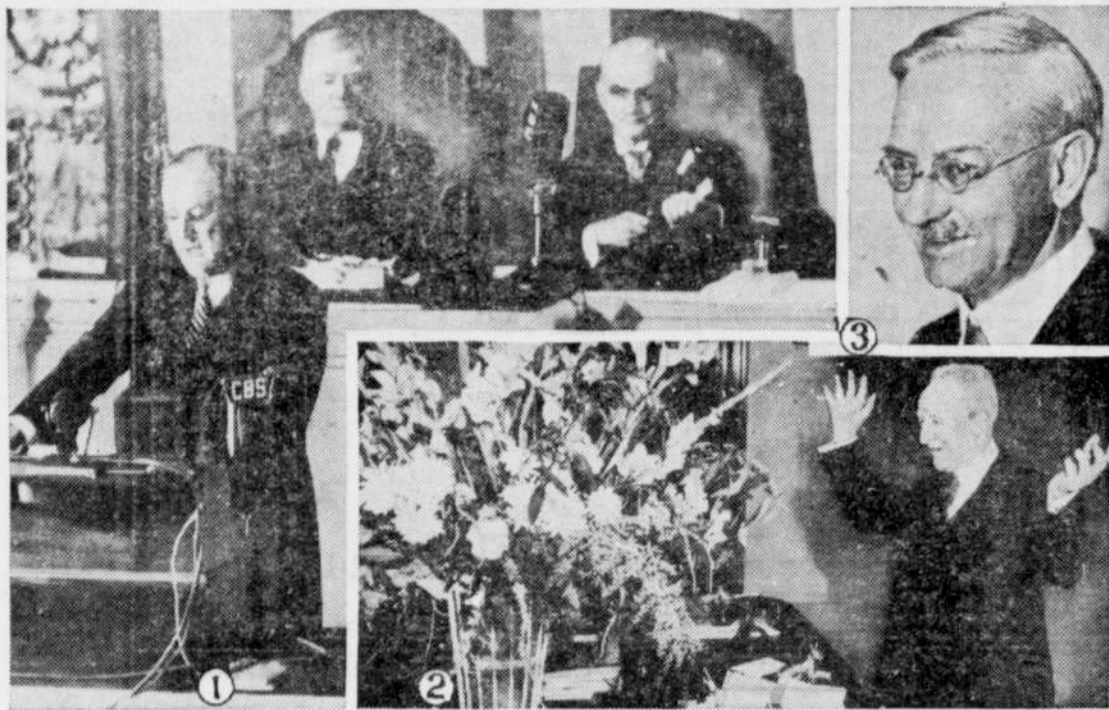


Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—President Roosevelt delivering his message on "the state of the Union," with Vice President Garner and Speaker Byrns presiding over the joint session of congress. 2—Senator Carter Glass of Virginia in spell-bound amazement before a huge basket of flowers sent to his office on his seventy-eighth birthday. 3—Dr. Edwin Grant Conklin, Princeton biologist, who was elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, to take office next December.

Ice Jam Threatening Trenton's Water Supply



At its highest level in 31 years, the Delaware river's ice jam at Trenton, N. J., was at dangerous heights. It had overflowed a 12-foot retaining wall and flooded the municipal water plant, seen in the background, and many waterfront cellars. The huge ice cakes are shown being crunched against the shore.

WINS HIGH HONOR



Prof. Roger Adams, head of the department of chemistry of the University of Illinois, has been awarded the Willard Gibbs medal of the Chicago section of the American Chemical society for 1936—one of the highest scientific honors in the United States. Professor Adams is famous for his synthesis of chaul-

moogric acid, effective in the treatment of leprosy, and of local anesthetics including butyn, particularly useful in eye operations. His researches in organic chemistry are hailed as "outstanding." He retired January 1 as president of the American Chemical society.

POTPOURRI

Brooms

It was not until 1850 that Americans discovered the value of broom corn for sweeping. In 1850 the first broom factory was established in Fort Hunter, N. Y. The making of brooms still remains largely a "hand" process. Although broom corn is exported to Europe, most foreign nations use brooms made from twigs or long hair.

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Insects, Fires, Costly

Insects, fires, etc., cost the American farmer more than \$1,000,000,000 a year.

KING AT WHITE HOUSE



Jeff Davis, king of the International Itinerant Workers, union of hoboes, in all his royal finery was a recent visitor at the White House. The Chief Executive was unable to take time to see the hobo de luxe, but nevertheless Jeff pledged the support of 600,000 knights of the road to Roosevelt. He said that Roosevelt has done more for the hobo than any other President.

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