

# PEACE HINGES ON BIG 'IF' AND EUROPE'S ARMS RACE TURNS INTO FEVERISH SPRINT

Great Britain Once More Plays the Game of France and Plans to Spend Every Possible Cent on National Defense.

Editor's Note—This is the last of four dispatches analyzing the war danger and its causes.

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PARIS, March 10.—Emphasizing Germany's lack of colonies and raw materials, Joseph Goebbels, Nazi minister, declared the Reich would "rely upon guns" instead of upon the League of Nations for relief.

That is Hitler's reply to the British project to reconsider, at Geneva, the "economic suffocation" of which Germany, Italy, Japan, and other "have not" nations so bitterly complain.

Today, therefore, as before 1914, Europe and Asia are relying on armaments to win for them what they want, or to defend what they have. Realists no longer believe the League of Nations can keep the peace of the world, however useful it may be, and is, in other fields.

France has taken up, more feverishly than ever, where the assassinated Foreign Minister Louis Barthou left off in 1934, in her efforts to criss-cross Europe with pacts to keep the peace and pacts of mutual aid in the event of unprovoked aggression.

## Britain Hard at Work

But the most astonishing result of Europe's fear of a new World War is the startling transformation of Great Britain.

Scared as she has been at no time since the Armistice, Britain plans to spend every cent she can raise in the next two or three years on national defense. The total outlay will depend upon how big a sum she can raise for the purpose. The figures likely will come to light this month.

For the first time in 15 years she is playing the game with France as France would have her play it. Hitherto she has scoffed at French fears of just such a situation as has arisen now on the continent. Her attitude has been one of "wait and see." If and when danger should arise she would consider the matter on its merits. Meanwhile she paid only casual attention to her army, navy and air force.

## Russia Plays Big Role

Now all is changed. Not only is she anxiously looking to her armaments, but no country in Europe is more active diplomatically. If war breaks out, she wants all the allies she can scrape together. And the time to begin scraping, she obviously believes, is now.

Soviet Russia, beleaguered of British Tories for nearly two decades, today plays an important role in Britain's scheme of things. Foreign Commissar Maxim Litvinoff scored a major triumph for his country while in England for King George's funeral.

British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden is said to be pro-Russian, at least comparatively speaking. An important diplomat told me that Capt. Eden has committed Britain to co-operation of a far-reaching order with the Soviet Union. Thoroughly alarmed at last, not only over what may soon happen in Europe, but what is already happening in the Far East, Britain may find Russia a very useful card to play against Japan as well as Germany.

## Graceful "Out" Sought

The bugaboo of a war with Italy is being allowed to wane in Britain. It was always artificial in Britain and it never amounted to much in France. Here no responsible statesman ever took very seriously the idea of an unprovoked Italian challenge of the British lion. What France very much feared, however, was some incident or accident which might start the guns blazing.

What both Paris and London now very much desire is a graceful way out of the Italo-Ethiopian imbroglio. Both sides wish to concentrate on the vastly bigger danger personified by Reichsfuehrer Hitler and his growing war machine. They accept literally Goebbels' warning that Germany will "rely upon guns" to do her talking from now on.

Can Europe—can the world—head off the only too clearly threatened war? Since my arrival in Europe I have asked many diplomats this question. And all of them hesitate when they answer. Some frankly do not believe it can. Those who at first blush seem to say "yes," invariably add an "if" which really means "no."

## All Add an "If"

Sir Samuel Hoare says yes—"if" the causes of war are removed: that is to say, "if" the disgruntled nations can get what they want without fighting.

British Labor Leader Lansbury says yes—"if" all nations are given free access to raw materials, lands for colonization and unfettered markets.

Ex-Premier Lloyd George, of England, thinks it possible—"if" the question of mandates—in other words, colonies or room to expand—are reconsidered for the benefit of Germany, Italy, Japan and the other "have nots."

In effect, their composite answer would be something like this: "Yes, Europe and the world could head off war 'if' we could bring ourselves to pay the price."

