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Current Events in Review

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Italy Is Ruthless and the League Helpless

OCCUPATION of Addis Ababa and all of Ethiopia was the price demanded by Italy for an armistice in East Africa when the council of the League of Nations met again in Geneva. Baron Pompeo Aloisi presented the ultimatum on behalf of Dictator Mussolini. Wolde Mariam, representing Ethiopia, countered with a request that the league invoke all penalties against Italy under article 16 of the covenant, these including military sanctions as well as the economic penalties which the league has been trying to enforce. The British and French delegates explained the stand of their respective governments in the embroglio.



Baron Aloisi

The league was helpless, and having received the discouraging report of the conciliation committee, was compelled to confess it could not find means of attaining peace. France will not consent to the imposition of military sanctions, and Great Britain naturally will not undertake to enforce them by herself. It appeared the poor Ethiopians were to be abandoned to their fate, meaning the extinction of their empire and their exploitation by Italy. The council adopted a resolution regretting its inability to end the war, reminding league members that they should continue the sanctions and asking Italy to be generous in bringing the conflict to a close.

Anthony Eden in his address to the council warned France that she might expect from Great Britain no further support against aggression by Germany than France had given against Italy.

From the north, south and west the Italian armies were advancing on Addis Ababa, and the panic stricken civilian inhabitants of the capital were fleeing from the city. Foreigners sought shelter in the bomb-proofed British legation. The mayor issued all the arms available and the government called on all able men to make a last stand for liberty, saying "It is better to die than to be enslaved."

Terrible Famine in Once Fertile China Province

DISPATCHES from Chengtu, China, tell a terrible story of the famine and drouth in Szechuen province, once one of the most fertile regions in the country. It is said to be the worst famine in the history of China, the deaths numbering many thousands and fully 30,000,000 persons being in distress. Suicides and "mercy slayings" are everyday incidents. The peasants are reduced to eating dogs, cats, rats and clay.

Officials said the situation primarily was a result of Communist incursions during the last two years in which the reds overran and pillaged the land.

Turkey Remilitarizes Dardanelles Zone

ANOTHER post-war treaty has gone flooney. President Kemal Ataturk of Turkey and his cabinet decided that the Dardanelles must be remilitarized, despite the Lusanne pact, and Turkish troops were promptly moved into the zone along the 75-mile long strait that connects the Sea of Marmora and the Aegean sea. It is believed Kemal will soon rebuild the fortifications in the zone which the allies failed to capture during the World war.

The Turkish dictator didn't surprise anyone by his action, for he asked permission of the League of Nations some time ago to rearm the Dardanelles. No formal reply had been made, but the British government rather favored giving consent, and the Soviet union openly approves Turkey's move. Italy was displeased, and there was considerable excitement in the Balkan states, especially Bulgaria which borders on European Turkey. The Bulgarians renewed their demand for a corridor giving them a direct route to the Aegean sea.

Probably Kemal's action will not be severely condemned by anyone, for most of the European nations are preparing for war with feverish haste. Austria's army, small but well equipped, held a spring parade in Vienna, and immediately the nations of the little entente displayed their anger at this show of military force and their mili-

tary attaches in the Austrian capital were ordered not to occupy the places reserved for them among the reviewing officials. Rumania has increased its military budget to \$38,000,000 and created a special fund of \$20,000,000 for the development of aviation. Hungary is clamoring for revision of the Trianon treaty and recovery of the territory it lost to the little entente.

The forty-seventh birthday of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler provided an opportunity for a big display of Germany's military power.

President's Secretary and Adviser Taken by Death

LOUIS MCHENRY HOWE, secretary to President Roosevelt and for many years his close friend and adviser, died in the Naval hospital at Washington after an illness of more than a year. Mr. Howe was known in the capital as "the President maker," for it was largely due to his efforts that Mr. Roosevelt reached the White House. For twenty-five years, from the day when Mr. Roosevelt and he first met in Albany, he had devoted himself to forwarding his friend's political fortunes.

Judge Ritter Is Found Guilty by Senate

FEDERAL JUDGE HALSTED L. RITTER of Florida was found guilty on impeachment charges by the senate and removed from office, being the fourth federal jurist to be ousted in this manner. On each of the first six articles of impeachment a majority of senators voted for his acquittal; but on the seventh article, which was a general summary of the charges against him, he was convicted by a vote of 56 to 28. An order declaring Ritter should be "forever disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States" was defeated, 76 to 0.

The senate's verdict in the twelfth impeachment case brought before it as a high court of impeachment since foundation of the American republic amounted to a decision that Judge Ritter had violated the Constitutional requirements of good behavior in office.

