

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS BY JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Congressional Patronage Grab Shoves Political Wheelhorses Into Justice, Commerce Jobs

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

CABINET:

Patronage

An able economist, Republican Willard L. Thorp was borrowed from Dun & Bradstreet to be advisor in the commerce department's bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Next Harry Hopkins named Republican Thorp chief of the bureau, but a patronage-minded Democratic congress turned him down. This was Secretary Hopkins' first conflict with patronage, but another was destined soon in which Attorney General Frank Murphy would also learn about patronage. Up for simultaneous congressional consideration came two appropriation bills, one to give Mr. Murphy's department \$1,000,000 for Thurman Arnold's

ter and son-in-law. Although their relatives seemed near agreement, Il Duce and El Caudillo were not comfortable.

Needing peace above all to reconstruct his nation, the generalissimo must nevertheless be imperialistic like other dictators. This means a strong hand in Tangiers, which all good Spaniards demand be regained from France. It also means re-establishing Spain's lost world prestige, necessitating an increased influence in Spanish-speaking Latin America. This program plays right into the Axis' hands, stimulating conflict between Spain and the democracies and thus assuring Spain's aid should Rome and Berlin declare war.

EDUCATION:

Consolation

Not since 1928 have graduating college students found jobs awaiting them. Though this year's crop of seniors will fare somewhat better than 1938's, a decade of hard luck has revolutionized the graduate's outlook, made him glad to take any job, and placed an entirely different interpretation on the significance of a college degree. Sample:

To the University of Chicago's 799 graduates, President Robert Maynard Hutchins addressed this gloomy message: "We know now that graduation . . . does not carry with it the promise that the graduate will ever be able to earn a living . . . We must recognize that you may never make a nickel that you would not have made if you had never come here, that your education will not hoist you by so much as a single rung up the social ladder."

Then, to soothe the parents who wondered why their youngsters should be asked to waste four years, President Hutchins offered the following left-handed consolation: ". . . Higher education should help the graduate make intelligent use of the leisure which thoughtless engineers and a blind economic system have given him."

TREASURY:

Hoard

India was the "sink hole" of precious metals before the World War. By mid-June of 1939 a cellar under Fort Knox, Ky., appeared to be the new sink hole, for there was kept much of the \$16,008,915,000 which represents 60 per cent of all the world's monetary gold stock. Most alarming to financiers, who see gold becoming cheaper and cheaper, is the fact that since January 31 the U. S. has absorbed more than one and one-third times the world's estimated gold production for 1939. Reason: Europe's war scares.

On December 31, 1934, U. S. gold holdings were comparatively mild, totaling only \$8,238,600,000. Harmonizing with mobilization, they began zooming when Czecho-Slovakia mobilized against Germany last May (\$12,915,100,000) kept rising until Munich's conference (\$14,511,200,000), slackened off during quiet January (\$14,682,000,000), then zoomed during this spring's war jitters to the current \$16,008,915,000 mark.

Biggest loser is England, which since 1933 was shipped \$3,760,600,000



FOREIGN GOLD
England's loss is heaviest.

to the U. S., and which in the first four months of 1939 sent \$852,400,000. But some of England's shipments have exceeded her national bank's gold reserve, indicating that foreign gold has first fled to London, then to the U. S.

France, which lost \$934,000,000 in 1935, offers the only encouraging picture in today's gold problem. While other countries bordering Germany have frantically shipped their metal elsewhere, the strong-arm government of Premier Edouard Daladier is now enjoying an influx of gold and capital. Biggest reaction in the U. S. is a steady increase of adjusted demand deposits in federal reserve banks. In early June, as gold hoardings reached their new peak, reserve bank deposits also hit a high water mark.

PUZZLERS

Know your news? Answer all these questions and you're excellent; answer three and you're good; two, fair; one, poor.



1. Arrow on the above map points to Tientsin. What happened there recently to precipitate trouble between what two nations?

2. Wheat acreage allotments for 1940 are (larger) (smaller) than in 1939.

3. Leaving Hyde Park, King George VI gave President Roosevelt which two of the following presents: Autographed photo, tiny replica of the royal throne, gold cuff links, one of Neville Chamberlain's umbrellas, a gold ink well.

4. True or false: The new Jefferson nickel has been withdrawn from circulation.

(Answers at bottom of column.)

CZECHO-SLOVAKIA:

Trouble Brewing

Contrary to popular belief, Germany did not annex Bohemia and Moravia when Czecho-Slovakia was dismembered last March. Moreover, the new land of Slovakia remained "independent," though well under Berlin's thumb. Outright annexation of all these lands was confidentially predicted by European observers in late May when Czechs, their patience broken, apparently began a passive resistance campaign against their Nazi overlords. By mid-June Czech "Protector"



GEN. VLADISLAV PRCHALA
For "resurrection of the nation."

Konstantin von Neurath got Der Fuehrer to send fearsome Heinrich Himmler of the Gestapo to Prague. Other reports had it that German troops would invade Slovakia, incorporating the entire defunct nation into the Reich. Just as active, however, were counter plans that reeked of adventure and mystery. In Prague it was whispered that anyone wanting to join the Czech "legion" being formed in Poland could enter the coal mines in Maerisch-Ostrau and emerge across the border. Hundreds of young men disappeared, showing up in Poland where Gen. Vladislav Prchala (who commanded Czech troops against Hungary last winter) was forming a campaign for "resurrection of the nation."

