**News Review of Current Events** 

# SHANGHAI FEARS PLAGUE Cholera Adds to Death Toll . . . Chinese Planes Bomb American Liner . . . Britain Protests Attack on Envoy

Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

## 'Black Death' in Shanghai

A S IF there were not horror enough in Shanghai, the illfated city found itself face to face with a new peril-bubonic plague. The outbreak of the disease, first discovered in the French concession, where most of the American population lives, was traced in large part to the sanitary difficulties in removing the bodies of Hongkew civilians killed by bombings, artillery shelling and machine-gun fire.

Sanitary officers in the concession and the international settlement fought frantically to check the spread of the dread cholera. They were hampered by Japanese military forces which insisted upon keeping closed areas where there still remained bodies to be buried.

Admiral Harry Yarnell, commander of the United States Asiatic fleet, canceled all shore leaves for sailors and ordered Chinese hands off American ships. With the port of Shanghai closed to American shipping other than warships, because of the ever-increasing danger of bombs and artillery fire, 500 Americans who had intended to leave on the next liners out of port were stranded, making a total of 2,000 American inhabitants who remained exposed to the double dangers of warfare and cholera.

Announcement by the Japanese that they had perfected a plan for bombing every air base in China was regarded as a warning to foreign nationals throughout the 3,000,-000 square miles of Chinese territory that they had better evacuate if they were to be safe.

Evacuation of Americans, from Shanghai was difficult with the ban on shipping. Warships appeared the logical means of rescue, but there were few in the Shanghai area capable of taking aboard large loads of passengers. Accordingly, a cruiser squadron of six ships was being prepared to leave the United States, steam to Shanghai and remove those stranded there.

The Japanese embassy warned foreign nations that they had better advise the Japanese navy of movements of ships into the vast blockaded area, lest these be mistaken for Chinese supply ships. The embassy intimated that cargoes of ammunition and military supplies might be denied admittance and ad- of the "left"

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YOU Figure It Out!

TT IS true that the first session of the seventy-fifth congress appropriated a vast amount of money, but just how much? It depends upon your point of view.

Rep. John Taber (Rep., N. Y.), ranking minority member of the appropriations committee, in preparing a compilation for the last issue of the Congressional Record, estimated that congress had appropriated \$10,252,892,556, all for use in the current fiscal year. He contended this amount of spending in one fiscal year would result in a deficit of between \$3,000,000,000 and \$4,000,000,000, and a national debt of more than \$40,000,000,000.

Publication of Taber's statement drew a reply from Clarence Cannon (Dem., Mo.), chairman of the committee. He presented a series of tables which he claimed proved that the last session appropriated only \$8,427,605,854, of which only \$7,448,-648,922 was for the 1938 fiscal year.

Then, just to sharpen the wits of laymen who sought the answer to the puzzle, Carter Glass, Democratic senator from Virginia, who has often differed from the administration on points of expenditures, offered his estimate that \$9,389,488,893 had been appropriated. He added that the national debt is really closer to 40 billions than the 37 billions reported by the treasury.

Puppet King for Ethiopia?

WHEN Mussolini captured Ethiopia (or did he?) it was frequently said that he would never be able to control it, much less develop it, for the Ethiopian tribes are wild and terrible. Apparently he is now coming to the same conclusion and is about to turn for help to-of all people!-the former emperor, Haile Selassie.

It is known that the Italian government has made certain overtures to Great Britain to determine how she feels about the "Conquering Lion of Judah" ascending his throne once more, but strictly as a puppet for whom Il Duce would pull the strings. Britain is said to be willing because of the ever-present Italian threat along her Mediterranean lifeline

France, too, has been approached on the matter. Frenchmen own the important railroad from Addis Ababa to Djibuti, but one of the principal stockholders in the French corporation is Haile Selassie, and the Italians refuse to recognize his holdings. It is believed that if the French agree to the puppet monarchy the validity of the emperor's shares will not be questioned. Then France will be able to buy them. The fly in the ointment is that

Haile Selassie will have none of this. He will rest his fate entirely with the ty. This party should have among gressive" faction of the union, head- League of Nations, of which Ethiopia members, who op- still faithful to their emperor, leave end, the Lewis compromise forced country, and are making Il Duce's "colonization" a joke.

