

# Current Events in Review

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## Municipal Bankruptcy Act Held Invalid

**F**IVE JUSTICES of the United States Supreme court held invalid the municipal bankruptcy act of 1934, declaring it to be an unwarranted invasion of state sovereignty. Four Justices dissented, these being Chief Justice Hughes and Justices Stone, Brandeis and Cardozo. The majority opinion was written by Justice James C. McReynolds. The case was brought by bondholders of a water improvement district in Texas.

## Frank Lowden May Be Republican Nominee

**F**RANK O. LOWDEN of Illinois will be the choice of the Republican convention for President if he will accept the nomination. That was the confident prediction of a political observer who is usually well informed and close to sources of national party news. He declared there was a steadily growing demand from many parts of the Union for the nomination of the former governor of Illinois, who always has been popular with farmers and whose qualities of statesmanship are recognized generally throughout the country. Mr. Lowden is vigorous and hale, and he is always actively interested in the welfare of his state and nation, especially in the problems of the agriculturist.

## Landon Has Large Block of Delegates

**G**OV. ALF LONDON captured nearly all the New Jersey delegates to the national convention, defeating Senator Borah about 4 to 1 in the popular vote. This victory gave the Kansas a total of more than 200 votes to start with at Cleveland, and his manager, John Hamilton, claimed he would have at least 300 of the 501 votes necessary to nominate and would win on the second or third ballot.

## Plan to Continue Rail Co-ordinator's Office

**T**HE office of transportation co-ordinator, held by Joseph B. Eastman, is due to expire on June 16, but Senator Wheeler of Montana had ready for introduction a resolution extending it for two years, and President Roosevelt was on record as approving some of its activities.

## Bonus Baby Bonds Will Be Mailed June 15

**O**N JUNE 15 the bonus baby bonds will be mailed to 45,000 post offices from Washington and from the eleven federal reserve centers. Final plans for delivering the bonds to the veterans were announced by Postmaster General Farley, who predicted that payment on a great majority of them would be made within one week.

for 30 days at the post office of destination before being returned to the respective federal reserve centers and thence to the Treasury department. The bonds will be in \$50 denominations with accompanying checks to cover the odd amounts. To collect cash, the veteran must have his bonds certified through the 241 cities have been designated as paying centers for their districts, and 50 large city offices have been empowered to pay on bonds issued outside their own districts.

## Congress Hopes It Can Adjourn June 6

**D**EMOCRATIC and Republican leaders in congress sought unitedly to get through the necessary business so that the law makers might adjourn on June 6. The house had finished its work and was waiting for the senate to act on the relief and tax measures. The committees had so revised those bills that it was thought opposition would be greatly lessened.

## Leon Blum Is the Idol of Delegates

**L**ION BLUM, elderly and rather fragile leader of the French Socialists, will soon be premier of his country, and he is going to have a hard time living up to the expectations of all the leftists, who are making a national hero of him. The other day hundreds of thousands of French reds and pinks marched behind Blum or stood cheering on the sidelines, and pictures of the leader were carried in the ranks or sold by hawkers in the crowds. This was on the occasion of the traditional memorial ceremony in Pere Lachaise cemetery for the Marxist martyrs of the Paris Commune in 1871.

## Socialists Gain Control of Belgian Parliament

**S**OCIALISTS of Belgium, like those of France, won a considerable victory in the parliamentary elections, holding a larger number of seats than any other group. Emile Vanderveelde, their seventy-year-old leader, was thus in position to succeed Paul Van Zeeland as premier.

The new party of Resistants, whose political emblem is a cardboard broom, symbolizing determination to "sweep bankers and politico-financiers out of office," recorded sensational success, winning 21 seats, mainly at the expense of conservative Catholics.

## Norman Thomas Nominated by the Socialists

**F**OR the third time Norman Thomas is the presidential nominee of the Socialist party. He was selected at the national convention in Cleveland, Ohio, and George Nelson of Wisconsin was put in second place on the ticket. There was a great demonstration after the voice vote, but it was not joined in by the right wing leaders from several eastern states who were angered by the seating of a leftist delegation from New York. The disaffected ones threatened to form another party. The convention flatly turned down a proposal from Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party, for a "united front" in the 1936 campaign.

