

News Review of Current Events

HITLER'S AUSTRIA COUP

Forces Schuschnigg to Put Nazis in His Cabinet . . . Further Demands Expected . . . Other Nations Alarmed



Senator Ellison D. Smith of South Carolina is here pictured as he expounded his views on the farm bill. "Cotton Ed," who is chairman of the senate agricultural committee, said congress should provide a billion and a half to finance the farm program, instead of the half billion to which the cost is now limited.

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SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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Schuschnigg Gives In

REICHSFUEHRER HITLER, massing 20 divisions of the German army and presenting what were euphemistically termed powerful arguments, forced Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria to reorganize his cabinet and give several places to Austrian Nazis. Complete amnesty for all Nazi prisoners in Austrian jails was immediately decreed, and the Austrian press was forbidden to print hostile criticism of the Nazi regime in Germany. Many army officers and civil officials who had been dismissed as pro-Nazi were reinstated or put on pension. Altogether, the Nazification of Austria was well on the way to completion.

But Hitler was not satisfied with this, and called to Berlin the new minister of the interior, Dr. Arthur von Seyss-Inquart, a Nazi, to discuss further extension of the "conquest" of Austria. Schuschnigg was still trying to maintain the dominance of his Fatherland Front, and Hitler didn't like that. There was a report that he might go to Vienna himself, taking Field Marshal Goering with him.

Italian officialdom was highly pleased with the success of Hitler's coup, saying it accorded with Italy's central European policy and tended to solidify the Rome-Berlin alignment.

Great Britain and France, however, were alarmed by the developments and agreed to lodge joint representations in Berlin and Vienna asking assurance that Hitler intends to preserve Austrian independence. Neither nation would admit that actual union of Germany and Austria was feared just yet. Britain's ambassador to Berlin, Henderson, is said to have warned Hitler recently against any attempt to bring about the "anschluss" which has been one of the Fuehrer's chief ambitions.

With the start he has made, it may be expected that Hitler before very long will make the move against Czechoslovakia that has been anticipated for months. That country is the gateway toward the southeast and its position is perilous in view of the Fuehrer's known ambitions. France is her ally but France would hesitate to take strong action in her behalf unless directly supported by the British.

One observer said, "the Fuehrer seems to have started on the road to Bagdad."

Jap Refusal Starts Race

JAPAN having flatly refused to reveal her naval building plans, it is believed that the greatest navy construction race ever seen is about to start, and the United States may feel called upon to take the lead, with England, France and Japan in the competition. Our government told Japan that a refusal to divulge her intentions would be regarded as confirmation of reports that she was constructing or planning super-warships, so now, according to some officials in Washington, we will have to invoke the "escalator clause" of

the London treaty and build larger and more powerfully armed battleships.

The President may be expected to order increase of the three battleships now planned from 35,000 tons each to 43,000 or 45,000 tons, and such dreadnaughts probably would carry 18-inch guns.

In order to obviate the restrictions on the size of battleships that inhere in the width of the Panama canal locks and to minimize the contingency of interruption of coast-to-coast communication through destruction of a Panama lock by an enemy, the administration is preparing to push the project of a canal through Nicaragua.

Roosevelt said in a press conference that the United States never will consent to Japan's aims for navy parity. He said that in the opinion of experts the American national defense can not rely on a naval establishment designed to defend only one of the country's two coasts. He subscribed to the view that the national defense requires protection of both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans as possible areas of warfare.

Wallace Gets Busy

PLANS for putting the new farm program into immediate effect were announced by Secretary Wallace, to whom the law just enacted

gives increased powers to control production through acreage allotments and to regulate marketing by quotas for individual farmers. He said he would soon make acreage and production allocations and call for a referendum on marketing quotas for cotton and tobacco. Marketing quotas will become effective unless rejected by more than one third of the farmers voting in the referendum to be held before March 15.

The secretary announced a six-point program embodying the "basic principles" of the broadened farm policy as follows:

"1. Continuation of the AAA soil conservation program as a part of the permanent farm policy.

"2. National acreage allotments for corn, cotton, wheat, tobacco and rice at levels designed to meet domestic consumption and export demands and establish reserve supplies.

"3. Federal loans to encourage systematic storage of surpluses in big crop years for use in years of shortage.

"4. Marketing quotas backed by penalties on sales in excess of quotas to secure general participation of farmers in holding surpluses off the market.

"5. Release of corn supplies from storage under marketing quotas to meet farm shortages or in the case of national need.

"6. Crop insurance for wheat to protect producers against drought and consumers against high prices resulting from shortages."

