TODAY'S THOUGHT

"He who receives a benefit should never forget it."—Charron.

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Looking at Washington

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IN OFFICE EARLIER

The newly elected Congress convenes next week, which is quite different from the days before the Norris amendment, when a newly elected Congress did not convene in regular session for more than one year after the election of its members. The old Congress, holding over until March, met in December and rushed its business to comepletion by midnight preceding its end, with spectacular filibusters adding gayety and danger to its concluding deliberations. Now, with the election about two months behind, the newly elected members begin to function next week, thus bringing the framework of the government into more responsive touch with popular opinion.

PRESIDENT IN CONTROL

Inconceivable as it seemed last year, the new Congress will be more for the New Deal than ever, the Democrats having added to thier top-heavy majorities. The President, leader of his party and probably holding the future fate of many members in his hands, will likely experience little real difficulty in securing his program. Naturally, there will be debate and discussion, wits some recalcitrancy here and there, but in the main the election is too close at hand and the members of his party will not care to be put on the record against him.

NO RADICAL POLICIES

We do not look for anything radical at the approaching session. More likely the trend will be the other way, with the governmevnt being realigned along more normal lines. This does not mean, however, that the President will be shorn of power for the chances are that he will continue to exercise predominant control of legislation and enlarged executive authority for years. Mr. Roosevelt has not changed the general trend of his policies, although he will not appear, at times, to be headed in the same general direction as before. This will be due to changed conditions, requiring new approaches in new directions, rather than any alteration of the general course of the Administration during the past few years.

TO PREVENT CREDIT BOOM

What is an evidence of this is to be seen in the various moves now being made to prevent a credit boom. When the President took office his objective was to build up the credit facilities of the country. Today, apparently it is to restrict the credit facilities. There is no contradiction. Back of both maneuvers, that of inflation and the present braking of credit, is the effort to secure stable currency, to set the monetary level at a just figure and keep it there. At times this may require inflation, at other times something like a lid and that is what we see taking place.

Last week, for example, the Treasury Department stepped in to stem the flow of gold into bank credits, announced a decision to buy miners' metal and imports of gold with borrowed money. This will sterilize the gold and not allow it to become a basis for new bank credits through the Federal Reserve system. The technical operation of the plan will not be undertaken, but is in line with the recently explained increase in reserve requirements and designed to prevent the piling up of excessive credit reserves in the banks. The danger of an uncontrollable boom is being tackled immediately but should conditions arise to require larger credit facilities the operation will be repeated in reverse. While they are entirely different, both transactions are designed for the same purpose, to keep our currency lined up with normal needs of the nation.

NEUTRALITY LAW UPHELD

Backing the neutrality policy of the government, the Supreme Court has rendered a decision upholding the authority of the President, under a joint resolution of Congress, to proclaim an embargo on arms and munitions to Bolivia and Paraguay in the Chaco warfare. The Court drew a sharp distinction between the right of Congress to delegate power to the President in dealing with international affairs and any similar procedure in regard to internal, or domestic, affairs. The administration has persisted in asking Congress for broad grants of power to the President, giving him wide discretion in limiting exports to combatant nations. The

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Ex-Senator Fess, Of Ohio, Succumbs To Heart Attack

Republican Stalwart Is Taken As He Prepares For Christmas. Passing Brings Wide Comment.

FUNERAL SATURDAY

Held In Methodist Church At Yellow Springs, Ohio, Where Deceased Served As College President.

Washington, Dec. 29. — In the midst of preparations for Christmas, former Senator Simeon D. Fess, of Ohio, long a prominent Republican, died of a heart attack last Wednesday.

He arrived from Cleveland a few minutes earlier to spend the holidays with his son, Charles S. Fess.

The former senator, 75, a new deal foe defeated for reelection in 1934, was jovial and in apparent good health a moment before the attack.

Mrs. Margaret L. Welsh, a secretary, was with him when he died. He collapsed while seated on a bed in his room telephoning a former secretary.

