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Current Events in Review

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Western Newspaper Union

New French Premier Helps Labor Win All Demands
STRIKING workers who paralyzed the industrial life of France at the moment when the "popular front" socialist majority was taking over the reins of the government, won complete victory with the aid of Leon Blum, new premier, as the general strike was settled, a disquieting note was added by a walkout of 150,000 coal miners and textile workers in northern France.

Labor won the following five demands:
1. Wage increases from 7 to 15 per cent.
2. Recognition of workers' rights to organize in unions.
3. A forty-hour work week.
4. Vacations with pay.
5. Collective bargaining contracts.

Settling of the strike marked a significant victory for the new government which assumed extraordinary powers to bolster France's financial system and revitalize national defenses. "White collar" workers were the only group excluded from the general agreement which was signed by employers at the behest of the government, but the premier promised relief for them. Premier Blum gained support from conservative forces with his announcement that "The People's Front is and will remain hostile to devaluation of the currency." The end of the strike restored a measure of confidence to a panic-stricken nation faced with possible famine due to the tie-up of its transportation, processing and distribution systems by 1,000,000 striking workers.



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Texas Opens Its Great Centennial Exposition

TEXAS celebrated the one-hundredth anniversary of its independence by opening a \$25,000,000 centennial exposition in Dallas. Foremost among distinguished visitors attending the world's fair the first week was President Roosevelt. To obtain the centennial exposition Dallas made available more than \$9,000,000 in cash and property. The exposition will be open until November 29. Numerous other celebrations marking the state's 100 years of freedom have been held in various cities and towns of Texas. The exposition presents educational, historic and recreational features associated with a major world's fair. Largest building on the exposition ground is the \$1,000,000 Texas Hall of State, which cost an additional \$200,000 to equip. The building was erected as a memorial to the patriots and pioneers of Texas, and is the largest historical museum on the North American continent.

Speaker Byrns of House Is Taken by Death

DEATH, sudden and unexpected, came to Joseph Wellington Byrns, speaker of the house of representatives, and put an end to a notable career. The veteran Tennessee congressman suffered a heart attack, followed by a cerebral hemorrhage, and passed away within a few hours in his apartment in the Mayflower hotel, Washington. For 27 years Mr. Byrns had represented the "Hermitage district" of Tennessee in the house, and he was elected speaker when the Seventy-ninth congress convened in January, 1905.



Grief for Mr. Byrns' death was general and sincere in Washington officialdom. "I am shocked beyond all imagination," said Representative Bertrand H. Snell of New York, the minority leader. "It is a terrible thing. It is an almost irreparable loss." Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, the majority leader, after expressing his own sense of loss, added: "His work during the session has been very difficult and trying. He was a great speaker."

Impressive funeral services were held in the chamber of the house, the President, members of the cabinet and numerous diplomats being present in addition to all members of congress.

Senate Passes Its Own Tax Revenue Measure

THE senate passed the \$829,000,000 compromise revenue measure by a vote of 38 to 24. The bill then went to conference with the house of representatives which had enacted a revenue measure carrying out tax proposals made by President Roosevelt. The senate measure called for a 15 1/2 to 18 per cent tax on net corporate incomes as compared with the present 12 1/2 to 15 per cent levy; a new type of 7 per cent tax on undistributed profits; repeal of the existing exemption of dividends from the 4 per cent normal income tax; an increase of 1 per cent in the individual income surtax on surtax brackets between \$6,000 and \$50,000.

Chester Davis Appointed to Reserve Board

AGRICULTURE was given representation on the federal reserve board through the appointment by President Roosevelt of Chester C. Davis, administrator of the AAA to that body. In discussing his appointment, Mr. Davis said: "The fiscal policy of the federal government has never been tied in closely enough with agricultural problems." Mr. Davis has spent most of his life in agricultural activities. He was born on a farm in Iowa, was graduated from Grinnell college and later owned and operated a farm. For some years he was a newspaper publisher and then became editor of the Montana Farmer.

Doctor Tolley

Mr. Davis was succeeded as AAA administrator by Dr. Howard R. Tolley. Nationally known as a soil expert, Doctor Tolley helped Mr. Davis draft the soil conservation plan, enacted after the United States Supreme court decision invalidated the AAA.