Admittedly no one fully understands the new farm law, but Wallace and his associates hope and believe it will all work out for the best.

Relief Bill Pushed

SENATE leaders expected to put through, with little delay, the \$250,000,000 emergency relief appropriation bill. The house approved the measure by a topheavy vote of 352 to 23. All efforts to make major changes in the measure were overridden. Only one amendment, barring relief to aliens temporarily in this country, was authorized.

The Works Progress administration, which has on hand about \$490,000,000 of its regular \$1,500,000,000 appropriation, will administer the additional relief fund. The WPA has reported to congress that the money will keep at least 2,000,000 persons on the relief rolls until June 30.

Wiping Off RFC Debt

WITHOUT debate the senate approved a house bill writing off more than \$2,500,000,000 in Reconstruction Finance corporation debts to the treasury. Senator Byrd of Virginia said the legislation marked a "return to honest book-keeping on the part of the federal government." He explained that the RFC, which obtained all its funds from the treasury, had listed among its assets about two and a half billion dollars it had advanced for relief and expenditures in various government agencies.

Jones Urges Tax Revision

JESSE JONES, the usually level headed chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, conferred with treasury officials and urged them to do what they could to hasten congressional action on tax revision. He told Undersecretary Roswell Magill that the whole country was waiting impatiently for action on promised modification of the undistributed profits and capital gains taxes.

Jones indicated a belief that the bill, which is still in the hands of the house ways and means committee, was being held up by opposition to a provision retaining a stiff tax on undistributed profits of corporations owned by a few persons.

Great Battle in China

ONE of the greatest battles ever fought was reported to be taking place in central China, where the Japanese invaders smashed a Chinese army of 15,000 and forced it to retreat across the Yellow river under fire and without bridges, which had been destroyed by the defenders. Five Japanese armies were driving southward through the rich central China agricultural region and were seriously threatening Kai-feng, capital of Honan province.

From the south, three Japanese armies were advancing from the Hwai river.

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek had 400,000 troops along the north and south fronts fighting to prevent the Japanese from gobbling up the huge Lunghai "corridor."

Another Dictator State

RUMANIA is now added to the European states under dictatorship. Octavian Goga's government was so anti-Semitic and pro-Fascist that it was forced out, and King Carol took charge of affairs by naming Dr. Miron Cristea as premier and dissolving the parliament. Cristea, patriarch of the Rumanian Orthodox church, was given virtual dictator power, but it was expected George Tarescu would very soon succeed him as premier and that Carol would create a crown council over which Dr. Cristea would preside. Much of the new government's authority was concentrated in the army, and a nation-wide state of siege was proclaimed. A commission was set to work formulating a new constitution.

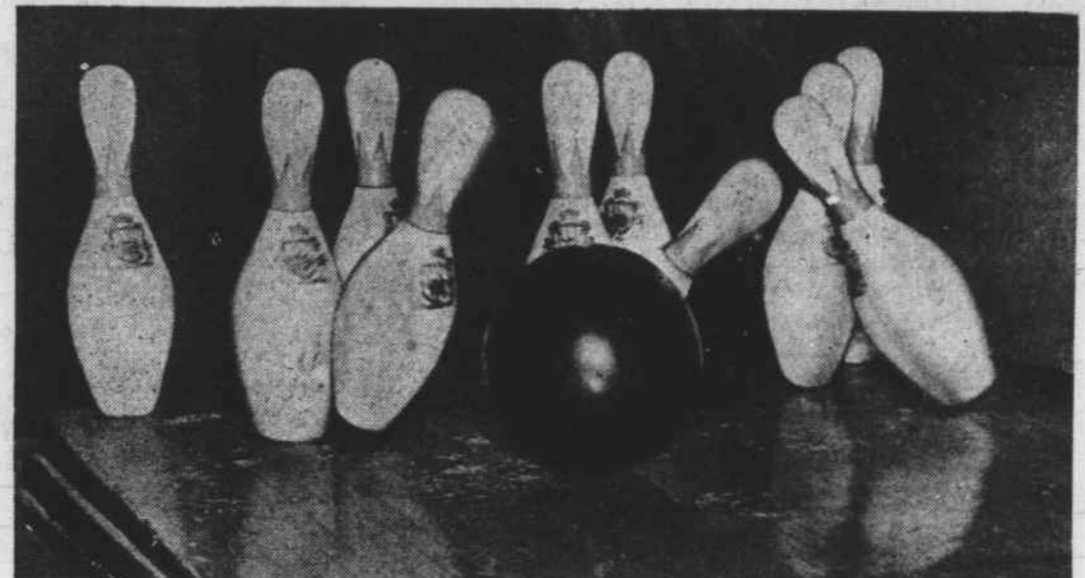
Cristea, the key man of the government, was expected to take steps to regain the friendship of France and Great Britain, traditional allies of Rumania, without offending Italy and Germany.

