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Current Events in Review

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Guffey Coal Act Is Declared Invalid

SIX members of the Supreme court of the United States ruled that the Guffey act to control the bituminous coal industry is invalid, and another of the New Deal experiments goes into the discard. This is the act which President Roosevelt urged congress to pass notwithstanding doubts of its constitutionality "however reasonable." Five Justices—Sutherland, Butler, Van Devanter, McReynolds, and Roberts—joined in the majority opinion which invalidated the whole act. Justices Cardozo, Brandeis, and Stone joined in a dissenting opinion in which they upheld the act. Chief Justice Hughes held in a separate opinion that the act was constitutional with respect to the marketing provisions but unconstitutional with respect to the labor regulations.

The court in the majority opinion held that there is no authority in the Constitution for the control of the coal industry attempted in the Guffey act. The act was not valid either under the commerce clause or the welfare clause. Power was unlawfully delegated to set up a coal code similar to the codes of the invalidated NRA and the regulations establishing working hours of miners were a violation of the fifth amendment prohibiting the taking of property without due process of law. Mining, the court declared, is a local industry, the state jurisdiction whereof the federal government has no authority to invade.

Congress provided that if one part of the act were held unconstitutional other parts should not be affected. But the majority declined to accept that arrangement, ruling that the price fixing provisions were inextricably interwoven with the labor regulations. Senator Guffey, author of the act, declined to comment on the opinion, but it was said he was preparing a substitute measure. John Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, said that "it is a sad commentary upon our form of government when every decision of the Supreme court seems designed to fatten capital and starve and destroy labor."

Tugwell's Housing Hit by Court Decision

THE resettlement administration headed by Rexford Guy Tugwell was declared by the District of Columbia court of appeals to be "clearly unconstitutional delegation of power," in a case involving a model community project in Somerset county, New Jersey.

Going beyond the issue before them, the justices of the appeals court called the entire relief appropriations act of 1935 into question. The act was invalid and hence RA was invalid, according to the court. Legally, however, none of the rest of the act will be affected by the decision because the other multitudinous activities of the New Deal under the appropriation were not before the court.

Solicitor Gen. Stanley Reed said an appeal would be taken to the Supreme court at once.

Uncle Sam Stands by Nine Power Pact

NEWS that Japan was greatly enlarging her force in North China led the State department in Washington to announce that the position of the United States is the same as that outlined last December by Secretary Hull affirming its support of the nine power pact that guarantees China's territorial integrity. At that time Mr. Hull said this country has a binding faith in the fundamental principles of its traditional policy. This government adheres to the provisions of the treaties to which it is a party and continues to bespeak respect by all nations for the provisions of treaties solemnly entered into for the purpose of facilitating and regulating, to reciprocal and common advantage.

At the State department it was said that the reaffirmation of support of the nine power pact does not mean that the administration will abandon its policy of declining to take the initiative in any attempt to curb Japan for violations of the pact. This was attested by Henry L. Stimson, secretary of state in the Hoover administration, with the gain of nothing but Japanese ill will.

Japanese military strength in North China south of the Great Wall is now said to be fully 15,000 men. There are

about 80,000 more in Manchukuo and still others in Inner Mongolia.

War Debts Will Be Defaulted Again

NEITHER Great Britain nor France has any intention of paying the installments on the American war debt due June 15. And almost certainly all the other debtor nations except Finland will follow the example of the two big ones and again default. British Foreign Minister Eden talked about the debts with Leon Blum, who probably will be premier of France soon, but there was no indication that either one was planning to make a payment. Blum told the American club in Paris he hoped the war debt "misunderstanding" might be cleared up, but he was just trying to be pleasant to the people of both America and France without spending any money.

Italy Releases Alleged Leader in King's Killing

DR. ANTON PAVELIC, alleged leader of Ustashi, the Croatian terrorist organization, and accused as one of the "master minds" in the assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia in Marseilles, has been set free by the Italian authorities. Released with him was his lieutenant, Eugene Kwaternik. The two were arrested at Turin in October, 1934, soon after the murder of Alexander, but the French authorities who were working on the case were never permitted to question them and an Italian tribunal refused the request of the French government for their extradition to France for trial.

President of Bolivia Is Compelled to Resign

JOSE LUIS TEJADA SORZANO was forced to resign the presidency of Bolivia by a junta of army officers and Socialists who staged a bloodless coup d'etat in La Paz. Col. German Busch, acting chief of the general army staff, leader of the coup, will be at the head of the government until Col. David Toro, hero of the war with Paraguay, returns from the Chaco, when Toro will be installed as president.