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and observers in Washington find

themselves in a Has'Em quandary concern-Guessing ing the objectives of the New Deal

administration because of a series of late developments. Frankly, most students of politics have to confess their inability to fathom the various developments of recent weeks or to measure their significance.

I have written, heretofore, about the wide open split in the Democratic party and about the presidential moves to heal that split but, instead of the new developments being of a kind designed to heal wounds, they appear superficially at least to be doing directly the opposite thing. Confessing my own inability to understand the political strategy, if there be strategy, let me merely call attention to such things as:

The recent radio speech by Senator Guffey, Pennsylvania, Democrat, which thoroughly read out of the party such able men as Senators Wheeler of Montana, Burke of Nebraska and O'Mahoney of Wyoming.

The speech of Postmaster General Farley before the Young Democrats at their Indiana meeting, stating that there will be no reprisals against those Democrats who have seen fit or now see fit to object to parts of President Roosevelt's New Deal program.

The so-called harmony dinner of Democratic senators at a Washington hotel after the election of Senator Barkley of Kentucky as Democratic leader of the senate, and the absence of President Roosevelt from that meeting.

The renewal by President Roosevelt of his criticism of "Economic Royalists" in his speech in celebration of the birth of Virginia Dare, the first white child born in America, at Manteo, N. C.

The speech of Senator Guffey in New York declaring without equivocation that the Committee for Industrial Organization, headed by John L. Lewis, should provide a the convention nominates a candinucleus for an American Labor par- date. Guffey, Senator Barkley told the

#### used in printing United States currency? 2. In baseball what do the following letters stand for: AB, R, H, O, A, E, and BB? 3. How much is a skein of woolen yarn? 4. What is the significance of

ocrats who are unwilling to be one

hundred per cent for the theories

of economics and social reform

which the New Dealers counte-

nance. If that be true, and I re-

peat it is only an assumption, then

the President evidently is hoping to

create a class party, a radical party

which can be made to include such

outfits as the John L. Lewis follow-

ing, the communists and half-baked

nitwits who are opposed to the prin-

ciple of individual employment, the

accumulation of personal belongings

and even the idea of owning homes

On the other hand I cannot con-

vince myself that Mr. Roosevelt

would make a political mistake of

this gravity. For it would be a mis-

take in two ways, namely, a virtual

destruction of the Democratic party

and the blighting of any hope the

President may have for being elect-

ed a third time. It is these com-

binations that make the whole situa-

It may be that one result will

be that Senator Wheeler or Senator

Burke may find himself in a politi-

cal situation where one or the other

will be forced to seek the Demo-

cratic Presidential nomination in

1940. It is quite apparent now that

the split in the party is going to

cause a violent explosion in the next

Democratic national convention.

There is no way to avoid it. It may

be added in the same breath that

Mr. Roosevelt can go into that con-

vention and force his own renomi-

nation because surely the Farley

political machine cannot be dis-

lodged unless the factional dispute

spreads to the rank and file of Dem-

ocrats throughout the country. This

is to say that, having control of the

party machine, Mr. Farley can

muster the election of enough dele-

gates to the party's national conven-

tion to assure the Roosevelt nomi-

nation, especially since Mr. Roose-

velt demanded and obtained the re-

peal of the age-old Democratic rule

that required a vote of two-thirds

of all the sitting delegates before

With further reference to Senator

senate during the violent Wheeler-

tion so difficult to understand.

by individuals, free from debt.

edelweiss? 5. How is the air in Carlsbad

caverns kept fresh? 6. What was the boudoir parliament?

Ask Me Another

1. What is the cost of the paper

A General Quiz

7. What state collects the most money in sales taxes?

8. How much of the retail business of the United States is done on a cash basis?

### Answers

1. The distinctive paper used in making United States currency costs the government 37 cents a pound. It is estimated 1,743,236 pounds will be used in 1937.

