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## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### Cuban Congress Ousts President Gomez—Another Archbishop Attacks Edward, Duke of Windsor—Treasury Plan to Curb Credit Inflation.

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MIGUEL MARIANO GOMEZ, president of Cuba, was on his way out because he defied Col. Fulgencio Batista, the real ruler of the republic, by vetoing the sugar tax bill to raise funds for the building of schools that would be conducted by army officers. Despite plenty of warnings, Gomez persisted in his opposition to the measure which, he said, would lead to fascism. So the house of representatives, dominated by Batista, impeached him and he went to trial before the senate with the certainty that the decision would be against him. He was accused of attempting to coerce the congress unconstitutionally to defeat the tax bill, and of mal-administration. It was the first bill of impeachment ever voted in the history of the Cuban republic.

Gomez defended himself vigorously but was resigned to his fate. The prosecution was conducted by three members of the house—Carlos Palma, veteran Republican leader; Eduardo Martinez Fraga, Nationalist, and Felipe Jay, Democrat.

Vice President Federico Laredo Bru was ready to succeed Gomez automatically. He is a lawyer, sixty-one years old and was a colonel in the Cuban war of independence.

ARCHBISHOPS of the Church of England just can't let the duke of Windsor and his love affair alone. The Most Rev. Dr. William Temple, archbishop of York and second only to the archbishop of Canterbury, took his turn in lambasting the abdicated king, in a Christmas diocesan letter that displayed little of the Christian spirit. Said the archbishop:

"It has happened to many a man before now to find himself beginning to fall in love with another man's wife. That is a moment of critical decision and the right decision is that they should cease to meet before the passion is so developed as to create an agonizing conflict between love and duty.

"This decision often has been taken by men of honor. And when the power of personal attraction is reinforced by the glamor of the throne the moral obligation is the more urgent for that reason.

"Let us remember that any kind of love which can be in conflict with duty is not the love of which the gospel speaks."

The British press and a great many of the English people are disgusted with these repeated attacks on Edward by the prelates and there is a growing danger of a split in the Church of England.

Dispatches from Edward's haven in Enzesfeld, Austria, say that he is planning to make Mrs. Simpson the duchess of Windsor in May next, immediately after her divorce becomes absolute. Meanwhile he probably will remain at the castle of Baron Eugene de Rothschild without seeing Mrs. Simpson.

There were reports that the duke might take legal action against the archbishop of York, presumably for slander.

SIMEON D. FESS, former senator from Ohio and for years a leader in the "Old Guard" of the Republican party, died suddenly in the Carlton hotel, Washington. He had been in retirement from national politics since 1932 when he was defeated for re-election to the senate.

ACCORDING to a decision of the United States court of appeals in New Orleans, the national labor relations board has authority to compel employers to bargain collectively with their employees. The tribunal upheld the board's cease and desist orders against Aguilines, Inc., which operates the Clyde Mallory Steamship lines, in connection with the dismissal of seven employees for alleged union action.

THE Supreme Court having upheld, in the Chaco arms embargo case, the neutrality powers of the President, Mr. Roosevelt let it be known that he would ask congress to revise the present neutrality law to give him broader discretion in his relations with foreign

governments. In other words, the "teeth" which he and the State department have always thought the statute lacked. Just what the President would ask was not told to the press, but there were indications that he wants authority to:

1. Declare an arms embargo "upon the outbreak or during progress of" a war, and forbid the passage of American citizens or transport of American goods on belligerent ships, except at the traveler's or shipper's own risk.

2. Determine the actual volume to which commodity shipments would be limited and enumerate the items becoming contraband beyond those limits.

Government officials looked upon the Supreme Court's decision as the most sweeping approval of a New Deal law the tribunal has yet given. They read in it an inferential approval of the reciprocal trade treaty program, still untested, and a broader inference that the President should be given more latitude in negotiations of all kinds with foreign governments.

DELEGATES to the inter-American peace conference in Buenos Aires signed the 69 accords approved during the sessions and the conference came to an end. Farewell congratulatory speeches were made by Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Argentine Foreign Minister Carlos Saavedra Lamas and the head of the Peruvian delegation, Carlos Concha. They all urged that the peace efforts be continued in the next Pan-American conference, which will be held in Lima, Peru, in 1938.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY MORGENTHAU and Chairman Marriner Eccles of the federal reserve board announced a new program for curbing credit inflation, and it is likely to involve \$1,000,000,000 of borrowings in 1937.

