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THE STRANGE ENGLISH MANEUVERS

Just what are the British * * * with their indefatigable Anthony Eden * * * trying to do?

One guess, perhaps, is as good as another. On the face of things, they seem to have been trying to get things in Europe calmed to normal without a show of arms on the part of either Mussolini or Hitler. But that's on the face of things. And that's the last place in the world one should look for the answer to what diplomats are attempting!

Personally, we don't believe the English are one bit afraid of Mussolini and his army and navy. Nor do we believe they much fear any consequences from Hitler, per se. Our guess is that Mussolini would have been thrown out of Ethiopia so fast that the heads of all the Italians born in the last six hundred years would still be swimming were it not for one thing. Russia!

If someone very foolishly forces a show-down, doubt not that Russia will be lined up with England and these United States! After those who forced the show-down had been disposed of, the United States of Soviet Russia would have a new frontier. And the farthest States of Soviet Russia would be from England is that wandering Rhine-line which now constitutes the German-French border. It is conceivable that the French, in a moment of exuberance, might make it the Atlantic Ocean * * * bringing about the birth of a real United States of Europe!

That, we've a hunch, is what England doesn't fancy. And that, unless we're 'way off our guess, is why Mussolini has been permitted to play so roughly with the lion's tail.

EXPERIENCE WILL NOT BE OF MUCH HELP

The industrialist, these days, appears to be having the time of his life * * * what with sit-down strikes, taxation, and what-not. We called attention some time since to the fact that the dirt was to the left.

So far as the sit-down strike is concerned, we're all too close to the problem to really know whether it's a good thing or an outrage. The answer lies over the hill of time * * * and we advise every one to allow no person to form an opinion about the matter for him. One's guess, at this stage of the game, is as good as any other.

One can get the industrialist's point of view * * * of course. It does seem, off-hand, that an individual or a company should enjoy the right of managing property pretty much to suit himself or itself. But industrialists and companies, through adherence to policies obviously foolish, have brought all this down upon themselves. And there we are!

It seems a case of reaping the whirlwind which sowing of the wind made inevitable. Personally, we haven't much sympathy for those who have been silly enough to imagine they could go on indefinitely * * * walking roughshod over anyone who chanced to be a few dollars poorer. Common-sense dictated that the system which permitted one person to wax fat and sleek at the expense of the toil and life-blood of thousands of others should have been nursed with infinite care. Conditions should have been kept such that it would have been difficult for anyone to stir up the mutiny which this wholesale striking constitutes.

But experience over more years than we like to recall has taught us that the average business man doesn't figure that way. Usually, he's little more than lucky. The depression demonstrated that * * * when about one of them in scores had enough brains to successfully cope with conditions just a bit different from the routine into which they all fitted so well. So we suppose that the sowing of the wind to which we referred a paragraph or so back was inevitable.

We'll venture a prediction. If, by a miracle, we do return to conditions somewhat similar to those which prevailed in the 1920's, it will soon become evident that no one has learned much of a lesson from what we are now experiencing. All of the business men and capitalists will settle right down to the old tactics * * * they'll pay just as little as they possibly can for as much as they can possibly exact.

OUR NATIONAL LAWLESSNESS

It is one thing to enact a law, and quite another thing to enforce it. Passing a law doesn't cost the taxpayers anything to speak of, but enforcing it calls for policing, and that may cost more than the evil which the law was intended to remedy. Prohibition is an example.

It is also an example of the inability of Government to enforce any law against a strong public sentiment in opposition to it; certainly of the inability of the Federal Government to enforce a statute which reaches into every corner of the nation, regardless of whether the people of any given state or community want it enforced. The increase of lawlessness in America is directly traceable to our unwillingness or inability to enforce the laws on the statute books. We have too many laws and not enough policemen.

Sometimes the failure to enforce laws is due to the timidity of public officials whose duty it is to see that laws are obeyed. It is difficult to see any other reason for the non-enforcement of the laws in the numerous "sit-down" strikes which seem to be becoming epidemic all over the country. Nobody seriously contends that such unauthorized occupation of other people's property is legal, yet there have been few instances in which the laws have been enforced.

