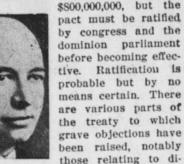
News Review of Current Events the World Over

St. Lawrence Seaway Treaty Ready for Investigaton by Borah-Dictatorship Decreed for Prussia-Great Railway Merger Plan.

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signed the treaty for construction of the great St. Lawrence seaway, which is to cost in the neighborhood of



vision of power to be

W. D. Herridge

developed, and withdrawal of water from Lake Michigan for the Chicago sanitary canal. These and all other phases of the pact will be investigated by a senate committee headed by Senator Borah of Idaho. The inquiry will not start until August.

The treaty, which had been under negotiation for eleven years, was signed by Secretary of State Stimson for the United States and Minister William D. Herridge for Canada. By its terms the seaway is to be constructed under the supervision of a commission to be known as the St. Lawrence international rapids section commission. Five members are to be appointed by each country and the work is to be carried on free from governmental red tape and on a business basis. The commissioners will not have the right to direct construction of the power plants to develop 2,200,000 horse power, although they can co-ordinate these with the seaway. They can order deferred any works. When their job is done, they cease to exist as a commission.

DRESIDENT HOOVER signed the relief act but still had to complete his plans for reorganization of the Reconstruction Finance corporation which is to handle the huge fund. In doing this he had to decide on successors to Eugene Meyer, governor of the federal reserve board, and Paul Bestor, farm loan commissioner, whose retirement as directors of the corporation was made mandatory by the

The corporation itself decided to discard red tape to expedite ion from the \$300,000,000 for state relief of destitution and \$322,000,000 for public works, the latter including \$132.-000,000 which may be used to match state highway expenditures. More than two-thirds of the \$300,000,000 sum will be applied for immediately.

Political riots and murders in Prussia resulted in the establishment of a dictatorship for that German state and the declaration of mar-

tial law in Berlin and the province of Brandenburg. In three weeks more than a hundred persons had been killed and 1,200 wounded in the preelection campaign encounters, which were mainly between Hitler's Nazis and the Communists, President Von Hindenburgh therefore issued the

Gen. Kurt necessary emergency von Schleicher

decree and Chancellor Von Papen became virtual dictator of Prussia, naming Mayor Franz Bracht of Essen as chief assistant. When Prussian Minister of the Interior Severing declared he would yield only to force, the decree of martial law was issued. Premiet Braun and Severing were removed from the Prussian min-1stry. Open air political meetings had already been forbidden throughout the reich.

That Germany faces revolution is seen in the flat threat by Hitler that If his Nazi party does not win control of the reichstag in the coming elections it will forcibly seize control of the government and arrest all Socialist and Communist leaders, According to an Amsterdam newspaper; Gen. Kurt von Schleicher, minister of defense, will co-operate with Hitler. The general, it has been recognized for some time, is planning to make himself eventually the actual ruler of Germany.

The Amsterdam journal also says Former Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm recently visited the ex-kalser in Doorn to discuss plans for a coup d'etat after the elections. The scheme is to form a new government with the ex-crown prince as leader; to bring Wilhelm back from exile in a German warship and to restore the regime of house of Hohenzollern. Hitler, the paper says, will help but will not participate in the government.

DREMIER MUSSOLINI of Italy made a grand shake-up in his cabinet, five ministers resigning by compulsion. Chief of these was Dino Grandi, minister of foreign affairs. The others were Alfredo Rocco, minister of justice; Antonio Mosconi, minister of Anance; Prof. Balbino Giulispo, minister of education, and Giu- out of your enemies."

UNITED STATES and Canada have | seppe Bottai, minister of corporations. Mussolini, who already was minister of interior as well as premier, kept for himself the portfolios of foreign affairs and corporations. Francisci, Jung and Ercole were named to the other vacancies. Eleven undersecre-

taries also were displaced. Grandi was made ambassador to Great Britain.