Sir Samuel Hoare Back in British Cabinet

CALLED back to the British cabinet, which he left some months ago as a political scapegoat, Sir Samuel Hoare was made first lord of the admiralty, to succeed Viscount Monsell. Sir Samuel, who boldly faced a hostile house of commons last December to defend his part in the Anglo-French peace plan which would have given Mussolini only a part of Ethiopia, will face the task of solving problems arising out of British-Italian fleet difficulties in the Mediterranean. The biggest task facing Hoare, however, is restoration of the British navy to an undisputed position of supremacy on the sea.



Sir Samuel Hoare

Fileue Plan Urges Ban on Unfair Trade Practices

IN A report just made public the business advisory council proposes a simplified basis for industrial self-regulation through the medium of voluntary joint agreements on unfair trade practices enforceable by the federal trade commission. The report was prepared by the council's committee on unfair trade practices of which Lincoln Fileue of Boston is chairman. Outstanding among the committee's proposals were suggestions that each branch of an industry, such as wholesale, retail, and manufacturing, police the activities of each other through confidential reports to the federal trade commission and that no attempt be made to include trade practice and labor provisions in the same agreements.

The committee objected particularly to the proposed conscription of labor as being dangerous to democracy.

Industrial Mobilization Plan Is Condemned

THE so-called industrial mobilization plan of the War department, providing for a military dictatorship over labor, capital and industry, as well as censorship of the press in wartime, was severely condemned in a report to the senate by the munitions committee.

Thomas Held Responsible for British Budget Leak

J. H. THOMAS, until recently British colonial secretary, was found responsible by a special government tribunal for the leak in budget secrets which enabled some of his friends to profit largely through insurance against tax raises. Final disposition of the case was left to the house of commons. Thomas, once an engine wiper and later a powerful figure in organized labor and politics, termed the tribunal's verdict "cruel."

South China Declares War on Japanese

WITH a declaration of war against Japan by the Canton (south) Chinese government, first steps were taken in what may become a nationally concerted effort to resist further encroachment by Nippon on China's territory. Leaders were hopeful that a coalition of the Canton and the Nanking (north) governments might give China a united front against Japan for the first time. Should the South China war lords succeed in enlisting the support of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek and his Nanking forces, a substantial movement to expel the Japanese from North China could be undertaken.

Sec. Ickes Complains of Wallace's Encroachments

THE Department of Agriculture recommended to the senate that the administration of the Taylor grazing act, affecting 80,000,000 acres of range land, be transferred to its control from that of the Department of the Interior. Secretary Ickes retorted with the accusation that the Agricultural department had hindered his program to rehabilitate western grazing lands. He said Secretary Wallace's department has insisted upon having so many CCC camps for the forestry service that the Interior department could not get enough CCC help to administer efficiently the Taylor act.

Marshal Badoglio Is Given Roman Triumph

MARSHAL PIETRO BADOGLIO, conqueror of Ethiopia and now viceroys of that part of the reconstituted "Roman empire," returned to the Eternal City in triumph and was vociferously welcomed as a hero. Sixty thousand Romans welcomed him as he stepped from his train, and Premier Mussolini modestly waited in the background until they had shouted their greetings to the veteran warrior. Then he Duce came forward and kissed the viceroy on both cheeks, and the high ranking Fascist military leaders paid homage. With the premier and the picked troops forming the escort of honor were the entire cabinet. Several days later a great military review was held.

The other side of the picture was seen in London, where Haile Selassie, the deposed emperor of Ethiopia, arrived in tears and sadness, though he was given an ovation by the cheering thousands that had seldom been accorded to visitors to England. Many of the Londoners carried Ethiopian flags or scarlet banners reading "Welcome to the Emperor." With the white sympathizers were many African chiefs in native robes, Somalis, negroes, Hindus, Chinese, and colored people from all parts of the world.