Survivors include three sons, Charles Fess, of this city, Lehr Fess, Toledo attorney; Lowell Fess, Yellow Springs, a manufacturer's association representative, and five grandchildren. Mrs. Fess died in 1926.

Scholarly and mild appearing, Fess had been a vigorous critic of Roosevelt measures.

"There can be no compromise with the new deal," he said a little less than a year ago in discussing possible Republican candidates. "The new deal is a philosophy and not a policy and the next campaign will be fought between the new dealers and the anti-new dealers."

Teaching was Fess' first occupation . He served as president of Antioch college, at Yellow Springs, for six years before entering politics. He wrote a number of books and at the time of his death had been working on a history of the two-party system in the United States.

His passing brought expressions of grief alike from political friends and enemies.

Senator Vic Donahey, Ohio Democrat who defeated him, said Fess "gave his best in every undertaking and followed the best light he could obtain. He was my friend and I always spoke of him as 'a grand old man.'"

Fess moved forward rapidly in his party's ranks after leaving Antioch college. He was keynoter at the Republican convention of 1928, which nominated Herbert Hoover. Afterward he became chairman of the Republican national committee.

Yellow Springs, O., Dec. 29.—The body of former U. S. Senator Simeon D. Fess, educator and author, was laid beside his wife's in Glen Forest cemetery Saturday.

Funeral services were conducted in the Yellow Springs Methodist church, where Fess worshipped for 30 years prior to his deathof a heart attack at the age of 75 in Washington Wednesday.

The Rev. Vernon Van Buren, pastor, officiated at simple rites similar to the services conducted 11 years ago for Mrs. Fess.

Ohio's attorney general, John W. Bricker, and Attorney Homer C. Corry, of Springfield, O., secretary of the Antioch college board of trusteets, spoke briefly. A quartet sang "Christians, Good-night," Fess' favorite hymn, which was sung at his wife's funeral.

More than 500 messages of condolence were received by members of the Fess family. Those sending them included John Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee; Postmaster General James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic national commitee, with whose policies Fess often disagreed, and former President Herbert Hoover.

POPE PIUS IS RESTLESS

Vatican City, Dec. 30.—Pope Pius XI early today was stated to be dozing restlessly after a night in which a gloomier note appeared in Vaticin reports of his condition.

Where Miracle Landing Saved Eleven Lives

PORT JERVIS, N. Y. . . . Lost in a storm and flying "blind," Dick Merrill, ocean flyer and pilot of a Miami-Newark plane, made a "pancake slide" in a forced landing on the mountainside here, crashing through 1000 feet of underbrush and small trees and saving the lives of all on board. Merrill, with broken jaw, suffered the most serious injury.

Busy World Again Celebrates Virgin Birth Of Christ

Christmas Carols Sung In Bethlehem Streets. Spirit of Peace And Good Will Prevails.

Last Friday—another Christmas Day—brought forgetfulness of toil and trouble to a busy world.

Around the globe, from the arctic to the tropics, millions remembered the virgin birth of Christ and joined in the spirit of "peace on earth, good will to men."

America's first family gathered about President Roosevelt for a Christmas Day duplicated in uncounted homes.

Turkey and trimmings were on the table as families reunited for the holiday feast.

But in the White House, as in many others, there were absentees. Mrs. Roosevelt left the family circle to visit Franklin D., Jr., in a Boston hospital. A daughter, Mrs. John Boettiger, was in Seattle.

In Great Britain, the population rejoiced with the Duke and Duchess of Kent over the birth of a daughter, their second child.

Pope Pius XI, exhausted by the

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Popular Young Teacher Is Taken By Death Sunday

Many people in Alleghany county and in other communities were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Bert Weaver, which occurred Sunday morning about 2 o'clock in the Baptist hospital, Winston-Salem.

