

Economic HI-LIGHTS

Happenings That Affect the Diner Pails, Dividend Checks, and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable from Local Welfare

The President's statement that Congress' refusal to repeal the neutrality act and to pass an Administration-sponsored bill permitting the sale of armaments to belligerents on the cash and carry basis, is a disservice to the cause of world peace, found little favorable reaction in either House or Senate, save among those to whom White House proclamations are almost sacred. Apparently Congress feels that the "next world war" is not so imminent as many think. At the White House conference on neutrality, Senator Borah, rock-ribbed isolationist who did as much as anyone to prevent the United States from joining the League of Nations and the World Court, bluntly told Secretary Hull that he had confidential sources of information regarding affairs abroad that told him there would be no war this year—and that he regarded his sources as being as trustworthy or more so than those on which the State Department depends.

At any rate, Congress, going by the recent statements and votes of the majority, seems convinced that it would be folly to give the President as much leeway in handling our foreign policy as he wants. And it likewise seems to be convinced that the only sane course for America to pursue is to remain 100 per cent neutral—and at the same time to indirect-

ly discourage hostilities so far as it can.

Now it is obvious that this is a very difficult course for a world power to maintain. And a good many congressmen are puzzling over just how it may be done. The undeclared war in the Orient provides an interesting case in point. Theoretically, we are neutral. Actually, as authoritative public opinion polls have established, the American people are overwhelmingly in sympathy with the invading Chinese, and overwhelmingly opposed to the ambitions of the invading Japanese. It is practically a certainty that, if Japan does conquer China, the "open door" will be slammed shut in the faces of all other nations, with the possible exceptions of Nippon's axis allies, Germany and Italy. That is a direct and dire threat to American investments in China running into the billions, and even to the physical safety of the thousands of Americans who live in the Far East. And to top it off this government, along with Japan and other major powers is a party to a long-established treaty guaranteeing the "sovereignty, the independence and the territorial and administrative integrity of China."

Those are splendid words, and the motive of this country at least in signing the treaty was undoubtedly honest. Yet in this curious world we live in, the United States plays a major part in making Japan's Eastern adventure possible—and if the troops of the Son of Heaven are successful we will have to take a major part of the blame at least indirectly. For says the Chinese Council for Economic Research Japan gets better than 90 per cent of her imported scrap iron, steel and copper from us along with almost half of her imported lead, 65 per cent of her imported automobiles, 77 per cent of her imported airplanes, 65 per cent of her imported petroleum, and 83 per cent of her imported ferro-alloys. Each of these is a vital war material. Japan can produce or manufacture none of them in adequate quantity for herself. She must get them from abroad—and if she couldn't get them the prosecution of the undeclared war with China would be impossible.

It is this which caused the Senate resolution calling for an embargo on export of arms and other materials of war to Japan. Whether that will be done, at this Congress or a future one, is a matter of guesswork. There is a sizable body of support behind it. The New York Times, for instance, says, "If there is no legal obstacle, we trust that the measure will be passed. It is time to take ourselves out of the role of accessory to crime." There is likewise a substantial body of opposition, largely based on the argument that the war is not yet a direct concern to us, that we might as well get Japan's business as to see it go elsewhere, and that we cannot act as a sort of voluntary policeman for a crazy world. Both sides, it is apparent can summon telling evidence in behalf of their respective views. It's no wonder that Congress gets a headache every time it thinks of our foreign policy—and that the public at large is troubled with similar pains.

The recent jump in stock values was not much of a surprise to "IT PAYS TO LOOK WELL" MAYO'S BARBER SHOP Ladies and Children's Work A Specialty -2422 Lake Street-

the experts. They've been saying for a long time that business was better than security prices indicated. Another factor, many think lies in the viewpoint, held rather widely but by no means unanimously, that Europe won't go to war this year—that some "pacifistic" means of solving the Danzig problem will be found.

At any rate, taking seasonal conditions into account, American business is showing good progress in many lines.

