WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK. — Leslie Hore-Belisha, British secretary of war, made himself somewhat of a national hero several months ago when he shook up the army command, upped the youngsters and sent the oldsters back to their club chairs. The report of his ultimatum demanding a change of foreign policy is a standout in the current news.

Britain in Race to Get Army Ready

There was something like consternation among British conservatives early in 1937, when Prime Minister Chamberlain named the incidentally Jewish Mr. Hore-Belisha for the war post. There was no hint of anti-Semitism in their attitude, but just then certain optimists among them were trying to tool Britain into the German orbit, and there were alarmed predictions that Hitler would be enraged and seek quick vengeance.

That didn't come off, and the new war secretary started a whirlwind army clean-up and all-around reconditioning campaign, to the satisfaction of all hands. Seventy-nine-year-old Sir Ian Hamilton, who had been in command at the Dardanelles, said, "Thank God we are under a proper soldier and will not be shot sitting down."

He has spent a lot of time badgering his elders, and still has many of them to work on, as he is only forty-three. When, a brash young Oxonian, he ran for parliament, his opponent tagged him as "the nonentity of the college bench." He nailed this on his mast-head, spoofed the opposition cleverly, and romped in.

Clever at Badgering His Elders

He was a dispatch carrier in the war, then a major, a reporter on a London newspaper, with convenient underground pipelines to the front page and the headlines.

He became financial secretary of the treasury in 1932 and later minister of transportation. He is a demon for detail and has swarmed all over England, inspecting equipment, barracks and army kitchens.

He is of medium stature, round-headed, with roached, graying hair, unmarried and given to night forays, checking this or that detail of the military establishment.

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AT LEAST six times in the past 150 years, the Rothschilds have been counted out, and they have always come back—like John Barleycorn and Old King Cotton. Now the arrest of Baron Louis von Rothschild is reported from Vienna. The era which founded their dynasty was disquietingly like this one. The Romanoffs, and the Hapsburgs, Matternich and Disraeli and all the other kings, conquerors and statesmen came to terms with them.

Conquerors Old Stuff to Bank Family

Baron Louis is the head of the house. The catastrophic fall of the Creditanstalt bank of Vienna in 1931 was supposed to have wrecked them.

A few weeks later, they were shoveling money into American securities, and, it was reported, snagging a stray million here and there by a fast overseas play on francs, an old family custom.

Louis and his brother, Alphonse, were living in regal splendor when the Creditanstalt failed. They had great estates and maginificent art gallaries, shooting lodges, a huge Franz Lehar chorus of retainers, deer parks and a brace of medieval castles. Much of these holdings slipped away, as Louis, with somewhat less than the usual family zest and acumen in financial affairs, turned to a study of philosophy and the arts.

Deer Parks and Castles Faded Away

It is 132 years since Napoleon, after Austerlitz, made mince-meat of the Holy Roman empire and even more ruthlessly dismembered Austria. Nathan, James and Solomon von Rothschild, sons of Mayer Anselm, founder of the line, not only saved their holdings, but extended their dominions to the remotest corner of Europe.

These vast ramifications of their fortune, one of the largest in the history of the world, were in land, steel, coal, manufactories and munitions, and, in later decades, in oil and hydroelectric power.

Libraries have been written about them, one notable record being Zola's "L'Argent." Their continental money matrix has been a stabilizer at times. It is possible that the Vienna jail door clangs the end of a dynasty and an epoch—but not quite certain. History will tell.

