

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

Our National Bird.

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — Those folks back East who're agitating to make the turkey our national bird are late. Benjamin Franklin had the same notion 150 years ago.

Old Ben pointed out that the eagle was a robber and a tyrant and was the emblem of various European monarchies, whereas the turkey was not only our largest and gamest wild bird, but a native of America.

To be sure, young turkeys aren't so smart. They love to get their feet wet so they may die from it. In dry sections, young turkeys have been known to jump down an artesian well 90 feet deep in order to get their feet wet. But the adult turkey is wise and wily, a noble spectacle in the woods and popular in a cooked state, owing to his magnificent bust development and his capacity for holding stuffing or insertion, and his superiority when worked over into turkey hash.



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But if we are going to make a change in emblems, why not choose the worm—the humble, dumb, unresisting worm—as typical of most of the present populace? It could be a one-sided worm, too, which would save costs in modeling, because so many of us are the kinds of worms that never turn.

The Sucker Crop.

PARLIAMENT, next month, will pass statutes to curb stock market tricksters, fly-by-night brokers, and bucket shop operators who, it's estimated, are fleecing the British public to the tune of \$25,000,000 annually.

We've tried it and it doesn't work. As Barnum stated, a sucker is born every minute—and sometimes twins. But the crooks who prey on the sucker crop, like the Dionne quintuplets, come along in batches. That breed spawn close to shore and the young all survive.

Thus is the rule of supply and demand balanced. In good times, there are just enough suckers to go around. In hard times, the suckers grow scarce, but, when one comes along, the crooks raffle him off and the winner takes all.

Anyhow, legislation won't save a sucker from himself—at least not in this country. He'll break through the law in order to prove he's a sucker in good standing in the suckers' lodge.

By the way, brother-member, how many degrees have you taken?

Restrained Statements.

A WAYFARER in Oklahoma, who claimed to have starved himself for forty-one days, on being asked how he felt, replied that he felt sort of hungry. Investigation showed the stranger had been cheating now and then to the extent of a clandestine beef stew or a surreptitious stack of wheat, but wasn't it a magnificently restrained statement?

For underemphasis, I can think of but a single instance to match it. In my youth, we had a policeman in our town with a nervous mannerism of killing folks.

One night, I was passing Uncle Tom Emery's saloon and snackstand for colored only. A group of subdued-looking customers fetched out the limp remains of a dark person who had been bored thrice through the heart.

"Uncle Tom," I inquired of the proprietor, "isn't that Monkey John?"

"Sho' is sub." "How did it happen?" I asked. "Well, sub," said Uncle Tom, "it seem like he musta antagonized Mr. Buck Evitts."

Smoked Glasses for Snakes.

ON THE way here, I attended this year's snake dance. The snake dance has become indeed a strange sight—for the snakes. If the tourists don't modify their wardrobes by next year, I expect to see the snakes wearing smoked glasses. Veteran snakes that have taken part during past seasons are showing signs of the strain. The bull snakes still hiss—as who could blame them?—but the rattlers no longer rattle freely, evidently fearing it might be mistaken for applause.

The commissioner of Indian affairs wants the Navajoes to grow fewer goats. The Navajoes are balking. Goat hair is a profitable crop; goat meat makes good eating—for an aborigine stomach, anyhow—and goat smell is agreeable for Navajo noses. It seems to neutralize some of the other perfumes noticed during shopping hour in a reservation trading post.

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News Review of Current Events

PARITY PRICES ABANDONED

Would Cost Too Much, Says Wallace . . . Japanese Air Fleets Bomb Nanking . . . Protests Disregarded



American Legion Members From West Reach New York City by Airplane for Their National Convention.

Edward W. Pickard

SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Drops "Parity Prices"

ONE of the administration's chief policies for agriculture has been abandoned, Secretary Wallace announced in Washington. "Parity prices" for farm products, he said, could not be attained. The aim now will be to give "the average farmer the same purchasing power he had in the half century before the world war."

"I don't think there is any way of getting enough money out of the Treasury," Wallace said, "to give farmers parity prices during the next ten years for cotton, wheat, corn, hogs, or any other product that is exported. You might be able to get enough for a year or two to do this. But the consumer would soon rise up in protest."

