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Gibson's Diplomacy Triumphs Over Brazilian Noise— But Not Dogs; Arms Embargo Gets First Test As Italy Orders Munition Machinery; Last Minute Neutrality Drive Begun By Call From Mrs. Homer Bone; What Was Back Of All The Mystery Over Building Florida Canal.

Washington—Few people realize how close that crack career diplomat, Hugh S. Gibson, has come to being recalled as American Ambassador to Brazil.

Those few who know about it, think it was because Gibson once was a great pal of Herbert Hoover's. But this is not the case.

Gibson's trouble was the sensitive quality of his wife's ears.

The American Embassy in Rio de Janeiro is in a one-time residential section, now developed by business, and Mrs. Gibson complained constantly of the noise.

Finally her husband wrote a letter to Mello Franco, then Brazilian Foreign Minister, stating that his wife could not sleep and asking that something be done about the noise.

Mello Franco shrugged his shoulders. But the Minister of Interior, an obliging soul, roped off the side street and tram-line near Mrs. Gibson's room. After 10 P. M. all citizens of Rio de Janeiro were required to detour.

This, of course, did not increase Ambassador Gibson's local popularity.

Some months later, Foreign Minister Franco received another letter from the Ambassador complaining that workmen bathed at the waterfront near the Embassy every morning at 6 A. M., thereby

causing Mrs. Gibson more loss of much-needed sleep.

Again the Minister of the Interior obliged and closed the bathrooms until seven.

A short time later, Ambassador Gibson again wrote to the Foreign Office complaining that workmen on the Standard Oil building, about a block down the waterfront from the Embassy, began driving rivets at an early hour, and once again Mrs. Gibson's sleep was interrupted.

This time Minister Mello Franco did not turn the letter over to the Minister of the Interior. Instead he replied to Ambassador Gibson that the Standard Oil Company was an American concern and that it was up to the Ambassador to use his own good offices.

For some time this appeared to have a silencing effect upon Mr. Gibson. Finally, however, the Foreign Minister received a new note.

This one desired that the attention of the Chief of Police be called to the heroic work of a police officer who had come to the rescue of Mrs. Gibson's thoroughbred dog when it was wantonly, cruelly and viciously attacked by a Brazilian mongrel.

This heroic officer, Ambassador Gibson said, might well deserve promotion.

In reply Foreign Minister Franco wrote:

"I have turned over to the Chief of Police your commendation of the police officer for his heroic work in rescuing Mrs. Gibson's dog. Please accept also my regrets for the failure of the Brazilian mongrel to recognize the extra-territorial status of your thoroughbred."

FIRST WAR ORDER
 What Secretary of State Hull will be up against when he has to impose an arms embargo against Italy and Ethiopia was indicated when Italy secretly placed her first real war order in the United States.

The order goes to Lebond Machine Tool Company, of Cincinnati and it is for twenty-eight lathes for boring shells. The lathes are to be of different sizes according to the shells, and the price range is from \$30,000 to \$50,000. This is going to keep a group of Cincinnati workmen busy for some time.

When war is declared Mr. Hull

will have to decide whether these lathes are war material or just machine tools; whether or not they fall under the embargo.

Public sentiment in Cincinnati probably will play a part in his decision. And this is one of the almost imperceptible steps by which the United States may be drawn into the coming world catastrophe.

NEUTRALITY DRIVE
 The secret reason for the last minute neutrality drive in the Senate was a long distance telephone call from Homer Bone. The Senator's wife was on the wire.

"Homer," she said, "all day mothers in every part of the state have been telephoning and wiring me, asking why you don't do something to ensure our country from becoming embroiled in this European war that seems so imminent."

They say they don't want their sons involved in another European war and they can't understand why officials in Washington aren't doing something about the matter. You must do something!

Bone immediately communicated with his fellow Senators and the drive for the neutrality act began.

FLORIDA CANAL
 No Federal project has caused so much mystery, so much confusion, yet is so important as the Florida Ship Canal, finally OK'd by the President last week.

Costing \$100,000,000, it will be more than three times the length of the Panama Canal, will cut straight across north Florida, joining the Gulf and the Atlantic, and will save several days to ship lines between New York and New Orleans.

