1932 a candidate for the Presidential nomination by his party. Though beaten out by F. D. Roosevelt, he had the satisfaction of seeing his repeal plank put into the Democratic platform. Of late he had been an outspoken critic of the New Deal policies, for he was a champion of state rights.

Henry L. Roosevelt was the fifth member of his family to serve as assistant secretary of the navy, and in recent months he had played an increasingly important part in the affairs of the department, acting as secretary during the illness of Secre-

tary Swanson. He was a student in the naval academy class of 1900, but left before graduation to become a second lieutenant in the marine corps, in which service he rose to the rank of colonel. He was buried in Arlington National cemetery with full military rites after funeral ceremonies that were attended by President Roosevelt and many other high officials.

Week-End Activities of President Roosevelt

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT had a busy week-end. First he went to Philadelphia and received from Temple university the honorary degree of doctor of jurisprudence. He delivered an address in the course of which he said: "True education depends upon freedom in the pursuit of truth. No group and no government can properly prescribe precisely what should constitute the body of knowledge with which true education is concerned. The truth is found when men are free to pursue it."

"It is this belief in the freedom of the mind, written into our fundamental law and observed in our every day dealings with the problems of life, that distinguishes us as a nation."

Next the President hurried up to Cambridge, Mass., to see his son John initiated into the old aristocratic Fly club of Harvard. Returning to Hyde Park, Mr. Roosevelt delivered a radio address marking brotherhood day of the national conference of Christians and Jews, and he called on all believing Americans to unite against the wave of irreligion that challenges all faiths.

Ship Subsidy Measure Seems to Be Discarded

DEVELOPMENTS in Washington lead to the belief that the Copeland ship subsidy bill has been abandoned. Word came from the White House that the President, although he initiated the principles of the measure, would not press for its passage; and Senator Royal S. Copeland, whose commerce committee approved the bill which was a part of the administration program, is so irritated that he may drop it. Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania has prepared a rival measure, not yet introduced.

Shipping interests have given warning that new construction for foreign trade will continue to be paralyzed by uncertainty and lead to additional insistence by the Navy department on the building of its own auxiliaries.

New Farm Relief Bill Sent to Conference

DIFFERENCES between the house and senate versions of the new farm relief measure were utterly irreconcilable. If you could take the work of the conferees of both bodies to whom the bill was sent. Nevertheless, it was expected the disputes would all be adjusted within a few days and the measure sent to the White House.

Senator Smith, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, voiced indignation opposition to a house amendment providing that tenant farmers and sharecroppers shall be included in cash benefits paid landowners for conserving soil and thus controlling production.

Eden Warns That Another World War Impends

CAPT. ANTHONY EDEN, British foreign minister, stood up in the house of commons and warned the world that recurrence of the World war was imminent and in his opinion could not be averted except by a system of collective security "embracing all nations in an authority which is unchallenged and unchallengeable."

Eden impressed upon members of the parliament the difference between a policy of collective security and one of encirclement, such as the "ring of steel" which Germany complains is being forged about her by France. "The British government will have no lot or part in encirclement," Eden said.

Earlier in his speech the minister announced that the sanctions already imposed upon Italy by members of the League of Nations are achieving their purpose of hastening the cessation of war between Italy and Ethiopia. He failed to satisfy the opposition on the question of an oil embargo against Italy by sidestepping a definite commitment on such a boycott.

Neutrality Act Extended for Another Year

BOTH house and senate passed the resolution extending for one year the existing embargo on arms, ammunition, and implements of war, and prohibiting loans and credits to belligerents.

Senator Nye was out of the city when the senate assembled, an hour earlier than usual, to act on the measure. Hearing what was going on, he flew from Minneapolis through a storm and arrived five minutes before the final vote but too late to put through any of his proposed amendments.

SEC Head Is Worried by Stock Speculation

JAMES M. LANDIS, chairman of the securities and exchange commission, speaking at an alumni meeting at Princeton university, expressed great concern over increased stock market speculation, and set forth three methods, whereby the government might curb it. These are: Control of banks and brokerage credit, antimanipulation laws, and a program to educate the public against unwise stock purchases.

"One sees with concern," Landis said, "the efforts of traders to outguess events, like court decisions, and the increasing tendency subtly generated to induce people to pour their savings into the market with heedlessness as before."

