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TODAY'S THOUGHT

"He is not great, who is not greatly good."—Shakespeare.

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CATCH FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Undoubtedly foreign affairs, both in the Far East and in Europe have occupied the attention of President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull to a great extent during the past few weeks. The president has taken pains to assure the public of his determination to keep this country out of war. He has given considerable study to the application of the Neutrality Act and has repeatedly emphasized to American opinion that their insistence upon aiding with countries in the danger zone is at their own risk. He has subjected him to some criticism from various groups, but at the same time, has tended to stifle the criticism of various peace organizations. Apparently, the president's statements are intended to keep public opinion quiet and to prevent anything of the beginning of violent propaganda intended to exert pressure upon the government.

WILL IS PERSISTENT

Meanwhile, Secretary Hull is continuing his attempt to exert influence for peace. Several weeks ago we reviewed his recollection of July 16, setting forth certain principles for world peace. His document goes before the League of Nations by the express order of the secretary and is accompanied by the replies of most of the nations of the world. Mr. Hull's move is viewed as another step in mobilizing world opinion for peace. His statements were made in general terms and were specifically applied to the Far East by a subsequent utterance. However, the general principles are an important bearing on the present situation, where the Mediterranean difficulties are causing grave concern. Generally it is believed that warfare in the Far East can be restricted to Japan and China, but there is considerable doubt whether a war in Europe can be prevented from leading to the entire world.

RESIDENT FOR PEACE

While Secretary Hull's successive steps do not involve the United States in any formal commitments, they emphasize to the world at large that the influence of the United States is undoubtedly on the side of the peaceably minded nations and suggest strongly a disapproval of the tactics of aggressors who are willing to endanger world peace in their efforts to secure territorial expansion. This idea is emphasized in the declaration of the President in regard to the "jittery" condition of the nerves of people everywhere over the threat of war. Significantly, the President declared that he could not speak for the others, but felt sure he could speak for the democracies.

WYS BREACH HELPED

Without underwriting the intention, it is interesting to point out that certain observers are suggesting that the Lewis-Weaver breach is apt to prove advantageous to both parties. The C. I. O. leader has regained a certain amount of political freedom and the President, it is believed, is relieved of the disadvantages which were inherent in a close connection with the militant labor organization. It is pointed out that William Weaver, president of the American Federation of Labor, is now playing much more closely to the White House and insisting that he recognize its friend, Mr. Roosevelt. Heretofore, the A. F. L. Chieftain has been somewhat in the background, while in L. Lewis was proclaiming to adherents the virtues of their friend in the White House. Recently it will be remembered, the C. I. O. leader indicated his dissatisfaction with any impartial attitude on the part of the President toward labor disputes and expressed a caustic criticism which was plainly directed at the President.

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Convention Parade Records Broken By Legionnaires

Brightly-uniformed Vets Pass Reviewing Stand At New York Convention 16 Hours; Bands Busy

New York, Sept. 21.—As the American Legion continued into today the colorful procession it started up Fifth avenue early yesterday morning, all records for convention parades were left behind.

For more than 16 hours the veterans, brightly uniformed, with bands playing and colors flying marched past the reviewing stand where national leaders received the salutes of State delegations from every part of the nation—and delegates from foreign countries.

The former soldiers followed a route they took as members of a conquering army nearly two decades before.

Hours behind schedule, the last of the units making up the 200,000 marchers formed in lower Manhattan for their 26-block walk up the historic old avenue as the new day began.

Far more than two million men and women, by the best available official estimate, packed the way along the Broad street to watch as uniformed bands and drum corps and troops of marchers passed.

They were middle-aged now and a little weary, these marching men, and they seemed far from that 1917 time of mud and death now 20 years ago.

All along the 56 blocks of march where a million or more people stood thoughtfully to watch it all, there were reminders over and over again of men who will march no more on this or any other street—who died on the soil of a country across three thousand miles of sea.

The songs their bands played were the songs of all America. They burst out with "Dixie" in memory of an older and even sadder war.

They stepped smartly by the reviewing stand to the notes of "My Old Kentucky Home," and to the old solemn melody of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Wages Of N. C. Teachers Still Below 1929 Level

Raleigh, Sept. 21.—Miss Louise Berry, president of the North Carolina Association of Classroom Teachers, said tonight that a 10 per cent pay increase given teachers this year lacks eight per cent of reaching the 1929 teacher-pay level.

