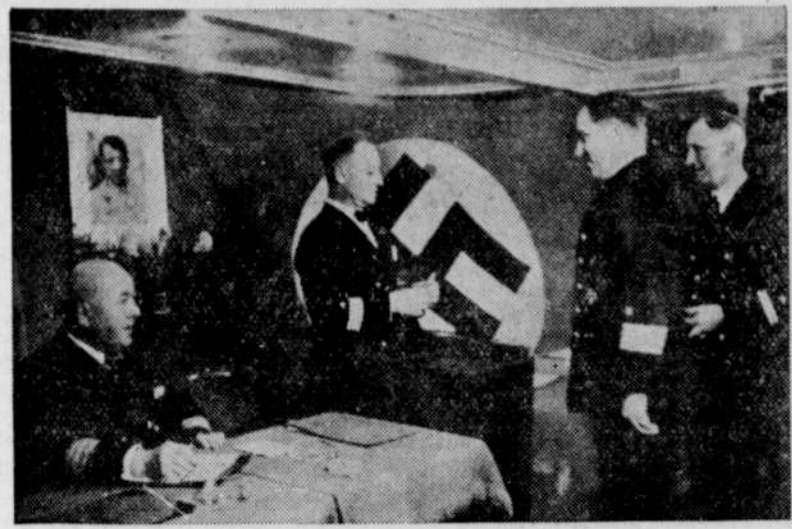


News Review of Current Events

SEVEN BILLION PLAN

President Proposes Huge Spending and Loans Program . . . Demands United Recovery Action



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 Zeplein, 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

Lend and Spend Plan

CONGRESS was asked by President Roosevelt to authorize the spending and lending of a grand total of seven billion dollars in a special message in which he set forth his new program for recovery and relief. Ignoring the expressions of various leaders in opposition to such vast expenditures, Mr. Roosevelt said: "Our capacity is limited only by our ability to work together. What is needed is the will. "The time has come to bring that will into action with every driving force at our command. And I am determined to do my share."

The President declared that the will to co-operate places "on all of us the duty of self-restraint," and that "there can be no dictatorship by an individual, or by a group in this nation save through division fostered by hate. Such division there must never be."

Three groups of measures were proposed. The first involves mainly additional appropriations for the coming fiscal year, as follows: One billion two hundred and fifty million dollars for the Works Progress Administration; \$175,000,000 for the Farm Security Administration; \$75,000,000 for the National Youth Administration; \$50,000,000 for the Civilian Conservation Corps, and the \$1,500,000,000 already made available to the Reconstruction Corporation for lending to business enterprises.

In a second group of measures Mr. Roosevelt asked:

Three hundred million dollars for immediate expansion of the housing and slum-clearance work of the United States Housing Authority; \$1,450,000,000 for public works loans and grants; an additional \$100,000,000 for public roads; an additional \$37,000,000 for flood control and reclamation projects already authorized and an additional \$25,000,000 for federal buildings.

A third group listed by the Chief Executive referred to private credit. It involved destitute of \$1,400,000,000 of gold and a reduction by the Federal Reserve board of member bank reserve requirements which would add another \$750,000,000 to the credit resources of the nation's banks. With these actions Mr. Roosevelt coupled a simplification of Security Commission regulations to expedite small-business financing.

Congressmen Vexed

WHILE committees of the senate and house were still trying to reconcile the widely differing versions of the tax bill passed by the two houses, President Roosevelt sent to the chairmen a long letter urging retention of the tax on undistributed profits, which had been eliminated by the senate. Many members of congress thought the Chief Executive was intimating that he would veto the bill if this feature were omitted. That would leave in effect the present law carrying a severe tax which has been widely attacked as one of the causes of the prevailing business depression.

The intervention by Mr. Roosevelt at this time and in this manner was considered unprecedented and aroused many expressions of amazement and indignation, especially among the senate conferees. Senator Pat Harrison, their leader and the chairman of the senate

finance committee, obviously displeased, said: "The President is entitled to his views. Of course, he accords to every one else the same right to theirs. "The views expressed in his letter do not coincide with the sentiment expressed by the overwhelming majority of the senate. My views are well known and need not be repeated again in detail. "The senate conferees will insist in conference on the amendments adopted in the senate. "I believe that the repealing of the undistributed profits tax and the modifications of the capital gains tax, as adopted by the senate, will help business."

At the close of his letter the President said: "The repeal of the undistributed profits tax and the reduction of the tax on capital gains to a fraction of the tax on other forms of income strike at the root of fundamental principles of taxation. "Business will be helped, not hurt, by these suggestions."

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 nonrevolutionist 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 his 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.

Blum was thrown out because he asked broad powers to rule by decree, but the parliament acceded to a similar demand by Daladier, and then adjourned until May 1, leaving Daladier with practically dictatorial powers to deal with the nation's financial and economic problems. The new premier started immediately on efforts to end the wave of strikes, which were really based on political motives. First he obtained a settlement of the strikes in the nationalized aviation factories, offering a pay increase in exchange for longer hours. He then promulgated by decree a law making a secret ballot obligatory in every factory where conflicts arise. If a majority of the workers decide for a strike, they must evacuate the factory, which then would be "neutralized" pending arbitration. If, however, the strike is rejected by a majority, the armed forces of the nation will be at the disposal of the employers to keep the plant operating.

