

Current Events in Review

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Steel Workers Swing to the Lewis Forces

UNDER the general leadership of John L. Lewis the war for unionizing the steel industry and destroying the company unions is now under way. Some 250 company union representatives from the Pittsburgh, the Cleveland - Youngstown and the eastern districts met in Pittsburgh and were told by Philip Murray, chief aide of Lewis and chairman of the committee for industrial union, that a strike in the \$5,000,000,000 industry might result "if the industry continues to employ its dog-in-the-manger attitude," in dealing with trade unions.

Thereupon the delegates adopted resolutions unanimously condemning the company union plan as a "farce," and establishing a new organization called the "CIO representatives council," with this "declaration of principles:"

1. All steel workers be organized into a national industrial union.
 2. Employee representatives use their influence to enroll the steel workers into the steel workers organizing committee's campaign.
 3. All steel workers be thoroughly informed by employee representatives who know from experience that the company union is a device of the management and totally unable to win any major concessions for the steel workers.
 4. CIO employee representatives remain inside the company union for reasons obvious to all.
- The wage demands are:
- A \$1.24 a day increase for all employees receiving over \$5 a day.
 - A 30 hour, five day week.
 - Paid vacations of one week for employees of two years' service and two weeks for employees of five or more years' service.
 - Time and one-half pay for overtime within the regular working week.
 - Double time for Sundays and holidays.

Flat Glass Industry Paralyzed by Strikes

EXTENSION of the glass workers' strike to plants in Toledo, Charleston, W. Va., and Shreveport, La., brought the flat glass industry almost to a standstill. The closing of these factories is directed against the automobile industry, but the Ford company is equipped to produce its own glass and the other automobile makers are said to have enough glass in stock for a month. It was estimated that 14,300 men were idle at the plants of the Libby - Owens and Pittsburgh Plate Glass companies.

The new strikes were called after leaders of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers failed to reach an agreement with representatives of the two companies concerning strikes already in progress. Libby-Owens also was negotiating for a new union contract, their old one having expired.

Senator Peter Norbeck of South Dakota Dies

PETER NORBECK, United States senator from South Dakota since 1920, died at his home in Redfield, S. D., at the age of sixty-six after a long illness from heart disease and cancer of the tongue and jaw. Norbeck, a Republican with radical tendencies, entered politics in 1908 as a member of the state senate. Later he was lieutenant governor and governor of his state and then was elected to the United States senate. In that body he was an insistent advocate of agricultural relief measures.

Hundreds Are Killed by Earthquake in Salvador

EARTHQUAKE shocks accompanied by volcanic eruptions devastated large areas in central Salvador, killing more than two hundred persons and injuring about four hundred. San Vicente, a city of 25,000, was the center of the temblors, and it was reported to be practically destroyed. Several thousand persons there were participating in a religious procession when the first quake came, and many of them were crushed under falling walls.

Other towns in the stricken region were wrecked. Roads from the capital were broken up and communications were destroyed, so that accurate information was slow in coming out.

All of the towns affected by the quake are in the vicinity of the San Vicente volcano. The area, important in manufacturing and agriculture, is in the rich tobacco and indigo-growing region.

Gen. Maximiliano Martinez, president of Salvador, hastened to the scene of the disaster to take personal charge of relief measures, and physicians and medical supplies were rushed from San Salvador, together with military detachments.

Pope Has Fainting Spell and Grows Weaker

HOPE for the recovery of Pope Pius dwindled day by day. He suffered a fainting spell and was reported to be exceedingly weak. His illness was complicated by high fever and there was danger of influenza. Senator Nicola Panda of Rome, widely known as a specialist on the ills of old age, was summoned by Dr. Amanti Milani and both agreed that the pontiff must have complete rest. His visitors were limited to the ten cardinals who are prefects of executive bodies of the church and they were permitted to enter the sick room only one each day to obtain the pope's authorization for their most important decisions. The customary Christmas eve audience for cardinals and diplomats was canceled, and the pope also had to abandon his plan to celebrate mass on the 57th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Nanking Army Fighting to Rescue Chiang Kai-shek