Miss Berry said she spoke for 17,000 classroom teachers in requesting a correction of a story saying that salaries of teachers had been boosted to the pre-depression level by the increase.

"The facts are," said Miss Berry, "the highest paid teachers in 1929 received from the state \$133.33 per month if they held a grade certificate and had eight years experience."

"The new maximum salary is \$123.75 which is still short \$10 per month of the pre-depression salary schedule."

"Salaries must be increased another eight per cent before reaching the 1929 level."

Child Afflicted With Infantile Paralysis Improved

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Edwards, who was stricken with infantile paralysis recently, is reported to be improving. If he continues to do so, he will be allowed to sit up by the last of next week. It will be an indefinite period of time, however, before he will be allowed to walk. It has been rumored that the Edwards child's illness was caused by smallpox vaccine, which he took a few weeks ago, and that he did not have poliomyelitis. However, hospital authorities definitely diagnosed the case as being infantile paralysis, and agreed that the vaccine could not have had any connection with his illness.

AFL Organizes To Crowd CIO Elements Off Pacific Coast

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—American Federation of Labor leaders today began organizing a "solid front" council of maritime unions designed to crowd all Committee for Industrial Organization elements off Pacific coast waterfronts.

For a nucleus, the AFL will seek men who rebelled against actual or prospective CIO affiliation of various maritime unions.

PWA Allocations Ended; Roosevelt Ready For Trip

Hyde Park, N. Y., Sept. 21.—On the eve of his departure for a two-weeks tour of the West, President Roosevelt said today there was nothing he could add to his non-committal statement of last week concerning charges that Associate Justice Hugo L. Black is affiliated with the Ku Klux Klan.

Meanwhile, official sources let it be known that Black, returning from a European vacation, had not communicated with the president since publication of the charges.

At a press conference late in the day, the president announced the wind-up of allocations under the new public works program and said this meant the end of PWA. He also admonished newsmen not to attribute politics to his visiting certain cities in the west and steering clear of others, and said he might make a fireside radio talk on future public works policy before congress met.

Switching to his west coast trip, starting from here tomorrow at 4 p. m. Eastern Standard time, the chief executive warned reporters today not to guess his reasons for going to this and that city and passing up others.

His first informal rear-platform talk—and officials said all but the Bonneville Dam speech Tuesday would be informal—will be at Cheyenne, Wyo., home of Senator O'Mahoney, another Demo court bill opponent, Friday morning.

Discussing the windup of PWA in a statement earlier in the day, the president said that this emergency agency was established to stimulate construction and employment during the depression and that it had fulfilled its mission promptly and effectively.

Alleghany Fair Postponed Until October 1 And 2

Friday and Saturday, October 1 and 2, are the dates set for the Alleghany County Agricultural fair, which was to have been held on September 24 and 25, but which has been postponed for a week on account of the temporary closing of Sparta high school. An oldtime bulpen game has been planned for men over 40 years.

All the schools in the county are urged to participate in the following games: 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, potato race, three-legged race, basketball relay race. These contests will begin at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

It is hoped that a large number of adults and children will be prepared to enter other contests, such as the slipper-kicking and nail-driving contest for women; apple-diving and balloon-blowing contests for children, etc. An oldtime bulpen game has been planned for men over 40 years.

On Saturday afternoon wood chopping and wood sawing contests for men will be held. Also, two games of soft ball have been planned for the afternoon, and good program of boxing has been arranged for Saturday night. Present plans are to climax the boxing with a bout between two Negroes.

Death, Destruction, Horror In Shanghai



SHANGHAI, China. . . Rescue workers remove the injured to hospitals after the bombing of two of Shanghai's largest department stores on Nanking Road. Nearly two hundred were killed and five hundred injured.

Prospects For Big Republican Meet Increased

Washington, Sept. 21.—When Chairman John D. M. Hamilton disclosed today that he had suggested such a course several months ago, prospects for a Republican national convention in advance of next year's congressional election apparently increased today.

The idea, not announced at that time, was brought into widespread prominence several weeks ago by former President Hoover.

After a conference with Republican leaders from a number of large cities, Hamilton told reporters that at the last meeting of the party's national executive committee he appointed a committee to look into the possibilities.

Hamilton explained that he was reserving judgment on the advisability of such a convention until the national committee meets in November, when, he added, it will "certainly be discussed."

