

News Review of Current Events

CONGRESS CALLED BACK  
President Calls for Crop Control Measure and the Regulation of Labor's Wages and Hours



Hull, Davis and Welles Going to Confer With President.

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SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK  
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Special Session Called

CONGRESS was called in extraordinary session to start November 15, and immediately afterward President Roosevelt explained in a "fireside chat" over the radio the necessity for this as he sees it. Reporting cheerfully on his western trip, he outlined the legislative program which he declared the American people need to promote prosperity. These are the five measures he said should be passed without delay:

1. Crop production control to "build an all-weather farm program so that in the long run prices will be more stable."
2. Wage and hour standards to "make millions of our lowest paid workers actual buyers of billions of dollars of industrial and farm products."
3. Regional planning to conserve natural resources, prevent floods and produce electric power for general use.
4. Government reorganization to provide "twentieth century machinery" to make the "democratic process work more efficiently."
5. Stronger antitrust laws in furtherance of "a low price policy which encourages the widest possible consumption."

Labor Hits Labor Board

SEVERE condemnation of the federal labor relations board was voiced in a resolution adopted by the American Federation of Labor in the Denver convention. It was presented by John P. Frey, head of the metal trades department and charged that the board was acting "without warrant or authority" in interfering in disputes between the A. F. of L. and the C. I. O. and was violating "the spirit and specific intent of the labor relations act, with decided advantage" to the C. I. O. affiliates and damage to the A. F. of L.; that the board has sought to "destroy the validity of contracts" between bona fide trade unions and employers and that such actions were taken "in some instances with full knowledge of the facts involved"; that the board, in direct contravention of the meaning of the law, has repeatedly "denied employees the right of designating the bargaining unit and the right of selecting representatives of their own choosing with full freedom."

Frey in his speech asked that Edwin F. Smith be removed from the board and that three regional directors be dismissed.

The convention adopted a resolution opposing the pending wage and hours bill, and one calling for a boycott on all Japanese products.

Authority was voted the executive board to expel finally the ten C. I. O. unions under suspension, and President Green announced plans for the attack on the rival organization in several great fields. The first vigorous blow will be struck on the Pacific coast in a drive to organize workers in the cannery and agricultural field. The second battle ground will be among the white collar workers generally.

C.I.O. Upholds Contracts

IN A tumultuous session at Atlantic City 150 leaders of the C. I. O. routed a "left wing" movement and went on record in favor of a policy condemning "quickie" strikes, supporting the sanctity of collective bargaining contracts and pledging co-operation in safeguarding the operation of these agreements.

The delegates also condemned recent decisions by the national labor board as being contrary to the provisions of the Wagner-Connelly act by which the board was created and approved a four-point federal legislative program. This program called for a wages-and-hours bill, licensing of all industries operating in interstate commerce, appropriation of sufficient WPA and PWA funds to provide jobs for every American worker, and expansion of the social security act.

No Peace for Labor

WAR between the rival factions in American organized labor is not going to cease in the near future. The C. I. O. leaders gathered in Atlantic City for their first "war council," and John L. Lewis, their chief, revealed plans for setting up a permanent dual organization. He condemned the suspension of the C. I. O. unions from the American Federation of Labor as "cowardly and contemptible" and said those unions considered themselves now out of the federation and awaited any further action by the federation with complete indifference.

Big Battle at Shanghai

SHANGHAI was witnessing the fiercest battle of the Sino-Japanese war. Land and air forces of both sides were fighting furiously and the casualties were piling up hour by hour. The Chinese were making a great counter-offensive for which they had massed men and guns about the city. The Japanese were ready for the attack, and desperately battled to turn back their foes. Observers described the hand-to-hand fighting as that of madmen, especially in the Chinese quarter.

A big fleet of Chinese airplanes was sent down the Yangtze and bombs were showered on the Japanese warships along the Japanese-occupied shore of the Whangpoo.

An American navy radio man, J. P. McMichael of Connorsville, Ind., was slightly wounded by Japanese shrapnel as he stood on the signal deck of the United States cruiser Augusta between Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, commander-in-chief, and Capt. R. F. McConnell, chief of staff. American navy authorities immediately entered a protest and the Japanese commander expressed his regret.

Brady Gang Wiped Out

LAST of the big "mobs" of bank robbers and murderers, the Brady gang was wiped out in a gun battle with federal agents at Bangor, Maine. Al Brady, the leader, and Clarence Shaffer, Jr., his lieutenant, were killed; and James Dalhover was wounded and captured. The outlaws were recognized by a clerk in a sporting goods store and the G-men were summoned. Dalhover was to be taken to Indiana to stand trial for the murder of a state policeman, one of four killings attributed to the gang. He made a full confession, and search began for persons who had been aiding them.

The gangsters' capture was believed to have nipped a potential New England crime wave. Floor plans of two banks were found in Dalhover's possession with maps of nearby roads.

May Meet in Brussels

HOW far President Roosevelt is willing to go in the effort to stop Japan in China is what other powers, especially Great Britain, are eager to know. The people of the United States also would like to be informed in that matter. The British statesmen wish America to take the lead, and also they would like the suggested conference of the nine-power treaty signatories to be held in Washington. This latter suggestion is definitely opposed in our capital, and so it was believed Brussels might be selected as the meeting place.

Mr. Roosevelt, who conferred with Secretary of State Hull, Undersecretary Sumner Welles and Norman Davis, his roving ambassador, was represented as being strongly averse to taking a solitary lead in the action to check the Japanese. Apparently he preferred that the "quarantining" of nations guilty of "international lawlessness" which he proposed in his Chicago speech should be limited to a united international moral stand.

