

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Japanese Rebels Slay Four Statesmen and Dictatorship Is Rumored—Hagood's Removal Starts a Row—Vandenberg Won't Enter the Ohio Primary.

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MILITARISTS of Japan, led by a group of young army officers who were impatient with the government's policy of economy and restraint in the matter of advances in China and Mongolia, suddenly staged a revolt in Tokyo with the avowed purpose of eliminating liberal statesmen whom they considered obstacles to the restoration of a military dictatorship under imperial rule. Seizing certain government buildings in the capital, they rushed to the homes of the listed statesmen and succeeded in assassinating four—Premier Admiral Ketsuke Okada; Admiral Viscount Makoto, former premier and lord keeper of the privy seal; Gen. Jotaro Watanabe, chief of military education, and Koreyko Takahashi, finance minister. Several others were wounded, and servants of all of them were killed.



Emperor Hirohito

Emperor Hirohito immediately took charge of the situation, called a council of state and made Fumio Goto temporary premier. Martial law was proclaimed in Tokyo and the loyal army forces, largely outnumbering the rebels, surrounded the latter in the buildings they had taken. Meanwhile the second fleet, also loyal, moved up to the mouth of Tokyo bay, its guns dominating the city.

During the first day of the uprising an agreement was reached that the rebel troops should return to their barracks, but this they refused to do. Then the censorship, temporarily raised, was clamped down again. Diplomatic quarters in Shanghai received a report that Gen. Sadao Araki, former minister of war, had established a military dictatorship. He has been the most chauvinistic of all Japan's high army officers.

Political observers in Tokyo believed that the emperor's advisers would urge the right wing elements to be given a chance to form a cabinet, to see whether they would be able to conduct the government.

Even liberal political sources shared this belief, confident that such an experiment would produce a strong public reaction to the left, permitting early restoration of a normal government.

SENATE and house conferees patched up the new farm bill, substitute for the invalidated AAA, both houses accepted the revised measure and it was sent to the White House. Senator Borah argued in vain especially against the so-called "consumers' amendment" which authorizes the "re-establishment, at as rapid a rate as the secretary of agriculture determines to be practicable and in the general public interest, of the ratio between the purchasing power of the net income per person on farms and the income per person not on farms that prevailed during the five-year period August, 1909, to July, 1914."

Speaking of the extraordinary delegation of power to the secretary of agriculture, Senator Borah said: "We are now asked to confer upon him a task which would require omnipotence. It is manifestly on the face of it an absurdity.

"This idea that even by divine power you can go out and equalize the purchasing power of the producer and equalize the purchasing power of the laborer, when above them both is a power which is fixing a rule under which they live, is to me inconceivable."

ON THE ground that the seed loan requirements of farmers can be met from relief funds on hand, President Roosevelt vetoed the \$50,000,000 crop production bill passed by congress. In his message he called attention to his budget message urging that congress provide additional taxes if it enacted legislation imposing charges not covered in the budget. He said he expected, last year, that such loans as the seed loan would be tapered off. He realizes they still are necessary but added:

"I am fully convinced that the immediate and actual need to which I have referred can be met during the year 1936 by an expenditure of funds materially less than that proposed in the bill under discussion."

SUMMARY removal of Maj. Gen. Johnson Hagood from his command of the Eighth Corps area because of his critical expressions concerning the WPA and other New Deal activities stirred up a pretty row in Washington. Gen. Malin Craig, chief of staff, signed the order to Hagood, by order of the secretary of war and the President. The Republicans in congress, backed up by Tom Blanton of Texas and some other Democrats, assailed the action vigorously, and Senator Metcalf of Rhode Island introduced a resolution for an inquiry into the incident on behalf of "free speech."

Breaking its "usual rule of silence," the War department made public a let-

ter from General Craig to Secretary Dern, declaring Hagood's record was "marked by repeated examples of lack of self-control, irresponsible and intemperate statements."

Hagood had told a house subcommittee that it was "almost impossible" to get WPA's "stage money" for "anything worthwhile." These remarks, said Craig, "can only be characterized as flippant in tone and entirely uncalled for and designed to bring ridicule and contempt upon civil agencies of the government."

