Current Events in Review

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Italy Is Ruthless and the League Helpless

OCCUPATION of Addis Ababa and all of Ethiopia was the price demanded by Italy for an armistice in East Africa when the council of the League of Nations met again in Geneva. Baron Pompeo Aloisi presented the ultimatum on behalf of Dictator Mussolini. Wolde Mariam, representing Ethiopia, countered with a request that the league invoke all penalties against Italy under article 16 of the covenant, these including military sanctions as well as the economic penalties which the league has been trying to enforce. The British and French delegates explained the stand of their respective governments in the embroglio.

Baron Aloisi

The league was helpless, and having received the discouraging report of the conciliation committee, was compelled to confess it could not find means of attaining peace. France will not consent to the imposition of military sanctions, and Great Britain naturally will not undertake to enforce them by herself. It appeared the poor Ethiopians were to be abandoned to their fate, meaning the extinction of their empire and their exploitation by Italy.

The council adopted a resolution regretting its inability to end the war, reminding league members that they should continue the sanctions and asking Italy to be generous in bringing the conflict to a close.

Anthony Eden in his address to the council warned France that she might expect from Great Britain no further support against aggression by Germany than France had given against Italy.

From the north, south and west the Italian armies were advancing on Addis Ababa, and the panic stricken civilian inhabitants of the capital were fleeing from the city. Foreigners sought shelter in the bomb-proofed British legation. The mayor issued all the arms available and the government called on all able men to make a last stand for liberty, saying "it is better to die than to be enslaved."

Terrible Famine in Once Fertile China Province

DISPATCHES from Chengtu, China, tell a terrible story of the famine and drouth in Szechuen province, once one of the most fertile regions in the country. It is said to be the worst famine in the history of China, the deaths numbering many thousands and fully 30,000,000 persons being in distress. Suicides and "mercy slayings" are everyday incidents. The peasants are reduced to eating dogs, cats, rats and clay.

Officials said the situation primarily was a result of Communist incursions during the last two years in which the reds overran and pillaged the land.

British Budget Highest Since That of 1931

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, chancellor of the exchequer, submitted to the British cabinet and later to parliament the annual budget, which is for almost four billion dollars, the highest since 1931. The huge rearmament program and other unusual expenses made it certain there will be no relief from present taxation burdens.

No estimate has yet been presented to parliament of the amount to be spent in 1936 on strengthening the fighting forces. All that is known is that the air force's part of the program will cost about $50,000,000 this year. Requirements of the army and navy may bring the aggregate for 1936 up to $110,000,000.

Turkey Remilitarizes Dardanelles Zone

ANOTHER post-war treaty has gone flooey. President Kemal Ataturk of Turkey and his cabinet decided that the Dardanelles must be remilitarized, despite the Lusanne pact, and Turkish troops were promptly moved into the zone along the 75-mile long strait that connects the Sea of Marmora and the Aegean sea. It is believed Kemal will soon rebuild the fortifications in the zone which the allies failed to capture during the World war.

President Kemal

The Turkish dictator didn't surprise anyone by his action, for he asked permission of the League of Nations some time ago to rearm the Dardanelles. No formal reply had been made, but the British government rather favored giving consent, and the Soviet union openly approves Turkey's move. Italy was displeased, and there was considerable excitement in the Balkan states, especially Bulgaria which borders on European Turkey. The Bulgarians renewed their demand for a corridor giving them a direct route to the Aegean sea.

Probably Kemal's action will not be severely condemned by anyone, for most of the European nations are preparing for war with feverish haste. Austria's army, small but well equipped, held a spring parade in Vienna, and immediately the nations of the little entente displayed their anger at this show of military force and their military attaches in the Austrian capital were ordered not to occupy the places reserved for them among the reviewing officials. Rumania has increased its military budget to $38,000,000 and created a special fund of $20,000,000 for the development of aviation. Hungary is clamoring for revision of the Trianon treaty and recovery of the territory it lost to the little entente.

The forty-seventh birthday of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler provided an opportunity for a big display of Germany's military power.

President's Secretary and Adviser Taken by Death

LOUIS McHENRY HOWE, secretary to President Roosevelt and for many years his close friend and adviser, died in the Naval hospital at Washington after an illness of more than a year. Mr. Howe was known in the capital as "the President maker," for it was largely due to his efforts that Mr. Roosevelt reached the White House. For twenty-five years, from the day when Mr. Roosevelt and he first met in Albany, he had devoted himself to forwarding his friend's political fortunes. During the Chicago convention and the ensuing campaign his planning and his advice were credited largely with the results attained.

Judge Ritter Is Found Guilty by Senate

FEDERAL JUDGE HALSTED L. RITTER of Florida was found guilty on impeachment charges by the senate and removed from office, being the fourth federal jurist to be ousted in this manner. On each of the first six articles of impeachment a majority of senators voted for his acquittal; but on the seventh article, which was a generalized summary of the charges against him, he was convicted by a vote of 56 to 28.

