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Evidently Charlie Mitchell was not one of those husbands who neglect to correspond regularly with the wife.

Japan may be interested in the present peace plans, but right now she has other unfinished business to look after.

To show to what length local rivalries will go, observe that San Francisco's earthquake was hardly over before Los Angeles was in a tremor.

Japan arises to ask: "Would sending additional troops to Manchuria be barred?" What if they were? Japan would send them anyway.

Maybe it's a good thing the legislature decided to dishonor the chicadee as the state bird, else its members might have the more truthfully been referred to as tom-tits.

News dispatch from Atlanta says mule market is looking up after eight or ten years of lethargy, and the present demand can't be supplied. Which goes to show that as long as a jackass is kept out of politics, he's not so bad after all.

Achievements

The picture of President Roosevelt, surrounded by friends of measures about to become law by the signature of the chief executive, is frequently seen in the press of the country. This serves to remind that if one cares to check up on all that has gone through the mill since March 4th, he will probably find that more important laws have been enacted during the past three months, than were passed in the preceding three years.

It has been dinned into the ears of the American people, from Republican sources, that competent national leadership was not available in the Democratic party. We have heard so much of that sort of talk, that actually some of us have come to accept it as fact. Franklin Delano Roosevelt is giving the lie to that suspicion, and spelling it in capital letters.

One after another he has handed Congress constructive plans that he wanted enacted into law, and Congress has dared not refuse, because the measures were so pregnant with public good, that they carried with them the approval of the nation.

Mr. Roosevelt, a physical cripple, is not thus handicapped mentally. If his term of office were to end today, he could point to a record of achievement, equal to that of any peace-time president, yet he has been in office only three months. Measured by the yardstick of vital importance to the nation, these measures very definitely indicate that there are men capable of leading, within the ranks of the party now in power.

Not only at home but abroad, Mr. Roosevelt is respected for his clear thinking statesmanship, and in the momentous days for international relationship that are just ahead, America feels confident that her present leader will measure up.

It is sincerely to be hoped that the strenuous work and responsibility of these trying days will not undermine his strength.

Muscle Shoals

It must have been a joyful day for the venerable senator from Nebraska, George Norris, when he stood beside President Roosevelt and watched him sign the bill that provides development of the entire Tennessee valley. For thirteen years Senator Norris has been fighting for government operation of the Muscle Shoals plant and for as many years it has been kept practically idle at the behest of the power interests.

While the bill to which President Roosevelt affixed his signature last week is more comprehensive than anything dreamed by Senator Norris, the President gave his Republican countryman credit for his tireless energy in sponsoring the idea, when he presented Norris the pen with which he signed the bill, with the declaration that it properly belongs to the measure's grandfather.

It is expected that several thousand men will be given employment at once, and this number will be increased as the plan automatically unfolds itself. But labor will not be the sole beneficiary: the rehabilitation of the valley's industry may become contagious and spread to other sections of the nation.

The bill provides, so far as practicable, to distribute the surplus power generated at Muscle Shoals, equitably among the States, counties and municipalities within transportation distance of the plant, and for the manufacture of fertilizer to be sold to the farmer at a price that will likely have its effect on competitive lines.

The big power interests claim that in the Muscle Shoals area at present the capacity of existing producing and transmitting systems is well beyond demand, and that the potential increase in demand for power is small. They predict a billion-dollar waste of the tax-payers' money. It remains to be seen how the plan will work.

Opponents of government in business will now have something to point to with alarm, and an interested people will watch the developments in the Tennessee valley with more than ordinary concern.

A World Leader

President Roosevelt very definitely found his place as a world leader last week when he addressed himself to fifty-four nations of the world, delivering a message fully endorsed by the people of this nation—a message pregnant with appeal for general disarmament of the world.

"The way to prevent invasion is to make it impossible. The way to disarm is to disarm," says our president, and everyone of the fifty-four nations perked up their ears at these words.

