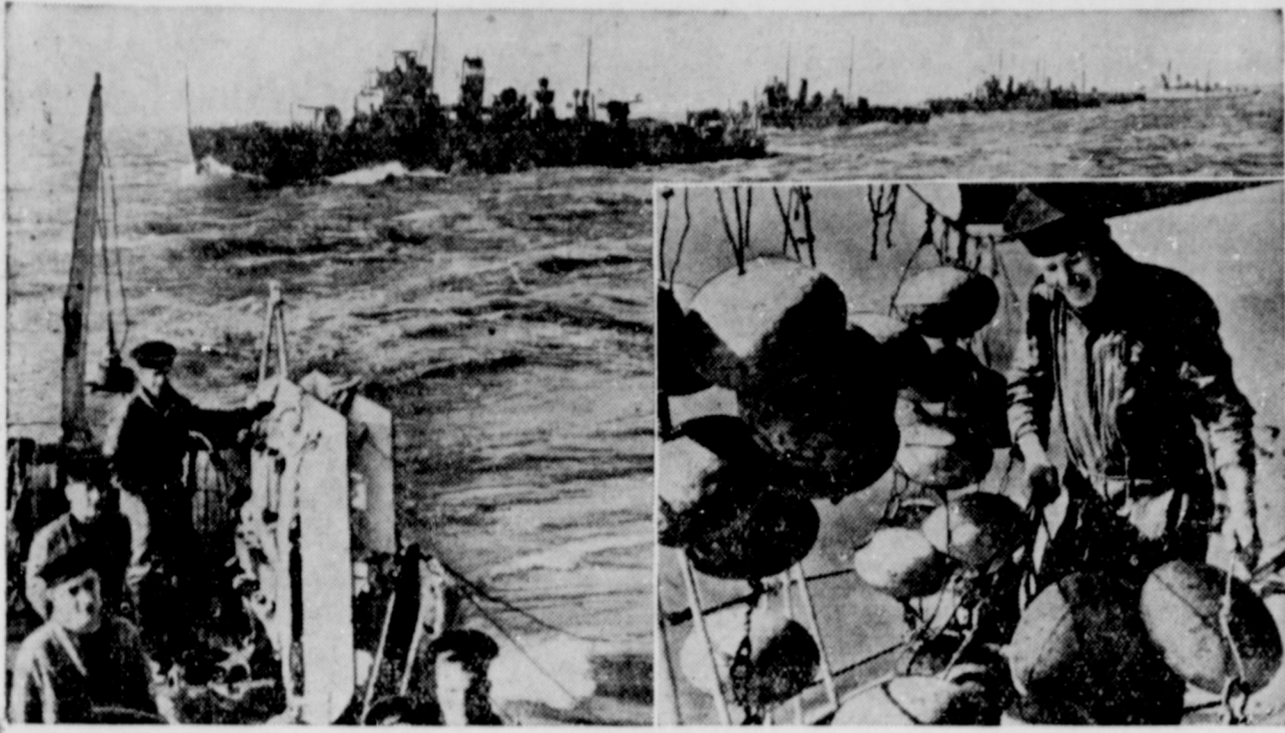


They Keep Trade Channels Open for Britain



Busiest craft in the European war are the British mine sweepers, whose duties it is to rid the seas of those deadly weapons. Here vessels take up positions in an area suspected of having mines hidden below the surface. The mine cables are cut, causing them to rise to the surface. Sharpshooters then explode them. Inset: A sailor prepares to throw marking buoys overboard to indicate to vessels that the area has been swept clean of mines and is safe for shipping.

To High Court . . . Attorney General . . . Solicitor General



Early political predictions were confirmed recently when President Roosevelt announced that Attorney General Frank Murphy, left, would succeed the late Pierce Butler as a member of the Supreme court bench. Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson, center, replaces Murphy as attorney general, and Judge Francis Biddle of Philadelphia leaves the circuit court of appeals to succeed Jackson as solicitor general. The high court seat has been vacant since Butler's death on November 16, 1939.

Hoover Instructed in Auctioneering Art



Actress Gertrude Lawrence shows former President Herbert Hoover the technique she used when she auctioned off a group of 28 paintings in New York to aid the Finnish relief fund. The art was executed by Ben Silbert, an American, who painted them in Finland, working in temperatures which ranged to 20 below. Silbert donated the collection to the fund.

Ratifying Berlin-Moscow Trade Pact



Ambassador Schkwarzew, left, seated, of Soviet Russia and Foreign Minister Joachim von Ribbentrop, right, belatedly affix their signatures to the trade pact agreed on last fall. Premier Molotov of Russia is reported planning a visit to Berlin to seek German military aid against Finland.

