

# News Review of Current Events the World Over

## Sudden Death of Speaker Byrns—Rome Hails Badoglio While London Cheers Haile Selassie—Rural Houswives of World Convene.

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DEATH, sudden and unexpected, came to Joseph Wellington Byrns, speaker of the house of representatives, and put an end to a notable career. The veteran Tennessee congressman suffered a cerebral hemorrhage, and passed away within a few hours in his apartment in the Mayflower hotel, Washington, for 27 years Mr. Byrns had represented the "Hermitage district" of Tennessee in the house, and he was elected speaker when the Seventy-fourth congress convened in January, 1935. He was a master of parliamentary strategy and so far-minded a presiding officer that all, even his political opponents, praised and admired him. Before becoming speaker he served long years on the appropriations committee, as member and chairman, and he also was leader of the Democratic majority and chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee.



J. W. Byrns

Grief for Mr. Byrns' death was general and sincere in Washington officialdom. "I am shocked beyond all imagination," said Representative Bertrand H. Snell of New York, the minority leader. "It is a terrible thing. It is an almost irreparable loss."

Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, the majority leader, after expressing his own sense of loss, added: "His work during the session has been very difficult and trying. He was a great speaker."

President Roosevelt in a statement from the White House expressed well the high esteem in which Mr. Byrns was held. Said he: "Fearless, incorruptible, unselfish, with a high sense of justice, wise in counsel, broad of vision, calm in adversity, and modest in victory, he served his state and the nation with fidelity, honor, and great usefulness. I personally mourn the passing of a steadfast friend of many years."

Impressive funeral services were held in the chamber of the house, the President, members of the cabinet and numerous diplomats being present in addition to all members of congress. The body was then taken to Nashville, Tenn., for burial, and Mr. Roosevelt accompanied the special congressional committee there.

The house elected William B. Bankhead of Alabama speaker for the remainder of the session. The death of Speaker Byrns followed closely that of another well-known congressman, A. Platt Andrews of Massachusetts, a Republican. He died of influenza at his home in Gloucester at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Andrews, who taught economics at Harvard more than thirty years ago, was director of the mint for a few months under President Taft and then was assistant secretary of the treasury. He was elected to congress in 1921, and supported much of President Roosevelt's early legislation.

MARSHAL PIETRO BADOGLIO, conqueror of Ethiopia and now viceroy of that part of the reconstituted "Roman empire," returned to the Eternal City in triumph and was vociferously welcomed as a hero. Sixty thousand Romans welcomed him as he stepped from his train, and Premier Mussolini modestly waited in the background until they had shouted their greetings to the veteran warrior. Then Il Duce came forward and kissed the viceroy on both cheeks and the higher ranking Fascist military leaders paid homage. With the premier and the picked troops forming the escort of honor were the entire cabinet. Several days later a great military review was held.



Viceroys Badoglio

The other side of the picture was seen in London, where Haile Selassie, the deposed emperor of Ethiopia, arrived in tears and sadness, though he was given an ovation by the cheering thousands that had seldom been accorded to visitors to England. Many of the Londoners carried Ethiopian flags or scarlet banners reading "Welcome to the Emperor." With the white sympathizers were many African chiefs in native robes, Somalis, negroes, Hindus, Chinese, and colored people from all parts of the world.

There was an outburst of wild cheering when Selassie, bareheaded and wearing a long cape, stepped from his private sleeping car and was greeted by many notables, including O. C. Harvey, private secretary of Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary. Harvey was the lone representative of the British government. Selassie received three addresses welcoming "his imperial majesty, Haile Selassie" from representatives of the Ethiopian association, the Friends of Ethiopia, and the Pan-African federation, wishing "Ethiopia's speedy return to independence with the rightful emperor leading his people toward light and peace."

The former emperor smiled sadly. "God grant it may be so," he whispered.

MISS CLARA DUTTON NOYES, sixty-six, director of the American Red Cross nursing service, died in Washington a few minutes after she was stricken while driving to work in her car. Miss Noyes was assistant director of the American Red Cross nursing service during the World war. She also had been superintendent of nurses at the Bellevue and allied hospitals in New York.

Cyrus Hall McCormick, whose father developed the farm reaper and who himself helped organize the International Harvester company and was its president for 33 years, died at his home in Lake Forest, Ill., at the age of seventy-seven years. He was noted as a progressive business man, liberal with his employees and always interested actively in public welfare movements. He was rated as one of the wealthiest men in America and gave millions of dollars to educational and charitable organizations.

