

# News Review of Current Events the World Over

## Great Britain Lining Up the Nations Against Italy—More Trouble in the Orient—Death of Senator Schall.

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Anthony Eden

WAR clouds over Europe were growing denser and blacker during the Christmas holidays when all the Christian world was supposed to be singing "Peace on Earth, good will toward men." Under the skillful guidance of Anthony Eden, the new British foreign secretary, a solid front against Italy was being built up. There was no present talk of further sanctions against Mussolini, but it is expected added penalties will be put in force late in January. Meanwhile the general military and naval staffs of Great Britain and France concluded conversations which were declared "satisfactory," meaning that those nations were prepared to stand by each other in case Italy should make a mad dog attack. In the capitals of other members of the League of Nations similar plans were being laid by military and naval attaches.

Turkey came into line with the other presumptive opponents of Italy, but is reported to have made a suggestion that France doesn't like. This is that it be permitted to fortify the Dardanelles, the strait between Europe and Asiatic Turkey which was demilitarized under the treaty of Lausanne after the World war. The Turks also, according to Paris advices, ask the eventual return of the island of Rhodes in the Aegean sea, which has been under Italian sovereignty since 1923.

Eden is a firm believer in the League of Nations and, though he is moving with caution, is determined to bring Italy to terms through the sanctions provided the other members of the league give the necessary support. The British government certainly doesn't want war with Italy, but it is fast preparing for armed conflict if that shall prove to be unavoidable.

That Mussolini, too, is getting ready for extreme eventualities was evidenced by orders canceling all Christmas leaves of all officers and men of the army. The same orders directed the return to their units of the 100,000 army men demobilized in November in order that they might do the needed work on their farms. The Italian press ceased its attacks on Great Britain, and this was taken to mean that some peace move was on foot or that Mussolini had said his last word in that way and that he and his government were prepared to meet their fate. In Rome the hope is still entertained that Laval will not go all the way with Britain in the policy of extreme sanctions. The French themselves hope that the advent of the wet season in Ethiopia will halt the Italians there before it is necessary to impose the final penalties decreed by the league.

Egypt's cabinet was taking steps to protect the Libyan frontier against invasion by the Italians. The Egyptian leaders are urging the speedy conclusion of a treaty with Great Britain that will give the Egyptians the rights they claim, remove their resentment against England and enable them to line up with the British if war with Italy comes.

Outer Mongolia is aroused by threats of invasion by the Japanese troops and their puppets, the Manchukuoans. Already the border has been crossed by the latter and five Mongol guards killed and eleven carried off by the raiders. The Mongol government has filed a strong protest, demanding an apology and the return of the captives. Most of this news comes from Moscow and naturally the Russian Soviet government is deeply interested, for this and similar incidents may bring on the long expected war between Russia and Japan.

The Japanese authorities in Tokyo let it be known that they are preparing, through the autonomy government in North China and hoped for cooperation by Chiang Kai-shek, Chinese dictator, to combat the spread of sovietism in China. In line with this is the proclamation of Prince Teh, Mongolian ruler, declaring the independence of the western part of Inner Mongolia, a vast territory with a population of two million pastoralists and rich mineral resources.

Chinese students continued their riotous demonstrations against North China autonomy, demanding that it be stopped by armed force. In Shanghai thousands of them took possession of the railway terminal, demanding free transportation to Nanking to present their protests to the central government. Chiang Kai-shek invited their leaders to confer with him on January 15.

The tenseness in China was increased by the assassination in Shanghai of Tang Yu-jen, vice minister of railways and known as pro-Japanese. This and other anti-Japanese demonstrations led to the declaring of martial law in Shanghai and Nanking.

LIBERTY league has put out a 12-point program which it thinks the incoming congress should follow

for the sake of the country. It is designed "to put the government's house in order."

In its statement the league accuses the New Deal of "doing violence" to the Constitution and charges the Roosevelt administration with "gigantic waste" in handling relief funds, "promoting pet theories of monetary cranks," responding to "socialistic influences" in competing with private industry, and capitalizing on the nation's emergency to make centralization of power in the federal government a permanent policy.

Continued deficit financing will destroy government credit and may lead to chaos and dictatorship, the league warned in demanding a balanced budget and repeal of tax laws aimed at "redistribution of wealth."

Emphasizing adherence to the Constitution will be the vital issue in next year's election campaign, the league called upon congress to defeat two "threatened" amendments which would bring about "a virtual change in our form of government." These proposals would create an "unhampered dictatorship" the league declared, by extending federal authority "to permit complete regimentation of industry and agriculture" and by taking away the Supreme court's power to declare laws unconstitutional.

