

Current Events in Review

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Plans Completed for the Democratic Convention

SENATOR ALBEN W. BARKLEY of Kentucky, who was temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention in 1932 and as such delivered the keynote speech, will serve in the same capacity at the Philadelphia convention in June, outlining the issues of this year's campaign as his party views them. Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas will be the permanent chairman again. Yet another repeater will be former Judge John E. Mack of New York. Four years ago he placed Franklin D. Roosevelt in nomination, and he will do it again in June.

These selections were made by the committee on arrangements. Other officers of the convention chosen are: Lee Barnes of Alabama, chief doorkeeper; Mrs. J. Borden Hartman, national committeewoman of the District of Columbia, hostess of the convention, with Mrs. Agnes Collins Dunn of New Hampshire as assistant; Col. Edward C. Halsey, secretary of the senate, sergeant at arms; Representative Clarence Cannon of Missouri, parliamentarian, assisted by Representative John J. O'Connor of New York; W. Forbes Morgan, secretary of the convention. National Chairman Farley said that the two-thirds rule, which has prevailed in Democratic conventions for a century, will not be abolished. The rules committee will be headed by Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri and it will report for abrogation of the two-thirds rule as well as elimination of the unit rule. The latter binds the state delegations to abide by the decision of a majority of the delegation. According to Mr. Farley, these changes will not prevent the practically unanimous nomination of President Roosevelt.

Present plans are to have Mr. Roosevelt go to Philadelphia on Saturday, June 27, to close the convention by accepting the nomination in a speech delivered either in the Municipal stadium or in the University of Pennsylvania stadium close to the convention hall.

Roosevelt Addresses National Democratic Club

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT made what might be considered the first of his campaign speeches before the National Democratic club in New York city. Tammany was there in full force, but such disgruntled Democrats as Al Smith and John J. Raskob were conspicuous by their absence. Mr. Roosevelt declared his purpose to bring more food, higher prices and better homes for the people.

"If you increase buying power," he said, "prices will go up; more goods will be sold. Wages ought to and must go up with prices. This does not mean unsound inflation or skyrocketing prices; this should be avoided just as we seek to avoid bankruptcy sale values."

Turning to his critics with sarcasm, the President said "some individuals are never satisfied." Referring to charges of extravagance and mounting deficits, he said people complain to him about "the current costs of rebuilding America, about the burden on future America." He insisted that the measure should not be the three-billion-dollar deficit of this year but the assertion that the national income has risen thirty-five billions in 1932 to sixty-five billions in 1936.

New Tax Bill Battle Started in House

THE administration's bill to levy about 800 million dollars in new taxes yearly was introduced in the house by the ways and means committee, and a fierce battle started immediately. The Republican minority of the committee issued a report which stated that the proposed tax law was "unsound in principle, will undermine business stability, is another step toward regimentation of all business, and is not designed to raise revenue but admittedly is another New Deal experiment."

Conservative Democrats joined with the Republicans in this attack against the bill, but the administration leaders were confident the measure would pass before May 1.

Green Urges Unions to Remain Nonpartisan

WILLIAM GREEN, president of the American Federation of Labor, has sent a letter to all affiliated unions urging that they adhere to the federation's "traditional nonpartisan political policy." He says:

"For obvious reasons, labor should avoid division even in the pursuit of its political policies. Such division can be avoided if working men and women, loyal to the American Federation of Labor, will refrain from identifying themselves with any political movement designed to serve as a substitute for the nonpartisan political policy of the American Federation of Labor."

Some time ago George L. Berry asked all unions to join "Labor's Nonpartisan league," the object of which, he said, was "to put American Federation of Labor unions on the record for President Roosevelt."

Navy in Six-Week Drill on the Pacific

ONE hundred and fifty vessels of the United States fleet, with 450 airplanes, are now engaged in the year's grand maneuvers in the Pacific. War conditions prevail and the vessels and their crews are being given a severe test of their fitness that will last for six weeks. The Panama canal region was the first objective of the fleet. The units are divided into attacking and defending forces and something is doing all the time, day and night. The naval officers are trying to solve the seventeenth of a series of strategic problems, each based upon some possible international situation, mapped out by naval strategists.

Von Starhemberg of Austria Voices His Defiance

CIVIL war in Austria became a possibility as the quarrel between the Fascists led by Prince Ernst von Starhemberg and the clerical and monarchist elements became acute. Government officials, however, were trying desperately to patch up the trouble.

Prince Von Starhemberg, who is vice chancellor, in a defiant speech at Horn warned his political opponents that his helmwehr, or home guard, would be dissolved "only over my dead body."

Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, speaking at Baden, retorted that "Austria is not Italy and Austrians are not Fascists."

Von Starhemberg asserted that if internal foes press too hard there will be a "repetition of 1934"—when the helmwehr triumphed in a short but bloody civil war against Socialists. False friends surround Schuschnigg, von Starhemberg said, and the helmwehr plans to protect him from them.

For Austria, said Starhemberg, there are three possibilities—a continuation of the authority of the state, Nazism, or communism. He asserted the helmwehr is determined to preserve the Fascist system and would continue as a separate organization but that other private armies would be absorbed by the regular army.

Advance of the Italians in Ethiopia Continues

ITALY'S victorious troops in northern Ethiopia continued their advance on Addis Ababa, though it was somewhat retarded by the efforts of the natives to blow up the roadways and otherwise harass the invaders. The Italian motorized column in this movement is the most formidable yet formed in this war and is notable for the large number of white troops included.

General Graziana's southern army, meanwhile, was driving toward Harar, second city of the empire, in three columns. The Ethiopians were putting up stiff resistance at various points but everywhere were driven back, according to Italian dispatches.

Contreras Is Elected President of Venezuela

LEAZAR LOPEZ CONTRERAS, an army officer who rose to the rank of general under the late dictator, Juan Vicente Gomez, is now president of Venezuela. The national congress elected him to that office by a vote of 182 to 1 and directed that he assume the office on May 29. As president of the chamber, Contreras became temporary president on the death of Gomez.

Supreme Court Decision in Stock Yards Case

UPHOLDING a reduction of rates and charges at the St. Joseph, Mo., stockyards, the Supreme court held that the findings made by Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace justified the rates he set and that the stockyards operators had failed to show confiscation.

Justice Louis D. Brandeis, Harlan F. Stone and Benjamin Cordozo agreed that the rates should be upheld but in an opinion by Justice Brandeis expressed belief that the court went too far in passing on the fairness of rates.

Two Well-Known Writers Taken by Death

DEATH came to two of America's well-known writers. One was Finley Peter Dunne, creator of "Mr. Dooley," the genial satirist of modern life whose witty sayings delighted two generations. The second was Percy Hammond, veteran dramatic critic of the New York Herald Tribune, one of the foremost of the country's commentators on matters theatrical. Both passed away in New York city.

Secret Panama Treaty Is Cause of Concern

ARMY and navy officials were reported to be concerned over a new treaty with Panama which is being secretly considered by the government. It was said an uncorrected text of the pact showed it provides for "joint conversations" rather than for defense of the Canal Zone in event of aggression. The grant by Panama for the "use, occupation, and control of lands and waters outside the jurisdiction of the United States," if necessary, is renounced by this country in the treaty.

Chairman Pittman of the senate foreign relations committee said closed hearings on the treaty soon would be completed, after which the senate might consider the document in secret session in order to avoid international complications. Senator Hiram Johnson has said he will try to have the text of the pact made public before it is taken up by the senate.

Steiner to Be Key-Noter for the Republicans

WHEN the Republicans gather in national convention at Cleveland next June their keynote for their Presidential campaign will be sounded by Frederick Steiner, the eloquent and handsome United States senator from Oregon. He was selected to be temporary chairman of the convention by unanimous vote of the arrangements committee of the national committee after due consideration had been given the names of several other prominent Republicans.

Observers held that the motive in picking Steiner was a desire of the party leaders to give the convention a western atmosphere at the start, with an especial eye to agriculture. The senator has been actively identified with wheat growing and his home town, Portland, is a center of the northwestern battleground of the November elections. Congressman Bertrand Snell of New York, minority leader in the house, was selected to be permanent chairman of the convention, a position he held in the convention of 1924.

Leftists Are Winners in French Elections

COMMUNISTS and various brands of Socialists appear to have won a considerable victory in the French elections for the chamber of deputies, though the large number of run-off elections necessary may tone down the results. The greatest gain is shown by the Communists, who are likely to have 50 seats; but this does not please the Radical Socialists for they cannot count on the Communists in forming a government and fear that without them the chamber will be ungovernable.

Senate Passes Emergency Flood Control Bill

DISREGARDING warnings by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan against too hasty action, the senate passed a bill introduced by Senator Overton of Louisiana authorizing the expenditure of \$272,000,000 for flood control work on the lower Mississippi river and its tributaries. There was no record vote. The bill has no relation to the omnibus flood control measure now pending, which may reach a billion. The sum named in the senate bill is authorized merely to be appropriated and will have to be put in a deficiency appropriation bill. Senator Overton declared it was justified by emergency conditions.

