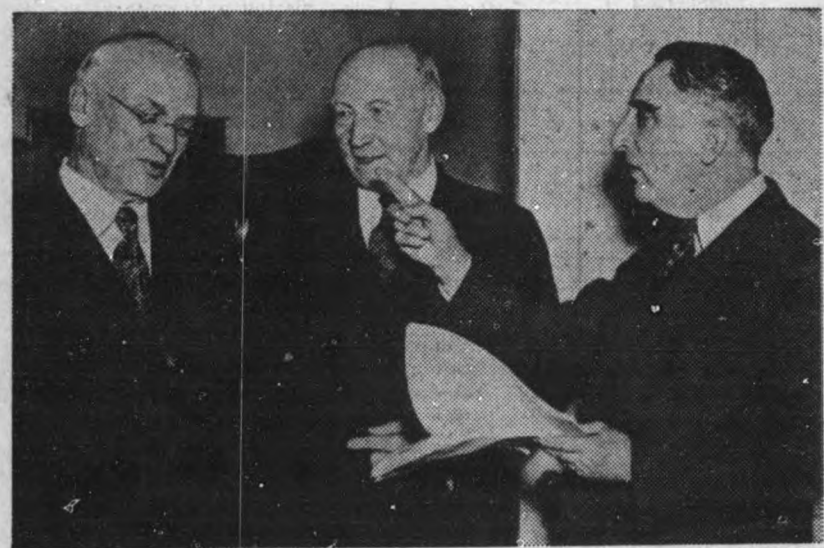


News Review of Current Events

LID OF TVA BLOWN OFF

Chairman Morgan Demands Congressional Inquiry
.. Refuses to Resign .. Spanish Cruiser Torpedoed



Evidently these three leaders in the fight about the administration-backed "Third Basket" tax bill did not get enough pro and con on the house floor. They continue their argument in the corridor, with the bill's author, Representative Fred Vinson of Kentucky, right, rebuking Representative Allen T. Trethewey of Massachusetts, left, for his opposition to the measure. Representative Robert L. Doughton of North Carolina, center, who introduced the bill to the house, backs Vinson.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
© Western Newspaper Union

Berry Claim Cause of Row

LONG existing warfare between Dr. A. E. Morgan, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and his fellow directors, David Lilienthal and Harcourt Morgan, has come to a climax, due to the claims of Sen. George L. Berry for \$5,000,000 because his alleged marble quarries were flooded in the Norris dam area. Doctor Morgan has demanded a show-down in the form of a congressional investigation of the whole TVA setup and its activities.



A. E. Morgan

A commission appointed by a federal court in Tennessee reported the claims of Berry and his associates were worthless because their properties could not be profitably operated commercially.

Chairman Morgan then issued a long statement revealing that the quarrel in the authority was due not to differences between himself and his colleagues over policy, but to his efforts to obtain "honesty, openness, decency and fairness in government."

Dr. Morgan intimated that the Berry deal was only a part of the issue of honesty and decency which he had to face and that there was a lot more he would like to tell a congressional committee.

Spanish Warship Sunk

SPANISH insurgents sustained a severe loss when their cruiser Balears was torpedoed and sunk in a big naval battle off Cartagena. The 10,000-ton cruiser went down in flames and probably about 300 of her crew were drowned. Some 400 others were rescued by two British destroyers.

The loyalist attack by warships and planes was carefully planned to break the rebel blockade of government ports on the Mediterranean coast. The loyalist authorities were highly elated by this victory in what they called the first real naval battle of the civil war, and War Minister Prieto said they were now prepared to fight the conflict to a finish on the seas.

The British admiralty announced that two British destroyers were attacked by five airplanes off the Spanish coast while on "anti-pira-

cy" patrol duty. There were no casualties.

General Franco was reported to be reorganizing all his troops from Africa so that he can carry on if Mussolini withdraws the Italian contingents in accordance with the expected agreement with Great Britain. Conversations to lead to that agreement were started by British and Italian diplomats.

We Take Two Islands

UNDER orders from the President, Secretary of the Interior Ickes added to the island possessions of the United States which he supervises two little bits of land in the Pacific—Canton and Enderby islands, in the Phoenix archipelago. Their value is as stopping places for transoceanic air flights to Australia.

Great Britain has held a disputed claim to the two islands, as well as to others of the Phoenix group. The President's order for control of the islands is based on settlements made three years ago by American citizens. The government now is in a position to discuss the conflicting claims with Britain.

Included in the President's order are lands in the Antarctic first visited by Admiral Byrd and other Americans.