About a billion dollars worth of gold is flowing into the country annually, and if this continues next year, it was said by officials, the treasury will take that amount out of the money market, to offset the effects of the gold influx on domestic credit.

The plan, which probably was devised by Mr. Eccles, is intended to hold the excess reserves, which are the reserves that member banks deposit with the federal reserve system in excess of legal requirements, on the same plateau where they are now. Previously gold flowing into the country was channeled up as excess reserves upon which an inflationary credit boom could be built.

THREE new indictments against major oil companies, oil trade publications and individuals were returned by a federal grand jury in Madison, Wis., in order to avoid delay in the trial of the anti-trust cases. With few changes the new true bills are similar to those returned previously by the 1935 grand jury and contested as invalid on grounds that the grand jury was illegally impaneled. It is understood that the government plans to bring the cases to trial in March.

UNDER the general leadership of John L. Lewis the war for unionizing the steel industry and destroying the company unions is now under way. Some 250 company union representatives from the Pittsburgh, the Cleveland-Youngstown and the eastern districts met in Pittsburgh and were told by Philip Murray, chief aide of Lewis and chairman of the committee for industrial union, that a strike in the \$5,000,000,000 industry might result "if the industry continues to employ its dog-in-the-manger attitude," in dealing with trade unions.

Thereupon the delegates adopted resolutions unanimously condemning the company union plan as a "farce," and establishing a new organization called the "CIO representatives council."

HOPE for the recovery of Pope Pius dwindled day by day. He suffered a fainting spell and was reported to be exceedingly weak. His illness was complicated by high fever and there was danger of influenza. Senator Nicola Pandolfi of Rome, widely known as a specialist on the ills of old age, was summoned by Dr. Amanti Milani, and both agreed that the pontiff must have complete rest. His visitors were limited to the ten cardinals who are prefects of executive bodies of the church and they were permitted to enter the sick room only one each day to obtain the pope's authorization for their most important decisions. The customary Christmas eve audience for cardinals and diplomats was canceled, and the pope also had to abandon his plan to celebrate mass on the 57th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK not being released by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang within the specified time, the Nanking troops moved against the Sianfu rebels. Two of the mutinous battalions were captured and disarmed at Hui-sien. It appeared that Marshal Chang really was reduced to negotiating for his own life and safety, and there were reports that he was willing to surrender the dictator and quit the country, as has many a rebellious Chinese war lord before him. T. V. Soong, who is Chiang's brother-in-law, went to Sianfu to attempt to arrange for Chiang's release.

Japanese military authorities charge that Marshal Chang's revolt was part of a deliberate plan to line up western powers, including soviet Russia, against Japan. The Chinese ambassador to Tokio was told by Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita that the Chinese government would not be permitted to enter into any accord that would make it appear that it favored war against Japan. Arita made it plain that Japan would abandon its waiting policy if Nanking compromised with Marshal Chang.

BARON NUFFIELD, one of England's wealthiest industrialists and a generous contributor to philanthropic causes, has just donated \$10,000,000 "to stimulate employment in Great Britain's poverty-stricken depressed areas." Four trustees are given full discretion in use of the sum. Baron Nuffield, who is Sir William Morris, is head of a vast manufacturing organization including automobile plants, export companies, a publishing house and affiliated subsidiaries.

EARTHQUAKE shocks accompanied by volcanic eruptions devastated large areas in central Salvador, killing more than a thousand persons and injuring about four hundred. San Vicente, a city of 26,000, was the center of the temblors, and it was reported to be practically destroyed. Several thousand persons there were participating in a religious procession when the first quake came, and many of them were crushed under falling walls. Other towns in the stricken region were wrecked. Roads from the capital were broken up and communications were destroyed, so that accurate information was slow in coming out.

