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Current Events in Review

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New Housing Program of the Administration

FEDERAL money totalling \$976,000,000 will be spent in the next four years on low-cost rent and slum clearance construction projects, provided the administration's housing bill, introduced by Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York, is passed by congress. Mr. Wagner hopes it will be put through during the present session.

The measure is a compromise of the many proposals made by the various relief and housing agencies of the New Deal and was drafted after a series of conferences with President Roosevelt. It would create another bureau, with five directors, including the secretary of the interior in his ex officio capacity, receiving \$10,000 salaries. The authority could employ officers, agents, counsel and other personnel without limitation as to number or compensation and without regard for the civil service laws. This authority would supplant the existing housing division of the Public Works Administration.

The authority would be empowered to make grants not to exceed 45 per cent of the total cost and loans for the remainder to any public housing agency for the acquisition of land and the construction of "low-rent" housing projects. The loans would be repayable over a period not to exceed 60 years, at such rates of interest as the authority decreed. In addition to the loans and grants, the authority could develop and administer so-called demonstration projects, which "as soon as practicable" would be sold to public housing agencies.

Senate Begins Impeachment Trial of Judge Ritter

RESOLVING itself into a court, the senate began the impeachment trial of Federal Judge Halsted, L. Ritter of Florida—the twelfth such case in 137 years. It was believed the trial would last at least one week.

The defendant was represented by Carl T. Hoffman of Miami and Frank R. Walsh of Washington and New York. The prosecution was in charge of Representatives Summers of Texas, Hobbs of Alabama and Perkins of New Jersey.



Judge Ritter

Judge Ritter is charged in seven impeachment articles voted by the house with allowing A. L. Rankin, a former law partner, exorbitant receivership fees, with "corruptly" receiving \$4,500 from Rankin, with violating the judicial code in practicing law while on the bench, and with evasion of taxes on part of his 1929 and 1930 incomes.

Wallace Reports Some Big AAA Payments

DUE to the insistence of Senator Vandenberg for publicity on large AAA benefit payments, Secretary Wallace has begun telling about them. He made a partial report, withholding the names of recipients with three exceptions. This revealed that the largest cotton rental benefit payment, \$123,747 for 1934, went to a Mississippi company headed by Oscar Johnston, an AAA official. Among the largest cotton payment recipients in 1933 were the Mississippi state pententary, which received \$43,200 for controlling production on its cotton acreage, and \$25,500 to the Arkansas state prison.

Among other large payments reported under various crop control programs were:

Sugar—\$961,064 to a Puerto Rican corporation; \$862,460 to a Hawaiian producer; \$92,237 to a California beet sugar producer; \$65,505 to a Colorado beet sugar grower.

Corn-hogs—\$150,000 to the "largest hog farm in the world," located in California; \$49,194 to a farming company in New Jersey; \$19,098 to a Massachusetts producer.

Wheat—\$29,398 to a California farming concern for the second 1934 and first 1935 periods; \$26,022 to the "operator of a number of farms" in Washington state; \$23,845 to a California bank, owner of a large wheat acreage; \$22,325 to a "large Montana farmer."

Cotton—\$115,700 in 1934 to an Arkansas concern; \$80,000 the same year to another Arkansas company.

Tobacco—\$41,454 to a Florida concern; \$20,430 to a Connecticut producer; \$16,843 to a South Carolina grower; \$15,450 to a Kentucky grower.

Supreme Court Hits at Arbitrary Power

IN A decision concerning a specific action of the Securities Exchange commission the United States Supreme court ruled against the SEC, and in its pronouncement it uttered a significant warning against the exercise of arbitrary power by governmental agencies. Especially censured were the "fishing excursions," often undertaken by commissions and congressional committees. Said the court:

"The philosophy that constitutional limitations and legal restraints upon official action may be brushed aside upon the plea that good, perchance, may follow, finds no countenance in the American system of government. An investigation not based upon specified grounds is quite as objectionable as a search warrant not based upon specific statements of fact.

