

Current Events in Review

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Flandin Calls on Germany for a Showdown

PIERRE-ETIENNE FLANDIN, French foreign minister, speaking at Veselay, demanded in the name of his government that Adolf Hitler lay his cards on the table, and intimated that unless Germany gives concrete proof of no aggressive intentions in central or western Europe, France will decline to negotiate further with the reich and will prepare for war. Flandin made it clear that France will stand firmly with her allies, the little entente and Russia. Said he:

"The Fuehrer says Germany does not want to take anything from anybody, but he already had said that after the Saar plebiscite. He then also reaffirmed the Locarno treaty, which since has been repudiated. In the name of the integral sovereignty of the German people, does the Fuehrer intend, when he thinks the moment favorable, to bring up the Danzig question?"

"When he proposes a nonaggression pact with Lithuania does he accept definitely the status of Memel or is he just stalling for time to prepare new deeds of force in violation of treaties?"

"If Germany intends to assert her right to possess and exploit colonies, what colonies is she going to claim?"

"Is it not significant that at the moment Hitler launches his peace appeal, Nazi propaganda is redoubling in Austria, Danish Schleswig, Polish Silesia, among the German minority in Czechoslovakia, and even in German Switzerland?"

"Yes or no, does Hitler renounce annexation and even full absorption of the populations of these territories into the reich, or does he proclaim that these are internal affairs of the German people in which he does not intend to let other nations meddle?"

"If the latter case be the truth, then we understand why Germany is rearming at a record pace."

Germany Almost Solidly Supports Hitler

GERMANY'S men and women to the number of 44,389,140 declared by their votes in the reichstag elections that they supported the policies of Hitler. Only 542,898 had the nerve to vote against the reichsfuehrer, and a still smaller fraction refused to go to the polls. Among the latter were the former Crown Prince Ruprecht of Bavaria and his wife.

Hitler's victory was thus extraordinarily complete, and the Nazis celebrated it with wild rejoicings in Berlin and other cities. It was the culmination of a three years' campaign in which the leaders sought to persuade the population of the reich that only Hitler could save the country from great danger. According to Berlin correspondents, there was a difference of opinion there as to the influence the triumph would have on the fuehrer. Some said it would stiffen his back and induce him to ride roughshod over the powers which objected to his scrapping of the Locarno pact. Others said the election would make him feel so strong he would be willing to make a concession to his neighbors in an effort to help establish "the new order in Europe" to which he referred so frequently in his election speeches.

The new reichstag will be the largest in history, having about 740 members. Most of them will be officials of the Nazi party.

Japan Expects Trouble With Soviet Russia

THOUGH Koki Hirota, the new Japanese premier, said a few days ago that while he was in office there would be no war, it is evident his government really is looking for serious trouble with Russia. This feeling is expressed by Eiji Amari, spokesman for the Tokyo foreign office, who said: "Japan must prepare for Soviet aggression."

Recent activities indicate the Reds are availing themselves of the critical situation which developed after the recent military revolt in Tokyo and are increasing the strength of their troops along the Manchukuo border. Amari said the "recent Soviet policy has been to fire on any persons near

the border." He said he regards this as rather strange behavior on the part of a "friendly neighbor." He said Premier Hirota had protested the alleged action to K. K. Yurenev, Russian ambassador to Japan.

Almost every day there are reports of clashes on the Mongolian border, each side blaming the other as aggressors. The Outer Mongolian government, reinforced by conclusion of its mutual assistance pact with Soviet Russia, dispatched a note to the Japanese-sponsored state of Manchukuo, declaring its readiness to resist any invasion.

Italian Bombers Wreck Second Ethiopian City

MUSSOLINI'S air bombers were busy again in Ethiopia, virtually ruining Harar, second city of that country, with a downpour of explosives. Most of the populace had fled when scouting planes gave a warning of what was to come, so the casualties were few. An official telephone message from Harar to Addis Ababa said fifteen incendiary bombs struck the Egyptian Red Cross hospital and others hit the Ethiopian Red Cross hospital.