Accusing him of "thinly veiled" opposition and "contempt" toward War department policies in the past, Craig pointed out as "contemptuous" Hagood's references to CCC activities as "hobbies," "collecting postage stamps" and "taking an interest in butterflies." Seeking a quick settlement of the controversy, Senator Byrnes, Democrat, and Representative McSwain, Democratic chairman of the house military affairs committee, both of whom had from Hagood's home state of South Carolina, arranged a conference with Secretary of War Dern. This had no result.

SENATOR VANDENBERG of Michigan has formally declined to enter the Ohio Presidential primary, but does not bar himself from consideration for the Republican nomination. Writing to the Republican state committee of Ohio, in reply to an inquiry as to whether he would run, Vandenberg asserted his "sole interest" in the Republican convention was that it should make "the wisest possible decisions respecting both party leadership and party policies."

To conform to Ohio law, the Borah forces have found the required "second choice." This is Frank E. Gannett of Rochester, N. Y., publisher of a chain of newspapers, who has agreed to fight alongside the Idaho senator for Ohio's 52 delegates, to receive the votes of those pledged to Borah should the nomination of the latter be blocked in the convention. Mr. Gannett has expressed the belief that Borah is the one member of the party "most likely to recover the upstate New York vote," and he also holds the view that the Idahoan would be the strongest candidate in the agricultural states.

WHILE waiting for instructions as to what to do in the matter of taxation, the members of the house—and many others—directed their attention to the investigation of the Townsend pension plan promoters. Speaker Byrnes appointed on the probing committee of eight two avowed Townsendites—John H. Tolan, Democrat, and Samuel L. Collins, Republican, both from California.

The chairman is J. Jasper Bell of Missouri, Democrat, author of the resolution for the investigation. It was understood that Mr. Bell had already gathered a mass of information to substantiate the charge that the Townsend plan has become a huge racket. The leaders of both parties in congress have been getting rather nervous over the growth of the Townsend movement; and are glad to see it attacked; but some impartial observers call attention to the fact that the way the committee is going after it smacks of unconstitutional abridgment of the right to petition.

It was expected that one of the first questions to be considered by the committee would be the salaries received by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, author of the scheme, and R. E. Clements, former California real estate operator, co-founder and general manager.

SENATOR NYE of North Dakota is determined that the war profits bill devised by his munitions committee shall be brought up for consideration at this session. Indeed he more than threatens a filibuster to bring this about, if necessary, to get the measure out of the hands of a finance subcommittee which is headed by Tom Connally of Texas, one of Nye's bitterest opponents.

The Nye bill provides for stiff taxes on earnings and virtual confiscation of individual income above \$10,000 a year in time of war. In addition it would empower the President virtually to conscript industrial leaders to maintain production of essential war supplies.

UNEXPECTEDLY revolting against administration direction, the house voted down, 172 to 164, the bill to exempt from state and local taxation bank stocks held by the Reconstruction corporation. A similar measure passed the senate 38 to 28 the day before. The defeat was surprising because the measure had been unanimously supported by Republicans and Democrats on the house banking committee. Democratic leaders expressed the belief that the measure would not be revived.

The legislation was written after the Supreme court held in a Maryland bank case that the stocks held by RFC were subject to taxation.

GOV. EUGENE TALMADGE is virtually financial dictator of Georgia, because the general assembly did not enact an appropriation bill, but he is having his troubles finding funds to carry on. He declared there was a "plan hatched in Washington" to hamper him, and ousted State Treasurer George Hamilton and Controller General William Harrison for refusal to honor treasury warrants. Hamilton removed all the money from the treasury vault to a bank. Three state departments provided funds for temporary operation of fiscal affairs.

Then depository banks, the United States post office and the state's attorney general took a hand. Mail addressed to the suspended officers was impounded, cutting off the flow of tax remittances; all but one of the depository banks refused to honor state checks pending a court decision on the legal status of de facto officials; and Attorney General M. J. Yeomans, once cited by Talmadge as an authority for his actions, declared his position had been misinterpreted.

DEATH took from the scene two men prominent in national life—Albert Cabell Ritchie, governor of Maryland for four terms, and Henry Latrobe Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy and distant cousin of the President. Mr. Ritchie was a leader among conservative Democrats, from the start a determined foe of national prohibition, and in 1932 a candidate for the Presidential nomination by his party. Though beaten out by F. D. Roosevelt, he had the satisfaction of seeing his repeal plank put into the Democratic platform. Of late he had been an outspoken critic of the New Deal policies, for he was a champion of state rights.