The immediate objective of the new administration was complete settlement of a general strike which the officers asserted was imperiling the country's economic stability. The labor federation quickly suspended the strike movement, expressing solidarity with the army-Socialist coup.

Borah Is Loser in the Ohio Primaries

SENATOR WILLIAM BORAH banked heavily on success in the Ohio Presidential preference primary, but the Republicans of that state turned him down decisively in favor of their "favorite son," Robert A. Taft, son of the late President Taft. Of the 52 delegates to the Cleveland convention, Borah captured only five, the others, including the delegates at large, being Taft men. The winning delegation will be virtually unpledged, because it will vote for Taft only on the first ballot. Mr. Borah did not take this defeat calmly. He gave out a statement in Washington accusing the Republican organization leaders of manipulating the votes of colored citizens against him by promising the passage of federal anti-lynching legislation which he has opposed as unconstitutional.

Ohio Democrats polled about 500,000 votes in the primary, nearly 100,000 more than the Republicans, and they expressed their preference for Mr. Roosevelt over Col. Henry Breckinridge to the tune of 16 to 1. They also renominated Gov. Martin L. Davey, who will be opposed by John W. Bricker, Republican, in November.

About twenty of Pennsylvania's delegation to the Republican convention were pledged to support the popular choice of the state, which turned out to be Mr. Borah, no other name being officially entered at the April 23 primary. The delegation, which is unstructured, has now voted that those members must keep their pledge on the first ballot or until it becomes manifestly impossible for their choice to win. This action was taken on motion of former Senator David A. Reed.

Former Governor Small of Illinois Dies

LEON SMALL, twice governor of Illinois and prominent in the politics of the state for nearly forty years, died suddenly in a Kankakee hospital from an embolism resulting from an operation. He was seventy-three years old. Mr. Small's career was rather stormy. His enemies were many and bitter, and he fought them courageously; his friends were devoted to him, and he was always loyal to them. In addition to his eight years as governor, he served two terms as state treasurer. Moreover, he was defeated for governor four times. He sought the Republican nomination again in the recent primary but was defeated.

Tugwell's Report on Resettlement Work

RESPONDING to a senate resolution, Rexford Tugwell made a report on the activities of the resettlement administration of which he is the head. He showed that it has 15,804 employees on the administration pay roll and has been allotted \$275,549,944 to spend. Of this amount, the report stated, \$98,347,005 has been spent and a total of \$173,091,823 obligated, leaving \$102,458,112 unincumbered.

R. G. Tugwell Up to April 15, according to the report, the resettlement administration had taken options on 9,670,000 acres of land, of which options on 8,469,000 acres, costing \$36,844,000, had become legal commitments. As of May 1, the report said, 59,521 persons, including 3,581 on the CCC pay roll, were employed in connection with the land acquisition program.

Of 33 subsistence homestead projects, construction has been completed on 18, is in progress on 11 and final plans have been drafted for 4. The report lists four suburban housing projects, financed from a \$31,000,000 allocation for this purpose.

Inflation Bill Defeated by the House

WE ARE not going to have any currency inflation, at least before next session of congress. The Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage refinancing bill, dragged out of committee by a petition signed by 218 house members, and then hotly debated for a day, was defeated by the decisive vote of 235 to 142. The bill called for the printing of three billion dollars for its financing.

The petition signers included 150 Democrats, and before the vote every one of them was told by Pat Boland of Pennsylvania, the party whip, that the President didn't want the measure passed at this time and that if the member voted for the bill it would be just too bad for him.

President Still Wants Ship Canal and Quoddy

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT was supposed to have abandoned for the present the Florida ship canal and Passamaquoddy tidal power projects for which the house refused to appropriate further funds. But Senator Robinson of Arkansas was called to the White House for a conference and returned to the house to introduce a resolution authorizing the President to appoint engineering boards of review for the two schemes.

The boards would present their findings by June 29, and, if favorable, the President would have authorization to set aside \$10,000,000 for the canal and \$9,000,000 for Passamaquoddy out of available relief money.

Starhemberg Ousted From Austrian Cabinet

CHANCELLOR KURT SCHUSCHNIGG of Austria has long been at odds with the vice chancellor, Prince Ernst von Starhemberg, and now he has got rid of that active young man and is practically the sole dictator of the country. This was accomplished by the resignation of the cabinet and its reconstruction immediately with Von Starhemberg left out.