## Italy Celebrates Entry Into World War

**I**TALIANS celebrated the anniversary of their country's entrance into the World war with imposing ceremonies that included the promotion of more than half a million boys and girls in the organizations of young Fascists. Premier Mussolini presided over the "graduation," and after reviewing a great military parade, the Duce told the shouting crowds:

## Dr. Townsend Disgusted With Inquiry

**F**OR two days Dr. Francis E. Townsend replied mildly to the questions of the house committee investigating the activities of the organization behind the old age pension movement which the doctor started. Then the Californian lost his patience suddenly, refused to answer any more "nonsensical" queries, spoke of "thickheaded congressmen," denounced the committee for its "unfriendly attitude" and asserted that the administration was a "hostile force" behind the inquiry. He declared he would form a third party after the November elections.

## Russia Will Maintain Big Far Eastern Fleet

**C**ONVERSATIONS between Great Britain and Russia now going on in London will have to do only with naval armaments in European waters, for the Soviet government has announced that it cannot consider limitation of its far eastern fleet while there is no similar agreement binding Japan. Speaking for the government, Karl Radek said in the newspaper Izvestia that the Soviet union has been striving to conclude a separate agreement with Japan, but thus far the efforts have been fruitless.

## Japan Has New Leader in North China

**J**APANESE penetration in North China is now being managed by a Buddhist scholar, Major General Matsunoro, who replaces Lieng, Gen. Kenji Dolhara. The new man will co-operate with the commander of the North China garrison in placing the thousands of reinforcements that have been arriving at Tientsin.

## Austria Now Has Three National Leaders

**B**ENITO MUSSOLINI advised Prince von Starhemberg of Austria not to start any domestic trouble because he was ousted from the cabinet by Chancellor Schuschnigg, and when the prince returned to Vienna the cabinet fixed things up neatly by decreeing that the country should have three Fuehrers. Schuschnigg, the unofficial dictator, becomes national leader of the fatherland front; Eduard Baer von Barenfels, the new vice chancellor, is national commander of the front militia; and Starhemberg continues as sports leader and head of the Northern-Hohe Protective association.

## Gov. Lehman Won't Run for Re-election

**H**ERRBERT H. LEHMAN announced suddenly in Albany that he would not be a candidate for a third term as governor of New York, saying: "I feel the time has come when I may ask release from the cares and responsibilities of the governorship." But leaders of the Democratic party, including President Roosevelt, National Chairman James A. Farley and Senators Wagner and Copeland undertook to persuade Mr. Lehman to run for re-election. They all agreed that his retirement would be a loss to the state and the party and that he should be "drafted."

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## All Around the House

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To remove a fresh grease spot on a rug, cover the spot with blotting paper, then press with a hot iron. Cover the spot with magnesia, let it remain for 24 hours, then brush off.

If liquid in which olives are bottled is thrown away when bottle is opened, olives may be kept indefinitely if olive oil is poured over them after they are put back into bottle.

If you rinse a plate with cold water before breaking eggs on it, add to them a pinch of salt and then stand where there is a current of air, you will have no difficulty in beating them to a froth.

## Uncle Phil Says:

**We Do From Motive**  
Human nature is naturally lazy. We do everything from motive, and the strength of the motive measures the result of the effort.

You sometimes have to judge a man by what people don't say about him. Some read epigrams and enjoy them: others are so contentious that they want to dispute every one they read.

In our own personal affairs, each of us thinks he is something of an efficiency expert himself.

**Do As You Advise**  
Children will profit by what their parents tell them if they observe that what their parents tell them corresponds to what their parents do.

When people are deadly determined to call a spade a spade with great frequency, we wish they'd shut up.

Hardly anything can make sink the heart of a young man of twenty like being expected to enjoy a job for which he has neither taste nor talent.

**It Can't Be Done**  
Trying to injure another without hurting ourselves is like gazing in the looking glass without expecting to see our image.

His working capacity makes the mule valuable in spite of his ability to kick and bray.

**Old Sol Is Wise**  
A sunset never puts on too long a show and it never responds to an encore.

Give too much advice and you'll have it thrown up to you. It is often twice as easy to do a man a favor who is bashful about asking it.

**Meaning of "Germanus"**  
The Roman name, Germanus, present Germany, meant "neighbors."

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