Mr. Weaver, 27 years of age, had been ill for several months and had spent the past five months in the hospital. He suffered from a sinus trouble, which later developed into abscesses on the brain. Mr. Weaver underwent three major operations for the removal of the abscesses during his stay in the hospital.

The deceased, a son of Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Weaver, of Peden, was a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers college, Boone, and for the past few years had been principal of the Bladenboro Graded school, with the supervision of more than thirty teachers. Mr. Weaver was a very successful and popular teacher and had been offered a supplement to his salary for the present school year. He was also very well-liked and respected in his home community.

He is survived by his father, his mother, who, prior to her marriage, was Miss Mellie Crouse, sister of Attorney R. F. Crouse, of Sparta, and one brother, Fred Johnston, 8. His only sister, Ellen, was instantly killed in an automobile accident four years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday, December 28, at 1:30 o'clock, by Elder C. B. Kilby.

More Than 2,000 Attend Brisbane Funeral Monday

Many Notables Present For Last Rites For Great Columnist Held In New York.

New York, Dec. 29.—Impressive funeral services for Arthur Brisbane, the great newspaper editor and columnist, were held yesterday (Monday) at St. Bartholomew's church, after which the body was taken to Allaire, N. J., for burial in the family plot on the Brisbane estate.

The services were as plain and simple as the words Brisbane used in his writings to teach and inspire millions the world over.

Nearly 2,000 persons from commoners to notables, were present in the church, and outside in Park avenue, a throng of 3,000 men and women stood in reverent silence throughout the services.

Among the mourners, in addition to members of Brisbane's family, was William Randolph Hearst, publisher for whom Brisbane had worked for the past thirty-nine years.

Precisely at 10 o'clock, as the organ was playing softly and reverently, the services began. A mixed choir of sixty young men and women, attired in white surplices, slowly marched in singing the Twenty-Third Psalm. They took positions on both sides of the casket.

Attired in black and white vestment, the Rev. George Paul Torrence Sargent, rector of St. Bartholomew's, conducted the services.

The plain black walnut casket, resing on a catafalque, was covered with a blanket of violets and lilies of the valley.

Huge bouquets of flowers, sent by friends of the deceased editor, were banked on both sides of the casket.

Seated in the front-row pews, to the left of the middle aisle, were members of the Brisbane family.

To the right sat Mr. Hearst, Governor Herbert H. Lehman, Bernard Gimbel, Mayor F. H. LaGuardia, James A. Farley, Joseph V. Connolly and other close friends of Mr. Brisbane.

Back of them sat many who had been associated with Mr. Brisbane for years in the newspaper business.

The choir at the opening of the services, sang the processional hymn, "Nearer, My God, To Thee." Then the Rev. Mr. Sargent ascended the pulpit and read from St. John, Chapter x., 14:

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he

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Baptist Pastor To Deliver New Year's Message Sun. Night

Sunday school is to be held at the Sparta Baptist church on Sunday, January 3, at 10 a. m., with B. Y. P. U. to be held at 6:45 p. m.

At 7:15 p. m., the pastor, Rev. H. J. Ford, will deliver a New Year's message

Nation's Holiday Accident Death Toll Nears 700

Exceeds By Far The 444 Fatalities Of The Two-Day Holiday Period Last July Fourth

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Traffic accidents and other forms of violence took almost 700 lives during the nation's Christmas holidays. The figure exceeded by far the two-day period of last July the Fourth.

Motoring mishaps alone claimed 506 of the 675 lives lost in the Yuletide week-end.

Generally mild weather in the populous areas which brought out motor cars in volumes swelled the fatalities.

Other causes of death—burning homes, drownings, suicides, plane and train mishaps, fireworks, falls and brawls—added new names to the death list.

Pacing the states in traffic accidents were Illinois with 43; Michigan, 38; Ohio, 34; California, 33, and Texas, 31.