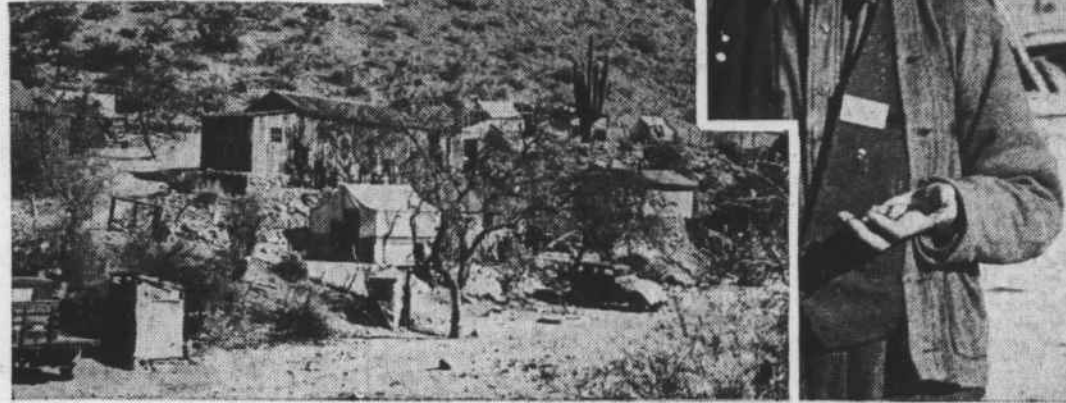
Italy May Withdraw From League of Nations

BECAUSE the League of Nations council would not immediately recognize Italy's annexation of Ethiopia and the creation of the new Roman empire, Premier Mussolini recalled his representatives from Geneva, and before long Italy may quit the league entirely. At present it is merely "not participating" in its activities.

The Italians at Addis Ababa are executing many natives for espionage or murder, among them being the giant umbrella carrier of Haile Selassie. A number of newspaper men have been expelled because of "anti-Italian activities and espionage." Among them were George Steer, correspondent for the London Times and the New York Times; Isadore Nebenzahl, a representative of the Havas (French) News agency; Alkeos Angiopolos, a Hearst correspondent, and A. D. Robillard, director of an Ethiopian newspaper.

Molybdenum Brings Ghost Town to Life

COPPER CREEK, Ariz., historic mining settlement that has been a ghost town for years, has been brought to life by the discovery there of veins of molybdenum, rare metal that is used in steel making. Here is shown a part of the old town and, at the right, William N. Miller, who founded the town more than half a century ago and is there again. He is holding in his hand a specimen of molybdenum ore.



Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

BILLY MINK OUTWITS THE TRAPPER

As smart and clever as you are, A mink may smarter be by far.

THIS is what Billy Mink said to himself as he uncovered the trap which had been set for him at the entrance to one of his favorite holes in the bank of the Laughing Brook. Of course he was thinking of the trapper when he said it. At first Billy flew into a great rage. It made him angry clear to the tip of his tail just to think he must now be always watching for traps where for so long there had been no danger.

At first, on discovering that trap, he had thought to go on at once up the Laughing Brook and see what more he could discover. But you remember that Billy was hungry and that there



"It will serve that Trapper Right if I Can Get That Fish," Muttered Billy.

was a piece of perfectly delicious fish back in that hole. He knew now just how that fish happened to be there. He knew that that trapper had put that piece of fish in there hoping that Billy would be so eager to get in that he would be careless.

The more he smelled it, the more he wanted it. "It will serve that trapper right if I can get that fish!" muttered Billy. "Perhaps it will teach him that he is not so smart as he thinks he is. I wonder if I can step over that trap." Billy sat down and studied the trap

and the entrance to the hole. The more he studied the more sure he became that he would be running a very foolish risk if he tried to step over that trap just to get a piece of fish. You see, that trap had been very cunningly placed. But the more he smelled that fish the more he wanted it.

Billy stroked his whiskers thoughtfully. Of course that didn't have anything to do with it, but just the same while he was stroking them he remembered something. His eyes snapped and he grinned. Way up on the bank between the roots of a certain tree was a little hole. It was the entrance to a little underground tunnel, and that tunnel led right down to the very hole in front of which the trap was set. It really was a sort of back door.