In addition to the 272 million dollars there is authorized an appropriation of 15 millions to be allocated by the secretary of war and used in rescue work or repair and maintenance of flood control works.

Rescue of Entombed Men Is Epic of Heroism

THAT old gold mine at Moose River, Nova Scotia, provided an epic tale of unselfish and heroic human endeavor that will be told for many a year. For ten days more than a hundred experienced miners strove unceasingly to rescue three men who had been trapped by the fall of dirt and rocks in the 140-foot level of the abandoned mine they were inspecting. Machinery and other equipment were brought from far away. A diamond drill was driven through and through this small opening, communication was established and food was dropped down but already one of the three was dead of hunger and exhaustion. Finally the desperate efforts of the rescuers were successful and the two survivors were brought safely to the surface, together with the body of the dead man. Those saved were Dr. D. E. Robertson, famous and beloved surgeon of Toronto, and C. A. Scadding. The one who did not live was Herman McGill, also of Toronto.

Black Committee Scored by Publishers

WHAT American newspaper publishers think of the actions of the Black lobby committee was expressed forcibly and unequivocally in resolutions adopted by their national association at its annual meeting in New York. The committee was accused of having violated the first, fourth and fifth amendments to the Constitution by its seizures of private communications, and the publishers recommended that all victims of the committee's acts seek civil damages and demand the "prosecution of all involved in the odious affair under the criminal statutes of the United States."



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Ball Player Feuds Are Always Sure to Be "Gate" Tonic

AFTER too many seasons overburdened with brotherly love, I have been noting recent doings of the Dodgers and Giants with considerable glee. In baseball, as in most other businesses, there ever are too many people eager to pat you on the back with a knife. It is much more pleasant to see the boys carrying on in the open and—as the magnates should know but always seem to forget—it brings far better results at the gate.

Undoubtedly such knowledge added greatly to Ty Cobb's stature as a ball player. So far as I know he never spiked an opponent intentionally and, off the field, he was a genial citizen. Yet when he came into a base with high-fung spikes glittering you felt that he regarded the fielder as a natural enemy. In press box or in bleachers that feeling always caused pulses to strum faster.

It is just as true that John Joseph McGraw would never have been the greatest manager of all time if he had acted like a Girl Scout. Opponents were opponents to him and he made no exceptions. Indeed, no small part of his fame came because, when engaged in giving his personal and undivided attention to a feud, he often went far afield to assure the camp followers and the distant kinfolk of his enmity. Once, for instance, his ancient Chicago foe was in town for a series. That was in the glowing baseball year of 1908 and feelings were running high anyhow. When the Chicago baseball writers arrived at the Polo Grounds press gate they saw a notice pasted there, by order of J. J. McGraw, they were not to be permitted to enter the park.

Perhaps this did not serve any useful purpose in deciding events upon the field, but I am not so sure about it. At least it convinced both fans and players that there was nothing half way about the famous manager's likes and dislikes.

Burleigh Grimes is another who might be placed high up on the list of haters of opposing uniforms. Once Frankie Frisch bumped into him when the pitcher was covering first base. It was an incident similar to the Van Mungo-Dick Bartell cause celebre of recent date.

For years after that, whenever Frisch faced Grimes, it was 100 to 1 that the first ball would be thrown somewhere in the neighborhood of Frankie's head. By the same token it was necessary for Burleigh to take a few extra precautions when arriving in the vicinity of second base.

The era already had arrived when the game was to overflow with sweetness and light. So numerous folks did their meddlesome best to arrange a peace treaty.

Tinker and Evers Rose on Mutual Hate

Most other long term misunderstandings are ended as quickly when old-time foes are united in a mutual cause. Yet once there was a feud which must confuse the theorists who babble that all the best in sports life is destroyed by battling.

That was when Joe Tinker was at shortstop and Johnny Evers was at second base for the Cubs. After clanging at one another as they rolled over the clubhouse floor one day, they decided that frequent fist fights could never settle the issue between them. They agreed to quit speaking to one another.

By all the copybook maxims the silent hatred should have shattered them as well as the team. Instead, Tinker outplayed himself each day so that he might excel Evers. Johnny strove to reach new heights so that he might tower above his unloved neighbor. It was then that the most famous double-play combination in history, Tinker to Evers to Chance, was born.

Naturally I do not advocate drastic measures yet it is all too true that there have been far too frequent moments when the silence of the ball park has been broken only by the sighs of fans who felt that they had spent their money in vain.