This Is a "Drouth Year"

BECAUSE of early dust storms in Kansas, Oklahoma and parts of the Texas Panhandle, 1938 already is called a "drouth year" by grain men. The weather in those regions is being closely watched by traders in the United States, Liverpool, Winnipeg and Buenos Aires.

Grain experts of Chicago reported that present conditions of soil in much of the territory from west Texas to Nebraska is such that light rains quickly would break it down into powder, easily blown by high winds. Only extremely heavy rains could prevent such blowing.

IT'S A STRIKE!!!



Sport of 10 Million Americans Nears Another Year's Climax With Two Important National Tournaments

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Bowling, the ancient sport with 10,000,000 American participants, nears its climax for another season. From Brooklyn to Main Street pin boys are busier than ever with the game that changed America from a country of spectators to one of participants.

Forgotten is the unsavory reputation that once made bowling the sport of saloon hangers-on. As early as 1900 the more genteel folk began kegling and by 1905 women were active participants. Subsequent development was slow until five or six years ago when bowling zoomed to ace-high popularity.

Climaxing the current season are two nation-wide tournaments drawing 250,000 participants, the \$34,000 Red Crown sweepstakes and the thirtieth annual tournament of the American Bowling Congress, governing body of bowling. The sweepstakes, with weekly prizes totaling \$24,600 and grand prizes of \$9,400, has brought out 232,000 enthusiasts, a world record for any sports event. These people are now chalking up competitive scores in 1,500 towns all over the country. Winners of grand prizes will be announced shortly after March 6.

Competition Grows. Five thousand teams will enter the ABC tourney at Chicago during March and April. Something like \$200,000 in prizes furnishes incentive here. Figures may bore you but ABC membership spurted from 10,000 teams in 1936 to 60,000 in 1937, a pretty good indication of the trend.

Why this popularity? One of the best reasons for enjoying the game was given by Jack Dempsey, once prominent in another field of sports. Said Mr. Dempsey: "The main thing I like about bowling is that when you knock the pins down they stay down."

Dempsey, you may recall, had a little trouble keeping a fellow named Tunney down in a Chicago ring a few years back. Women like it for several reasons. They're deserting bridge clubs because one can make more social contacts on the alleys. They find the game "fascinating," and it's one of the few winter sports open to women. Anyway, it's being "done" nowadays so why not join the crowd?

Exercise and Relaxation. Men also like the social contacts they make at the alleys but there's an even more important factor for tired business men who can't indulge in strenuous athletics. Historians tell us bowling is the world's oldest sport, dating back to dinosaur days. In that misty period Stone age sportsmen were heaving round boulders at piles of rock, the purpose being to sharpen one's aim before going hunting. A few centuries later Sir Francis Drake is supposed to have defeated the Spanish Armada and saved England because he was filled with confidence—confidence instilled by a successful game of bowling just before he took to sea.

The modern game is related to nine-pins, originated by the Dutch and brought by them to Manhattan island in 1623. New York's famous Bowling Green was their first rendezvous before nine-pins became a year-round game and had to be moved indoors. Toss It and Wait. Paradoxically, bowling took a new lease on life through legislation aimed to stamp it out. In the Seventeenth century New England Pilgrim fathers banned nine-pins because it wasn't elevating. So the boys decided to add another pin and oat the law.

hope, so you'll be back next time to massacre those elusive pins, or else— Maybe down your way the favorite is candle-pin, tall and less robust than the regular ten-pin, for which a smaller ball is used. Or maybe it's duck pins, choice of the South and Southeast, where much outdoor bowling is done. But it's still bowling, the favorite sport of 10,000,000 Americans.

an average score of more than 180.

If you don't make a strike you get another shot at the remaining pins, constituting a "spare" if you succeed in knocking them down. The two rolls constitute a "frame." On a strike the total of the succeeding two rolls is added to the ten scored for the strike; on a spare the pins felled on the next single roll are added.

Stay Away From "Splits"! Failure to get all ten pins with two rolls constitutes an error unless a split occurred on the first roll. A split is the sad fate of a man who leaves two or more pins standing with the intervening pins knocked down.