RURAL housewives from many countries began their third triennial conference in Washington with Mrs. Alfred Watt of Canada presiding. Their first meeting was held in 1930 in Vienna, and the second in Stockholm three years later. Secretaries Hull and Wallace and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, extended greetings to the visitors, but beyond that there were no set speeches and little formality. Instead, the farm wives held "exchange of experience" sessions, viewed elaborate exhibits of rural needlework and crafts of organized countrywomen of the participating nations, and attended "open houses" held by all branches of the federal government in which countrywomen are particularly interested.



Mrs. Alfred Watt

In exchanging experiences the women learned, among other things, that: English groups have stimulated a remunerative revival of quilting to supplement the family income. Australian countrywomen maintain seaside homes for convalescents. Canada's Federated Women's institute promotes clubs for rural youth and combats maternal and infant mortality.

By conducting evening classes for young girls Danish countrywomen have helped to check their migration to town to seek factory work. The East Africa Women's league visits five women in prisons and hospitals and provides information to prospective white settlers.

JUST as the "popular front" in France was taking over the government the country was distracted by strikes that spread rapidly to almost all industrial centers and involved all manner of trades. The workers demanded higher wages, a 40-hour week and a closed shop, and they went out by the hundred thousand though they knew they were causing great embarrassment to their own leaders. In many cases the strikers took possession of the closed plants.

In Spain the syndicalists tied up various industries by strikes that involved about 250,000 workers and that were marked by several murders and other outrages. Augusto Barcia, minister of state, said the government planned to outlaw the syndicalists if they persisted in disobeying orders from the ministries of labor and the interior.

THE Department of Agriculture recommended to the senate that the administration of the Taylor grazing act, affecting 80,000,000 acres of range land, be transferred to its control from the Department of the Interior. Secretary Ickes reported with the accusation that the Agricultural department had hindered his program to rehabilitate western grazing lands. He said Secretary Wallace's department has insisted upon having so many CCC camps for the forestry service that the Interior department could not get enough CCC help to administer efficiently the Taylor act.

IN A report just made public the business advisory council proposes a simplified basis for industrial self-regulation through the medium of voluntary joint agreements on unfair trade practices enforceable by the federal trade commission. The report was prepared by the council's committee on unfair trade practices of which Lincoln Filene of Boston is chairman.

Outstanding among the committee's proposals were suggestions that each branch of an industry, such as wholesale, retail, and manufacturing, police the activities of each other through confidential reports to the federal trade commission and that no attempt be made to include trade practice and labor provisions in the same agreement.

J. E. THOMAS, until recently British colonial secretary, was found responsible by a special government tribunal for the leak in budget secrets which enabled some of his friends to profit largely through insurance against tax raises. Final disposition of the case was left to the house of commons. Thomas, once an engine wiper and later a powerful figure in organized labor and politics, termed the tribunal's verdict "cruel." He said: "My own conscience is clear. I repeat what I previously stated upon oath: that I made no disclosures of budget secrets to anybody."

CATHOLICS the world over celebrated the seventy-ninth birthday of Pope Pius XI, and the pontiff himself marked the day by attending a solemn mass in St. Peter's in the presence of 40,000 pilgrims who went to Rome especially for the occasion. These were mainly members of the Catholic Action organization which Pius XI founded and to them he spoke for nearly an hour. He denounced Communism, as he has done on other occasions, and declared the Catholic press was one of the best forces in combating the Communists.



Pope Pius XI

It was evident to all observers the pope's age is beginning to tell on him and that he found the long ceremony very much of a strain.

That the pope's health is causing some concern also in Vatican circles was shown by the fact that the plans that were originally made for the pope to bless the crowd gathered in St. Peter's square from the outer balcony of the Basilica were abandoned at the last minute. It was also significant that a small bed shielded by red velvet curtains had been placed immediately behind the papal throne with two priests in constant attendance against the possibility that the pontiff might not have strength to reach the end of the function.

THE senate by a vote of 62 to 14 passed the deficiency bill carrying \$2,375,000,000, of which sum \$1,425,000,000 is handed to the President to spend as he pleases for "relief and work relief." As passed by the house, the measure turned the entire amount of relief money over to WPA Administrator Harry Hopkins.

Three Democratic senators voted against the bill—Tydings of Maryland, Bulkley of Ohio and Byrd of Virginia. By the senate amendment, the bill authorizes the President to order a restudy of reports on the \$200,000,000 Florida ship canal and allocate another \$10,000,000 to carry on work upon it during the coming fiscal year.

