

Current Events in Review

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Jeffersonian Democrats Band Together

FORTY-THREE Democrats, most of them prominent nationally or locally and representing twenty states, gathered in Detroit to tell one another and the world how much and why they disliked the New Deal. After two days of conferring, they organized themselves as the National Jeffersonian Democrats and named former Senator James A. Reed of Missouri as their national chairman. They decided to establish headquarters at once in St. Louis and to set up an organization in every state. Then they gave out a 1,500 word declaration or platform in which they declared they "will not support re-election the candidates of the Philadelphia convention for President and Vice President, and we call upon all loyal and sincere Democrats to consider the question of their duty to their country in the approaching election with the same earnestness that has guided our deliberations—joining with us if they feel that our conclusions are sound and our anxiety for the future of our party and our country is justified."

The name of Governor Landon was not mentioned in the declaration, but a number of its signers are openly supporting the Republican candidate. Among these are Joseph B. Ely, Col. Henry Breckinridge, John Henry Kirby of Texas and Robert S. Bright of Maryland. However, the avowed prime objective of the Jeffersonians is the defeat of President Roosevelt and the restoration of the Democratic party to its status before the New Dealers captured it. Their declaration is unsparring in its denunciation of Mr. Roosevelt's course and the policies of his administration.

Bar Association Split on New Deal Legislation

WHEN the American Bar association convenes in Boston soon it will receive two widely differing reports from a special committee named to study the effects of New Deal legislation on the rights and liberties of citizens. They were made public in Washington. The majority report, signed by John D. Clark, Cheyenne, Wyo.; Fred H. Davis, Tallahassee, Fla.; George L. Buis, Charleston, S. C., and Charles P. Taft II, Cincinnati, Ohio, "deplored" the action of President Roosevelt in reducing congress to a "rubber stamp" body to carry through his program of legislation.

"Novel legislative and governmental trends of the New Deal are just as uncertain today as they were two years ago," the report said. "Laws specifically proposed as emergency measures with limited life have been declared by important members of the administration to be the beginning of permanent changes in national policy."

"There has been a continuing conflict between such officials as to whether a new social and economic order is in the making or the old institutions are being perfected so that they may be preserved."

These findings were challenged by Kenneth Wynne, New Haven, Conn.; Fred L. Williams, St. Louis, Mo., and James G. McGowan of Jackson, Miss. In their minority report they said: "If the purpose of the resolution creating the special committee was to get the opinion of the American Bar association regarding legislative trends designed to meet changing economic conditions, the report is superficial. It does not deal with the problem but concerns itself with a short range attack on surface trivialities."

The sharp divergence between the two reports presages a conflict and heated discussion at the association meeting.

American Track Team Victor in Olympics

EIGHT days of track competition that brought out many record-breaking performances showed that the American team was unbeatable in the matter of total points. These Yankee athletes piled up a total of 203 points. Finland was second with 90%, Germany third with 69% and Japan fourth with 51 13-22. Jesse Owens, the marvelous colored lad from Ohio State university, captured four gold medals for firsts in the 100 meter and 200 meter runs and the broad jump and for pacing the winning American quartet in the 400 meter relay. The decathlon was won by Glenn Morris of Denver.

Japan captured the most highly prized Olympic championship when Kitei Son, young Korean student, won the marathon race over a very tough course and in the record time of 3 hours 29 minutes 19.2 seconds. The distance was 26 miles and 385 yards.

Among the women contestants Helen Stephens of Missouri distinguished herself by breaking the world record in two heats of the 100-meter dash.

Ohio State will have to get along without Owens next season, for he announced that he would turn professional after completing a post-Olympic tour that will take him to many European countries.

Commerce Department on Recovery and Public Debt

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ROOPER's department has just put out a "world economic review" for 1935 which contains many interesting statements. It says, for instance, that a future business prospects are conditioned in part upon narrowing the gap between government expenditures and receipts. It asserted that "the government deficit springs from the root of unemployment, which is still the major problem confronting the country," and continued:

"Most of the recent increase in the public debt has resulted from emergency expenditures which will be reduced as the need diminishes. At this date the evidences of need are still manifest."

Saying the public debt "has continued to mount rapidly, notwithstanding the substantial increase in the national revenues," the report added:

"Future business prospects are in a degree conditioned upon the possibility of bringing expenditures more in line with receipts and thus eliminating, partially at least, the uncertainties prevailing in connection with future taxation and other budgetary problems."

As to "the part played in the recovery to date by the heavy government expenditures," the report said: "This question is not easily answered, but it is certain that such outlays have had an influence, in many directions—for example, on retail sales, on farm income, on the growth of bank deposits and on the prevailing level of interest rates."

