

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Dutch-Belgian Arbitration Bid Lost in Beer Hall Excitement; Fear of Nazi Invasion Mounts

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

STEEL MILLS BLOSSOM AT GARY, IND.

Some industries expand; neutrality stifles others.

TRADE & INDUSTRY

Repeal of the U. S. arms embargo, which keeps American ships out of combat zones and allows belligerents "cash and carry" rights...

There was cautious expansion in U. S. industry, where building awards for October totaled \$49,910,000 against \$12,814,000 a year ago.



MAX TRUITT

"Completely sound."

EUROPE:

Cause Celebre?

"This," said Prime Minister Chamberlain, "is not a state of war but a state of siege."



WILHELMINA AND LEOPOLD

Their peace exploded.

Ark Royal reportedly limped home with a captured vessel. But, as usual, the biggest war news was made far from the front.

Some 20 Nazi divisions stationed on their frontiers worried Belgium's King Leopold and The Netherlands' Queen Wilhelmina.

Though steadfastly denying any German "ultimatum" for a statement of their positions, the king and queen held all-night consultations with their foreign ministers.

Fuehrer Hitler was less polite. Not waiting to reply directly, he hastened to the beer hall at Munich where his notorious putch took place in 1923.

AGRICULTURE:

Cotton and Wheat

Three items made news for cotton and wheat farmers as November got underway:

(1) With 10,100,000 bales of surplus cotton stored under government loan, and with an 11,845,000-bale crop (slightly less than 1938) forecast for this year, the agriculture department announced loans based at 8.3 cents a pound on seven-eighths inch middlings...

(2) The bureau of agricultural economics forecast the same wheat acreage for 1940 as for 1939, i. e., 84,600,000 acres, which would produce about 760,000,000 bushels of spring and winter wheat.

(3) Closing its first year, the federal crop insurance corporation was sad. Having taken 6,789,120 bushels of wheat as premiums from 165,551 farmers, the corporation had claims from one-fourth its customers.

It is to be noted here, by way of review, that three months ago the bulk of the speeches by men from Washington had to do with war, our chances of getting involved, neutrality, etc.

The scene is changing now; indeed, a considerable transition already has taken place. Home folks are getting fed up, at last, and are desirous of knowing more about home problems and what the government intends to do about them.



HANS THOMSEN AND WIFE

Most radiant of all.

U. S.: " . . . in the case of certain countries neutrality only serves as a mask to conceal their activities. . ."

On that same day in Washington, the Soviet embassy decorated Lenin's statue with red roses, assembled Scotch whisky and Russian soda, green sherbet in crushed raspberries, and cakes smothered in rum sauce.

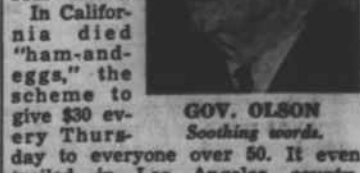
Absent were all Supreme court justices, cabinet members, senators and high ranking state department officials. Only China, Turkey and Ecuador sent their diplomats.

POLITICS:

No Ham, No Eggs

The tumultuous 1930s have brought an unprecedented thirst for security taking form in unorthodox pension schemes. Most schemes were born in California, like Townsendism and EPIC.

Ohio's Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow promised to "continue the fight" for his badly snowed-under plan to give all persons over 60 a pension of \$50 a month via state income tax and a levy on real estate.



GOV. OLSON

Soothing words.

In California died "ham-and-eggs," the scheme to give \$30 every Thursday to everyone over 50. It even trailed in Los Angeles county, its birthplace.

Bruckart's Washington Digest

Home Folks Fed Up on War Talk; Want to Know About Tax Problem

Considerable Transition From Interest in European Affairs To Domestic Concerns on Part of Public Is Noted; Treasury to Borrow More Money.

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WASHINGTON.—Observers, here in Washington, have a little way of their own by which they are able to forecast the trend of public thought and interest.

Property taxes, levies on everything you own, your house or farm or horses or automobile, paid a total tribute of \$4,745,000,000.

Another Group Included

The Concealed Levies

But there is another group of taxes—a long list of items that include most of the sneak-thief taxes, unseen and concealed levies—that really is bearing down.

Come an Awakening to

The Problem of Taxation

With this background, then, let me call attention to the number of persons who appear at long last to have awakened to the problem of taxation—federal, state, county and city.

Cut in Personal Exemptions

Would Add Only 60 Millions

The school of thought that has advocated broadening the base of income taxes by the federal government, by reducing the personal exemptions from \$2,500 for married couples and \$1,000 for single persons, was shown by Mr. Hanes to be somewhat ignorant of facts.

"You, the American public, have the final control. Demands from 'back home' upon the Congress for more and more federal expenditures, for less and less needed projects, are at least a partial source of difficulties.

