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News Review of Current Events

ANGLO-ITALIAN PACT

Treaty for Friendship in Which France May Join . . . Roosevelt's Spending Plan Starts Big Battle

Emergency rationing of troops by airplane and parachute was successfully accomplished in Texas by the army air corps during maneuvers. This picture shows metal food container for personnel rations, bale of hay and a 130-pound sack of oats, with parachutes attached, ready to be loaded on the bomb racks of the Martin bomber seen in background.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Move Toward Peace

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S dream of security for peace in Europe through amicable arrangements of the democratic governments with the dictators may yet be realized. Anyhow, consummation of the ideal was brought nearer when Lord Perth, British ambassador to Rome, and Italian Foreign Minister Ciano signed the treaty of friendship which had been under negotiation for weeks. The pact is designed to end the long feud between the two nations, and it is probable France will join in after negotiations with Mussolini already suggested by Foreign Minister Bonnet. The British prime minister, of course, hopes that later Hitler can be brought into the group and that there will be formed a London-Paris-Rome-Berlin quadrangle in place of the Berlin-Rome axis.

Temporarily, the treaty provides for friendly relations between Britain and Italy in the Mediterranean and the Near East, but it does not go into full effect until "such date as the two governments together shall determine." In other words, Italy must first have withdrawn its troops from Spain and Britain must have recognized Italy's conquest of Ethiopia. The former may be delayed until France has won final victory. The latter depends upon permission from the League of Nations council, which has been asked by Chamberlain.

In essence, the treaty is a promise by each side not to attempt to change the status quo in the Mediterranean or Red sea areas nor to injure each other's interests there in any way.

Italy is to reduce her forces in Libya to peace time strength, and will adhere to the London naval treaty limiting the size of warships. The Suez canal is to be open to all nations equally in war or peace. Italy will abide by the international nonintervention committee's ruling on volunteers in the Spanish war and in case to withdraw from Spain entirely when the war is ended. Italy declares it has no territorial or political aims and seeks no privileged economic position in Spain, the Balearic islands, Spanish Morocco or Spanish possessions overseas.

Political leaders in Berlin did not minimize the importance of the Anglo-Italian pact, but insisted that the Berlin-Rome axis was not weakened. They were awaiting somewhat anxiously the visit of Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Bonnet to London, scheduled for late in April. There were no indications in London or Paris that Britain and France were ready yet to deal with Hitler. But it was rumored that Poland might join them and Italy in a four-power pact.

Ready for Battle

BIG spenders and little spenders lined up rapidly for the congressional fight over President Roosevelt's program for pump-priming and relief, for which he asked congress to provide nearly seven billion dollars. Of the total sum, 4½ billions would be used for spending and lending to speed recovery from the present business depression. The house appropriations committee began hearings on the President's proposals, and administration leaders in both branches of congress laid plans to expedite the passage of the necessary legislation, still hoping for adjournment by May 14. Sam Rayburn said all were agreed on handling the legislation as an omnibus bill. He was confident it would go through the house quickly, and also confident of the defeat of attempts to earmark the recovery funds to assure congressional control over them.

Senator Vandenberg

Opponents of the pump-priming led off with vigorous radio addresses by Chairman John Hamilton of the Republican national committee and Senator Vandenberg of Michigan. Hamilton came to the conclusion that "the President and the New Deal are far more interested in priming the polls than in priming the pumps of industry." Vandenberg said the plan, whatever its temporary benefit, would work a "long run disaster."

The priming plan, Vandenberg said, means trying to spend the country into better times on borrowed money, trying to buy prosperity.

In his message to congress and in a radio talk to the nation, the President proposed three groups of measures. 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 desterilization 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.

Barcelona in Peril

SPANISH insurgents, having reached the Mediterranean at the port of Vinaroz, spread north and south along the coast and effectively cut off Catalonia from the rest of loyalist Spain. Veteran Spanish and Italian troops, led by Gen. Garcia Valino and Gen. Miguel Aranda, blasted their way into Vinaroz in a single day of severe combat, and Valino then started a northward drive on Tortosa, where important coastal highways converge.