The latter statements may well be compared with the report of Alfred P. Sloan, president of General Motors, to the stockholders. Business recovery throughout the world—in which the United States has participated—is being generated by a combination of various factors, Mr. Sloan explains. In this country the automobile industry has been helped, he says, by principal influences. Only one of these, he points out, has its roots in the New Deal financial schemes and he finds that particular influence a bad one because it creates a temporary fool's paradise in which sales and earnings are ballooned by extraordinary government expenditures.

Asserting that political extravagance has created a highly undesirable and artificial stimulus, Mr. Sloan urges that such spending be halted before it is too late to stave off disaster.

Oil Men and Companies Accused of Conspiracy

CHARGED by the government with conspiracy to violate the anti-trust law by combining to dominate the purchasing of oil in the Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma fields and to fix prices of gasoline in the Middle West, 58 persons, 23 petroleum concerns and three publishing companies were indicted by a federal grand jury in Madison, Wis. Among the prominent defendants are Edward G. Seubert of Chicago, president of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana; Henry M. Dawes of Evanston, Ill., president of the Pure Oil Company, and many officials of Standard Oil, Pure Oil, Deep Rock, Socony-Vacuum and various other oil concerns and their subsidiaries. Also in the list are Warren C. Platt of Cleveland, publisher of the National Petroleum News and Platt's Oilgram; his two publications and the Chicago Journal of Commerce.

The indictment charged that the defendant oil companies formed pools in the east Texas and mid-continent fields for the purpose of purchasing gasoline at artificially high prices from independent producers, and in furtherance of such a scheme were members of associations which included the independent.

This, said Mr. Platt, is exactly what the oil companies did with the approval of Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, administrator of the NRA petroleum code, when efforts were being made to limit the production of gasoline, prevent the flow of excess quota oil into market channels, and raise prices in that turbulent industry.

Congressman Zioncheck Commits Suicide

MARION A. ZIONCHECK brought to an end in characteristic manner his checkered career and his life. He leaped to his death from a window of his office in Seattle shortly after he had filed for re-nomination to the congressional seat he had held for two terms. His friends attributed the suicide to worry over a psychiatrist's advice that he take a long rest from politics. His trouble had been diagnosed as dementia praecox.

Two American Authors Called by Death

LINCOLN STEFFENS, long prominent as a journalist, writer and lecturer, died at Carmel, Calif., at the age of seventy. He was creator of the so-called muck-raking school of journalism and in many magazine articles he exposed the corruption in municipal politics. Another well known American writer, Arthur B. Reeve, passed away at his home in Trenton, N. J. He gained fame by his crime and mystery stories.

President Resents Charge of Politics in Relief

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT was visibly aroused by Republican charges that the New Dealers were seeking to reap political profit from the drouth conditions. At his press conference he broke with the usual rule by permitting himself to be directly quoted as saying:

"It is a great disservice to the proper administration of any government to link up human misery with partisan politics."

The President announced that he would hold a series of regional conferences with governors of states in the drouth area, and naturally Governor Landon, his Republican opponent, will be among those he will meet. It was believed they would come together about Labor day in Des Moines, with the governors of Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Missouri. Mr. Landon said he would accept the President's invitation to such a conference.

Ten 'Rebel' Unions Are Suspended From A. F. of L.

UNLESS John L. Lewis and his associates in the Committee for Industrial Organization repent and cease their "rebellious" activities before September 5, the ten unions they head will be under suspension from the American Federation of Labor. Such was the verdict of the federation's executive council which passed on the charges of John P. Frey, president of the metal trades division, that the CIO was "fomenting insurrection and rebellion." David Dubinsky, head of the garment workers, cast the only vote against the suspension order.

Lewis, having definitely set himself against any peace overtures, it appeared that the suspension certainly would be put into effect. The next move will be up to the Tampa convention in the fall, which will be asked to vote the expulsion of the refractory unions.

Fierce Fighting in Spanish Civil War

DESPERATE fighting for possession of the passes in the Guadarrama mountains north of Madrid was going on between the government forces and the rebel troops. Loyalist soldiers were hurried to that region, and Madrid claimed some victories. However, the Fascists on the northern side of the range were said to be within sight of the capital and in position for a vigorous advance.

On the twentieth day of the rebellion the government announced it had captured the provinces of Catalonia, Valencia, Murcia, Malaga, Ciudad Real, Guadalajara, Badajoz and the northern resort city of San Sebastian.

Senator Keyes, New Hampshire, to Retire From Office

SENATOR HENRY W. KEYES of New Hampshire has announced that he is not a candidate for re-election by the Republicans, preferring "to retire from active participation in public affairs." The Republicans therefore will choose between former Senator George H. Moses and Gov. H. Styles Bridges, both of whom have announced their candidacy for the nomination.

Kansas Republicans renominated Senator Arthur Capper, and the Democrats picked Omar Ketchum of Topeka. In Kentucky the Democrats renominated Senator M. M. Logan, whose Republican opponent in November will be Robert H. Lucas.