A French mission, the French consulate, the Ethiopian radio station and prison all were reported officially to have been ruined.

The attack on Harar, coupled with a heavy bombardment of Jijiga, fifty miles east of Harar and a center of Ethiopia's southern defenses, raised native fears in Addis Ababa that the capital itself might be the next target.

Government in Business Decried by Committee

ACCORDING to the committee on government competition with private enterprise, whose report has been made to the President, that practice is wholly destructive except in situations where the public welfare can only thus be served. "The government's function," the report said, "is to protect economic activities of its citizens and not to supplant them."

The committee unanimously agreed that only under the following conditions is the government justified in entering into competition with private enterprise:

1. When required to assure adequate preparation for, and creation of, the facilities for national defense.
2. For the conservation of natural resources.
3. When private enterprise fails to conduct needed scientific research and exploratory activities to advance industrial development, or in the interest of public health and safety.
4. When private enterprise fails to render a service necessary for the general welfare.

Alien Deportation Bill Reported to Senate

DESPITE vigorous opposition, which will reappear on the floor of the senate, the senate committee on immigration and naturalization reported favorably the Kerr-Coolidge alien deportation bill, which Secretary Perkins has been trying to get through congress for three years. It will give her and two other members of an interdepartmental board discretionary power to harbor radical and even criminal aliens, otherwise deportable, in this country. The same bill recently was reported favorably by the house committee.

Pending action by congress on the measure, Secretary Perkins has been holding up the deportation of some 2,800 aliens mandatorily deportable under existing law, contending that they are "hardship cases." Some are radicals, some have criminal records, and others entered the country illegally. By "hardship cases" Secretary Perkins means that they would be separated from family ties or put to some other inconvenience.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds of North Carolina, Democrat, not long ago attacked the action of Secretary Perkins in holding up the deportations and denounced the pending bill as a "sham and a mockery" and a subterfuge to shield all kinds of radicals, criminals, and dependents unlawfully in this country.

Secretary Perkins refused to produce information respecting the 2,800 "hardship" cases until Reynolds introduced a senate resolution, whereupon she permitted him to examine the records.

New Processing Taxes Out of Revenue Bill

ONE of the major features of the new tax program suggested by President Roosevelt is omitted from the measure prepared by a house subcommittee and on which open hearings were begun by the ways and means committee. For political reasons it was decided that the plan for new processing taxes on farm and competing products should be abandoned. Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion for a "windfall" tax to recapture part of the refunded or unpaid AAA processing levies was accepted by the subcommittee.

A third suggestion of the President, for graduated taxes on the portions of incomes which corporations do not distribute in dividends to stockholders, was changed to provide levies on total income of corporations varied according to percentages of profits put into reserves.

The subcommittee agreed that the corporation tax rates should be so drafted as to permit corporations, particularly small ones, to build up reserves for lean years without being compelled to pay comparatively high taxes for the privilege of doing so.

The subcommittee figured on collecting some \$25,000,000 from taxes on dividends going to foreigners who own stock in American corporations and \$83,000,000 from temporary continuation of the capital stock and excess profits taxes.

Half Million Farmers May Get Double Benefits

REXFORD G. TUGWELL, head of the rural resettlement administration, announced that a special committee is considering a plan under which

more than half a million growers of farm products would receive double benefits from the federal government. It provides that the rural families now getting loans from Tugwell's administration to put them on their feet and keep them off the relief rolls may also receive full subsidy payments in connection with the soil conservation program now being put into operation. There are now 450,000 recipients of the Tugwell loans and the number is expected to increase to 525,000 by July 1.

The soil conservation subsidies are to be paid to farmers who transfer land from commercial crop production to soil conserving growths, or who resort to other "economic" farm practices. Officials said that the rehabilitation clients already are under obligation to treat their soil wisely. Before a family can obtain a rehabilitation loan it must agree to follow a farm management plan drafted by the government. Tugwell indicated that examination may show that the farm management plan is so closely in accord with the AAA's soil conservation aims that the rehabilitation clients may already be qualified to receive the AAA subsidies.