Every American child grows up with examples all around him of law violators going unpunished, either because there are not enough law-enforcement agencies or because those are lax in the performance of their duties. Probably the most widespread form of law-breaking against which the laws are least enforced, is in the matter of violations of laws governing motor-traffic. This is a far more serious offense than many of the statutory misdemeanors for which penalties are more often exacted. Motor vehicle laws have as their main objective the protection of human lives. The terrific toll of deaths in motor accidents, nearly 40,000 last year, is evidence of the need for such laws and especially for their strict enforcement. But when a young motorist discovers that he can break almost any highway law without getting caught, or with a mild reprimand or a suspension of sentence if he is caught, his respect for law * * * all law * * * tends to vanish.

Great men are always willing to listen * * * even to things they already know. That's partly how they became great * * * getting many different slants on every old problem.

Agriculturally Pennsylvania ranked seventh among the forty-eight states in 1936.

It's a wise man who doesn't argue with his friends, who is content to let his friends have a few fool notions if they want them.

Uncle Ab says that too many things are bought on the uneasy payment plan.

A local employer suggests that some of these folks who think they are being ground down and underpaid should give up their jobs and go out and try to run a business themselves for a while. Many of them would find out that they would have to work twice as hard to keep their jobs as they ever did when they were working for some one else.—From Glenside News.

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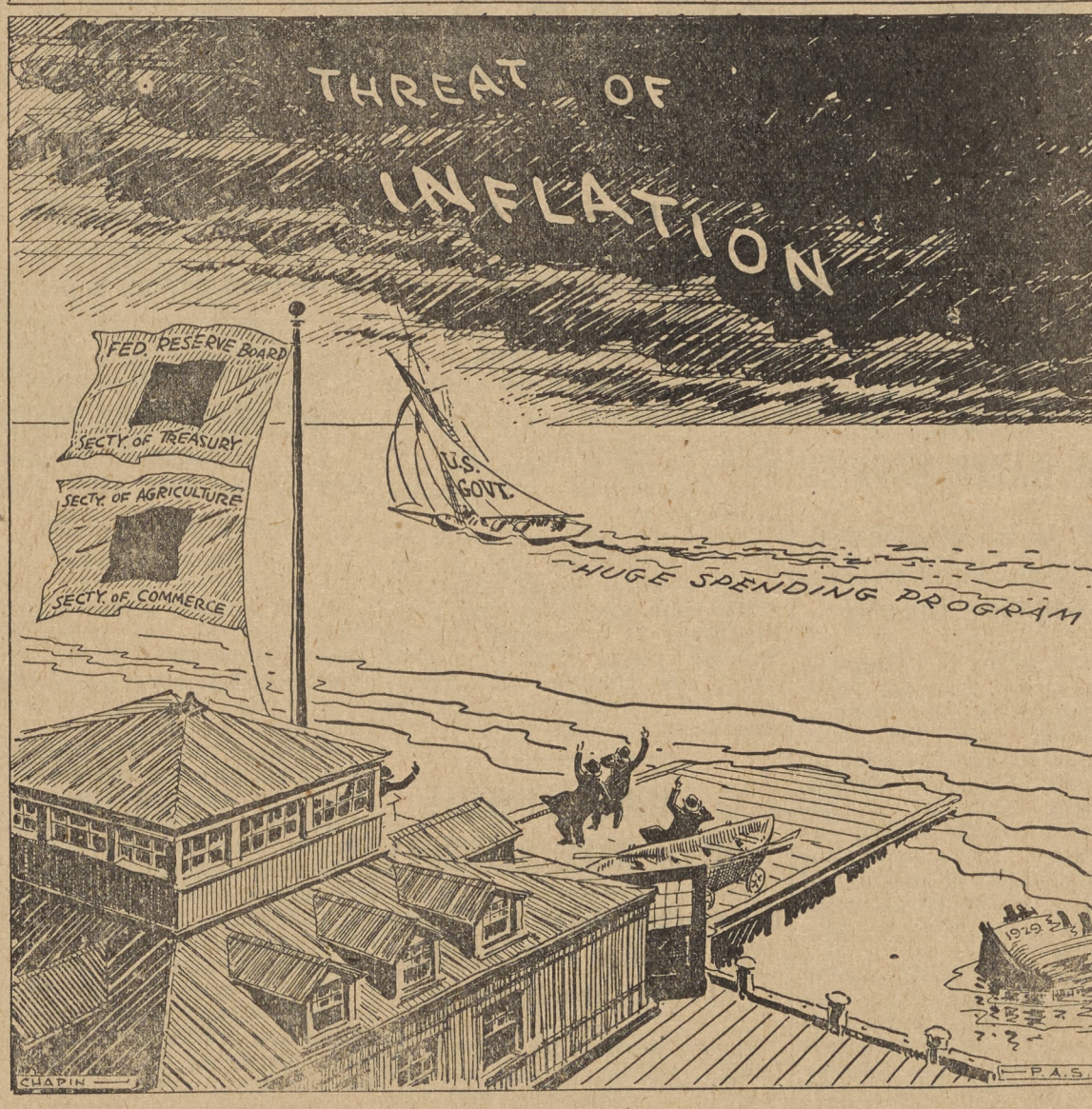
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PHILADELPHIA ALUMNI ELECT
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McClure Only Speaker at Banquet
Held Friday in Phila.