Despite this importance, plans for the canal were shrouded in austere mystery. Geological experts, when questioned regarding the effects of the salt water canal on Florida farm land, looked out the window.

PWA experts, when questioned whether the canal would be built, held up a warning finger and replied: "Sh-h-h."

Behind all this were two raging controversies:

1. A bitter dispute between North and South Florida regarding the merits of the project.

2. Rivalry between PWA and the Army Engineers as to which should build the canal.

Northern Florida strongly favored the waterway. Southern Florida did not. It claimed the short cut would leave the lower half of the state isolated. Railroads and the Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, whose Government mail income will be drastically cut, joined the southerners.

MORE MYSTERY
 PWA at first joined the North. In December, 1933, it reported the project to be self-liquidating, "a public necessity and of real social value."

About a year later, PWA joined the South, issued another report which read: "The canal is outside the normal self-liquidating requirements under PWA regulations for repayment and amortization."

The mystery surrounding this switch never has been cleared up. It may lie, however, in the report of the Geological Survey, which found that the porous coral substrata of Florida is such that salt water would leak through, ruining well-water and vegetation in large areas along the canal route.

This report never has been made public—officially. It remains another mystery. Its contents have leaked out, and just as it was to be published, it was suppressed.

Reason: It did not jibe with the Army Engineer's report.

Next day—despite the confusion—Roosevelt announced the beginning of work by the Army engineers.

SCHOOLDAYS
 School days find the FERA preparing for the education business on a wholesale scale.

After several months of quiet consideration plans have been worked out that will give classroom instruction in economics, history, current events and civics to several million dole and work-relief recipients.

The undertaking has a double-barreled objective. The plan is not only to staff teacherless school-houses, but to give steady employment to 50,000 idle teachers.

They will be paid work-relief wage scales, averaging between \$85 and \$94 a month.

MERRY-GO-ROUND
 John Dillinger's death mask is among the assorted attractions drawing 100 visitors a day to J. Edgar Hoover's Chamber of Horrors in the Justice Building.

CCC officials, alarmed over the number of accidents from reckless driving of CCC trucks, are installing governors on all engines to keep speed below 32 miles an hour.

The only diplomatic affairs attended by ex-Senator Smith W. Brookhart are at the Russian Embassy, where the Iowan, in a wrinkled business suit, sits at a three-wines dinner with stiff shirts on every hand

News Commentator

Grady Cole (above), whose voice is familiar to many persons in Alleghany county. Mr. Cole is the popular radio news commentator, whose broadcasts are heard daily from Station WBT, Charlotte.

Gruesome Reading

But Maybe It Will Jar The Reckless Motorist
 Publicizing the total of motor injuries—almost 1,000,000 last year, with 36,000 deaths—never gets to first base in jarring the motorist into a realization of the appalling risks of motoring, declares F. C. Furnas in the August issue of the Reader's Digest.

He then proceeds to translate dry statistics into what he terms "a reality of blood and agony," as follows:

Figures exclude the pain and horror of savage mutilation—which means they leave out the point. They need to be brought closer home. A passing look at a bad smash or the news that a fellow you had lunch with last week is in a hospital with a broken back will make any driver but a born fool slow down at least temporarily.

But what is needed is a vivid and sustained realization that every time you step on the throttle, death gets in beside you, hopefully waiting for his chance.

That single horrible accident you may have witnessed is no isolated horror. That sort of thing happens every hour of the day, everywhere in the United States. If you really felt that, perhaps the stickful of type in Monday's paper recording that a total of 29 local citizens were killed in week-end crashes would rate something more than a perfunctory tut-tut as you turn back to the sports page.

An enterprising judge now and again sentences reckless drivers to tour the accident end of a city morgue. But even a mangled body on a slab, waxily portraying the consequences of bad motoring judgment, isn't a patch on the scene of the accident itself. No artist working on a safety poster would dare depict that in full detail.