Wright's Story Is Tops In 50 Best Short Stories

50 BEST AMERICAN SHORT STORIES—1914 to 1939, an anthology by Edward J. O'Brien. Published by Houghton, Mifflin Co. \$3.00.

Reviewed by Henry Morgan Crusader News Agency IT MIGHT as well be stated right now that Dick Wright's story "Bright and Morning Star," is by far the best piece in this anthology. There is a little point in evading this as there would be in discussing the evident lack of fire and inspiration in the first story of the volume, written by Wilbur Daniel Steele, a quaint little item dealing with a yellow cat.

Not that the 49 stories before "Bright and Morning Star" are altogether wasted. They aren't. They make a nice volume, climaxed properly by the genius of this young Negro writer who has caught the flame of prejudice and shown with deep perspective how this prejudice blinds men and makes them little better than animals. Perhaps Wright's story is great because it cuts to the roots of our feeling—or because it encompasses an entire life, a whole era in the few words of this fifteen-minute story. Read it and see how this talent burns with the fierceness of right and conviction.

As to the other stories—they are short stories, some better and some worse than we've read before. But they have the attribute of being representative. Several bright spots appear above the horizon, however, with striking little stories by Ruth Suckov, Erskine Caldwell, William Saroyan and Dorothy Parker and a very good one indeed by Annan Seager.

Albert Maltz' "Man on a Road" has some of the same qualities as Dick Wright's story, revealed the same allegiance to truth and a sense of struggle. "Outside Yuma" by Benjamin Appel is also a very good story, with a feeling of the wide spaces that do no more than oppress men just as slums do. And Pietro di Donato has scored with his story "Christ in Concrete."

Edict Wipes Out Islanders' Rights

Kingston, Jamaica, August 10, (CNA)—Another step has been taken by the reactionary government of this British island colony to suppress the democratic rights of the people with the passage of the Public Meeting Law, 1939. The law, hurriedly passed by the government, is aimed at gagging the public and to block any attempt of the masses to better their conditions. (The new law was vigorously denounced at a mass meeting in New York City this week. The meeting, attended by hundreds of West Indian residents of Harlem and native-born, was addressed by Max Yeagan, educator, Richard B. Moore, lecturer, W. A. Domingo, T. L. Cowan, Mrs. T. A. D'Auguir, and others. Dr. F. Theo. Reid, acting president of the Jamaica Progressive League which called the protest meeting, presided. The meeting was held at the Harlem YMCA.)

The new law gives the white governor of the island authority to prohibit by proclamation "all meetings, gatherings or assemblies and all processions and marches in any public place," whenever he may deem it necessary "in the interest of good order or public safety."

It provides a penalty of a fine of fifty pounds (\$250) or imprisonment for three months, or both for violation of any provision of the law.



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F. R. J. Will we get our house finished before this coming winter and if so about when?

Ans: Some incident will arise in the life of your mother that will make her CHANGE HER MIND and delay the repairs and finishing of the house. It is just going to be a matter of months until the place is finished.

N. C. S. My husband is going with my best woman friend and didn't know him until she met me and I wish to know if I should stay on with him?

Ans: Yes, Running out because he is acting sorry will not help matters any. You have found out that this party is not a friend to you—if so she wouldn't stoop to such conduct. Remain in your home for she can't do more than slip around and see him occasionally and he will soon tire of her.

J. W. S. I read your column and like it fine. Please tell me if there is anything seriously wrong with my son and should he see a doctor?

Ans: His condition is serious enough for him to consult with a doctor. It is so foolish to take a chance with sickness when it is so easy and inexpensive to have the very best advice from a capable doctor. He will recover.

V. M. C. The gentleman that asked me to marry him, was he really sincere?

Ans: He was, but not you. You should not think of marrying a man when you aren't in love. Return to school and finish your education and don't get the marriage bug until you have finished your training.