Anti-Chain Store Bill Opposed by Witnesses

SEVERAL witnesses who appeared before a senate subcommittee declared that the Robinson-Patman anti-chain store bill, which has administration backing, would promote rather than curb monopolies, increase the cost and lower the standard of living, and decrease employment in whole industries.

The hearing was on the Borah-Van Nuys bill, a modification of the Robinson-Patman measure, but the witnesses particularly attacked the latter, which already has been reported favorably. The house judiciary committee reported the Utterback bill, still another modification of the Robinson-Patman measure, and a bitter fight over the proposed legislation is expected.

The Robinson-Patman bill would prohibit manufacturers from making price discriminations in favor of large quantity purchasers, through advertising allowances, service charges, brokerage fees, etc. The Borah-Van Nuys bill would prohibit such allowances only when they were refused to purchasers of goods of "like grade, quality, and quantity."

One Fight in A. F. of L. Ended by Compromise

ONE of the big fights within the American Federation of Labor has been settled peacefully. It was for control of the building trades department. In the past, building projects have been held up by strikes growing out of arguments over which of two unions should do a certain piece of work. The peace pact provides for appointment of an impartial referee to settle such arguments.

The pact also called for J. W. Williams of the carpenters to head the reorganization department, with M. J. McDonough of the plasterers as secretary-treasurer. Each has been the leader of one of the warring factions and each has styled himself as the lawful department president.

Vancouver Hindus Cremate Their Dead Publicly

ALTHOUGH they are dressed in the manner and mode of the western hemisphere, the members of this Hindu colony on Vancouver island still cling to their old world customs. One of them is the public cremation of their dead. The body, covered with a sheet, is placed on a pile of cordwood, and when the last rites of the Hindu faith are performed, additional wood is placed over the body and the entire mass set afire. In this picture the last rites are being said over the body of Karmal, the wife of Kartar Singh.



BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

SAMMY JAY TAKES A HAND

SAMMY JAY was bubbling over with excitement as he flew through the Green Forest following Lightfoot the Deer. He was so excited he wanted to scream, but he didn't. He kept his tongue still. You see, he didn't want Lightfoot to know that he was being followed. Under that pointed cap of Sammy Jay's are quick wits. It didn't take him long to discover that the big stranger whom Lightfoot was seeking was doing his best to keep out of Lightfoot's way in which Lightfoot was searching for him. Lightfoot made so much noise that it was quite easy to know just where he was and so keep out of his way.

"That stranger is nearly as big as Lightfoot, but it is very plain that he doesn't want to fight," thought Sammy. "He must be a coward."

Now, the truth is, the stranger was not a coward. He was ready and willing to fight if he had to, but if he could avoid fighting he meant to. You see, big as he was, he wasn't quite as big as Lightfoot, and he knew it. He had seen Lightfoot's big footprints and from their size knew that Lightfoot must be bigger and heavier than he. Then, too, he knew that he really had no right to be there in the Green Forest. That was Lightfoot's home, and so he was an intruder. He knew that Lightfoot would feel this way about it and that this would make him fight all the harder.

So the big stranger wanted to avoid a fight if possible. But he wanted still more to find that beautiful young visitor with the dainty feet for whom Lightfoot had been looking. He wanted to find her, just as Lightfoot wanted to find her, and he hoped that if he should find her he could take her away with him back to the Great Mountain. If he had to he would fight.

ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS



DEAR ANNABELLE: DO YOU BELIEVE THE MODERN GIRL IS SO MUCH DIFFERENT FROM HER GRANDMA?
BABS.
Dear Babs: NO—SHE STILL LOVES SPINNING WHEELS!
Annabelle.



Let Not Affection Fade

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A SADDER sighs the sad heart knows Than petals falling from a rose, Than dying grasses where a plain No longer feels the kiss of rain, Than shattered beauty when a tree Lies prostrate, never more to be: Such things are even sadder when They happen in the hearts of men.