The annual meeting of the Philadelphia Alumni Association was held Friday night, April 2, at the Architects' Club, 17th and Sansom Sts., Philadelphia.

The banquet was presided over by Dr. Harry E. Paisley, president of the Board of Directors, who introduced the only speaker of the evening, Dr. Norman E. McClure, president of Ursinus. Dr. McClure discussed present policies of the College, and plans for the future.

At the important business session which followed, the following officers were elected: President, Robert D. Evans '18; Vice-President, Mary Kassab '28; Secretary, Dr. Calvin D. Yost, Jr. '30; Treasurer, Robert M. Henkels '27. Entertainment for the more than one hundred alumni present was furnished by The Melstersingers, campus musical organization, directed by Dr. William Philip.

22 FROM URSINUS TOUR
NEW YORK SETTLEMENT

A group of 19 students, three men and 16 women, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. F. I. Sheeder and Mrs. Martin W. Witmer, made the Ursinus Y.M.-Y.W.C.A. cooperative tour of New York this past weekend, April 2-4.

The party visited several cooperative restaurants, distributors, and settlement houses. Interesting features of the visit included lunch in Chinatown, a performance of "Steel," labor stage play, and Sunday services at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, which has a negro congregation and is the largest Protestant church in the world.

The trip was an outcome of recent discussions by the Ursinus Y. groups concerning the current economic movement toward "cooperativism."

URSINUS MAY PAGEANT
TO BE HELD MAY 15

May 15 has been selected as the date for the production of "Florinda," the Ursinus May Pageant written by Audrey Foley '38. The date chosen for the pageant is annually set aside by the College and observed as Mother's Day, another feature of which is the Curtain Club Spring Play.

The Thyroid Gland
Most laymen can claim a speaking acquaintance with the thyroid gland, probably the best known gland of internal secretion. Its enlargement produces the familiar goiter, states a writer in Literary Digest. The thyroid sits astride the neck, above the windpipe, pours a hormone (exciter) into the blood which regulates the body's energy production. Sometimes embedded in the twin maroon lobes of the thyroid, sometimes just behind the thyroid on the windpipe, are the parathyroid glands, four in number, the size of rice grains. Early anatomists overlooked them entirely or assumed them to be part of the mighty thyroid.

Arrival of the Tuxedo
A real change in men's evening dress occurred in the elegant '80s. It was then that the tuxedo made its appearance in New York pleasure halls, where the Cloth Spongers' society, the Buttonhole Makers' union, the Plumbers' Helpers' coterie, and others disported themselves. Here it was worn in conjunction with embroidered shirt fronts, white satin waistcoats, and ties, and diamond studs. The term tuxedo was an inspiration of cheap tailors, coincident with the rise of the exclusive resort founded by Pierre Lorillard.

"Comin' Through the Rye"
Much controversy has arisen over the reference of the song, "Comin' Through the Rye." It has often been illustrated by a waving field of rye, and the manufacturers of a celebrated brand of rye whiskey have used such an illustration showing the lovers in a rye field. But the full significance of the song, according to a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is apparent after reading of the custom that established a toll of kisses to be exacted from lassies who were met in crossing the River Rye on stepping stones.

FOUR LETTERMEN TO FORM
NUCLEUS OF BASEBALL TEAM

Bears Meet Swarthmore April 14
In Season's Opener

With a fairly good turnout of candidates for the Ursinus baseball squad, Coach "Jing" Johnson has been holding practice sessions every day out on the diamond, and the team is fast rounding into shape.

