

News Review of Current Events

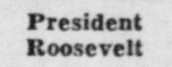
F. D. R. EYEING THIRD TERM? Belief He Is Grows in Capital . . . State Troops Act For Peace in Strikes . . . Mediation Board Hits Snags



Being human at bar on island where President Roosevelt "humanized" relations between the White House and majority members of congress: Senators Key Pittman (left) of Nevada and John H. Overton of Louisiana.

"Humanizing" the Majority

AS MAJORITY members of congress met on Jefferson island in Chesapeake bay with President Roosevelt, to have their relations with the chief executive "humanized," the belief in Washington circles that the President is willing to accept a third term expanded to the greatest proportions.



George H. Earle of Pennsylvania that he would give "unqualified and final" support to a Roosevelt-for-President movement in 1940. Further reports had it that John L. Lewis, chairman of the Committee for Industrial Organization and leader of the sit-down strikes that have swept the nation, was working toward the same end.

States Patrol Strike Areas

AS NATIONAL guardsmen, ordered out by Gov. Martin L. Davey, arrived on the scene to protect the public peace in Ohio cities where C. I. O. steel strikes have caused bloodshed and threatened more violence.

At Youngstown the strikers were celebrating the order by which several hundred state troops were forcing the four plants of Republic and the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company to remain closed.

the Apex Hosiery company plant at Philadelphia were forced to evacuate under a federal court eviction order. During the seven weeks the sit-downers had occupied the plant they had wrought damage to machinery and books totaling \$3,000,000, according to company officials.

Nazi Fleet Moves on Valencia

FOR the second time Germany and Italy withdrew from the four-power non-intervention patrol of Spain, asserting that by this act their "freedom of action" was restored.

The reason for the Fascist nations' withdrawal was that Great Britain and France had refused to join them in a naval demonstration at Valencia to protest the alleged loyalist submarine attack against the German cruiser Leipzig on May 18.

Hopkins Slices WPA Rolls

WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATOR HARRY L. HOPKINS is busy trimming 314,759 names off the WPA rolls, to shave the total to 1,655,477 by mid-July.

Miss Perkins Names Three

THE federal government took a hand in the settlement of the dispute between John L. Lewis' Committee for Industrial Organization and the big independent steel companies, as the mediation board of three, appointed by Secretary of Labor Frances E. Perkins, sat in Cleveland to hear the cases of both sides.

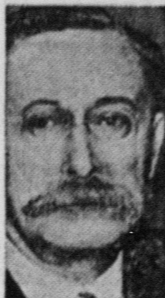


As the mediators began their task of effecting a compromise, a dozen persons had been killed in strike riots and scores more injured since the strike against Republic, Bethlehem, Youngstown Sheet & Tube, and Inland started May 26.

Charles P. Taft II, Cincinnati lawyer, son of the former President and chief justice, and a member of the "brain trust" of Governor Landon's presidential campaign, was named chairman of the mediation board.

French Premier Quits

FACED with one of those financial crises all too frequent in recent French history, Premier Leon Blum asked the senate for powers which would make him financial dictator of France for about six weeks.



Premier Blum

The Popular Front government was one of the bulwarks of leftist tendencies in Europe, as opposed to extreme Fascism, and openly expressed its sympathy for the Spanish loyalists.

The Mail Must Go Through

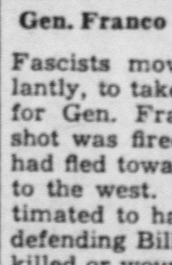
FEDERAL warrants were issued at Cleveland for six C. I. O. leaders in the strike at Youngstown and Warren, charging them with preventing delivery of the United States mails to loyal employees of the steel company plants there.

The order for the obtaining of the warrant was given by Attorney-General Homer S. Cummings after he had looked over testimony at the senate post office committee's hearing. Charges have been made that C. I. O. leaders were censoring the mail in Ohio cities and refusing to permit delivery of parcel post packages containing food, clothing and other "irregular" articles for workers in the plants.

All mail that the post office department sees fit to attempt to deliver must be delivered," said Cummings. This did not conflict with the post office department's refusal to deliver packages to the plants, but sought to prosecute persons who would prevent the delivery of mail the department had okayed.

Bilbao Falls at Last

BILBAO, capital of the Spanish loyalists, fell before an attacking force for the first time in history; it had withstood many sieges dating from medieval ages.



Fascists moved in, parading jubilantly, to take possession of the city for Gen. Francisco Franco, who a shot was fired. The last defenders had fled toward Santander, 45 miles to the west. The Basques were estimated to have used 75,000 men in defending Bilbao; 10,000 were either killed or wounded.