## Chances Seen Remote

"We could head off war—"if" the colonial powers could reach that degree of selflessness where they would voluntarily turn over to other peoples such territory as they no longer need or can profitably use.

"We could do it—"if" world frontiers became like the boundary lines between the American states; "if" immigration were entirely unrestricted; "if" international trade were unfettered; "if" religious, racial, social and national prejudices were eradicated; and "if" human nature were entirely made of sugar.

Without all this, civil war would engulf the world notwithstanding. But not one of the crucial, pivotal "ifs" seems to have the remotest chance of becoming a reality in our time.

THE END.

# Van Camp's to Mark Diamond Jubilee Friday; Honor Founder, Who Started in Frame Grocery

BY FREDERICK G. MATSON

Van Camp's, Inc., native Indianapolis food-packing company and today the world's largest vegetable cannery, will observe its diamond jubilee anniversary next Friday and pay tribute to its founder, Gilbert C. Van Camp.

From obscure beginnings in a frame grocery 75 years ago the Van Camp concern has developed into an organization comprising a total of 21 packing plants in five states. Nine plants in Indiana alone have an annual payroll of approximately a million and a quarter dollars.

It's a long stretch of time and imagination back to 1861, but let's try to picture a typical grocery of that period in a typical Middle Western town.

There Gilbert Van Camp laid the foundations of the canning industry. It was called the Fruit House Grocery. Inside bins and barrels were much in evidence. Dried cod, mackerel and cured meats dangled from hooks and wires. Sugar, unground coffee, tea, spices, molasses, pickles—all were sold in bulk. Precious few cans, cartons and bottles were present to thwart adventurous flies.

## No Parking Problem

Barter and carry was most often the basis of the transactions, rather than cash and carry. There was as yet no parking problem.

While the customers made their spring purchases in the front of the Fruit House Grocery, the future Van Camp canning business was having its meager beginnings in the rear. For years Gilbert Van Camp had been flirting with the idea of preserving fresh fruits and vegetables in cans during the summer for consumption in winter.

The Fruit House Grocery became the Van Camp Packing Co. The first few years were beset with difficulties. Equipment was crude and cumbersome and the process painfully slow. But it worked, and its practicability was demonstrated.

For the next 30 years, progress, while not rapid, was steady. Then, in 1890, the firm introduced a product that was to lift the industry to rapid expansion. More than that, this product was soon to become an American institution.

## Canned pork and beans!

First Canned Baked Beans Boston, so legend has it, was the birthplace of baked beans. But Van Camp's, in Indianapolis, was the originator of the canned product—with pork, and with tomato sauce.

With the marketing of pork and beans, the canning industry broke out of its swaddling clothes. Evidence of this is evidenced in the periodicals of the day. As the housewife of the nineties glanced through her favorite magazine she saw advertisements for such useful and essential items as bicycle skirts, at \$3 up; muslin night gowns at 19 cents; gingham for 5 cents a yard, and hour-glass corsets at only 30 cents.

Then one day she observed a full-page advertisement for Van Camp's "Pork and Beans with Tomato Sauce." It was the first full-page canned food advertisement in a national magazine.

The trial package method of putting goods on the market is always good business, and the Van Camp case has proved no exception. An amusing instance of this was recounted by company officials.

## An advertisement for Van Camp's

Howard is reported re-elected by I. T. U.

Final Unofficial Record Shows Incumbents Leading.

A final unofficial record of endorsements from local unions today indicated re-election of incumbent officers of the International Typographical Union.

Leading candidates include Charles P. Howard, president; Claude M. Baker, first vice president; Francis G. Barrett, second vice president, and Woodruff Randolph, secretary-treasurer.

Women are to hear rotary club speaker

Countess Listowel to Address Group Here Tomorrow.

Women guests are to be invited to hear Countess Judith Listowel speak at the Rotary Club luncheon, today at the Claypool.