Wallace also talked about the soil conservation program, under which farmers must hold acreage of major crops below the 1923-37 average in order to obtain benefit payments. He said the only fault with this was that normal yields would be too large in view of the prospective markets.

The secretary still believes that national control over production of the major farm crops is necessary. "In my opinion," he said, "the principle of co-operative crop adjustment is sound and will eventually be applied again."

Douglas Heads SEC

WALL STREET didn't like the idea of having William O. Douglas as chairman of the Securities and Exchange commission, preferring the more conservative George C. Mathews. However, Douglas was elected to the post, succeeding James M. Landis; and to reassure the financiers he described himself as "a pretty conservative sort of fellow from the old school, a school too old for some to remember," who has in mind "no ruinous theories of social experimentation."

The commission, said the former Yale professor, is not interested in prices as such and will interfere with market trends only when the forces that shape them are artificial. "There will be direct and aggressive prosecution of any cases we discover of pools and manipulation of security prices. We are in favor of a free market, not a fixed one."

"The government cannot provide any substitute for investment judgment," he pointed out. "It can act to prevent manipulation and to prosecute fraud, but in the final analysis the investor's judgment must govern his actions. We cannot save a fool from his folly."

Roosevelt Goes West

NOMINALLY to visit his daughter in Seattle, actually to find out what recent events have done to his popularity among the people of the Middle and Far West, President Roosevelt left Hyde Park on a special train that also carried members of the White House staff and several cars full of reporters and camera men. Mrs. Roosevelt was with her husband.

The President had nothing to say, before his departure, concerning Justice Black, who was on his way back across the Atlantic and was scheduled to take his seat on the Supreme court bench before Mr. Roosevelt's return to Washington.

Plan to Fight "Polio"

JUST before leaving for the Pacific coast, the President announced that he was organizing a new foundation to direct the war against

poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis. It will carry on an educational campaign supervised by experts and put within reach of all doctors and hospitals. The foundation also will see to the financing of responsible research agencies and aid the afflicted in becoming economically independent.

Mr. Roosevelt also gave approval to John Biggers' plans for a voluntary enrollment of the nation's unemployed, to be carried out with the aid of the Post Office department.

Nanking and Canton Bombed

PAYING no attention to the protests of the United States, Great Britain, France and Germany, Japan sent her air fleets on bombing raids that spread death and ruin in Nanking and Canton. Chinese planes met them and fought bravely but with little avail. American Ambassador Nelson Johnson, under instructions from Washington, regretfully abandoned his embassy in the Chinese capital and put his staff aboard the patrol boat Luzon, but they returned to Nanking. It was reported in Tokyo that Chiang Kai-shek would remove the seat of the Chinese government to Chengtu.

The "soviet republic of China" has dissolved itself and the communist Chinese army decided to unite with Chiang's forces.

Madam Perkins Snubbed

FOR the first time in the history of the Labor department, the secretary is not asked to address the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in Denver. The list of invited speakers was released, but the name of Madam Perkins was not there. The secretary, whose administration of her office never has been taken very seriously by the country, is considered by the A. F. of L. to be prejudiced in favor of its rival, the C. I. O.

Legion Head Hits Nazism

FOUR hundred thousand members of the American Legion and their families and friends gathered in New York for the annual convention of the organization which opened with a memorial service for dead veterans. Parades, sham battles and plenty of fun-making marked the proceedings, but the former soldiers also gave much time to serious business. Harry W. Colmer, retiring national commander, delivered a notable report on his stewardship, warning against dangers confronting the nation from within and without.



Harry W. Colmer

Colmer declared attempts to subjugate judiciary would destroy the "checks and balances" in government; and he proposed that the American Legion undertake an educational program on the principles set forth in the Constitution. He asked each post to hold at least one meeting this fall on the basic law.

The commander's warning against perils from without led him to condemn severely German propaganda in the United States and the alleged action of the German government in fostering the organization of Nazi groups and camps in this country. This he called "a gratuitous insult to our free institutions."

The Legion elected Daniel J. Doherty, a lawyer of Boston, Mass., national commander and awarded the 1938 convention to Los Angeles.

Besides condemning Communism, Fascism and Nazism, the convention called for a larger and better equipped army and navy and for a ban on the report of helium gas.