NEW YORK state's law providing minimum wages for women and minors was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme court on the ground that it conflicts with the fourteenth amendment by violating freedom of contract. The decision, written by Justice Butler, was concurred in by Justices Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland and Roberts. Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Stone, Brandeis and Cardozo dissented.

THE so-called industrial mobilization plan of the War department, providing for a military dictatorship over labor, capital and industry, as well as censorship of the press in wartime, was severely condemned in a report to the senate by the munitions committee. The committee objected particularly to the proposed conscription of labor as being dangerous to democracy.

NINE of the richest unions in the American Federation of Labor, having more than a million members, probably will be suspended upon by the federation's executive council, and at the next convention they will be expelled if the council can command the necessary two-thirds majority. This will come as a crisis in the interlocking contest between the craft unionists led by President William Green and the industrial unionists, who follow John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers.

Lewis' group of unions includes 400,000 miners, Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, David Dubinsky's International Ladies' Garment union, the oil workers, typographers, flat glass workers, hat, cap, and millinery workers, and textile workers.

what Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.—If I were a Republican orator, I'd say the Democrats wouldn't need a keynoter at their convention when a hog-caller would be more suitable. If, on the other hand, I were a Democratic silver-tongue, I'd say the Republicans needed no campaign committee, whereas a set of pallbearers would be highly appropriate.

As a Republican spellbinder, I'd proclaim we were giving Puerto Rico four years in which gradually to cut loose from us, because, should the Democratic outfit win in November, by the end of those four years the Puerto Ricans will be used to having some independence and we'll be used to having none at all. As a Democratic Irvin S. Cobb

I'd come right back by pointing out that, since Puerto Rico would starve to death anyhow under a Republican administration, congress mercifully was taking steps to let the people down there get accustomed, by degrees, to the starvation process.

Meandering Revenue Program. THE members of the senate finance committee—poor things!—seem to be going forward with the new revenue program the same way a land crab makes headway—by traveling backward. At last accounts they were so snarled up in figures and language that any minute the rescue party was expected to rush in with bush-hooks and chop them loose.

However, out of the epileptic seizure into which these unfortunate patriots have been enmeshed, one concrete fact has emerged. There will be a slight exemption of dues on the profits of corporations making less than \$15,000 a year. This will be a great boon for trunk stores down by the depot, brokerage firms handling second-hand railroad tunnels and dealers in butterflies.

New Socialist Argument. THE trouble with being a Socialist is that, no matter what you start to debate, you always wind up on the Tom Mooney case. Or at least, such was the situation until recently. Now, for any Socialist argument on any subject from German measles to the Great Wall of China, there is a new climax.

The tenants of a Bronx apartment house, mostly radicals, held a meeting, and, in accordance with the best radical traditions, drew up resolutions demanding that the management do this and that. Having read the fiery protest, the superintendent addressed the gathering: "Now about not leading nobody hang out vashing in the hallways—that's reasonable. I start begining that reform right away. "Und as to keeping garbages off the front fire escape—vell, vy noht? "But, say, vot do you suckers expect me do about the Scottsboro boys?"

Sauce for the Goose. WHEN a bricklayer feels upset and licks his wife that's temper and he gets \$30 or 30 days. But when a flicker star goes on a similar tantrum and wrecks an expensive set, that's artistic temperament and the studio-gives her some silver fox furs to calm her nerves. Thus it goes. If a couple in, say, Peoria, break up, why, then, a couple in Peoria have broken up. But if the same thing occurs in Hollywood, it invariably is featured as a "nuptial rift."

A lad in Kansas takes his girl to Ye Olde New Era eatery for dinner, and what with the blue plate specials and the tip, the transaction amounts to \$1.50, but otherwise creates no special excitement either locally or throughout the nation. Let the same thing happen to a couple of the least conspicuous of the movie colony, and 20 columnists fight their way to the wire.

Choosing a New "Buddha." FROM the forbidden kingdom of Tibet—although goodness knows they never had any trouble keeping me out—comes word that after a two years' search a new "living Buddha" has been discovered. However, we already have our own grand lammer, the name being Joe Louis.

The news from Lhasa should give encouragement to the poor unhappy congressional committeemen who are prominently connected with the Townsend plan who'll condescend to talk to them. You may quarrel with the Townsendites' bookkeeping, with their way of handling the contributed dimes of thousands of trusting oldsters, with their failure to explain where they're going to get the billions to pay those gandy pensions or how the provisions of the distribution are to be enforced, but at least the leaders are too proud to endanger their social positions by being caught chit-chatting with a lot of congressmen.