Countess Listowel is to talk on "Women in Post-Depression Europe," and discuss facts gathered in a recent study of her subject made throughout Central Europe and Soviet Russia.

St. Vincent's staff to honor physicians

Medical Society Meeting Called for 8:15 Tonight.

Combined meeting of the St. Vincent's Hospital staff and the Indianapolis Medical Society is to be held at 8:15 tonight in the hospital.

Speakers are to be Drs. Karl Rudolph, Carl Habich, A. F. Weyerbacher, Maurice Kahler, William Jennings Jr., F. L. Pettijohn and Ralph Lochry.

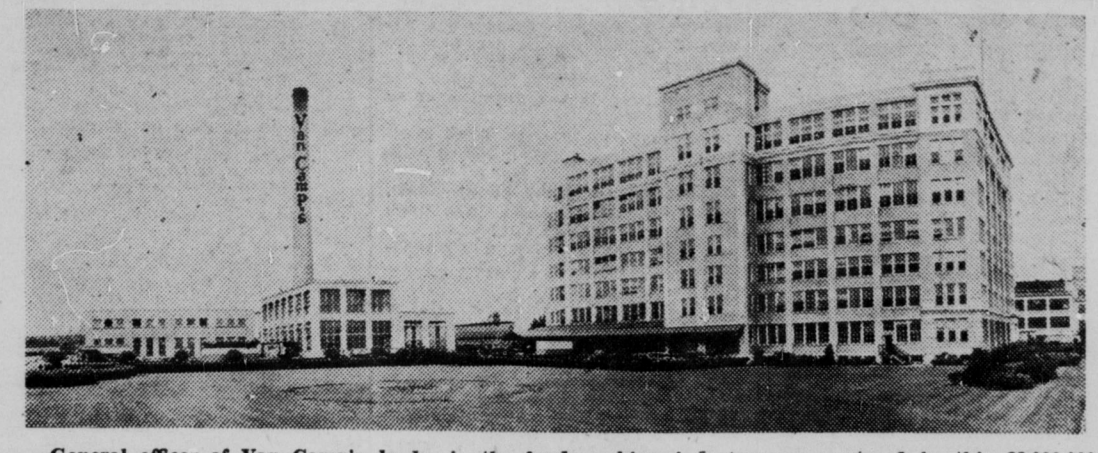
Broaden pension probe

House Votes to Include McGroarty Bill in Inquiry.

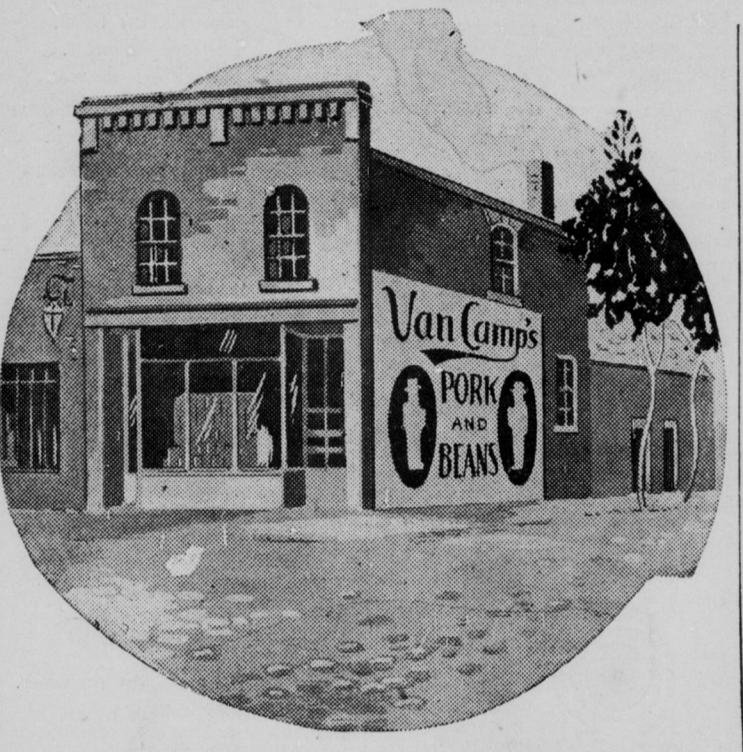
WASHINGTON, March 10.—The House, without a dissenting vote, today amended and broadened a resolution authorizing investigation of the Townsend and other old-age pension plans.