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK will be released by Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang within the specified time, the Nanking troops moved against the Sianfu rebels. Two of the mutinous battalions were captured and disarmed at Huh-sien. It appeared that Marshal Chang really was reduced to negotiating for his own life and safety, and there were reports that he was willing to surrender the dictator and quit the country, as has many a rebellious Chinese war lord before him. T. V. Soong, who is Chiang's brother-in-law, went to Sianfu to attempt to arrange for Chiang's release. American and British governments were concerned over the safety of their nationals in Sianfu if that city should be besieged by the National army. There would certainly be a distressing shortage of food and fuel, and to this would be added the dangers of probable bombardment by artillery and airplanes. Discipline among the mutinous troops is known to be very poor and already there have been many instances of murder and looting.

Japanese military authorities charge that Marshal Chang's revolt was part of a deliberate plan to line up western powers, including soviet Russia, against Japan. The Chinese ambassador to Tokio was told by Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita that the Chinese government would not be permitted to enter into any accord that would make it appear that it favored war against Japan. Arita made it plain that Japan would abandon its waiting policy if Nanking compromised with Marshal Chang.

Before adjournment Hamilton was empowered to appoint a group of Republicans soon to formulate a plan to bring the party funds out of the red. Treasurer C. B. Goodspeed reported that the campaign expenditures were \$6,540,776, and that the deficit was \$901,501.

President Gomez of Cuba Breaks With Batista

PRESIDENT MIGUEL GOMEZ of Cuba and his administration are at odds with Col. Fulgencio Batista, chief of staff and the "strong man" of the island republic. Batista has been insisting on a bill for a 9 cents a bag sugar tax designed to produce \$2,000,000 revenue annually for rural schools to be operated by army sergeants. Gomez and his crowd have opposed this legislation, fearing it means the rise of fascism; but it is warmly supported by the farmers, tobacco raisers and cane-field workers, thousands of whom marched to Havana to demand the passage of the bill. These people call Batista "defender of the common people" and "savior of Cuba."

The sugar tax bill was passed, but President Gomez persisted in his opposition, and vetoed the measure. The Batista followers demanded his resignation and also prepared to have him impeached by the house of representatives. At this writing it is expected Gomez will quit his office.

Several months ago Batista was quoted as saying he would not be afraid to head a dictatorship "if it were necessary for the good of the country." He may soon be called on to assume that position.

Senator Black Has Plan to Curb Lower Courts

SENTIMENT in favor of legislation to lessen the powers of the Supreme court is growing weaker in Washington because the President seems to be opposed to it, at least for the present. But Senator Hugo Black of Alabama has announced that he will introduce a bill designed to strip the lower courts of their injunctive powers. This measure would prohibit lower courts from enjoining the operation of laws of congress and require them to forward all records and complete transcripts to the Supreme court within 30 days after an appeal.

Half a Billion Wanted for Works Relief

HARRY HOPKINS, WPA administrator, and Harold L. Ickes, PWA administrator, were called into conference with President Roosevelt and plans were laid for seeking from congress an appropriation of \$500,000,000 to continue the federal works relief program until next June 30. Hopkins reported that the funds on hand would scarcely last through January and that quick action is necessary if the program is not to be interrupted. The estimate on the money needed was based on the fact that the same amount was taken from WPA funds for drought relief. Ickes states that his WPA program would release a substantial number of unemployed from WPA rolls.

President Roosevelt Busy Preparing for Inaugural

RETURNING to Washington in fine health and spirits after his trip to Buenos Aires, President Roosevelt plunged into a great mass of work that had accumulated on his desk. There were numerous reports on government activities to be read, plans for the inaugural on January 20 to be made, outlining of his inaugural address, and consultation with the full cabinet concerning the program for his second term. Still more immediate was the task of writing his annual message on the state of the nation and his budget message for the coming fiscal year.

