

THIS WEEK In Washington

Washington, Dec. 14—With the return of the President to Washington from his triumphant journey to South America, the policies which will govern his second Administration are beginning to take shape. In the absence of any public statement by the President, a great deal of the talk about what he intends to ask Congress to do must be accepted as pure speculation. It has always been difficult to read the President's mind and probably not until he delivers his annual message to Congress on January 5 will there be any clear-cut definition of his program.

In general, however, the best informed Washington opinion is that his aim will be to find ways of increasing the production and distribution of commodities at the same time increasing the general wage level and shortening the working hours in industry, and without permitting too high a proportion of corporate incomes to be distributed as profits to capital.

In other words, the Administration's purpose will likely be to control and regulate business as to insure a wider distribution of wealth.

That objective which, if reached would mean practically the abolition of poverty and economic distress, is one with which even the Administration's vigorous opponents are heartily in accord. Such differences in opinion as may arise will be as to whether the methods proposed will accomplish that objective.

The President is believed to have come around to the view that low commodity prices don't necessarily mean low wages. It is expected that he will not encourage any organization of business which has for its purpose the maintenance of high prices and large profits. The aim is, rather, expected to be the stimulation of mass production methods which have proved so successful in many industries in reducing prices to the consumer while at the same time increasing wages to the men engaged in production.

Here and Abroad
There is no question that President Roosevelt's prestige, both politically and in the public mind, has been greatly increased by his speeches and his reception in South America. The way has been cleared, it is believed here, for something approaching complete solidarity of the Western Hemisphere.

Beyond doubt, the nations between the Atlantic and the Pacific are wholeheartedly for closer international relations among themselves, looking toward lasting peace and closer trade and diplomatic relations.

Now that uncensored reports of what is going on in Spain are beginning to come out, it appears that what started as a civil war has begun to take on serious international aspects. Positive evidence that Russia is supplying tanks and other armaments of war to the Communist government forces in Spain, and that Italy and probably also Germany have been furnishing both munitions and men to the Fascist rebels, has reached the State Department. These seem to pre-empt a conflict which may easily involve all of Europe.

The situation is complicated, moreover, by the British Cabinet crises, the outcome of which may have a decisive effect upon England's international relations and even upon the integrity of the British Empire. Washington, therefore, is watching European affairs more closely than ever before.

It seems quite probable that one of the most important problems presented to the new Congress for its early consideration will be the revision and strengthening of our neutrality laws.

As an evidence of the delicacy of the international situation, the State Department has issued orders to the entire diplomatic and consular corps that hereafter no member of these services may marry a

Everyday Cooking Miracles

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It's fun to have Christmas dinner at grandma's! She always has a big fat turkey and all the trimmings, even blazing plum pudding. Yeah, and she'll take you behind the scenes and let you help. Striking the match which sets the plum pudding ablaze "helps" grandma more than 'most anything, except, pos-

sibly, helping her carry the flaming dessert in to the table. From the cheers and wild applause that follow, it's hard to believe that each holiday diner is silently regretting that "last spoonful of sausage dressing."



A touch of brandy, a lighted match and the holiday plum pudding is ready for its grand entrance.

Through some of the old English Yuletide traditions have gone forever, Christmas dinner at Grandma's can be the same—plum pudding and all, except we can rest assured that grandmother isn't overdoing it. In the process of becoming "modern," Grandma has adopted the time and energy-saving methods of her young contemporaries. Among other things, she has a new automatic electric range.

Steam in Thrift Cooker
So, why not revive the old time Christmas spirit and make a plum pudding this year? The Thrift Cooker unit of the electric range provides the new way for accomplishing this old process. This unit, so cleverly installed in the cooking top of the range is the ideal steamer. Well do we all remember the elaborate ceremony attached to making plum pudding in the old days. The contents were carefully tied in a muslin bag, and the bag was tossed into a kettle of boiling water. And, oh, the patience this ritual required! One had to keep a watchful eye on the water level, and the fire had to be fed "every little while" to keep the water boiling.

With the Thrift Cooker, however, the pudding cans or molds are placed on a rack inside the roomy insulated kettle. One and one-third cups of water, added previously, will generate enough live steam for the entire steaming process. The steaming is done on Low Heat, so it is evident why this unit was named the "Thrift Cooker." No attention is required. At the

end of the cooking period remove the pudding from the rack (you won't even get your fingers wet) and that's that!

Here's the recipe for Plum Pudding! Though it's a modern version—a plum-less pudding—dad and the children might enjoy the old family rite of putting in their "lick and a stir" to make the pudding better.

Plum Pudding

(Serves 8-10)

- 1 1/2 cups grated bread crumbs (soft)
- 1 lb. raisins (seeded)
- 3/4 lb. citron (sliced thin)
- 3/4 tsp. salt
- 1 cup suet (chopped fine)
- 1/2 lb. currants
- 3/2 cup light brown sugar
- 3/2 tsp. nutmeg
- 3/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 3/2 tsp. allspice
- 3 eggs (beaten)
- 3/2 cup bread flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 2 tsp. brandy or fruit juice
- 3/4 lb. candied cherries
- 1 ring candied pineapple
- 1/2 cup pecan nut meats (cut fine)

Mix all ingredients in order given, and place in well greased coffee tins or pudding mold; cover. Place 1 1/2 cups water in Thrift Cooker kettle. Turn on High Heat. Place pudding on rack in cooker and cover. When steam comes from vent turn to Low Heat, and steam for approximately 4 hours. Reheat in Thrift Cooker before serving.

foreigner without the State Department's consent. Nearly 200 American diplomatic and consular officials have married foreigners in the past four or five years.