2. At bat, runs, hits, outs, assists, errors and base on balls.

3. It is equivalent to 256 yards. 4. The flower is an emblem of purity in literature and painting. 5. No artificial means is necessary. Some undiscovered natural

process keeps the air fresh and pure. The temperature remains about 56 degrees Fahrenheit at all times.

6. This is a reference to the great influence which Mme. de Maintenon had on Louis XIV and his advisers.

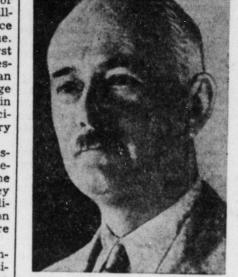
7. In 1936 California ranked first in sales tax collections, with a total of over \$70,000,000. Illinois was second with receipts of over \$61,000,000, and Michigan third with over \$45,000,000.

8. The domestic commerce division of the Department of Commerce says that 67.8 per cent of all retail sales are for cash on the counter or cash on delivery.

## Electrocuting Whales

The newest method of killing whales is with an electric harpoon. The current goes by wire to the head of the harpoon, spreads through the body of the animal and returns through the water to the negative pole on the side of the ship, thereby completing the circuit and causing instant electrocution .- Collier's Weekly.

# YOU CAN THROW CARDS IN HIS FACE **ONCE TOO OFTEN**



Wounded by Japanese airmen, Sir Hughe Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen is center of strained international relations.

al law no less than the conscience

of mankind has always enjoined. "His majesty's government must

therefore request: "FIRST-A formal apology to be

conveyed by the Japanese government to his majesty's government;

"SECOND-Suitable punishment for those responsible for the attack; "THIRD-An assurance by the

Japanese authorities that necessary measures will be taken to prevent recurrence of events of such a character."

Tokyo's reply was temporarily withheld, pending a complete investigation.

-\*-Trouble Ahead for Ford

JOHN L. LEWIS' magic touch effected a compromise between warring factions of the United Automobile Workers of America sufficient to permit the election of officers, but that failed to cover up the flerce dissension in the C. I. O. affiliate's Milwaukee convention.

Several times only a fortunatelytimed adjournment saved a day's meeting from breaking up in a riot. The clashes were between the "proed by President Homer Martin, and is still a member. Meanwhile the tion of any one who fails to carry the "unity" faction, containing most continual raids by native tribesmen, through the New Deal policie posed Martin's program. In the no Italian life safe in the African Martin to retain several unity group officers he had apparently been anxious to depose. New officers added

vised foreign ships that it might be a good idea to permit Japanese authorities to inspect their cargoes before entering the blockade.

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## International Crises

O NE grave international crisis followed another in the new Sino-Japanese war. Britain was still awaiting reply to her protest over the wounding of His Majesty's ambassador to China by a Japanese airman when four airplanes, identified as Chinese, swooped down upon the American liner, President Hoover, flagship of the Dollar line, dropping bombs which killed one person aboard and wounded eight.

The President Hoover, having deposited a load of refugees in Manila, was nearing Shanghai to pick up another load when the bombs struck, tearing 25 holes in the ship above the water line. The ship immediately notified Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander of the American fleet, who took command of all American shipping in the emergency. He ordered the President Hoover to continue to Japan, and radioed other vessels that they must not enter "hostile" waters off the Woosung and Yangtze lightships. It was only a few days before the President Lincoln, another Dollar liner, had had to run a gauntlet of artillery fire to get 160 American refugees on their way to Manila.

China's ambassador in Washington, Chenting T. Wang, lost no time in making complete apology for his government in the Dollar liner incident to Secretary of State Cordell Hull. He said the President Hoover had been mistaken for a Japanese transport by a Chinese aviator. He offered to make full financial redress immediately. It was indicated that a court martial was in store for the erring airman.

More spectacular, but only because of the importance of the person it involved, was the shooting of Sir Hughe Montgomery Knatchbull-Hugessen, British ambassador to China.