In conclusion I will leave some peace in the direction of a guy who occasionally may have been saluted with bricks in this space. Possibly Ford Frick could have gained undying fame if he had handed Mungo and Bartel a bonus for putting one of the best of all feuds back in circulation, but I am not complaining.

NOT in the box score:

Tom Yawkey and P. K. Wrigley, the youthful baseball magnates, are being urged to back a new pro football league. . . . The citizens of Red Bank, N. J., are insisting that Mike Jacobs become a member of the city council. . . . Even though his Dodgers occasionally give him ample cause, Casey Stengel has not been up in the air since 1916. He went up that time because his teammates dared him to make an exhibition airplane flight with Ruth Law, then the world's premiere aviator. . . . Jed Harris, the play producer, once was the violin artist in a saloon operated by Bob Fitzsimmons.

The colors of John Hay Whitney will be seen on metropolitan tracks for the first time this year with Singing Wood likely to be the racing commissioner's best bet. The silks are similar to those of his mother's Greentree Stable, except that a white cap goes along with the pink and black blouse. . . . Adolfo Luque likes Ken Maynard movies so much that he would almost as soon see one as pitch a no-hit game. . . . Vince Coll, the celebrated and departed patron of beer running and other allied arts, still is mourned by the lads who sold tickets to sports events. He used to pay bonuses for the best in the house and then slip the salesman \$20 tips. . . . In addition to being manager of the Norwegian Turin Society Soccer club, William Anderson also is chairman of the New York S. F. Association Indoor Six-a-Side competition.

If Joe Louis ever tours Europe it will be strictly as a paying customer. He has been offered big enough dough to perform on the continent but, having burned their fingers with last winter's Cuban fiasco, his managers will take no more chances. . . . Connie Mack's (this is no gag) toes turn up.

Harry Danning of the Giants will bet that he can finish one-two-three in a foot race with all the catchers in big-time baseball. He also likes to inform those who sneer at his speed that he beat the fleet George Davis in a special sprint last summer. . . . Tom Baker, the very good young Dodger right-hander, wishes (for some unknown reason) that he was a southpaw.

Recalling Early Trials of Francis Ouimet

In 1910, 1911, 1912 a lean Massachusetts youngster who once had been a caddy tried his luck in the National Amateur Golf championships. Each time he failed to qualify by a single stroke. The next year he scored one of the greatest upsets in the history of the game, winning the national open in the playoff with the famous Britons, Vardon and Ray. His name, of course, is Francis Ouimet.

Jerome D. Travers, rated as one of the steadiest golfers of all time and as a man who rose to the heights under fire, played the Sandwich course in 74 on his last round before the start of the British amateur championship. The next day, when the title play had started, he had a 90. There was no alibi. The same thing had happened to him that could happen to any duffer. For the first—and perhaps the only—time in his life the great champion had permitted his nerves to work themselves up to such a state that he had been awake all night shivering over the prospect of making a poor showing.

American league players are complaining that their circuit is all out of balance. They claim that the league should have loaned money to the St. Louis Browns so that they could have taken advantage of some of the Philadelphia offerings. . . . Among other things Buddy Hassett is a crossword puzzle fan.

Young Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt is so boxing conscious that he has named one of his two-year-olds Brown Bomber. . . . Dogs run truer to form in races than do horses and neither the condition of the track nor the weather has much effect on them.

Brief description of the forlorn Athletics: "They look like money in the bank." . . . Horsemen are complaining about the amount of attention given to the "Electric Eye" at Jamaica. While this device is being installed the track is so cluttered up that they have to break their gee-gees from the first turn and then gallop them around the back stretch. Such antics, they say, greatly interfere with serious training.

Although his home towners arranged a "Berkeley Bell Day" when he visited Austin with the pro tennis troupe the Texas net star has a secret sorrow. He envies that sort of fame which caused a sandwich to be named after William T. Tilden. . . . Because he departed for home with \$300 worth of borrowed baseballs in his valise the Braves cut Pitcher Jack Scott's salary \$1,000 one season.

The average dog racing kennel contains from twelve to fourteen dogs. In the four states where racing is legal five kennels must be represented in each event. . . . When he was wearing first long trousers around Mulberry Bend Francis Albertanti, the fight publicist, was press agent for Albert Spalding, the violinist. . . . Jimmy Wilson might like to know that his Phillies will sit for hours telling what a swell guy he is. . . . Mickey Cochran says that Berres, the Dodger catcher, is the best thrower in the big time. . . . Umpire Charley Moran once received \$5 a day for acting as bodyguard for Bugs Raymond, the pitcher who was as great as he was eccentric.

