## SEEN and HEARD around the NATIONAL CAPITAL By Carter Field FAMOUS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

conciliatory towards business, and ert H. Jackson out on a limb, there is no such feeling in the house or senate, or in the offices of Jackson and Ickes.

On the contrary, there is much talk about Jackson being the President's own choice to succeed to the New Deal mantle, first showing his mettle by winning the governorship of New York this fall.

That, of course, is another story, and it is likely that more hurdles will confront Jackson, if and when he attempts this preliminary step, than he now reckons on, despite the allegation that the labor leaders will be for him, and that labor support is essential to a gubernatorial victory in the Empire state this November.

What is important now is what is the real attitude of the President on the treatment the government should accord business, what he plans to do about it, and, perhaps even more important, what he plans to say about it.

In his address to congress the President did not repudiate a word spoken by either Ickes or Jackson. No one ever dreamed that he would condemn any business unit or business practice which he did not disapprove. So it is hardly important that he said there was good business and bad business.

What business is worried about is something much more concrete, which it figures will come laterdefinitions, for example, as to what is good and what is bad, what can be done with government approval and what cannot. It would like the list, which Gen. Hugh S. Johnson has been demanding, of the corporations that Ickes and Jackson attacked in their speeches.

### **Charge Conspiracy**

It is already known that the administration strongly disapproves the steel and cement industries, on two counts: 'that they "conspire" on prices, and that the prices thus resulting are too high. But what critical members of congress, disapproving of Ickes and Jackson for their "business baiting," want to know is why there is not sufficient law at the moment to reach such "conspiracies." But one little sentence in the President's address is causing not only real concern, but wonder as to whether the President is not proposing some new form of tax suggestion. That relates to his thought that capital does not have the right to refuse employment. True, he hurries on to add that this very refusal tends to undermine the capitalistic system. But then the President wants to preserve the capitalistic system, and has always been confident of his ability to do just that. So the question arises: what will the President propose that the government should do to unemployed poor psychology. It virtually said capital? Senators pondering this inquired what the government could possibly do if this "idle" capital, afraid to risk going into business, should be put entirely in government bonds. That, it happens, is one of the few things capital can do in avoiding any risk. Putting money in a savings bank, of course, is not withdrawing it from industry. The bank may use it to buy bonds of some industry. It is no longer legal to do the thing which in times of fear capitalists have done before-buy gold. Local taxes have made some of the other devices, which were at once hedges against inflation and playing safe, such as buying town lots, not such a good idea. The same thing has affected the wisdom of buying farm land.

Washington .- Despite the very | gan to make inquiries. What they general impression that President found out was even more interest-Roosevelt's address to congress was ing. The State department, very, very unofficially, had actually inthat it left Harold L. Ickes and Rob- spired a newspaper story to the effect that it positively would not preview these pictures! It was thus that de Titta discovered that the State department wanted the pictures shown with no deletions, and also that it wanted somebody at least to know that it was taking this position!

### Had Reasons

The casual reader might miss the implication, but somebody would not. And somebody in this case is nobody else but the Japanese ambassador in Washington, Hirosi Saito, who, incidentally, has never been accused of being slow on the intake

Actually there were two reasons for this extraordinary interest of the State department in the Panay films. Both fitted in precisely with the street to the White House.

First, both President Roosevelt and Secretary Hull wanted the American people, through the movies, to see exactly what the Japanese did to the Panay. And they wanted the Japanese government to learn through its own representatives that not only were the American people seeing the uncensored with the complete approval of the

### administration. Second, the efforts of the peaceat-any-price advocates, and the war referendum backers would be stymied. Even more important, the American public would be swung behind larger armament appropria- clean. Where dark stone tenements

tends to push, not only because of ployment situation.

### Housing Program

The housing program is counted ble, long-used tables, chairs and on to set the stage for a revival of beds. Two rooms for about \$9.50 construction fairly early in the year, | monthly, four for \$20. even if other conditions fail to clear

THE FRONTIER, O'NEILL, NEBRASKA,

# BEAUTIES of ROME

### Flowers for the Roman Market.

### Hundreds of Fountains Help Make the Eternal City Beautiful

the ideas evolved and taken across Prepared by National Geographic Society. | fountains of iron, where men and OME, ruling the Italian empire, does not rule herself. Municipal self-government ended in

1925. In the mayor, an appointee, is vested power formerly exercised by mayor, aldermen, and council. Citifilm but that this was happening zens of all Italy help bear the burden of civic beautification. Rome could not pay her enormous bill alone; dreams of

