



1—United States marines land in Shanghai. 2—Radio commission, left to right: O. H. Caldwell, Eugene O. Sykes, John F. Dillon and H. A. Bellows. Admiral Bullard, chairman, is on his way home from China. 3—M. Paul Claudel, new ambassador from France.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### \$700,000,000 Surplus for Fiscal Year in Sight, According to Mellon.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY Mellon has officially admitted that the largest reduction in the public debt on record may be accomplished in the present fiscal year ending June 30 next.

A surplus considerably in excess of \$500,000,000, representing the difference between ordinary receipts and ordinary expenditures, is assured. Heretofore, while members of congress and others have insisted that the half-billion mark would be reached, Mr. Mellon has been unwilling to boost his estimate beyond the \$383,000,000 total announced by the budget bureau last December.

That the surplus will actually exceed \$600,000,000, and may go as high as \$700,000,000, is now asserted by some of the experts whose estimates have usually been considerably above those of the treasury and whose predictions have been made good in previous years.

A surplus of \$500,000,000 will mean an actual debt reduction for the fiscal year 1927 in excess of \$1,000,000,000. Debt retirement through the statutory sinking fund will amount to nearly \$340,000,000 and retirements from payments from foreign nations will represent more than \$230,000,000. Debt retirements otherwise than by means of the surplus will amount to about \$570,000,000. Adding a \$500,000,000 surplus to this amount will mean a total reduction in the public debt of \$1,070,000,000.

The debt reduction has exceeded \$1,000,000,000 in only three of the last seven years, the highest total being in 1920, when the debt was cut down by \$1,185,000,000. In 1922 the debt reduction amounted to \$1,014,000,000, and in 1924 to \$1,098,000,000. The debt was reduced in the fiscal year 1925 by \$735,000,000 and in 1926 by \$873,000,000. The total debt on December 31, 1926, was \$18,975,849,705.

If the surplus runs as high as \$615,300,000, and many financial experts believe it may, the record debt reduction of the year 1920 will be equaled. A surplus above this amount will mean the breaking of all records in annual debt retirement.

While the treasury still lacks accurate totals on income-tax receipts, it was indicated that at least \$580,000,000 has been collected. This amount would represent an increase of \$85,000,000 over March income tax payments in 1926. Complete reports from the internal revenue collectors may bring the total up above \$600,000,000.

ON MARCH 16 Harry F. Sinclair, millionaire oil magnate, was found guilty of contempt of the United States senate by a jury in the District of Columbia Supreme court. The case grew out of the senate investigation of the Teapot dome oil scandal three years ago, when Sinclair refused to answer interrogations of the senate committee. Found guilty on all four counts of the indictments against him, Sinclair faces a jail sentence of from one month to a year in the District Jail and a fine of from \$100 to \$1,000. The sentence has not been imposed, pending the disposition of the motion for a new trial made by Sinclair's counsel, and its execution will be further delayed by the appeal which will be taken to the District Court of Appeals, and ultimately to the United States Supreme court, if the new trial is denied.

Sinclair, whose contempt trial is the first of the criminal proceedings growing out of the oil investigation to be decided, was indicted under Section 102 of the Revised Statutes, the same section which will be invoked against Samuel Insull, the Chicago utility magnate; his attorney, Daniel Schuyler of Chicago, and other witnesses who refused to testify before the Reed slush-fund committee, if they are ever brought to book.

Sinclair, refusing to answer the committee's questions on the advice of his

counsel, denied the pertinency of the queries, asserted that answer might jeopardize the outcome of litigation in which his company—the Mammoth Oil company—was engaged with the government and denied the authority of the committee to question him on matters which had become the subject of litigation.

Justice Hitz in his charge warned the jury that the pertinency of the questions had already been decided by the court as a matter of law and that neither the fact that Sinclair, in refusing to testify, acted on the advice of counsel or may have believed he had a legal right to refuse if he wished, could be considered as a defense for the oil man.