"Such an investigation, or such a search, is unlawful in its inception and cannot be made lawful by what it may bring, or by what it actually succeeds in bringing to light."

The decision was concurred in by six justices; a dissenting opinion handed down by Justices Cardozo, Brandeis and Stone, agreed with the warning of the abuse of power, but contended that the act of the SEC, held unlawful by the majority, was a legal and just means of stamping out frauds in security sales.

Tornadoes in the South Kill Scores of Persons

TORNADOES tore across Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, and Tennessee, leaving death and destruction in their wake. About 400 persons were killed and hundreds of others injured, and the property losses ran up into the millions. The little city of Tupelo, Miss., suffered the most, with nearly 200 on the death list and more than a hundred homes smashed into kindling wood.

A few hours later another tornado struck Gainesville, Ga., and in three minutes had nearly ruined the business section of the town and killed more than 150 persons. In fires that followed the storm the bodies of many victims were burned beyond recognition.

The mining communities near Columbia, Tenn., to the north and east of Tupelo, counted seven dead. Red Bay, eastward in Alabama, lost five lives to the merciless wind. Near-by Booneville, Miss., had four killed and Batesville, Ark., suffered one death.

The tornadoes struck while the southeast was reaching a final total on storms which smashed through that region a few days before, causing 43 deaths in Georgia, the Carolinas, Alabama and Florida.

Lowden May Be Keynoter for the Republicans

LEADERS of both major parties are perfecting the arrangements for the national conventions and picking out the chief orators for those occasions. The Republicans have tentatively selected Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois, as temporary chairman and keynoter of the gathering in Cleveland. If this choice stands it is presumed the permanent chairman will be an Easterner, possibly Walter Edge of New Jersey, former ambassador and senator.

Some Western governor is wanted by the Democrats as their keynoter and the honor may be given to Paul V. McNutt of Indiana, C. Ben Ross of Idaho or Clyde C. Herring of Iowa. For permanent chairman at Philadelphia Senator Robinson of Arkansas is likely to be picked. The speech putting President Roosevelt in nomination for a second term may be delivered by Senator Wagner of New York.

New York Republicans of the Old Guard persuasion scored a decisive victory over Senator Borah in the primaries, and the Empire state delegation to Cleveland will be unpledged to any candidate. The triumph of the conservatives was complete.

Five Army Flyers Die in Crash of Bomber

DRIVEN far off its course by a storm, a twin-motored army bombing plane on its way from Cleveland to Langley Field, Va., crashed against the Blue mountains near Fredericksburg, Pa., in the night and its crew of five men all perished in the burning wreckage. The victims were: Lieut. Stetson Brown, St. Johnsbury, Vt.; Staff Sgt. Ernest Endy, Oley, Pa.; Private Arthur Metz, Chambersburg, Pa.; Private William Yost, McKees Rocks, Pa.; Cadet Paul Ampspough, Cleveland, Ohio.

The crash would have been avoided if the plane had been 250 feet higher. A state highway patrolman who saw it said it appeared to be in trouble as it approached the mountain ridge.

It tore a wide path through the heavy timber as it struck, then dashed nose first into a steep cliff, where the mountain falls sharply away in a 75-foot drop. Near-by residents heard it, but before they could get to the scene the plane was afire, its front buried in the ground, its tail caught in a tree.

Hitler's Peace Program Is Formally Submitted

ADOLF HITLER'S proposals for peace in Europe, together with his flat rejection of the plan of the other four Locarno powers for settlement of the Rhineland situation, were handed to British Foreign Minister Eden by Joachim von Ribbentrop, and passed on by Eden to the French and Belgian ambassadors in London. The British cabinet thought the German scheme worthy of consideration, but the French government looked upon it as a "cunning plan" to split the Locarno powers and make Hitler the virtual dictator of Europe. Premier Sarraut and Foreign Minister Flaminio were consulting on steps for frustrating the reichsfuehrer and preserving a united front of the Locarno nations.

