News Review of Current Events

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President Boosts Favorites in Kentucky, Oklahoma and Elsewhere in His Trip to the West Coast

President Roosevelt addressing Louisville citizens from the platform of his special train, urging them to support Senator Barkley for renomination. The senator is at the President's left and Mayor Scholtz of Louisville at his right.

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SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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President en Tour

MARIETTA, Ohio, was the first stop in President Roosevelt's transcontinental tour. There he dedicated a memorial to "the start westward of the nation," in his address paying tribute to the pioneers and, rather incidentally, to Senator Robert J. Bulkley, who seeks renomination and is opposed by George White.

Sen. Barkley

With this off his mind, the President assumed his other role of head of the Democratic party and jumped into the primary campaign with both feet. His avowed purpose was to further the election of members of congress, especially senators, whom he terms liberals. Beyond this he was undertaking to maintain his control of the party up to and through the presidential campaign of 1940.

Crossing from Ohio into Kentucky, where Senator Barkley, staunch New Deal supporter, is engaged in a hot fight with Gov. A. B. Chandler for his senate seat, Mr. Roosevelt found it advisable not to utterly squelch the ambition of "Happy" as the governor is known. In a speech at the Latonia race track in Covington he said he had no doubt Chandler would make a good senator, but added: "But I think he would be the first to acknowledge that as a very junior member of the senate, it would take him many, many years to match the national knowledge, the experience, and the acknowledged leadership in the affairs of your nation of that son of Kentucky, of whom the whole nation is proud, Alben Barkley."

At Bowling Green and at Louisville Mr. Roosevelt made platform speeches in which he urged the renomination of Barkley.

The special train raced through Tennessee in the night without a stop and this was taken as inferential disapproval of Senator George Berry, whose marble claims caused the TVA so much trouble.

Oklahoma City came next, and there Mr. Roosevelt told an enormous crowd what a help Senator Elmer Thomas had been to him and how much the senator had done for the state. His commendation of Thomas was called lukewarm, however, and much of his speech was devoted to criticizing the senator's rivals, Representative Gomer Smith and Gov. E. W. Marland. Smith had the support of the Townsendites and many conservatives. Marland has at times been too conservative to please the White House.

McAlester and Wister heard the President from the back platform, and then at Booneville, Ark., he found time to speak kind words about Senator Hattie Caraway, who seeks another term.

The Chief Executive spent the week-end resting at the ranch of his son Elliot 17 miles from Fort Worth, Texas. Then his special rolled northward to Amarillo, where he stopped long enough to make an auto trip about the city. Next day he arrived in Pueblo, Colo., on his way to San Francisco, San Diego and the cruiser Houston which was to carry him through the Panama canal.

During a brief stop at Wichita Falls, Texas, the President announced that he was appointing Gov. James V. Allred to a vacancy in the federal court for the southern district of Texas. This was a complete surprise to Senators Tom Connally and Morris Sheppard.

TVA Inquiry Opens

INVESTIGATION of the activities of the TVA by a congressional joint committee was opened in Knoxville, Tenn., with Chairman Vic Donahey presiding. After an executive session the investigators started on an inspection tour of the projects involved. Public hearings in Knoxville were next on the program, and Donahey said these would continue "until we run out of money."

It was indicated that former Chairman A. E. Morgan would be the first witness called. He was granted permission to go into TVA files to prepare his testimony.

Shortly before the inquiry began, Dr. Morgan filed a mandamus suit in a Knoxville court asking that he be reinstated as member and chairman of the TVA and be paid back salary. He never has recognized the President's right to remove him from the chairmanship.

Hughes Flies the Atlantic

HOWARD HUGHES, wealthy young sportsman and aviator, with four companions made successfully the first non-stop flight from New York to Paris since Lindbergh's epochal feat in 1927. His time was 16 hours and 38 minutes, less than half the time made by Lindbergh.

Howard Hughes

The big plane, named "New York World's Fair 1939," appeared over Le Bourget field long before it was expected but Ambassador Bullitt and a big crowd were waiting to greet the daring aviators. As the twin-motored machine rolled to a stop, Bullitt ran forward, opened the door and shouted: "Congratulations; did you have a good trip?"