THE first meeting of the new federal radio commission was held at Washington on March 15. One of the first acts of the new commission was to announce dates, March 29 to April 1, for public hearings, the purpose of which will be to obtain methods of reducing radio interference. A tentative schedule of topics for discussion includes proposals for widening the broadcasting bands of wave lengths, a limitation of power, and reduction in frequency separation, simultaneous broadcasting with the same frequency, a division of time broadcasting stations, a consolidation of broadcasting service and a limitation of the number of stations. The hearings will not be open for individual claims or complaints.

BECAUSE he published an article in the Christian Enquirer declaring that the God of the Bible "preferred the savory smell of roast cutlets to the odors of boiled cabbage," Ernest V. Sterry at Toronto, Canada, was found guilty by a Canadian jury of blasphemous libel under an ancient British statute making it a crime to criticize the Christian God. Sterry's defense was that he was merely trying to liberalize public opinion and that he thought his article would clear the controversy over the personality of the Deity.

A UNITED STATES Supreme court decision of considerable importance to many communities, especially in the southern states, was handed down on March 14. The court held as unconstitutional the Louisiana state and New Orleans municipal segregation codes under which negroes are barred from residence in predominantly white communities where a majority of the white residents have not given their consent in writing.

PREMIER MUSSOLINI has undertaken to organize a vast insurance organization to guarantee long-time credits extended by Italian manufacturers to foreign purchasers of Italian-made merchandise.

It is estimated that before the plans can be fully carried out the new credit insurance institute must have a fully paid up capital of \$10,000,000,000 lire—nearly \$450,000,000. The field of operation is so large it is thought this money will be easily found. Fascist circles insist that all the money invested in this organization should be Italian, thus freeing it from any foreign influence whatever.

In conjunction with the credit insurance the government plans to station able business men abroad to keep in closest touch with market conditions throughout the world and to assist in placing large accounts for Italian firms. These "observation posts" would maintain constant touch with the homeland through the consular service and other agencies.

Italian industry is in a serious condition. Many factories are closed or running on short time or with limited crews. It is estimated that 250,000 people are out of work, or five times as many as could not find employment a few months ago. It is to remedy this condition and to insure an increase in Italian markets that the Mussolini government is making strenuous efforts to find foreign markets.

THE completion of the Moffat road tunnel through the Rocky mountains near Denver may bring about a new grouping of railroads and produce one of the most gigantic railroad combinations in this country. The tunnel is now nearing completion. When it is ready for use it will mean the short-

ening of the distance between Denver and Salt Lake City by approximately 300 miles, and will also eliminate much of the heavy grades. The tunnel, while built by the state of Colorado, is under lease by the Moffat line, a road that of itself is of no importance except that it controls this new way to the West. A fairly well-founded story current in Denver is to the effect that lines are being laid for the linking up by control of traffic arrangements of the Burlington, the Denver & Rio Grande Western and the Western Pacific with the Moffat road. If such a combination of interests should be effected, it would constitute a part of the Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific combination. If in addition to this federation of northern and central transcontinental routes, there is anything in the reports of Burlington inspiration behind the gradual linking up of short lines from the Ohio river to New Orleans and the Gulf, there would be in prospect a rail system of a magnitude never imagined before in America.

UNITED STATES SENATOR WILLIAM H. KING of Utah, on a visit to Porto Rico and other Caribbean islands, proposed to visit the republic of Haiti, but the Haitian government refused him permission to land. The Haitian government held it was free to bar Mr. King, as he was making the visit as a private citizen, not as a senator. Senator King has been outspoken in his criticism of the present regime in Haiti headed by President Luls Borno. The Haitian administration is under the guidance of the American government, represented by a force of marines. The State department made an effort, through Brig. Gen. John H. Russell, American high commissioner in Haiti, to exert its influence in an effort to have the order changed, but without success. The President of the republic claiming that the presence of Senator King would be a menace to the peace and prosperity of the people because of the feeling of the public in relation to his efforts to recall the American troops from Haiti. Senator King visited Santo Domingo, but did not make any effort to land at Puerto Prince. The senator said he abandoned his plans to visit Haiti, as he feared his visit there might cause a clash between the American military forces and the people.

