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# **News Review of Current Events the World Over**

Insull, Brought Back for Trial, Defends Himself-Token Payments on War Debts Are Barred--Compromise Silver Bill Being Formulated.

#### By EDWARD W. PICKARD

of dollars, the NRA authorities de-

claring these are not fairly held.

Among the things it would abolish

are: Exclusive rights of the Western

Union Telegraph company to some-

thing like \$25,000,000 worth of busi-

ness annually; use by many corpora-

tions of private wire circuits leased at

figures alleged to be out of line with

regular charges for the same volume

of business, and free use of these cir-

cuits by clients of the lessees to the

tune of millions of dollars worth of

DRASTIC reorganization of the

ment a permanent balance of power

between large and small industries

was recommended in the majority re-

port by the Darrow board, which Pres-

ident Roosevelt decided not to make

public in its original form but referred

NRA to give the federal govern-

words each year.

liminary digesting.

SAMUEL INSULL, once the grand | vantages amounting to many millions old man of public utilities, has been brought home to be tried for his alleged sins after his long period of refuge in foreign



rived off Fort Hancock, N. J., and Insull was taken off at open sea by the United States coast guard cutter Hudson, which landed him quickly. After an automobile ride to Princeton Junction, he was put

lands. His "prison

Samuel Insull aboard a train and transported swiftly to Chicago. His son, Samuel Insull, Jr., had been permitted to join him on the Exilona and accompanied him on the trip west.

Landing on American soil, Insull appeared to recover his old time confidence. To reporters he said : "I am in America to make the most important fight of my life. I am fighting not only for freedom but for complete vindication. I have erred, but my greatest error was in underestimating the effects of the financial panic on American securities, and particularly on the companies I was trying to build.

"I worked with all my energy to save those companies. I made mistakes-but they were honest mistakes. They were errors in judgment, but not dishonest manipulations.

"Arbitrarily, I had been instructed to resign as head of these companies which I had built and which I had tried to protect.

"I was told that I was no longer needed. Tired from the fruitless struggles to save the investments of thousands of men and women, discouraged in my attempts to save the investments of my friends and associates as well as everything I had, I got out.

"No charges were brought against me until I had been away for three months. My return at that time would have further complicated the problems of the reorganization of the companies.

"The whole story has not yet been told. You only know the charges of the prosecution. Not one word has been uttered in even feeble defense of

How the League of Nations proposes to aid China was told in a long report, made public by the Nanking government, covering the arrangement made by Dr. Ludwig Rajchman, representative in China of the league. This plan, it is supposed, led to Japan's recent statement of a policy demanding that other nations keep their hands off China. The document was politically inocuous, being chiefly the recommendations of technical advisers for projects designed to attract foreign capital to China and consolidate it as an independent nation. The list of advisers did not include any Japanese

The chief interest in the report. from the standpoint of the United States, concerned the section devoted to cotton. It shows that China must are continuing on a spending spree purchase about \$60,000,000 worth of just to afford deserving Democrats raw cotton annually, most of which with pie from the government counter. comes from the United States.

The report also proposes an extensive road building program which is other day without attracting a great likely to improve the market for American cars as well as gasoline.

A Chinese national military and communications commission has just left Shanghai for the United States by creations because he declared, unway of Europe. Its twenty-two members are instructed to learn how China can acquire a modern war machine and methods of communication that are up to western standards.

REPORTS from Calro, Egypt, told somewhat hazily about fierce fighting that was going on in the Arabian peninsula where Ibn Saud, the fanatical king of

to three government agencies for pre-On the theory that the NRA has shown business incapable of self-regulation, the 5-to-1 majority report proposes to scrap all the present code authorities in favor of an entirely new set-up in which the federal government, big business and little business have equal voting representation.