Traffic deaths reported by states included:

Alabama, 18; Arizona, 11; Arkansas, 14; California, 33; Colorado, 5; Connecticut, 7; Florida, 10; Georgia, 11; Idaho, 3; Illinois, 43; Indiana, 12; Iowa, 5; Kansas, 3; Kentucky, 11; Louisiana, 5; Maine, 4; Maryland, 6; Massachusetts, 3; Michigan, 38; Minnesota, 1; Mississippi, 6; Missouri, 11; Montana 1; Nebraska, 2; Nevada, 1; New Jersey, 12; New Mexico, 8; New York, 15; North Carolina, 11; North Dakota, 1; Ohio, 34; Oklahoma, 11; Oregon, 5; Pennsylvania, 27; Rhode Island, 3; South Carolina, 12; South Dakota, 3; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 31; Utah, 3; Virginia, 22; Washington, 8; West Virginia, 10; Wisconsin, 7; Wyoming, 1.

Violent deaths from other causes by states included:

Alabama, 12; Arkansas, 6; Colorado, 4; Connecticut, 6; Florida, 13; Georgia, 6; Illinois, 6; Indiana, 1; Kansas, 2; Kentucky, 17; Louisiana, 3; Maine, 1; Maryland, 4; Massachusetts, 8; Michigan, 5; Mississippi, 3; Missouri, 8; Nebraska, 6; New Jersey, 7; New York, 10; North Carolina, 8; Ohio, 2; Oklahoma, 4; Oregon, 2; Pennsylvania, 6; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 8; Virginia, 9; West Virginia, 1; Wisconsin, 1.

Power Company Gives Reasons For Interruptions

Interruptions in the electric service furnished Alleghany county by the Northwest Carolina Utilities, Inc., during the past two months, were, with the exception of three, caused by someone shooting off the insulators and shooting the aluminum conductors. A statement to this effect was made recently by the company.

It was necessary, according to the statement, to have the current off for several hours, in order to replace 56 insulators over a distance of 20 miles.

The stranded aluminum conductor between Sparta and Roaring Gap was shot with a rifle at three different places and the current had to be turned off several hours while new wire was spliced in.

The company states that it will gladly pay a reward of $10 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the guilty parties. Interrupting public service is a very serious offense, and several different charges can be made against the guilty persons, it is pointed out.

The interruption on Saturday, December 19, from 3:10 to 6:30 p. m., was due to the ice and sleet becoming so heavy on the transmission line near State Road that it caused a break in the conductors at a weak place in the line where a fertilizer plant had burned down and injured the wires. The company was not

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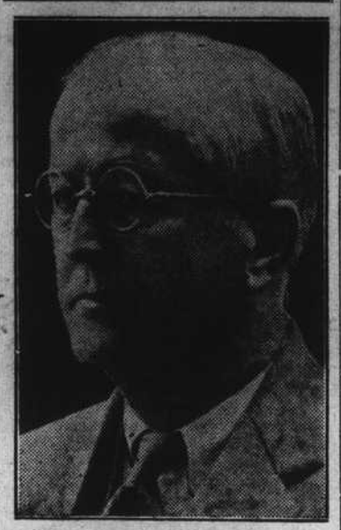
Columnist Dies



ARTHUR BRISBANE

Secretary Hull Denounces War As Peace Parley Ends

"We Must Destroy War Or War Will Destroy Us," Says American State Department Head.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, South America, Dec. 29.—"We must destroy war or war will destroy us," declared Secretary of State Cordell Hull in a plea for peace read for him as the inter-American peace conference came to a close last Wednesday.

Challenging the rest of the world to follow the parley's example of cooperation in charting a course for peace, the chief of the United States deelgation denounced militaristic policies which have been invented," he vail in many parts of the world.

"Instruments of destruction which have been invented," he said, "are so devastating in their effects that compromise is no longer possible. . . . "Glory is not achieved by the march of armies and the death of men. The real patriots and the real heroes of the future will be the leaders who find and follow the road to peace."

The time has come, he said, "for every nation of the world to take inventory and to examine its own purposes and policies. Like individuals, nations must learn to forgive and forget the injuries done them by fellow nations."