I N ONE of its most important decisions the interstate commerce commission approved a plan for consolidation of all eastern railroads, except those of New England, into four great systems. The plan will probably be accepted by the lines concerned, though it does not suit them in certain respects.

The four systems will be known as the New York Central, the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore & Ohio, and the Chesapeake & Ohio-Nickel Plate. The systems thus created will embrace 57,000 miles of rail lines-300 roads, though many of them are already operated by the large trunk lines.

The commissions' ruling caused an immediate reaction approaching jubilation in railroad circles, which hailed the plan as the most helpful factor in that industry in 12 years. In fact, as the report pointed out, the leading railroads have received virtually all that they have asked for in order to work out a new plan of economies.

GETTING into action rather more swiftly than their rivals, the Republican campaign leaders at Chicago headquarters started the preliminary work for the election



of 12 United States senators in the central states. The plans are under the direction of Senator L. J. Dickinson of Iowa, keynoter in the national convention. "We are going to concentrate on the senatorial fights," he said. "Where a senator is stronger in

Sen. Dickinson his state than the President, we'll expect him to carry the whole ticket, and

Senator Dickinson said the prohibition question would be the principal in many states, the people having to decide whether the Eighteenth amendment shall be repealed outright, as the Democrats desire, or replaced by another amendment giving congress control of the liquor traffic, the Republican solution.

On August 11 President Hoover will be officially notified of his nomination and will deliver his speech of acceptance at the White House. He has decided not to make a western trip this summer, but will send Vice President Curtis to represent him at the opening of the Olympic games.

GOVERNOR ROOSEVELT, having ended his short vacation cruise, was back in Albany attending to business and laying out his campaign plans with National Chairman Farley. The latter gentleman announced the campaign would be run through the state organizations. There will be a campaign committee at the Roosevelt headquarters in New York, but it will assist and co-operate with the state organizations rather than attempt to direct them, Farley said. There will be only one national headquarters, located in New York. The money will be raised by a special committee not yet named. Nellie Tayloe Ross of Wyoming will again be at the head of the women's organization.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who says she has always been "a profound dry," has publicly declared her belief that the Eighteenth amendment has not worked successfully and should be repealed.

THOUGH the members of the bonus army in Washington are rapidly leaving for their homes, taking advantage of the free fares of-

fered by the government, those who remained, especially the radicals, were threatening more trouble in the form of a picketing of the White House. A promise to do this if congress were not called in special session to pay the bonus was made by

Urban LeDoux ("Mr. Zero". Brig. Gen. Gen. Butler Smedley D. Butler,

former marine, projected himself into the picture by giving the veterans a characteristically vigorous talk urging them to stay right there and praising

their behavior. "They are trying to get you to go home," he said. "You ought to keep some one here in the front line trenches. You have as much right to a lobby in Washington as the United States Steel corporation. Don't take a step backward. Remember, as soon as you pull down the camp flag this movement will evaporate. Those of you who do go home, vote to kick h-l

CONGRESSMAN J. B. SHANNON'S house committee inquiring into the inroads of the government into business in competition with private concerns opened its hearings in Kansas City, his home town, and first received briefs from many organiza-

M. W. Borders, in presenting the data assembled by the Federation of American Business, which has branches in 34 states and represents more than 160 industries suffering from competition from government boards and bureaus financed by taxpayers' money, set forth that bureaucracy has grown to such proportions that it threatens the existence of the present form of American govern-

A procession of merchants from Leavenworth testified that they were being driven to the wall by the competition from new government stores in the two federal penitentiaries and by the activities of the post exchange and book department at Fort Leaven-

Efforts of the government to get into the cafe and restaurant business were attacked by the American Hotel association, with 6,000 member hotels.

Live stock producers, commission men and bankers pictured the "collapse of live stock industry under withering dictatorship of the secretary of agriculture," and attacked the doings of the federal farm board.

