

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Norris Urges Congress to Curb Supreme Court—Oratory on Lincoln Day—Death of Charles Curtis—Long Newspaper Tax Invalid.

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Norris urged that congress pass a law requiring unanimous decisions by the Supreme court to overrule the acts of the legislative branch of the government.

LINCOLN day was the occasion for a flood of oratory, largely by Republican opponents of the New Deal.

In Greensboro, N. C. Senator Dickinson of Iowa warmly defended the Supreme court as "the only remaining guardian of the liberty of the people."

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan was a speaker in New York city, and like his fellow Republicans he fiercely assailed the administration, terming it "the third party now in power."

CHARLES CURTIS, former Vice President of the United States and before that representative and senator from Kansas, died suddenly of heart disease at the Washington home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Gann. He was seventy-six years old, and was the first man of Indian blood ever to preside over the senate.



Charles Curtis

Mr. Curtis was greatly liked by his associates in Washington and his death caused genuine grief. President Roosevelt said: "I am deeply distressed to learn of the sudden passing of my old friend, Charles Curtis. Whether they knew him as a senator, as the Vice President of the United States, or as the man he was in his own right, his legion of friends will remember him, always affectionately, and will mourn his passing."

Vice President Garner said: "I was always fond of him. I was associated with him in the house and senate. He was a fine man and a good friend."

ONCE again the Supreme court of the United States comes to the rescue of a free press. Unanimously the nine justices ruled that the Louisiana law imposing a punitive tax on the advertising of the principal newspapers of that state is unconstitutional.

"The regulation of agricultural production," they say, is unconstitutional because not mentioned in the Constitution. "Nowhere in that great document is there a syllable, a word, or a sentence giving to any court the right to declare an act of congress unconstitutional. Hence, when the court indulges in that pastime it is itself violating the Constitution according to its own words."

LETTERS have been sent by President Roosevelt to the heads of the Latin-American governments inviting them to participate in a Pan-American conference, probably in Washington, the purpose of which will be to organize the peace machinery of the western hemisphere.

PRESIDENT WILLIAM L. RANSOM of the American Bar association, with headquarters in Chicago, announced that Newton D. Baker, former secretary of war, has accepted the chairmanship of the special committee on co-operation between the press, radio and bar against publicity interfering with fair trial of judicial and quasi-judicial proceedings.

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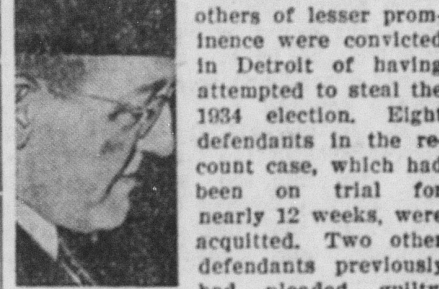
PRESIDENT LAZARO CARDENAS of Mexico went to Monterey to investigate a stoppage of business and industry in protest against labor troubles attributed to Communists. He issued this ultimatum: "Employers who are fatigued by Mexico's social and economic struggle can turn over their industries to the workers or the government—that would be patriotic. But stoppage of activities cannot be countenanced."

AMERICA'S delegates to the naval conference in London consented to an agreement that would bind this country for five years or more to refrain from building any more cruisers in excess of 8,000 tons in size.

High ranking navy officials refused to comment officially upon the London agreement, but said privately that any program which does not include the co-operation of Japan and Germany would be a failure.

TRIAL of the assassins of King Alexander of Yugoslavia at Marseilles came to an end at Aix-en-Provence, France, with verdicts of guilty for the six defendants. For three of the band of Croats, members of the secret Ustachi society, who were apprehended, mercy was recommended and they were given sentences of life imprisonment in French Guiana.

ELMER B. O'HARA, Democratic state chairman of Michigan and former clerk of Wayne county, which includes Detroit; State Senator A. J. Wilkowski and 16 others of lesser prominence were convicted in Detroit of having attempted to steal the 1934 election.