The "convention," he said, would "have no legal status under the laws of the party but it could be given a semi-authoritative status."

The party leaders who met with Hamilton canvassed the trends of the political situation and predicted a big turnover in next year's congressional elections. Hamilton himself forecast "the most intensive congressional campaign in the history of the party."

U. of N. C. Sets All-Time Record For Enrollment

Chapel Hill Sept. 21.—The enrollment at the University of North Carolina here neared 8,200 today, setting a new all-time record, as the deadline for closing of registration books for credit courses approached.

No enrollment for credit will be permitted after Thursday except by executive order.

The registration passed 3,100 today and late comers, most of them with valid excuses, were still arriving. Last fall's enrollment was 5,027.

Dr. Norton To Be Here To Assist In Children's Tests

Dr. Ray Norton, assistant director of preventive medicine, State Board of Health, Raleigh, will be in the office of the Alleghany county nurse, Mrs. Virginia Ashley Greene, on Friday, September 24, from 9 to 4 o'clock, to assist Mrs. Greene in giving the tests to children to determine whether they are immune to diphtheria.

Immunity to diphtheria means, of course, immunity to membranous croup, which is one kind of diphtheria. This test will be given to children under 14 years of age. Any child who has not had the vaccine at least six weeks cannot have the test. There will be no charge.

Vandenberg Sees Coalition Party In 1940 Election

Bay City, Mich., Sept. 21.—The prediction was made tonight by Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, of Michigan, in a fiery speech, that a new coalition party of Republicans and Democrats opposed to President Roosevelt may emerge for the 1940 election, or that there may be "sympathetic cooperation under hospitable Republican banners."

Vandenberg, himself regarded as an outstanding possibility for the Republican presidential nomination, spoke at a rally at which Michigan Republicans opened their campaign to defeat Governor Frank Murphy in 1938.

"Realignment is inevitable," declared the senior Michigan senator. "Indeed, it already obviously exists."

Vandenberg repeatedly caustically referred to the "Roosevelt party" rather than the Democratic party, and assailed its leaders as "intolerant, power-mad overlords." He attacked the administration's labor policies as well as its fiscal policies and criticized Governor Murphy for backing President Roosevelt for a third term.

With the labor policies of Governor Murphy offering the major issue in the 1938 state campaign, Vandenberg saw possibility that the strength of President Roosevelt might be affected by John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Federal Debt And Deficit Reduced By Collections

Washington, Sept. 21.—A heavy stream of taxpayers' dollars into the federal till this month has reduced the deficit and the public debt, treasury account books showed today.

On September 18, the public debt dropped below \$37,000,000 for the first time since August 24. It stood at \$36,860,862.000.

The treasury retired \$350,000,000 of maturing discount bills last week, using cash from third quarter income tax collections.

The debt may go above \$37,000,000,000 again next month, when the treasury plans further borrowing. Studies now are under way to determine what type of securities would be issued.

Fall Term Of Alleghany Court To Open Sept. 27

The fall term of Alleghany County Superior Court will convene on Monday, September 27, with Judge E. C. Bivens, of Mount Airy, presiding. J. Earle McMichael, recently appointed solicitor of the 11th judicial district, will prosecute for the state. Although the docket, both of civil and criminal cases, is light, it is thought that court will last throughout the week on account of the land cases.

William Powell 'Scared' Of French Women In Paris

Paris, Sept. 21.—William Powell, suave film actor, lost his dignity last night because he is "scared of French women."

Powell entered a bar, accompanied by Dorothy Parker, for a quiet drink.

A French newspaper woman recognized him and rushed up to the table, Powell and Miss Parker rushed out.

"I'm scared of French women," he called over his shoulder.

Italy To Assist In Mediterranean Fight On Piracy

Rome, Italy, Sept. 21.—By an official communique announcing a special meeting of British, French and Italian naval experts in Paris, Italy's participation in the Mediterranean anti-piracy patrol was virtually assured tonight.

Although the communique of Foreign Minister Count Galeazzo Ciano used the words "a great Mediterranean" power in describing Italy in comparison with Great Britain and France, it was believed that Italy's demands for parity had been met.

The communique, however, did not use the word "parity" which has been the bone of contention.

Unless a last-minute hitch develops, therefore, Italy will lend her warships to the vigil against submarine piracy in the Mediterranean set up at the Nyon conference which she and Germany refused to attend.

