

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Porto Rico Devastated by a Hurricane—Gandhi's Fast Ends in Victory—De Valera Tells League of Nations What Ails It.

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ONCE again the "storm of San Eusepio" came out of the southern Atlantic ocean on the feast day of that saint and swept across Porto Rico as it did in 1928, leaving a terrible trail of death and destruction. For hours the hurricane raged, tearing down buildings, crushing the coffee and fruit crops and killing and maiming the people of the unhappy island. Gov. James R. Beverley thought the dead would number over two hundred and the injured more than a thousand. The property damage has not been estimated but it certainly will run into many millions of dollars. Broken communication lines and roads blocked by debris made the gathering of accurate information slow. Before reaching Porto Rico the storm struck the Virgin Islands, killing 15 persons, sinking many vessels and wrecking buildings. Later it hit Haiti and Santo Domingo.

Most of the fatalities in Porto Rico were in the country districts, for the authorities of San Juan, forewarned, placed many hundreds of the residents in the solidly built schools and churches. The property losses in the city, however, were heavy, especially on the ocean front. Governor Beverley was prompt in starting relief machinery. He formed an emergency committee and placed ample insular funds in his hands. By his order the police impressed into service prisoners in all the jails, letting them work without guards at clearing the roads and streets and reopening communication facilities. The governor of course reported the conditions immediately to Washington and the Red Cross ordered its chief supply officer to the island and sent a destroyer with medical supplies.

MAHATMA GANDHI'S "fast unto death" won a striking victory for the little old Hindu holy man, for the caste Hindus and the untouchables, hurrying to save his life, agreed upon a compromise electoral plan that was fairly satisfactory to Gandhi. It was hastily accepted by Prime Minister MacDonald and the British cabinet, and thereupon the mahatma broke his fast with a few sips of a lime concoction. For more than six days he had partaken of nothing but water with salt or soda in it, and the physicians at Yeravda jail said he could not have survived much longer. The compromise plan provides that 148 seats in provincial legislatures be held by the depressed classes and that a percentage of seats in the central legislature be reserved for them. It also provides a system of primary elections. These special features are to end after ten years.

In accepting this plan, the British government pointed out that some details still remained under consideration. The official statement said this did not imply opposition by the government. Gandhi, though born a caste Hindu, has been making his fight for the depressed classes, and it is possible that his victory may lead to revolutionary changes in their treatment. However, some authorities declare that the gulf between the four castes and the untouchables is of too many generations' standing to be wiped out in a day or two, even by the ukase of religious leaders.

WHEN the League of Nations assembly opened its thirteenth annual session in Geneva, Eamon de Valera, President of the Irish Free State, was in the chair as president of the league council, and he took the opportunity to tell what he thought of the league and its failures. He spoke without restraint, telling his gloomy hearers that the league had lost the world's confidence because it had not boldly tackled the major problems that came before it, notably the situation in the Far East and the question of disarmament. "People are complaining that the league is devoting its activity to matters of secondly interest while vital international problems of the day are being shelved or ignored," he continued. "People are saying that equality of states does not apply here in things that matter. "People are becoming impatient at the apparently meager face-saving results of successive league conferences and meetings. They are inquiring whether these conferences justify the burden of contributions to the league's budget. Finally there is the suspicion that little more than lip service is paid to the fundamental principles on which the league was founded.

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To make matters worse, the steadfast refusal of Germany to take part in the sessions of the disarmament conference effectively stopped up that august international body for the time being. The steering committee in a quarrelsome secret meeting considered the demand of Arthur Henderson for immediate convocation of the general conference and then announced it had adjourned until October 10.

DEMOCRATS now are in control of the United States senate, outnumbering the Republicans by one. This comes about through the appointment of Walter Walker by Gov. William H. Adams of Colorado to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Charles W. Waterman. So the upper house now has 48 Democrats, 47 Republicans and one Farmer-Laborite. There was uncertainty as to whether the new man would serve in the lame duck session of congress or only until a successor to Waterman is elected November 8.