Elmer B. O'Hara

For O'Hara, the verdict came as the culmination of a series of calamities in a brief political career. Last November a jury in Macomb county, adjacent to Wayne, found him guilty of bribery in a drainage transaction in connection with real estate deals he had made before 1932 when he entered politics and was elected Wayne county clerk.

LEADERS of congress hope for an early adjournment, by May 1 at the latest, and therefore they pushed the new farm bill forward, trying to get it through both houses without much delay.

The farm bill as rewritten by the senate agriculture committee is based on the soil erosion prevention scheme. Some Democrats joined with many Republicans in opposing the measure, one of them being Senator Walsh of Massachusetts. In a statement issued to the press he declared it was a "dangerous" bill conferring "autocratic and blanket authority" on the secretary of agriculture. He said the measure was "neither valid in law nor valid in economics."

Chairman Doughton of the house ways and means committee said he expected definite word from the White House or treasury soon on the amount and kind of taxes that might be imposed to finance the new farm program.

ACTION against John J. Raskob, former chairman of the Democratic national committee when Al Smith was the Presidential nominee, and who is now president of the American Liberty league, has been begun by the government for an alleged deficiency of \$1,026,340 on his 1929 income taxes.



J. J. Raskob

MRS. HUEY P. LONG, widow of the slain senator from Louisiana, took her seat in the senate to complete Huey's unfinished term, becoming the second woman member of the upper house. After eleven months she will be succeeded by Allen Allender, speaker of the Louisiana house of representatives, who was nominated for the regular term.

Floyd Gibbons ADVENTURERS' CLUB Hello, Everybody!

"The Human Target" By FLOYD GIBBONS Famous Headline Hunter.

TODAY'S story, boys and girls, is from Norman Daly. But first I want to tell you about an exciting little adventure of my old friend Jed Kiley. Jed lived for many years in France. One night when he and a friend of his were slumming in a tough French cafe in the Apache quarter of Paris, they began to notice they were getting dirty looks from the motley group of thieves and pickpockets who crowded every table.

An "Apache" is a French gangster. The name, as you know, comes from a tribe of American Indians noted for their cruelty. The French Apache is not a gunman, however, like his American counterpart but he is adept in the use of a long bladed knife which he carries hidden in the folds of his baggy clothes.

Jed knew all this and as the Apaches had been drinking heavily, he saw that he and his friend were in real danger. Their table was far in the rear of the smoke filled room and if they walked out they might feel a knife in their ribs at any moment. And no one would know who had thrown it.

One table of roughs in particular were concentrating their hate on the Americans. There were five of them and they amused themselves and the others by heaping insults on the "American Pigs." Jed pretended not to understand French and began doing a little heavy thinking. He knew the Apache character and the pride they took in their skill with knives and hit on an idea.

Jed walked over to a door in the back of the cafe and taking out a one hundred franc bill, he planned it to the door. Then, as 50 sullen eyes followed his every move, he announced in broken French that the bill would go to the man who pierced it first with a thrown knife.

Zowie! An avalanche of knives hit that wooden door with a splintering crash. Jed thinks many of them must have pierced the bill but he's not sure. He didn't wait to see. He and his friend went out the front door and up the street like a bat out of Hades!

Norman spent five years as a member of the Chicago police force but, he says, it remained for the marines to give him his greatest thrill. He was a marine in Nicaragua in the summer of 1912 and one hot night as he lay stretched on his back, puffing away on a glowing cigar, a sudden pistol shot disturbed his reverie.



But Norman Knew it Wasn't a Bee—it Was a Bullet.

He started to straighten up when a voice growled at him to lie down and stay down and keep smoking. Another shot and a warning buzz made him obey. He recognized the voice as belonging to a rough Texan member of the outfit who was always quarreling with an equally tough pal of his about who was the best shot.

Norman also knew these two had been drinking. He quaked in his boots but he didn't dare move. He knew what it was all about now. His cigar was their target!