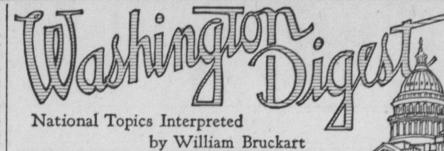
S OME sort of a compromise on silver legislation that will be acceptable to both the White House and the silver bloc in congress is likely to be

worked out, though Senator Borah, who wants outright remonetization of the white metal, thought the plan being prepared would not serve. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau and eight silver senators held prolonged conferences, and all but the gentleman from Idaho

Secretary were fairly well satis-Morgenthau

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fied, Senator King of Utah said he hoped for a bill which would nationalize silver bullion and provide for the establishment of a 25 per cent silver reserve for currency. Probably the measure will be mandatory as to policies and permissive in me. And it must be obvious that leaving to the discretion of the Pres-



Democratic are more than likely go

ing to continue to elect Democrats,

but the "political accidents" that elect-

ed many others of the vast majority in

the house are going to send many

home because they come from over-

whelmingly Republican communities.

The Republican leaders are asserting

they will pick up eighty or ninety

seats from the Democrats next No-

vember. There can be no doubt that

they will gain some, but eighty or

ninety is a high figure in anybody's

. . .

It seems to me that Representative

Mark Wilcox of Florida has won a

'First Termer' in his first term as

Wins Honor a member of the

tives by obtaining passage of the leg-

islation that has come to be known as

the municipal bankruptcy bill. It is

something like twenty years since a

"freshman" member of the house of

representatives has sponsored a piece

of legislation of national scope that

was passed and become a law. Plenty

of new members have introduced bills

nationwide in their effect, but as far

as my research has disclosed, none has

been successful in the last twenty

Mr. Wilcox won membership in the

house by defeating Mrs. Ruth Bryan

Owen, daughter of the famed William

Jennings Bryan, for the Democratic

nomination in his district where the

nomination is tantamount to an elec-

tion. So he was given a baptism of fire

before he ever reached the house it-

self. Whether it was the political

prestige won by licking an outstand-

ing Democratic woman, or for other

reasons, the fact remains that Mr. Wil-

cox finally forced through a piece of

legislation that constitutes something

entirely new in our national structure

The measure, as I said, is national

in scope and it probably will affect

munities which the bill calls taxing

districts. This list of taxing districts

includes municipalities, counties, bor-

oughs, villages, parishes, townships,

and incorporated taxing districts such

as schools, drainage, irrigation, levee,

sewer, paving, sanitary, port, or any

other districts in which improvements

have been made in bonds and sold to

pay for them. In order to take ad-

vantage of the provisions of the law,

the taxing district must declare itself to be insolvent and unable to pay the

the financial status of some 2,500 com-

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tlement.

Washington .- The Republicans are giving some indications that they intend to fight for elec-Queer Quirk tionof their partisans in Politics in the next congress

on the ground that the emergency is over and that President Roosevelt and his administration The tipoff as to the direction from which the attack will come arose the deal of attention. It came from Representative Snell of New York, the Republican leader in the house, who opposed one of the newer brain-trust equivocally, "the emergency is over." After Mr. Snell had made the statement, I inquired of a number of persons, astute in politics, what they thought of this anomaly. Here is a leader of the opposition party declaring that the emergency is over, and if that condition exists, the leader of the opposition, by inference at least, has admitted that credit for the job must be given the Roosevelt administration. I find as well that the Democrats can hardly admit the correctness of the statement without admitting at the same time that there should be an end immediately to the countless emergency agencies that the Roosevelt administration has set up. It seems to me, equipped with all mod- therefore, that we are witnessing one of the most ridiculous situations that has ever occurred in politics where port Hodelda, and it peculiar things are the rule. Sucwas advancing to at- cinctly, it amounts to this; each side tack Sana, the cap- actually is contending that the other is right.

