

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

One King Dead. Next? One Lynched; One Jumped Hitler Picks Successor Three Kinds of Gold

King Fuad, King of Egypt, dead means nothing to 130,000,000 Americans or to 15,000,000,000 other human beings on earth. It means much to England, real ruler of Egypt, now obliged to find another king to "behave himself, do as England says, and hold down Egypt's anti-British hatred.



Arthur Brisbane

A mob seized Lint Shaw, fifty-year-old negro, and lynched him on "the usual charge," not waiting for a trial. Joe Bowers, sentenced to 25 years for mail robbery, locked in the island fortress of Alcatraz, tried to escape by climbing ten feet of plain wire, two feet of barbed wire, and jumping down a 60-foot cliff into the water. He climbed while sharpshooter guards pumped bullets into him, and jumped down the cliff. Asked when "booked" at Alcatraz, "Who is to be notified if you die?" Bowers replied: "Nobody; nobody cares whether I die or not."

Hitler apparently has chosen his successor "in case." In the person of Air Minister Goering, now made "assistant dictator," with control of two great German problems of raw materials and foreign exchange.

In New York, 175 naval cadets from the German cruiser Emden, name well remembered from the war, explore the city, guarded by detectives in case of hostile demonstrations.

Commercial boycotts of Germany, organized in New York, have done more harm to the Nazi government than could be done by any mob attack on German cadets.

California possesses "three kinds of gold": yellow gold, of which there is plenty left in the ground; "black gold," which is the oil in lakes thousands of feet down, and the "white gold," water from the mountains, first used to develop power, then to irrigate crops. Another gold, more important than those three, combined, is the gold of education.

Driving through this country, if you see a particularly fine building, tall columns, wide grounds, fields for healthy play, that is a public school. Once it would have been the prison or feudal castle.

You see another building, almost as impressive as the high school. That is a public library. The accumulated knowledge of the world is free.

Mrs. Grace Warren Dubois, sixty-two years old, was allowed to keep her seat while the judge sentenced her to life imprisonment for killing her son. Ordinarily convicts must stand for sentence.

It is said she thought her family "too aristocratic" to live in such times as these, and wished to kill them all. Another son testified against her.

Newsboys cry "What do you read?" The Niagara of books pouring from the presses, a vast majority forgotten as they are born, make many ask "What shall I read?" Of the books that of every one must know, many are unnecessarily long, will not be read, and need condensation, in this day of newspapers, moving pictures, and radio.

If some publisher would issue a "bookshelf" squeezed down from 12 feet to 2 feet, that would be useful.

Paris perceives that following recent elections extreme radicals will be powerful in the new chamber, and those that have money left begin panicky selling. Bank of France shares drop violently, meaning lack of confidence in government stability, with fear of war in all minds.

The last war knocked the franc from 19 cents to 4 cents. What would another war do?

When stock gambling starts, it moves rapidly. Since March last year, stock prices have gone up 60 per cent, business has increased 18 per cent, employment only 5 per cent. Not much cheerfulness in that.

Since last March the New York Stock exchange "values" have increased by twenty thousand million dollars. Excellent "bait" for the ignorant.

New Jersey citizens dropped from relief to invade legislative halls, camp out, sleep on the floor, promise to remain until New Jersey supplies money and food.

Ewing township, New Jersey, with 9,000 population, taking 450 families off the dole, told them officially to go out and beg. Begging being illegal, each family was provided with a begging license. That may be called "economic relief."

Tokyo worries about Russia "plotting a war against Japan," but no plotting is necessary. Russia knows the location of every Japanese city, town and factory. It would be necessary only to declare war and start dropping bombs, particularly bombs that spread fire. Starting a war for foreign countries is as easy as "shooting up a gambling game" among our racketeers; no secrecy or plotting necessary.

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News Review of Current Events the World Over

House Hurriedly Passes New Revenue Bill—Roper Stirs Business Men to Sharp Retort—Young Farouk Becomes King of Egypt.

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WITH extraordinary speed which the opposition considered indecent, the administration's new \$803,000,000 revenue bill was pushed through the house.

The vote, 267 to 93, was almost strictly along party lines. The roll call showed 82 Republicans and only 11 Democrats voted against the measure, while four Republicans deserted the minority to cast their lot with the administration.

The bill was handed to the senate whose finance committee, headed by Pat Harrison, had been studying it in secret sessions in order to be prepared for the public hearings that opened two days after the house had acted. There had been predictions that this committee would modify the measure radically, but the opposition to it in Democratic ranks seemed to have faded away and its passage by the senate without material change was deemed probable.