H. L. Ritter

An order declaring Ritter should be "forever disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States" was defeated, 76 to 0.

The senate's verdict in the twelfth impeachment case brought before it as a high court of impeachment since foundation of the American republic amounted to a decision that Judge Ritter had violated the Constitutional requirements of good behavior in office.

Editors Condemn Seizure of Private Telegrams

RESOLUTIONS condemning the blanket seizure of private communications were adopted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors in convention at Washington.

"We are of the conviction," said the resolution, "that if such practice is not checked the threat to liberty of individual action and particularly to the freedom of the press is immediate and menacing."

The society urged its members to cooperate with all law enforcement agencies by guarding against the premature publication of information harmful to the successful completion of criminal investigations. The editors also inaugurated a formal study to determine if it is possible for the press and bar jointly to reach some working formula to prevent sensational murder cases from becoming public scandals.

PWA Power Loan Suit Goes to the Supreme Court

ASKING that the Supreme court review the lower court decision in the celebrated Buzzard Roost case, the Duke Power company and the Southern Public Utilities company carried up to the highest tribunal the question of whether the Public Works administration may finance publicly owned and operated hydro-electric plants to compete with private enterprise. Unless extraordinary measures are taken to speed the case, arguments cannot be heard until the term beginning next October. The government has 30 days in which to reply to the petition for review.

This case, which deeply concerns the New Deal program, arose when the PWA allocated $2,852,000 for construction by Greenwood county, South Carolina, of the Buzzard Roost plant on the Saluda river.

Respighi, Noted Italian Composer, Is Dead

OTTORINO RESPIGHI, one of the most famous of modern Italian composers, died in Rome at the age of fifty-six of heart disease following blood poisoning. His passing is cause for deep mourning among music lovers everywhere. Several of his operas were presented in New York and Chicago, and he was guest conductor of the Philharmonic Symphony orchestra of New York in 1932.

Results of the Illinois Primary Election

ILLINOIS' primary held the center of political interest for it not only provided lively state battles but also was of considerable moment nationally. Col. Frank Knox, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, and Senator Borah of Idaho, who was born in Illinois, were the contestants for the Republican Presidential preferential vote, and the former came out with 31 delegates against 26 for Borah. The senator's friends were elated because, without organization, he carried a large part of the state outside of Chicago. This preferential vote is purely advisory and neither man has a slate of delegates to the national convention. The result makes it certain that Knox will make a respectable showing on the first roll call. It also adds to Borah's prestige and aids him in the coming Ohio primary.

Frank Knox

Gov. Henry Horner, seeking renomination, was victorious in the bitter fight with the regular Democratic organization and the Kelly-Nash machine in Chicago, which had thrown him overboard and supported Bundesen for governor. The Democrats almost unanimously voted for the renomination of Senator James Hamilton Lewis, and the Republicans named Former Senator Otis Glenn to oppose him in November.

Republican leaders in Washington were encouraged to believe the internecine warfare in the Democratic ranks would help the Republicans to carry the state. The Democratic sages, on the other hand, liked the showing of strength made by Borah, feeling his liberal following might switch to Roosevelt in November.

In Nebraska's primary only Borah's name was printed on the Republican preferential ballot but almost one-sixth of the voters wrote in the name of Gov. Alf Landon of Kansas.

For the Democratic preference President Roosevelt was unopposed in both Illinois and Nebraska.

Flood Control Approved by the President

IN HIS press conference President Roosevelt said government departments are concentrating on flood control problems and that if congress would pass a bill appropriating a billion dollars for that purpose he would sign it, provided the measure put men to work immediately.

Mr. Roosevelt said the Passamaquoddy project in Maine and Florida ship canal were eliminated because of the recent refusal of congress to make appropriations for continuance of the work. He said he did not contemplate doling out relief funds for the projects and that there would be no funds for the projects unless congress reversed its refusal.

On the same day the United States Chamber of Commerce issued a warning against encroachment of the federal government on flood control projects which are the primary responsibility of the states.

President Lays Cornerstone for a Big Building

WITH appropriate ceremony the cornerstone of the new Interior department building in Washington was laid, the President handling the trowel. The structure, the second largest government office building there, is to be completed in December. It covers five and one-half acres and will provide 700,000 square feet of usable floor space. It will cost $12,000,000, about $5,000,000 less than the capital's largest, the Commerce department building.

The trowel used by Mr. Roosevelt was the one employed by George Washington in laying the cornerstone of the Capitol in 1793.