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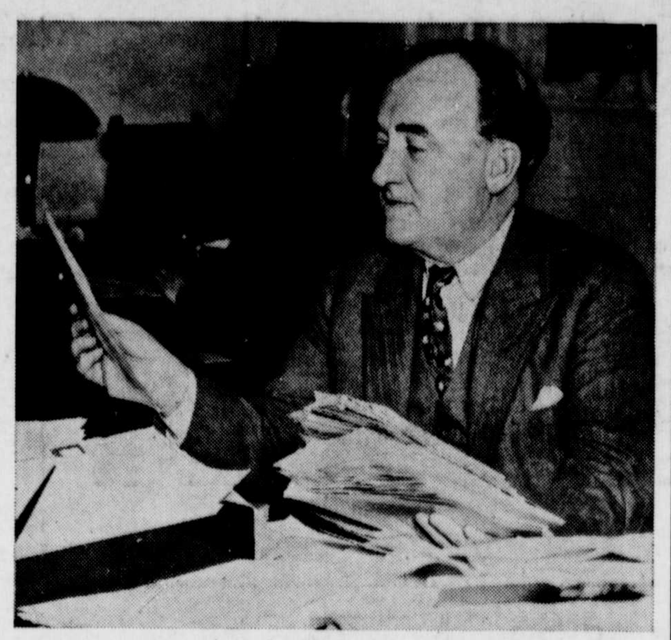
News Review of Current Events

HOUSE VS. PRESIDENT

Administration Makes Great Concessions to Save "Dictator" Bill . . . Senate Gets Tax Measure Built to Aid Business



Members of the house of representatives were swamped with telegrams from citizens all over the country urging that they vote against the administration's reorganization bill which, it was feared, would pave the way to an American dictatorship. Above is seen Congressman John J. O'Connor of New York, a leading foe of the bill, reading some of the messages he received.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Tumult Over Reform Bill

WHEN President Roosevelt returned from Warm Springs he found that a crisis confronted the administration forces concerning the reorganization bill pending in the house and that there was danger that the opposition to that measure would defeat it. He called to the White House a number of leaders, and it was decided to push the bill through with a minimum of concessions. Representative Sam Rayburn, majority leader of the house, told the President it would pass with amendments to which he had agreed. One of these would enable congress by concurrent resolution to override any reorganization proposition the President might put through. Another would exempt the bureau of education from the scope of the bill.

Rep. Rayburn

Representative John J. O'Connor of New York, one of the leading opponents of the measure, admitted it probably would get by with the concessions offered, but said he would vote against it even if the title alone remained. He and practically all other members of the house were flooded with telegrams and letters urging that the bill be defeated.

Even after passage by the house, the measure would have to go to conference and many days or weeks of debate could be expected there. Eventual enactment of the bill was to be expected but the probability was that it would then have lost most of the "dictatorship" features which seem so repugnant to many thousands of American citizens. The popular opposition had not been lessened at all by the President's action in making public a letter to an unnamed friend in which he disclaimed any intention to become a dictator and asserted he has none of the qualifications that would make him successful in that role.

"Help Business" Measure

WHAT Sen. Pat Harrison called the "help business" measure, being the revenue bill as rewritten by his senate finance committee, was submitted to the senate. Though Harrison said he expected its speedy passage, others believed at least a full week of debate would be necessary.

Sen. Charles McNary of Oregon, minority leader promised to support the bill, saying, "I think it is a great improvement over the house version. I am in favor of speeding its passage to help business."

The three chief matters in controversy were:

Administration opposition to elimination of the undistributed profits tax and drastic modification of the capital gains and losses tax.

A proposal by Sen. James P. Pope of Idaho to attach as a "rider" to the tax bill an amendment to impose $212,000,000 of processing taxes on manufactured cotton, synthetic fabrics, rice, tobacco and wheat.

Amendments by Sen. Robert M. La Follette of Wisconsin to broaden the tax base.

Sloan Hits Government

ALFRED P. SLOAN, JR., chairman of the board of General Motors, reported to the stockholders that the corporation's earnings for 1937 were lower. And he declared that the government's policy toward business had caused a lack of confidence which was largely responsible for the business recession.

Sloan asserted a sharp decline in consumer sales began in November, and in commenting on the slump as it appeared "through the eyes of industry," he named two factors. "One influence," he told the stockholders, "was the fact that there had been developing a growing lack of confidence and a fear as to the future of American business enterprise, due to the attitude of government toward business, and economic policies affecting business."