Bang! Another shot! Then another and another! The bullets buzzed by so close that Norman says he could smell them. But still his cigar remained in his mouth. He pursed his lips to get that lighted end as far out as possible and hoped the boys would shoot high. Two more bullets came fast and furious and Norman winced at each blast. He started counting them to keep his nerves from breaking.

When 12 had passed and that fatal 13 was coming up, Norman nearly swallowed his cigar and all. Bang! Thirteen came and passed. It was a lucky shot for Norman—he still wasn't hit—but neither was the cigar! The next shot just passed under Norman's nose and then a shower of friendly sparks sprayed his pale face.

The cigar had burst—like a Roman candle—on the fifteenth shot! Whew! Norman sat up and wiped the beads of perspiration off his furrowed brow. He felt like screaming with relief but he couldn't get his breath. He looked around. An anxious group of comrades stood around him, watching with bated breath. He swallowed his heart and then, true to the traditions of the Marine corps under fire, he grinned. "Nice shooting, boys," he said.

"Mississippi Bubble" Was Disastrous Speculation

The "Mississippi Bubble" was a scheme devised by John Law, a famous Scotch financier who lived from 1671 to 1729. Under the patronage of the duke of Orleans, regent of France, he organized a project intended originally to liquidate the national debt of that country by developing, under an exclusive grant, the resources of the province of Louisiana and the commerce of the Mississippi, then claimed by the French.

The scheme was launched in 1716 with the establishment of a bank. In 1717 the West Indian company was organized with a capital of 200,000 shares of 500 livres each. The company was at first successful, and in 1719 obtained exclusive control of the trade to the East Indies, China and the South Seas, and all the possessions of the French East India company.

An additional issue of 5,000 shares was created, and so wild was the speculative craze that more than 300,000 persons applied for them. In consequence all of the shares rose to twenty times their original value, and at the height of the excitement in 1720 were nominally worth more than eighty times the amount of all the currency in France.

The Keswick Movement

The Keswick movement originated in England in 1874 when Canon Harford-Battersby experienced a deep spiritual awakening and, returning to his parish church at Keswick, London, called the Keswick convention in 1875. The movement was organized for the promotion of practical holiness.

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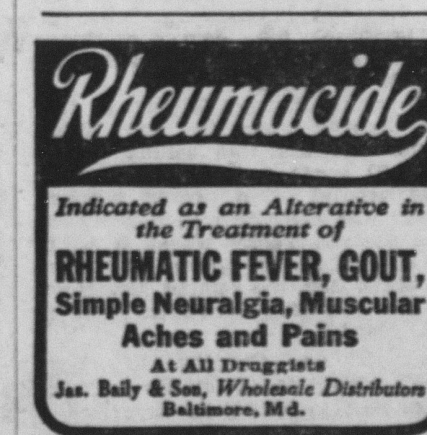
A Worthier Life No man is wholly bad, and in all lives some moments come when the vision presents itself of a worthier and happier life which might be lived. What is needed is courage to make the start, for, while life lasts, it is never too late.—E. C. Burke.



OLD MOTHER HUBBARD HAS FILLED HER BARE CUPBOARD WITH ONIONS AND STEAMS AND CHEESES; HER STOMACH FEELS GRIMY SINCE SHE KEEPS TUMS ON HAND... SHE EATS WHAT SHE OREN WELL PLEASES!

NO ALKALIES FOR ACID INDIGESTION

MILLIONS have found they do not need to dredge their stomachs with strong, caustic alkalis. Physicians have said this habit often brings further acid indigestion. So much more safe and sensible to simply carry a roll of Tums in your pocket. Munch 3 or 4 after meals—or whenever troubled by heartburn, gas, sour stomach. Try them when you feel the effects of last night's party, or when you smoke too much. Tums contain a wonderful antacid which neutralizes acid in the stomach, but never over-alkalizes stomach or blood. As pleasant to eat as candy and only 10¢ at any drug store.



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