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Current Events IN REVIEW

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Rural Housewives of World in Convention

RURAL housewives from many countries began their third triennial conference in Washington with Mrs. Alfred Watt of Canada presiding. Their first meeting was held in 1930 in Vienna, and the second in Stockholm three years later. Secretaries Hull and Wallace and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, extended greetings to the visitors, but beyond that there were no set speeches and little formality. Instead, the farm wives held "exchange of experience" sessions, viewed elaborate exhibits of rural needlework and crafts of organized countrywomen of the participating nations, and attended "open houses" held by all branches of the federal government in which countrywomen are particularly interested. In exchanging experiences the women learned, among other things, that:

English groups have stimulated a remunerative revival of quilting to supplement the family income. Australian countrywomen maintain seaside homes for convalescents. Canada's Federated Women's Institute promotes clubs for rural youth and combats maternal and infant mortality. By conducting evening classes for young girls Danish countrywomen have helped to check their migration to town to seek factory work. The East Africa Women's league visits native women in prisons and hospitals and provides information to prospective white settlers.

Huge Deficiency Bill Passed by Senate
THE senate by a vote of 62 to 14 passed the deficiency bill carrying \$2,375,000,000, of which sum \$1,425,000,000 is handed to the President to spend as he pleases for "relief and work relief." As passed by the house, the measure turned the entire amount of relief money over to WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins.

Three Democratic senators voted against the bill—Tydings of Maryland, Bulkeley of Ohio and Byrd of Virginia. By a senate amendment, the bill authorizes the President to order a re-study of reports on the \$200,000,000 Florida ship canal and allocate another \$10,000,000 to carry on work upon it during the coming fiscal year. Efforts to do anything for the Passamaquoddy tidal project in Maine had proved unavailing.

New York's Wage Law Is Held Invalid
NEW YORK state's law providing minimum wages for women and minors was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme court on the ground that it conflicts with the fourteenth amendment by violating freedom of contract. The decision, written by Justice Butler, was concurred in by Justices Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland and Roberts. Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Stone, Brandeis and Cardozo dissented. A number of other states have statutes similar to the one thus held invalid.

Zioncheck Nabbed for Test of His Sanity
MARION ZIONCHECK, the peculiar representative from Seattle, Wash., outdid all his previous performances in one day of wild deeds and landed in the Washington municipal hospital where his sanity was to be tested. He had made two attempts to see the President, saying he wanted to ask for machine guns and tanks to blow up a hotel where he suspected his bride was hiding; sought a warrant for the arrest of Vice President Garner on the belief that he knew where Mrs. Zioncheck was concealed, and in various other ways persuaded the authorities that his mental condition should be investigated.

Civil War in A. F. of L. Expected Soon
NINE of the richest unions in the American Federation of Labor, having more than a million members, probably will be suspended soon by the federation's executive council, and at the next convention they will be expelled if the council can command the necessary two-thirds majority. Thus will come to a crisis the internecine contest between the craft unionists led by President Wil-

lam Green and the industrial unionists who follow John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers.

The craft unionists, it was learned, intend to suspend the charters of the nine industrial unions at the July executive council session, a power granted the council under the A. F. of L. constitution.

Lewis' group of unions includes 400,000 miners, Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, David Dubinsky's International Ladies' Garment union, the oil workers, typographers, flat glass workers, hat, cap, and millinery workers, mine, mill, and smelter workers, and textile workers.

Liner Queen Mary Fails to Equal the Record

BRITAIN'S magnificent new liner Queen Mary was given an uproarious welcome at New York as she completed the first leg of her maiden transatlantic passage. The giant steamship behaved well in every way but fell short by 42 minutes of equaling the record set a year ago by the French liner Normandie. The Queen Mary's officers offered no apology for this, but it was public knowledge that her speed had been cut down by a fog off the American coast.

The Queen Mary averaged 29.13 knots on a measured course of 3,158 nautical miles, between Cherbourg breakwater and Ambrose light, completing the journey between those two points in 4 days 12 hours 24 minutes.

Business Men Oppose New Guffey Coal Bill

BOTH the United States Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers is firmly opposed to the new Guffey-Vinson coal control bill designed to replace the act declared invalid by the United States Supreme court.