Following the example of Germany, the Austrian diet has repudiated that nation's military obligations under the St. Germain treaty. By unanimous vote it approved a bill introduced by Chancellor Kurt von Schuschnigg, providing for general national military service "with or without arms." Every male from his eighteenth to his forty-second year is liable to conscription. This move, which has the support of Premier Mussolini of Italy, was not unexpected, and though it aroused the little entente nations to anger, probably their formal protests will bring no result.

The big stranger had understood Sammy's screaming quite as well as Lightfoot. He knew that to run away now would be to prove himself a coward and forever disgrace himself in the eyes of Miss Daintyfoot. He must stand glaring at each other. Then, snorting with rage, they lowered their heads and plunged together. Their antlers clashed with a noise that rang through the Green Forest and both fell to their knees. There they pushed and struggled.

It was a terrible fight. Everybody said so. If they hadn't known before, everybody knew now what those great antlers were for. Once the big stranger managed to reach Lightfoot's right shoulder with one of the sharp points of his antlers and made a long tear in Lightfoot's gray coat. It only made Lightfoot fight harder.

Back and forth they plunged and the ground was torn up by their feet. Both were getting out of breath and from time to time they had to stop for a moment's rest, still with their heads together. Then they would push and shove and strain again more fiercely than ever. Never had such a fight been seen in the Green Forest.

Bruno Hauptmann's Body Cremated in New York

WITH the "utmost privacy," funeral services were held in New York for Bruno Hauptmann, who was executed in Trenton, N. J., for the kidnaping and murder of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's baby son. The body was then cremated and it was announced that the ashes would be taken to Germany. Hauptmann went to the chair steadily, insisting that he was innocent of the crime.

Ten Weeks' Embargo on Exports of Tin

SECRETARY OF STATE HULL placed a ten weeks' embargo on all shipments of scrap tin to foreign countries, beginning April 16. He acted under a recently enacted law designed to preserve America's resources of that vital war material. His move was generally regarded as aimed at Japan, one of the largest purchasers of scrap tin from this country.

The United States is dependent upon foreign countries for most of its tin. As a result the re-conversion, or detinning, of scrap has assumed growing economic importance.

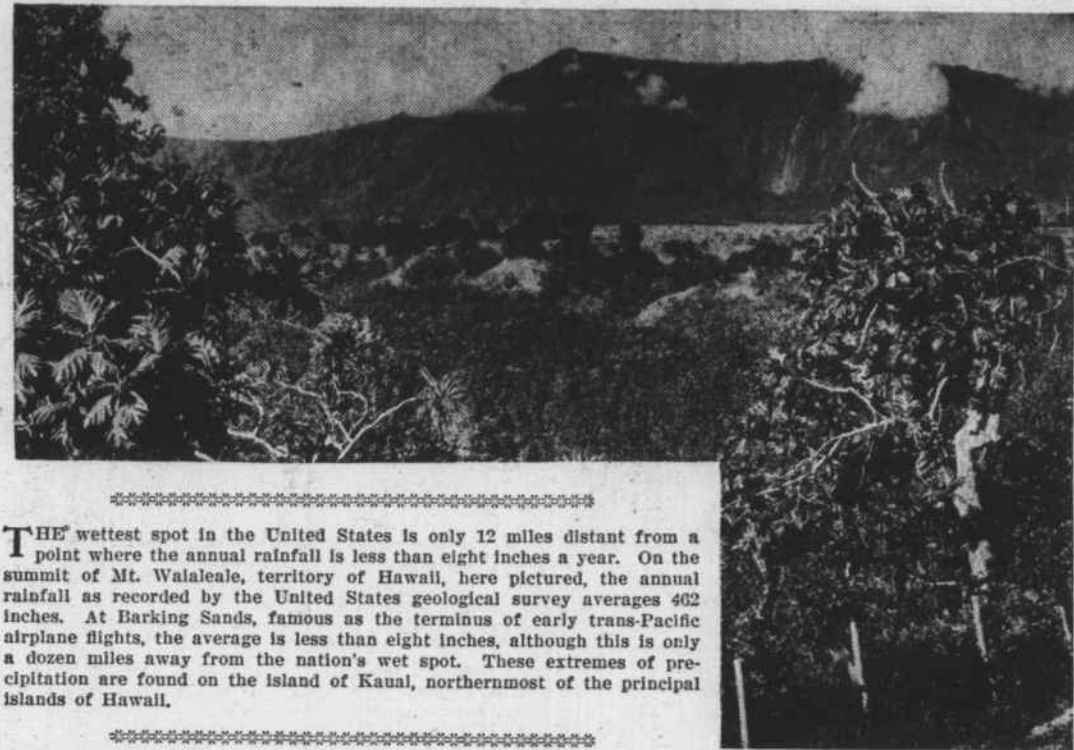
Italy Claims Big Victory Over Ethiopians