The other influence discussed by Sloan as responsible for "throwing the domestic economy into the violent and unprecedented decline" was what he described as a "radical" increase in pay rolls for industry as a whole in the early part of 1937. In some important industries, he said, this increase was extended to an "uneconomic degree."

At his own request Mr. Sloan has been eliminated from further participation in the profits under the corporation's bonus plan.

Bigger Dreadnaughts

UNITED STATES and Great Britain advised each other that they would invoke the escalator clause of the London naval treaty and would build dreadnaughts larger than 35,000 tons. The British also notified Germany and Soviet Russia of their decision. Both nations based their action on Japan's refusal to disclose her naval construction plans.

Senator Clark

France, third signatory to the treaty, announced she would continue to adhere to the 35,000-ton limitation "so long as no continental power departs from that standard."

Secret hearings on the $1,100,000,000 naval expansion bill were begun by the senate naval affairs committee, with Secretary of State Hull and Admiral Leahy, chief of naval operations, as the first scheduled witnesses. Chairman Walsh said open hearings would be held later.

Opponents of the administration's "big navy" program are rather numerous in congress, though probably in the minority. One of the most consistent of them is Senator Clark of Missouri. Commenting on the invoking of the escalator clause concerning battleships, he said: "It is just the preliminary announcement of a world-wide naval building race."

The maneuvers of the United States fleet were transferred from Alaska to the equator for the second phase. In the "battle" for possession of the Hawaiian islands the fleet lost eleven flyers and three $100,000 bombing planes.

Loyalist Spain Split

SPANISH insurgents are, at this writing, near the accomplishment of Franco's great objective, the splitting of the territory held by the loyalists in the eastern part of the country. They captured the ancient city of Lerida, known as the key to Catalonia.

Further south the rebels were almost to Tortosa and their vanguard was actually within sight of the Mediterranean sea.

All along the Catalonian front the government troops fought desperately, but it seemed their struggle was hopeless and observers believed the war was nearing its end.

Green Strikes at C.I.O.

PRESIDENT GREEN ordered all affiliates of the American Federation of Labor to withdraw from Labor's Non-Partisan league, which he said was overrun by communists, and to shun any ticket put forward in the name of an independent political labor party.

In a letter to officers of all A. F. of L. national and international unions, state and city federations and central labor unions, Green called for strict adherence in forthcoming primary and congressional elections to the federation's traditional non-partisan political policy. He particularly warned the A. F. of L.'s 3,500,000 members to be on guard against candidates nominated by Labor's Non-Partisan league, which he called a "ventriloquist's dummy for the Committee for Industrial Organization leaders."

Adjournment Prospects

CONGRESS wants to adjourn by the first of May, but leaders foresaw three possible obstacles to this plan—the wage-hour bill, the Hungarian debt settlement proposal and railroad iegislation.

Democratic Leader Barkley said he hoped the senate could dispose of the tax revision bill, the $1,100,000,000 naval expansion program, and the proposed $1,000,000,000 relief measure in April. This would clear the senate calendar, he said, unless consideration of Hungary's debt program should result in a lengthy senate debate on the entire war debt question.

Representative Rayburn, house floor leader, said he thought that chamber could complete its present program by May 1. But other members said that if efforts to revive the wage-hour bill are successful, the picture may change.

Could Cut Phone Rates

REPORTING on his investigation of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, Paul A. Walker of the federal communications commission said telephone rates in the United States could be reduced 25 per cent without reducing the net earnings of the Bell system. His report was forwarded to congress by the FCC, which later will make recommendations.

W. S. Gifford

Walker charged that unnecessarily high costs of telephone service have resulted from depreciation policies of the Bell system and other practices involving the cost of manufacturing telephone apparatus and equipment, standardization policies, license contract payments, and segregation of plant revenues and expenses.