Britain's note to Tokyo was couched in stringent terms. It said, in part:

"The plea, should it be advanced. that the flags carried on the cars were too small to be visible is irrelevant. There would have been no justification for the attack even had the cars carried no flags at all.

"The foreign and even the diplomatic status of the occupants is also irrelevant. The real issue is that they were noncombatants . . .

"Such events are inseparable from the practice as illegal as it is inhuman of failing to draw that clear distinction between combatants and noncombatants in the con-

were, however, chiefly adherents of Martin, and it was believed his faction still held control of the executive board.

Of chief importance in the convention was the decision to go ahead with the campaign to organize the employees of the Ford Motor company. A special tax of \$1 per member, which would bring in a net of something like \$400,000, was voted for the purpose. Lewis predicted, "Some day Henry Ford is going to be so very tired he will be willing to accord to his employees the rights that are due them."

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# War May Soon Be Luxury

O NE good argument for peace is terials are making war more ex- his appointment as honorary leader that Senator Guffey singled out pensive than ever. This was dem- of der Fuehrer's private guard and Senators Wheeler, Burke and onstrated when London financial cir- as colonel-in-chief of a Nazi cavalry cles revealed that parliament will be asked to vote supplementary funds to carry out Great Britain's armament program for the present vear.

In February experts figured the cost of armaments at \$7,500,000.000 over a five-year period. Now it is apparent that many more millions will be required. The cost of antimony has increased from \$385 to \$465 a ton, copper from \$265 to \$275. heavy scrap steel from \$18.75 to \$22.50, tin from \$1,135 to \$1,295, and zinc from \$105 to \$115. Steel ship plates a year ago cost \$46.75 a ton; now they are \$57.

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# Jersey Kids Picket Mayor

THE next thing you know babies will be picketing their cradles

for more milk. Spurred on by frequent accounts of industrial strike picketing-or by the encouragement of disgruntled politicians-several hundred boys between the ages of seven and thirteen years rose in revolt against the city fathers of Jersey City, N. J.

Shouting their war cry, "We want playgrounds!", the youngsters tied up traffic with their parade. They dug up cobblestones from the streets, sprinkled the pavements with broken glass, built barricades of boxes and stones which made driving hazardous for automobilists.

The boys directed their campaign Louis Retains Championship against Mayor Frank Hague and United States Senator A. Harry Moore, upbraiding them with placard mottoes condemning their alleged failure to provide sufficient playgrounds for the safety of children. Police dispersed them gently at first, but when they reorganized and resumed the picketing, the offiduct of hostilities which internation- | cers were forced to seize 15.

# Dictator Visits Dictator

BERLIN was preparing a hero's welcome for Benito Mussolini. Italian dictator due to visit the German capital during September's closing days. Throughout the city Il Duce's obvious popularity was a realistic reminder of the friendly al- change of face. liance which has developed between the two Fascist nations.

Unter den Linden and the Wilhelmstrasse were being decorated with bunting, colored lights and huge German and Italian flags. Various tours and military maneuvers were planned for Il Duce's in which he called for defeat of all visit. He was to arrive in a private airplane, his own hands at the controls. During his stay he was to be the guest of Adolf Hitler in the to it six justices of the President's that the rising costs of raw ma- presidential palace. Plans called for own choosing. It was in this speech

## Japs Eye Sino-Russ Pact

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regiment.

N TOKYO it was widely believed that the non-aggression pact signed by the Russian and Chinese governments was accompanied by a secret military agreement which would ally the two enemies of Japan to the extent that Soviet munitions, military advisers and aviators would be dispatched to China. The charges were that by the terms of the secret agreement China fully recognizes Soviet activities in Outer Mongolia and the province of Sinkiang in return for a joint defense understanding against Japanese advance in China. -\*--

## Mediterranean Menace

terranean due to the Spanish civil ganization. war was the submarine attack upon the Russian freighter Timiryazev off Algiers. When the ship sank after being struck by a torpedo the captain and the crew of 29 were picked up by a fishing boat and brought to Algiers.