Though eight of last year's lettermen were graduated, four are left to serve as the nucleus of this year's squad. These lettermen are Captain Wildonger, who is being hard-pushed for the first base post by Porambo; Edwards, who with Chestnut will again be behind the bat; Tworzdylo, who is vying with Costello at third base; and Pan-coast, who is finding quite a bit of competition in Tomlinson for the short stop position.

Others who are seeking varsity berths include Gummell, Zoll, Ehret, and Shuster as pitchers; Power and Epprecht at second base; and Murray, a 1935 letterman, Gurzynski, Eshbach, and Harbaugh in the outfield.

At first base Wildonger has the advantage not only in experience, but also in height. "Jing" says that according to present indications, Zoll and Gummell will bear the brunt of the pitching burden. But there is still a good deal of doubt concerning the final selection, which will be made before the opening game with Swarthmore on April 14, the Villanova game having been postponed until April 19, as the team has not yet had adequate time to practice, though Swarthmore has already started its season and will have an edge on the Bears for the opening tilt.

URSINUS JUNIOR WEEK-END
TO FEATURE PROM AND PLAY

About one hundred and twenty couples will dance to the music of Alex Bartha and his Steel Pier Orchestra this Friday night at the Ursinus Junior Prom in the Thompson-Gay gymnasium according to advance expectations.

Chaperones for the Prom include Dr. and Mrs. Norman E. McClure, Dr. Elizabeth B. White, Dr. Whorten A. Kline, Dr. and Mrs. Reginald S. Sibbald, Prof. and Mrs. Maurice O. Bone, and Dr. and Mrs. George W. Hartzell.

The admission is \$3.50 per couple. Play on Saturday
The play "Kind Lady," adapted by Hugh Walpole will be produced by the junior class this Saturday evening at 8:15 in the Thompson-Gay gymnasium as a climax to the Junior Week-End.

COUNTY FARMERS COLLECT
\$71,194 THRU AAA PROGRAM

Rentals and benefit payments totaling \$4,406,215.10 were collected by the farmers of Pennsylvania under the original Agricultural Adjustment Administration program up to January 31, J. Hansell French, Secretary of Agriculture, announced.

This sum does not include payments under the Soil Conservation Act, which superseded the AAA after the invalidation of the latter by the United States Supreme Court.

Montgomery County's total payment was \$71,194. Of this amount \$7,121 was paid for wheat and \$64,073 for cornhog contracts.

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8-Year-Old Inventor



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It was close to six o'clock the other evening and my youngster had not yet returned home. I knew that she had gone to play with the child about whom I have been talking, but it was quite unlike my little lady to be out so late. Worried, I hurried over to her playmate's home.

"Cissie doesn't feel so good, so I didn't want to leave her all by her lonesome" was my daughter's explanation. It developed that Cissie (of course, that isn't the child's real name) had come home from school to an empty house. "Mother was out playing bridge"—as usual, it would seem—and she was expected home at 6:30 or 7:00. What about your dinner, I asked. The child said her mother had a lot of canned goods in the house and that it always took her "just a minute" to get dinner together. And, mind you, club members, that youngster never comes home to lunch. She takes "something" to school with her!

Well, here's another one of those homes where the kitchen isn't really a kitchen. It's just an unimportant room where meals are put hurriedly together at the last minute. I insist that a repeated series of last-minute meals cannot embrace a well-balanced, healthful diet. A stew or vegetables or soups cannot be well cooked after a woman rushes home from a movie or bridge party.

I don't like to be a busybody, but something tells me that won't be satisfied until somehow, in some way, I get Cissie's mother interested in our Kitchen Club. Wish me luck, will you?

Sally Save

COLONELS OPEN 1937 C. H. S. BASEBALL SEASON

Boys

The C.H.S. baseball season opened March 30 with twenty-five boys reporting for practice. Only about four of this group are letter men.

This year the Colonels will appear in new uniforms which may aid in building up the team.

To the present date the team has scheduled four league games which are as follows:

Schwenksville—April 9	Home
Royersford—April 16	Home
East Greenville—April 23	Away
Pennsburg—April 30	Away

All home games will be played on the school athletic field, starting promptly at 3:45 p. m. Come out and cheer your up-and-coming baseball lads!

Girls

Practice for girls baseball, under the direction of Miss Buchert, will begin as soon as weather permits. All girls are urged to come out to practices. Seven letter girls remain from last year's team, giving signs of a promising season. The letter girls are Undercoffler, Schultz, Nuding, Witmer, Keyser, and Ruth and Dorothy Francis. This year's managers are Grace Pundt and Jean Clawson.