As passed by the house the bill provides:

- 1. A graduated tax on corporation income which, it is estimated, will force distribution of \$3,300,000,000 more in dividends and yield the government an additional \$620,000,000 annually.
2. A "windfall" tax on unpaid or refunded processing taxes imposed under the invalidated AAA, which is expected to yield \$100,000,000.
3. Continuation of the capital stocks and excess profits taxes for six months to yield \$35,000,000.
4. A refund of \$35,000,000 to processors who suffered financial losses under the old AAA.

THE \$3,000,000,000 Frazier-Lemke farm mortgage bill, with its threat of currency inflation, was blasted out of its pigeonhole Friday and assured of a vote in the house during the present session.

Five representatives signed the petition to remove the bill from the house rules committee, completing the 218 signatures necessary to bring up the bill.

Speaker Byrns, Chairman O'Connor of the rules committee, and the other Democratic chieftains, by sheer political power, are said to have held the farm mortgage, currency-expansion measure in the committee for more than a year under express orders of President Roosevelt.

The Frazier-Lemke bill proposes to amortize farm mortgages by the issuance of \$3,000,000,000 in new currency. It provides for a sharp downward revision of interest rates on mortgages.

DANIEL C. ROPER, secretary of commerce, appeared before the Chamber of Commerce of the United States at its annual meeting in Washington and warned its members, most of whom are persistent critics of New Deal policies, that unless private enterprise takes up the slack in employment, business must pay the relief bill out of earnings.

"It is the responsibility of all business and industrial enterprises," said Roper, "and not of one particular segment of the government to increase its efforts for greater employment. If a substantial measure of increased re-employment does not take place the taxation for relief purposes will come largely from business earnings. There must be re-employment or a longer period of increased taxation."

Roper admitted that the administration had fostered bureaucracy, but insisted that it was occasioned by an emergency, and responsibility for its increase again lay at the door of private business. Various members of the chamber replied spiritedly. Roy C. Osgood, vice president of the First National bank of Chicago, predicted that if the administration embarked on a sound fiscal program that would inspire confidence, business would make rapid strides toward recovery. He criticized the pending tax on corporate earnings as impracticable and a brake on business expansion and stability.

Fred H. Clausen, president of the Van Brunt Manufacturing company of Horicon, Wis., told the chamber that the rising tide of public spending had been "rolling onto our people for five years," and there was no end in sight. He declared that the re-employment mandates laid down by President Roosevelt, Secretary Roper and others were practically impossible in the light of the increased burdens heaped on industry.

The American Federation of Labor reported that "little or no progress" had been made in re-employment during the first quarter of this year.

The federation estimated 12,184,000 persons were unemployed in March. Seasonal gains in business and agri-

culture, returning 559,000 persons to work, were "about normal," the report said.

CONTINUING the policy of centralizing control over the activities of American citizens, the senate passed a new vocational education bill introduced by Senator Walter F. George of Georgia and supported by Majority Leader Robinson of Arkansas. It was strongly opposed by Senator King of Utah, Democrat, who insisted education was a responsibility of the states, not of the federal government.

The measure authorizes an annual appropriation of \$12,000,000 to be distributed among the states on a matching basis, in proportion to population. In addition it authorizes \$1,200,000 a year to be allotted for the payment of salaries and travel expenses of vocational teachers, and \$1,000,000 a year to be allotted for the preparation of teachers and supervisors.

FUAD I, king of Egypt, died of a gangrenous throat infection at his country place near Cairo at the age of sixty-eight. The crown prince, Farouk, a sixteen-year-old pupil in the royal military academy at Woolwich, England, was immediately proclaimed king and started for Egypt, sailing from Marseilles on a British liner escorted by a British warship in order to avoid going by way of Italy.

Before his death King Farouk named a regency council of three to govern the country until Farouk comes of age. The young king, who is six feet tall and well educated, hopes to return to England to complete his studies at Woolwich. It was feared in Cairo that Fuad's death would have an adverse effect on the negotiations for a new Anglo-Egyptian treaty which will give Egypt a greater measure of freedom from British control.

Fuad, a descendant of Mohammed Ali, founder of the Egyptian royal house, was the youngest son of Khedive Ismail Pasha "the magnificent" Egyptian sovereign from 1863 to 1879.

NO OTHER member of congress has been having so lively a time as has Marion A. Zioncheck of Washington state, the Playboy of the West. He has been arrested, jailed and fined, and has fought with the police; and the other day he suddenly decided to marry Miss Rubye Louise Nix, a stenographer in the accounting division of the PWA at Annapolis. With a Washington license he dashed around looking for a minister who had left the city several years ago. Then he rushed to Maryland, obtained another license, woke up a domineer and he and Rubye were made man and wife. Next day Marion led Mrs. Zioncheck into the gallery of the house, and the members all arose and cheered them. Perhaps his actions will be a trifle more conventional hereafter.