In his radio talk the President alluded to the conflict in China rather vaguely, reiterating that "America hates war" and stating that the United States is going to co-operate with the other signatories to the nine-power treaty in an effort to find a "solution of the present situation in China." He did not tell just what he proposes to do, but assured his listeners that he could be trusted to do the right thing.

The National Council for Prevention of War, representing a part of the extreme peace sentiment in the United States, announced that its annual meeting had declared for immediate invocation of the neutrality law which the President has not seen fit to put in operation.

Italy Supports Japanese

THERE was considerable doubt whether Italy would take part in the Pacific treaty conference, but it was assumed that if it did, it would defend the course pursued by Japan in China and would do what it could to frustrate the designs of the other conferees.

This was assured by the message conveyed to the Tokyo government by Giacinto Auriti, Italian ambassador to Japan. According to a Japanese news agency, Auriti promised Kensuke Horinouchi, Japanese vice foreign minister, that "Italy will never spare general support to Japan."

Japan Denies Violations

IN A formal reply to the charges of treaty violation the Tokyo foreign office flatly denied responsibility for the Sino-Japanese conflict and asserted that China, not Japan, had violated the treaties. The anti-Japanese attitude and the mobilizing of Chinese troops, said the statement, forced Japan to take military action, entirely in self-defense. Japan disclaimed any desire to annex parts of Chinese territory, and declared the accusing nations misunderstand the situation.

Court Upholds Black

FOR the present, at any rate, Hugo L. Black's seat on the Supreme court bench is secure. The court refused to permit Albert Levitt, former federal judge in the Virgin Islands, and Patrick Henry Kelly of Boston to contest the legality of Black's appointment. The ruling was announced by Chief Justice Hughes, who said the two men did not have sufficient interest in the litigation.

Ogden Mills Dies

OGDEN L. MILLS, who succeeded Andrew Mellon as secretary of the treasury and for years was a leader in the Republican party, died of heart disease at his home in New York. Besides being a financier, Mr. Mills was an able lawyer and business man and had a fine record as a member of congress. He served in the army through the World war.

Divorce Rule Stands

CHURCH laws against remarriage of divorced persons by Episcopal clergymen stand unchanged for at least three years. Proposed liberalization of the rule was defeated by the house of deputies of the church at the general convention in Cincinnati. The deputies voted to continue for another three years the commission on marriage and divorce, but the question probably will not come up again for a long time.

The defeated proposal would have permitted bishops to allow Episcopal clergymen to solemnize marriage of persons, who were divorced for any cause, after study of each case.

U. S. Consul Murdered

J. THEODORE MARRINER, American consul general at Beirut, Syria, was assassinated by an Armenian who had been refused a visa for travel to the United States. The murderer was arrested and the police said he admitted having acted for personal vengeance only.

Marriner, who was forty-five years old and a bachelor, was considered one of the most valuable men in our diplomatic service, which he entered as third secretary of the American legation at Stockholm. At one time he was chief of the western European section of the State department.

Ask Me? Another

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. What American statesman was the grandson of a king?
2. How much does a single inch of rain over an acre weigh? Over a square mile?
3. How many wars have there been since the signing of the Armistice in 1918?
4. Do Chinese surnames precede or follow the given names?
5. Who was the author of "Give me men to match my mountains"?
6. Name some famous musicians who had the gift of absolute pitch.
7. How many cabinet members were there in the first President's cabinet?
8. What is the usual order of business for general meetings of clubs and similar organizations?
9. What caused a farm to "sink" in Idaho?
10. How many words are there in the English language?

Answers

1. Charles Bonaparte, a member of Theodore Roosevelt's cabinet.
2. A single inch of rain weighs 113 tons an acre, or 72,300 tons a square mile.
3. There have been 17 wars since November 11, 1918.
4. They precede.
5. Samuel Foss.
6. Among them are Mozart, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Rachmaninoff, Von Bulow and Max Reger.
7. Three: secretaries of state, at first called foreign affairs; treasury and war. The attorney general and postmaster general were not at first given the rank of cabinet members.
8. Reading of the minutes; reports of boards and standing committees; reports of special (select) committees; special orders; unfinished business; general orders; new business.
9. The geological survey terms this a landslip. The Salmon Falls river undercuts its canyon walls until some of the land overhead breaks away, causing cracks or other land adjustments at some distance from the rim.
10. According to the World Almanac the reputable English language contains approximately 700,000 words. Possibly 300,000 more terms may be stigmatized as nonce, obsolete, vulgar, low, etc., and therefore seldom or never sought in dictionaries.

Uncle Phil Says:

Laws Are a Retreat  
It isn't laws that Americans need to enable them to get along together, but a decent regard for each other.

You cannot often communicate the lesson you have learned by experience.

The hardy pioneer, rest his soul, cut down so many trees that his descendants, bless their souls, now have to restore them for their descendants.

Truth is stranger than fiction, but most of the facts about truth never come out.

A Very Salutory One

The best part of experience is the scars it puts into you.

Photograph albums should be reviewed. That was the only way of getting some idea of the family tree.

Be free with compliments. They cost you nothing, but the surrender of your stiff-necked ill will.

Boys who run away from home usually repent within a week and they have learned a valuable, lasting lesson: that imagination can't be trusted.

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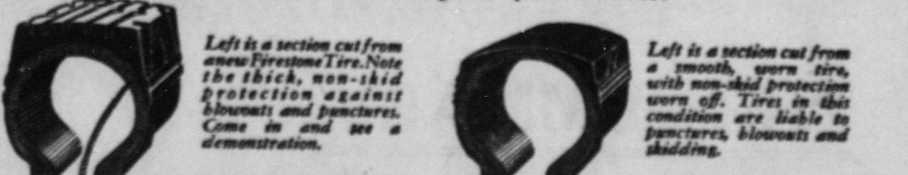
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