Draft of New Tax Bill Ready for Consideration

HAVING discarded the President's suggestion of temporary processing taxes, Chairman Sam B. Hill's house subcommittee completed its draft of the new tax bill. It calls for a new type of corporation levy, ranging from 1 per cent to 29.7 per cent for corporations with net income up to $10,000, and from 4 to 42½ per cent for corporations with net income over $10,000, depending on the amount of earnings that are not distributed. Preferential tax treatment is given to banks and insurance companies, to debt-ridden companies, to companies in receivership, and a new system of taxing non-resident aliens is created.

Sam B. Hill

Big Pay for Lobby Committee Lawyer Is Refused

BY A vote of 153 to 137 the house rejected a resolution to permit Senator Black's lobby committee to pay $10,000 to special counsel in injunction litigation started by William Randolph Hearst to protect his telegrams from the probers. This action, which followed a bitter debate, doesn't halt the work of the committee, which has its own funds, but it prevents the payment of more than $3,600 a year, in accordance with general law, to Crampton Harris of Birmingham, Ala.

Hugh Bradley Says:

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Parson Tabs Rival Flag-Winners, but Ignores Statistics

IF ANYBODY ever conducts a poll to determine the most mulish person in history or poesy, my vote will go to the boy who stood on the burning deck. He probably had business elsewhere and his folks must have warned him about playing around with fire, but he persisted just the same.

That's a fine way to get a reputation, but it's not old Parson Bradley's way.

If anybody should ask him what is his way, the best he could do in the shape of a snappy comeback would be to nifty that it is something he has not been having recently but that probably is beside the point. What is right on top of the point is the fact that the venerable Parson is about to pick some winners and he is not the sort of person to fool around with burning decks piled high with the figures of experts.

Instead he is going to hop right overboard and name the lucky lads who will participate in the World Series in September or October or whenever the ever changeable magnates have decided to hold the annual gold and glory classic.

Made Cubs Cinch in 1935 by Picking the Cards

Perhaps he could make 6,500,000 people happy by saying that the Giants, Yankees and Dodgers were going to triumph, but he is something more than just a crowd pleaser. So he is going to keep faith with Brooklyn by continuing to live there, while concentrating his prophetic powers upon the other entries. While doing so he is going to reveal a few secrets (the tattle tale).

One of them concerns Charley Grimm. Most people think that Charley is a St. Louis boy who master-minded his own way to fame in Chicago, but there are those behind the scenes who know better. He could never have done it if it hadn't been for the Parson. When the baldest of the Bradleys had finished dallying with the statistics 12 months ago, he was convinced that the Cards were going to win. So—just to show what he cared for figures—he picked the Giants. That left only the Pirates, Dodgers and Phils for the Cubs to attend to (since the Reds and Bees always can handle their own losing). So, naturally, the Cubs won the pennant.

Charley Grimm

This season the same system is being used at the earnest request of Mr. Horace Stoneham, owner of the Giants. Even though Mr. Sam Breadon, who collects the receipts (if any) in St. Louis, does not like it, the Parson first must be true to his home-towners. So he is selecting the Cards to win and the Cubs to finish second.

That finishes the National league, or would if the magnates did not insist upon playing a 154-game schedule. Now we can take up the opposition circuit.

Tigers Should Win in American League

Hitherto when asked to name the winners of this younger organization (which quite often also is known as the American league) the Parson has displayed his versatility as an expert by maintaining a dignified silence. That he could do this, while besieged by frenzied customers, does not mean that he has been trying to hold out on anybody though.

From what he could gather while sojourning in the South, it seemed to the Parson that the Tigers were already in. Then he met Colonel Ruppert and heard different.

The Colonel spends most of his time dodging in and out from under the grandstand to inquire hoarsely of total strangers, "How we doing?" "Do you think we're gonna hold that five-run lead?" and questions of similar import. That shows he is not an expert either and so he could be a fellow to string along with when he starts announcing.

But even though he may be all wet the Parson is not going to get burned by statistics. Instead, he merely is laying the two pennant races on the line as follows:

NATIONAL	AMERICAN
St. Louis	Detroit
Chicago	Cleveland
New York	New York
Pittsburgh	Boston
Brooklyn	Washington
Cincinnati	St. Louis
Philadelphia	Chicago
Boston	Philadelphia

When they finish the home stretch next September, you'll be able to tell whether the Parson is a good prophet.

PROOF that a guy can return from Florida with something more than a big expense account and a bad sunburn:

The dearest ambition of one of Chicago's most eminent racketeers is to own a big-time baseball club—Johnny Mize, the hard-hitting Cardinal, believes he would be jinxed if he did not step on home plate each time he goes from first base to the bench—Johnny Broaca is the champion lobby sitter among the Yankees. When he cannot find any one to sit and listen to him he just sits and watches the other guests—Bobby Cruickshank will tell you that he learned to putt by watching Bobby Jones in the playoff at Inwood in 1928. Previously Cruickshank had been putting in the British manner, hitting the ball full. Now he hits only half of the ball and gives it plenty of overspin.