Eden Still Hopeful

ANTHONY EDEN, British foreign minister, hurried from Geneva to attend a special cabinet meeting to which he reported on developments in the Mediterranean situation that is so threatening to European peace. He told of Italy's reiteration of its demand for parity in the "anti-piracy" patrol, and it was believed both he and Prime Minister Chamberlain were hopeful that a rupture could be averted by a partial yielding to Mussolini in this matter. British public opinion was said to be strongly against a complete concession.



Anthony Eden

Meanwhile events in the Mediterranean were not such as to bolster Eden's peaceful designs. The British aircraft carrier Glorious reported it had been attacked by a submarine near Malta just as it arrived to take part in the patrol of the sea. Also the admiralty announced an unidentified airplane dropped six bombs close to the destroyer Fearless. The British and French fleets began their search for "pirate" submarines.

Spain's premier, Juan Negrin, stood up before the League of Nations and fearlessly presented the evidence of Italian and German intervention in the Spanish civil war, demanding that the league take steps to stop it. He called Mussolini and Hitler "international highwaymen."

The assembly of the League of Nations voted down the Spanish government's request for re-election as a member of the league council.

President on Constitution

ALL orators on the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Constitution were loud in praise of that great document. President Roosevelt, speaking from the foot of the Washington monument, was emphatic in his expression of admiration for and loyalty to the basic law which his opponents have accused him of trying to undermine. But he called it a "layman's constitution, not a lawyer's contract." He reiterated his assertions that the Constitution was intended by its makers to be a statement of objectives and not a rigid document, and declared democratic government in this country can do all things which "commonsense people, seeing the picture as a whole, have the right to expect."

"I believe that these things can be done under the Constitution without the surrender of a single one of the civil and religious liberties it was intended to safeguard," Mr. Roosevelt continued, "and I am determined that under the Constitution those things shall be done."

Green Slams Lewis

DENUNCIATIONS of William Green by John Lewis and of Lewis by Green come almost daily, but the attack on the C. I. O. leader by the president of the A. F. of L. in a speech in Washington was especially vigorous. He declared the beetle-browed Lewis was an opportunist who hopes to gain political power through the formation of a party combining labor and agriculture, and reiterated the opposition of the federation to the organization of such a party.

Lewis, said Green, was to blame for the bloody strike in "little steel" plants and for its collapse which he attributed to C. I. O.'s disregard of the rule that the workers themselves should decide when to strike. "Surely those who are to suffer and sacrifice in a strike ought to be accorded the right to say whether they are ready and willing to do so," Green asserted. "The issues involved in any impending industrial conflict ought to be made clear and thoroughly understood."

Vandenberg's Battle Cry

"WE HAVE just begun to fight" was the battle cry adopted by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan in a speech at Bay City that was taken as the opening of his campaign for the Republican Presidential nomination in 1940. He made it evident that he hopes to be the standard bearer for a coalition party, asserting that a realignment of political parties is inevitable. Indeed, he declared, this probably was the one thing that could save our national institutions. He was not so sure that the opposition to the Roosevelt policies would unite under a new party name. Said he: "There may be a realistic realignment which will bring like-thinking patriots into common battle front, whether they live north or south of the Mason and Dixon line, whether they live east or west of the Mississippi."

Biggers to Manage Census

UNCLE SAM is going to make a count of his unemployed nephews in the hope that this will help solve the re-employment and relief problem. Just how the census is to be managed is not yet determined, but John D. Biggers of Toledo, president of the Libby-Owens-Ford Glass company, has been named administrator of the undertaking and is formulating his plans. At the suggestion of the President, Mr. Biggers has established his headquarters in the Department of Commerce, and he hopes to complete the tabulation of the unemployed before December 1.

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1 1/2 cup sifted flour 1/2 cup condensed milk
1 1/2 tsp. soda 1/2 lb. vinegar
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder 1/2 cup water
1/4 tsp. salt 1/2 cup melted shortening
1/4 cup sugar

Mix and sift dry ingredients. Combine wet ingredients and add all at once to flour mixture. Stir quickly till all dry ingredients are moist, but do not beat till smooth. Pour into hot greased muffin pans and bake in hot oven, 425° F., about 20 minutes.

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LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"Paw's practicing . . . he's gonna hitch-hike to Florida this winter."