The inaugural ceremonies will be simple in accordance with Mr. Roosevelt's wishes, and the traditional ball will be omitted. After consultation with Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, chairman of the inaugural committee, and Vice President Garner, it was decided that the parade should be limited to units from the army, navy and marine corps and from the West Point and Annapolis academies. One of Mr. Roosevelt's first duties was a sad one—that of attending the funeral services for August Generalich, his close friend and bodyguard, who died suddenly in Buenos Aires. The services were held in the White House and with the President were Mrs. Roosevelt, Vice President and Mrs. Garner and cabinet members.

John Hamilton Remains Republican Chairman

JOHN HAMILTON is still chairman of the Republican national committee. At a meeting in Chicago 74 of the 78 members in attendance rejected his resignation, and he responded: "I'm gratified, and I'll keep right on working."

Mr. Hamilton was then voted a salary of \$15,000 a year and a base expense account of \$10,000 annually, and will be required to put in all his time on the task of rebuilding the party and reducing the deficit. This is the first time a national chairman has been put on a full time salary basis.

Hitler Suggests Dividing Spain Into Two Parts

IT NOW seems likely that General Franco and his Fascist armies cannot conquer Spain without open and substantial aid from sympathetic nations, and that cannot be given him without grave danger of precipitating a general European war. But Adolf Hitler has devised a plan for solving the Spanish problem and probably will soon offer it to the powers. His scheme is for the division of Spain into two countries, a Fascist state comprising the area Franco now holds and including Madrid, and a republican state centering in Catalonia. To arrange this Germany may propose a general peace conference.

General Faupel, personal aide to General Franco, went to Berlin and told the reichsfuehrer that the Fascists must have more help. But Hitler is moving with considerable caution, though he has recognized the Franco regime.

The Russian government has made official charges that the Spanish Fascists set fire to and sank the Soviet motorship Konsomol and warned them of grave consequences. Newspaper announcements told the Spanish insurgents they were "playing with fire" and called the act a "frightful new crime of incendiaryism of war."

New Year's Resolution

HERE'S a New Year's resolution Any one can make and keep: It will help one's constitution, And enable one to sleep.

"I will try to keep from fretting When I cannot see the sun; I will try to keep from getting Into quarrels I may shun.

"I will try to keep from grieving Over troubles that are past; I will try to keep believing Things will all come right at last.

"I will try to keep from sighing When I ought to smile, instead; I will try to keep on trying To deserve to get ahead."

—Montreal Herald.

New Year Cavalier

by Helen Gaisford Waterman

FENTON DUMONT was bored with the party. All right—coming in the New Year so smugly for people like these—but he was an adventurer, a cavalier, and the formal drawing room, the lovely ladies so ready to smile upon him, the classical music, the slow, pompous talk of the men suffocated him. He stepped to the balcony.

It had stopped snowing. In another hour the year would be dead. A grand year. But another would be beginning. He slipped over the balustrade, wound his leg around a pillar, and slid down to meet it. To the east, far away, the year was already new, and so he set off in that direction.

He was almost half way across the bridge before he noticed the girl, but then he strode quickly to her side. "Please don't," he said gently. She started. "I should only have to jump in after you, and can't you imagine how cold I'd be?" he ended, and shivered with clown-like intensity. "I might even catch my death," he continued lightly, but the girl looked back to the river, and he realized his error. "You may want to die," he said earnestly, "but I don't. Please!"

"Then leave me be," she answered. Her voice was soft and musical, but passionately desperate.

He gathered her in his arms and kissed her. She struggled fiercely. He kissed her again, and again, pinning her arms to her sides with his strong clasp. And suddenly she



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went limp in his arms, and cried against his shoulder. He took off his overcoat and wrapped it around her, for she was shivering. "Why did you come off without your coat and hat?" he chided, and stroked her soft hair.

Behind him, bells and whistles proclaimed another year. "Happy New Year, lassie," he said gayly. She dried her eyes. "I'm being a fool," she apologized.

"Not at all," he answered, gallantly. "Methinks I bridge a restaurant across the bridge. How about some coffee?"