Count Ciano's communique set forth that the meeting at Paris, to be held shortly, was called by the French and British governments who invited Italy. It also declared that Italy, as it has throughout the entire Mediterranean discussions, was keeping Germany fully apprized of her intentions to attend the meeting.

High government officials were eagerly optimistic that the menacing situation in the Mediterranean had been dissolved and that the deadlock preventing Italy's participation definitely was broken.

They were particularly jubilant that the peaceful omen came as Premier Benito Mussolini prepared for an important visit to Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler, of Germany, with whom he has acted in close concert.

Justice Black Sails For U. S. On Small Liner

Southampton, England, Sept. 21.—Associate Justice Hugo L. Black of the United States Supreme Court was en route home tonight aboard a small liner to face the storm of controversy arising from published statements that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

The master of the liner City of Norfolk in a wireless message said:

"Justice Black aboard." Black dashed aboard the City of Norfolk here yesterday afternoon a few minutes before the gangplank was raised. Five minutes later the ship lifted anchor and steamed out of the harbor.

New Shelves Are Put In Library; New Books Added

New shelves, built by WPA workmen, have recently been added to the Community library to take care of the new books.

Among the new books are "The Head of the House of Coombs" and its sequel, "Robin," by Francis Hodgson Burnett. "And So—Victoria," a new novel that is proving as popular as "Gone With the Wind" was last year, has been ordered, and will no doubt be much in demand.

Roosevelt Renews Demand For Court Change In Speech

Speaks Before Assemblage Numbering Thousands At Constitution Day Event In Nation's Capital City

Washington, Sept. 21.—With a warning that unless social reform is assured in the United States the nation is threatened by dictatorship, President Roosevelt renewed his fight for a "rejuvenated" supreme court here Friday night. The chief executive spoke in connection with ceremonies commemorating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States. He urged that America pledge its "fealty to the Constitution itself and not to its misinterpreters."

A responsive but shivering audience of thousands, gathered in the open air beneath the Washington Monument, heard the Chief Executive return to the battle in which he suffered his most severe defeat little more than a month ago.

Those who listened for a reference to the current agitation over the alleged Ku Klux Klan affiliation of Mr. Roosevelt's only nominee to the Supreme Court were disappointed. But the address was studded with assurances that the reform the President seeks can be achieved without loss of individual liberty.

Acres of people stretched before the president as he spoke from a tiny rostrum in the pit of a natural amphitheatre known as the Sylvan theatre.

Estimates of the crowd varied from 50,000 to 75,000.

Only by raising the living standards of the masses, Mr. Roosevelt said, "can we insure against internal doubt as to the worthiness of our democracy and dissipate the illusion that the necessary price of efficiency is dictatorship with its attendant spirit of aggression." He added:

"That is why I have been saying for months that there is a crisis in American affairs which demands action now—a crisis particularly dangerous because its external and internal difficulties reinforce each other."

Throughout the history of the country each effort at social reform had been called unconstitutional by its enemies, he said. The protective tariff, the Louisiana purchase, the Missouri compromise, methods of financing the Civil war, and regulation of railroad rates, he cited as instances.

"Of us the Constitution," said the President, "is a common bond, without bitterness for those who see America as Lincoln saw it, 'the last, best hope of earth.'"

"So we revere it—not because it is old, but because it is ever new—not in the worship of its past alone, but in the faith of the living who kept it young now and in the years to come."

LEADS IN NEW JERSEY

Newark, N. J., Sept. 21.—State Senator Lester H. Clee, clergyman foe of Governor Hoffman, held a substantial lead in New Jersey's Republican gubernatorial primary.

ALMANAC

TAILOR

"One must cut his suit according to his cloth."

SEPTEMBER

- 24—Montezuma, Mexico, surrendered to the United States troops, 1848.
- 25—Benedito Arnold engaged after attempting to betray his country, 1783.
- 26—President Jackson removed the deposits from the U. S. bank, 1833.
- 27—S. S. Arctic, nearing the American shores, sinks and 300 lose lives, 1854.
- 28—Fatal balloon ascension, St. Louis, party drowned in Lake Michigan, 1879.
- 29—The USS Intrepid in Colorado occurred, 1879.
- 30—Sultan of Lawrence, Mass., shot during robbery, four hours later, 1822.