

CURRENT EVENTS IN REVIEW

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Franco-British Peace Plan Killed; Hoare Resigns

IF IT really was intended to bring about peace between Italy and Ethiopia, the plan proposed by British Foreign Secretary Sir Samuel Hoare and Premier Lord Halifax...



Sir Samuel Hoare

save the Baldwin cabinet. Hoare resigned on the eve of a parliamentary battle in the house of commons, and Baldwin frankly told parliament that the peace plan was an error. Despite fierce attacks by the Laborites and Liberals, the prime minister was given a vote of confidence. Several days later he announced the appointment of Capt. Anthony Eden as foreign secretary.

In Paris Edmond Herriot, member of the cabinet without portfolio, resigned as president of the powerful Radical Socialist party whose support is needed by Laval to maintain his majority in the parliament. Herriot's action, in the opinion of some observers, presaged Laval's early downfall.

Hoare's position became untenable when he learned that the peace plan was about to be buried at Geneva. Capt. Anthony Eden, probably never enthusiastic for it, practically repudiated the scheme in a public meeting of the league council. Laval also spoke, more reservedly, declaring that even if the plan were rejected, the council must continue to seek conciliation. After the session, however, he admitted to French newspaper men that the plan, for the time being at least, is dead.

The council received from Addis Ababa a note in which Emperor Haile Selassie bluntly accused Great Britain and France of having violated the league covenant by seeking "to impose upon Ethiopia a predominant control by Italy with the certain aim of entrusting to Italy the administration of the capital and a large part of the territory. The League of Nations in consenting to lend itself to such dissimulation would violate article X of the covenant."

In view of all the opposition and of Mussolini's hint that he would reject the proposals, the league council killed the plan entirely, softening its action by formally thanking Great Britain and France for their "preliminary efforts" toward peace. A permanent committee of 13 conciliators—all but the Italian member—was named to study the Italo-Ethiopian crisis.

How close Europe is coming to a general war is apparent with the revelation that Britain is lining up the countries of the Mediterranean region for support in case she is attacked by Italy. Most of them are believed to have given this pledge. But Bulgaria, a close friend of Italy, would be expected in that case to attack either Greece or Turkey, both allies of Britain, and Rumania has promised the British that she will attack the Bulgarians in that case. This would arouse Hungary to the defense of Bulgaria; Czechoslovakia would be drawn against Hungary, and Poland probably would take the field against the Czechs. Germany is allied to Poland, and Russia to Czechoslovakia. Such is the realistic view of the situation held by competent observers in European capitals.

Senator Schall Dies of Auto Accident Injuries

SENATOR THOMAS D. SCHALL of Minnesota, who was struck by an automobile as he was being conducted across the highway near his residence in Maryland, succumbed to his injuries. The blind statesman had been one of the bitterest opponents of the New Deal and President Roosevelt. He had started his campaign for re-election, and Gov. Floyd Olson of Minnesota had announced he also would seek the nomination for Schall's seat. The governor said after the senator's death that he would soon appoint his successor; that he had no intention of resigning in order to be himself named to fill Schall's place.



Senator Schall

Mr. Schall, who was born in 1878 in Michigan, lost his sight in an accident after he had been practicing law in Minnesota four years. He continued his work, and served six terms in the house of representatives before he was elected to the senate in 1924.

Supreme Court May Be Divided on TVA

WHEN the Supreme court passes on the constitutionality of the Tennessee Valley act, its opinion will not be unanimous, is the prediction of

those who were present during the oral arguments. The case was taken up to the highest tribunal by fourteen preferred stockholders of the Alabama Power company.

During arguments by Forney Johnson, Birmingham, Ala., attorney for the stockholders, and by John Lord O'Brian, New York attorney, for TVA, justices shot many questions at the lawyers.

Justice McReynolds, known as a "conservative," appeared to challenge the TVA lawyer to defend the right of the government to sell surplus power produced by Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals.

On the other hand, Justices Brandeis and Stone, who are known as "liberals," inquired into the right of minority stockholders of the Alabama Power company to bring the suit which led to the Supreme court test. The stockholders sought to enjoin performance of a contract under which the company was to sell lines to TVA for transmission of power.

Federal Judge Holds Wagner Labor Law Invalid

FEDERAL Judge Merrill E. Otis at Kansas City has held unconstitutional the Wagner labor dispute act which gives employees the right to organize and bargain collectively. The judge granted the Majestic Flour mills of Aurora, Mo., a temporary injunction against a National Labor board complaint which cited it for alleged refusal to bargain concerning a wage and hour agreement with a union of its employees.