The report drew a sharp retort from Walter S. Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company. Gifford described the investigation of the big telephone system as "one sided from start to finish," and added: "If the summary of it correctly reflects the report, it presents much that is simply not true and has been prepared with the same unfairness that characterized the investigation proceedings."

Italy Ready for War

BENITO MUSSOLINI put a chip on his shoulder and dared anyone to knock it off. In a speech before the Italian senate which was broadcast to the world, Il Duce said: "Italy's land, sea and air forces are tuned for rapid and implacable war." He warned Europe, and especially France, of his readiness and willingness to fight, and said he subscribed to the theory that "the best defense is offense."

He called the Italian submarine fleet the largest in the world, said the nation's air fleet was one of the best in existence, and asserted that, if necessary, he can put an army of 9,000,000 men in the field.

"I will be in supreme command," Mussolini cried, thrusting out his chest.

"Military problems are fundamental ones," continued Mussolini. "I dedicate the greatest part of my day to them. Anyone who dares to attack the rights and interests of our fatherland will find in the land, sea and air the immediate, resolute and proudest answer from the Italian people's arms."

France was warned also by Nazi Propaganda Minister Goebbels in a sensational speech in Vienna. Proclaiming the might of the new Germany, Goebbels shouted: "Germany is now strong enough to resist any attack from France. There can no longer be any question of a promenade from Paris to Berlin. Paris is no longer the heart of European politics. The heart is now Berlin."

Oil Seizures Protested

RELATIONS between the United States and Mexico took a serious turn when Ambassador Daniels delivered to Foreign Minister Eduardo Hay a sharp protest against the action of President Cardenas in expropriating foreign oil properties. He asked just how Mexico proposed to pay for the properties seized. Cardenas thereupon called his congress in special session to consider an internal loan to provide for the indemnity payments.

American withdrawal of support from the silver market, Cardenas' chief source of revenue, threatened to close many silver mines.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears

Silk Patchwork for the Guest Room

A LETTER comes from a reader enclosing rough sketches of stitches from a silk patchwork quilt. She writes, "I inherited this quilt from a great aunt and it is the final touch of luxury in my guest room. It never occurred to me that I could make one like it until I saw your article about patchwork stitches in the paper. I am following your advice about using an old wool blanket as a foundation—only I am using the best parts of several worn blankets. I plan to join the blanket sections with whipped seams and then arrange my final patches along the joinings."

Depend upon a modern homemaker to figure out efficiency methods! And here are the stitches she sends. The many-hued silk, satin, and velvet pieces are first pinned or basted to the foundation with lapped edges turned as shown here. If you would like to know how to make more of the fascinating stitches used to sew the pieces in place, you will find them in the new book offered herewith. Be among the first of your friends to make one of these gay quilts. It is the smart thing to use one anywhere that you would use an afghan. Collecting and arranging the luxurious bits of silk and inventing new embroidery stitch combinations is just about the most exciting of all the new revivals of Victorian home arts.

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AROUND THE HOUSE

To Remove Gum.—To remove chewing gum from fabrics, rub with ice and the gum will roll off and leave no marks.

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Cooked Pineapple for Gelatin.—Only cooked pineapple should be used with gelatin in desserts or salads, for fresh pineapple contains a substance that acts on the gelatin and does not allow it to jell.

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When Beating Foods.—Place a folded cloth under the dish which contains foods to be beaten. The cloth saves the table and helps keep the dish steady.

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Using Sour Milk and Soda.—When substituting sour milk and soda for sweet milk and baking powder in cooking, use the same quantity of milk plus one teaspoon of soda for each cup of sour milk.

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A Nourishing Breakfast.—The family that gets a satisfying, nourishing breakfast is more likely to be in tune with the world than the family that has only a hastily prepared miscellany.

Texas Rangers

The Texas Rangers constitute a division of the department of public safety of Texas and appointments are made by the public safety commission, upon the recommendation of the director. Only citizens of the state of Texas can be appointed members of the Texas Ranger force. There are only 30 men employed on the force and they are veteran peace officers.

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