The purpose of the regulation is to prevent the development of too sympathetic an international point of view on the part of the men who are sent abroad to represent the United States in foreign countries. They must have no relationships which could possibly keep them from dealing with every situation from a strictly American viewpoint.

The Speakership

Present indications are that the

new Congress will be organized with the Southern Democrats in complete control. The battle for the speakership in which the North and East are lined up behind Congressman O'Connor of New York, against the Southern Democratic wing of the party, which appears to be solidly behind Representative Sam Rayburn of Texas, seems at this time to be most likely a victory for Rayburn.

As Washington views the labor situation, it seems to be getting out of hand. Most serious of all of the increasing number of strikes is that of the sailors and longshoremen on

both coasts.

One of the early acts of the new Congress may be the establishment of a Maritime Mediation Board with rather broad authority to take command of this situation and use whatever force may be necessary to prevent interference with seagoing commerce, pending the adjustment of disputes between workers and ship-owners.

There is no peace in sight between the two major factions of organized labor, the American Federation and the Committee for Industrial Organization.

The Department of Labor is almost in despair at the failure of its efforts thus far to avert or to settle the strikes in the glass industry, the rubber industry and various other industries, the effect of which has been to slow up production of commodities for which the demand is increasing.

Soil-Building To Be Stressed In Program

Soil-building will be given greater emphasis in the 1937 conservation program, according to Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College.

Farmers will be encouraged to grow fewer money crops and more crops for soil-conservation and for providing food and feed for home consumption, he pointed out.

Larger soil-conserving crop bases will be established, he added, and there will be stricter regulations regarding the minimum acreage of conserving crops required.

The minimum payment any farm will be allowed to earn has been increased from \$10 to \$20, and it may be earned by carrying out soil-building practices or reducing cash crop acreage or both.

The rate of payment per acre for carrying out soil-building practices will be in line with those paid this year.

Cotton diversion payments will remain the same, five cents a pound on the average production of land taken out of cotton, up to 35 per cent of the base acreage.

Tobacco payments will also continue at five cents a pound, but a grower may divert only 25 per cent of his total base next year instead of 30 per cent as in 1936. The amount of peanut diversion has been reduced from 20 to 15 per cent of the base, but the payment rate will remain at 1 1-4 cents a pound.

Growers will not be encouraged to divert their base acreages of other soil-depleting crops, but when considered advisable, county committees will authorize them to do so. Payments for these diversions may be slightly less than they were this year.

Soil-depleting crop base acreages for each farm this year will be carried over into 1937, with such

College Tries Liquorless Night Club



IOWA CITY . . . The newest educational experiment here at the University of Iowa is the liquorless night club. It was inaugurated in late November with a complete floor show of student performers, student waiters and student patrons. The idea upon which it is founded is "that students will have home town entertainment and will remain off dangerous highways over the week-ends." Photo shows the "Silver Shadow" opening night diners.

minor adjustments as may be necessary to correct inequities.

More consideration will be given dairy farmers, truck growers, and orchardists, the dean also pointed out.

Farm Questions And Answers

Question: Can shelled corn be stored in bags over winter?

Answer: If the corn is sufficiently dry when shelled it can be stored in bags without damage provided it is treated for weevil control before storage. The corn should be treated with carbon disulphide and then stored in a dry place. Where the corn is a little green it is best to wait until it thoroughly dries before shelling as the slight dampness may cause the grain to mold.

Question: Is it possible to cure or corn lamb as you do pork and beef?

Answer: Yes. The shoulders and legs are the cuts most frequently cured. To each 10 pounds of lamb use one and one-half cups of salt, one-half tablespoon of salt-peter, and three-quarters of a cup of brown sugar. Rub salt thoroughly into the meat, covering every portion, and allow to stand with the salt on it for 24 hours. Then pour

over the meat the other ingredients dissolved in a small quantity of lukewarm water. Add water enough to cover the meat and allow to stand in the brine for three or four days. Since lamb absorbs more salt than beef, special care should be taken not to use more than the quantity specified.

What is the best grain mixture for a poultry ration?

Answer: There are several grains or combination of grains that give satisfactory results, but the one most commonly used in all sections of North Carolina is composed of sixty per cent yellow corn and forty per cent wheat. However, this ration should be largely governed by what is grown on the farm, and the cost of the grain which must be purchased. Where there is an abundance of heavy barley (48 pounds to the bushel) these may be substituted for a part of the corn and wheat, but should never exceed thirty per cent of the grain mixture.

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On a per acre basis, an application of 100 pounds of triple superphosphate increased the yield of red clover on the farm of S. T. Crisp of Dillsboro, Jackson county, by 2,215 pounds.

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