Editors Condemn Seizure of Private Telegrams

RESOLUTIONS condemning the blanket seizure of private communications were adopted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors in convention at Washington. "We are of the conviction," said the resolution, "that if such practice is not checked the threat to liberty of individual action and particularly to the freedom of the press is immediate and menacing."

The society urged its members to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies by guarding against the premature publication of information harmful to the successful completion of criminal investigations.

PWA Power Loan Suit Goes to the Supreme Court

ASKING that the Supreme court review the lower court decision in the celebrated Buzzard Roost case, the Duke Power company and the Southern Public Utilities company carried up to the highest tribunal the question of whether the Public Works administration may finance publicly owned and operated hydro-electric plants to compete with private enterprise. Unless extraordinary measures are taken to speed the case, arguments cannot be heard until the term beginning next October. The government has 30 days in which to reply to the petition for review.

This case, which deeply concerns the New Deal program, arose when the PWA allocated \$2,852,000 for construction by Greenwood county, South Carolina, of the Buzzard Roost plant on the Saluda river.

Respighi, Noted Italian Composer, Is Dead

OTTORINO RESPIGHI, one of the most famous of modern Italian composers, died in Rome at the age of fifty-six of heart disease following blood poisoning. His passing is cause for deep mourning among music lovers everywhere. Several of his operas were presented in New York and Chicago, and he was guest conductor of the Philharmonic Symphony orchestra of New York in 1932.

Results of the Illinois Primary Election

ILLINOIS' primary held the center of political interest for it not only provided lively state battles but also was of considerable moment nationally. Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, and Senator Borah of Idaho, who was born in Illinois, were the contestants for the Republican Presidential preferential vote, and the former came out with 31 delegates against 26 for Borah. The senator's friends were elated because, without organization, he carried a large part of the state outside of Chicago. This preferential vote is purely advisory and neither man has a slate of delegates to the national convention. The result makes it certain that Knox will make a respectable showing on the first roll call. It also adds to Borah's prestige and aids him in the coming Ohio primary.



Frank Knox

Gov. Henry Horner, seeking renomination, was victorious in the bitter fight with the regular Democratic organization and the Kelly-Nash machine in Chicago, which had thrown him overboard and supported Bunden for governor. The Democrats almost unanimously voted for the renomination of Senator James Hamilton Lewis, and the Republicans named Former Senator Otis Glenn to oppose him in November.

In Nebraska's primary only Borah's name was printed on the Republican preferential ballot but almost one-sixth of the voters wrote in the name of Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas. For the Democratic preference President Roosevelt was unopposed in both Illinois and Nebraska.

Flood Control Approved by the President

IN HIS press conference President Roosevelt said government departments are concentrating on flood control problems and that if congress would pass a bill appropriating a billion dollars for that purpose he would sign it, provided the measure put men to work immediately.

Mr. Roosevelt said the Passamaquoddy project in Maine and Florida ship canal were eliminated because of the recent refusal of congress to make appropriations for continuance of the work. He said he did not contemplate doing out relief funds for the projects and that there would be no funds for the projects unless congress reversed its refusal.

President Lays Cornerstone for a Big Building

WITH appropriate ceremony the cornerstone of the new Interior department building in Washington was laid, the President handling the trowel. The structure, the second largest government office building there, is to be completed in December. It covers five and one-half acres and will provide 700,000 square feet of usable floor space. It will cost \$12,000,000, about \$5,000,000 less than the capital's largest, the Commerce department building. The trowel used by Mr. Roosevelt was the one employed by George Washington in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793.

Draft of New Tax Bill Ready for Consideration

HAVING discarded the President's suggestion of temporary pressing taxes, Chairman Sam B. Hill's house subcommittee completed its draft of the new tax bill. It calls for a new type of corporation levy, ranging from 1 per cent to 29.7 per cent for corporations with net income up to \$10,000, and from 4 to 42½ per cent for corporations with net income over \$10,000, depending on the amount of earnings that are not distributed. Preferential tax treatment is given to banks and insurance companies, to debt-ridden companies, to companies in receivership, and a new system of taxing non-resident aliens is created.



Sam B. Hill

Big Pay for Lobby Committee Lawyer Is Refused

BY A vote of 153 to 137 the house rejected a resolution to permit Senator Black's lobby committee to pay \$10,000 to special counsel in injunction litigation started by William Randolph Hearst to protect his telegrams from the probers. This action, which followed a bitter debate, doesn't halt the work of the committee, which has its own funds, but it prevents the payment of more than \$3,900 a year, in accordance with general law, to Crampton Harris of Birmingham, Ala.