Hughes and his fellow adventurers, Ed Lund, Harry Connor, T. L. Thurlow and Richard Stoddart, weary and cramped, climbed out of the cockpit and were eagerly taken in hand by the enthusiastic French.

After resting and refueling their plane, the fliers took off on the second leg of their projected flight around the world, reaching Moscow in less than eight hours. Their hope was to beat the record made in 1933 by Wiley Post.

Hughes' big plane, specially rebuilt and equipped with a multitude of gadgets, carried a gross weight of 25,000 pounds. It had three radios and was in communication with the ground practically all the time. The only worry the fliers had was the danger of running out of fuel before Paris was reached.

Justice Cardozo Dies

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO, associate justice of the United States Supreme court, died at Port Chester, N. Y., of a chronic heart ailment that had kept him from work on the bench since last December. He was sixty-eight years old. Descended from Spanish Jews who came to America in 1750, he was born in New York city and educated at Columbia university. He was appointed to the Supreme court by President Hoover in 1932 and lined up with the liberal minority. His scholarship and hard work won the highest respect. Chief Justice Hughes, informed of Cardozo's death in Italy said: "It is an irreparable loss to the court and the nation. He was a jurist of the highest rank and noble spirit."

Sen. Wagner

Probably President Roosevelt will not appoint Cardozo's successor before fall, for the court is in recess until October. But speculation as to his choice began immediately. The name most frequently heard in the discussions in Washington was that of Sen. Robert Wagner of New York, one of the President's chief lieutenants in the field of social legislation. Other New Yorkers mentioned are Ferdinand Pecora and Samuel Rosenman, state Supreme court justices, and Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson. The Far West is not now represented on the court.

Huge Wheat Crop

IN ITS first general crop estimate of the year the department of agriculture predicted the second largest wheat crop in American history. The forecast was for 967,412,000 bushels. A sharp slash in acreage to be planted to wheat must be called for by the Agricultural Adjustment administration as a result. Acreage cuts, plus wheat loans, are now automatic and mandatory under the new farm act.

The department predicted a corn crop of 2,482,102,000 bushels, an oats production of 1,093,829,000 bushels, a barley crop of 239,375,000 bushels, and a rye crop of 51,327,000 bushels. Tobacco production was forecast at 1,496,000,000 pounds and rice production at 53,330,000 bushels.

Japan Warns of Bombings

REPRESENTATIVES of the United States and other foreign powers at Shanghai were handed notes by the Japanese urging them to evacuate their citizens from half a dozen Yangtze valley cities listed as probable targets for further widespread bombings.

Two previous notes urged that all foreign vessels and foreigners along the Yangtze river in the path of the Japanese advance on Hankow be removed.

The United States gunboat Monocacy and the British gunboat Cockchafer were reported to have moved three miles up the Yangtze from Kiukiang as Japanese warships shelled Chinese defenses of the city.

Disorders in Palestine

PALESTINE was in turmoil over a recrudescence of the anti-Jewish riots, and the police and British troops were having a hard time suppressing the bloody-minded Arabs. Fights, bombings and fires resulted in numerous deaths. Near Mount Tabor a patrol of British soldiers and Jewish constables was ambushed and suffered heavy casualties.

Chaco Arbitration

BOLIVIA ad Paraguay have finally agreed to let their dispute over the Chaco territory be settled by arbitration.

Spruille Braden, young American business man, is given most of the credit for this settlement of the long and bloody quarrel, and it is said in Washington that he will be rewarded by appointment as minister to Colombia.

'Purge' Is Hard Hit

TWO long distance messages came from Manila, from Paul V. McNutt, governor general of the Philippines and reputed boss of the Democrats of Indiana. Thereupon the New Dealers of the Hoosier state decided they could not win in November unless they renominated Frederick Van Nuys for the senate. That gentleman had been marked for elimination by Tommy Corcoran and his fellow managers of the proposed "purge" of those who had opposed any major New Deal policies and Governor Townsend had publicly announced Van Nuys could not be renominated. The senator was planning to run as an independent. After hearing from McNutt, the governor invited the senator to present his candidacy to the state convention, and Van Nuys accepted in the interests of party harmony.