Corn Crop Experts Say Yield Will Be Small

EXPERT crop statisticians estimate that, as a result of the record breaking drouth, this year's corn crop will be reduced to 1,572,000,000 bushels, which would be the smallest yield since 1881 except for the disastrous drouth year of 1934.

Argentine farmers are expected to profit to the extent of \$50,000,000 or more as a result of the keen competition for corn between the United States and Europe.

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Debunking War's Romance

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.

—Mrs. "Bud" Lighton, one of the smartest women on this or any other coast, has started a symposium of suggestions for the promotion of national sanity the next time diplomats or politicians, profiteers or professional sword rattlers, or all of these types combined, try to rush a country into futile and uncalled for war—which classification covers most wars.

Her peace formula includes these ideas: No brass bands whatsoever. No speech-making by stay-at-home orators. No recruiting except by men who have themselves enlisted for active service. No brass buttons. No shiny buckles. No regalia. Respect for the flag and, if necessary, all proper defense for it, but no cheap waving of it beforehand. No blatant emotional displays being turned off or on like a hydrant. Reason to be invoked rather than mob-steria.

Red Baiters' Field Day

A GENTLEMAN in Iowa, who presumably inquired into the matter, asserts that in this country are upwards of 4,000,000 aliens who entered illegally and that the vast majority of these—over 90 percent, are on relief. While we're fighting corn borers and tobacco worms and boll weevils with government funds, wouldn't it be a grand idea to turn a lot of G-men loose to round up these smuggled-in human parasites and ship them back where they came from?

Locally speaking, I'm told that the average foreign-born agitator, ostensibly seeking to organize the casual workers of this state, is really a red agent spreading communistic doctrines under cover of his seeming activities in the industrial field. In other words, his real aim is to unionize labor but to disunionize America.

Watson, the fly-swatter and the insect poison—quick!

The League's Big Moment

AT LAST here's a chance for the League of Nations to function. For the poor thing it has been an uphill pull to slide down hill so steadily, with each descending step toward the bottom marked by disappointment and failure. It had almost as tough sledding as a smooth-faced, bearded lady would have trying to get a job in a museum.

But now, the league can punish at least one small nation for persistently breaking the otherwise solid front presented by nearly all the important European powers. Surely, ere long, it will hang some sort of penalty on little, simple-minded Finland for regularly paying installments on her debt to us.

This disruptive thing cannot possibly be permitted to go on forever when the sacred principles of dishonor, ingratitude and repudiation are all at stake!

Faging the Black Legion

IT IS passing strange that the Black Legion is so slow about offering Herr Hitler honorary membership in the mother-lodge up in Michigan. Both parties seem to feel alike on the subject of persons of color.

Meanwhile just so long as they didn't try to stop him from shaking those nimble feet our brown-skinned flying squirrel, Jesse Owens, should worry because a dictator refuses to shake his hand.

With Metcalfe and other dark colleagues helping him pile up so commanding a lead for the American team in the Olympic games, it's almost time for the band to play "All Gawd's Chillun Got Wings."

AND the famous Santa Barbara festa festing on every side and yours truly looking as much like a Spanish hidalgo as anybody born in McCracken county, Ky., could be expected to look.

Plenty of other disturbing occurrences, too. Heat wave still hanging on in spots. Fresh European complications on account of the Spanish mess.

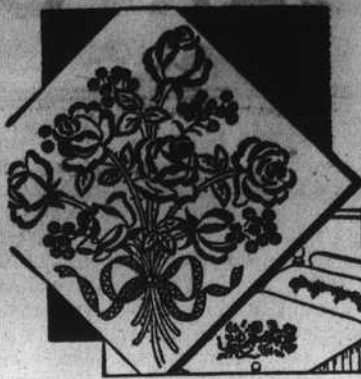
Down at his home on the range where seldom is heard a discouraging word—except from Washington, D. C.—we behold Uncle Jack Garner, with his head over the corral bars, beginning to moo plaintively. And now, on top of all that, it seems we must start worrying about Tommy Manville's next wife or wives, as the case may be—and probably will.

I do wish Tommy could see his way clear to hold off till fall. If memory serves me aright, the fall always was his favorite marrying season, anyhow.

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Household Questions

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When blankets are washed at home do not wring them dry. Instead hang them outdoors on the clothesline to dry.

Raisin sauce served on steamed or baked cottage puddings makes a good Winter dessert and one advised for children.

If the chicken is well rubbed inside and out with a cut lemon before being cooked it will make the meat white, juicy and tender.

Left-over cauliflower can be dipped in cracked crumbs and egg and fried in deep fat and served for luncheon or supper.

Never beat or stir cereals or rice with a spoon. It makes them pasty. Use a silver-plated fork.