THOUGH the members of congress during the recently ended session gave up a vast amount of time to political scheming, quarreling and useless talk, they actually did enact considerable legislation of moment, often under pressure from the Chief Execu-

'They passed a series of measures that began with the moratorium for inter-governmental debts, that included the creation of the Reconstruction Finance corporation, and that ended with the passage of the \$2,122,000,000 relief bill and the home loan bank bill with its currency inflation pro-

They put through a new revenue measure designed to raise more than a billion dollars in additional taxes, and an economy bill saving perhaps \$150,000,000 in government expenditures. They passed all the necessary department supply bills, but refused to make most of the promised economies

Two measures long advocated by Senator Norris were passed. These were the "lame duck" resolution to change the constitutional dates for the beginning of congress and the inauguration of the President, and the anti-injunction bill relating to labor disputes.

The growing national discontent with prohibition was reflected in congress by two test votes in the house and several votes on the legalization of beer in the senate. On March 14, voting to bring the Beck-Linthicum repeal resolution to the house cast 187 wet votes, the largest of its kind since prohibition, as against 227 dry ballots. Two weeks later a similar vote on the O'Conner-Hull beer bill was 132 to 216.

Senate wets pinned their hopes to various bills to legalize beer, and measures by Schators Hiram Bingham and Millard E. Tydings were offered as amendments to the tax bill, and in a final effort to gain modification and increase federal revenues as a rider to the home loan bank bill. The various attempts met failure.

President Hoover vetoed only three important pieces of legislation. These were the bill extending veterans' privileges to hitherto unthought of classes of former soldiers, and the first Garner-Wagner relief bill with its federal loans to individuals, and the bill to shear the President of his powers under the flexible provisions of the Smoot-Hawley tariff act.

WHEREVER in this country or abroad are found former students of the University of Illinois the news of the death of Thomas Arkle Clark was read with mournful interest. For many years dean of men in that institution, he performed the difficult duties of his position with extraordinary skill and tact, and won for himself a high place in the educational

Among other deaths of the week was that of Jules J. Jusserand, who for many years was French ambassador to the United States and was one of the most popular of all the diplomats in Washington. Americans in Paris joined with the French in paying a last tribute to him at the

funeral services. Field Marshal Viscount Plumer, one of Great Britain's distinguished generals of the World war, and indeed of previous wars, died in London and was interred in Westminster Abbey with great military pomp.

Louis Maurer, who was the chief artist of the now famous Currier & Ives prints, dled in New York at the age of one hundred years. He lived to see his pictures, rather scorned at the time he made them, selling to connoisseurs at high prices.

THE economic conference of the British empire opened in Ottawa on Thursday with many of the empire's most eminent men in attendance. Stanley Baldwin, lord president of the British council, leader of his delegation, said that this is the most important conference in history for two reasons:

"First, Britain never before has been in a position to negotiate with a free hand from the electorate, and, second, never before was the trade of the world so depressed."

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NOT ALWAYS WISE TO TRUST "CHARMS"

Some Have Been Known to Work Backwards.

Little Eva is the most superstitious person I know. She wears an elephant's hair ring on her finger and carries a rabbit's foot in her bag. She observes all the known ceremonies for prevention of misfortune, such as saying "bread and butter" when walking with a friend and the two are separated by passing on opposite sides of a lamp post. Whenever she is unwise enough to remind the unkind fates that she has not had a cold in a long time, she finds that it confuses them a little if she knocks on wood and it cripples their efforts at revenge.