European nerves were jerky and it needed only the pop of a peanut bag to start something that would have been hard to stop. Hitler in Germany was on a rampage, and it was to Hitler that Mr. Roosevelt addressed himself in particular, and the German chancellor heard and heeded.

Instead of the saber-rattling, swash-buckling speech to the reichstag which was predicted, Chancellor Hitler sought solicitude, and overnight gave birth to a pronouncement, conciliatory in tone, and quite worthy of the statesman that he is not. In declaring himself and his nation in thorough accord with Mr. Roosevelt on the question of disarmament, the German chancellor brushed aside the war cloud that has been hovering uncomfortably close to Europe.

The old enmity between France and Germany is still alive, and each is jealously watching the other, for whatever signs of strength or weakness that may develop. It is worthy of note that Chancellor Hitler's presentation of the German policy has put France on the defensive. Had his speech been threatening, France could have refused to disarm and would have had the world behind her. Now, although she considers the German threat as great as ever, the force of circumstances may compel her to weaken her military power.

For France, Herr Hitler is still the wolf, and even in sheep's clothing France is more afraid of his soft words than of his fire-eating pronouncements.

France demands security against her neighbors and President Roosevelt suggests the basis for this security that applies equally to all governments that would "make invasion impossible" by disarming. France should meditate well the fact that should her borders again be threatened, there will be no American general approach the tomb of her distinguished soldier to say "La-Fayette, we are here." Refusal to pay her war debts makes that unlikely.

The Boycott Against Germany

In response to a challenge flung by the Hitler regime against world Jewry, a meeting recently was held in New York City, at which time 600 delegates, representing two million or more Jews of the metropolitan area, gave unanimous approval to the resolution calling for an economic boycott of Germany until the rights of German Jews are restored and the discriminations to which they are subjected under the Hitler regime are ended.

The boycott is to be made nation-wide in an attempt to enlist not only the 4,000,000 Jews in the United States, but also all Americans sympathizing with the movement. This is but a part of concerted action by Jews in almost every other nation.

A number of prominent Gentiles were present and addressed the gathering, among them being James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany. Mr. Gerard said:

"If you want anything you have to fight for it yourself. I want you to know from me as a Gentile that there is only one kind of Jew the Gentile despises and that is the Jew who denies he is a Jew. And if I were a Jew, with all your tradition and history behind you, I would be proud of it."

"We are with you in this fight for humanity, but first of all you people have to hang together. You have to show your power and you have to do it in an economic way. The Gentiles in this country are for you. They are with you in this. We see today the nations of Europe again arraying themselves against the new barbarism in Germany. It will not last long. In order to shorten the reign it is up to you to do what you can."

The wholesale persecution of Jews in Germany cannot be defended with reasonable argument, and when the Jews and their friends band themselves together in a boycott of German goods, that nation will feel the wallop that comes from the turn of the worm.

Jewry in America will have the whole-hearted support of the Gentile citizenship in a protest against this menace to world peace, as well as undeserved persecution.

The effect of this kindling world criticism is reflected in the conciliatory speech by Hitler, in which he surprised the world with his friendly acceptance of President Roosevelt's plea for sanity. Injustice usually brings its own reward whether perpetrated by individual or nation.

Did you ever see an Average Man who was willing to admit it?

There is one consolation about growing old: few men die after the age of ninety-nine.

Anyhow, amnesia is one thing they haven't been able to blame Mr. Hoover with.

Eight months for education is alright, but you don't have to study geometry to appreciate a square meal.

Anyhow the front page does not record that going off the gold standard has produced any new amnesia cases.

Green lipstick, they say, will soon be all the rage with girls who wish to signal bashful boys to go ahead.

North Carolina can forget the freight-rate war for the moment in the knowledge that she has pulled one over on Virginia in the sale of beer. Tarheel dealers along the line will pocket many needed shekels from citizens over the way.

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