For like a rose whose day is done, Its petals falling one by one, And like a plain whose withered grass Shall never green again, alas, And like a tree whose branches lie Along the ground, to droop and die, So is the careless fading of That thing of beauty known as love.

Let not that sadness come to you If there is anything to do: A more forgiving tenderness To make you love the more, not less, Any eye for virtue, not for sin, Since mortals all have both within— Let every rose fall in the glade, But not your own affection fade.
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Smart Ensemble



Full sleeves soften the box coat lines of this smart ensemble in dull blue and white imported tweed. Wide stripes of mixed red and blue are woven into the fabric for the coat. The blouse is of white knitted wool material.

DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is jargon?"
"Tea in the jungle."
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Approval of Men True glory is the unanimous approval of good men, for their praise is not bought with money, and they alone are able to estimate real merit at its proper value.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

TASTY GOOD THINGS

HERE is something which will be found new by most of us and is a most appetizing dish:

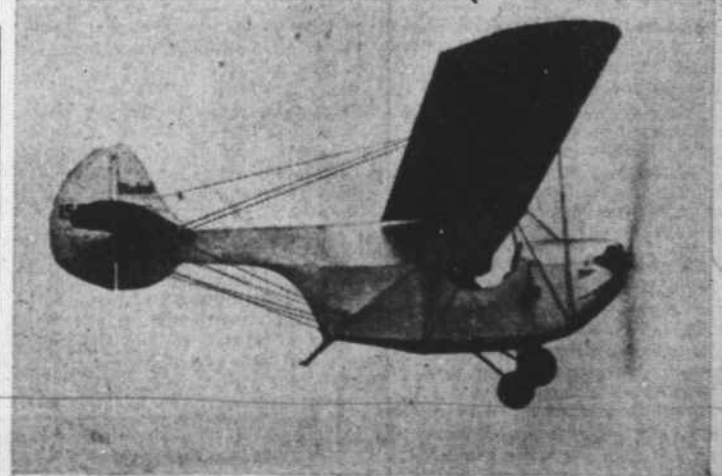
Egg Noodle Custard.
Take five ounces of egg noodles and cook until tender and well done, then drain. Add two cupfuls of milk and let them stand three-fourths of an hour. Add one-half cupful of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of lemon extract and the slightly beaten yolks of four eggs. Beat the whites of the eggs until stiff, add one-half cupful of sugar and fold into the above mixture. Pour into a buttered mold and bake one hour. Serve with:

Yankee Doodle Sauce.
Chop one-third of a cupful of candied ginger fine; add an equal quantity of ground orange rind, using only the yellow part. Add one-fourth of a cupful of pecan meats coarsely chopped, one-fourth teaspoonful of cinnamon if liked, and serve with thick cream to soften.

Spaghetti Caruso.
Take one-half pound each of spaghetti and fresh mushrooms, three-fourths of a cupful of butter or half cupful of olive oil, one-half teaspoonful of salt, one cupful of chicken stock, one-half cupful of cooked chopped chicken livers and parmesan cheese. Cook the spaghetti until tender, drain. Peel mushrooms and cut into small pieces, cook in the oil or butter about ten minutes, add the chicken stock, salt, and cook ten minutes more. Add the spaghetti and chicken liver and return to the heat just long enough to heat thoroughly. Serve with grated cheese.

Macaroni Alabam'.
Cook one-half pound of macaroni until tender, drain; add two cupfuls of

Anyone Could Fly This Plane



THE airplane that is heralded as one that "even grandma can fly with ease and safety," is shown soaring through the sky at College Park airport, Washington, when it was put through tests for the benefit of the bureau of air commerce. The plane was designed and built by A. E. Green, and is a radical departure from usual airplane construction. It has a wing span of 36 feet, can fly 75 miles in an hour on 2 1/2 gallons of gasoline, and weighs, empty, only 465 pounds. This ship will sell for about \$700.