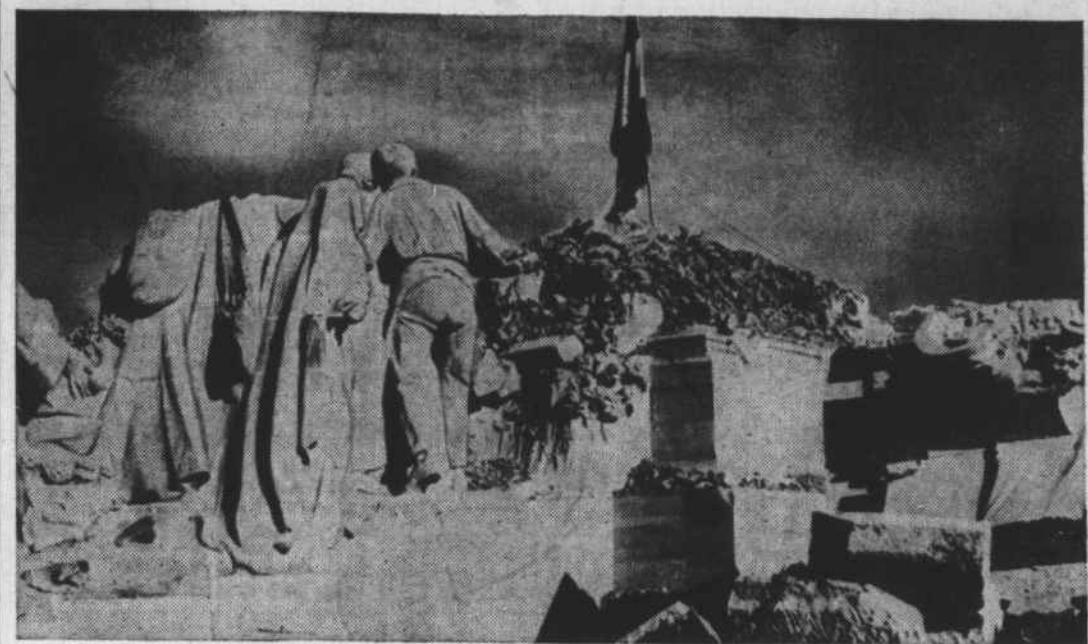
All of the towns affected by the quake are in the vicinity of the San Vicente volcano.

PETER NORBECK, United States senator from South Dakota since 1920, died at his home in Redfield, S. D., at the age of sixty-six after a long illness from heart disease and cancer of the tongue and jaw. Norbeck, a Republican with radical tendencies, entered politics in 1908 as a member of the state senate. Later he was lieutenant governor and governor of his state and then was elected to the United States senate. In that body he was an insistent advocate of agricultural relief measures.

Norbeck's death reduced to 16 the number of Republicans in the senate, but if the selection of his successor is left to the Republican governor-elect, there would be again 17.

SENTIMENT in favor of legislation to lessen the powers of the Supreme court is growing weaker in Washington because the President seems to be opposed to it, at least for the present. But Senator Hugo Black of Alabama has announced that he will introduce a bill designed to strip the lower courts of their injunctive powers. The measure would prohibit lower courts from enjoining the operation of laws of congress and require them to forward all records and complete transcripts to the Supreme court within 30 days after an appeal.

## Once a Famous Sacred Monument in Spain



Here is what the famous Sacred Heart monument, familiar to many tourists who have visited Angel Hill, Madrid, looks like today. Shattered beyond recognition, what is left of the monument is now in the hands of General Franco's nationalist rebels. Franco's flag is shown on top of the ruin.

## Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

### BILLY MINK HUNTS IN VAIN

IN VAIN Billy Mink searched for rats in the big barn. The smell of them was everywhere, but the rats themselves had disappeared completely. Time after time, following a trail, Billy was led to the opening out of doors under the barn. It was clear that all the rats had left the big barn and that all had gone out the same way.

"They've moved off somewhere," thought Billy. "I frightened them so that they didn't dare stay here any longer. All have gone, young, old, big, little, and middle-sized. There is no fun left for me here in the big barn. I think I'll follow them. Where they can go, I can go. They are a gang of robbers. They are ugly, dirty, and of no account whatever. In fact, they're worse than that. They have so many babies at a time and have them so often that there is danger that they will drive their honest neighbors off the earth. Yes, I think I'll follow them."

Billy cautiously poked his head through the opening that led out of doors. Then he blinked with surprise. Outside everything was spotlessly white. It was snowing. It had been snowing for some time. Not a footprint of a single rat was to be seen. Moreover, there was no scent for Billy to follow by means of his wonderful nose. The snow had covered their trail. Billy could only lick his lips and wonder in which direction those rats had gone.

"If I knew more about this part of the country I would know better where to look for those rats," muttered Billy. "As it is, I haven't been here long enough to know about anything but this barn, the henhouse, and the big woodpile between the two. I wonder if they can have moved over to that woodpile or to the henhouse. The woodpile would give them hiding places, but they wouldn't find anything to eat there."