PEACE negotiations between Italy and Ethiopia, outside the League of Nations, seem imminent, for emissaries of Emperor Haile Selassie already have been received by Marshal Pietro Badoglio, and the Italian undersecretary of colonies is in east Africa to conduct the preliminaries. This news followed closely the dispatches telling of a great victory won by Badoglio's northern troops over 20,000 fresh and picked Ethiopian soldiers whose fight was directed and watched by the emperor himself. The battle, at Mai Cen, lasted all day and the Ethiopians left 7,000 dead on the field as they fled to join the main body of 60,000 troops south of Lake Ashangi eight miles away. Italian fatalities included 16 officers and about 1,000 soldiers, most of the latter being Eritrean Askaris.



Marshal Badoglio

Here's Wettest Spot in the United States



THE wettest spot in the United States is only 12 miles distant from a point where the annual rainfall is less than eight inches a year. On the summit of Mt. Waialeale, territory of Hawaii, here pictured, the annual rainfall as recorded by the United States geological survey averages 462 inches. At Barking Sands, famous as the terminus of early trans-Pacific airplane flights, the average is less than eight inches, although this is only a dozen miles away from the nation's wet spot. These extremes of precipitation are found on the island of Kauai, northernmost of the principal islands of Hawaii.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

THE GREAT FIGHT

DOWN from the top of the ridge back of the pond of Paddy the Beaver plunged Lightfoot the Deer, his eyes blazing with rage. He had understood the screaming of Sammy Jay. He knew that somewhere down there was the big stranger he had been looking for.

The big stranger had understood Sammy's screaming quite as well as Lightfoot. He knew that to run away now would be to prove himself a coward and forever disgrace himself in the eyes of Miss Daintyfoot. He must



Bobby Coon and Unc' Billy Possum Climbed Trees From Which They Could See.

fight. There was no way out of it; he must fight. The hair on the back of his neck stood up with anger just as did the hair on the neck of Lightfoot. His eyes blazed. He bounded out into a little open place by the pond of Paddy the Beaver and there he waited.

Meanwhile Sammy Jay was flying about in the greatest excitement, screaming at the top of his lungs: "A fight! A fight! A fight!" Blacky the Crow, over in another part of the Green Forest, heard him and took up the cry and at once hurried over to Paddy's pond. Everybody who was near enough hurried there. Bobby Coon and Unc' Billy Possum climbed trees from which they could see and at the same time be safe. Billy Mink hurried to a safe place on the dam of Paddy the Beaver. Paddy himself climbed up on the roof of his house out in the pond. Peter Rabbit and Jumper the Hare, who happened to be not far away, hurried over where they could peep out from under some young hemlock trees. Buster Bear shuffled down the hill and watched from the other side of the pond. Reddy and Granny Fox were both there.

For what seemed like the longest time, but which was for only a minute, Lightfoot and the big stranger stood glaring at each other. Then, snorting with rage, they lowered their heads and plunged together. Their antlers clashed with a noise that rang through the Green Forest and both fell to their knees. There they pushed and struggled.