"We have developed our country a \$10,000,000,000 appetite with a \$5,000,000,000 pocketbook. I think our problem is not so much when we balance our budget, as where.

Tax Receipts for Nation

Astounding in Magnitude

I am indebted to the federation of tax administration for some totals of tax receipts for the nation that are not only astounding in their magnitude but startling in the implications they give.

Speaking of Sports

Coaches Attest Unpopularity of Grid Slaughters

By ROBERT McSHANE

WHEN Michigan's gridiron warriors raced over, through and around the University of Chicago's Maroons for an 85 to 0 victory on Stagg field this midseason, the one-sided score brought very little joy to the victor and none to the vanquished.

Few are the football coaches who want to see their rival's team humiliated. A sense of decency and sportsmanship forbids that. And, if that isn't enough, coaches realize that football is an uncertain profession; that some time in the future he might be on the losing end of one of those lop-sided scores.

Fritz Crisler, Michigan coach, reversed the usual gridiron order in the Chicago game.

He ordered his team NOT to score touchdowns. The score was 54 to 0 at the half, and Crisler wanted it to stay at that point.

Despite Michigan's humanitarian efforts, the score kept piling up. The Maroons fumbled repeatedly in their own territory, leaving Michigan with little to do but make touchdowns.

Mercy's Gates

It wasn't so long ago that Francis Schmidt earned his sobriquet, "Bar the Gates of Mercy" Schmidt. It all happened during his first year of coaching at Ohio State.

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Alonzo Stagg

The tables were turned the following Saturday when Georgia Tech met the University of Pittsburgh and lost 32 to 0. From then on it was a policy of live and let live.

In 1916, Georgia Tech whipped Cumberland 223 to 0. No one could call the encounter a football game.

Georgia Tech 118, Furman 6.

Georgia Tech 119, Eleventh Cavalry 0.

Georgia Tech 128, N. C. State 6.

One of the worst defeats a major team ever suffered was in 1884 when Yale beat Dartmouth 113 to 0. At that time, however, Yale was much the brighter star in the football firmament.

Yale, by 113 Points

Sometimes a coach is almost powerless to stop a touchdown barrage. When 11 husky young men step out on a gridiron they're fired with enthusiasm.

"You, the American public, have the final control. Demands from 'back home' upon the Congress for more and more federal expenditures, for less and less needed projects, are at least a partial source of difficulties.

When one of those young men gets the pigskin in his arms he doesn't wait to be tackled. He wants to gain ground. If a long forward pass is sailing in, ready to settle in his arms, he can't ignore it, even though it means old Siwash may be outnumbered by an additional six points.

So don't be too hasty in condemning the winning coach in a top-heavy victory. He's probably trying his best to stop an irresistible force.

Sport Shorts

APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 annually is spent by Western conference schools on X-ray examinations for injured players during the football season.

Honolulu has a barefoot football league. . . . Charlie Keller, series hero, canceled a number of profitable engagements to go to Washington for the Variety club's charity show.

A survey shows that Boston and Los Angeles have the lowest percentage of listeners to baseball broadcasts. . . . Chief Bender, newly appointed manager of Connie Mack's Wilmington, Del., farm, is a Chippewa Indian and 6 years old. . . . About 100,000 dogs are benched each year at shows licensed and sanctioned by the American Kennel club.

King of Swing

HARRY HEILMANN, the last man to hit .400 in a season of batting against American league pitching, declares that one of these seasons Joe Di Maggio of the New York Yankees will reach that mark.

Furthermore, Heilmann believes Di Maggio to be the greatest of all-around ball players. A Detroit radio announcer, Heilmann states that Joe is the best outfielder he ever saw, and that includes Tris Speaker. He gives the young Italian credit for having a better throwing arm than any outfielder, past or present, and including Bob Mense.

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BOWLING Made Easy

By NED DAY National Match Game Champion

(This is the first of a series of bowling lessons by Ned Day of Milwaukee, Wis., national match game champion and recognized as an outstanding bowling authority.)



BOWLING is the oldest of all competitive pastimes with the possible exception of foot racing. There is evidence that the cave man played the game with rounded stones and we know it was played in ancient and medieval times.

Rip Van Winkle helped popularize the sport in America. Now about 12,000,000 men, women and youngsters make regular visits to their favorite mapleways each season.

The object of the game, mechanically, is to knock down 10 maple pins, arranged in a triangle and weighing about 34 pounds, with a 16-pound ball, 27 inches in circumference, at a distance of 60 feet. The right amount of speed, the proper angle, and good control of the ball are important factors in knocking down all the pins.

Bowling is a game anyone can play with satisfaction. The first time on the alleys. It offers mild but energizing physical exercise, relaxation from business cares, and the finest sort of good fellowship. Practice, of course, makes for bowling skill.

The purpose of these bowling articles is to guide new bowlers along the road to pin-spilling accomplishment and help veteran pinners uncover faults in their game. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)