She let him lead her, and he found a corner table. When their order had been placed, he turned to her.

"Why should you love a man like that?" She looked up quickly, studying him. "How did you know?"

"Why else should a lovely girl like you be spending New Year's eve that way? You should be dancing."

She smiled. "I don't know. It seemed terribly important half an hour ago. But I'm all right now. It doesn't matter any more."

"Off with the old," he quoted, "on with the new. This is the season for lovers as well as years. The old is off?"

"Yes." He took her hand. "The new—would like very much—to be on." His gaze caught and held hers. "May I take you home now?"

She nodded her thanks. Outside, it was snowing again, but they scarcely noticed. At her door, he kissed her, and with this time she did not resist. "On with the new," she murmured gently.

"That's O.K. this time," he answered, "but I won't let it happen next New Year's."

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HAPPY NEW YEAR MUSH

By Luella B. Lyons

LEAH MERWIN had been the one elected to stay at home when the others went into town in the old flyover to the morning New Year's service at the church. Someone had to remain at home to watch the stock and, too, Leah hadn't a new or even a decent coat. Jake Merwin was having tough sledding in financial affairs without one more need being voiced, so Leah never told him of her need.

"I wouldn't have minded if it hadn't started snowing the minute their backs were turned and now—they won't tackle driving home in this weather," but Leah's words

stopped at once as she made out in the swirling snow a car that was stopping in the barnyard. The plump figures of a man and a woman were making a wild dash for the protection of the house.

"We saw we couldn't go another turn of the wheels," the sweet, friendly woman told Leah—the lady who introduced the two of them as Mr. and Mrs. Tom Madison, 11 miles to the east of Berger. "We hoped to spend New Year's and visit at our son's, Tom Junior's over at Berger, but now—well, we want to buy our dinner here from you. May we, my dear, without putting you out?"

They were such a jolly pair and Leah even forgot to be embarrassed when she had to serve them the only thing she had prepared, a feast of delicious fried mush and butter and syrup and plenty of fresh milk and coffee. Supper consisted of the same fare and so did breakfast the next morning, but

by that time the Merwins were able to break the drifts and reach the farm and the Madisons, via those breaks, went on their belated way.

"It will be a happy New Year every day for a year for us, Mommy," Leah shouted when the Madisons were out of sight. To a smiling but perplexed family, Leah explained that Mr. Madison owned a small chain of meat markets and small cross road grocery stores and that he had given her sufficient orders for slabs of cornmeal mush just like she had served him and his good wife, for all those stores for one year at least. "The labels on this mush, he said, are to read 'Lady Leah's Prize Mush.'" When the trio had quieted down a bit she added: "The money end of the contract will settle all our financial difficulties for the year and who knows, maybe forever!"

Beginning of the Year As early as 251 B.C., the Romans accepted January as the beginning of the year. They named the month in honor of Janus, the two-faced god, as looking both into the past and the future. During the Middle Ages the year was made to begin at various dates. In England, in 1751, January was made the first month by act of Parliament.

Travelogue For Life

By MARTHA B. THOMAS

"I'VE just had a thought," said Marcia, "and it's a grand one."

They were tucked cozily beneath a bear rug in an old-fashioned sleigh, gliding along under the stars to the silvery jangle of bells. "Tell me at once," commanded Jerry, "I collect grand thoughts as a hobby."

Marcia laughed. "Tonight is New Year's eve, and if," she sat up straighter in her eagerness, "the sun were shining, and we were going with it, just as fast, I mean—we could yell down Happy New Year to the whole world as we rolled along!"

Jerry was amused and indulgent. "Don't you see," continued the girl "we're all so used to thinking of events happening just where we are, and not following them on and on . . . The idea rather gets you."

"Around the world in 24 hours on New Year's. A zippy travelogue?"

But she was serious. "See here, Jerry, you and I are going to be married soon, and I sort of hope we can, well, keep our thoughts up and off the ground."

"What an odd idea. Usually coming brides are chattering of linen and silver."