Eve's Epigrams



DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is geometry?" "Lines minus beauty."

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Foggiest Spot in U. S.

Foggiest spot in the United States is Moose Peak lighthouse in the mouth of the Bay of Fundy, a few miles from Machiasport, Maine. It has reported an annual average of fog of more than 1,600 hours.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

SALAD DRESSINGS

THE basic dressing which is more used than any other is french dressing. Prepared with a sweet, fresh olive oil there is no dressing more appetizing. One may use any of the table or salad oils in place of the olive if preferred. Take six tablespoons of oil, two of vinegar or lemon juice, one teaspoon of salt, one-fourth teaspoon of white pepper or a few dashes of cayenne. Beat thoroughly until well mixed. Adding a small piece of ice will hurry the mixing. For a sauce to serve with cold meats and tongue use:

Worcestershire French Dressing.
Add to the french dressing one and one-half tablespoons of worcestershire sauce, beat well. For any green salad, add two tablespoons of chili sauce to the french dressing with a teaspoon of minced onion or one-fourth teaspoon of onion juice.

Southern French Dressing.
To the rice yolks of two hard cooked eggs, add one teaspoon of minced green pepper. Serve with meat, vegetable or fish salad, with the french dressing.

Savory French Dressing.
To the french dressing add one-half teaspoon of onion juice or minced chives, one teaspoon of minced parsley, one tablespoon of chow-chow, mix well and serve on asparagus tips, cucumber or any vegetable salad.

Pickled Onion French Dressing.
To the french dressing add one-half teaspoon of dry mustard, mixed with the salt and two tablespoons of finely minced-pickled onions. Serve on fish or meat salads such as tongue or corned beef.

Chiffonade Dressing.
Add to the french dressing one table-

spoon of pimiento, one-half tablespoon of parsley and one hard cooked egg, all finely minced.

Snappy Cheese Dressing.
Mash one-half cup of snappy cheese, mix with one-half teaspoon of finely minced parsley, add the french dressing and serve on lettuce.

Terra Firma
Terra firma is the upper layer or layers of earth which may be dug, plowed or excavated; specifically, the loose surface material of the earth in which plants grow, in most cases consisting of disintegrated rock with a mixture of organic matter and soluble salts.

WAITING FOR A RAINBOW

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

WAITIN' in the rain for a rainbow,
Sighin' in the dark for the dawn,
Hopin' for the weather
To change altogether,
Waitin' for the rain to be gone—
That'll never get you very, very far,
That'll only leave you settin' where
you are,
Weather gettin' wetter,
Nothin' gettin' better—
No, you'll never get there, that is
pretty plain,
Wishin' for a rainbow, just waitin' in
the rain.

Workin' in the rain till a rainbow
Brightens up the gray of the sky,
Even when it's rainin'
To work uncomplainin',
Waitin' for the clouds to go by—
That'll always get you farther on your
way,
That'll make a pleasure out o' ev'ry
day,
Heaven gettin' brighter,
Labor gettin' lighter—
Only way to get there, that is purty
plain,
Not waitin' for a rainbow, but workin'
in the rain!

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Guide of Democrats



Representative Clarence Cannon of Missouri, who will serve in Philadelphia as parliamentarian of the Democratic national convention. This will be the fifth time that Mr. Cannon will have served as arbiter of convention procedure. He has represented the Ninth Missouri district in congress continuously since 1923.



"Judging by what information a wife can get when she calls the office," says newly-wedded Winnie, "a secretary is hired for what she doesn't know."

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Pets of Murderers Are Friends



A CAT and a finch, pets of two murderers serving life terms at Folsom prison, California, have formed a great friendship for each other and are shown above as they were photographed by the owner of the cat, a Japanese, who says the whisker-pulling is just the bird's way of awakening his playmate. This photograph was furnished through the courtesy of Warden Court Smith of Folsom.