New French Ambassador

COUNT RENE DOYNEL DE SAINT-QUENTIN, who replaces Georges Bonnet as ambassador from France, arrived in Washington and proceeded to the White House in full regalia, to present his credentials to President Roosevelt. The count is fifty-four years old and a bachelor. He is a distinguished citizen of France and the scion of a long famous family.

Other callers at Saint-Quentin the White House who aroused much interest were the three unmarried sisters of King Zog of Albania. The princesses are on a pleasure tour of the United States and it is officially denied that they are seeking suitable husbands over here.

Borah Hits Navy Bill

JUST before the house began consideration of the administration's billion-dollar naval construction bill, Senator Borah virtually gave notice that the measure would not get through the senate without a lively fight. He gave out a statement attacking the naval building program as an unjustified step toward "the beginning of another World War—an armaments war."

"Such a program is not in the interest of peace," he said. "It is not for the welfare of our people. These vast sums are being drained off from the people at a time when they are in sore distress to find means to carry on."

Widens Tax Field

IN A 5 to 2 decision of far reaching implications, sweeping aside more than a century of precedents, the United States Supreme court held that income from leases of state school lands is not immune from federal taxation.

Justice Pierce Butler, dissenting with Justice James Clark McReynolds, said it was impossible to foresee the extent to which the court's opinion upsets the long settled principle of reciprocal tax immunity in our dual system of government.

The decision was the latest of a series in which the Supreme court has greatly narrowed the field of reciprocal tax immunity.

Another Trade Treaty

SECRETARY HULL and the Czech minister signed a sweeping reciprocal trade treaty between the United States and Czechoslovakia. It includes tariff concessions covering 76.7 per cent of American exports to Czechoslovakia and 55 per cent of Czechoslovakian exports to the United States. Limited concessions on shoes are granted the Czechs, who manufacture vast quantities of cheap footwear for the American market.

No Wage-Hour Bill?

REPEATED reports that house leaders had decided not to push through the President's wage-hour bill aroused the anger of several members. Chairman John J. O'Connor of the rules committee demanded that a start on "this momentous problem" be made before congress adjourns. He said he would be "greatly disappointed" if a "flexible" wage bill were not enacted at this session, warning that the workers are "concerned with their government assuring some minimum wages which will lift them out of starvation and some maximum hours that will free them from industrial slavery."

Tax Bill Battle Rages

ROBERT L. DOUGHTON of North Carolina, chairman of the ways and means committee, submitted to the house the revenue bill formulated by a majority of the committee, and the struggle over this measure began at once. The administration leaders claim the act will stimulate trade and remove hardships on both big and little business without lowering the aggregate federal income.

Mr. Doughton knew he had a fight on his hands, but predicted the speedy passage of the measure substantially as reported. The most vulnerable provision admittedly was a proposed penalty tax on closely held corporations. McCormack of Massachusetts and Lamneck of Ohio filed a separate report attacking this feature.

Republican members of the committee united in a report which blamed New Deal taxes for the "Franklin D. Roosevelt depression" and which charged that the tax on closely held corporations is a political weapon to be used to purge the nation's business structure of corporations controlled by New Deal foes.

Chairman Pat Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi, of the senate finance committee, said his group would begin hearings soon on the measure. A majority of his committee is reported to be opposed to several provisions of the house bill, including the retention of the principles of the undistributed profits tax.

Veto Power Refused

LEGISLATION granting President Roosevelt's request for power to veto individual items in appropriation bills was refused by a senate-house conference committee.

Such a provision had been added to the independent offices appropriation bill by the house but the senate rejected it and the conference agreed to the elimination.

Corn Acreage Cut

FARMERS of 12 commercial corn producing states were told by the Agricultural Adjustment administration that they might plant this year in corn 40,491,279 acres in 566 counties. This compares with 58,616,000 acres in 1,123 counties harvested last year. The complete national goal for 1938, including the commercial corn acreage allotments, is 94,000,000 to 97,000,000 bushels.

Disaster in California

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, especially the region about Los Angeles, was swept by a destructive, flood following extraordinary rains. Nearly 200 persons were drowned or killed in landslides and thousands fled from their homes. It was thought the property damage might reach \$65,000,000.

Czechs Defy Hitler

HITLER is progressing with the nazification of Austria, with aid of Interior Minister Seyss-Inquart, the latest concession being the opening of state payrolls to hundreds of Nazis. But Czechoslovakia will be a harder nut for the fuhrer to crack if Premier Milan Hodza knows what he is talking about. In a statement at Prague Hodza defied the threats of Germany and told the frantically cheering members of the chamber of deputies that Czechoslovakia, if the necessity arises, will "defend, defend, defend herself."