SENATOR THOMAS D. SCHALL of Minnesota, who was struck by an automobile as he was being conducted across the highway near his residence in Maryland, succumbed to his injuries.

The blind statesman had been one of the bitterest opponents of the New Deal and President Roosevelt. He had started his campaign for re-election, and Gov. Floyd Olson of Minnesota had announced he also would seek the nomination for Schall's seat.

The governor said after the senator's death that he would soon appoint his successor; that he had no intention of resigning is order to be himself named to fill Schall's place.

Mr. Schall, who was born in 1878 in Michigan, lost his sight in an accident after he had been practicing law in Minnesota four years.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT declared himself satisfied with the progress made by Harold Ickes and Harry Hopkins in carrying out the relief program. He said that the Works Progress administration had come within 20,000 of reaching its goal of 3,500,000 men at work, and that 77 per cent of public works projects were under way. By January 15, he predicted, PWA will be functioning 100 per cent.

Mr. Roosevelt repeated that the government assumed no responsibility for those not hired under the program. He had asked congress for four billions last January, he said, based upon an estimate that there were 3,500,000 needy men who could work. He got the four billions and the 3,500,000 have been put to work, he said. The remaining unemployed must be cared for by "states, municipalities, counties, and private charity," he added.

When reporters said that some estimates placed the total of unemployed at 11,000,000, the President held that it was often difficult to say whether a person should be classed as unemployed. He cited the case of people who have resources, but desire part-time employment for supplemental income.

He also said, in discussing unemployment further, that 3,000,000 persons had found employment since the spring of 1933 in industries which report such statistics.

UNEXPECTEDLY early decision as to the validity of the Guffey coal act was assured when the Supreme court agreed to pass on the constitutionality of the law without waiting for a ruling by the Federal Court of Appeals. Both the government and Kentucky soft coal producers had asked the Supreme court for this "short cut."

REPEATED threats of kidnapping and even murder for their little son have driven Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh from the United States. They have sailed with their boy, Jon, for England, and plan to establish a residence there, though they will not give up their American citizenship. Where they will live has not been revealed to even their closest friends. It is believed the colonel will not sever his relations with the two air transport companies for which he is a technical adviser.

HARVARD university received a handsome Christmas present from Thomas W. Lamont, one of the partners in J. P. Morgan & Co. It was \$500,000 for the establishment of a new chair in political economy, one of the "roving" professorships to be created by gifts from alumni in recognition of the university's three-hundredth anniversary that comes in 1936.

WHEN the Supreme court passed on the constitutionality of the Tennessee Valley act, its opinion will not be unanimous, is the prediction of those who were present during the oral arguments. The case was taken up to the highest tribunal by fourteen preferred stockholders of the Alabama Power company.

During arguments by Forney Johnson, Birmingham, Ala., attorney for the stockholders, and by John Lord O'Brien, New York attorney for TVA, justices shot many questions at the lawyers.

Justice McReynolds, known as a "conservative," appeared to challenge the TVA lawyer to defend the right of the government to sell surplus power produced by Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals.

On the other hand, Justices Brandeis and Stone, who are known as "liberals," inquired into the right of minority stockholders of the Alabama Power company to bring the suit which led to the Supreme court test. The stockholders sought to enjoin performance of a contract under which the company was to sell lines to TVA for transmission of power.

FEDERAL Judge Merrill E. Otis at Kansas City has held unconstitutional the Wagner labor dispute act which gives employees the right to organize and bargain collectively. The judge granted the Majestic Flour mills of Aurora, Mo., a temporary injunction against a National Labor board complaint which cited it for alleged refusal to bargain concerning a wage and hour agreement with a union of its employees.

TWO grand juries, a house committee and an army court martial have been investigating lobbying at the War department for two years. The climax came with the indictment in Washington of a dismissed army officer, a former member of congress, and two alleged lobbyists on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government.

Those named were former Brig. Gen. Alexander E. Williams, one time acting quartermaster general of the army, who was convicted by a military court last spring of accepting an improper loan and ordered dismissed from the service; Thomas Jefferson Ryan, lawyer and former representative from New York, and the well known Silverman brothers, Joseph, Jr., and Nathan, surplus army goods dealers.

The four men were charged with conspiring to prevent the house military affairs committee from questioning Frank E. Speicher, "mystery witness" of the long inquiry by hiding him out in New York city while federal agents were hunting him throughout the nation.

GOVERNMENT ownership of America's railroads is the objective in a campaign which has been started by the Railway Labor Executives' association. Describing the carriers as "chips in a financial poker game," the executives, in a circular to members of congress, ask for government ownership as "the only way out of the morass in which the roads have been placed by the bankers."