A partial schedule has already been made. Arrangements have been made for the girls' away games to be played the same day as the boys, so that the A. A. may economize by both teams going in the same bus.

The schedule, subject to change, is:

April 19—Pennsburg	Home
April 23—East Greenville	Away
April 30—Pennsburg	Away
May 13—East Greenville	Home

SPRING CONCERT APRIL 16

The Glee Club of C. H. S. is going to present a Spring Concert which promises to be very enjoyable. The concert is to be held at Bomberger Hall, Ursinus College, Friday evening, April 16, 1937 at 8:20 p. m. The admission is 35 cents and tickets may be obtained from any Glee Club member.

Included in the program will be: Miss Dorothy V. Baseler, harpist, and Herbert R. Howells, bartone.

There are 3,000,000 persons in this country illegally.

EDITORIAL

THE SUPREME COURT

One of the major political problems under discussion in our country today is the one involving the changing of the number of justices in the Supreme Court. A bill has been proposed by the President which embodies the following features: (1) that all members of the court who are over seventy years of age may retire; (2) that new justices will be appointed—one for each member of the court over seventy who remains in office.

The issue has aroused much opposition. One faction contends that the President and his party are doing this for their own benefit. They say that "packing" the Court will enable the laws passed by Congress to be declared constitutional. The laws can pass the present Congress since there is a majority of the President's party in that body. Some of the opposition are against it entirely and some favor a constitutional amendment which would control such matters involving the Supreme Court.

The President, however, feels that such a court reform would be of benefit to our country. He contends that the judges are prejudiced against the laws he advocates, and that removing these justices would be a great help. He believes that some of the laws which have been declared unconstitutional would have aided conditions in our country greatly and that they were halted before any good results could be obtained.

This issue has been discussed widely and there are many more angles to the case which have not been named. Only the more important facts have been mentioned. The outcome of the battle is yet to be seen, and since both sides are considered strong, it may be some time before it will be settled.

D. J., '39

STUDENTS SEE MOVIES

A representative from the Philadelphia Electric Company entertained the students of C. H. S. on Friday afternoon, April 2, with three reels of motion pictures.

The first picture, "Flying the Lindberg Trail," traced the route of the great clipper ships and showed various glimpses of native life in the countries through which the ships fly.

"The Lift of Stephen Foster" was the second reel, with the important incidents in Foster's life reenacted on the screen.

A vitaphone added to the beauty of the picture, for a male quartette sang Foster's songs throughout the reel.

A comedy concluded the program, to the tune of "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

LOVE IN BLOOM

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P. H., '38

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HIGH SCHOOLERS TO INVADE URSINUS CAMPUS MAY 1-2

The office of the Collegé Registrar has begun work on the third annual Open House program with the announcement that this year it will be held on the week-end of May 1 and 2.

As in previous years, and in line with the activities of the same nature of most other colleges, Ursinus will on these two days put its best foot forward for the benefit of a visiting horde of high school students. Some 150 of them are expected to be on hand to be entertained and enlightened as to the nature of Ursinus College. According to Registrar Sheeder, the number expected is being held down to those fairly certain of matriculation here next fall.

First Clocks Wonderful

Examples of Maker's Art

The first clocks that were set up in church belltowers and public buildings in the later Middle Ages were crude affairs compared with the scientifically precise instruments, but their general principles were exactly the same. They comprised a power source—usually weights—which moved a wheel work, to which was attached some means of indicating the time. The rate of going was regulated by a vibrating body, at first a horizontal bar, later a balance wheel or pendulum, and with a moving hand showing a little at a time by a device known as an escapement, which alternately caught and released some part of the mechanism. It is the escapement in a watch or clock which does the ticking; it is truly the heart of the timepiece, writes Eugene Guild in the Washington Star.

The word "clock" comes from an old word meaning "bell," and the German word for bell is "glocke" to this day. Later, dials were rigged up, with a moving hand showing the time—an idea taken from the ancient Greek water clocks.

As time went on medieval craftsmen developed clocks which were marvels of mechanical ingenuity, if not of accuracy. The famous clock of Strasbourg cathedral is an example. It was put up in 1382 and has been twice rebuilt, each time with greater elaboration. It is three stories high, and stands against the cathedral wall somewhat in the shape of a great altar with three towers.

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