THE libel suit of Aaron Sapiro against Henry Ford for \$1,000,000 because of the charges it is claimed were made in the Dearborn Independent, owned by Mr. Ford, that Sapiro was the head of a Jewish combination organized for the purpose of defrauding the American farmers, opened at Detroit on March 14, and it is expected to continue for approximately 60 days. Attorneys for Sapiro stated in their opening arguments that testimony covering 141 points would be introduced.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE has indicated that the United States government will not consider the establishment of a protectorate over the government of Nicaragua as requested by President Diaz. The President is desirous of encouraging peaceful conditions in Central America, but feels that to take on a permanent obligation to maintain order in Nicaragua would be too much.

The proposed alliance is described as somewhat similar to that entered into between the United States and Haiti in 1915. It would allow this government to intervene in case of revolution to maintain order, and give the United States limited supervision over Nicaraguan conditions. Another condition of the Diaz proposal is that a big loan should be made to Nicaragua.

THE Mexican government is trying to induce the American government to await the decision of the Mexican Supreme court on the question of the constitutionality of the Mexican land laws before lifting the arms embargo. American oil men have asked for injunctions against the enforcement of the law that would deprive them of the petroleum interests, and a decision in this case is expected within a short time. It is intimated that President Calles may find this decision an easy way out of the difficulty, as the courts may decide that the laws creating the difficulties are unconstitutional.

## GOLDENROD EGGS ARE SOURCE OF VITAMINE



Goldenrod Eggs Prepared for Lunch.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.  
If you are accustomed to serving a hot lunch in the middle of the day, have goldenrod eggs once in a while. Or use them as a supper dish occasionally. They are tempting and nourishing. Eggs, particularly the yolks, supply iron and other valuable minerals, and are a good source of vitamin A. The bureau of home economics gives these directions for preparing goldenrod eggs:

### Cooking Goldenrod Eggs.

Hard cook as many eggs as you need, allowing 2 for each person. Cook them in boiling water for 15 minutes, or place them in boiling water and then keep the pan in a warm place, covered, for 30 minutes. Plunge the eggs into cold water and remove the shells. Separate the whites from the yolks. Cut the former into small pieces and reheat in white

sauce when wanted. Use a double boiler and allow 1 cupful of sauce to each 6 eggs. A tablespoonful of chopped green pepper or minced parsley may be added. To make white sauce: Melt 2 tablespoonfuls of butter, blend with 2 tablespoonfuls of flour; thin gradually with 1 cupful of milk, season with ¼ teaspoonful salt and a little pepper or paprika. Add the milk very gradually and stir all the time to prevent lumping.

### How to Serve.

When almost ready to serve the eggs, make toast, cutting it to any desired shape, and buttering it while hot. Pour the egg-whites in the sauce over the toast, either on individual warm plates or on a platter. Sprinkle over the top of each portion some of the yolks put through a ricer or a sieve to give the effect of goldenrod. Garnish with parsley and serve hot.

## Members of Household Enjoy a Lenten Supper

Call it supper or lunch, as you please, and serve it either at the end of the day or in the middle of it, according to the special needs of your household. The boys, including father, will like this menu because it contains fried potatoes; the children will like it because there are chocolate cakes for dessert, and you will like it because it is easy to prepare and it satisfies your unspoken determination to supply as many vitamins as possible in all the family meals.

Here's the menu, followed by directions for cooking most of the foods suggested. The recipes are given by the bureau of home economics. The supper includes cabbage, spaghetti and cheese, fried potatoes, canned peaches, and brownies.