The resolution—similar to one approved by the House earlier—included the McGroarty bill in the scope of the inquiry and granted the investigation committee power to file and print its reports of findings should Congress not be in session.

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General offices of Van Camp's, Inc., leader in the food packing industry, are centered in this \$3,000,000, seven-story modern packing plant located at 2002 S. East-st. Constructed in 1919, it memorializes the genius of Gilbert C. Van Camp, founder of the firm and one of the fathers of the canning industry. The seventy-fifth anniversary of the firm is to be celebrated on Friday.



The obscure beginnings of one of Indianapolis' great industries took place in 1861 in the back rooms of the little frame building pictured above. This was the first Van Camp establishment and was known as the Fruit House Grocery.

pork and beans appeared in the famous old Munsey's Magazine in November, 1897. Included in the copy were the words: "Send 6 cents in postage for sample can."

Under date of Dec. 7, 1935—38 years later—a letter was received at the Indianapolis plant from a party in Livingston, Ky. It was short and snappy: "Dear Sirs—Please send me a sample can of your pork and beans. I am inclosing 6 cents postage."

A sample can, of the vintage of 1935, not 1897, was forthwith sent the Kentucky gentleman.

Another milestone in Van Camp development was marked in 1894, when the company's greatly increased business necessitated moving into a new and larger factory, where a growing demand for its products could be met by more rapid and modern production facilities.

As Indianapolis developed and thrived, so did Van Camp's, and again, in 1919, the firm was forced to expand. In that year its present \$3,000,000 seven-story factory was completed. Here are housed

the general offices and central kitchens.

It is a modern plant in every sense of the word, and the group of buildings is one of the industrial showpieces of the city. Immaculate, it is operated on the "unit," or "line" system. From the great barboiling ovens that are the first step in the process, to the final ones of canning, labeling and packing, the entire operation is continuous and, using gravitation as an aid in the production, runs from the upper stories of the building to the main floor.

Record production for a single day's operations was recently set with an output of 1,400,000 cans.

The strategic location of the Indianapolis plant from a shipping and producing standpoint is evidenced by the following facts: It is located approximately 50 miles from the nation's center of population. Almost all of the bulk of the raw materials used in the preparation of Van Camp's foods are produced in Indiana or neighboring states.

Lastly, Indiana is the greatest tomato producing state in the

country, and the vegetable and testing kitchens are located in the heart of the richest section producing this product.

Other Van Camp plants in Indiana are located at Anderson, Elwood, Greenwood, Jeffersonville, Martinsville, Peru, Tipton and Whiteland. Still others, stretching across the nation, include six in Wisconsin, four in Tennessee, one in Delaware and one in California.

In 1933 the firm changed its name from the Van Camp Packing Co. to Van Camp's, Inc. The concern is headed by William B. Stokely Jr., president, and John B. Stokely, vice president.

Van Camp's contribution to, and close co-operation with the Hoosier farm industry is outstanding. From \$800,000 to \$1,000,000 annually is paid to Hoosier farmers by the company. There are a total of 30,000 acres in the state that produce the crops—corn, tomatoes, peas and others—which are shipped to the Indianapolis and other Indiana plants.

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# MERIT SYSTEM PROPOSAL IS DEFEATED IN HOUSE VOTE ON WELFARE BILL AMENDMENTS

Women Voters' Measure Is Beaten on Voice Vote.

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read by sections with the minority offering frequent amendments. The "fool proof" proposals sought civil service and competitive examinations for those persons, directing the welfare law, should it be enacted.