> artist-engineers are too farreaching. Streets even in old quarters are

tions, which the administration in- are demolished for parks and squares, former inhabitants move to the international situation, but to gigantic apartment houses on the provide work and aid the unem- edge of the Roman countryside. You may visit the home of 500 poor families imposing, yet simply built within and furnished usually with hum-

Italian upper and middle classes,

up. While it is not expected to show who staff growing government bua big spurt, it is conceded by the reaus, dwell usually in ultramodern administration's business experts to apartments, five or six stories with their times. be the President's best bet. Their elevator, outside the "old city" studies indicate that housing is the walls. You see little construction, where Lido di Roma, a new town,

horses drink, where housewives ly remembered they wait for jugs to fill. Water is not had sworn to die in piped to every Roman home. Cold, even in summer, a stream of it is used for refrigeration by restaurants and coffee shops. Fruit, milk, soda pop are so cooled.

When some of the Pontine marshes were sea, when navies were galleys and triremes, Ostia, at the Tiber's mouth 14 miles southwest, was Rome's seaport. It was built on the site of an ancient settlement where the Tiber forks to form Sacred Island.

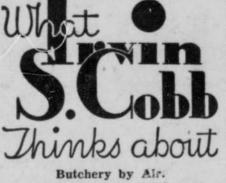
Pliny the Younger, who survived racing. the eruption of Vesuvius that de-

stroyed Pompeii, and wrote a graphic account of it often quoted today, once lived near Ostia, down the shore road in a seaside villa. Worn paving stones, uncovered, point your way to the ruin as you walk where Pliny rode. It is a shore road no longer.

Ostia's ruins are being dug from the sand, three miles inland!

Rising shores and river silt have often blocked the harbor. Mussolini has not yet followed Claudius, Trajan, and Pope Paul V in building a seaport adequate for Romans and

Romans today play on the beach



SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.-Following the example of Il Duce and that air-minded son of his, who wrote a brave book describing the joy of bombing undefended mud villages full of women and children, one of the leading statesmen of Italy has delivered a speech declaring war is the most glorious, most inspiring, most beautiful thing on earth. Inquiry discloses that this cheery patron is a hero in his own right. As an officer, he enthusiastically participated in the retreat from Caporetta.

Caporetta was the place where all ranks of an entire army, with vic-

tory against the enemy right around the corner, suddenthe last ditch and started for the ex-

months before some Irvin S. Cobb

So it's possible this blood-thirsty orator has confused the science of warfare with the sport of foot-. . .

### The Meaning of Words.

DISTINGUISHED gentleman, A who never admitted the Eighteenth amendment was a failure, is said to be comforting the drys with words of wisdom, his attitude-in effect-being this:

The causes of sanity and safety suffer because certain distillers and many local retailers indiscriminately sell an unnecessarily high-powered product, the results being lawbreaking, property damage; danger and personal injury and untold suffering for innocent parties: homicides, mutilations, often a horrid death for the purchaser of the arti-



F YOU want to make a very big | and draw up the gathering thread doll, use two hanks of yarn and to make the full top of the skirt. the biggest red bandanna handkerchief you can find. Smaller dolls made from one hank and a SEWING. Forty-eight pages of medium size handkerchief are also attractive.

Tie the hank at the top as at A, then cut it across the bottom. Make the head by tying the yarn in as at B, then separate part of the strands at the sides and bind them together to make the arms as at C and D. Cut these strands off as at E to make the hands. Bind the rest of the yarn around as at F to define the waistline. Thread a large needle with white darning cotton and make the mouth and eyes with several stitches made as shown here. Sew small black buttons or beads in

the middle of the eyes. Cut a square out of the center of the handkerchief. The square piece you cut out should be big enough so it may be cut through the center from corner to corner to make two triangles-one to be used for the head kerchief for the doll and one for the three cornered shoulder kerchief. When this is done, gather around the square hole in the center of the bandanna



Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables;

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treme rear to look for it. Or it may have been that everybody just simultaneously felt homesick. Anyhow, it was of them caught up with their panting.

But there is no certainty on Capitol Hill as to what the President proposes to do.

### The Panay Pictures

President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull have completely short-circuited the embarrassing war referendum movement in the house of representatives started by Representative Louis L. Ludlow, of Indiana

One of the latest moves in this campaign, which passed almost unnoticed, concerned the moving pictures of the Panay incident. Oldtimers in Washington were literally flabbergasted when they read an interview with Arthur de Titta, of a movie concern, saying that copies of the film would be furnished the White House, State and Navy departments, after the public showing.

This little statement may have amazed people who do not know de Titta. It may have seemed very indiscreet, indeed, needlessly flaunting the government.