Horner Is Winner

GOV. HENRY HORNER won his second great victory over the Chicago Kelly-Nash machine in the Illinois Democratic primaries. Almost all his candidates were nominated, and the governor appears to be now in complete control of the party in his state. His co-boss is State's Attorney Thomas J. Courtney of Chicago. The triumph of Horner attracted nationwide attention. It even led to a proposal that he be the Democratic party for President in 1940. This boomlet was launched in congress by Representative L. F. Arnold, Democrat, of Illinois.

Adolf Hitler

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Orville Wright Honored

MORE than 200 of America's leading figures in aeronautics gathered in Detroit on the invitation of Henry and Edsel Ford to pay tribute to Orville Wright, first man ever to fly an airplane. The celebration, dedicating the newly restored group of Wright buildings at Ford's Greenwich Village, was in honor of Orville Wright and in memory of his brother Wilbur, who died in 1912. Dedication of the Wright home and bicycle shop in which the first successful man-carrying airplane was built was the chief event of the day.

Grant Once Ready to Quit

During the Civil war, Ulysses S. Grant once packed his belongings and was ready to start for home. He felt, as he told William T. Sherman, that he was in the way. But Sherman talked him into staying.

This is a Different "Law"

The "law" in "mother-in-law" and "father-in-law" is not the same word as "law" in the sense of a legal mother or father, but is derived from the old English word, "lage," meaning "marriage."

Naming Days of Week

Days of the week are named after celestial bodies and elements in Japan—Sun, Sunday; moon, Monday; fire, Tuesday; water, Wednesday; wood, Thursday; metal, Friday, and earth, Saturday.

Jones Ready to Loan

JESSE JONES, chairman of the RFC, now has \$1,500,000,000 to lend to business men, states and cities, and he asked the bankers of the nation to turn over to his corporation the loan applications they cannot meet. "The security put up by borrowers must be reasonable," he declared, "but naturally we expect to make loans which the banks consider slow, frozen or unliquid."

Jones said he expected the loans would make capital investments more attractive and would also forestall sacrifice disposals of surplus stocks. In his insistence on "reasonable" security, however, he warned that "we're not going to lend all the money in the country."

No Peace for Labor

ANY lingering hopes that the American Federation of Labor and the Committee for Industrial Organization would end their civil war were dispelled by John L. Lewis' announcement that the C. I. O. was to be made a permanent organization, probably under another name. To bring this about a convention of the 39 Lewis unions will be held in the fall. The time and place were left to a committee consisting of Philip Murray and Sidney Hillman, newly elected vice chairman of C. I. O. The heads of the C. I. O. unions, hearing congress might adjourn by May 14, adopted a resolution declaring "that our 4,000,000 members will necessarily have to consider it a dereliction of duty and betrayal of labor for congress to agree to adjourn prior to enactment of a complete legislative recovery program."

Wheat Allotments

THE agricultural adjustment administration announced it had allotted 62,500,000 acres to 42 wheat producing states under the 1938 farm program. Individual acreage allotments will be based on planting and diversion during the past ten years. Farmers who comply with acreage allotments will receive benefit payments of 12 cents a bushel for the average yield on the allotted acreage. A penalty tax of 90 cents a bushel on acreage in excess of allotments will be deducted from any benefit payments due farmers. This year, the AAA said, no deductions will be made for exceeding wheat allotments if co-operating farmers reduce other soil depleting crops so as not to exceed the total soil-depleting allotment for his farm. Acreage allotments for principal wheat producing states included: Iowa, 456,037; Kansas, 12,519,879; Minnesota, 1,609,218; Nebraska, 3,446,075; North Dakota, 9,431,355; South Dakota, 3,345,403.

Will Defend Peace

PAN-AMERICAN day was marked by an address by President Roosevelt, broadcast throughout the world, in which he warned all nations that the peoples of the American republics will not permit aggressor nations to threaten the peace of this hemisphere. All of them, he asserted, are firmly resolved to maintain peace, though this might entail sacrifices—even the sacrifice of life. He reiterated this country's "good neighbor" policy in its relations with Central and South American countries and cited this hemisphere's successful "demonstration that the rule of justice and law can be substituted for the rule of force."

Hitler's Big Victory

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Pal Wouldn't Shake Hands.

guarding his master with downcast looks. This was a new one on John and it puzzled him. John was puzzled still more when, as he started down the stairs the dog took hold of the leg of his overalls and PULLED HIM BACK. "I patted him on the head," John writes, "and tried to shake hands with him, but he kicked up a fuss of barking and crying and when I pushed him away he again caught hold of my leg."

John's Wife Thought It a Warning.

