

News Review of Current Events

"NO RECRIMINATION"

President Accepts Defeat on His Reorganization Bill . . . Germans Approve Hitler's Austria Coup



Because a federal statute prohibits taking of a foreign vote in the United States or its territorial waters, the crew of the German liner Hansa voted on the question of Austrian "anschluss" with Germany while the ship was in mid-ocean en route to New York. Here is the scene in the public room of the liner during the balloting. Seated is Purser Karl Zeplin, who registered the voters. Of the crew, 330 voted "jah"; six voted "nein," and one vote was voided.

Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

F. D. R. Accepts Defeat

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT will not seek for revenge on the 108 Democratic representatives who, obeying the apparent wish of the people of the United States, defeated his pet reorganization bill in the house. Writing to Majority Leader Sam Rayburn to express his thanks for the "fine fight," Mr. Roosevelt said the question presented was solely one of policy and that the defeat of the measure offered "no occasion for personal recrimination and there should be none."

Shelving of the measure by sending it back to the committee, accomplished by a vote of 204 to 196, was generally regarded as a severe blow to the prestige of the President, for the administration leaders had declared in the debate that the issue was solely one of confidence in Mr. Roosevelt. His letter to Rayburn was taken to mean that a President-versus-congress fight in November should be avoided and that he would not inject himself into the congressional elections. Senator Byrnes, after calling at the White House, admitted there would be no effort to revive the reorganization bill in the senate.

It was said in Washington that Speaker Bankhead, Sam Rayburn and other prominent Democrats, construing the defeat of the reorganization bill as a vote of "no confidence" in the administration, were ready to abandon for the present much of the New Deal program for social and economic legislation, including the revised bill for regulation of wages and hours of labor. They decided, it was reported, to concentrate on passage of the tax revision and appropriation bills and the voting of funds for unemployment relief and revival of business activity. It is their hope that congress can adjourn by May 15.

Curb Spending Program

CONGRESSIONAL and fiscal leaders were called to the White House by the President to consider his plan for a billion and a half dollar public works program and a like amount for unemployment relief through the WPA. These funds together with the 1 1/2 billion dollars congress recently authorized the Reconstruction Finance corporation to loan to business, would give the administration 4 1/2 billion dollars to fight the depression in the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Roosevelt first talked with Vice President Garner, Senator Barkley, Speaker Bankhead and Representative Rayburn, and it was reported that they stood out against the contemplated spending program, Garner being especially vigorous in his language.

The President, it was said, seemed willing to compromise and the four leaders went away hopeful they would not be called upon to attempt to push through at this session any of the radical schemes suggested by some of the more extreme administration advisers.

A second conference was then held with other congressional leaders and with Harry L. Hopkins, Acting Budget Director Daniel Bell, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, and Chairman Mariner S. Eccles of the federal reserve board.

Senator Glass and Representative Woodrum were present and prepared to argue against the \$4,000,000,000 plan. To their surprise the discussion was confined almost wholly to the subject of work relief. Mr. Roosevelt said 1 billion 250 millions should be enough to carry the Works Progress administration during the first seven months of the

next fiscal year, from July 1, 1938, to Feb. 1, 1939. A billion and a half had been talked about as necessary. In addition the President suggested about 150 millions should be appropriated for the Department of Agriculture's farm security program and 50 millions for the National Youth administration. Not a word was said about the proposed expenditure of a billion and a half for noninterest bearing loans to states and cities for construction programs. Nor was there any discussion of the proposal to issue more than a billion dollars in gold certificates against the sterilized gold fund. While this conference was going on, there were developments indicating that the Democratic-Republican coalition that defeated the reorganization and other administration bills might get into action against the new spending program. In this Senator Byrd of Virginia, Democrat, and Representative Snell of New York, minority leader in the house, took the lead.

Hitler's Big Victory

FEWER than 465,000 Germans and Austrians had the courage to vote "no" in the plebiscite on Germany's annexation of Austria. Nearly 49,000,000 qualified voters went to the polls and gave their approval of the "anschluss," and thus Adolf Hitler scored a tremendous victory, greater than even his lieutenants had expected. "This is the proudest hour of my life," said the Fuehrer when told of the vote, and the Nazi leaders all were jubilant, and with reason. They said the demonstration of German unity showed it was time to liberate "our Sudeten German friends in Czechoslovakia" and that they were ready to obey Hitler's orders blindly.

