

## Current Events in Review

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### Mussolini Abolishes Chamber of Deputies

**BENITO MUSSOLINI** evidently expects another European war, and in preparation for it he announced several drastic measures on the seventeenth anniversary of the founding of the Fascist party. He abolished the chamber of deputies, substituting for it a council of guilds; and he also eliminated the country's large industries, leaving the medium and small private industries in existence. This latter move, he told the council of the 22 guilds of the corporative state, was to increase the nation's economic self-sufficiency. "When and how war will come, one does not know," he said, "but the wheel of fate turns fast."

Mussolini asserted the large industries, particularly those working for the defense of the nation, would be formed into organizations called "key industries." These, he said, "will be run directly or indirectly by the government. Some will have mixed organization."

He drew tremendous cheers from the audience, rising in the gorgeous Julius Caesar hall of the capitol building, on Capitoline hill, when he declared that with this reform, the Fascist party reached fulfillment of its purpose.

### Russia and Poland Don't Trust Negotiations

**EASTERN Europe**, especially soviet Russia and Poland, is distrustful of the negotiations among the Locarno powers. Russia, according to Karl Radek, authoritative writer in Moscow, is convinced she must rely for her safety mainly on her own resources for defense, and accordingly will strengthen her armed forces, already numbering 1,800,000 men. He described commitments of the four Locarno powers in regard to future action as "so uncertain that they can be discounted as not existing at all."

Suggestions offered in London for the summoning of an international conference to discuss new agreements Radek found to be "so vague" as to app the world to know we will never capitulate before the resolutions and for which Hitler has expressed no particular love.

The Polish government was decidedly worried by reports of secret negotiations in London behind the scenes of the conference of the Locarno powers. These reports were forwarded by Col. Josef Beck, the foreign minister, who scented a plot to secure peace in western Europe at the expense of eastern Europe by granting Germany a free hand in the latter region. Beck thought there were possibilities of revision of the Versailles and other treaties.

### Hitler Considers Reply to Peace Proposals

**REICHSFUHRER HITLER** recalled Joachim von Ribbentrop from London, where that diplomat had heard Germany condemned as a treaty violator by the council of the League of Nations, and with him spent several days carefully planning his response to the proposals of the other four Locarno powers. Others of his advisers participated in the conferences, but there was no doubt that Hitler himself would determine the course of the reich, and from the demonstrations in his honor over the week-end it appeared certain the German people would sustain him in his decision. Going to Breslau, still accompanied by Van Ribbentrop, Hitler told a big gathering of citizens: "We will not make a single compromise in internal or external politics. We want the world to know we will never capitulate before the resolutions and formulations of others."

Declaring the world is getting itself entangled in military alliances, Hitler promised: "We Germans will not allow ourselves to be entangled because we have reconquered our sovereignty and intend to keep it."

The Fuehrer answered charges that his peace proposals were merely a gesture by saying: "I make no empty promises. These were proposals to in-

sure the peace of the world for 25 years. Let other statesmen ask their peoples to express their opinion in votes as to whether they want war or peace. Maybe then the nations will come to agreement. May God show us the right way."

Parts of the peace plan offered by the four Locarno powers that were most objectionable to the Germans were the creation of an international police zone 12 miles wide along the Rhineland frontier, and the submission of the Franco-Russian mutual aid treaty to the world court.

Foreign Secretary Eden urged Von Ribbentrop before the latter left London for Berlin to prevail on Hitler to submit counter proposals. Eden emphasized that the four power proposals were not intended to be final.

### Isabella Greenway Will Retire From Congress

**ISABELLA GREENWAY**, the capable lady who has represented Arizona in congress since October, 1933, has announced in Tucson that she will retire from public life at the conclusion of her present term. She was first elected for the remainder of the term of Lewis Douglas, who resigned to become director of the budget, and was re-elected in 1934.

Mrs. Greenway owns and operates several ranches in Arizona and New Mexico and a hotel in Tucson, and is also interested in some mining companies. Undoubtedly she could go back to congress without opposition, but she says she wants to devote more time to her private activities.

### Great Floods Recede and Reconstruction Begins

**INTREPID** citizens of cities and towns in the eastern and New England states which were devastated by the unprecedented floods were digging out their homes and places of business from the mud and debris as the turbulent waters of many rivers subsided. Reconstruction and refitting began everywhere immediately, and this, as well as the relief of the suffering thousands, was aided by funds totaling more than \$43,000,000 allocated by President Roosevelt before he left Washington for Florida.

Rough estimates were that the total dead in 13 states were 169; the homeless were 221,500, and the total property damage, \$271,500,000. The last figure probably would be tripled if one took into account the losses from interruption to industry and trade and the stoppage of the wages of labor.

Cities along the lower Ohio were threatened as the flood waters raced down to the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico, but they had had plenty of warning and were in a measure prepared. Of course many communities were submerged, but the residents had moved to higher land.