Of course, it should be said, much According to the conflicting stories | water will flow under the bridge before the votes are counted in Novemtory. One report was that the Emir ber; indeed, many changes will have come before the congressional camtaken and defeated the rear guard of paigns in the various states get stirred up to a white heat, but unless the course of battle now indicated is alcame telegrams stating that their re- tered, I predict the campaigners will have to do some fancy high rope walk-Saudian army suffered a severe defeat ing. It surely appears that getting in a 23-hour battle. Capture of 36 ar- one's own legs tangled up in those arguments is about the easiest thing in sight.

Curious possibilities are offered by the situation. For example, are the Democrats going to go out on the hustings and say to their mass meetin Asia and Africa, Great Britain, ings in effect that "we have not succeeded; we must keep the AAA and conflict with deep concern and all had the NRA" and others? And, at the warships at hand to protect their in- same time, are we going to hear Republican spellbinders that from "the Democrats have licked the depression and they must now put an end to their orgy of spending and running up bills which the taxpayers must

### Historic Memories of Little Iron Wolverine

The National Geographic Magazine says:

At Erie, Penn., new ribs are being fitted to a bit of the original keel of the Niagara, Perry's vice flagship, but also interesting is the little vessel Wolverine, now anchored in Misery bay near the Perry monument.

The Wolverine was the first ironhulled ship on the Great Lakes. It was forged in Pittsburgh and transported in pieces through the wilderness to Erie. Scoffers expected her to sink. She did stick on the ways until all the distinguished guests had gone home. Then she launched herself during the night!

Flying the Stars and Stripes, she dethroned King Strang, of Beaver island, and helped Canada crush the four-regiment Fenian raid. Today she is the oldest remaining proof that an iron-hulled vessel will floata man-of-war granddaddy of all those iron-hulled ships which carry the commerce of the lakes.



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"I lost 57 lbs. by taking Kruschen Salts and it had no ill effect on me. I



gain in strength, health and physical charm-look younger. Many physi-cians prescribe it and thousands of fat folks all over the world have achieved

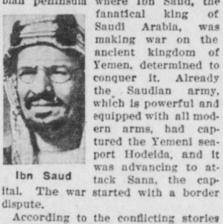


dispute.

reaching Cairo, both sides claimed vic-Feisal, heir of Ibn Saud, had overthe retreating Yemeni army.

From Yemeni officials, however, treat had been halted and that the mored cars, nine of them undamaged: 36 guns, and 400 prisoners was claimed by the premier of Yemen, who wired that the Saudian casualties exceeded 2,000.

Because of their nearby territories Italy, and France were watching the



tured the Yemeni seaital. The war started with a border

there also is my side of the story. "When it is told in court, my judgment may be discredited, but certainly my honesty will be vindicated."

R USSIA has been angered by a rul-ing of Attorney General Cummings and there is danger that all the plans for re-establishing trade with that country will go awry. Mr. Cummings was called on to determine what nations would be barred by the Johnson act from marketing their securities in this country or in any way receiving financial assistance. This he did by announcing the six foreign nations that are not in default to the United States government on their obligations. These are Finland, Great Britain, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Latvia and Lithuania. Finland has met in full all installments on its war debt. The others have made token payments on recent installments.

Immediately after the attorney general's ruling was made public it was authoritatively stated in Washington that President Roosevelt had decided to accept no more token payments; therefore England and the others that have made such payments will fall into the default class on June 15, when the next payments are due. Even Finland may now default. If the nations proffer token payments they may be accepted by the treasury as "on account," but the nations will still be held in default and thus will be shut out under the new Johnson act from obtaining any government loans in the United States.

The President will inform congress, it is reported, that he desires no legislation at this time with respect to the debt question.

Soviet Russia fell in the default class because it ignored obligations of the preceding czarist and Kerensky governments.

A IMING directly at the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Western Union company. both of which are said to have defied him, Recovery Administrator Johnson made public a drastic code for the wire communications industry prepared by his own staff. Imposition of a code is regarded to all intents the same as writing law for the industry affected, equal in scope to the authorization for licensing industry. Nothing like it has been resorted to heretofore.