Henry L. Roosevelt was the fifth member of his family to serve as assistant secretary of the navy, and in recent months he had played an increasingly important part in the affairs of the department, acting as secretary during the illness of Secretary Swanson. He was a student in the naval academy class of 1909, but left before graduation to become a second lieutenant in the marine corps, in which service he rose to the rank of colonel.

POLITICAL conditions in Puerto Rico, notoriously unsatisfactory, may be rectified as a result of the assassination in San Juan of E. Francis Riggs, chief of the insular police, and a district police chief. Riggs, a former United States army colonel, was shot by two Nationalists; two hours later District Police Chief Francisco Velez N. Ortiz attempted to put down a Nationalist riot at Utuado and was killed.

Gov. Blanton Winship announced that a full inquiry into the incidents would be energetically pushed. Deploring the slaying of Riggs as "dastardly," he asserted a revival of capital punishment and a ban against carrying of firearms, being urged upon the legislature, would prevent such crimes.

The assassins of Riggs were caught and admitted the killing, saying it was in revenge for the Rio Pedras "massacre" in which police killed four Nationalists last November. While being questioned, the murderers, the police said, reached for guns and were shot to death.

DEVELOPMENTS in Washington lead to the belief that the Copeland ship subsidy bill has been abandoned. Word came from the White House that the President, although he initiated the principles of the measure, would not press for its passage; and Senator Royal S. Copeland, whose commerce committee approved the bill which was a part of the administration program, is so irritated that he may drop it. Senator Guffey of Pennsylvania has prepared a rival measure, not yet introduced.

Shipping interests have given warning that new construction for foreign trade will continue to be paralyzed by uncertainty and lead to additional insistence by the Navy department on the building of its own auxiliaries.

CAPT. ANTHONY EDEN, British foreign minister, stood up in the house of commons and warned the world that recurrence of the World war was imminent and in his opinion could not be averted except by a system of collective security "embracing all nations in an authority which is unchallenged and unchallengeable."

Eden impressed upon members of the parliament the difference between a policy of collective security and one of encirclement, such as the "ring of steel" which Germany complains is being forged about her by France. "The British government will have no lot or part in encirclement," Eden said.

MUSSOLINI had an ambitious plan for a five-power agreement that would embrace Italy, Germany, Austria, Poland and Hungary. But when it was submitted to Hitler he declined to enter the combination. However, the reichsfuehrer, it is said, told Mussolini Germany looks with sympathy on the stand Italy has taken. Hitler pointed out that Germany is at present economically and militarily weak and needs a breathing spell to recruit her forces. He cannot therefore do anything at present that is likely to draw the hostility of France and Great Britain, but he will maintain an attitude of benevolent neutrality toward Italy.

McGoofey's First Reader and Eclectic Primer



What is this?
This is a "dog wagon."
What is a "dog wagon"?
A "dog wagon" is a lunch room on wheels. It is a horse car that has tired of a gypsy life.
What is the purpose of a "dog wagon"?
Its purpose is to see that indigestion is preserved as a sacred American institution.
Do many people eat in "dog wagons"?
You would be surprised.
What do they eat?
They eat anything the chef can cook without taking any particular pains to make it appetizing.
Don't the chefs in "dog wagons" ever prepare food carefully and with an eye to whetting the appetite of man?
Now and then you find one so actuated but not often. Once you put a cook in a lunch wagon he seems to confuse cooking with deck swabbing, house painting and the kindred arts.
What does he do?
He cooks everything in hot fat, burns your eggs to a crisp, makes a hamburger steak look like a petrified sponge, prepares soups that taste like fuel oil and creates a cup of coffee that would take the cleats out of a football player's shoes.
Is there any excuse for this?
None, except the theory that everybody who comes into a lunch wagon to eat is in too much of a hurry to wait for anything fit to eat.
How do you explain the low state of lunch wagon cooking?
It can only be explained by the conclusion that all incompetent cooks go to lunch wagons before they die.