REICHSFUHRER HITLER has made Hermann Wilhelm Goering controller of national economics, and he has decreed an era of Spartan simplicity for the German people. Goering summoned the commissars for raw materials to a conference and warned them they must further restrict imports and help draft measures to increase exports. Only goods vitally necessary to the army and materials needed to produce goods for foreign export must be allowed to enter Germany, Goering decreed.

Officials of the propaganda ministry further darkened the picture of the near future by telling the press it must prepare the public for a "stiffening of relations between France and Germany as soon as the French elections are finished." They also deplored the fact that relations with England have suffered.

ITALY'S victorious troops in northern Ethiopia continued their advance on Addis Ababa, though it was somewhat retarded by the efforts of the natives to blow up the roadways and otherwise harass the invaders. The Italian motorized column in this movement is the most formidable yet formed in this war and is notable for the large number of white troops included.

General Graziana's southern army, meanwhile, was driving toward Harar, second city of the empire, in three columns. The Ethiopians were putting up stiff resistance at various points but everywhere were driven back, according to Italian dispatches.

When the Italian forces reached Debra Birhan, only 75 miles from Addis Ababa, Emperor Haile Selassie ordered the capital city left undefended, hoping the invaders would occupy it without bloodshed. The government prepared to move out, and the native inhabitants all scuttled for the hills. Foreigners took refuge in the legations, the Americans going to the British compound where there was a bomb-proof shelter.

SENATOR ALBEN W. BARKLEY of Kentucky, who was temporary chairman of the Democratic national convention in 1932 and as such delivered the keynote speech, will serve in the same capacity at the Philadelphia convention in June, outlining the issues of this year's campaign as his party views them. Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas will be the permanent chairman again. Yet another repeater will be Former Judge John E. Mack of New York. Four years ago he placed Franklin D. Roosevelt in nomination, and he will do it again in June.



Sen. Barkley

These selections were made by the committee on arrangements. Other officers of the convention chosen, are: Lee Barnes of Alabama, chief doorman; Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, national committeewoman of the District of Columbia, hostess of the convention, with Mrs. Agnes Collins Dunn of New Hampshire as assistant; Col. Edward C. Halsey, secretary of the senate, sergeant at arms; Representative Clarence Cannon of Missouri, parliamentarian, assisted by Representative John J. O'Connor of New York; W. Forbes Morgan, secretary of the convention.

National Chairman Farley said that the two-thirds rule, which has prevailed in Democratic conventions for a century, will not be abolished. The rules committee will be headed by Senator Bennett Clark of Missouri and it will report for abrogation of the two-thirds rule as well as elimination of the unit rule. The latter binds the state delegations to abide by the decision of a majority of the delegation. According to Mr. Farley, these changes will not prevent the practically unanimous nomination of President Roosevelt.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT made what might be considered the first of his campaign speeches before the National Democratic club in New York city. Tammany was there in full force, but such disgruntled Democrats as Al Smith and John J. Raskob were conspicuous by their absence. Mr. Roosevelt declared his purpose to bring more food, higher prices and better homes for the people.

"If you increase buying power," he said, "prices will go up; more goods will be sold. Wages ought to and must go up with prices. This does not mean unbridled inflation or skyrocketing prices; this should be avoided just as we seek to avoid bankruptcy sale values."

Turning to his critics with sarcasm, the President said "some individuals are never satisfied." Referring to charges of extravagance and mounting deficits, he said people complain to him about "the current costs of rebuilding America, about the burden on future America." He insisted that the measure should not be the three-billion-dollar deficit of this year but the assertion that the national income has risen thirty-five billions in 1932 to sixty-five billions in 1936.

CIVIL war in Austria became a possibility as the quarrel between the Fascists led by Prince Ernst von Starbemberg and the clerical and monarchist elements became acute. Government officials, however, were trying desperately to patch up the trouble.

Prince Von Starbemberg, who is vice chancellor, in a defiant speech at Horn warned his political opponents that his heilmwehr, or home guard, would be dissolved "only over my dead body."

Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg, speaking at Baden, retorted that "Austria is not Italy and Austrians are not Fascists."

Von Starbemberg asserted that if internal foes press too hard there will be a "repetition of 1934"—when the heilmwehr triumphed in a short but bloody civil war against Socialists. False friends surround Schuschnigg, von Starbemberg said, and the heilmwehr plans to protect him from them.

For Austria, said Starbemberg, there are three possibilities—a continuation of the authority of the state, Nazism, or communism. He asserted the heilmwehr is determined to preserve the Fascist system and would continue as a separate organization.

CONTESTS aided by Mrs. Oliver Harman, New York society leader, and Alfred E. Smith, Jr., were barred from the mails as "lotteries" in orders signed by Postmaster General Farley. The orders were directed against the National Conference for Legalizing Lotteries, Inc., of which Mrs. Harman is president, and the Golden Stakes Advertising company, of which young Smith is vice president and counsel.