Harper Sibley, president of the chamber, and James A. Emery, general counsel for the manufacturers' association, recalled, in almost identical language, that the most widely discredited phase of the defunct NRA was price fixing through codes. The new Guffey-Vinson bill, they said, like the old bill, is designed to establish price fixing by levying a prohibitory tax on products of mines which do not submit to its provisions.

Pope, on His Birthday, Denounces Communism

CATHOLICS the world over celebrated the seventy-ninth birthday of Pope Pius XI, and the pontiff himself marked the day by attending a solemn mass in St. Peter's in the presence of 40,000 pilgrims who went to Rome especially for the occasion. These were mainly members of the Catholic Action organization which Pius XI founded, and to them he spoke for nearly an hour. He denounced communism, as he has done on other occasions, and declared the Catholic press was one of the best forces in combating the communists.

It was evident to all observers the pope's age is beginning to tell on him and that he found the long ceremony very much of a strain. That the pope's health is causing some concern also in Vatican circles was shown by the fact that the plans that were originally made for the pope to bless the crowd gathered in St. Peter's square from the outer balcony of the Basilica were abandoned at the last minute.

Japanese Find Excuse for Action in China
THERE was every reason to believe that Japan had found, or manufactured, excuses for further encroachments in northern China, and that serious conflict between the two nations would ensue unless China were submissive. The Japanese alleged that a bridge on the railway line between Tangku and Tientsin was destroyed and that there was an attempt to wreck a troop train. The highest Japanese officers in North China were summoned to a conference in Tientsin.

Yakichiro Suma, Japanese consul general in Nanking, declared publicly that China must choose either "mutual interdependence with Japan or war with Japan," and he said he had informed Generalissimo Kai-shek, Chinese dictator, of this viewpoint.

Garden Homes Planned by Housing Administrator

STEWART McDONALD, federal housing administrator, outlined to newspaper men a new program which provides for the construction of "garden homes" outside of large cities that will aid in the gradual movement of industrial workers from urban and suburban areas to small plots several miles out in the country. He said President Roosevelt was enthusiastic over the plan.

Emphasizing that "this is not anything in the way of a benevolent proposition" and that no grants of federal funds were involved, Mr. McDonald said it would be accomplished through a broadening of FHA regulations to permit government insurance of mortgages on such property. This will enable bankers and other lenders to advance funds for the development of these "in between" areas for residential purposes, he said.

"The President believes that whenever possible people should be on an acre to two acres of ground with trees, gardens and shrubbery," he said. "This plan has been made possible by inventions and improvements in the last ten years. Now we have good roads, electricity, water facilities, and other conveniences for those areas in between the city and the country. Such a program was not possible during the last building boom."

Raymond Moley's Warning to the Administration

RAYMOND MOLEY, who used to be considered the chief of the "brain trust," fears that his friend President Roosevelt may be destroyed politically by the radicals within the Democratic party who at the same time would "destroy moderation and destroy the very system which he attempted to improve."

In a speech before the National Economy league in New York, Doctor Moley said he saw confronting the Roosevelt administration these dangers:

1. That federal relief agencies will be turned into political machines to perpetuate the rule of state and local politicians.

2. The tendency, "all too prevalent in this congress, to engage in muckraking, marauding expeditions which destroy the liberty of all of the people while they seek to restrain the abuses of a few. These orgies of public castigation . . . may be means of furthering individual political ambitions, they may be build-ups for those with Presidential hankering, but so far as the public interest is concerned they are simply sound and fury."

3. The tendency "of those in charge of the New Deal to over-emphasize adherence to the belief in the philosophy of the movement and to minimize the importance of competent technical administration."

Germany Celebrates Her Revived Navy

WITH three days of maneuvers, reviews and ceremonies, Germany celebrated the revival of her navy, and closed the big event by dedicating at Kiel the huge monument to the men and ships that went down in the Battle of Jutland, Reichsfuehrer Hitler was aboard the dispatch boat Grille and from its topmast flew the old flag of the kaisers. In the maneuvers the new navy, about fifty battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines repelled an "enemy" attack on Kiel harbor. New submarines and speedboats, first units of the fleet being built under the Anglo-German treaty which wiped away the Versailles treaty limitations of the reich navy to 100,000 tons, were shown publicly for the first time.