Assistant Secretary of State Sumner Welles read the message for Hull, who decided not to speak because of hoarseness from a cold.

The historic parley adjourned 3 weeks and a day after President Roosevelt, addressing the opening session, pictured the 21 American republics standing "shoulder to shoulder" against aggression from abroad and determined to prevent conflicts within the new world.

In their labors ,the delegates put his proposals into specific form. They laid the groundwork for consultation along the American republics if war threatens the new world from within or without and for peaceful settlement of American disputes.

Farmers' Benefit Payment Checks Are Received Here

Sixty-nine checks, amounting to $1669.53, have been received by R. E. Black, Alleghany county farm agent, as payment to the farmers for soil-building practices under the 1936 Soil-Conservation program.

Applications for payments are being submitted to Washington as fast as they can be signed. Forty or fifty farmers have not signed their applications for payment and it will be necessary for them to sign before any payment will be received and the quicker they come and sign the sooner their chicks will be delivered.

The 1937 program has not been definitely announced, but, from what has been learned, it will give the farmers of this county a graeter allowance for soil-building practices than the 1936 program.

Arthur Brisbane, Great Newspaper Columnist, Dies

Sudden End to Earthly Career Of America's Highest Paid Newspaper Writer Comes Christmas

IS GREATLY LAMENTED

Public Funeral Held Monday In New York. Burial Follows At Allaire, N. J., Estate.

New York, Dec. 28.—The life of America's highest paid newspaper writer and one of the world's most famous journalists—Arthur Brisbane — was claimed Christmas Day by a heart attack. The famous columnist and editor succumbed in his apartment at 1215 Fifth avenue.

Death came to the 72-year-old commentator at 5:35 a. m., as he slept in an oxygen tent in which he had been placed following a severe heart seizure late Thursday afternoon.

Just before that attack he had just completed his column, "Today," for Friday, and at the moment he died the last words he wrote weer thundering from the presses of the Hearst newspapers and a host of others to his audience of millions.

Giving no hint of his illness, his column began in the simple, pungent style that has made him renowned:

"Another Christmas has come, a birthday that means kindness and hope for so many millions of human beings. Nineteen hundred and thirty-six years ago a beautiful child came into the world; a few sad years later the three crosses were erected on the bare hill called Golgotha."

A few hours later Mr. Brisbane drifted off into his final sleep.

At his bedside were his physicians, Dr. Leopold Stieglitz and Dr. Frederick Zeman, and a nurse.

His entire family was in the apartment—his wife, Mrs. Phoebe Brisbane; his son, Seward, 22, and his daughters, Mrs. J. H. R. McCrary, 23; Emily Brisbane, 16; Alice, 13, and Elinor, 12.

Only a few persons, among them his long-time friend, William Randolph Hearst, had known Mr. Brisbane's health had been poor since he returned last September from a summer in Europe.

In the last three months, a close friend of the family said, Mr. Brisbane had suffered 15 or 16 heart attacks and had been confined to his home, but not in bed, for the last six weeks.

Mr. Brisbane's death terminated a meteoric career which saw him rise from a "cub" reporter on the old New York Sun 53 years ago to the place of the highest paid newspaper writer in America. He went from the Sun to the New York World and then, in 1897, left the World to begin the association with Mr. Hearst that lasted down through the years.

As the voice of "Today"—published in more than 200 newspapers—and "This Week"—carried

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"Don't bite until you know whether it is bread or a stone."

JANUARY

1—Cuba comes under sovereignty of United States, 1899.

2—Trial of Bruno Hauptmann for murder of Lindbergh child begun, 1935.

3—First postal savings banks established in United States, 1911.

4—Manufacture of silk introduced into Europe, 555.

5—Capt. John Smith of Jamestown colony captured by Indians, 1608.

6—Benjamin Franklin, American patriot, born at Boston, 1706.

7—United States holds first national election, 1788.