You needn't develop a "form" to look at home on the alleys. Some people walk up to the line, take a couple of weak swings and let their ball roll slowly down the alley; others—the more deliberate bowlers—get as long a running start as possible, then try to slam the ball through the opposite end of the building.

Karl Keyerleber of the Cleveland Plain Dealer recently visited a bowling alley and returned to compile the following classification of bowling forms:

"They include the dying swans who collapse on the alley after each roll, the kickers who almost lose a shoe as one foot goes after the ball, the bouncers who make alley owners tear their hair by dropping the ball on the middle of the alley, the mowers who try to sweep the pins over by remote control with a mighty thrashing of the arms after delivering the ball, the wavers who blow them down with their hands, the straight-ball addicts, the boys who "bend" them and those who back them up."

Bowling is much like golf in its appeal to your "never-say-die" instincts. After a few weeks of poor trundling you may throw five or six straight strikes. Or you may fail again but where there's life there's

Comely Alice Faye is reputed to be one of Hollywood's most enthusiastic bowlers, but the press agent who arranged this picture neglected to remind Alice that she shouldn't step over the black line. Below: Mont Lindsey of New Haven, Conn., one of the all-time high ABC bowlers, talks it over with Jack Dempsey of heavyweight fame, also a trundling expert.



Texas Sheriff Bars Deputies' Trappings

Amarillo, Texas.—Here in the heart of the Texas Panhandle, the center of the ranch country, Sheriff Bill Adams won't permit his deputies to wear cowboy hats, boots or to display big six-shooters. "There is no need for such trappings," says the sheriff.

GIRL IN HOSPITAL 20 MONTHS HAPPY

Cheered by Letters From All Over the Country

Beaver Falls, Pa.—The "lying-face-downward-girl" is back home again after spending 20 months in Providence hospital—half of them with her face buried in a pillow—recovering from burns suffered when her clothing caught fire.

She is attractive Marion Patterson, twenty-three-year-old former Geneva college student, whose courageous fight during her long stay in the hospital attracted nationwide attention and prompted President Roosevelt to send her a note of encouragement.

Not only that, Miss Patterson received hundreds of letters from all parts of the nation, and on Christmas a year ago Katharine Hepburn sent her a handkerchief and a scarf with a "hold-your-chin-up" letter.

The Christmas just past was the dark-haired beauty's first holiday at home since she was burned in April, 1936, and put to bed, face downward. This was necessary, because the burns on her back were so severe she could not stand the pain of lying on it.

"I'm so happy and still I want to cry," sobbed Miss Patterson as she sat beneath a Christmas tree trimmed especially for her by her widowed mother and several sisters.

It was not until several months ago that the girl could sit in a wheelchair. Then she took a few faltering steps and, as her strength returned, she finally was able to walk unaided.

The accident that sent Miss Patterson to the hospital occurred while she was dressing four-year-old Lois Fairley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Fairley, for whom she was working temporarily.

"I felt the flames and pushed Lois away," she said in recalling the incident. "I only remember screaming."

She hopes soon to return to college and finish her education so she can become a teacher.

Sylvia's Antics During Church Prove Upsetting

New York.—Sylvia, a pet squirrel, attended church and then played a game of tag with eight policemen, an anti-cruelty society man, and a minister in the Washington Heights Methodist Episcopal church.

The service was being conducted when the congregation saw Sylvia emerging through a hole in the ceiling over the central chandelier. Members tried to coax her down, but Sylvia would not jump the twenty feet and she couldn't climb the metal chandelier.

Finally some one called the S. P. C. A. man, and then a police emergency squad arrived. Sylvia was reached with a ladder. Then she darted away, ran under pews and along walls with dozens in pursuit. Finally she was caught in a net and the S. P. C. A. man took her away.

Mother Attending School as an 11-Year-Old Pupil

London.—An amazing hoax was revealed when a twenty-three-year-old woman, married and a mother, was discovered to be attending a school in Woolwich as an eleven-year-old pupil.

The discovery was made when the headmistress of the school decided to move her to a higher class. The work would have been harder, so she did not go to school. That brought the school attendance officer to her home. Her husband, Edward Cohen, twenty-eight-year-old radio salesman, explaining the impersonation, said his wife had gone to school in a short gymnasium tunic and skirt with her dolls and played with her ten-year-old school-mates.

Girl Swallows Teaspoon; Recovered by Surgeons

Chicago.—For the first time in local medical history surgeons were confronted with a girl who had swallowed a six-inch teaspoon.

The girl is Bernice Gurevits, seventeen. She swallowed the spoon while eating ice cream. She is suffering no pain. An operation was performed and the spoon removed.