News Review of Current Events the World Over

Sudden Death of Speaker Byrns-Rome Hails Badoglio While London Cheers Haile Selassie—Rural Housewives of World Convene.

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DEATH, sudden and unexpected. came to Joseph Wellington Byrns, speaker of the house of representatives, and put an end to a notable ca-

reer. The veteran Tennessee congressman suffered a heart attack, followed by a cerebral hemorrhage, and passed away within a few hours in his apartment in the Mayflower hotel, Washington. For 27 years Mr. Byrns had represented the "Hermitage dis-

trict" of Tennessee in the house, and he was elected speaker when the Seventyfourth congress convened in January, 1935. He was a master of parliamentary strategy and so fair-minded a presiding officer that all, even his political opponents, praised and admired him. Before becoming speaker he served long years on the appropriations committee, as member and chairman, and he also was leader of the Democratic majority and chairman of the Democratic congressional campaign committee.

Grief for Mr. Byrns' death was general and sincere in Washington officialdom. "I am shocked beyond all imagination," said Representative Bertrand H. Snell of New York, the minority leader. "It is a terrible thing. It is an almost irreparable loss."

Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, the majority leader, after expressing his own sense of loss, added: "His work during the session has been very difficult and trying. He was a great speaker."

President Roosevelt in a statement from the White House expressed well the high esteem in which Mr. Byrns was held. Said he:

"Fearless, incorruptible, unselfish with a high sense of justice, wise in counsel, broad of vision, calm in adversity, and modest in victory, he served his state and the nation with fidelity, honor, and great usefulness. I personally mourn the passing of a steadfast friend of many years."

Impressive funeral services were held in the chamber of the house, the President, members of the cabinet and numerous diplomats being present in addition to all members of congress. The body was then taken to Nashville. Tenn., for burial, and Mr. Roosevelt accompanied the special congressional committee there.

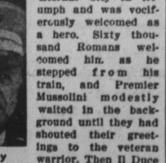
The house elected William B. Bankhead of Alabama speaker for the remainder of the session

The death of Speaker Byrns followed closely that of another well-known congressman, A. Piatt Andrew of Massachusetts, a Republican. He died of influenza at his home in Gloucester at the age of sixty-three. Mr. Andrew, who taught economics at Harvard more than thirty years ago, was director of the mint for a few months under President Taft and then was assistant secretary of the treasury. He was elected to congress in 1921, and supported much of President Roosevelt's early legislation.

MISS CLARA DUTTON NOYES, sixty-six, director of the American Red Cross nursing service, died in Washington a few minutes after she was stricken while driving to work in her car. Miss Noyes was assistant director of the American Red Cross nursing service during the World war. She also had been superintendent of nurses at the Bellevue and allied hospitals in New York.

Cyrus Hall McCormick, whose father developed the farm reaper and who himself beloed organize the International Harvester company and was its president for 33 years, died at his home in Lake Forest, Ill., at the age of seventy-seven years. He was noted as a progressive business man, liberal with his employees and always interested actively in public welfare movements. He was rated as one of the wealthiest men in America and gave millions of dollars to educational and charitable organizations.

MARSHAL PIETRO BADOGLIO, conqueror of Ethiopia and now viceroy of that part of the reconstituted "Roman empire," returned to the Eternal City in tri-



warrior. Then Il Duce came forward and kissed the viceroy on both cheeks, and he high ranking Fascist military leaders paid homage. With the premier and the picked troops forming the es-

cort of honor were the entire cabinet. Several days later a great military re-The other side of the picture was seen in London, where Halle Selassie, the deposed emperor of Ethiopia, arrived in tears and sadness, though he was given an ovation by the cheering thousands that had seldom been accorded to visitors to England. Many of the Londoners carried Ethiopian flags or scarlet banners reading "Welcome to the Emperor." With the white

sympathizers were many African

chiefs in native robes, Somalis, ne-

groes, Hindus, Chinese, and colored

people from all parts of the world. There was an outburst of wild cheering when Selassie, bareheaded and wearing a long black cape, stepped from his private sleeping car and was greeted by many notables, including O. C. Harvey, private secretary of Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary. the British government.

TUST as the "popular front" in France was taking over the government the country was distracted by strikes that spread rapidly to almost all industrial centers and involved all manner of trades. The workers demanded higher wages, a 40-hour week and a closed shop, and they went out by the hundred thousand though they knew they were causing great embarrassment to their own leaders. In many cases the strikers took possession of the closed

In Spain the syndicalists tied up various industries by strikes that involved about 250,000 workers and that were marked by several murders and other outrages. Augusto Barcia, minister of state, said the government planned to outlaw the syndicalists if they persisted in disobeying orders from the ministries of labor and the interior.

H. THOMAS, until recently Brit-J. ish colonial secretary, was found responsible by a special government tribunal for the leak in budget secrets which enabled some of his friends to profit largely through insurance against tax raises. Final disposition of the case was left to the house of commons. Thomas, once an engine wiper and later a poverful figure in organized labor and politics, termed the tribune's verdict "cruel." He said: "My own conscience is clear. I repeat what I previously stated upon oath: that I made no disclosures of budget secrets to anybody."

R URAL housewives from many conntries began their third triennial conference in Washington with Mrs. Alfred Watt of Canada presiding.