Declaring congress had exceeded its constitutional right "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states . . ." the judge said, "the conclusion is that the whole act is unconstitutional."

Senator Borah's Hat Is Almost in the Ring

IF WISCONSIN Republicans wish to make Senator Borah their candidate for the Presidential nomination, it is all right with the veteran from Idaho.

State Senator P. E. Nelson of Maple, Wis., and former State Senator Bernhard Gettelman of Milwaukee called on Mr. Borah in Washington and asked permission to circulate nominating petitions for him in their state. This was granted.

Mr. Borah told reporters that Nelson and Gettelman had suggested a campaign for "a delegation representing the liberal forces in the party out there, and in my name." He had agreed, he said, to "go along with them."

Later Mr. Borah issued this statement: "My primary objective is a convention of liberal delegates which will write a liberal platform and name a liberal candidate. To that end I shall devote my efforts. If in any state or district the liberal forces think that it will help the liberal cause to pledge delegates to me, I shall co-operate fully with that plan. If, however, it is thought better to pledge the delegates to some other liberal, I shall co-operate just as fully. In other words, inflexible as to the objective, flexible as to the tactics."

"As I see the political situation in this country, a man would be seeking political immolation to take a nomination upon any other than a liberal platform. So the first thing to do is to get a convention committed to liberal principles. So far as my efforts count, I am not going to permit personal matters, either my own or those of others, to interfere with the main purpose."

Kidnaping Threats Drive Lindberghs to England

REPEATED threats of kidnaping and even murder for their little son have driven Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh from the United States. They have sailed with their boy, Jon, for England, and plan to establish a residence there, though they will not give up their American citizenship. Where they will live has not been revealed to even their closest friends. It is believed the colonel will not sever his relations with the two air transport companies for which he is a technical adviser but that his active work for them will cease.

Government Ownership of Railways Is Urged

GOVERNMENT ownership of America's railroads is the objective in a campaign which has been started by the Railway Labor Executives' association. Describing the carriers as "executives in a financial poker game," the executives, in a circular to members of congress, ask for government ownership as "the only way out of the morass in which the roads have been placed by the bankers."

Senator Wheeler of Montana introduced a resolution for government ownership in the last session but did not ask for immediate consideration of the measure.

War Department Lobbying Brings Indictments

TWO grand juries, a house committee and an army court martial have been investigating lobbying at the War department for two years. The climax came with the indictment in Washington of a dismissed army officer, a former member of congress, and two alleged lobbyists on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Those named were former Brig. Gen. Alexander E. Williams, one-time acting quartermaster general of the army, who was convicted by a military court last spring of accepting an improper loan and ordered dismissed from the service; Thomas Jefferson Ryan, lawyer and former representative from New York, and the well known Silverman brothers, Joseph, Jr., and Nathan, surplus army goods dealers.

The four men were charged with conspiring to prevent the house military affairs committee from questioning Frank E. Speiser, "mystery witness" of the long inquiry by hiding him out in New York city while federal agents were hunting him throughout the nation.

Gomez, Long Dictator of Venezuela, Is Dead

DICTATOR of Venezuela for twenty-seven years, during most of the time president of the country, Gen. Juan Vicente Gomez died in Caracas of an old malady at the age of seventy-eight years. The cabinet named Gen. Eleazar Lopez Contreras, minister of war, as provisional president to hold office until his successor is elected by congress. While guns boomed in salute Gomez was buried on the anniversary of his assumption of power in 1909.

On that day he executed a coup d'etat by which he seized the government while President Cipriano Castro was in Europe seeking health. During his regime there were many incipient revolts but he crushed them all with an iron hand; and even when the presidential chair was occupied by others his control of the government was absolute.

Among Gomez's greatest contributions to Venezuela were the establishment of friendly relations with foreign nations and peace within the country; the building of a fine system of automobile highways, and development of natural resources.

He made the most of the great petroleum deposits at Lake Maracaibo, granting many concessions to foreign oil companies, but placing an export tax on oil. The industry in Venezuela grew until it now holds third rank in the world.

Gomez succeeded in paying off the entire debt of his country, amounting to nearly \$40,000,000, and at the same time accumulated a great fortune for himself.