Twins, 91, Claim Age Title; Brother, 97, Backs 'Em Up

Mrs. Jane Giles and Miss Rachel Rader of Pulaski, Iowa, challenged all claimants to the "nation's oldest living twins" title, and particularly Joe and Dave Maddux of Philo, Ill. "We celebrated our ninety-first birthdays January 15," Mrs. Giles and Miss Rader declared. "That makes up 19 days older than the Maddux boys, who said they were ninety-one February 3. We have a big brother to prove it. The big brother is ninety-seven-year-old Anthony Rader still quite alert mentally."

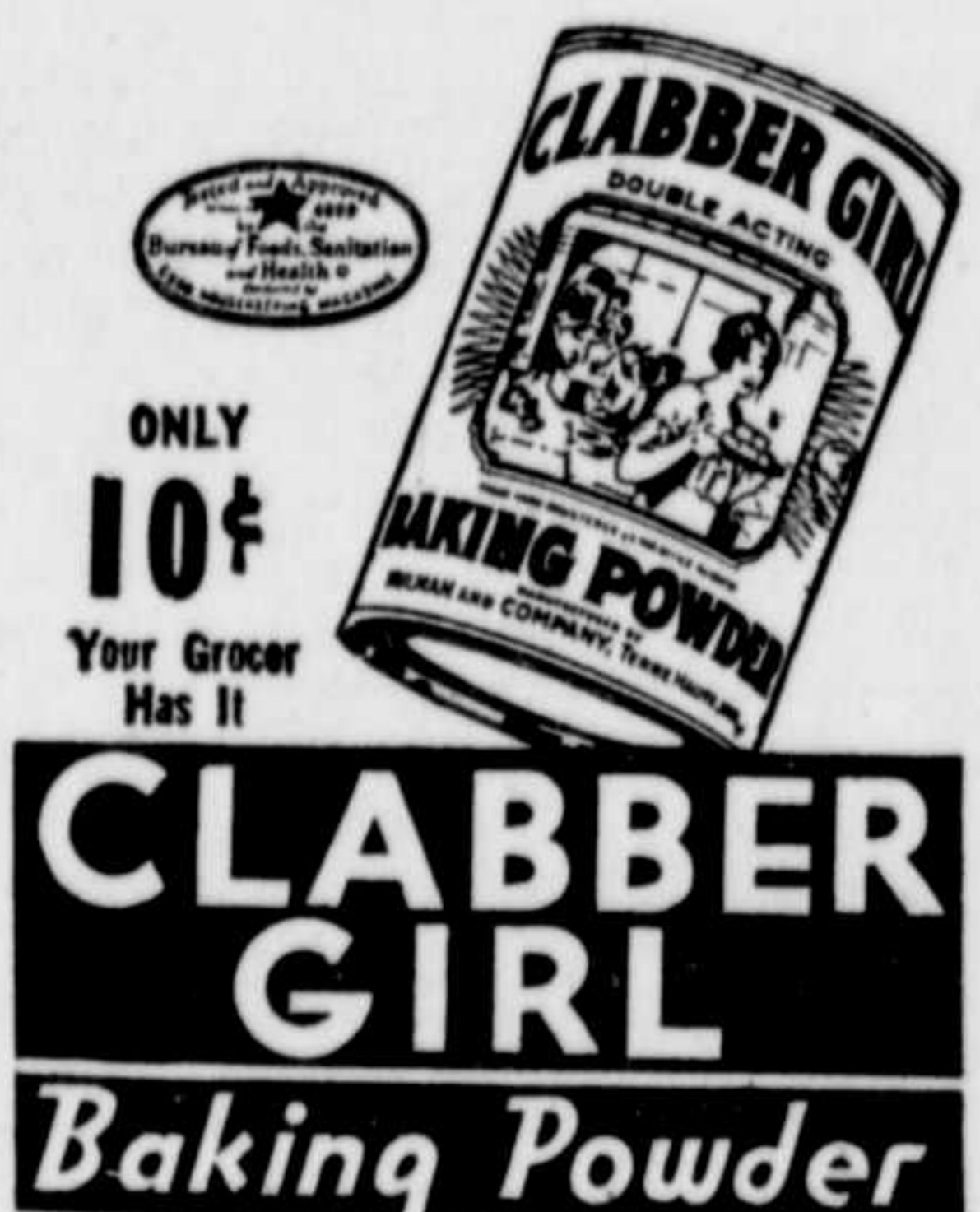
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