That picture would have to include motion-picture and sound effects, too—the flopping, pointless efforts of the injured to stand up; the queer, grunting noises; the steady, panting groaning of a human being with pain creeping up on him as the shock wears off. It should portray the slack expression on the face of a man, drugged with shock, staring at the Z-twist in his broken leg, the insane crumpled effect of a child's body after its bones are crushed inward, a realistic portrait of an hysterical woman with her screaming mouth opening a hole in the bloody drip that fills her eyes and runs off her chin.

Minor details would include the raw ends of bones protruding through flesh in compound fractures, and the dark red, oozing surfaces where clothes and skin were flayed off at once.

Those are all standard, everyday sequels to the modern passion for going places in a hurry and taking a chance or two, by the way.

Not So Good There Either
 "My husband is so careless of his appearance. It seems like he just can't keep buttons on his clothes."

"Are you sure it's carelessness? Perhaps they are—uh—well, sewed on improperly."

"Maybe you're right. He is terribly careless with his sewing."

Strange
 Mrs. Peck—Now, Henry, what are you thinking about? I can always tell when you have some thought that you are trying to conceal from me. Out with it!

Henry—I was just wondering what the Mormons could see in polygamy.

State of North Carolina, County of Alleghany.

As Commissioner appointed in the case of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia vs S. F. Upchurch et al in the Superior Court of Alleghany county, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Sparta on the 30th day of September, 1935, at 11 o'clock A. M. the following described land:

All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land containing 40.6 acres, more or less, located, lying and being in Cranberry Township, County of Alleghany, State of North Carolina, being bounded on the North by lands of John Taylor; East by lands of H. F. Edwards; South by lands of W. T. Upchurch; and West by lands of J. M. Tilley and F. O. Richardson, and having such shape, notes, courses and distances as will more fully appear by reference to a plat thereof made by L. E. Edwards, Surveyor, May 18th, 1925, which plat is on file with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia.

Terms of Sale, one-third cash on day of sale, and balance in two equal annual installments. This 26th day of August, 1935. R. M. CROUSE Commissioner

4tc-26AT

Nuts and Kernels
 Troy Laiah Jones

"Germans 'file' protest over court insult." Knowing of their articulation, I feel sure it was done in "raping" tones.

When you think that you are better than any one else, keep it up; for thinking is all there is to it.

Every select society has been called a "cult" except the nudists.

A man in Chicago stole some pigs. But they squealed on him.

The latest depression hit is "Rag Time Annie."

"Japanese spend honeymoon in real fog." If they but knew it were they just getting started in life.

If the government were to reduce baseball like they have hogs, there would not be any short-stop.

I wonder if the British will get mad at us for cancelling that Ethiopian war engagement.

A conscience-lashed person is one who is not certain whether anybody knows that he has done.

People raise more sand over what doesn't cost them anything than what they have to work for.

A mindreader often has a blank expression.

Some times the "tight" nut at the wheel is more dangerous than the loose one.

Some one suggested that the government tax our breath next. Well, it would, but all the taxes have taken our breath.

Bigotry is a cross between ignorance and learning.

That was a slick trick that Ethiopian had in mind when he tried to palm off a war on us through oil concession. But you usually slip up when you mess with anything as greasy as oil.

I wonder how big the crack of dawn is down there where Byrd spent a few days and nights six months long.

Too Bad
 Ajo—What kind of a fellow is ooberpea?
 Dismuke—He can tell you how to adopt an improved system of currency which will pay off the national debt.

Ajo—Has he made much progress with the plan?
 Dismuke—No. He hasn't been able to pay his own store bills.

Marriages

STAFFORD—REEVES
 The first wedding to be solemnized in the new Laurel Springs Baptist church was that of Miss Mary Reeves to Mr. James Hartwell Stafford which took place at four o'clock Saturday afternoon, August 31.

Prior to the wedding, Mrs. Katherine Duncan, who was in charge of the music, played Verdi's Triumphal March from "Aida," and Mrs. Carl H. Graybeal and Miss Clara Perkins sang "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms," which was followed by a solo by Mrs. Graybeal, Geibel's "Mizpah." Mrs. Duncan was attired, as were Mrs. Graybeal and Miss Perkins, in print silks and wore shoulder corsages to match.