For the cabbage, spaghetti and cheese, you will need four cupfuls of shredded cabbage, two cupfuls of cooked spaghetti, two cupfuls of milk, four tablespoonfuls of flour, four tablespoonfuls of butter, one-half pound American cheese, one teaspoonful of salt. Cook the spaghetti in boiling salted water until tender. Make a sauce of the flour, butter, milk, and salt. Shave up the cheese and add it to the hot sauce. Put the three ingredients—cabbage, spaghetti, and sauce—in a buttered baking dish, in layers, and cover the top with buttered bread crumbs. Cook for 20 or 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

Cooked potatoes can be browned quickly and easily in a little butter at rather a low temperature, and for children are preferable fried in this way rather than in any of the ways that make them greasy or hard. Slow cooking in only a little fat makes a golden brown crust over the outside, while the inside remains soft, and yet does not absorb the fat. There are three other fine points in frying potatoes: Use a heavy skillet; let the pieces brown on one side before turning them; and cook only enough at one time to cover the bottom of the skillet, in a fairly thin layer.

The brownies, which are good keepers—if you can keep any sort of cakes or cookies in your house—are, as the name suggests, made with chocolate. The ingredients are: one-half cupful of butter, two ounces or squares of unsweetened chocolate, two eggs, one cupful finely chopped nuts, one cupful flour, one cupful sugar, one teaspoonful baking powder, one-half teaspoonful salt, one-half teaspoonful vanilla.

Melt the butter and chocolate together. Beat the eggs lightly, add the sugar, and stir until it dissolves. Add the chopped nuts, which have been mixed with the flour. Pour into a warmed, greased pan, lined with greased paper. Spread the mixture evenly and bake in a moderate oven (325 to 375 degrees Fahrenheit) for 40 or 45 minutes. Turn from the pan and remove the paper from the cake while it is hot. If this is not done, the paper will stick. Cut the cake into strips a little more than an inch wide and about three inches long. These brownies will keep fresh for some time in a tin box.

## Dried Beans Useful as Substitutes for Meat

Many people believe that beans, such as the navy, lima and other kinds of dried beans, are substitutes for meat from the standpoint of their nutritive value. Recent research by the United States Department of Agriculture on the kind of protein contained in different foods has shown that the protein of meat is superior to that of beans from the standpoint of meeting the needs of the body. The protein in meat is called "complete" or "efficient" while that in beans is called "incomplete," because it lacks certain essential acids. The average meal that Americans eat, however, usually contains bread and other foods that contain some kind of protein. Generally a combination of these with the protein in beans will supply the body what it needs. So far as nutritive value goes it is therefore all right to use beans occasionally in place of meat for dinner.

## FURNISHINGS FOR CHILDREN'S ROOM

### Curtains Should Be Sturdy, Simple and Decorative.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.

When the children are little their bedroom is often their playroom, too. As soon as they are old enough to observe them, children take great delight in the furnishings of the nursery. Curtains for the children's room should be sturdy, simple, decidedly decorative. The colors in them should be pure in value, rather than dainty pastel shades. These make little appeal to a small child. Because of the need for sunlight and air, glass curtains are omitted unless the situation of the window makes this impossible. For naptime the light may be modified by a dark shade or screen of some sort.

Here is an attractive window treatment for a child's room, suggested by the United States Department of Ag-



Good Curtains for a Child's Room.

riculture. The curtains are of a fast colored print, in a blue and red pattern, with a blue border on both curtains and valance. The valance and side draperies are hung on separate rods so the draperies can be brought together at naptime. As both wall and woodwork of the nursery are light warm gray in color, these gay curtains are very attractive. There is a hit-and-miss rag rug on the floor mostly red, blue and gray. Gingham Japanese crepe, or appliqued or bleached muslin could have been used with good effect. Motifs for applique may be cut from cretonnes and figured gingham and color ideas may be taken from the child's favorite picture book.

## Clean Tarnished Silver by Electrolytic Method

Tarnish on silver can be removed by the electrolytic method. Various commercial devices for this can be bought for use at home, or it can be done in the following way: Fill an enameled or agateware kettle partly full of water in which has been dissolved one teaspoonful of either washing soda or baking soda and one teaspoonful of salt to each quart of water, heat this solution to the boiling point, put in strips of aluminum or bright zinc, add the tarnished silver and boil it. The silver must be covered completely by the water and each piece must be in contact with the aluminum or zinc, either directly or through other silver. When the tarnish has disappeared, the silver should be removed from the kettle, washed and dried with a clean, soft cloth.



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