But no one who knew de Titta thought anything of the kind. He not only is the essence of tact and deference where deference is due, but he knows his way around Washington very well indeed.

So the wise ones knew at once that de Titta had been requested to make just such a statement. This seemed so interesting that they be-

one industry that can move against except government buildings, in depression.

There is a lot of ballyhoo about other White House moves to start attract what United States adverthe business wheels turning more tisements call "exclusive patronrapidly, but actually they fade into age." insignificance as compared with the real hopes for the housing program plus the alleged information that business itself expects the recession to be short.

Many of the items about which there has been so much ballyhoo lack substance. For instance, that big "story" about the government speeding up purchases of \$245,000,000 of supplies that otherwise would be spread over the remainder of the current fiscal year. Actually, while this made a good story, it was very

to every business man that there is going to be a deceptive demand for goods for the first few months of the year, which will be followed by a hard bump because the govern- political controversy except when ment will have completed its buy-

Another bad piece of propaganda, so far as the psychological effect is concerned, was the recommendation to cut down the amount of federal appropriations for road building. This was branded as a business restorative, on the theory that it was a step in the direction of budget balancing.

### **Bitterly Attacked**

Actually it was not only attacked bitterly on Capitol Hill by statesmen who did not want the appropriations helping their own states cled piazza at St. Peter's, and districts cut off, but was also attacked by economists not interested in pork. These pointed out them off." that the time to spend government term is preferred. But when em- stantly. ployment is a real problem is no

ular way. Incidentally, of course, there is little prospect that this step toward balancing the budget will be made. tainly it is not in favor of handing over any discretion as to the parcelling out of the money to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace or any other bureaucrat.

struction is probably the fairest. tained only 300 illustrations! Log-rolling has been eliminated by how much any particular commuvelt plan would scrap it, so con-

gress is not going to yield. Meanwhile probably the most im- torrents like a mountain trout from Capitol Hill, where the lead- drinking. teeth on the tax reform bill and are found wide scope in such creations to New Deal objectives. Copyright .- WNU Service.

"downtown" Rome, although many

expensive shops are modernized to tric car or new auto speedway, and only glimpse the Tiber.

Even Rome's oldest parts, swarming with well-fed stray cats, are virtually fireproof. Fire hydrants, seldom needed, are hidden beneath iron covers at sidewalk level. The Apostle Peter was crucified,

they say, on Vatican hill where stood the gardens of Nero, one of the cruelest oppressors of Christians. Nero is but a dim, hateful memory. Peter and his words still live, and Christendom's largest church stands above his tomb.

Vatican City Is Sovereign.

Ending long strife between Church and State, Mussolini signed the Lateran treaty in 1929, making the State of Vatican City sovereign. By this accord it cannot engage in disputants unanimously ask it to mediate. Its power is moral and spiritual.

Otherwise the pope is absolute legislative, judicial, and executive head of his 108.7-acre, art-treasurepacked state. Italy guarantees rightof-way by wire, highway, rail and air to the world. Exempt from Italian taxes, Vatican City may issue stamps and coin money.

The tsar of all the Russias once visited the pope. He paused beyond rainbow-shot spray to watch two enormous fountains scintillating in the sunny colonnade-encir-

"They're gorgeously beautiful!" he exclaimed. "Now you may turn

He was astonished, they say, to money on useful public projects is learn that Roman fountains, not opin depression, or recession if that erated solely for him, played con-

"Men may come, and men may time to save money in that partic- go, but I go on forever." Every old fountain seems to murmur these lines, and well they may, for many have played virtually without inter-

ruption since the repair of barbar-Congress is not in favor of it. Cer- ian-destroyed aqueducts from the same mountain rivers supplying Rome today.

### Hundreds of Fountains.

The late Professor A. D. Tani, who loved his city and knew it as Of all the ways of distributing few contemporaries did, apologized federal pork, that for highway con- that his "Fountains of Rome" con-

Water flows from mouths of ania simple formula which shows just mals and fishes, drops down artificial waterfalls, pours in unbroken nity rates. That formula was sheets like shimmering glass, shoots worked out with midnight oil and skyward, geyserlike, and returns as infinite compromise. The Roose- misty rain into great marble basins green with moss. It trickles down rock ledges; it gushes sometimes in

portant aid to recovery is coming stream, always pure enough for ers have taken the bit into their Imaginative Roman artistry has

paying no attention to White House as Bernini's Fountain of Trevi, or concern over what may happen the stone ship at the Piazza di Spagna.

There are numberless utilitarian | way."

stretches two miles along the present shore. Crowds come by elec-

The south fork of the Tiber enters the Tyrrhenian sea some distance from Lido di Roma. Where the river widens, protected by stone jetties from stormy waves, are two airports, one military, the other a seaplane base of Ala Littoria, subsidized company monopolizing Italy's air transport.

