

SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field

Washington.—Brazil's cotton acreage this year will exceed by 35 per cent that of last year. Her spectacular increase of cotton production will continue, despite confidence at the Department of Commerce and the White House that last year's crop failure "down under" proves Brazil is not a menace to the South on cotton production.

Expert cotton men just back from Brazil insist that last year's rains in that country, which resulted in only about 1,400,000-acre crop being harvested, were just as abnormal for Brazil as the drought in this country.

Then there is another question. It is highly improbable that the new plan can be passed on by the Supreme court before the election day. Nor is there any certainty that it could be gotten before the Supreme court at all.

Naturally, such an organization as the Liberty league might be tremendously interested, not to mention the Republican party. The latter, however, would be deterred because it would not want to throw a boomerang.

There is considerable irritation at the White House over the way senators and representatives are pawing over the proposed neutrality law. "Storm cellar boys" is the popular phrase around the executive offices and in the State department for the school following Senator Gerald P. Nye, which would remove all discretion whatever from the President the moment war broke out anywhere in the world, and clamp airtight embargoes on a Medea and Persian list of commodities which might not be shipped.

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ing the justices of the Supreme court, will know that the real objective is to curtail a very definite percentage of crop production, that is something else again. In the opinion of many lawyers, that goes a long way out on the limb of the general welfare clause of the Constitution—so far that the limb may break.

Roosevelt's idea of removing all the "buffalo grass" country from cultivation is another phase of the problem. This is the territory from the panhandle of Texas up to Montana, including the western portions of the Dakotas, Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma. It is land which most agricultural experts agree should never have been plowed.

But this part of the program is not the politically important part. It would not put money in the hands of farmers in other sections, nor in the populous parts of the states involved. Small checks to many farmers, rather than large checks to a few farmers, is the important thing politically.

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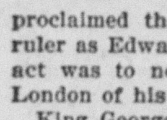
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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Edward VIII Becomes Ruler of the British Empire; Substitute for Unconstitutional AAA Rejected by Senate Subcommittee.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

GEORGE V, king of Great Britain and emperor of India, died in Sandringham house, peacefully and painlessly, in his seventy-first year. Immediately on his passing, his eldest son, Edward Albert, who had been prince of Wales, succeeded to the throne, which by British law, is never vacant.



King Edward VIII

proclaimed the accession of the new ruler as Edward VIII. His first official act was to notify the lord mayor of London of his father's demise. King George, who had been on the throne almost twenty-five years, was the best loved and most democratic of the world's monarchs, always just, solicitous for the welfare of his subjects, and living a simple and almost faultless domestic and official life.

The body of the dead ruler was removed from Sandringham house to the little church of St. Mary Magdalene in Sandringham. Thence it was to be taken to Westminster abbey, there to lie in state. Interment is to be in the Albert Memorial chapel at Windsor, beside the tombs of George's father and mother.

THE NEW DEAL's substitute for the unconstitutional AAA, a bill empowering the secretary of agriculture to pay farmers who co-operate voluntarily in a program of soil conservation, was introduced in congress by Senator John B. Bankhead, Democrat, and Representative Marvin Jones, Democrat, Texas. The bill was referred to a senate subcommittee. The members of the subcommittee doubted the constitutionality of the new measure and directed Secretary of Agriculture Wallace to write a new bill. The bill rejected by the committee stated as its purposes:

- 1. Preservation and improvement of soil fertility.
2. Promotion of the economic use of land.
3. Diminution of exploitation and unprofitable use of national soil resources.
4. Provision for and maintenance of a continuous and stable supply of agricultural commodities adequate to meet domestic and foreign consumer requirements at prices fair to both producers and consumers.
5. Re-establishment and maintenance of farm purchasing power.

Secretary Wallace was requested to write a new act that would provide a plan of co-operation with each of the 48 states, and set up a permanent program on AAA policies. Chairman Smith, Democrat, said. Saying he spoke for the committee, Smith explained: "We said in effect to Secretary Wallace, 'Make it constitutional,' because we have the responsibility to pass it."

THE COMPROMISE bill providing payment of the soldier bonus, whipped through congress by crushing majorities, was passed on to the President, who is expected to veto it.