Senator Van Nuys

Corcoran's purge appears to have bogged down elsewhere, too. Senator George of Georgia and Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina seem likely to win renomination. In New York city Tammany decided to support Congressman John J. O'Connor, who led the fight against the reorganization bill, and several other New York members of the lower house whom Corcoran had listed for defeat.

Problem of the South

RE-ESTABLISHING a balanced economic system in the southern states is considered by President Roosevelt the No. 1 problem of the nation and he says it must and can be done. He appealed to 25 southern leaders, assembled in Washington at his request, to draft plans for the economic restoration of their section of the country. Lewis Mellett, director of the National Emergency council, presided over the conference and read Mr. Roosevelt's letter.

Though he did not comment on the effect that the new wages and hours law may have on southern industry, he did say that one of the great problems in the South is that of labor and employment. He spoke also of problems "growing out of the new industrial era and, again, of absentee ownership of the new industries."

"It is my conviction," the President wrote to Mellett, "that the South presents right now the nation's number one economic problem—the nation's problem, not merely the South's. For we have an economic unbalance in the nation as a whole, due to this very condition of the South.

"The purpose of your conference is to produce a restatement of the economic conditions of the South and their relation to the rest of the country that we may do something about it."

Speaking of Sports

Football Ace Chapman Is Diamond Star

By GEORGE A. BARCLAY

SAM CHAPMAN used to boot footballs over Pacific coast goals last fall and help Stub Allison's University of California Golden Bears smear their opponents.

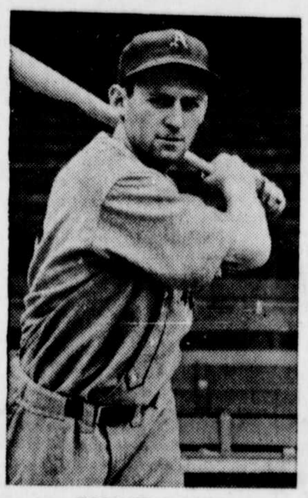
Now Sam belts baseballs around American league parks and helps Connie Mack's Athletics stay in the pennant race.

The metamorphosis of this All-American football player into a star outfielder has baseball wiseacres shaking their heads. Sam has violated the axiom which says that star football players never make star baseball players. He stepped off the campus without any minor league seasoning and because of the way he has been pounding the ball, has won himself a regular berth in the Athletics outfield.

Chapman was rated the best back on the Pacific coast last year. He was the spark plug in the attack which gave the California machine a 13 to 0 victory over Alabama in the Rose Bowl game on New Year's day.

When the grid season was over, Sam turned to baseball. He developed something of a reputation as a slugger and had big league scouts trailing him around the college circuit. The big league training season came and went and while Sam had his ears cocked for offers, he decided to wait until a real bid turned up.

Ty Cobb, the retired immortal of baseball, had been watching him and growing more enthusiastic all the time. Finally he got hold of Connie Mack and told him to grab Sammy as a sure-fire "natural." "I told you once I'd never recommend a ball player," Ty said, "but I've got to this time. This kid Chapman has a future."



SAM CHAPMAN

$8,500 Bonus

Mack, who has always had a weakness for college men, offered Sam an $8,500 bonus for signing with him.

Chapman thought it was a good idea, accepted, and joined the team early in May. He got into the lineup almost right away and began banging the ball all over the lot. In his first five weeks in the league, he got 44 hits in 123 times at bat, including nine home runs. And he has contributed punch to a hustling, hard-hitting ball club that can give any team in the league a run for its money.

He isn't a finished fielder yet, but he's learning rapidly and under Connie Mack's tutelage does a satisfactory job of playing batters properly.

Not many college men have stepped off the campus and into the big leagues to stay. Few if any great football players have accomplished this feat. Sammy Baugh, who has been a sensation as a passheaver for the Washington Redskins in the National Professional Football league, failed to make the grade this year as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals and even faded when he was farmed out to Columbus in the American association.