Brings Witch, Doctors' Charms From Africa



MRS. MARY L. JOBE AKELEY, wife of the late Carl Akeley, African explorer and naturalist, who has just returned from a seven months' expedition in Africa, is shown here with Tonga and Swazi witch doctors' charms. She is holding an African girl's grass ring skirt. Mrs. Akeley accompanied her husband on his expeditions and is a recognized authority on Africa as well as an intrepid hunter of big game.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

LIGHTFOOT DISCOVERS LOVE

WONDERFULLY handsome was Lightfoot the Deer as he stood in the little opening by the pond of Paddy the Beaver, his head thrown back proudly as he received the congratulations of his neighbors of the Green Forest who had seen him win the great fight with the big stranger who had come down from the Great Mountain. To beautiful Miss Daintyfoot, peeping out from a thicket where she had hidden to watch the great fight, Lightfoot was the most wonderful person in all the Great World.



He Wondered if She Would Disappear and Run Away.

She adored him, which means that she loved him just as much as it was possible for her to love.

But Lightfoot didn't know this. In fact he didn't know that Miss Daintyfoot was there. His one thought had been to drive out of the Green Forest the big stranger who had come down from the Great Mountain. He had been jealous of that big stranger, though he hadn't known that he was jealous. The real cause of his anger and desire to fight had been the fear that the big stranger would find Miss Daintyfoot and take her away. Of course this was nothing but jealousy.

Now that the great fight was over and he knew that the big stranger was hurrying back to the Great Mountain,

ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON



DEAR ANNABELLE: MY GIRL NEVER LAUGHS WHEN I TELL HER MY FUNNY STORIES. WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT IT?

DEAR "CARD": GET YOURSELF A NEW GIRL—ONE WITH DIMPLES!

Annabelle.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

VARIED RECIPES

THIS is the time of the year to enjoy a good cake. The following will be one worth keeping on hand:

Orange Cream Cake.
Cream one-third of a cupful of fat with one cupful of sugar, add two beaten eggs, a pinch of salt, two tablespoonfuls of grated orange rind and one-half cupful of orange juice with two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice, added alternately with two cupfuls of flour and two teaspoonfuls of baking powder well sifted. Pour into two layer pans and bake 20 minutes. Cool and add:

Orange Filling.
Blend one-third of a cupful of sugar, three tablespoonfuls of flour, a pinch of salt together. Add one-half

TRY THIS TRICK
By PONJAY HARRAH
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THE VANISHING KNOT

AN ORDINARY piece of string is the only object that you require for the mystery of the vanishing knot. You start by tying a single knot in the string; but do not draw the knot tight. Then, to keep the knot where it belongs, you tie the ends of the string in several tight knots that would require a few minutes to untangle.

Everyone sees the single knot between the two loops. All know that it is impossible to remove that lone knot without untying the ends of the cord. Yet you have only to turn your back for three seconds and the knot is gone!

There is a simple secret to this mystery. When you turn your back, draw the single knot to the top, so it joins the tight knots at the ends of the string. Two loops have become one; and the string may be examined.

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AS ONE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

ONE GOD—for when a God we need
It matters little what our creed
Or what the litany we read.

One race—when care has made us kin
It little matters what our skin,
What matters is the man within.

One land—when men must legislate,
Protect the poor, inspire the great,
The thing that matters is the state.

One world—when men must lay the stone
Of new foundations, then our own
We cannot lay for us alone.

One hope—as certain as the sun,
For all we dream of shall be done
If all we do we do as one.

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Afternoon Frock



Royal blue silk faille, embroidered with black and white chenille dots, forms the yoke, sleeves, and the deep-set back in this smart afternoon frock of black silk crepe. The shiny black straw hat is trimmed with black and white cire quills and ribbon.

add six tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of paprika. When well blended add three cupfuls of milk and cook until a creamy sauce is made. Add two-thirds of a cupful of good cheese, stir until melted, then add a slice of finely chopped onion—or a little scraped onion is better—two eggs well beaten and two chopped pimientos. Cook just long enough to set the egg. Serve poured over hot toast.

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Foreigners Restricted

Haiti has a law prohibiting foreigners and naturalized Haitians from engaging in certain retail trades.

Milkmaid Receives Supreme Award



MIKHAIL I. KALININ, chairman of the all-powerful central executive committee of the U. S. S. R., is shown presenting the medal of the Order of Lenin, supreme Soviet award, to Olga Shalagina, a milkmaid from the Krasnoyarsk district, in recognition of her outstanding work in the raising and care of cattle. The presentation took place at the recent great conference of livestock breeders, who went to Moscow from all parts of the vast Soviet Union.