Army Air Corps Orders New Bombing Planes

CONTRACTS have been awarded for 103 new bombing planes for the army air corps. The Douglas Aircraft company, Inc., of Santa Monica, Calif., was given an order for 90 all-metal, low wing, twin-engined monoplanes, costing a total of \$8,498,000.

Thirteen giant four-motored "sky cruisers" were bought from the Boeing company of Seattle, Wash. The price for the Boeing craft was not given in the announcement by Harry H. Woodring, assistant secretary of war.

North China Autonomous Council Installed

DESPITE the riotous opposition of students and other youth of Peiping the Hcpeh-Chahar political council, supported by Japan, took over the affairs of the autonomous North China provinces, with Gen. Sung Chieh-yuan as its chairman. That gentleman in his first official announcement declared that opposition demonstrations were being promoted by Communists, against whom he would take drastic action.

General Sung said he would do his best to promote good relations with neighboring countries "which treat us with equality and reciprocity" (Japan and Manchukuo).

Hopkins Sees That WPA Workers Get Paid

WORKS Progress Administrator Harry Hopkins issued an order that made happy about 3,500,000 workers under his unit.

"I desire that every regular WPA pay check earned be in the hands of the worker by December 24," Hopkins said, in telegraphed instructions to state program directors. "The law does not permit advance payments, but no effort should be spared to deliver checks due by Christmas eve."

"Overtime work by administrative employees handling pay rolls should be ordered where necessary and courier service should be arranged if necessary to overcome transportation delays caused by congestion in the mails."

President Roosevelt entered on a new round of conferences on the relief program to be provided for in the budget for the fiscal year beginning next July 1. New Deal officials associated with relief were summoned to the White House to offer suggestions for keeping the relief program down so that the administration can point to budget balancing efforts in the 1938 campaign.

Plans for organizing the Civilian Conservation corps on a smaller but permanent basis were discussed with Robert Fechner, CCC director, and a group of cabinet officers. Under the program the CCC enrollment would be cut from 400,000 to 300,000 men by next July 1.

Old Br'er 'Coon Is a Wise One; Could Be Chosen National Animal

"If we were to adopt a national animal, just as we have adopted the eagle as the national bird, what better could we find than the raccoon?" asks Leon F. Whitney in the Journal of Mammalogy. Whitney favors the raccoon because it ranks as the most intelligent of mammals, and has proved its ability to survive where many other animals have succumbed.

Because the raccoon is nocturnal, it is one of the least understood of our animals, says Whitney. The common belief that the raccoon washes all of its food is discounted by him. "This observation has been made on raccoons in captivity and not in their natural state," he says.

Raccoons are popularly believed to hibernate all during the winter, but this is not always true, says Whitney. He calls the matter a relative one, for a cold snap which will drive a 'coon to his den in the fall may be not cold enough to keep him inside in the winter.

"In December, the raccoons will be found out on nights which may be as cold as 20 degrees, and when the temperature drops to 12 or 15, the raccoons will not be out," he says. "But temperatures which will make them go to their dens and go there during the early part of the fall, will not trouble them at all in the latter part of the fall. It seems to be an entirely relative matter, and the same condition applies throughout the winter. The warm nights all during the winter will bring the raccoons out, and the cold nights will keep them home."

Whitney has found that raccoons are not nearly as sensitive to noise as to vibration; that the sense of touch is developed far more in proportion than any of the other fac-

ties. He gives the following explanation for this characteristic:

"Probably this development has come about through its tree climbing propensities. Living high up a tree where the wind roars and the thunder is louder, possibly a raccoon would need to be less sensitive to noise, and less wary for sound warnings. But he would need to be extremely sensitive to warnings through the sense of touch, and he is. If an enemy attempted to climb a tree in which he was living the facts must needs be transmitted to him; hence his development of this extraordinary power. Sometimes when hunting, my dogs have treed a raccoon in a tree too large to climb, and it seems impossible to induce him to look down at the flashlights so that his eyes may be seen and the hunter may know where to shoot. When an incident of this kind occurs, the hunters pound on the tree trunk with a rock. This will almost always arouse the animal's curiosity and he will look to see what is happening."

No Ticker Tape in Wall Street of Bryce Canyon

IT'S 1,500 feet straight down from the top of the spires of the towering "skyscrapers" (mountains) to the tree-lined "street" which marks the floor of Bryce Canyon National park, in southern Utah. But no clattering messenger boys, no cries of excited brokers disturb the silence.

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