In the telegraph case, with all but one minority group flatly opposed to any code, the NRA is proposing to change long-standing conditions and alter the internal economy of the industry on the ground that existing | Chandler Roosevelt. conditions burden commerce and reduce employment. A date for hearings wr.s set, after which the President was to be asked to take action.

The code, if adopted, would deprive extensive interests of financial ad-

ident the means of carrying out the policies.

TO AVOID impending defeat by the senate, the President withdrew

from its consideration the names of two men he had appointed to office. One was Willard L. Thorp who had been made head of the Commerce department's bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. The senate's objection to Mr. Thorp, who has been serving as head of the commerce bureau pending action on his nomination, was based on the fact that he once registered as a Republican in a Massachusetts primary. The other withdrawal was of Rene

A. Viosca as United States attorney for the Eastern district of Louisiana. He was opposed by Senator Huey P. Long.

A NDREW W. MELLON, the ven-erable and wealthy ex-secretary of the treasury and former ambassador to England, came out on top in his

basis. The foreman of the jury was William Beeson, a bank clerk. Among others on the jury were five laborers, two farmers, two engineers, two mechanics, two clerks, one plumber, one carpenter, a lumber dealer, and a writer.

Mr. Mellon said: "I am of course gratified that I have been exonerated by a jury of my fellow citizens. The fact that the grand jury reached a sound conclusion, notwithstanding the unusual methods pursued in my case, is proof of the good sense and fairness of the American people."

The finding of the jury probably ended finally the affair, Mr. Cummings saying the government would not challenge the decision. It may also put an end to the not infrequent attacks on Mr. Mellon in congress.

DRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is again a grandfather, for down in Fort Worth, Texas, a daughter has been

born to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Roosevelt. The baby, who weighed six pounds six ounces, has been named Ruth

A IR mail flying by the army has come to an end, and the routes are being taken over by commercial aviation as fast as the short term contracts are let.

HUSBANDS and wives who want to be divorced-and lots of them do -may now accomplish their purpose in conjunction with a pleasant visit to | meet"? Cuba, which is bidding for the Amer-Ican divorce business. President Mendieta signed a decree that shortens the time required to get mutual consent divorces from three years to six months. It also provides that, instead of three appearances before the court at intervals of six months, the parties may make three appearances 30 days apart. Four new causes are added to the 15 recognized as grounds for divorce. They are bigamy, vice or immorality, use of any drug, and disparity of character.

G REAT BRITAIN and Japan are on the verge of a big trade war. The

British have threatened to take strong action to protect their textile export interests against increasing Japanese competition, although the British government officially declares it will do everything to maintain amicable relations with Japan. The official position in Tokyo is that Japan can take care of herself, and there was every indication that it would not yield to the British ultimatum that it must modify its trade program and tactics. The British already have begun to impose quotas on Japanese goods, but trade leaders in Tokyo said this would not hurt their country seriously, especially since Japan's imports from the British Isles in 1933 totaled 83,000,000 yen or almost as much as was exported there, 80,000,000 yen. Hence, they said, the Tokyo government would be able to make reprisals. Trade with the British dominions

other "longear." is considered far more important and the Japanese are confident the dominions will not follow the mother country's lead-especially Australia, which sold to Japan in 1933 four times its purchases, and Canada, which sold seven times as much as it bought.

A CCORDING to the unanimous report of a house committee of investigation, Maj. Gen. Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the army air corps, acted "in clear violation of existing law" in the proposed purchase of airplanes costing \$7,500,000,

Coupled with the criticism of Foulois was a commendation of Harry H. Woodring, assistant secretary of war The report stated that late in 1933 the Public Works administration set aside \$7,500,000 for the purchase of army airplanes. It asserted that Foulois had decided to buy the planes, without competition, from the Northrup corporation, the Boeing Airplane company and the Glenn L. Martin company. On Woodring's insistence, the plan for direct purchases was dropped and specification's drawn op which competitive bids were asked.