Recently she presented a friend a after the friend was in an automoripped open for quite a space. But held up very well if it hadn't been did this disaster shake Eva's faith in efficacy of rabbit pedals? Not at all! She had two explanations ready in a moment. One was that inasmuch as thing. Once when he was sweeping she had not killed the rabbit herself out his father's store, he hit a friend she could not be sure that it was the left hind foot. This is the only do that," the friend cried, "I'll be ar- ladder without falling in a fit, but foot that has any real magic in it, rested!" And within 24 hours he Eva is the only one I know who bebut commercial dealers are not careful to ascertain the original location for speeding. Little Eva says it is existence. Even when the rabbit of the amputated foot.

can't trust magic not to reverse itself | would be a smart idea for all policevers. To the vast majority they bring | hit obstreperous gangsters. good luck, but to little Eva they

day was done. True, the tires weren't for the cat. He has very bad luck with brooms, too. Every time he is hit by one he gets arrested for someplayfully with the broom. "Oh, don't was riding to jail in the Black Maria | lieves in every form of balderdash in a sure sign and that one reason she foot slips it has no effect on her be-The other explanation is that ev- hates housework is that brooms are lief in charms or her vivid respect erybody has two contrary signs, and such a menace. The vacuum cleaner for voodooism.-Indianapolis News.

perhaps in this instance the rabbit's thas helped to keep some of our best foot worked backwards. You just women out of jail. Eva thinks it for some people. Take four-leaf clo- men to carry a broom with which to

Down in the island of Haiti they bring illness, disappointment and dis- have a sweet little custom that Eva aster, and she would sooner pick poil is thinking of adopting. They make son ivy than the treacherous clover. an effigy of their enemies which they Then there are the terrible black torture with good effect. In order to cats, the sight of which is fraught | make the torture effective they must with disaster for so many. With get a piece of their enemy to paste little Eva the omen reverses itself. on the effigy. A hair from his head, She is a cat worshiper and has raised a paring from his toe nail, or even dozens of black ones. She became the dirt upon which he has spat is so used to their criss-crossing before sufficient. The witch doctor then her that it established a sort of im- puts a curse on the image, and all munity. She discovered it once when that is necessary is to stick a pin in a black cat saved her life. The an- the effigy in the exact spot where you imal ran across her path and she want the enemy to hurt. The only stooped to pet it just before two au- trouble is that it doesn't work so tomobiles crashed together and piled | well on Americans. When the Unitup on the sidewalk at the exact spot | ed States marines went to Haiti the where she would have been passing | natives made countless effigies with if she hadn't stopped to pet the cat. which to torture the intruders, who Our office boy is not so lucky. The guffawed loudly at the spectacle, and rabbit's foot for her protection, but last time a black cat ran across his never had a single pain. This would it played her false. Shortly there path he had four flat tires before the argue that the enemy must be possessed of a lively belief in magic bebile accident, and had her scalp so good anyway, but they would have fore he could be discomfited, but it is worth a trial.

No matter how much common sense people have, few of them are free from some form of superstition. There are those who swoon if they sit down to a table that has thirteen round it. Others can't walk under a

Biblical Fortress of Sichem

Geographically Sichem was one of | fered a bold spectacle: with the horthe most important points in Pales- izontal lines of the walls, one supertine. Situated in the narrow moun- imposed upon the other; with the tain pass between Mounts Garizim and Ebal-the high road of travel between the east and west-it the fortress loomed in the landscape, blocked the route from the Jordan Standing at its side, the two natural valley to the coast plain and pro- bulwark, Mounts Garizim and Ebal, tected the coastal region from the invasions of the nomadic hordes pregnability. coming from the east. Its strategic

gigantic dimensions of its stones, all reinforced the impression of im-

Even today one who stands at the function is thus obvious. Sichem of foot of these gigantic walls has the C. (Gen. 34).

sense of being, as the Biblical people wailed, "in our own sight as grasshoppers. One is impressed by its sheer physical strength, and understands the fearful panic of the Israelites as they listened in Kadesh concentrated in the elliptic city plan, Barnea to the reports which their spies brought back from the Land

> of Canaan. The builders of tihs fortification system were the Hittites, who were known to have dwelt in Sichem as early as the time of Jacob, 1500 B.