Gen. "Billy" Mitchell Is Dead of Heart Attack

ONE of the most spectacular and dynamic figures in American life of today passed with the death of Brig. Gen. William Mitchell in a New York hospital. He succumbed to a heart attack and influenza at the age of fifty-seven years. "Billy," as he was known to airmen, was commander in chief of the American air forces in France during the World war and was decorated by six governments. Afterward, while yet in the regular service, he severely criticized the government's air preparedness policy and was court-martialed and suspended.

Couzens Is Investigating W. J. Cummings' Salaries

POSITIONS and salaries of Walter J. Cummings, treasurer of the Democratic national committee, are to be investigated by Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, in connection with his inquiry into appointments made under operations of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in financing banks and railroads. The senator declared that Mr. Cummings is receiving more than \$90,000 annually as a result of appointments obtained at the behest of the RFC. Mr. Cummings is receiving \$75,000 annually as chairman of the Continental Illinois National Bank and Trust company of Chicago, according to Senator Couzens.

Philadelphia Paper Wins Criminal Libel Suit

THE Philadelphia Inquirer, accused of criminal libel by Attorney General Charles J. Margott of Pennsylvania, was acquitted of the charge by a jury of five housewives and seven men. The costs of the trial, however, were placed on the defendant. The basis of the attorney general's charge was an article printed by the Inquirer on September 29, 1935, during a mayoralty campaign in Philadelphia, which said Mr. Margott's law partners and associates were planning a "big tax fee grab." Acquitted with the Inquirer were its editor, John Trevor Custis, and general manager, Charles A. Tyler, co-defendants.

Interesting Selections of Convention Delegates

SELECTIONS of delegates to the national conventions, already being made in some states, are interesting, especially in the case of New York. Representative Hamilton Fish, supporting Borah for the Republican Presidential nomination, led a hot fight to displace some of the "old guard" and lost, the state committee naming these delegates at large:

Charles D. Hillis and Mrs. Ruth Pratt, members of the national committee; Mrs. Robert Low Bacon, vice chairman of the state committee; Representative Bertrand H. Snell, minority leader of the house; Representative James W. Wadsworth, former United States senator; Edward H. Butler, publisher of the Buffalo Evening News; John R. Crews, Brooklyn leader; Charles H. Griffiths, Westchester county chairman.

Tammany made public the list of its delegates to the Democratic convention, and it is headed by Alfred E. Smith who will represent the tip of Manhattan and Staten island.

From 6,000 Feet Above to 260 Feet Below Sea Level



WHAT appears to be a winding river in the trackless waste of Death Valley's floor is but a mirage, shimmering in the brilliant sunshine. These young women are standing at Dante's View where the sheer cliffs of the Panamint mountains drop more than a mile straight down to the salt-encrusted sink. The Funeral mountains in the left background are 15 miles away. The photograph is by the Union Pacific railroad.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

LIGHTFOOT MAKES A SURPRISING DISCOVERY

PROBABLY there is no happier time of the year for Lightfoot the Deer than when the dreadful hunting season ends and he is once more back in his beloved Green Forest with nothing to fear. All his neighbors called on him to tell how glad they were that he had escaped again and how the Green Forest would not have been the same had he not returned.

So Lightfoot roamed about without fear and was happy. It seemed to him that he could not be happier. There was plenty to eat, and that blessed feeling of nothing to fear. What more could anyone ask? He began to grow sleek and fat and handsomer than ever. The days were growing colder and the frosty air made him feel good.

Just at dusk one evening he went down to his favorite drinking place at the Laughing Brook. As he put down his head to drink he saw something which so surprised him that he quite forgot that he was thirsty. What do you think it was he saw? It was a footprint in the soft mud. Yes, sir, it was a footprint.

For a long time Lightfoot stood staring at that footprint. In his great, soft eyes was a look of wonder and surprise. You see, the footprint was exactly like one of his own, only smaller. To Lightfoot it was a very wonderful footprint. He was quite sure that never had he seen such a dainty footprint. He forgot to drink. Instead, he began to search for other footprints and presently he found them. Each was as dainty as the first one. Who

could have made them? That is what Lightfoot wanted to know, and what he meant to find out. It was clear to him that there was a stranger in the Green Forest, and somehow he didn't resent it in the least. In fact, he was glad. He couldn't have told why, but it was true.

Lightfoot put his nose to the footprints and sniffed of them. Even had he not known by looking at those prints that they had been made by a stranger, his nose would have told him this. A great longing to find the maker of those footprints took possession of him. He lifted his handsome head and listened for some slight sound which might show that the stranger was near. With his delicate nostrils he tested the wandering little Night Breezes for a stray whiff of scent to tell him which way to go. But there was no sound, and the wandering little Night Breezes told him nothing. Lightfoot followed the dainty

footprints up the bank. There they disappeared, for the ground was hard. Lightfoot paused, undecided which way to go.