## Several Changes Made

Several committee changes were made. The section setting up 13 welfare districts in 26 of the smaller counties was deleted and a new section, giving counties the option to consolidate, substituted.

The director of the division of corrections, one of four divisions of the proposed state welfare department, was given jurisdiction over paroles and probation services instead of having these duties repose in the board itself.

A provision was added directing county commissioners to provide necessary quarters for the county departments.

## Other Minor Changes

There were other minor changes, including one that the word "serial" precede the word "bonds" in the section authorizing county councils to raise money by bond issue in event appropriations fall short.

Before the welfare bill was taken up, however, there was some parliamentary maneuvering on a concurrent resolution by Rep. James M. Knapp (R., Hagerstown), calling for an itemized accounting from the State Board of Accounts and the state auditor on the condition of the general fund and an estimate of receipts expected during 1936.

Majority Leader Thompson finally succeeded in having the resolution made a special order of business for Thursday afternoon at 2:30 over

protests of Republicans who complained that the bill itself might be passed by that time.

A three-hour conference last night in the House chambers oiled the wheels of the Democratic majority into an agreement to offer only minor opposition to the administration's old-age pension or welfare bill.

Two amendments, one to fix a \$25 burial ground purchase fee for old-age pensioners and another to give judges continued jurisdiction over correctional institutions under their court, are to be offered by the Democratic majority on the House floor.

Inclusion of the merit system specifications with competitive examinations for employees under the welfare bill is to draw support from Republican members under the leadership of Representative Andrew, it was said.

The minority members caucused for three hours yesterday in the Claypool. Section by section, the bill was read and amendments to be presented in the House were apportioned among spokesmen.

The amendment, backed by the voters league and which still may be brought before the Senate provides for three hours affecting classified and unclassified workers (technical and professional employees) with the exception of administrators, assistant administrators, their secretaries and unskilled labor.

It provides competitive examinations for classified services, but places scientific, professional, and educational workers on a non-competitive basis. They may be hired at the discretion of the administrator or director without an examination.

The amendment says the examinations may be oral or written for classified workers. Three persons with the highest standing shall be eligible for employment. The director of the district or state board may hire one of the three receiving the highest grade.

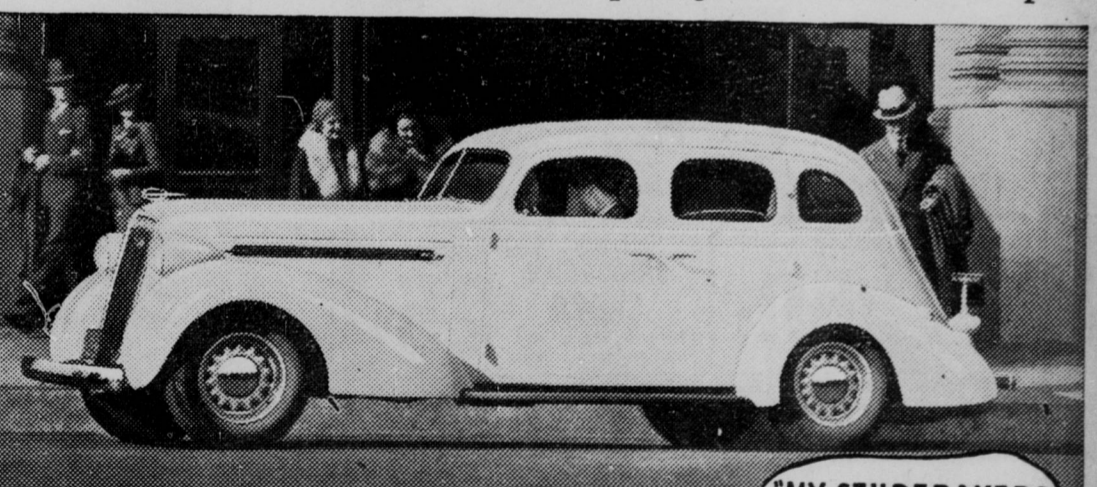
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