Here a dozen flying boats sometimes ride at anchor, or take off for Tunis, for east Africa-wherever airmail and hurrying passengers would be flown. Here, too, are shops where you see ships themselves repaired and built. The ground crew lives in a fair-sized town.

There are two Appian ways. The narrow old one near Rome could not be widened for modern transport without destruction of relics such as the Church of Domine Quo Vadis.

It is built where Saint Peter, fleeing Nero's persecution, met Jesus face to face. You see a print of a bare foot in the stone where Christ had stood; they say it is a reproduction of His original footprint now in the Church of St. Sebastian.

### Domine Quo Vadis Church.

This church is built over ancient catacombs cut in tufa-volcanic rock-under the villa of some old Roman sympathetic with early Christians. What a task to carve that maze of passages, those crypts in living rock where bones still crumble!

In little chapels worshipers, fired by a zeal that only persecution gives, say prayers by torchlight, and then emerge into the night, carrying bits of excavated rock to throw away covertly, lest unbelievers discover their subterranean rendezvous.

Into gloomy tunnels, through an air vent-an iron grill in the church floor-filter faint and far-away organ music and chants.

When you come to the surface, where sunlight streams into the chapel through stained-glass winpia Antica are not as rich today as boyish fun. of old. Many wear castoff, highheeled ladies' shoes.

Stone walls, red poppies in their crevices, hide much of the rolling Campagna on either side, until at last the road emerges into open fields and meadows where occasional heaps of stone and brick are remains of huge buildings.

In the distance are aqueducts. To William Dean Howells they ages across the melancholy expanse one had fallen out weary by the over 700 of which I wrote myself."

cle in question.

To extend the argument further, let us change just three words: "... Certain automobile manufacturers and many local agents indiscriminately sell an unnecessarily highpowered product, the results being law-breaking, property damage; danger and personal injury and untold suffering for innocent parties; homicides, mutilations, often a horrid death for the purchaser of the article in question."

Now then, when the aforesaid gentleman kindly proves that, in selling cars capable of traveling 130 miles an hour or even faster, for use on highways having a speed limit of 60 miles an hour, or less, he is promoting the causes of sanity and safety. I'll turn prohibitionist with him. . . .

### Practical Jokes.

THREE city sportsmen drove into I the Kerrville country in Texas. Everywhere the lands were posted. But one of the party knew an old rancher whose acres bordered the highway. Leaving his mates at the road, he went to ask permission to hunt deer on the property.

"Sure," said the owner. "Bust right in-my place is full of bucks; I never gun 'em myself. Now do me a favor. As you turn into the lot, you'll see an old, crippled, sick white mare. She oughter be dead, but I ain't got the heart to kill any living creature. Put her out of her misery, will you?"

The gratified huntsman had a waggish idea. As he opened the pasture gate, he let out a terrific yell.

"I feel so good I've got to shoot something!" he whooped. "Believe I'll shoot a horse to start with."

With that, he hauled off and blasted down the feeble old nag where she leaned against the fence.

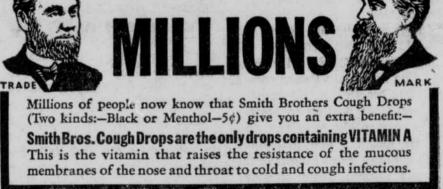
"And now," as he turned on his horrified companions, "I believe I'll shoot me a couple of so-and-soes." He waved his rifle in their direction. The next instant one had vaulted out of the car and had him down, choking him until his tongue stuck out like a pink plush necktie. They were halfway back to town, with a large man sitting on his head dows, you see a dozen girls of ten and another driving like mad to find or twelve learning to sing. Their a lunatic asylum or a stout jail, beclothes are simple, and somewhat fore the humorist succeeded in contattered-people who live on Via Ap- vincing them it was all just clean.

Now the rest of Texas is wondering whom the joke's on. **IRVIN S. COBB.** 

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**True Resignation** 

The famous Thoreau was unread at the beginning of his writing career, and when Thoreau received back from his publishers almost the whole of the edition of his "Week on the Concord and Merrimack Riv-'seemed to stalk down from the ers," he melancholically carried them upstairs to his study, remarklike flies of giants, with now and ing, as he tells in his diary, "I have then a ruinous gap in the line, as if now a library of nearly 900 volumes,



him, and at his call love him, who **Heedless One** But how can he expect that oth- for himself will take no heed at ers should build for him, sow for | all?-Wordsworth.