"If they have gone to the henhouse they can hide underneath it,

### Collecting the Wash



Novel wheel chair being used by an elderly woman in Cliftonville, England, to save effort on her wash-collecting rounds.

and for food they can steal eggs and kill a hen. I've known rats to do just those things. I've known them to kill chickens and then have the owner of the chickens blame me or Jimmy Skunk for it. I hate rats. Everybody else does. I know most everybody and I don't know a single person who has a good word to say for Robber the Rat and his gang. I think I'll run over to the henhouse to see if they are there."

So Billy Mink went first to the big woodpile and from there to the henhouse, but not so much as the smell of a rat did he find in either place.

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## MOTHER'S COOK BOOK

### COLORFUL DISHES

FLOWER bowls, candle sticks, compotes and sherbet glasses as well as the ordinary service dishes are full of color these days. When the snow covers the ground and the bleak winds blow, the cheery fireplace and the colorful glasses add much to the coziness of entertaining. Linen and flowers carry out the color scheme. Fruits are always a note of color in a dining room. A bowl of Chinese china, filled with oranges, pears, apples, of various hues such as red, yellow and green; the banana with its bright yellow, with the purple of grapes and the brown of nuts, makes a centerpiece for the table which is hard to equal.

Small cakes may be frosted with a white icing and coconut colored with any desired color, using paste or liquid fruit coloring, blending until the right shade is obtained. Sprinkle this over the cakes while moist with most charming result. Cut cakes with a small biscuit cutter in cylindrical shapes, dip into moist frosting and roll well in tinted coconut, making another attractive shape.

Angel food may be mixed as usual and divided into two or three parts, making as many shades of color

### DADA KNOWS—



"Pop, what is gainy?" "Ostrich's hips." © Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.

## The Trail of Truth

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

Mankind moves onward day by day, But some men grow impatient. They Are like the lad who runs ahead And scorns the path his elders tread, Deserts the trail the woods to try, Though there's a road to travel by.

Yet he shall presently return, Young error yet old truth shall learn. The marks of other men remain, Their cairns erected on the plain. Here high the shafts of honor lift. Erected on the rock of thrift.

Impatient hands would change the earth, When it is men who must have worth; And you may pass a thousand laws, Yea, even in a righteous cause, Yet statutes will not make a state While men still covet, men still hate. We need not change the law, we need Not alter anything, indeed, Except men's hearts—and even they Need not the dawn of some new day, Need not new trails that men may miss, But men who better follow this.

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## Shopping Ensemble



Charming yet businesslike is this trim street ensemble, seen at a Paris fashion parade recently. Three-quarter length coat and skirt are of black velvet. The coat, cut with that fashionable dip to the back, is trimmed with gray persian lamb at the collar and cuffs. The hat is of black velvet, also trimmed with the persian lamb. The suit is ideal for shopping.

thumb is usually of moderate length and inclined to be thickest. There is a marked absence of taper at the sides. If the joint appears to be extremely short, the will of its owner is often blindly unreasonable, acting upon conclusions which, even though faulty, are next to impossible to change. If with this combination the underside opposite the nail is bulging, or "clubbed," we have sure indication of self-will that may get its possessor into difficulties through failure to control a violent temper. If, however, the sides of an otherwise stubborn nail joint are cleanly tapered, with the underside portion gracefully shaped, the stubbornness indicated is more likely to be confined to decisions, calmer though difficult to alter in business matters.

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Thought China Was World For thousands of years the Chinese were encouraged to believe that China was practically the entire world, that what was left was only a little fringe of islands beyond the mists of the sea. These islands were reputed to be peopled by sea monsters and demons. Hence the Chinese existed on their natural resources, which enabled them to live without trading with other nations.

**THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND**  
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THE first, or nail joint, of the thumb denotes the manner in which the will is used. It shows unmistakably whether its possessor is stubborn or easily influenced, impulsive or cautious. The formation of the first, or nail, joint, holds a wealth of information concerning the variations of the will.

**The Strong and Stubborn Will.**  
The nail joint which indicates this temperamental trait also denotes a man or woman who cannot be budged once the mind has been made up to follow a given course of action. It is most notable in the rigidity of the joint when pressure is exerted to bend it backward toward the wrist, while any unexpected attempt to close the joint palmward meets with involuntary resistance. The nail joint of the stubborn