In the latter case a temporary injunction restraining the New York postmaster from enforcing the order was obtained from Federal Judge Knox in New York.

ARMY and navy officials were reported to be concerned over a new treaty with Panama which is being secretly considered by the government. It was said an uncorrected text of the pact showed it provides for "joint conversations" rather than for defense of the Canal Zone in event of aggression. The grant by Panama for the "use, occupation, and control of lands and waters outside the jurisdiction of the United States," if necessary, is renounced by this country in the treaty.

what Irvin S. Cobb thinks about:

Styles in Hair Tints.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—There's more news concerning the mummified remains of that lovely Egyptian princess they found the other day—that daughter of some early Pharaoh, she who died nearly 5,000 years ago and yet was still so beautifully preserved. Too bad that old recipe of the Pharaoh family was lost. They did make such good preserves.

The latest word is that the little lady's hair was dyed a henna color.

Either that's news or something has stimulated a sudden change in Hollywood fashions. Just a little while ago, about every other potential movie queen you saw was going in for the platinum effect; and only too frequently, alas, the effect was that of a new roof on a vacant attic.

Now, by the great gods, the stylish ones are going red, reddish or redder. Today, within half a mile, I counted ten redheads, and not a white horse in sight, to prove the ancient saying.

Waning Presidential Booms.

WHAT with cyclones and floods down south, the daily press somehow failed to record among our spring casualties the untimely end of the Governor Talmadge boom. Poor little thing, it passed away at its home in Atlanta, Ga., just as it was learning, in prattling accents, to lip "pa-pa."

Still the shock did not catch some of us unawares. We had a feeling it wasn't going to live. The second summer is so frequently fatal to those incubator babies.

For instance, you take the Ham Fish boom. Or of you didn't take it, somebody certainly did, because it hasn't been seen, or even heard of for months and months.

Gridiron Club Dinners.

EXCEPT the obituary column, nothing could be sadder than the newspaper account of a gridiron club dinner. Yet gridiron club dinners aim to be satirically amusing and frequently are.

Turning them out must be a tremendously hard job, because they deal with the national political scene, and any producer of farces will tell you you can't burlesque a burlesque. In other words, you can't be very funny on a subject which already is so much funnier than anything you can think of—and that's what the fellows at Washington are up against.

This business of trying to be comic is a serious business anyway, especially since all comedy is predicated on distress. A fat man falling down makes us laugh because he suffers both in spirit and flesh. But if he is a pallbearer, say, at a funeral and falls down on his own high hat and maybe breaks up the services—well, now then, you've got something that's really funny.

A definition of comedy could be: Tragedy standing on its head with its pants torn.

Self-Chosen Landon Aids.

Governor Landon must feel awfully fractional, not to say badly scattered, what with being levied on by so many comparative strangers all at once. Every day or two, with an altruist's rare in this selfish age, some gallant volunteer elects himself by acclamation as the governor's eastern manager or his western manager, or his northwestern-by-southwestern manager or something. It makes no difference that he may never have heard of these parties before; up to six months ago, they'd never heard of him either.

He's like a previously neglected orphan child who suddenly comes into prospects and finds everybody in town trying to adopt him. Maybe a better simile would be that of a lone Thanksgiving turkey at a tableful of hungry boarders, with this one snatching the drumstick and that one grabbing the second joint—and Mr. W. R. Hearst clinging, with a grip of iron, to the wishbone.

Folly of Parole System.

THE perpetrators of the kidnaping case of a few months ago up in the state of Washington were both chronic offenders who, despite their records, had been paroled.

The fiend who recently committed the most hideous child murder that California has known in years was a convict out on parole. The degenerate who has just confessed to murdering that poor defenseless gentlewoman in New York the other day was—yes, you've guessed it—he was a convict on parole.

And all over the Union the work of turning loose criminals who have not completed their terms of punishment, indeed, in some cases hardly have begun them, goes merrily on.

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Forest of Arden

Englishmen say that Shakespeare's romantic forest in "As You Like It" is the Forest of Arden in Warwickshire, which fits his description. Belgians claim it is the Forest of the Ardennes. Either may be right, for both forests are romantic and lovely.

"Peg Leg" Convict Robs Blind Woman; Asks for Cell Again

Alex (Old Peg) Rhoda, fifty-nine, wooden legged ex-convict, has spent 29 of the last 40 years in penitentiaries. Recently in Chicago he robbed a blind woman. Witnesses chased him. One of them cried out that he was the lowest of thieves. Old Peg halted. Shamefacedly he surrendered. He gave police a revolver he carried in a secret compartment of his wooden leg, then asked to be sent back to prison.

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