Hitler, himself, did not speak during the ceremonies of the monument dedication. Instead he listened to Admiral Raeder, Vice Admiral Wolf, and Admiral von Prethor, who was chief of staff during the Jutland fight. The latter two, both veterans of that fight, paid tribute to the English as well as the German heroes of the engagement.

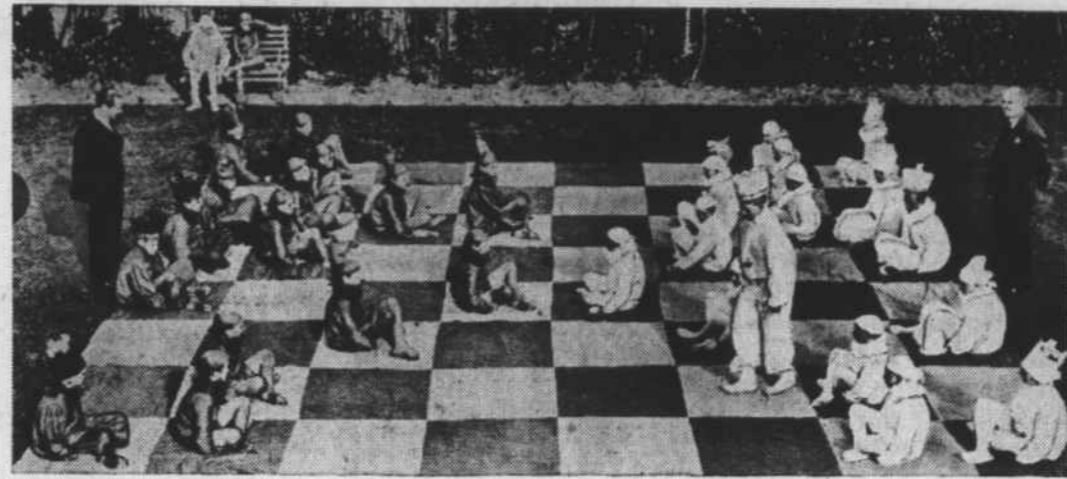
Serious Labor Troubles in Many States

FACTORIES and farms in 15 states, in all parts of the Union, were affected by labor troubles which intermediaries were trying in vain to settle. Leaders of organized labor claimed that from 30,000 to 45,000 strikers already were out, but employers challenged the union claims that the strikes were effective.

Workers in six plants of Remington Rand, Inc., were out on strike after union leaders ordered a walkout at Syracuse, N. Y. They said 6,000 workers in the company's New York, Ohio and Connecticut plants were involved. Company officials asserted there were 4,200 affected.

Six thousand barbers in lower Manhattan, New York, were ordered to join 3,000 others in a strike which had spread over a wide area.

Chess Masters Play Game With Living Pieces



DURING the recent chess tournament at Margate, England, a pretty spectacle was provided for the spectators when G. Capablanca and Sir G. A. Thomas, two of the competing masters, played a game with living pieces. The photograph shows the game in progress, Mr. Capablanca being at the left.

BEDTIME STORY FOR CHILDREN

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

A MOONLIGHT VISIT

BILLY MINK was just plain mad. He had begun to get that way when he found the trap set at the entrance to one of his favorite holes. But when he found a little fence on each side of the Laughing Brook right across where he was in the habit of running when traveling up and down the Laughing Brook, and in the middle of each little fence an opening with a trap in it, Billy lost his temper completely. He ground his teeth and his eyes grew red with rage. You see, he knew that those traps had been set especially for him.



"Booh!" said Billy.

"I despise a trapper," snarled Billy. "Yes, sir, I despise a trapper. It is bad enough to be hunted, but then a fellow does have some show. He knows where the danger is and what to look out for. If he is reasonably smart he can fool the hunter. But traps don't give a fellow any show at all. They are sneaky things. They jump up and grab a fellow without any warning at all. I hate traps and I hate trappers! I wonder if I can find any more traps along the Laughing Brook?"