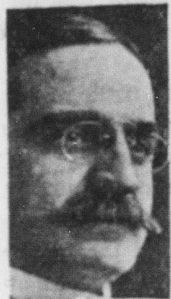
BOTH the Republicans and the Democrats professed to have high hopes of carrying Iowa in the Presidential election, but their claims are unsettled by the announcement of Senator Smith W. Brookhart that he will be in the race for the senate as the nominee of the "progressive" party, expecting to draw support from both the major parties. His decision came three months after his defeat in the Republican primary by Henry Field. He admittedly has a large following among the Iowa Republicans, especially in the rural districts. The Democrats had expected that Brookhart would follow the example of his brother progressive Republican, Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska, and come out flatly for Franklin D. Roosevelt for President.

JOUETT SHOUSE, former executive chairman of the Democratic national committee, gave the California Democrats a shock by the announcement that Association Against the Prohibition Amendment, of which he is president, would support Tallant Tubbs, Republican nominee for senator from that state, rather than William G. McAdoo, the Democratic choice. Shouse said that McAdoo had not made his position clear on the prohibition question. He stated also that the association feared the cause of prohibition might be retarded or embarrassed by the election of McAdoo. It therefore urged, he said, that California advocates of prohibition repeal vote for Tubbs.

FOES of President Machado of Cuba reopened their campaign of assassination, their victim being Dr. Clemente Bello, president of the senate, leader of the Liberal party and the man slated to succeed Machado at the head of the government. Seven men in an automobile fired five volleys from a machine gun at Bello as he was leaving his home, and he was struck and killed by eleven bullets. His chauffeur also was mortally wounded. Within a few hours alleged government agents had retaliated by slaying three prominent oppositionists, Dr. Ricardo Arango, and Representative Gonzalo de Andrade and his two brothers. A fourth leader of the Conservatives, Dr. Miguel Aguilar, was fatally wounded.



Gov. Beverley



Nicholas Politis

HOW to arrange the financing by the Reconstruction Finance corporation of the sale of 15,000,000 or more bushels of northwestern wheat to China has been taking the attention of President Hoover and the interested federal agencies. Negotiations have been opened with China and though the final arrangements had not been made, it was said in Shanghai that the deal was practically assured. It involves about \$9,000,000 in gold. The grain involved in the proposal would come from producers of the Northwest on whom shipping costs have borne heavily. The relief act authorized the Reconstruction Finance corporation to make loans for financing foreign sales of surplus agricultural products where they "cannot be financed in the normal course of commerce" and where they will not "affect adversely the world markets for such products."

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S famous frowl is being put to use quite often these days. The latest occasion was the laying of the cornerstone of the new \$10,000,000 post office building on Pennsylvania avenue. With Mrs. Hoover an interested spectator and hundreds of others gathered about, Mr. Hoover wielded the tool that the Father of his Country used in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793. He slapped on the mortar and the stone was swung into place, a real mason tested the block with his level and pronounced it truly laid. Postmaster General Brown told the crowd that the day was the one hundred and forty-third anniversary of the founding of the postal service. Senator Smoot spoke briefly, and the President then delivered an address dwelling on the function of the postal service in the making of the nation.

FIVE eminent citizens have agreed to act as a commission which will "survey the transportation situation in this country" and report such recommendations for relief and betterment as may appear wise to them. The commission is sponsored by the National Association of Mutual Banks, and the announcement of its creation was made by Walter Bennett, New York banker, on behalf of the association. Calvin Coolidge, former President, is chairman of the commission; and the other members are Bernard M. Baruch, financier and railway director; Alfred E. Smith, former governor of New York; Clark Howell, publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, and Alexander Legge, president of the International Harvester company and former chairman of the farm board. The commission is the result of mobilization of virtually every bank, insurance company, and major business association in the country for a concerted effort to convince congress of the imperative necessity of immediate legislation to protect the financial foundations of the railroad industry. Its survey will include all the transportation facilities of the nation, including buses, trucks, pipe lines and other carriers, as well as the railways.