Following the wedding, the young couple left for a trip through the Shenandoah Valley and to Washington, D. C., after which they will be at home in Bishopville, S. C.

Mrs. Stafford is the popular and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Reeves, of Laurel Springs. She received her education at A. S. T. C., Boone, and has been a member of the teaching profession in Ashe county since that time. She taught several years in the grades of West Jefferson high school.

Mr. Stafford was educated at the University of South Carolina and taught for a number of years in West Jefferson high school where he also acted as athletic coach. At present he is principal of the high school at Bishopville and is also connected with the Bishopville Motor company as bookkeeper. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stafford, Sumpster, S. C.

CLENENIN—WILLIAMS
 Invitations reading as follows: "Mrs. Mattie McCurry Williams requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Emma Tate, to Mr. Eugene Vaughan Clendenin, on Thursday, September 12, at 7:30 p. m. Presbyterian church, Mount Olive, N. C. At home after September 22 at 2131 Florida avenue N. W., Apartment 33, Washington, D. C."

Following the marriage last

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE
 Having qualified as the Executor of Mrs. Alice Smith, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to her estate to come forward and make settlement, and any having claims against the estate to present them to me within twelve months or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery.

This August 27th, 1935. ALBERT BUTLER, Executor of Mrs. Alice Smith, deceased 4tc-19AT

NOTICE OF RE-SALE

In The Superior Court Before The Clerk North Carolina, Alleghany County.

D. R. Crouse, Walter Crouse, and G. G. Crouse, Executors of Friel Crouse, Plaintiffs vs. Margaret Brown et al, Defendants

The undersigned Commissioners appointed in the above entitled matter will offer for sale at the Court House door in Sparta, N. C., September 18, 1935, at 11 o'clock A. M., the following described tract of land:

Containing eighty acres, more or less, adjoining the lands of Everett Truitt, T. L. Crouse, J. A. Crouse, Effie Shumake and others.

Terms Of Sale: One-third cash on day of sale and remainder in two equal installments due in six and twelve months from date. This 3rd day of September, 1935.

D. R. Crouse
 Walter Crouse
 G. G. Crouse
 2tc-19 Commissioners

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF ALLEGHANY.

As Commissioner appointed in the case of The Federal Land Bank of Columbia vs. S. F. Upchurch et al in the Superior Court of Alleghany County, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the Court House door in Sparta on the 15th day of October, 1935, at 11 o'clock A. M. the following described land:

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Thursday, a reception was held. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Clendenin, Wilmington.

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AUCTION SALE

Of Livestock, Personal Property and Household Furniture

At The Old John Tedder Farm One Mile West Of Stratford, N. C.

Fri. Sept. 27 10 a. m.

On Friday, September 27, at 10 A. M., at the address above, I will offer for sale to the highest bidders, the following livestock, personal property and household furniture:

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| 3 good young stock cows | 10 good ewes |
| 1 black Jersey cow—7 years old | 6 ewe lambs |
| 1 pair of work horses | 13 good male calves |
| 1 black horse—6 years old | 4 heifer calves |
| 1 black mare—6 years old | 15 stacks of hay |
| 1 pair of bay horse colts 1 year old | 2 ricks of straw |
| 1 pair of gray horse colts 2 years old | 1 Van Buren grain drill |
| 1 pair of mare colts 1 year old (half sisters) | 1 mowing machine |
| 1 horse mule colt 2 years old | 1 rake |
| 1 mare mule colt 1 year old | 1 wagon |
| | 1 spring tooth harrow (new) |
| | 1 "40X" Oliver plow (new) |
| | 1 section harrow |
| | And Other Farming Tools |

Also a lot of Good Household and Kitchen Furniture including a new RCA Radio Battery Set.

Terms will be made known on day of sale
Luncheon Will Be Served
Frank Delp

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The tales you will read are true stories of adventure in every-day life... stories of adventure that has come to people just like yourselves, in towns just like the one in which you live.

Gibbons has challenged the fiction writers of the world to invent more thrilling adventures than those which happen every day in the ordinary lives of men, women and children.

The stories with which he is backing up this challenge are to appear in this paper. Watch for them in

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