Hungary is entering the armament race to the extent of her limited abilities. Premier Dayanyi announced an internal loan of \$200,000,000 would be floated and that the money would be used principally for air defense and other rearmament measures. Some of it, however, will be spent for measures to increase employment.



By LEMUEL F. PARTON

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

NEW YORK.—Many years ago, in South America, this writer was always hearing somebody mutter "Perros!" (dogs), as he passed by. It expressed dislike of all North Americans. Upton Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," about the Chicago packing houses, had been carefully mistranslated, in a widely circulated version, which made multitudes of South Americans believe all North Americans ate dogs. Even in remote jungle towns, I found European trade scouts and salesmen making diligent use of the book. It was the neatest trade propaganda trick of the century.

The one-sided battle has continued through the decades. Late reports are that South American radio stations are belting Uncle Sam with everything at hand, and, to the same degree, apostrophizing Italy, Germany and Japan.

For this reason, there appears to be more than meets the eye in the printed story of our new airwave rearmament, and the assignment of a new short-wave channel for broadcasts to South America.

With Secretary Hull, Dr. L. S. Rowe, director general of the Pan-American union, pleads for "stronger cultural ties" in the first broadcast. Spanish translations follow the English version.

While all this is in the name of "peace and good-will," and official announcements carry no hint of a defensive propaganda war, it appears to be the answer—perhaps the only possible reply—to the widespread smearing campaign against the U. S. A. in Latin American countries.

The sixty-six-year-old Dr. Rowe is a happy choice to head America's "cultural," if not propaganda, outreach in this direction. He has become widely known and decidedly persona grata in South America in his 32 years of pleading and proselytizing for solidarity, friendship and understanding in the Americas.

He has fraternized with South Americans more than any other northerner, lecturing, writing, evangelizing and expounding his doctrines of friendly co-operation—always on the high plane of cultural and intellectual intercourse. He has been head of the Pan-American union since 1920, succeeding John Barrett.

LIFE begins at forty for Gracie Fields, English music hall actress, who curtsies to the king and becomes a commander of the Order of the British Empire. It is another Jane Alger story, this tale of a Lancashire mill girl who became the highest-paid entertainer in the world.

Her earnings from her 5,000,000 gramophone records, and from the stage and cinema have reached \$750,000 a year. Her film, "Mr. Tower of London," ran seven years.

She lives simply with her mother, who manages her affairs, and never has anything more than pocket money. Every so often she visits Rochdale, the mill town where she sang for pennies at the age of seven, and has a rollicking time, singing for her old friends.

She was a "half-timer" in the cotton mills, half the day in school and half at work. In 1930, she made a brief appearance at the Palace theater in New York. It wasn't much of a success. She explained afterward that she had been warned in England that entire audiences in America chewed gum together and in time, with dreadful facial contortions. This frightened her and spoiled her act, although, she admitted, there was only one observable gum-chewer.

She was glad to land safely in England, where she is widely beloved and known as "Good Old Gracie."

Just a few days before her fortieth birthday, she returned home from a party at four o'clock in the morning. The milkman, the policeman on the beat and a street-sweeper ceremoniously handed her a morning paper with her name in the king's honor list. She is tall, blonde and merry.

© Consolidated News Features. WNU Service.

Oilcloth in the Making Oilcloth is a thick canvas coated on both sides with thick oil paint. First the canvas is passed through liquid glue, etc., pressed by heavy rollers, dried, and rubbed with pumice-stone. The paint is applied in several coats, the final coat being in a pattern. The quality of the oilcloth is governed by the number of coats of paint.

STAR DUST
Movie • Radio
By VIRGINIA VALE

THE millions who have read and loved "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" will rejoice that it has been brought to the screen almost intact. A few memorable scenes of the classic of boyhood had to be skipped, but the important ones are all there, the whitewashing of the fence, Muff Potter under suspicion of murder, Tom's startling appearance at his own funeral.

Filed in Technicolor, the tones are subdued and pleasant, making the town and all its inhabitants of some sixty years ago look entirely natural. There was a great to-do a year or so ago over David Selznick's country-wide search for just the right boy to play Tom. Finally, Tommy Kelly, son of a WPA worker, was found in New York. Everyone who sees the picture will surely be glad that Selznick passed up the precocious actors of Hollywood and waited until he found Tommy. For Tommy Kelly fits perfectly the character of Tom Sawyer.

All Hollywood is talking about the great change in Katharine Hepburn. The roustabout comedy that she indulges in for her new picture, "Bringing Up Baby," has affected her manner in private life. No longer is she aloof and haughty. No longer does she scurry away as if frightened, or very bored, when co-workers approach.