It was forecast in Berlin that Hitler would proceed at once to expand and modernize the Austrian army and strengthen Austria's frontier defenses. And Vienna believed the anti-Jewish program would be intensified. There was a rumor that Austria would soon cease to be an entity and would be re-christened Osmark, or eastern march or boundary of the new Germany. Besides voting on the Austro-German union, the electorate chose a new reichstag, which was hand-picked by Hitler. German and Austrian citizens throughout the world voted on the annexation, some casting their ballots on German steamers outside of the three-mile limits of foreign lands. Jews were not allowed to go to the polls.

How to save the important railways from bankruptcy was the subject of conferences at the White House and of deep study by the President. He rejected the suggestion of an outright government subsidy, and then adopted and offered for legislative action the plan of creating a special unit with judicial or quasi-judicial powers to speed up voluntary reorganization of the carriers and solve other of their problems. The unit may take the form of a special court or board within the interstate commerce commission. This plan was part of a report from a committee of three members of the interstate commerce commission, which report Mr. Roosevelt laid before congress. He did not make specific recommendations but asked for "some immediate legislation," and intimated he thought any long term program should provide for incorporation of all executive agencies dealing with transportation in one department.

Girdler vs. Labor Board

TOM GIRDLER, head of Republic Steel, said in Cleveland that the national labor relations board was "wrong" when it accused Republic of violating the Wagner act before and during last summer's "little steel" strike, and indicated the company would fight parts of the board's decisions through the courts. The board decided that Republic had violated the Wagner act on eight counts and, among other things, ordered the corporation to reinstate 5,000 strikers with back pay from April 8; to break up employee representative plans at five Ohio plants, and to stop practices which would lead employees to think they were not free to join the C. I. O. or other unions.

The board also placed on Republic the responsibility for the death of three strikers in a riot last July near the corporation's Massillon plant.

Jail for Townsend

D. R. FRANCIS E. TOWNSEND, seventy-one-year-old advocate of old-age pensions, must serve 30 days in a District of Columbia jail unless President Roosevelt intervenes in his behalf.

The Supreme court declined to interfere with his conviction, of contempt of the house of representatives, thus removing his last hope of reprieve by the courts.

New French Government

FRANCE has a new government headed by Edouard Daladier who succeeded Leon Blum as premier after the fall of Blum's Popular Front. Daladier's cabinet is the first wholly nonrevolutionary since the leftist landslide of 1936. Not one of his ministers is even pink, and there are several outright conservatives. Most significant of his selections is Georges Bonnet, former ambassador to the United States, as foreign minister. His choice for this key post means synchronization of French foreign policy with that of Great Britain, the opening of negotiations with Mussolini and complete abandonment of the Spanish republic in its war with Franco's insurgents.

The political fate of Daladier's government depends on his success or failure in breaking up the prevailing strikes in France. It appeared probable he would not ask parliament just yet for dictatorial financial powers, the demand that caused the downfall of Blum, but will be satisfied with holding on quietly until after the Easter vacation, waiting for the return of social peace.

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Edward L. Yuravich of the federal bureau of air commerce said the trips would start with two airliners—an Imperial Airways "pick-a-pack" plane and a Pan-American Airways Boeing seaplane, with cruising speeds of 150 to 200 miles per hour. The planes will take off simultaneously from opposite sides of the Atlantic.

The western terminal will be at Manhasset bay, Port Washington, Long Island, with the eastern end at Foynes, recently rechristened Shannon, at the mouth of the Shannon river, in Ireland.



Current Wit and Humor

GOOD GOING

The village policeman was passing the local inn when, noting that it was well past closing time, he saw a man still sitting in the bar. He went to the proprietor and remonstrated. "That man should be outside," he said. "Yes," replied the proprietor, "but I can't get him out."

"I'll soon see about that," replied the constable, promptly, and pitched the unfortunate man out. "Thanks," replied the boss. "I've been trying to get him out for a long time. You see, he's the bailiff."—Tit-Bits Magazine.