Congressional action on the measure was completed when the house voted 346 to 59 to accept the senate substitute for the bill it had previously passed. The senate vote was 74 to 16.

and in the restyeryears at one time had benches under it and was a popular lovers' rendezvous. To show the deep affection for one another the young folks would cut with penknives their initials together on the tree. As the tree grew taller the initials would grow higher and the bark would cover some of them over, making them finally become obliterated. However, some of the initials still stood out against the hand of time and could be made out. But the tree, rotting from lack of care, has fallen down and has been

Leaders of both houses claim they have sufficient votes to override a veto.

The original house bill did not provide a method for paying the cost of the bonus, which is estimated at \$2,337,000,000. The senate suggested the issuance of the \$50 "baby bonds" which will bear interest of 3 per cent annually until 1945 if the veteran elects to hold on to them.

Each veteran will receive the 1945 value of his adjusted compensation certificate in \$50 bonds with a government check for odd amounts. Interest owed by veterans upon loans unpaid on their certificates is canceled, but there will be no refund of interest paid upon such loans.

APPARENTLY "authentic" administration sources are credited, according to Democrats in congress, with a report that Jesse Jones, RFC chairman, may become secretary of the treasury. It was said that Henry Morgenthau, present secretary of the treasury, may be made confidential adviser to the President.

One congressman, who keeps abreast of developments in government financial circles, said he was reasonably sure the change already has received some consideration from President Roosevelt. Another added that it was "a 100-to-1 shot that it is under consideration."

The reports were discounted to some extent, however, by the fact that the President has just renominated Jones for two more years as chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

One Democratic representative argued that on the basis of his past record Jones could carry into the treasury the respect and confidence of both big business and "the man in the street." He described the RFC chairman as sufficiently liberal to command the support of liberal elements and yet not leaning so far in that direction as to alarm conservatives.

THE present federal relief program, depending principally on work relief, CCC and public works, is alone costing approximately as much as the fourfold program which went before and which embraced these three items plus direct relief which has now been returned to the states, according to a study of the relief problem and the government finances by Kendall K. Hoyt in the Analyst.

For immediate purposes, at least, there is no prospect of much reduction in the rate of federal expenditure, according to Mr. Hoyt. In order to prevent the states from trooping back for more relief funds the government must keep its pledge to employ the arbitrary three and one-half millions of persons which have been carried since last November principally under WPA and CCC. In dollar terms this means that, according to budget estimates, the outlay for recovery and relief for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, will be almost the same as that for the preceding fiscal year, namely, three billions in round numbers, or an average of 250 millions per month.

PREMIER NESSIM PASHA, weary of his job since the anti-British riots started November 13, has handed the resignation of his cabinet to King Fuad I. The resignation was accepted. Nessim found it exhausting to keep an equilibrium between the conflicting forces of the throne, the British residency, the nationalists and their compatriots. But the final blow, dealt him by the British government at London, was the thinly veiled ultimatum to Egyptian Nationalism, in the form of verbal instructions for negotiations for an Angli-Egyptian treaty. The sting to Egyptian pride was in the warning that if the present negotiations fail, the British consider their hands will be free and will revise their Egyptian policy.

FACTORY sales of automobiles manufactured in the United States rose to 407,804 in December, bringing the year's total to 4,009,486. The Department of Commerce reports. The total compares with 2,753,111 in 1934. At the same time the department reported an increase of \$7,483,914 in exports of automotive products during the month of November from the preceding month. November auto exports reached a valuation of \$22,403,722. This is the peak figure for any corresponding month since 1923, when the export total amounted to \$27,129,063.

cut up for firewood by Willie Thompson, who has a shack near the tree. Thompson says that if the tree could talk it would tell some very interesting tales about the younger set of long ago, who met beneath the tree and carved their initials on its trunk.

Indians Had Painless Dentistry. Zapotec Indians in Mexico had painless dentistry a thousand years ago, says an archeologist. For they used a natural anesthetic growing wild in their country.

HUEY LONG's lieutenants, following the victory of their primary slate in Louisiana, declared that the late senator's fight on the Roosevelt administration would be pushed, with the share-the-wealth program as the spearhead of attack. Returns on the primary indicate a majority of more than 100,000 for senator, governor and other state officers. Nomination is equivalent to election.