Is Father Once More at the Age of 96

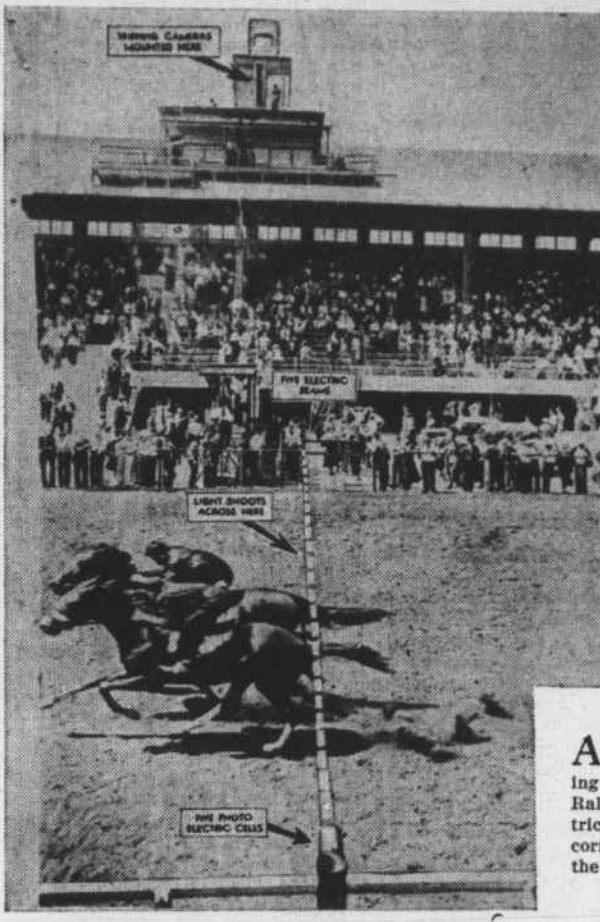
GEORGE ISAAC HUGHES, ninety-six-year-old Confederate veteran, amazed the medical world by becoming a father again. This time a girl was born to Hughes' twenty-eight-year-old wife, Libby Hill Hughes. The Hughes' first born is now a lusty lad of seventeen months. Surprisingly vigorous for his age, Hughes was the only veteran in his area to attend recent Confederate memorial exercises. "The veteran's mental faculties are clear. He is able to do considerable physical work."

Red Cross Mourns Death of Clara Dutton Noyes

MISS CLARA DUTTON NOYES, sixty-six, director of the American Red Cross nursing service, died in Washington a few minutes after she was stricken while driving to work in her car. Miss Noyes was assistant director of the American Red Cross nursing service during the World War. She also had been superintendent of nurses at the Bellevue and allied hospitals in New York.

Cyrus Hall McCormick, whose father developed the farm reaper and who himself helped organize the International Harvester company and was its president for 33 years, died at his home in Lake Forest, Ill., at the age of seventy-seven years.

No More Doubtful Horse Race Finishes



AT LEFT is a photo-diagram showing how the electric eye camera catches the finish of a race, thus removing all doubt as to which horse won the race. Above is Ralph A. Powers, designer and builder, with the five electric beam standard that shoots light across the track to corresponding electric cells. The pictures were made at the Detroit fair grounds track.

THIS IS GOOD-BY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THIS is good-by, and for a long, long while, Not for an hour, not only for a day, Yet I can laugh, and even you can smile, Though you were always wiser, in a way. And so farewell, and here's the casual kiss Men give so often, even women do; Yet something ever after we shall miss, Miss till such things as hours and days are through.

This is good-by, and for a long, long time, Not for a week, not for a month, or year. Not soon my eager feet the stair shall climb, Though you may wait, may wait in vain to hear. Or I may come, may come and may not find, Yet with a smile we wave, a smile we go. At every parting heaven is always kind; This is good-by—thank God we do not know. © Douglas Malloch.—WNU Service.

TRY THIS TRICK

By PONJAY HARRAH
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COIN ON FOREHEAD

THIS is one of those puzzling little stunts that appear to be really magical when presented in off-hand fashion.

Borrowing a small coin, the magician sets it against the center of his forehead. The coin apparently becomes magnetized, for it adheres there.

Even though the performer tilts his head forward and shakes it from side to side, the coin does not fall. The magician finally removes the coin and gives it back to its owner.

It all depends upon the way you put the coin in place. Set it against your forehead and push the coin upward. This creates suction and the coin will stick firmly after you take your hand from it. WNU Service.

Littlest Astor



Happy to be back home from Europe, William Astor, aged ten months, looks at his native surroundings from his carriage, parked in front of his home on East Ninety-first street, New York. "The littlest Astor" was brought back to the United States by his father, John Jacob Astor, III, and his mother, the former Ellen Tuck French, after a prolonged visit in Europe.

self is a wrong world, it is her foolishness and her vanity that are harmful, not her mother love.

I take issue with the man who says that "mother love causes crime"—and explains his statement with the words "too much love, of course,"—when what he should say is that not enough mother love—mother love that brings wisdom and strength and honor—is the trouble! © Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

First Church in England

In Somersetshire, about twenty-five miles from Bath, is Glastonbury, where legend states was built nearly 1,900 years ago, England's first Christian church.

Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

BILLY MINK WARNS BOBBY COON

FOR a long time Billy Mink and Bobby Coon sat gossiping on the edge of the Laughing Brook. Then Bobby, having finished what he had to eat, decided that he would go down the Laughing Brook to see what he could find. There's nothing Bobby Coon enjoys more than wandering along the Laughing Brook, watching for a little fish to carelessly come within reach,



"I Wonder How This Little Fence Happens To Be Here."

or just simply playing in the water. Bobby has almost as much curiosity as has Peter Rabbit. He simply has to examine everything which appears strange. "A shiny pebble in the water or a shell will catch his eyes and he will stop to play with it. Billy Mink watched Bobby start

along down the Laughing Brook. "I wonder what he'll do when he comes to that little fence," thought Billy. So, to find out what Bobby would do, he followed him. When Bobby came to the little fence he sat down and stared at it in the funniest way. Then he began to talk to himself. "That's a funny thing," said he. "I wonder how that little fence happens to be here. I've never seen it before. I wonder what it's for. Nobody had any business to build a fence like that. The only way I can get around it is to climb way up that bank, and I don't want to do that." You know Bobby is rather lazy.

So, he sat and looked at the fence, which was made of sticks stuck down in the ground, and the more he looked the more determined he became that he wouldn't climb that bank. Of course it didn't take him long to discover that that fence was made of sticks that were just a sort of gateway. But it was a very narrow opening. You see, it had been made just wide enough for Billy Mink, and Bobby Coon is a great deal bigger than Billy Mink.

Bobby went a little nearer and once more sat down, his head cocked on one side as he studied that little opening. "It's too narrow for me, but if I try hard enough perhaps I can push those sticks aside and make it wider. That would be easier than climbing that steep bank," he said.

So Bobby walked a few steps nearer and again sat down. Somehow, he had an uncomfortable feeling that some-

DADA KNOWS-



"Pop, what is a hermit?"
"Happy family."
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thing was wrong. He didn't know why he had that feeling, but he had it. Now, whenever one of the little people of the Green Forest has that feeling he becomes very cautious. Bobby was tempted to try at once to push his way through that little opening, but because of that feeling that something was wrong he hesitated. Then very carefully he examined that little fence from the bottom of the steep bank clear to the edge of the water. He smelled of each separate stick of that fence, but he could smell nothing suspicious. Those were just plain old sticks and nothing else. Finally, he made up his mind that there couldn't be anything really wrong in at least trying to go through that little opening. He reached forward with one foot to place it right in the middle of that opening. "Stop!" cried Billy Mink. © T. W. Burgess.—WNU Service.

Tucked Chiffon



Tucked chiffon is cool and smart. Here it has sprays of yellow daisies on a black background. The full sleeves accentuate the slenderness of line. The belt is of yellow grosgrain ribbon.

Through A WOMAN'S EYES

by JEAN NEWTON

THAT POISONOUS MOTHER LOVE

"MOTHER love causes crime!"

This time it is a child psychologist who says that before an authoritative gathering of people interested in child guidance.

It seems to be the fashion now to take a whack at mother love. Editorial writers, novelists, playwrights and motion picture artists have done it.

Is the sun harmful? Can the rain poison us? Is God's good earth a quicksand of slime? Then mother love is harmful. And not until then.

Of course, take away nature's usual provision of trees and breeze and water, give the sun nothing on which to lavish its benign rays but desert sand, and it becomes angry and blisters. Gather good fresh rain into a swamp and it will become stagnant and rank. And inflict narrowness, weakness, stupidity upon a woman who happens to be a mother and those qualities may so affect her that in spite of her love

for her children she may become a harmful influence upon them. But then don't say mother love is harmful!

For a woman to think everything her child does is right is vanity, not mother love. To fail to grapple with his problems is laziness or stupidity—not mother love. To lack the courage to correct him is weakness, not mother love. Those qualities may exist in a woman in spite of the mother love which is natural to her if she has children. The effect of mother love is such as to make a weak woman strong for her child, a small woman big for her child, a selfish woman generous for her child. But it cannot make a stupid woman intelligent, a foolish woman wise, nor can it give a dull woman a sense of humor. Therefore if a woman thinks that the way to prepare her child for life is to give him everything he wants, it is her stupidity which is harmful, not her mother love. If a woman thinks that her child can do no wrong and that therefore a world to which he cannot adjust him-