Louis Is Champ by K. O.

JOE LOUIS, the "Brown Bomber" from Detroit, became heavyweight boxing champion of the world when he knocked out Champion James J. Braddock of New York in the eighth round of a scheduled 15-round bout at Chicago.

The Tax Parade

AS a congressional committee opened hearings on tax evasion and avoidance by wealthy citizens, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau was among the first to testify. He said the nation was losing hundreds of millions of dollars in annual revenue through such tactics.

Barrie's Last Curtain

SIR JAMES M. BARRIE, novelist and playwright, whose whimsical pen gave to the world many important works of literature, including "Peter Pan," "The Little Minister," "Dear Brutus," and "What Every Woman Knows," died of bronchial pneumonia in London. He was seventy-seven years old.

Washington Digest National Topics Interpreted By WILLIAM BRUCKART NATIONAL PRESS BLDG., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Washington.—Two actions of sections of the congress lately deserve more than ordinary attention. One of these was probably as courageous a position as any group of senators ever has taken.

The bill was found by the seven Democrats and three Republicans who constituted a majority of the senate judiciary committee, to be "a needless, futile and utterly dangerous abandonment of constitutional principle."

In my time in Washington, I believe I can say without qualification, there never has been a committee action in the house or senate in which the President, as the leader of the dominant party, received such a castigation on a legislative proposal as was given Mr. Roosevelt by Democrats who constituted the majority of the senate judiciary committee.

With the presentation of this terrific attack on the bill to the senate, a second unusual circumstance developed. Those Democrats who were opposed to the President's proposal decided to go about the job of fighting the measure on the floor in a manner seldom seen in the congress.

Almost on the same day that senate Democrats were, in effect, breaking or revolting from the President's leadership, the Democratic majority in the house killed off a proposal for new taxes in the District of Columbia that would have resulted in taxing the salaries of representatives and senators and their office staffs.

Thus, in the senate now we have three major leaders. Senator Wheeler will speak for the court opposition; Senator Robinson of Arkansas as the leader of the Democratic party in the senate will lead the fight for passage of the court bill; and Senator McNary of Oregon will head up the Republicans as usual.

It appears that the President is going to be badly defeated on this piece of legislation, but it is too early to be sure. Mr. Roosevelt is a powerful figure and he has political knowledge that must be described as remarkable.

Mr. Roosevelt has said several times that he will accept no compromises. There is a very definite feeling at the Capitol, however, that the President will be glad to have a compromise if he can get one and save the bill from complete wreckage.

That was too much. The majority in the house of representatives just could not take it. They voiced their objections openly and, being superior in numbers to those who believed that income in the District of Columbia should be taxed, they forced the tax bill back to the District of Columbia committee for revision.

Speaking of taxes and the selfishness that was evident in the house action, as mentioned earlier, calls to mind the investigation by the joint house and senate committee that is now under way.

Hunt Tax Evaders

Contrary to the outlook when Mr. Roosevelt released a vicious attack on tax dodgers and tax avoiders, this committee is getting down to real business and there is every reason to believe it will be able to recommend to congress changes in the law that will stop some of the schemes and tricks to which large taxpayers have resorted.

Court Plan Report

In the first instance, it was approximately fifteen thousand words in length; being in that regard probably the longest and most comprehensive analysis that any congressional committee ever has made of a piece of legislation.

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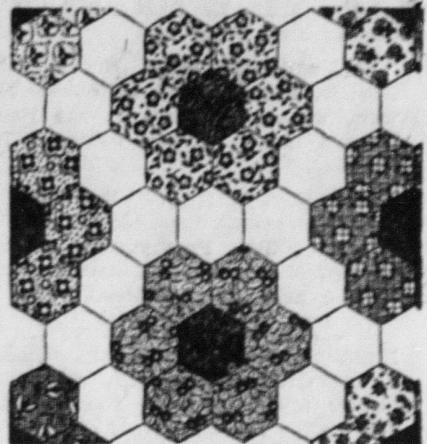
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Foreign Words and Phrases

- Vultus est index animi. (L.) The face is the index of the mind. Troppo disputare la verita fa errare. (It.) Too much dispute puts truth to flight. Omne trium perfectum. (L.) Every perfect thing is threefold. Bavardage. (F.) Idle talk; prattle; garrulity. Patience passe science. (F.) Patience exceeds knowledge. Macte virtute. (L.) Proceed in virtue. Rara avis. (L.) A rare bird; a prodigy. Ruit mole sua. (L.) It falls to ruin by its own weight. Pour faire rire. (F.) To excite laughter. Questo vento non criba la biada. (It.) This wind winnows no corn.

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