6—Observations made during forest fires spreading across farm lands show that cattle do not care for pop corn.
7—The island of Guam has no vaudeville people who do roller skating acts.
8—A typewriter ribbon may be cleaned by rinsing it in boiling water for half an hour, but it will be a ridiculous procedure unless you are through with it for typewriting purposes.
9—No alligator has ever been seen eating an alligator pear.
10—Eighty-seven per cent of the soldiers in the various Chinese wars do not know which side they are on, and the generals are a little doubtful, too.
11—Old electric light bulbs can be disposed of by using a nutcracker and dropping the debris down a well.

PSALMS OF LIFE

Be patient as you go through life;
Snap judgments never pay;
Consider well opinions you
Arrive at day by day.
Don't jump at quick conclusions and
First gather all the facts
Before you form a verdict on
Another person's acts.
Be calm and quite judicial as
You travel through this vale;
Express no prompt or hasty thought
Lest truth and justice fail.
Thus you'll be thought to have, my
lad,
The wisdom of an owl—
But who the devil wants to be
A stuffy blinking fowl?

LITERARY TEST

1—The lines, "I love to hear thine earnest voice, wherever thou art hid," appear in.....Holmes' "To An Insect".....Shelley's "The Flight of Love".....Browning's "The Lost Leader."
2—The poem, "Ishabod," was written by.....Wordsworth.....Longfellow.....Keats.....Tennyson.
3—The lines, "It is an ancient mariner, and he stoppeth one of three," are to be found in....."Robinson Crusoe"....."Casey at the Bat"....."The Old Squire"....."The Rime of the Ancient Mariner."
4—Edward Everett Hale was the author of....."Marco Bozzaris"....."The Man Without a Country"....."Delight in Disorder"....."New England's Chevy Chase."
5—"The Landing of the Pilgrim Fathers" was written by.....John Massfield.....Felecia D. Hemans William Henley.....Thomas Hardy.....Oliver Herford.
6—"Locksley Hall" was the work of.....Lord Tennyson.....John Greenleaf Whittier.....Hartley Coleridge.....Matthew Arnold.....Eugene Field.
7—The lines, "Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse" are found in....."Wynken, Blynken and Nod"....."The Old Plaid Shawl"....."Concord Hymn"....."Father William"....."My Old Kentucky Home"....."A Visit From St. Nicholas"....."The Village Blacksmith."

THE CANARY

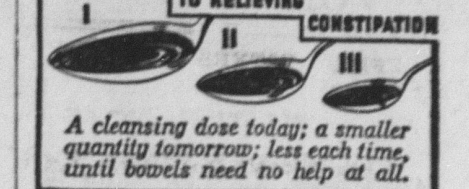
The canary is a funny bird,
He hasn't any sense,
His actions are the most absurd,
His energy intense.
He hops upon a little perch
But is no sooner there
Than with a quiver and a lurch
He hops into the air.
He hops onto a little dish
And off once more he hops;
He seems so full of strange ambal
And never, never stops.
He hops down to the cage's "floor"
Then, quicker than a wink,
He hops onto the perch once more—
He hops too much, I think.
He hops around most ev'rywhere
And holds on with his feet;
He flutters here and flutters there
With merry "tweet! tweet! tweet!"
He isn't still a minute 'til
It's time to go to bed;
I wish he wouldn't be so "all"
And rest a while instead.

CURIOUS FACTS WORTH KNOWING

1—The common or garden worm has no backbone.
2—The world has never discovered a genius able to invent a type of attached can opener that would be any good in a pinch.
3—Red ants can be avoided at outdoor picnics by serving lunch in the automobile.
4—Ninety-two per cent of all the kalsomners in the United States are named Charlie.
5—It is said that there are 357,879 hairs in the average human beard, but neither major political party will discuss the matter.

DOCTORS KNOW

Mothers read this:



A cleansing dose today; a smaller quantity tomorrow; less each time, until bowels need no help at all.

Why do people come home from a hospital with bowels working like a well-regulated watch?
The answer is simple, and it's the answer to all your bowel worries if you will only realize it: many doctors and hospitals use liquid laxatives.
If you knew what a doctor knows, you would use only the liquid form. A liquid can always be taken in gradually reduced doses. Reduced dosage is the secret of any real relief from constipation.

Ask a doctor about this. Ask your druggist how very popular liquid laxatives have become. They give the right kind of help, and right amount of help. The liquid laxative generally used is Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. It contains senna and cascara—both natural laxatives that can form no habit, even in children. So, try Syrup Pepsin. You just take regulated doses till Nature restores regularity.

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