Gen. Valino

Franco's next great objective was Barcelona. His forces were beginning a new movement against that city from the west, and his naval and air fleets left their bases to cooperate. After Barcelona falls, as it seems likely to do, Valencia will be attacked; and then Franco plans a final effort to take Madrid.

Dr. Townsend Pardoned

DR. FRANCES E. TOWNSEND, carrying a pair of socks and a typewriter, arrived at the jail in Washington, ready to serve his thirty day term for contempt of congress and become a martyr. But the old age pension planner was informed that President Roosevelt had pardoned him. The pardon was issued upon the urgent request of Representative C. Jasper Bell, chairman of the investigating committee before which Dr. Townsend refused to testify.

Won't Accept Pay Cut

WHILE congress and various government agencies were trying to find a way to save hard-pressed railways from bankruptcy, the Association of American Railroads, represented by President John J. Pelley, and railway labor, represented by George M. Harrison, president of the Railway Labor Executives' association, conferred in vain over the desire of the managers to reduce the pay of the workers. The latter rejected the idea with scorn, and defied a threat by management representatives that railroads will invoke the railroad mediation act to enforce consideration of pay cuts.

"Wage cuts are out of the question," Harrison said. "I never heard of such a silly thing in my life. Management is trying to reduce buying power at the same time President Roosevelt is pouring out 4½ billion dollars in an attempt to increase buying power. They aren't going to get one cent from us. That's all there is to that."

Benes Grants Amnesty

PRESIDENT BENES of Czechoslovakia contributed toward his country's inner tranquility and the peace of central Europe by proclaiming an Easter amnesty for about 4,000 political offenders, most of them agitators for German and other minorities. Excluded were Sudeten Germans who have fled abroad. Benes also made a radio address in which he said his government was ready to meet any situation arising from the troubled state of Europe, but was ready also to go as far as any of its neighbors in establishing good relations. He denied German charges that Czechoslovakia is going communist.

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.

Sen. Harrison

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 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."

Three New Saints

POPE PIUS took part in elaborate Easter ceremonies in St. Peter's church, Rome, and bestowed his blessing on an immense throng gathered before the basilica. He also formally canonized three new saints, these being Andrea Bobola of Poland, Salvador de Horta of Spain and Giovanni Leonardi of Italy.

In Jerusalem British troops and police kept order among Christians, Jews and Moslems, for all of whom Easter was a holy day.

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.

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Mayor Dore Is Dead

SEATTLE'S spectacular mayor, John F. Dore, died after a long illness. He had failed of re-nomination in the recent primaries. Dore was a brilliant lawyer and a fighting executive. He was allied politically with Dave Beck, labor leader.

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."

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The Questions

1. How is the date of Easter determined?
2. By what name is the Chinese philosopher K'ung Fu Tze usually known to the Western world?
3. What were the "Three Estates" in France prior to the Revolution?
4. Who makes the laws for the District of Columbia?
5. How many lawyers are there in the United States congress?
6. How much raw silk does the United States import?
7. What is the greatest depth to which a diver has descended?
8. How can Anna May Wong be a citizen of the United States when she is a Chinese?
9. How much steel was used in the United States during 1937?
10. What is the cleanest animal?

The Answers

1. It is the first Sunday after the full moon on or next after March 21.
2. Confucius.
3. Nobles, clergy and common people.
4. Congress.
5. Seventy-one out of the ninety-six senators and 249 out of 435 representatives are lawyers.
6. During the calendar year 1937, 57,815,573 pounds of raw silk was imported, with an import value of $106,594,358.
7. The greatest depth reached by any diver was attained by Dr. William Beebe in his bathysphere, in which he reached 3,028 feet below the surface, August 15, 1934.
8. Anna May Wong was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and is therefore a citizen of the United States. The only Chinese who can be citizens of this country are those who are born here.
9. One billion tons of steel in all forms was in use in the United States during the past year, according to the Scientific American. This total represents an average of 17,800 pounds in use for every man, woman and child.
10. The raccoon is considered the cleanest of all animals.

Our Presidents

Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams were elected by the house of representatives.

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