ALL the world rejoiced over the news that Lincoln Ellsworth, noted explorer, and his pilot, Herbert Hollick-Kenyon, had been found safe and well in Little America and were on board the rescue ship Discovery II which was sent jointly by the British and Australian governments. The two men had been missing since November 23 when they started on a bold airplane flight across the Antarctic continent. In this they succeeded, but they ran out of fuel and were forced to land at the bay of Whales. They had a considerable supply of provisions, but this was almost exhausted when they were found. No word had come from them because their radio transmitter was disabled.

SUMMARILY overruling the government's petition for a rehearing of the Louisiana rice millers' cases, involving the refund of some 200 million dollars in processing taxes held in escrow, the United States Supreme court issued its mandate ordering the return of the funds to the taxpayers. The court also issued its mandate in the Hoosac mills cases, in which the Agricultural Adjustment act was held unconstitutional and thereby closed the door to petitions for a rehearing in that case.

UNDERSECRETARY of the Treasury Thomas Jefferson Coolidge resigned his position suddenly and unexpectedly, because he did not agree with all the policies of the administration. At the same time Assistant Secretary Lawrence W. Robert resigned. President Roosevelt accepted both resignations. It was understood there was no connection between the two withdrawals. Mr. Robert had been expected for some time to quit his post.

RECENT League of Nations developments have gone heavily against Italy's aspirations for African conquest. Of four major actions taken by the assembled powers, led again by Anthony Eden of Great Britain, two definitely were antagonistic to Italy, one was a draw and one was somewhat in the Fascist state's favor. They were:

- 1. The league council decided to move toward an oil embargo against Italy. A committee of experts was appointed to ascertain if oil sanctions could be made effective.
2. Britain announced a military alliance with France, Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia and these nations pledged aid should Italy attack Britain because of sanctions. Rumania and Czechoslovakia promptly joined this group, making seven nations pledged to combined action against Italy should war come over efforts to stop the Italo-Ethiopian conflict.
3. The league declined to send a neutral investigating body to Ethiopia, which Ethiopia asked and to which Italy consented.
4. The league conciliation committee published a report that no new peace proposals are possible at the present time, and that the league should pursue a policy of watchful waiting.

INTRODUCED in the house by Chairman Rayburn of the interstate commerce committee is a bill for the purpose of increasing the powers of the federal trade commission to prevent unfair and deceptive trade practices. It proposed these four major changes in the present law:

- 1. Declares "deceptive acts and practices" unlawful in addition to the "unfair methods of competition" now specified.
2. Includes "trusts" in the scope of the law along with corporations.
3. Gives the Circuit Court of Appeals power to restrain practices involved in a commission proceeding pending final court decision.
4. Limits to 60 days from the date of a commission order the time in which application may be made to the Circuit court for review of the order.

CONGRESSMAN CONNERY of Massachusetts, chairman of the house labor committee, says that body has approved a bill designed to impose the 30-hour week on industry operating in interstate commerce, and that he hopes it will have the support of the President. The measure would license all interstate business and withhold licenses from firms which work employees more than 30 hours a week, fail to provide a wage sufficient to maintain a decent and comfortable standard of living, deny workers the right to join unions or bargain collectively, or employ persons under sixteen years of age.

Major Monarchies of the World and Their Rulers

With the return of Greece to a monarchical form of government, the major monarchies in the world total 18. The monarchies with the names of the rulers of each are:

Great Britain, George V; Italy, Victor Emmanuel III; Belgium, Leopold III; Sweden, Gustaf V; Norway, Haakon VII; Denmark, Christian X; Greece, George II; Netherlands, Wilhelmina; Rumania, Carol II; Yugoslavia, Peter II; Japan, Hirohito; Bulgaria, Boris III; Siam, Prajadibpok; Ethiopia, Haile Selassie; Afghanistan, Nadir Khan; Albania, Zog I; Egypt, Fuad I; Manchoukuo, Kang Teh.

The following monarchs were overthrown since 1910: Manuel II of Portugal, which became a republic in 1910; Emperor Pu Yi of China, abdicated 1912; Nicholas II of Russia, dethroned by the revolution, 1917; Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary, dethroned, 1918; Wilhelm II of Germany, abdicated, 1918; Sultan Mohammed VI of Turkey, deposed, 1922; Georges II of Greece, dethroned, 1924 (recently returned); Alfonso XIII of Spain, dethroned, 1931.

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