Billy turned and in a flash had scrambled up the bank. With his keen little nose he made sure that there was no scent of the trapper up there. He felt sure that the trapper had not found

that little hole between the roots of that certain tree. But though he was sure of this, he took no chances. As he approached that hole he took the greatest care to make sure that no trap was in there.

There was none. Once inside the hole, Billy ran along that little tunnel chuckling to himself. He knew that there was no danger. He could get that fish. He did get it. He got it and ate it right there. Then he turned and ran out the way he had entered. Somehow that fish had tasted the best of any fish he had ever eaten. It was because he had outwitted the trapper.

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Eve's Epigrams

Hubby usually wants a good understanding but the little woman gets more out of a good understanding.

THE ARISTOCRACY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THESE are the aristocracy: The man who makes my shoes for me, My clothes, the roof above my head, The very comfort of my bed, The food my body nourisheth— Yes, even for my very breath Upon some other I depend, My noblest neighbor, nearest friend.

I never see a hand of grime, A brow of summer sweat, but I'm A bit ashamed no look of toil Have mine, of contact with the soil. My little greatness is less great, A thousand times, than his estate Who makes a habitable earth For many men of lesser worth.

I am entitled to my ease, My lighter task, by serving these Who serve mankind, for then we all Are workers, be we great or small, I thus become, the best I can, The equal of this other man To whom I look, who looks to me— Both then the aristocracy.

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Pleated Ruffles



Binche lace edges the pleated ruffles that form the sleeves and petticoat effect on this prim little frock of black and white printed chiffon. The shantung straw hat is Schiaparelli's new one trimmed with colored "glass" flowers.

which may be supplied in various ways—adding flavorful vegetables, meat sauces and condiments, thus making palatable and nourishing dishes from meat left from broths.

When we learn that marketing is a household science which needs study and observation and that extravagant buying, however full the purse, is never to be indulged, we are in a fair way to improve in that part of household management.

We are told by those who have made a study of family needs that before a pound of meat is bought a quart of milk should supply the daily need of every child in the family. Milk may be used as a drink, as a main dish, in puddings, sauces, with cereals for breakfast and supper.

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Live in Suburbs

Nearly all Melbourne's population lives in the suburbs. The city proper is quite small and mostly business.

MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

MARKETING FOR THE HOME

IT IS a heartening sight to visit the city markets and see the handsome, high-powered cars lined up at the curb and the lady of the house walking from stall to stall choosing the food for her family, along with the housewife of the poor man who must count every penny.

One of the hardest things for the average woman to do is to regulate

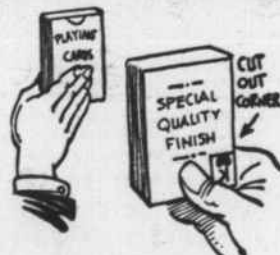
her purchases to the amount she has to spend for food. It takes real self-denial to pass by the attractive delicacies for the table and confine one's self to the urgent needs. Shopping and marketing are fine things to develop self-control.

In too many households the marketing problem is left to haphazard buying or the last minute order, and so it is either a feast or a famine to which the family look forward.

The tender cuts of meat do not contain any more nourishment and they lack the extractives which are found in the more active muscles and so they lack the flavor. Cheaper cuts which are used for meat are often thrown away because of the idea that they have lost their food value. The fact is all the food value is still there, the lack is in the flavor or extractives,

TRY THIS TRICK

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X-RAY VISION

TO DEMONSTRATE his ability at X-ray vision, the magician takes a pack of cards from its case. He lays them on the table and asks some one to insert a card from the pack. The card must be put in face down.

Picking up the case, the magician holds it to his forehead and promptly names the value of the card. He may repeat the trick if he desires.

Be careful, in performing this trick, to specify that the card must be put in the case while the latter is on the table. Why? Because you have previously cut a small hole in the lower corner of the card case.

When you pick up the card case, you can see the index corner of the card within. That is why you are able to name it.

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ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON



DEAR ANNABELLE: WHY DO THE MOVIES ALWAYS END JUST AS THE COUPLE ARE ABOUT TO BE MARRIED?

M. PHAN.

Dear "Phan": THEY'RE NOT ALLOWED TO SHOW ANYTHING BRUTAL IN THE MOVIES!

Annabelle.

Costumes for the "Dust Bowl"



THESE three young ladies of Pueblo, Colo., are wearing three variations of the masks now used by farmers who have to be out in the open during the "black blizzards" which have swept over parts of Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas during the past two years.