The financial practices, the circular said, "endanger the equities in the roads of insurance companies, educational institutions, mutual savings banks, philanthropic institutions, and last but not least, the individual investor who, in many instances, has his all in the securities of railroads."

IF WISCONSIN Republicans wish to make Senator Borah their candidate for the Presidential nomination, it is all right with the veterans from Idaho, State Senator P. E. Nelson of Maple, Wis., and former State Senator Bernhard Gettelman of Milwaukee called on Mr. Borah in Washington and asked permission to circulate nominating petitions for him in their state. This was granted.

Mr. Borah told reporters that Nelson and Gettelman had suggested a campaign for "a delegation representing the liberal forces in the party out there, and in my name." He had agreed, he said, to "go along with them."

Later Mr. Borah issued this statement: "My primary objective is a convention of liberal delegates which will write a liberal platform and name a liberal candidate. To that end I shall devote my efforts. If in any state or district the liberal forces think that it will help the liberal cause to pledge delegates to me, I shall co-operate fully with that plan. If, however, it is thought better to pledge the delegates to some other liberal, I shall co-operate just as fully. In other words, inflexible as to the objective, flexible as to the tactics."

"As I see the political situation in this country, a man would be seeking political immolation to take a nomination upon any other than a liberal platform. So the first thing to do is to get a convention committed to liberal principles. So far as my efforts count, I am not going to permit personal matters, either my own or those of others, to interfere with the main purpose."

CONTRACTS have been awarded for 1103 new bombing planes for the army air corps. The Douglas Aircraft company, Inc., of Santa Monica, Calif., was given an order for 90 all-metal, low wing, twin-engine monoplane, costing a total of \$6,408,000.

Thirteen giant four-motored "sky cruisers" were bought from the Boeing company of Seattle, Wash. The price for the Boeing craft was not given in the announcement by Harry H. Woodring, assistant secretary of war.

# Old Br'er 'Coon Is a Wise One; Could Be Chosen National Animal

"If we were to adopt a national animal, just as we have adopted the eagle as the national bird, what better could we find than the raccoon?" asks Leon F. Whitney in the Journal of Mammalogy. Whitney favors the raccoon because it ranks as the most intelligent of mammals, and has proved its ability to survive where many other animals have succumbed.

Because the raccoon is nocturnal, it is one of the least understood of our animals, says Whitney. The common belief that the raccoon washes all of its food is discounted by him. "This observation has been made on raccoons in captivity and not in their natural state," he says.

Raccoons are popularly believed to hibernate all during the winter, but this is not always true, says Whitney. He calls the matter a relative one, for a cold snap which will drive a 'coon to his den in the fall may be not cold enough to keep him inside in the winter.

"In December, the raccoons will be found out on nights which may be as cold as 20 degrees, and when the temperature drops to 12 or 15, the raccoons will not be out," he says. "But temperatures which will make them go to their dens and go there during the early part of the fall, will not trouble them at all in the latter part of the fall. It seems to be an entirely relative matter, and the same condition applies throughout the winter. The warm nights all during the winter will bring the raccoons out, and the cold nights will keep them home."

Whitney has found that raccoons are not nearly as sensitive to noise as to vibration; that the sense of touch is developed far more in proportion than any of the other facul-

ties. He gives the following explanation for this characteristic:

"Probably this development has come about through its tree climbing propensities. Living high up a tree where the wind roars and the thunder is louder, possibly a raccoon would need to be less sensitive to noise, and less wary for sound warnings. But he would need to be extremely sensitive to warnings through the sense of touch, and he is. If an enemy attempted to climb a tree in which he was living the facts must needs be transmitted to him; hence his development of this extraordinary power. Sometimes when hunting, my dogs have treed a raccoon in a tree too large to climb, and it seems impossible to induce him to look down at the flashlights so that his eyes may be seen and the hunter may know where to shoot. When an incident of this kind occurs, the hunters pound on the tree trunk with a rock. This will almost always arouse the animal's curiosity and he will look to see what is happening."

## No Ticker Tape in Wall Street of Bryce Canyon

It's 1,500 feet straight down from the top of the spires of the towering "skyscrapers" (mountains) to the tree-lined "street" which marks the floor of Bryce Canyon National park, in southern Utah. But no clattering ticker tape, no scurrying messenger boys, no cries of excited brokers disturb the silence.

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THIS IS A DIRTY DEAL! WHAT IF YOU DID SMASH UP THAT LANDINGS GEAR TODAY... WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES!

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