Warsaw gossip said scores of former Czech officers have sailed for France, where they are forming special Czech legions controlled by French military authorities. The spirit spread to Slovakia, which has learned its old Czecho-Slovakian nation was not so bad after all; a reported 4,000 Slovakian troops crossed the border into Poland, following three military planes.

Though much inspiration for these moves came from within Bohemia, Moravia and Slovakia, much also came from the strong Czech organizations abroad. With 12 legations and 70 consulates still open, with such men as ex-President Eduard Benes mobilizing worldwide Czech sentiment for revival of the republic, Germany indeed had a problem on its hands. Meanwhile London and Paris feared Der Fuehrer might solve the problem by casting out the Czechs as he had the Jews.

Answers to Puzzlers

1. When Britain refused to surrender four Chinese suspected of killing a Japanese official in Tientsin, the Japs retaliated by establishing an economic blockade on the British concession.
2. Larger. The allotment for 1939 was 55,000,000 acres; for 1940, 62,000,000 acres.
3. Autographed photo and gold ink well.
4. False. The treasury department spiked this report, announcing 48,080,000 such nickels have been placed in circulation since last November.

AROUND THE HOUSE

Quick Polish.—Dip knives in boiling water, dry and polish immediately for a quick polish.

For Grease on Carpet.—Rub in powdered bathbrick with a piece of soft cloth; leave overnight, and brush out with a stiff brush.

Grease on Marble.—A paste of Fuller's earth and water spread on the grease spots on marble and allowed to stand for a few days will entirely remove them. Wash off and polish.

Jelly Glasses.—Glasses used in making jellies should not be too tall. Shorter glasses, such as the regular commercial half-pint size are very satisfactory. Molds of jelly removed from them are not as likely to break as those removed from taller glasses.

For Turnback Cuffs.—When making turnback cuffs for a man's shirt, sew the smallest sized snap on the cuff about one inch from the edge and at the proper place on the sleeve, and you will find this quite a time saver. The cuff will not have to be tacked after each laundering.

A Paradox

Keller, the Irish barrister, was barred from the larger success he desired by an irresponsible wit.

One day, meeting a solemn judge who had attained to a high position by the assumption of a serious manner, he cried: "I salute you, sir! In opposition to all the laws of natural philosophy. You have risen by your gravity; while I, alas, have sunk by my levity."

ASK ME ANOTHER

A Quiz With Answers
Offering Information
on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What is the Bastille?
2. Where is the International Date line?
3. What famous diarist wrote in code?
4. Why does a dog stick its tongue out when it pants?
5. What do the letters H. M. S. on a ship of the British navy mean?
6. Which is correct, cold slaw, or cole slaw?
7. What is the longest term of office of any government official?

The Answers

1. A famous French fortress, later converted into a prison.

Favorite Recipe of the Week

KOOL-AID CREAM SHERBERT

(Made in Mechanical Refrigerator)
1 package Kool-Aid, 2 cups milk
any flavor 1 cup heavy cream
1 cup sugar

- 1—Dissolve Kool-Aid and sugar in milk; turn into freezing tray and freeze ¾ to 1 hour (until slushy).
- 2—Whip cream (well chilled) until stiff.
- 3—Add partly frozen Kool-Aid mixture to whipped cream and whip just enough to mix well, but keep cold as possible.
- 4—Return quickly to freezing tray and freeze at coldest point. Requires no more stirring. When frozen, set control back to normal. Makes over one quart. If desired lighter, beat 2 egg whites fluffy with 2 tablespoons sugar and fold into above mixture before final freezing.—Adv.

PATTERN DEPARTMENT



AS YOU see from the diagram, the pretty daytime dress (1754) consists of just two pieces to sew together. Then make the easy darts at the neckline and waistline, so that your dress will be slim and softly full over the bosom, edge the sleeves and neckline with lace or ruching—and there you are! Anybody can do it, and it's so attractive and comfortable. Linen, gingham, batiste and lawn are nice materials for this.

Cool, Comely Jacket Frock.

If you're looking for an extremely smart and pleasantly youthful jacket ensemble in women's sizes,

1761 is the pattern for you. Gathers make the bodice just full enough, and the paneled skirt, cut to a high waistline, is beautifully slenderizing. The smart jacket is the most flattering length—certain to make your hips look slim. Chiffon, georgette, linen or pure dye silk print are pliant fabrics in which this design looks particularly well.

The Patterns.

No. 1754 is designed for sizes 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, and 46. Size 34 requires 3 yards of 35-inch fabric and 2½ yards of lace or ruching. No. 1761 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 requires 6½ yards of 39-inch fabric with nap for the ensemble and short-sleeved dress. With long-sleeved dress 7½ yards.

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Trend

How the wind is blowing . . .

NEGROES—In 18 southern states, 58 per cent of Negro children between ages 6 to 14 were attending school in 1915-16. By 1935-36, the U. S. office of education reports, this figure had increased to 84 per cent.

PRESS—A ministry of information will be established soon in the British cabinet, theoretically having no power of censorship in peacetime but actually destroying Britain's traditional free press.

SUBMARINES—Thus far spared such disasters as America's Squalus and Britain's Thetis, France is seeking to purchase four rescue bells like those used by the U. S. navy.

BARTER—Early consummation is predicted for the unorthodox "barter" treaty whereby American cotton would be traded for British tin and rubber.