REPRESENTATIVES of the Railway Labor Executives' association called on President Hoover, asking administration intervention in the matter of the proposed railway wage reductions which they opposed "at a time when there are some hopeful signs that the depression may have run its course." Mr. Hoover also talked with railway presidents and Secretary of Labor Doak, and the latter then issued a statement that the President felt it was desirable that the question should be deferred until the end of the year, since the present wage agreement does not expire until February 1.

GREAT BRITAIN'S national government, formed last October to meet the financial crisis, experienced its first break when three of the most important Liberal and Labor members of MacDonald's cabinet resigned. Their action followed a disagreement over the tariff proposals approved at the recent empire conference in Ottawa. The ministers who quit, stating these proposals were incompatible with their free trade principles, were Viscount Snowden of Ickornshaw, lord privy seal, former leader of the Labor party, and Sir Herbert Samuel, home secretary, and Sir Archibald Sinclair, secretary for Scotland.

Sir John Gilmour was moved from minister of agriculture to home secretary and his former portfolio was given to Maj. Walter Elliot. Sir Godfrey Collins took Sinclair's place. The Simon Liberals in the house still support MacDonald. Friend—What do you get out of your car? Married Man (afflicted with back seat driveritis)—Oh, about 10,000 words to the gallon.—The Car.

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Wit and Humor

THERE WERE OTHERS Jackson stamped angrily into the office and gripped his partner by the shoulder. "Look here," he snapped, "was it you that said I was an infernal rascal?" "Me!" exclaimed the other. "Of course not!" Jackson simmered down a bit. "Who could it have been, then?" he asked. "Really, old man," he replied, "I'm not the only man who knows you."—London Answers.

SOMETIMES HAPPENS



Frosh—Say, who is that beefy fellow over there with the remarkably broad shoulders? Soph—That's the champion chess player of the college. Frosh—And who is the midget with the red hair? Soph—That's the great left-end of our football team.

Information Needed "Daddy," said little Daisy thoughtfully, "I want to ask you a very important question." "Go ahead, my dear," said father. "What is it?" The child hesitated for a while, then said: "Well, daddy, tomorrow's my birthday and I'd like to know what you think I'd like to have for a present."

"Scared" the Fire Adele was helping her mother pick up scraps of material off the floor after a day of sewing. When mother bundled the scraps together and threw them in the fireplace, Adele, wishing to make a livelier fire, added a stick of wood. Just as she threw in the wood the scraps blazed suddenly. "Goodness, mother," the little one said, "didn't I scare that fire?"

Safety First "So Simpson screwed up his courage to declare his contempt for his wife?" "Yes, but he did it in his will!"—Stray Stories.

Guilty Conscience Francis—What was the commotion in the office today? Gertrude—A policeman friend of the typist's came in, and the cashier fainted.—Smith's Weekly (Sydney).

CLIMB WAS THERE



"Yes, we get all the benefits of mountain climbing here." "Mountain climbing. Why, there isn't a hill ten feet high within twenty miles." "I know, but we sleep on the fifth floor and there is no elevator."

No Bargain "You are accused of stealing a quantity of foodstuffs. Have you anything to say?" "Yes, the sentence is too great. The price of food is down 10 per cent."—Der Lustige Sachse.

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Would Help Out Sultor—Er—I—er—I—am seeking your daughter's hand—er—have you any objection, sir? Father—None at all. Take the one that's always in my pocket.—London Humorist.

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At Last! Miss Thirty-Odd—Oh, Mr. Blunt, this is so sudden. Mr. Blunt—I know, but I thought you could stand a surprise better than suspense.—London Tit-Bits. Usual Beginning "How'd the fight start?" asked the traveling salesman. "Same as most fights start, answered Cactus Joe. "Each feller thought the other was bluffin'."

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