V. B. J. Should I live in hopes of our reuniting or should I try to forget him?

Ans: The logical thing for you to do is to stop thinking about him even though you do feel you love him yet. The affair between you two just couldn't be worked out favorably and it is well that it was realized while you were both young.

C. R. S. Should I go home on my vacation or would it be better for me to stay here?

Ans: The trip home would do you good—but you would be miserable while away worrying about your TWO SWEETHEARTS. Decide for yourself whether you wish to go or not—it will not be very much difference between you and these friends if you do leave for a week.

A. R. C. For the past few years I have been a constant reader of your column. Now I have made up my mind to send my problems to you but I want them to come back to me in a private letter. Can this be arranged?

Ans: Yes. Send a quarter for my latest Astrology Reading covering your sign. Send your full name, correct birthdate and address along with three pressing questions and I will send your Astrology Reading to you by return mail, along with my free opinion on your problems.

M. L. G. I suffer from a chronic condition and my sickness puzzles the doctors. Tell me what to expect.

Ans: A cure in time. The doctors are able to relieve you temporarily and if you do as they say and try to build up your resistance, it shouldn't be but a short time until you are on the road to recovery.

NEW DEAL TACKLES FARM TENANCY CRISIS IN 2 BILLION LOAN PLAN

Washington, August 10, (Robert Norton for CNA)—Effective steps to raise living standards for millions of Negro and white small farmers and to drive for a progressive solution of the farm tenancy crisis have at last been promised in the New Deal's \$2,800,000,000 self-liquidating investment program now before Congress.

Long neglected in the Roosevelt administration's moves for agricultural aid, the problems of the small farmer have secured a front-rank position in the recovery plans drafted by New Dealers. Of the total spending authorization sought by President Roosevelt and his close advisers, \$600,000,000 would be voted to farm tenancy loans and for rehabilitation loans. Another \$500,000,000 would be spent on rural electrification projects to carry electric power facilities to millions of small farms now lacking in this primary necessity for decent living conditions.

Under the present plans, from one-half to two-thirds of the \$600,000,000 involved in the total program would be spent for the purchase of tenant farms from their present landlords. The farms would then be resold to the present farmer tenants on a 40-year installment payment basis with the low interest rates made possible by use of the government's credit. The policy would be to fix the total annual purchase cost at considerably less than the rent now paid by the tenant farmers.

Coincident with this program of placing exploited tenant farmers in full ownership of the land they work, low-cost loans also would be extended for rehabilitation and repair of the farms.

Annual Negro Day Observed at 'The Lost Colony'

Manteo, N. C., July (CNA)—The second annual Negro Day was observed at the Waterside Theatre here on July 31 in connection with the 99th performance of Paul Green's historical drama, "The Lost Colony," which was presented as a part of the 352 anniversary celebration of the founding of the first English colonies in the New World and the birth of Virginia Dare—the first English child born in America.

Two thousand Negro students from North Carolina and Virginia together with a group of Negro educators and leaders from the two states, took part in the special exercises at the Waterside Theatre prior to the presentation of "The Lost Colony."

The day was originally set aside last summer in response to a request made by a group of North Carolina citizens which included Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, Clyde Irwin, state superintendent of public instruction and Paul Green, North Carolina's No. 1 playwright who was awarded the Pulitzer prize for drama in 1927 for his first full-length Negro play "In Abraham's Bosom."

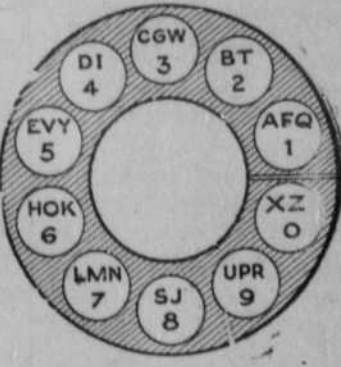
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WORD SQUARES

The numbers, 1 to 9, on the board refer to the arithmetical and alphabetical notations on the dial. The test of skill consists in forming a magic square reading five words across and five words down, as defined. Pick the right letter for each and every space to obtain a complete solution.