Their first meeting was beld in 1930 in Vienna, and the second in Stockholm three years later. Secretaries Hull and Wallace and Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the President, extended greetings to the visitors, but beyond that there were no set speeches and little formality. In-



Watt stead, the farm wives held "exchange of experience" sessions, viewed elaborate exhibits of rural needlework and crafts of organized countrywomen of the participating nations, and attended "open houses" held by all branches of the federal government in which countrywomen are particularly interested. In exchanging experiences the women learned, among other things,

English groups have stimulated a remunerative revival of quilting to supplement the family income. Australian countrywomen maintain seaside homes for convalescents. Canada's Federated Women's institute promotes clubs for rural youth

By conducting evening classes for young girls Danish countrywomen have helped to check their migration to town to seek factory work.

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mortality.

IN A report just made public the busi-ness advisory council proposes a simplified basis for industrial selfregulation through the medium of voluntary joint agreements on unfair trade practices enforceable by the federal trade commission. The report was prepared by the council's committee on unfair trade practices of which Lin-

coln Filene of Boston is chairman. Outstanding among the committee's proposals were suggestions that each branch of an industry, such as wholesale, retail, and manufacturing, police the activities of each other through confidential reports to the federal trade commission and that no attempt be made to include trade practice and labor provisions in the same agreements.

THE so-called industrial mobilizaproviding for a military dictatorship over labor, capital and industry, as well as censorship of the press in wartime, was severely condemned in a report to the senate by the munitions

THE senate by a vote of 62 to 14 passed the deficiency bill carrying Gay Cotton Print Dress Easy to Make \$2,375,000,000, of which sum \$1,425,000, and Sure to Please Sprightly Maiden 000 is handed to the President to spend as he pleases for "relief and work relief."

Three Democratic senators voted against the bill-Tydings of Maryland, Bulkley of Ohio and Byrd of Virginia. By a senate amendment, the bill authorizes the President to order a restudy of reports on the \$200,000,000 Florida ship canal and allocate another \$10,000,000 to carry on work upon it during the coming fiscal year. Efforts to do anything for the Passamaquoddy tidal project in Maine had

As passed by the house, the measure

turned the entire amount of relief

money over to WPA Administrator

Harry Hopkins.

proved unavailing.

NEW YORK state's law providing minimum wages for women and minors was declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme court on the ground that it conflicts with the fourteenth amendment by violating freedom of contract. The decision, written by Justice Butler, was concurred in by Justices Van Devanter, McReynolds, Sutherland and Roberts. Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Stone, Brandels and Cardozo dissented. A number of other states have statutes similar to the one thus held invalid.

CATHOLICS the world over cele-brated the seventy-ninth birthday of Pope Plus XI, and the pontiff Harvey was the lone representative of himself marked the day by attend-

ing a solemn mass in St. Peter's in the presence of 40,000 pilgrims who went to Rome especially for the occasion. These were mainly members of the Catholic Action organization which Plus XI founded, and to them he spoke for nearly an hour. He denounced

Pope Plus XI communism, as he has done on other occasions, and declared the Catholic press was one of the best forces in combating the com-

It was evident to all observers the pope's age is beginning to tell on him and that he found the long ceremony very much of a strain.

NINE of the richest unions in the American Federation of Labor, having more than a million members. probably will be suspended soon by the federation's executive council. and at the next convention they will be expelled if the council can command the necessary two-thirds majority. Thus will come to a crisis the internecine contest between the craft unionists led by President William Green and the industrial uniopists who follow John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers.

Green wants to continue to organize industry by skilled groups while Lewis would seek to unite all workers, skilled and unskilled, by industries into one big union,

The craft unionists, it was learned intend to suspend the charters of the nine industrial unions at the July executive council session, a power granted the council under the A. F. of L constitution;

Lewis' group of unions includes 400,000 miners, Sidney Hillman's Amalgamated Clothing Workers, David Dubinsky's International Ladies' Garment union, the oil workers, typographers, flat glass workers. hat, cap, and millinery workers, mine, mill, and smelter workers, and textile workers.

THERE was every reason to believe that Japan had found, or manuactured, excuses for further encroachments in northern China, and that serious conflict between the two nations would ensue unless China were submissive. The Japanese alleged that a bridge on the railway line between Tangku and Tlentsin was destroyed and that there was an attempt to wreck a troop train. The highest Japanese officers in North China were

summoned to a conference in Tientsin. Yakichiro Suma, Japanese consul general in Nanking, declared publicly that China must choose either "mutual interdependence with Japan or war with Japan," and he said he had informed Generalissimo Kai-shek, Chinese dictator, of this viewpoint. "Japan has gone too far to retreat now and must advance straight ahead with

immutable convictions," Suma said. The Japanese military command. meanwhile, disclosed frankly some of their demands upon China. These included:

1. Privilege of building rattroads, military and civilian air bases and army barracks.

2. Establishment of regular air service between China and Japan. 8. An economic, political and military position for Japan in China.

S TEWART McDONALD, federal housing administrator, outlined to newspaper men a new program which provides for the construction of "garden homes outside of large cities that will aid in the gradual movement of industrial workers from urban and suburban areas to small plots several miles out in the country. He said President Rooseveit

was enthusiastic over the plan. Emphasizing that "this is not anything in the way of a benevolent proposition" and that no grants of federal funds were involved, Mr. Mc-Donald said it would be accomplished through a broadening of FHA regulations to permit government insurance of mortgages on such property. This will enable bankers and other leaders to advance funds for the development of these "in between" areas for residential purposes,



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Congress is responsible for only 16 per cent of the total. Its bill for that period was but \$6,500,000. The Post Office department ranked second with \$4,100,000 and the Department of Agriculture third with \$2,100,000 .- Pathfinder Magazine.



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