Note to numerous fans who have been writing in to ask whether Hitler has taken over the National league in the matter of the Jew who happens to be the game's best umpire—Why not inquire of the league president or the club owners whom you support? My own impression is that if these gentlemen so desired they could easily persuade Dolly Stark to return to the game he loves—Ed Brandt, the Dodger southpaw, owns a ranch in Montana—Buck Newsom, Washington pitcher, still bears the scar of a razor wound received in Los Angeles in 1933 when the earthquake interrupted a two-bit shave—Oscar Melillo, Red Sox second sacker, will talk for hours about fights and fighters.

Gossip now is that there was a woman in the case when Discovery was trimmed at Santa Anita. It seems that a celebrated movie actress who attended workouts likes to see horses go fast and so young Al Vanderbilt gave daily orders to that effect—Just to prove that they still are pals, Charley Grimm presented Freddy Lindstrom with six new bats when the Cubs met the Dodgers the other day—Bill Terry recently purchased a $50,000 annuity—Rookies who are having their heartbreaks now might like to know that Tris Speaker once was left in Little Rock by the Red Sox as part payment for the ball park they had been using in the Arkansas metropolis.

Bill Terry

Throwers of Harlem rent parties should take a tip from Tampa socialites. Slot machines are legal in Florida and the license fee is comparatively small. So the boys and girls have taken to installing them in their homes, calling up their friends and then letting nature take its course. Since the machines can be regulated so that the customers get as little as 5 per cent, such entertainment is highly profitable for the hosts—Old-timers say that the late Kid Gleason was the roughest fighting man ever to don a big-time uniform—Fans walked off with 1,582 baseballs that were hit into the Brooklyn stands last year, but the record still is held by Wrigley field, where sixty baseballs often are used in the course of a game.

Baseball Still Retrenches, Though Receipts Are Up

Baseball still is retrenching, although the gate receipts have increased vastly during the past two seasons. Players will tell you that no more than ten athletes draw $3,000 or better in the Double A (International, American Association, Pacific Coast) leagues. Six years or so ago Newark alone paid that much money to as many men. In the lower loops it is even worse, with $55-a-month salaries being common in Class D circuits—Van Mungo has a deep yearning to be a racing car driver—Ben Geraghty, the Villanova collegian who may become the best shortstop ever to perform in Brooklyn, also is an expert checker player and a fair hand at bridge—While other athletes are complaining that the gloves are not big enough, Charley Grimm continues to hold his rating as the game's best first basement by practicing barehanded.

A former New York judge wants to take up the cause of Don Meade, the ace jockey recently banned in Florida. He would like to carry the case to the highest court in order to test the constitutionality of racing in the state—It is fillies' year at the breeding farms. The turf birth notices reveal that the femmes are leading the colts five to one—If the New York State Racing commission is not too busy it might investigate those loud squawks concerning the type of electric eye to be used at metropolitan tracks this year.

Reporters asked 93 major league ball players what club was the best they had seen this year. Fifty-two replied the Cards, while forty-one favored the Tigers. The verdict was 93 to 0 when the question was asked concerning the worst club. Since that sounds very much like the scores by which the Athletics may often be beaten this year, the name of the club can be guessed at by Philadelphia's most celebrated baseball financiers.

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What's become of:

Ned Harlan, Princeton's all-America hack of twenty-five years or so ago, practices law at Bel Air, Md.

Winnie O'Connor, who won a bike race, flat and steeplechase horse races and a prize fight all in a day in Paris, is running a Jamaica tavern.

Milton Henry, who ran the American Bar in Paris for several years after starring as a crack rider, is back at his first love—galloping horses at the Long Island courses.

OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Wood ashes make an excellent fertilizer for shrubbery and rose bushes, also for dahlias, peonies and delphinium. Scatter ashes over soil. It makes it sweet and has a tendency to loosen it.

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A simple Russian dressing is made by adding two tablespoons of chili sauce and two tablespoons of finely chopped green peppers to one cup of mayonnaise.

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Purchase seldom used spices in small packages, as it is more economical since spices lose some of their flavor when exposed to the air.

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Paper baking cups make excellent caps for milk bottles. Press edges down firmly to fit mouth of bottle.

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Sweep rugs the way of the pile. Brushing against the grain tends to brush dust in instead of out.

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Powdered borax added to the water when washing fine white flannels helps to keep them soft.

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The tough skin that forms on top of a cornstarch pudding may be prevented if a piece of oiled paper is placed over pudding when set away to cool.

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If the table silver is placed in hot soapsuds immediately after being used, and dried with a soft, clean cloth, much of the work of polishing will be saved.

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When you are basting roast beef, a tablespoon of brown or white sugar added to the gravy improves the flavor and color.

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