Billy continued on up to the very beginning of the Laughing Brook, but found no more traps. Then he curled up in one of his favorite hiding places to rest and think things over. He was strongly tempted to go away from the Laughing Brook altogether. He thought

Checked Chiffon



This charming frock is made of orange and white checked chiffon generously cut for the full skirt made in four sections set together with cords. The flowers are yellow and white silk tied with a bow of dark greenish gray velvet.

DADA KNOWS



"Pop, what is a gibbet?"
"High justice."
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But it was only for a minute. Then, having washed his food to his satisfaction, he began to eat his supper, and at the same time to gossip with Billy Mink. He told Billy all the news of the Green Forest, most of which was no news at all to Billy, for there is little going on that Billy doesn't know. Then Billy told Bobby the news of the Laughing Brook, everything except about the traps and trapper. It was a very pleasant visit they had there together in the moonlight.

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MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

SAVORY DISHES

TRY small sausages partly cooked then dipped into fritter batter and baked.

Mutton cut into serving sized pieces, browned in fat, then boiling water added, and when nearly done, add finely cubed carrots and green peas. This makes a substantial meal.

A small amount of meat may with vegetables make a good sized serving for the family.

Hungarian Sauerkraut.

Mix together one cupful of cooked rice, one-half pound each of chopped pork and beef, one egg beaten, one onion chopped and browned in butter. Season with salt and pepper. Brown three tablespoonfuls of flour, add a quart of sauerkraut and a little water, stir until well mixed. Make small sausages of the meat and lay in the kraut, fold the meat in it and simmer for an hour or more, closely covered or in a fireless cooker.

Chicken With Asparagus.

Cut a young fowl into six or eight pieces, brown and season well in a hot frying pan, adding two tablespoonfuls of butter, then add one cupful of stock

and a bunch of asparagus. Cook for two hours at the simmering point, add flour and milk blended together and cook for the gravy.

Fish Salad.

Cut into bits boiled halibut, flake it with forks, season with lemon juice and arrange on a bed of lettuce in a salad bowl. A mixture of water cress with the lettuce is an improvement. Peel and boil three large mealy potatoes, beat light, adding salt, mustard and two tablespoonfuls of olive oil, the yolks of two beaten eggs and a tablespoonful and a half of lemon juice, beating all the time. Pour this over the fish and serve.

Peas, fresh cooked green ones, a small chopped sour pickle and peanuts coarsely chopped or rolled with a rolling pin, make a good combination for a salad on lettuce with any dressing.

A few stalks of tender asparagus cut into a ring of green pepper or ripe tomato, with a spoonful of thick mayonnaise on lettuce, makes a most attractive salad.

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Portland Has Queer "Mercy Boat"



THIS odd-looking affair is a sea-going ambulance put into service the other day by the city of Portland, Ore. It is popularly called the "mercy boat," but technically it is an "aerohydrocraft."

THE ACTS OF MAN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

"A MOUNTAIN fits the hollow of his hand,
The west wind is his whisper, and his nod
Tumbles the towns upon some little land."
So by Immensity men understand
Him they call God.

This is not God. I have not given form,
My own resemblance, to a thing divine;
I have not heard him trumpeting the storm,
Speaking his purpose where the petrels swarm,
This God of mine.

God gives us shelter, does not send us gale;
God never starved a babe, destroyed a town;
By our own sins we suffer and we fall,
By our own weakness wintry winds prevail
And ships go down.

Greed grasps for gold, ambition sails the seas,
In hate and error so we plot and plan,
Invite catastrophe, distress, disease—
And when they come, then blame not God for these,
The acts of man.

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Judge Advocate



Capt. Gilbert Jonathan Rowell, commander of Destroyer Squadron Four, battle force, who has been nominated judge advocate general of the navy with the rank of rear admiral by President Roosevelt. He is fifty-four years old.

ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON



DEAR ANNABELLE: WHEN A GIRL CLINGS TO A FELLOW LIKE IVY, SHOULD HE CONSIDER IT AS A COMPLIMENT?

HORACE.

Dear Horace: NOT NECESSARILY. IVY INVARIABLY CLINGS TO OLD RUINS!

Annabella.



"There's quite a difference," says soliloquizing Elizabeth, "between being looked over and being overlooked."
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