Lawrence Tibbett will come back to the screen if Warner Brothers have anything to say about it. They want him for "The Desert Song" and he will have time to make a



Lawrence Tibbett.

picture soon, for Grace Moore is going to replace him on his radio hour.

Joan Crawford was quite startled recently when she heard an early-morning news broadcast announcing that she had left her husband, Franchot Tone, and would soon institute divorce proceedings. She glanced across the breakfast table, and there was Franchot as usual. "Never mind, honey," he counseled, "they have been trying to separate us for three years, and I don't believe they can do it ever."

Hollywood casting directors deserve a vote of thanks. They have put back to work three popular actresses who have been playing hockey from the screen too long. Zasu Pitts was dragged out of her kitchen, where she has been busily writing a cookbook, to play opposite Victor Moore in "Strictly Accidental" for R. K. O. Joan Bennett, just returned from a stage tour and very happy to be settling down in her new house in Beverly Hills, was persuaded to go to Texas to film "The Texan" with Randolph Scott and several hundred long-horned cattle in support. And Claire Trevor, so well liked in her radio serial with Edward G. Robinson, was cast opposite him in a Warner Brothers picture.

ODDS AND ENDS—"Bad Man of Brimstone" revived Wallace Beery's career which has been under a cloud of so-so pictures lately. He will follow that up with a sequel "Bad Man from Arizona" . . . Peter Van Steeden received congratulatory telegrams from several New York university professors on the fourteenth anniversary of his radio debut. It seems that in 1924 they excused him from his classes one day so he could audition for a radio program. He has been on the air ever since. . . . Martha Tilton who sings with Benny Goodman's Tuesday night swing school did the song numbers that Joyce Compton appeared to be singing in the film "The Awful Truth" . . . When you see the "Goldwyn Follies" you may think that Andrea Leeds is singing, but your old friend Virginia Verrill of the radio really recorded those song numbers.

© Western Newspaper Union.

Pretty Things for Easter

1481 1996 1480

THESE three dresses are up high on the list of fashion's favorites, and you can easily make them at home by using our simple, easy-to-follow patterns, each accompanied by a complete and detailed sew chart. Start right now, for even if there's a shiver in the air at this moment, Easter is not very far off! And you'll want to be ready!

Dress With Lifted Waistline. This is a very, very popular fashion because it makes you look so slim and graceful, what with the waistline high in front, and soft gathers above it, the gently flaring skirt. Made up in a pretty print or silk crepe, it will be lovely for Easter and for all Spring.

A Jumper Frock for Girls. This is one of the sweetest and most becoming styles ever invented for girls of school age, just about the time they begin to shoot up so fast that you can almost see them grow! Make the jumper of linen, gingham or percale, and why not make several blouses? Everybody Likes Dirndl Frock. The square neckline, the full rippling skirt and tight little waist, are so flattering to slim figures! Here's a charming dirndl with just the right air of quaintness and freshness about it. Choose a gay flowered print, or a cheerful plain color, pale or bright, of crisp fabric.

The Patterns. 1481 is designed for sizes 14 to 42 (32 to 42 bust). Size 16 (34) requires 3 3/4 yards of 39-inch material. 1996 is designed for 6 to 14 years. Size 8 requires 1 3/4 yards of 39-inch material for the jumper; 1 1/4 yards for the blouse. Also 2 1/4 yards of bias facing for neck and armholes of jumper. 1480 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 38 bust). Size 14 (32) requires 3 1/4 yards of 39-inch material, plus 1 1/4 yards of ribbon for belt and 3/4 yards of braid or ribbon for trimming.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each.

© Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service.

When colds THREATEN - VICKS VA-TRO-NOL helps prevent many colds

If a cold STRIKES - VICKS VAPORUB helps end a cold quicker

FOLLOW VICKS PLAN FOR BETTER CONTROL OF COLDS

Full details of the Plan in each Vicks Package.

CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCO 5¢ PLUG

Pure as a Mountain Stream

Oil purity . . . an objective achieved by Quaker State's laboratories. In four great, modern refineries . . . operating under the most exacting control . . . the finest Pennsylvania crude oil is freed of all trace of impurities, resulting in an oil so pure that you need have no fear of motor troubles from sludge, carbon or corrosion. Acid-Free Quaker State makes your car run better, last longer. Quaker State Oil Refining Corporation, Oil City, Pennsylvania.

QUAKER STATE MOTOR OIL

GUARANTEED

Retail price 35c a quart