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Neither side, of course, will say it in those words. But, if the argument goes ahead as it has started, that will have to be the substance of their tale to the voters. There will have to be some very careful, as well as very quick. thinking before the campaign's end. One politicial observer here suggested that this may turn out to be a most confusing campaign because of the anomaly that is now presented by Mr. Snell's declaration.

. . . There is considerable discussion here as to how far-reaching the effect

may be if the Re-Just publicans stress, Speculation with sufficient vigor. the contention that the Democrats are trying to hold on

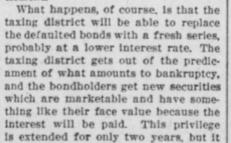
to the extra jobs and that they are continuing to spend taxpayers' money for repayment of political debts. There is always something sinister about that kind of thing. Whether the charge is right or wrong, many voters get suspicious when campaigners persist in talking about raids on the federal treasury. They always think of It in terms of theft of money from the local bank or stores and not in the terms of political maneuvering, although I confess I can see little difference. It always has happened that the political party in power has controlled the flow of public moneys into the spots where the funds will do the most good, politically, and when either side kicks about that, it seems to me it is exactly like one mule calling an-

I won't even suggest that I can guess what the ultimate effect of these strange arguments is going to be. Anyone who tries to predict the result at this time is just being silly. The best judgment I can get is that the results in the various congressional districts are going to vary. The difference likely will be dependent entirely upon how many mistakes-plain bonehead statements-the various candidates make in their attempts to follow arguments and analyses laid down for them by the national political committees. My belief is that there will be plenty of them and there ought to be, therefore, a considerable amount of surprise when the votes are counted.

It is quite apparent to the Democratic leaders, and they say so, that a number of house seats, now held by Democrats, will be turned over to the Republicans next fall. There are seats occupied by Democrats who have no reason on earth to be in the house except by virtue of the tremendous landslide that placed Mr. Roosevelt in the White House. Districts normally

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interest or principal of the debt. The officials of the taxing district may pe tition a federal court for the right to arrange its debt on a new basis, but the court must be shown that at least satisfied. three-fourths in number and amount of holders of the bonds are willing to agree to the terms of a compromise. If they do agree, then the court may issue a decree that will compel the re-



is the general understanding that the communities concerned will be able to accomplish settlements with their creditors much sooner than that, and it is obviously hoped also that improved financial conditions throughout the nation will make the job of rearranging the debts easier than it was a few years ago.

The bill did not get through congress without a fight. It had plenty of opposition from members who contended it was a step toward repudiation of debts, a thing always to be abhorred. There was argument also that by granting permission for the municipalities and taxing districts to force such compromise as will result, the congress was making such securities less attractive to investors.

One of the obvious results of having the spotlight turned onto an individual or a fact or an is-

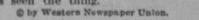
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Kidding sue is plenty of comment. People talk the NRA about it. Sometimes,

however, the talk develops jibes and jests and offtimes they are not pleasant for the ardent advocates of a proposition to swallow. For instance, until recently discussion of NRA had been confined to serious argument. very often of a heated character. Lately, however, jokes and puns about NRA have been emerging with greater frequency and there are now a considerable number of them. The latest, and one of the best that I have heard, runs as follows:

N. R. A. me down to sleep, I pray Thee, Lord, my codes to keep; If I should bust before I wake, A. F. of L. my plant will take.

I heard already that the American Federation of Labor considers the reference to it in the doggerel to be close ly akin to unfair practice, or what ever it is organized labor says about those who are not its supporters. General Johnson's reactions are not yet a matter of record, although I know he has seen the thing.



slenderness. A jar lasts 4 weeks and costs but a trifle at any drugstore. But protect your health-make sure you get Kruschen-it's the SAFE way to reduce and money back if not joyfully