HORIZONTAL
First Row—Samuel Francis, author of the National hymn, America.
Second Row—Bric-a-brac.
Third Row—White silk veil.
Fourth Row—Moisten.
Fifth Row—Coasters.



VERTICAL
First Row—Small ferry-boats.
Second Row—Stoop.
Third Row—Wrathful.
Fourth Row—In Freemasonry secured against intrusion.
Fifth Row—Tillers of the soil.

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SOLUTION ON PAGE 9



And this is higher education! We were terrified by being awakened out of sound sleep at 4 o'clock in the morning by voices and poundings at the door. A flashlight was playing about the house and into our room.

"Drunks," I thought, "and the less attention we give them, the sooner they will think they are not annoying us, and will go away."

Just then a male voice said "There is a baby in there. We cannot go in there."

They tramped off the porch and tried the door of our neighbor, who did not awake at all to hear their demands, so he told us next morning. Presently they were elated to discover, with their flashlight, the sign of Doctor C— across the street, who has an office at his home. So they trooped over to talk to him. He had been aroused by the commotion on our side of the street.

Next morning he told us it was a group of college boys from a neighboring city, sent out on a "hell-week" errand of getting the signatures of the doctors and lawyers of our town, and had misunderstood directions of where to find the doctor across from us.

Now I have a pretty good sense of humor, and I like young people and their fun. But I am still pretty sore about having my household frightened in the dark hours of night that way over nothing at all! And what is still more important is that it is just such middle-of-the-night foolishness as this that prevents the general public from fully appreciating our higher educational institutions.

CAVALCADE OF COLORED WOMEN INVADE BOSTON

Boston, Aug. 17 (By Alvira Hazard for ANP)—As the first five hundred delegates arrived in Boston by special train, bus, automobile and plane, the 21st biennial session of the National Association of Colored Women and the National Association of Colored Girls got under way on Friday.

Registration began early at spacious quarters in Horticultural hall in the fashionable Back Bay section of Boston where rest rooms, executive meeting halls, and dining room accommodations are ample for the large number of delegates. Public sessions of the convention are to be held in the famed Symphony hall, the home of the renowned Boston Symphony Orchestra, which is conveniently located directly across the street.

White daily papers were the first to carry the news of the convention to Hub readers with stories and pictures, white bunting with prominent welcome signs decorated places of business in the colored sections of the city, and a general air of anticipation and hospitality predicted that the convention would reach an all-time, high of interest in staid Beantown.

founders; Dr. Hallie Q. Brown, scholarship board; Mrs. Sallie W. Stewart, executive secretary; Mrs. Ada B. DeMent, chairman executive board; Mrs. Catherine Helm, secretary executive board and chairman of women in industry; Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, honorary president and many others.

The romance and significance of the Boston meeting lies in the fact that in 1895 the organization was started here by the first president, Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin in historic Charles Street church. One of the touching commemorations of this fact was a pilgrimage to Mrs. Ruffin's grave in Cambridge where a wreath was placed.

Sessions continued through July 29 with musical program, lectures, business meetings, a style show, exhibits, and tours. Miss Gladys Holmes, state president, worked untiringly to insure the success of the meeting.

While many of the delegates came from all the 48 states, special trains brought the largest number of girls and women from Chicago. Well over a 100 were present for the first meeting of the clubs on Saturday morning. Boston was greatly impressed by the Chicago aggregation of visitors, and their interest and enterprise in bringing so large a delegation was the general subject of conversation over the weekend.

NETOES LOTTERIES FOR SLUM HOUSING IN ILL.

Springfield, Ill. August 10 (ANP)—Declaring a worthy cause cannot legalize an unlawful means Gov. Horner vetoed Tuesday the Vacco Bills establishing a monthly lottery to finance slum clearance projects in Chicago. Had the bills passed, it was predicted more than \$2,000,000 would have been raised monthly for eradicating both white and Negro slums.

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