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

MEATS AND OTHER FOODS

AS THE main dish of the dinner is usually some form of meat, fish or fowl, something different is always a delight.

Chicken Almonds.

Cut with shears the raw meat from a three-pound roasting chicken. Cut into cubes. Soak one-half cup of dry mushrooms in one cup of water or peel and cut one cup of fresh ones. Cut a large mild onion into cubes. Fry one cup of blanched almonds in four tablespoons of peanut oil until crisp and brown, remove from the oil and keep warm. Place the chicken in the hot oil, add mushrooms and onion and one-fourth of a cup of water. Cook until the meat has lost its color, add almonds, and thicken with a tablespoon of soy sauce, one teaspoon of cornstarch and two teaspoons of water. Serve in a bowl, very hot.

Smothered Broiled Fish.

Broil and chill a fine slice of halibut or salmon. When ready to serve lay on a cold chop plate, surround with cooked chilled string beans; partly cover the fish with a garnish of pickled nasturtium seeds or capers, sliced olives and very small cooked beets arranged ornamentally. Serve with sauce tartare, and at the same meal serve strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Stuffed Shoulder of Lamb.

Have the shoulder blade removed from the meat, wipe with a damp cloth to remove any bits of bone. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Fry one small onion in four tablespoons of



Quantity of this dainty frock of black and pink lace with its pleated ruffles and ascot scarf. The bolero effect is only in front for the back is made in one piece. There is a black lace belt.

The Work That Must Be Done

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THEY do the work that must be done:
The world has little need of lines
Like these—men first must fell the pines
And build a shelter from the sun.
They do the work ordained of old:
The world has little need of laws
Till they, who seldom seek applause,
Shall feed the hungry, clothe the cold.

They do the work God had in mind:
The world has little need of more,
Though this is all they labor for,
The care and comfort of mankind.
They do the work that God began:
The world has little need of speech,
For they, with service, better teach
Mankind the brotherhood of man.

They do the work, the humble deeds:
The world has little need of art
Until the workers do their part,
For out of them all art proceeds.
They do the work by God begun:
The world has not a greater need
Than hands that house and clothe and feed—
They do the work that must be done.
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THE magician shows two wads of paper, one in each hand. He asks a spectator to hold one paper ball; the magician places it within the person's fist.

Then the magician pockets the second ball of paper. A mysterious snap of his fingers causes that ball to join the one which the spectator is holding—so the magician says, and his statement proves correct. Upon opening his hand, the spectator finds both paper balls.

Three balls of paper are used in the trick. In one hand, the magician holds two pressed together so they look like one. This is the "ball" which he places in the spectator's fist. Naturally, when he opens his hand, the spectator finds two instead of one.

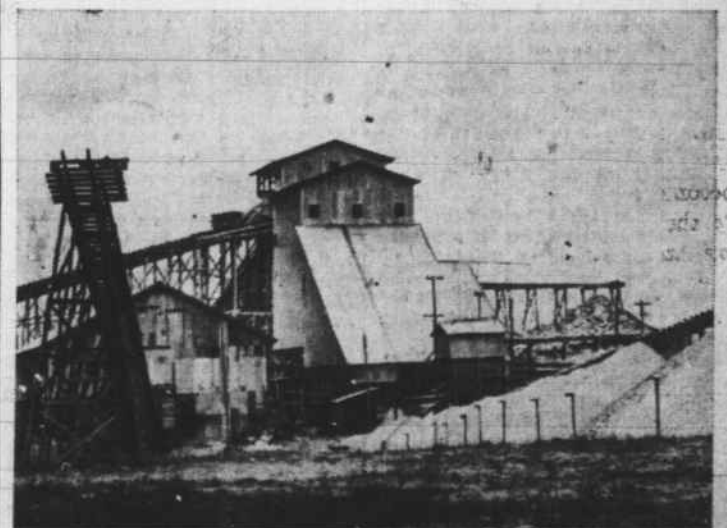
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DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is a monument?"
"Stone X."
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Phosphate Mining in Central Florida



THE crushing sheds and piles of phosphate rock in central Florida. In this shed the hard rock phosphate is washed, dried and screened to various sizes. The phosphate industry is one of the state's largest.