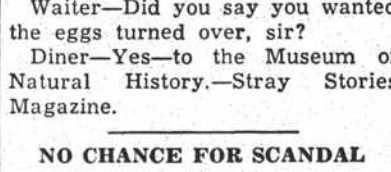
Big Heart

A well known attorney was always lecturing his office boy, whether he needed it or not. One day he chanced to hear the following conversation between the boy and the one employed next door: "How much does your chief pay you?" asked the latter. "I get \$1,500 a year. Five dollars a week in cash and the rest in legal advice!"—The Improvement Era.

Appropriate Resting Place

Waiter—Did you say you wanted the eggs turned over, sir? Diner—Yes—to the Museum of Natural History.—Stray Stories Magazine.

NO CHANCE FOR SCANDAL



Teacher—You have been absent three days without an excuse. How do you account for it? Tommy—I was afraid if I come steady they'd think you was my sweetie an' that'd start talk.

One Way Out

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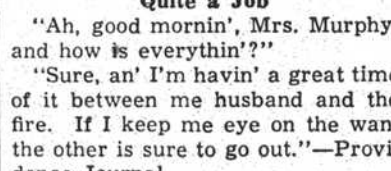
The Right Answer?

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MORE AND MORE



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Misunderstood

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By REV. HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Western Newspaper Union.

Lesson for April 24

RECEIVING VISION FOR SERVICE

LESSON TEXT—Mark 9:2-10. GOLDEN TEXT—This is my beloved Son: hear him.—Mark 9:7.

PRIMARY TOPIC—On a Mountain with Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—With Jesus on a Mountain-top.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Worship Prepares Us for Service. YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Place and Purpose of Vision.

"Where there is no vision the people perish" said the wise man of old (Prov. 29:18). For want of a true vision of God, a knowledge of His truth, and the God-given constraint which makes men give themselves in sacrificial service, the people will perish in their sins. But let men come to know the truth as it is in Christ, learn to know Him as the Son of God glorious and powerful, and then let them translate their knowledge of Christian truth and their personal spiritual experiences into the daily ministry to the needs of their fellow-men, and there will be songs of salvation and joy.

The transfiguration of our Lord meant much to Him as it brought new assurance of His divine Sonship. His acceptance with the Father, and His resurrection to follow the death of the cross. We do well to recognize its testimony to Him, but we think today especially of the experience of the disciples and their preparation for service. We, like them, must

I. Know Christian Truth. Fundamental in both Christian life and service is a clear understanding of the person and work of Christ. One may come to Christ knowing little more than that He is the divine Saviour, and one may enter into Christian living with a meager knowledge of the doctrines of the Bible. But the Christian who fails to grow in knowledge will not grow in grace as he should. God sets no premium on ignorance, in fact it is quite evident that the great light on the Christian church today is the appalling lack of understanding of God's Word.

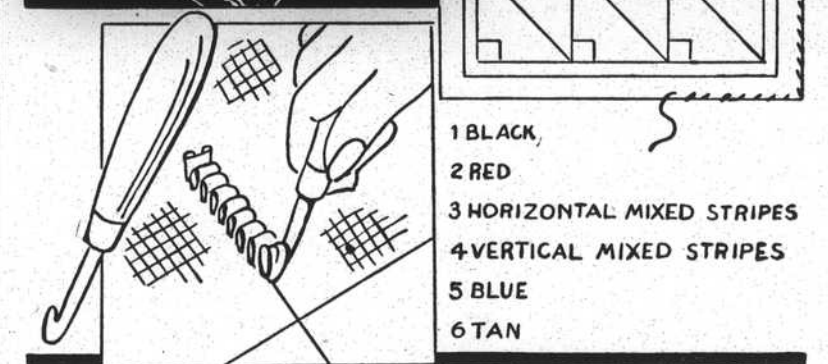
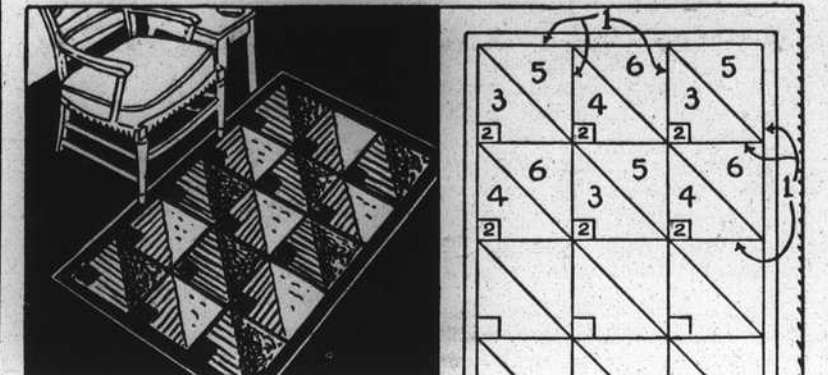
The disciples came to a fuller conviction that He was the Son of God as they saw Him transfigured and heard the Father say, "This is my beloved Son." They learned more plainly the truth of His coming death for the sins of all mankind. They saw in the indescribable beauty of that moment the foregleam of His coming glory. What important truths these are—His deity—His redemption—His coming kingdom. Do we have a clear grasp of these truths? If not, let us search the Scriptures.