None of the crew could identify the attacker, although all reported they had seen a submarine's periscope just before the blast. ----

TOMMY FARR, the Welsh fighter I whom all the "smart guys" thought was a set-up for Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion, gave the "Brown Bomber" the surprise of his life in New York, when he stayed 15 rounds. Louis got the eminently fair decision, but Tommy was still fighting like a tiger when the final bell rang.

who opposes a program designed to make the court structure of the United States subservient to the President. There are other phases, other cir-

cumstances that might be included in this list, but those enumerated serve to show the confusion that prevails. They present to me a wholly nonunderstandable and unexplainable hauling and fillingbreathing hot and cold without a

There has been nothing of a purely political nature create quite so much of a stir in Guffey

. . .

a long time as did Causes Stir the radio speech of Senator Guffey

those who opposed the President's plan to reorganize the Supreme court of the United States by adding the senate; Senator O'Mahoney wrote the devastating report by which the senate judiciary committee advised the senate to kill the

made at night. When the senate convened at noon the following day. tacks on shipping in the Medi- take in proposing the court reor-

I have heard these questions

making Senator Answer? Guffey or any man of his type a

Further, can the President afford politically to strike at the very heart of the Democratic party by permitting even secretly the political destruction of such brilliant men as

be seeking to drive out of the Democratic party, the machinery of

Burke-O'Mahoney attack that Senator Guffey had tendered his resignation as chairman of the Democratic senatorial committee a week previously. Senator Barkley's statement, however, was not accepted generally; it did not have the ring to make it convincing, nor did it appear to be anything more than an attempt by Senator Barkley to save Senator Guffey's face.

It may well be that the rupture in Democratic harmony will turn out to be a great is-

May Be sue as early as the 1938 congres-Big Issue sional and sena-

torial elections. There are a number of senators who opposed the court packing bill and, therefore, fall within the Guffey castigation. who will be up for re-election next year. If the Guffey attack is followed up at all in the state organizations, those Democrats who opposed the President's will necessarily must defend themselves. The only way they can defend their course of action is by a counter attack on the President and those policies of his which the candidate for the senate opposed. I predicate my prediction of continuation of the row in 1938 on the statement made by Senator O'Mahoney in answer to the Guffey radio tirade. In that statement of position, Senator O'Mahoney stated, to quote a single paragraph:

"I would rather walk out of the door of this chamber and never return, than to surrender any honest convictions I have. I say to you, senators of the United States, so long as I am in this body I shall raise my voice and cast my vote as my conscience dictates and nobody. whether he comes from Pennsylvania or from New York or any other state, can tell me or the people of my state what I should or should not do."

Contrast that statement with the following declaration by Senator Guffey in his radio speech:

"I was elected to the United States senate in 1934 because I assured the voters of Pennsylvania that it was my intention to support loyally and without wavering the program of the Chief Executive." And in calling attention to that statement of subservience, Senator

Burke of Nebraska declared: "Pennsylvania may want that kind of representation in the senate, and, if they do, God bless them, let them have it; but to me it would seem that if the senate is to have that kind of representation, it might as well have a parrot in a cage in the secretary's office and bring it in when the senator's name is called and have him say, 'Yes, Mr. Roose-velt, count me for that, too.' That is not my idea of what a senator should do."

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O'Mahoney for destruction. He did this because these three senators led the fight against the President's plan to pack the Supreme court. Senator Wheeler and Senator Burke conducted the fight on the floor of

court packing bill. Senator Guffey's speech was

Senator Wheeler took the floor and delivered one of the most vicious speeches of which he is known to be capable. It was excelled in bitterness only by the attack which came from Senator Burke. Senator O'Mahoney likewise made sure that the senate record revealed the feeling of those who were convinced R EGARDED as a renewal of at- the President had made a vital mis-

asked many times: What can the President gain by What's the

spokesman for the administration?

Wheeler, Burke and O'Mahoney?

The answer to those questions, as far as I can see it, or as far as I have been able to gather opinions on the point, must inevitably lead

in the direction of a party purge. By that I mean, the President and his closest New Deal advisers must