She pressed her hand on his arm. "Stop the horse a minute, please. There—let's both lean back and look up at the sky, and fill our eyes with stars, and space . . . and time-going-on. Maybe, if we drink deep enough, her voice was husky with feeling, "we won't get all tangled up with trifles. I'm a little afraid sometimes, of our days ahead, Jerry."

"Afraid?" The man's voice sounded hurt.

"Only that I'll get a habit of low-visibility."

"You mean," Jerry leaned over to take her hands "you want always to remember that new happiness, new ways of thought, and New Years, go ringing around the world with the sun; that time does not circle around one small set of people or circumstances?"

"Yes, yes, Jerry! Let's make a pact together, now. Not to think little thoughts about little events that happen to our little selves."

"Fine. I'm with you!"

"And to remind each other now and then, to stop, and get the true sense of time and space and world-bigness going on and on."

"Done, darling! New Year's resolution for a happy life: KEEP THE SUN, MOON AND STARS IN YOUR THOUGHTS . . . and you'll never be narrow-minded!"

Jerry kissed her.

"Hear the bells ringing in town? Aren't they far and sweet?" whispered Marcia. "Midnight circling the world. New Year's in a minute!"

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NEW YEAR'S BELLS

FROM the earliest times the ringing of bells has been employed as a method of announcing death, and the use of bells at New Year's eve symbolizes the death of the old year. In England it was formerly customary to ring muffled bells just before twelve, and at twelve to remove the wrappings and to allow the bells to ring loudly.

Home Heating Hints

By John Barclay Heating Expert

How to Check "Chimney Loss," Greatest Waste in Home Heating

WHAT is "chimney loss"? Well, that's a term we heating experts have for heat that goes up the chimney and is wasted.

Yet it's really a simple matter to save money by reducing this loss—convert "chimney loss" to "useful heat," as we call it. Here's the remedy:

Next time you refuel the fire, move the handle of the turn damper (that disc or plate-like damper inside the smoke pipe) 1-16th of an inch toward the closed upright position. Then, if the fire keeps



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Turn Damper in Smoke Pipe

on burning too freely, turn the damper another sixteenth of an inch. Repeat this operation until you find the correct adjustment—one that will deliver the greatest amount of useful heat with the least "chimney loss."

Once you have found this ideal adjustment of the damper, mark the position on the smoke pipe with a piece of chalk or something that can be plainly seen, and leave the damper set at that mark.

Bear this in mind: The nearer the turn damper is set to the closed position the smaller the "chimney loss" and the greater the volume of "useful heat" that goes to properly heating your home. And, of course, the lower your fuel bills.

Uncle Phil Says

Tomorrow Disappoints

Tomorrow always promises well, but remember there is reasonably certain to be one disappointment.

One loves even a precocious little boy with his front teeth out. He's meeker for the time being.

Some men have great patience, but Henry D. Thoreau put it another way by saying they lived a life of quiet desperation.

Bills that you run fall due and fall due and fall due; but if you pay as you go, you forget all about your expenditures.

We have to go along from day to day, even when we know we are frequently treading on toes. Some become indifferent.

No matter how good your advice is, others will first measure it with their own judgment.

WATCH YOUR BALANCE

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Don't Irritate Gas Bloating

If you want to really GET RID OF GAS and terrible bloating, don't expect to do it by just doctoring your stomach with harsh, irritating alkalies and "gas tablets." Most GAS is lodged in the stomach and upper intestine and is due to old poisonous matter in the constipated bowels that are loaded with ill-smelling bacteria.

If your constipation is of long standing, enormous quantities of dangerous bacteria accumulate. Then your digestion is upset. GAS often presses heart and lungs, making life miserable.

You can't eat or sleep. Your head aches. Your back aches. Your complexion is sallow and pimply. Your breath is foul. You are a sick, groggy, wretched, unhappy person. YOUR SYSTEM IS POISONED.

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THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

All great musicians we are told have suffered more than most folks do. And now I have to practise scales I realize that this is true.

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