Everywhere in the devastated regions the Red Cross workers were busy with food, clothing and medical supplies, and in many places National Guardsmen were kept on duty to prevent looting. The people of the nation were responding liberally to the call of President Roosevelt and Admiral Grayson, head of the Red Cross, for a fund of \$3,000,000.

**Doings of the Senators and Representatives**  
**S**TILL refusing to appropriate \$12,000,000 for the Florida ship canal, the senate passed the army bill carrying approximately \$611,000,000. More than half the sum goes for the military activities of the War department.

There will be no reduction in the number of CCC camps during most of the coming fiscal year, and the enrollees will be kept up to about the 350,000 mark. This was the decision of President Roosevelt after a threatened revolt of Democratic representatives induced him to change his mind in the matter.

### Three Powers Agree to Limit Battleship Size

**GREAT BRITAIN**, the United States and France, the only nations remaining in the London naval conference, accepted the final draft of a new treaty limiting the size of battleships to 35,000 tons, retaining 10,000 tons as the maximum for cruisers and providing that none of that size shall be built for six years.

Norman H. Davis, chief of the American delegation, served notice that the United States would consider herself free from the large cruiser limit if Great Britain should build more than 70 cruisers.

Unsuccessful in keeping Japan and Italy pledged to naval limitation, the conferees wrote escape clauses in the treaty which would permit them to disregard the limits if Japan and other signers exceeded them.

### Dr. Townsend Comes Out for Senator Borah

**SENATOR WILLIAM E. BORAH** is campaigning earnestly for the Republican Presidential nomination, and has just received a big boost for his cause in the announcement that Dr. Francis E. Townsend, founder of the old age pension plan that bears his name, will give the Idahoan all his support. Repudiating President Roosevelt and changing his registration at Long Beach, Calif., from Democratic to Republican, Townsend said Borah was the only Republican candidate who "even approached" the standard of the Townsends, although the senator has refused to impose the Townsend pension plan as it stands.

Hitherto the Townsend organization had favored circulation of third party petitions in every state to enlist millions of people as a demonstration of strength.

### Plans Announced for Soil Conservation Program

**SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WALLACE** announced the establishment of five regions for administration of the soil conservation and domestic allotment act, substitute for the invalid AAA. H. R. Tolley, administrator of the new plan, said the department already has begun a field service to administer the program in various states. As under the AAA, the leading part within the states is to be played by the farmers' county and community committees.

Mr. Wallace also directed discontinuance of the four corrected divisions whose work of liquidating AAA production control programs will be taken over by the regional directors. The order leaves intact other administrative units of the AAA.

### Billion and a Half Asked for Relief for Year

**ONE** and one-half billion dollars will be needed to carry the Works Progress administration through the coming fiscal year, according to President Roosevelt's figuring. Therefore he asked congress to appropriate that sum. He thought it would be sufficient to care for the destitute unemployed, together with \$1,000,000,000 in unexpended previous appropriations and the \$800,000,000 carried in the budget for the civilian conservation corps and various public works.

Limitation of federal relief expenditures to this figure, however, is dependent upon re-employment of substantial numbers of the idle by private industry, the President said.

As the President's message was presented, Speaker Joseph W. Byrns revealed that Mr. Roosevelt had advised his leaders that any increase in the appropriation over his estimates must be accompanied by new taxes to provide revenues to cover the added cost.

### Effort to Keep Politics Out of WPA Administration

**RUSH D. HOLT**, the young Democratic senator from West Virginia, gave notice that he would continue to hammer at the Works Progress administration until a senate investigation was ordered. He demanded an inquiry into all relief activities under charge of Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, and other agencies affecting relief, the RFC, CWA, and FERA.

In reply to some of the charges made, Mr. Hopkins issued this bulletin: "No employee of WPA is required to make any contribution to any political party. No WPA employee's job will be in jeopardy because of failure to make such contribution.

"No employee of the WPA shall at any time solicit contributions for any political party, and evidence of such solicitation will be cause for immediate discharge. The question whether or not to contribute to any political party is a matter entirely for the voluntary decision of employees.

"No person will be employed or discharged on the ground of his support or non-support of any candidate."

## One of the Modern Villages in the Netherlands



THREE modern villages already have been built in the Netherlands and occupied. This photograph shows De Terp, in the province of Wieringermeer, just completed. It consists of a hundred houses, shops and a school. When the picture was made the inhabitants of the new village were moving in with their household goods.

## BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

### LIGHTFOOT IS RECKLESS

**I**N HIS search for the new stranger who had come to the Green Forest, Lightfoot the Deer was wholly reckless. He no longer stole like a gray shadow from thicket to thicket as he had done when searching for Miss Daintyfoot. He bounded along, careless of how much noise he made. From time to time he would stop to whistle a challenge and to clash his horns



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against the trees and stamp the ground with his feet. After such exhibitions of anger he would pause to listen, hoping to hear some sound which would tell him

where the stranger was. Now and then he found the stranger's tracks, and from them he knew that this stranger was doing just what he had been doing, seeking to find the beautiful Miss Daintyfoot. Each time he found these signs, Lightfoot's rage increased.