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## Improved Uniform International SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### Lesson for June 21

#### JESUS EXALTED

LESSON TEXT—Luke 24:36-53. GOLDEN TEXT—Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.—Philippians 2:9. PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Goes Home to Heaven. JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Goes Home to Heaven. INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Lord We Worship. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Exalted Christ and the Unfinished Task.

In order properly to view the ascension of Christ into heaven, it would be well to study his ministry during the forty days prior to his ascension.

I. The Walk of the Two Discouraged Disciples (vv. 13-15). Emmaus was, seven and a half miles northwest of Jerusalem. Just why these disciples were walking this way we do not surely know. Perhaps their home was there. Or they were merely walking to seek relief from their stunning sorrow. If they had believed what Jesus had told them about his death and resurrection, they would have escaped this great disappointment. Unbelief causes many heartaches and disappointments. The topic of conversation was the tragedy of the cross and the resurrection rumors. So little had his teaching about the resurrection impressed the disciples that the reports which the women brought were as idle tales to them. If they had believed what he had said about coming forth from the grave, they would have been expecting to hear just such reports as were being circulated.

II. The Unrecognized Companion (vv. 16-24). 1. Who he was (v. 15). While they reasoned together on the wonderful events of the last few days, Jesus joined them. When he questioned them concerning their sadness they did not recognize him. How often we are so engrossed with our sorrows and disappointments that we fail to recognize Jesus, even though he is walking by our side.

2. His question (v. 17). Perceiving their sadness and perplexities, he sought to help by calling forth a statement of their grief. 3. Their answer (v. 18). His questions so surprised them that they jumped to the conclusion that he was a stranger in Jerusalem. The condemnation and crucifixion of the great prophet of Nazareth were so recent and notorious that no one who had lived in Jerusalem could be ignorant of them.

III. The Scriptures Opened (vv. 25-31). 1. His rebuke (vv. 25-30). He did not rebuke them for not believing the strange stories that they had heard, but for ignorance of and lack of confidence in the Old Testament Scriptures. They had only accepted such parts of the Old Testament as suited their notions. The very center and heart of the Old Testament Scriptures set forth the death and resurrection of Christ. Ignorance of the Scriptures and unbelief as to the wonders and complete redemption wrought by Christ robs us of many joys and deprives us of power as workers for Christ.

2. Jesus Recognized. (vv. 31-35). While sitting at meat with the disciples, their eyes were opened as they saw him bless the bread and distribute it to them. We too can see the Lord on such common occasions as eating a meal if we have open eyes. Indeed, we ought to see him when eating, buying, selling, and in our recreations, for he has promised his abiding presence. They were so filled with joy over this revelation of the Savior that they hastened back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples of his resurrection. Those who have had the Scriptures opened to them touching the death and resurrection of Christ, invariably hasten to make the truth known to others.

IV. Jesus Stands in the Midst of the Eleven. (v. 36-47). 1. He said, "Peace be unto you" (vv. 36, 37). However, they were terrified and affrighted. Sinful man in the presence of a holy God is ill at ease.

2. He showed them his hands and his feet (vv. 38-40). In order to convince them of his personal identity, he gave them tangible evidence that he was not a mere spirit. 3. He ate before them (vv. 41-45). 4. He commissioned them to evangelize the world (vv. 46-48). They were to testify concerning his shed blood and resurrection, and on this ground they were to preach repentance and remission of sins to all nations.

5. Jesus ascends into heaven (vv. 50-53). Having given them the parting message to evangelize the world he ascended into heaven. From his place in heaven he continues to carry on his work through his disciples as they are energized by the Holy Ghost. Just as we treasure the holy words of our departed loved ones so we should ponder this farewell message of our Lord.

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When making cinnamon toast cut bananas in thin slices, arrange on toast, sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon and brown under the broiler.

If cherries or berries are rolled in flour before putting them into the pie crust the juice will be thickened and will not run out.

Squeeze into a tumbler the juice of half a lemon and fill with grape juice. Served cold this makes a delicious drink.

A tablespoon of lemon juice added to the egg in which fish is dipped before frying gives it a delicious flavor.

Before polishing mahogany furniture wash well with warm water and white soap and dry thoroughly.

Fruit juices and ginger ale may be frozen into cubes in a mechanical refrigerator and used for iced drinks.

To remove mildew from a leather bag, rub with petroleum ointment and allow it to remain on bag until mildew comes off easily.

Rhubarb may be diced, put in covered baking pans, sprinkled with sugar and cooked in a moderate oven until done. Cooked in this way its color is retained.

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