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Enough in One
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"What's that?" said the fond father.
"He isn't a twin."

With Variations
A small Negro boy, with a part in the school entertainment, was to appear on the platform (quoting from the Master) "Be not afraid: it is I." It was a scared bit of dusky humanity which finally appeared and, with a gulp, said, "Don't git skeered. 'Tain't nobody but me."—Pleasant Hill Times.

Up and Down
The deep-sea diver was hard at work on the ocean bed. Suddenly an urgent voice came over the telephone which connected him with the boat above.
"What's the matter, chum?" he asked.
"Come up quickly," he heard.
"The captain's just told me the bloomin' boat's sinking."

Loquacious Elmer
"Elmer—Elmer, do you love me?"
"I'll say."
"Do you think I'm beautiful?"
"You bet."
"Are my eyes the loveliest you've ever seen?"
"Yes."
"—my mouth like a rosebud?"
"You know it."
"—and my figure divine?"
"Uh-huh."
"Oh, Elmer, you say the nicest things. Tell me some more."

Battlefields Still Draw

More than 250,000 people a year are still visiting the battlefields of France. Most of them are French. Then come Belgians, and Germans take third place in numbers.

Verdun alone attracted 14,700 Germans last year, though its poignant associations and historic forts were the goals of pilgrims of all nations.

All over northeastern France nowadays one sees groups of visitors kneeling before shrines, English, French, American, Italian, that commemorate the heroism and suffering of the years of warfare.



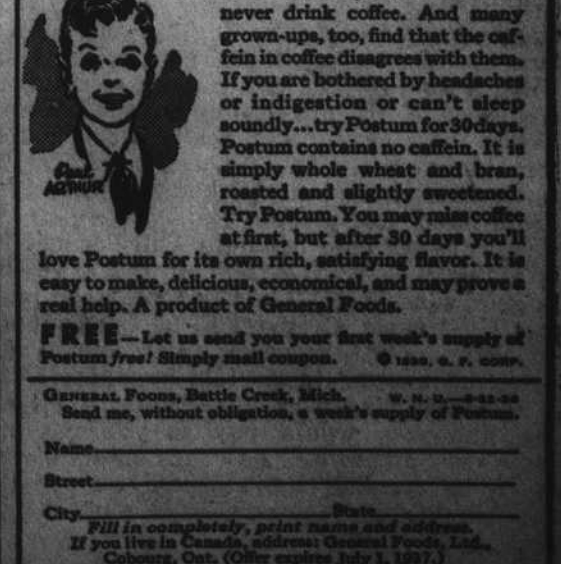
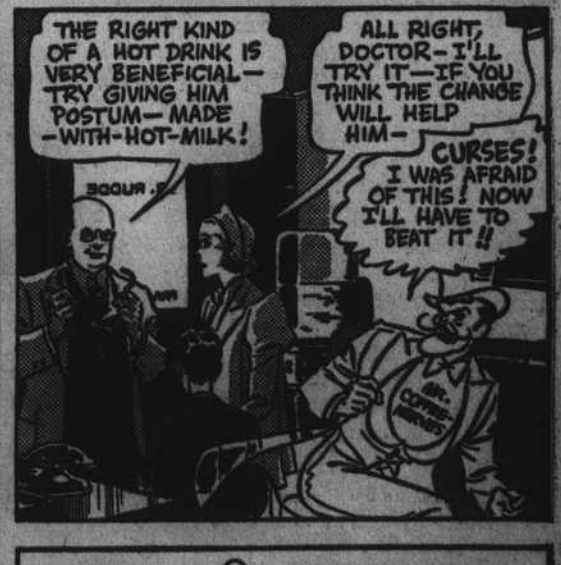
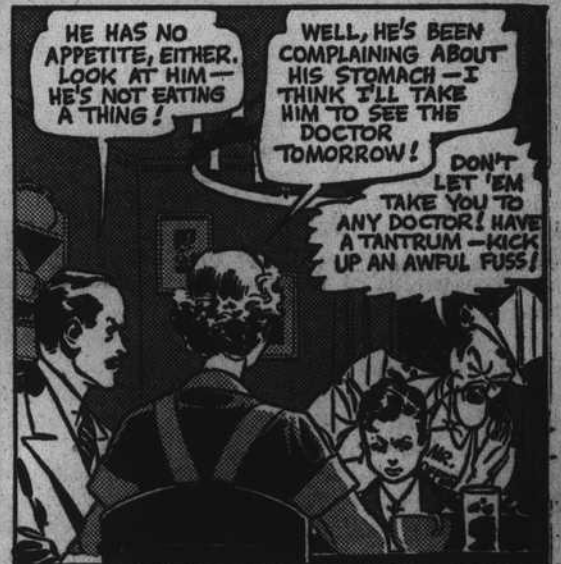
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