Of course it didn't take Sammy Jay long to discover what was going on. There is little that escapes those sharp eyes of Sammy Jay. As you know, he had early discovered the game of hide and seek Lightfoot had been playing with the beautiful young visitor who had come down to the Green Forest from the Great Mountain. Then, by chance, Sammy had visited the Laughing Brook just as the big stranger had come down there to drink. For once, Sammy had kept his tongue still. "There is going to be excitement here when Lightfoot discovers this fellow," thought Sammy. "If they ever meet,

and I have a feeling that they will, there is going to be a fight worth seeing. I must pass the word around."

So Sammy Jay hunted up his cousin, Blacky the Crow, and told him what he had discovered. Then he hunted up Bobby Coon and told him. He saw Uncle Billy Possum sitting in the doorway of his hollow tree and told him. He discovered Jumper the Hare sitting under a little hemlock tree and told him. Then he flew over to the dear old Brier Patch to tell Peter Rabbit. Of course he told Drummer the Woodpecker, Tommy Tit the Chickadee, and Yank Yank the Nuthatch, who were over in the Old Orchard, and they at once hurried to the Green Forest, for they couldn't think of missing anything so exciting as would be the meeting between Lightfoot and the big stranger from the Great Mountain.

Sammy didn't forget to tell Paddy the Beaver, but it was now news to Paddy. Paddy had seen the big stranger on the edge of his pond early the night before. Of course Lightfoot knew nothing about all this. His one thought was to find the big stranger and drive him from the Green Forest, and so he continued his search tirelessly.

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## MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

### DESSERTS NEW AND OLD

**SUNDAY** desserts are the kind that can be made the day before and give mother a real day of rest. The following are some which will be enjoyed by the whole family:

#### Peanut Brittle Parfait.

Take one-third of a cupful of brown sugar, one tablespoonful of butter and blend well in a saucepan. When smooth add one-fourth of a cupful of water and cook, stirring constantly. This makes a sirup. Beat the yolks of two eggs until light in the top of a double boiler, then add the sirup gradually and beat until light and fluffy. Set aside to cool. Beat one cupful of heavy cream until stiff, add a pinch of salt and a scant cupful of ground peanut brittle. Mix well and pack in ice and salt or freeze in a mechanical refrigerator.

#### Chocolate Blanc Mange.

Soak three tablespoonfuls of gelatin

in one-half cupful of cold water for ten minutes. Add one-half cupful of sugar to a melted chocolate candy bar; add one cupful of scalded milk. Cook until smooth, then add three more cupfuls of milk, the soaked gelatin and a teaspoonful of vanilla. Stir until well mixed, remove from the fire and pour into a mold to chill.

#### Porto Rican Baked Bananas.

Select underripe bananas; put them without removing the skins into a very hot oven to bake until the skins burst. Serve in a folded napkin—do not remove the skins until the moment of eating. Serve with plenty of butter.

#### Alabama French Dressing.

To the french dressing add two ta-

## MORE TO DO

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

**SAY** not tonight that you are through; There will be something more to do Tomorrow morning. Only they Are ever through to whom the day, Suggests no deed that may be done Tomorrow with the rising sun.

For those who do the things worth while Are not the ones who end a mile And see no new mile on ahead; There is a valley yet to tread Beyond the crest of ev'ry hill To those who follow heaven's will.

We're never through while there's a thing To do, while there's a song to sing, A pray'r to utter, or a friend To hearten even at the end, Yes, even deeds God understands; The old can do with folded hands.

For, be they little, be they great, Each morning our new tasks await A word to say, a smile to give That makes life easier to live. How young or old, or I or you, There will be something more to do.

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## Novelty in Hats



Feathers trim this brown felt hat with the interestingly stitched crown and small upturned brim. It is worn by Maureen O'Sullivan, screen player, with a sports sweater and tweed jacket.

## Eve's Epigrams

The liking of two women is never mutual unless both think the other's inferiority is evident to every body else.

teaspoonfuls of ketchup, four drops of tabasco sauce, two tablespoonfuls of chopped olives and mix well. Serve on any green or vegetable salad.

#### Bananas Ice Cream.

Scald one quart of this cream, add one and one-half cupfuls of sugar. When cold add a pint of chilled cream and freeze. When the cream is partly frozen add one and one-half cupfuls of banana pulp put through a ricer with the juice of one and one-half lemons. Finish freezing and let stand well packed to ripen for several hours.

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## Cowboy Sculptor Models Will Rogers



**HUGHLETTE WHEELER**, cowboy sculptor of Arizona and Florida, inspects his clay model of Will Rogers in the saddle, which Mr. Wheeler brought to Yellow Springs, Ohio, to be cast in bronze in the Antioch college art foundry. The figure of the dead humorist is considered an excellent likeness.