There have, of course, been some great college players, like Eddie Collins, Frankie Frisch and Ted Lyons, but their specialty in college was not football. One exception was Riggs Stephenson, who paced the Chicago's Cubs outfield a few years ago. The "Ol' Hoss," who was one of the most consistent hitters of his day in the National league, was an all-American fullback at Alabama during the World war.

Besides Sammy Baugh, three classic examples of All-Americans who failed in big league tryouts were: Jim Thorpe, who couldn't make the grade with the New York Giants many years ago, Ernie Nevers, who was a flop when the St. Louis Browns tried to turn him into a diamond performer and Earl Caldwell, famous Yale back who faded rapidly when the Cleveland Indians put a uniform on him.

Sam Chapman looks like the glittering exception to this somber list. At present writing he appears to have licked the jinx that follows star football players from the gridiron to the baseball diamond.

Night Baseball

THE success of night baseball, pioneered by the Cincinnati Reds a couple of years ago and introduced with satisfying financial returns by the Brooklyn Dodgers recently, indicates that before very long floodlights will be part of the equipment of every big league ball park. In its first two games after dark, Brooklyn drew 66,000 patrons through the turnstiles—considerably more than would have come in the afternoon.

The results at Cincinnati thus far have been equally favorable. So there is little reason to doubt that night baseball would draw well in other big league cities.

Few teams do very much business on week days. The average fan does not find it possible to attend such games regularly. The chance of actually seeing a game after dinner instead of reading about it in the box scores should prove attractive. All things being equal, the average man would just as soon see Joe Di Maggio or Gabby Hartnett in action on a ball field as he would watch Clark Gable or William Powell on the screen. Night baseball, however, would not be a serious competitor to the movies, because only a dozen games at most would be scheduled during a 154-game season by any team.

Joe Di Maggio

Leo Hartnett

A number of big league magnates and managers look with rather sour eyes on night baseball. Bill Terry, manager of the Giants will have none of it. But with the demonstration of proved success in two big league cities, it seems inevitable that it will be adopted generally in the big time.

Here and There

ONLY three of the eighteen players who made up the National league All-Star team of 1933 were included in the 1938 roster. They were Gabby Hartnett of the Cubs, Carl Hubbell of the New York Giants and Tony Cuccinello of the Bees. The other 15 have either drifted out of the league or have slipped out of the star class . . . The longevity of stars seems greater in the American league, for nine of the original eighteen were included on this year's All-American baseball team. They were Lefty Gomez, Bill Dickey and Lou Gehrig of the Yanks; Bob Grove, Joe Cronin and Jimmy Foxx of the Boston Red Sox; Rick Ferrell of the Washington Senators; Charley Gehringer of the Detroit Tigers and Earl Averill of the Cleveland Indians.

A Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, or $22,500 a year with the Pittsburgh Pirates in professional football were the offers which Whizzer White, Colorado university's great halfback, had to consider recently. He chose the Oxford scholarship. The decision was his own, too. He asked his father for advice, but White pere insisted on leaving it up to him.

Comeback Trail

DOWN in the Texas league, fans, managers and scouts are watching the performance of two young men who until last year were pitching sensations in the big leagues—Schoolboy Rowe, formerly of the Detroit Tigers, and Paul Dean of the St. Louis Cardinals. Shipped to the minors this year by their respective clubs, these fellows are trying a comeback trail that will land them in the big show again.

SCHOOLBOY ROWE

Should the pitching magic that once made them great return to the arms of these athletes, they will find a hearty welcome back in the majors, for the Tigers could use Rowe and the St. Louis Cards might cease floundering if they had a pitcher of the caliber Paul Dean used to be.

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Women in Baseball

One of the few women holding an executive position in major league baseball is Mrs. Barney Dreyfuss, chairman of the board of the Pittsburgh Pirates. She was married to the late Barney Dreyfuss in 1894 and has been connected with the game for more than 40 years. Miss Dorothy Hummel, assistant to Will Harridge, president of the American league, is another woman who has succeeded in this line. She has had nearly 25 years' experience in the American league and handles all details connected with contracts, assignments of umpires and financial matters.

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