Women are more sensitive than men to things bordering on the occult and John's wife was no exception. She immediately took Pal's actions to be a warning and asked her husband to stay home that day. But John laughed at the idea and promising to be careful, went to work. He wishes now he had listened to what he is convinced was a real warning. A few hours later John was taking his freight train out of Long Island city. He gave the starting signal to the engineer and swung on board. As the cars started to move John heard the sound of a brake scraping and locating the car he climbed aboard. And just as he released the set brake Fate put a stop to his railroad career.

Lost His Hand and Almost His Life.

The brake chain snapped—John slipped and fell under the train—he saw the wheels coming too late—his hand hurt him terribly and the next second he was lying on the roadbed holding the bleeding stump of his severed right hand! Followed months in the hospital. Blood poisoning set in, and John's weight went from 179 pounds to 92. Back home Pal was disconsolate. The dog had not been taken to see his master but still he seemed to know. The rubber ball lay unheeded on the floor; instead he guarded and nursed John's working cap that had been brought to him. Finally on July 1 John came home. Pal was so excited that they had to tie him up for fear that he would hurt his still invalid master. After a while they let him go and the dog surprised everyone by his actions. Instead of jumping all over John he approached his idol gently. He sniffed the bandage and licked John's remaining hand.

Pal Now a Sober Guardian.

And from that day, John says, the character of Pal changed. Instead of the playful Pal of other days he now became a sober watchdog and took up a tireless vigil at his sick master's side. "No one can touch me to this day," John ends. "It seems as though Pal blames himself for letting me go to work that April day and now thinks it his duty to protect me as long as I have only one hand." You're right, John. "What an experience and—what a dog!" Scientists, I suppose, would say it is impossible for a dog or any animal to give such a warning as Pal did. They would use a lot of big words proving their contention, too. Maybe they're right. I don't know. All I know is THESE THINGS DO HAPPEN!

The Fall of Nassau

In 1776, during the war between Great Britain and the American colonists, a fleet of eight vessels was sent by the latter to Nassau, capital of the Bahamas, with instructions to capture the large quantities of munitions believed to be stored there. This force, under Admiral Hopkins, landed a detachment on the eastern extremity of New Providence island and marched on Nassau. Forts Montague and Nassau surrendered without resistance, and the new "Grand Union flag," consisting of the Union Jack in the first quarter and thirteen red and white stripes to represent the independent states, was hoisted over Fort Nassau. The invaders took 100 guns and a small quantity of other war munitions. But they left the following day.

Definition of University

According to a well established tradition, James A. Garfield, in a Williams college alumni address delivered in New York city in 1872, said: "My definition of a university is Mark Hopkins at one end of a log and a student at the other." The quotation, however, does not occur in the speech as it was recorded, but a similar line of thought was expressed by Garfield in a letter which he wrote the same year. Mark Hopkins (1802-1887), was one of the ablest and most successful American educators and was president of Williams college in Massachusetts when Garfield was a student there. Garfield particularly liked the stress which Hopkins placed upon the development of the individual student.

Valley of Oaxaca

The valley of Oaxaca, in southern Mexico, was the abode of the highly civilized Zapotec and Mixtec Indians, whose cities and religious buildings, covered by the dust of many centuries, have been unearthed.

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A California friend of mine had a pet cat. One day a few years ago the cat suddenly jumped on his lap, the picture of terror. Her fur was standing on end and she meowed excitedly and buried her head in her master's coat. He leaned over, surprised at her strange actions, to see what was the matter, and the next minute over went the chair, man and cat in a heap. An earthquake had struck that part of the Pacific coast, and the cat—he is convinced—received advance warning!

All of which brings us to today's adventurer, John W. Herbst of Flushing, L. I. John has a dog who acted strangely on a certain day in April, 1933. John has good reason to remember that day—the twenty-fourth—because he lost his right hand in an accident that almost took his life.

John's dog is a shepherd named "Pal"—and what a name! John was a railroad conductor in those days and Pal WAS his pal. Every night, John says, when he was ready to go to work Pal would come to him with his rubber ball and drop it in his master's hand to be put away in a drawer. Then Pal would "shake hands" with his master.

Every morning when John returned, the dog would be waiting for him. Joyously, Pal would take the morning paper up to the house and then sit up and bark before the drawer until John gave him his ball. This, John says, had been going on daily for years. But on the night of April 24, 1933, as John kissed his wife and started for work as usual, Pal was not up to his usual tricks. He paid no attention to the rubber ball and instead of offering his paw, sat glumly re-

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Much of the sand used in manufacturing glass in America is imported from Belgium.

Half of the more than 5,000 varieties of chrysanthemums have been added to fanciers' list since 1904.

If a kitten reaches the age of two or three months without any experience with mice, it will not show a mousing instinct later.

Tinting the nails was common among the Egyptians, and not conforming to the practice would have been considered indecent.

Out of a potential electrical power of 16,000,000 kilowatts on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, only 2,000,000 have been utilized.

AROUND THE WORLD

Japan is rich in the production of copper.

India was the largest producer of oil seed in the world last year.