II. Experience Spiritual Power. Great experiences of spiritual renewing and power are necessary to effective life and testimony. They may not be in outward manifestation, in fact they are more often in the inner recesses of the soul, but they transform men and send them forth to magnificent living for God. One wonders if much of the death of power in the Christian church is not to be attributed directly to the lack of such experiences with God.

The disciples had an unforgettable mountain-top experience. Even so have many others found the secret of power. It came to D. L. Moody as he walked down a New York street, praying in agony, "Deliver me from myself. Take absolute sway." The story of what happened to him and through him as a surrendered instrument in God's hand is written large on the pages of history. Others had similar experiences. Let us remember that such privileges are not reserved for a few, they are the birthright of every Christian. Power without knowledge is a dangerous and destructive thing, but knowledge without power is a dead thing, resulting in a stale and unfruitful orthodoxy that in turn produces a dreadful and unchristian religious system. It is not enough to know the truth, to be able to discuss it, to divide it, and possibly to fight about it. Let us study God's Word, but let the truth be baptized in the overflowing spiritual power of a personal experience with God.

III. Serve Needy Humanity. Dr. Moore beautifully suggests that Jesus and the disciples went up to the place of prayer, into the place of glory, and down to the place of service. How fitting is that sequence. Much confusion exists in the church because those who have foolishly abandoned their interest in the truth of God's Word and have substituted the energy of the flesh for spiritual power, have been most diligent in service to humanity, while those who know and accept the truth about Christ, and who profess to believe in the power of the Spirit-filled life have failed to serve their needy neighbors. How delightful and useful is the normal, well-rounded life of the true Christian, one equipped with an understanding of Christian doctrine, endowed with Holy Ghost power, and humbly serving others. Are you that kind of a Christian? If not, why not?

HOW TO SEW by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Hook an Old Fashioned Rag Rug

OF ALL rag rugs the hooked type is the most fascinating and economical. A rug hook, such as may be purchased in notion and fancywork departments, and burlap a little larger than your finished rug are the essentials. Most rug hookers also use a frame of slats bolted together at the corners. They stretch the burlap over the frame and tack it. Some like a rather large stationary frame. Others use a small one and many hooked rugs are made without any frame at all. Here is a quaint old rug pattern that you may mark off on your burlap with a yardstick and pencil. The numbers indicate the colors used for the original rug—now more than a hundred years old. The finished rug measures 26 by 34 inches. Allow two inches at all edges for hems. Overcast the edges, then mark the solid one-inch border just inside the hem allowance; then the large eight-inch squares; then the small

two-inch squares; then draw the diagonal lines across the large squares as shown. Use wool rags if possible and cut the strips not wider than one-half inch. Hold the strip against the wrong side of the burlap and pull loops of it through to the right side with the hook as shown. Short strips are as useful as long. Just pull the ends through and clip them. If you are planning slip covers, curtains, or doing other Spring sewing for the home, you will want a copy of Mrs. Spears' book, SEWING, for the Home Decorator. Forty-eight pages of practical working directions, with complete illustrations. A dollar saving book for every homemaker. Send name and address, enclosing 25 cents (coins preferred) to Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

1 BLACK, 2 RED, 3 HORIZONTAL MIXED STRIPES, 4 VERTICAL MIXED STRIPES, 5 BLUE, 6 TAN

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