Water Famine

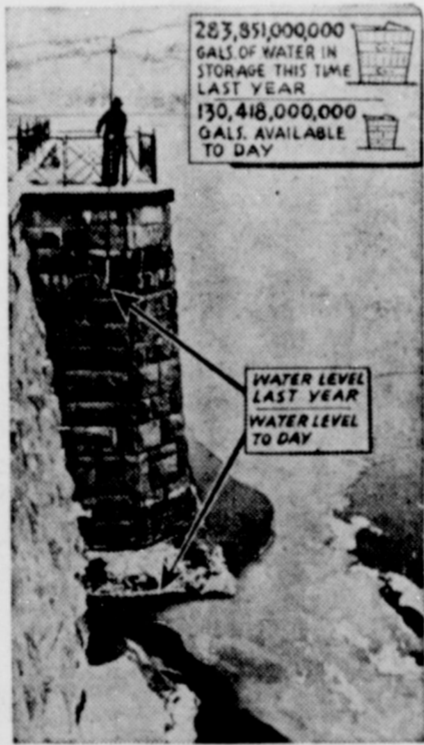


Photo-diagram shows the seriousness of New York city's water shortage, due to last year's drought. The reserve water is only 46 per cent of the 1939 total at Croton reservoir. Gatehouse Foreman John Tompkins indicates with a pole the point to which water usually reaches.

First Soldier



President Kyosti Kallio of Finland cocks an investigating eye at an army range finder during his recent visit to the Karelian front on the Mannerheim line, which Red invaders have failed to penetrate.



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

NEW YORK—When Oliver Stanley left the British ministry of transport in July, 1934, he was succeeded by 36-year-old Leslie Hore-Belisha, a Simonite liberal. Then and thereafter, they engaged in many brisk parries and sharp ripostes, masters of the foil rather than the quarterstaff, brisk and finished swordsmen both. Now it is the ultra-conservative Mr. Stanley who replaces Mr. Hore-Belisha as war secretary, against a confused background, requiring more details for full understanding—at least at this distance.

On October 8 of last year, Mr. Stanley offered his resignation as president of the British board of trade. At the time, it was indicated that Mr. Stanley had not found Prime Minister Chamberlain's prosecution of the war sufficiently aggressive, but later reports were that he had revolted against the control of the government by an inner cabinet of four members. He was persuaded to withdraw his resignation.

His political alliances have been with the conservative section of the army, who vehemently opposed the appointment of Mr. Hore-Belisha to the war office, early in 1937. Some of the "appeasement" wing of the Chamberlain government were bitter critics of Mr. Hore-Belisha's subsequent army shakeup, in which he sent many oldsters back to their club chairs. It is possibly this circumstance which has led to conjecture that Mr. Stanley's appointment foreshadows a new rapprochement between extreme right elements in England and Germany, the elimination of Adolf Hitler and a new basis for peace.

Mr. Stanley's activities since Munich haven't indicated that he is out for appeasement. However, it is clear that the colonel blimps of the army don't like Mr. Hore-Belisha and do like Mr. Stanley.

He is the secretive, tight-lipped son of the genial, talkative seventh earl of Derby. He gathered some shining medals in the World war and was parliamentary under-secretary in the war office, minister of transport, minister of labor and president of the board of education, before becoming president of the British board of trade. As indicated above, he is a fence rather than a hard-hitter. He is fifty-four years of age.

KING IBN SAUD of Saudi Arabia has 250 wives, 29 sons, 22 daughters and a palace with 200 rooms. That's a lot of upkeep and it is understandable that he may be widening his economic alliances, as reported in recent dispatches. He is also said to be reorganizing and enlarging his air force.

The first Arab to wrest an autonomous state from Britain, he has co-operated with the empire, but Palestine has disturbed him and in various quarters there is speculation as to whether he intends to use his augmented military resources for or against England. He has preached the unification of Islam throughout the world, and his influence, as leader of the mystic and powerful Wahabi sect, has penetrated among the desert tribes from Iran to West Africa.

His synthetic state, carved out in the Arabian coastal territory, in a post-war deal, is a complex of allergic guarded empire interests. With its proximity to the Suez canal, with the threat of Russian, as well as Italian, aggression and conspiracy in the Moslem bloc, on the road to India, Saudi Arabia is goal-keeping territory, and Ibn Saud's allegiance is an urgently important British asset.

Since the start of the desert battle of the loud-speakers several years ago, along with the Palestine impasse, there have been indications that Ibn Saud was losing interest as an empire partner.

Last January, he wrote President Roosevelt an appeal for support of the Arabs against the Jews in Palestine, with an implication that the Balfour mandate was working against Islam.

Bull-necked, bull-voiced King Ibn Saud is six feet, four inches tall and weighs 250 pounds. On the palm of his hand is a mole, the mystic stigmata of a master swordsman, in the lore of the desert. He was once an obscure tribesman, fighting his way to power in his middle years. He likes to hold court in the open air, sitting cross-legged.

Washington Merry-Go-Round

White House Expense Up \$6,000 . . . Frank Knox, Republican, Could Have Had Navy Post in Cabinet.

By DREW PEARSON and ROBERT ALLEN

WASHINGTON—The new budget reveals that Roosevelt pruned almost every agency in the government—except his own.

The White House budget actually has been increased by \$6,000 rather than decreased, and now calls for \$152,750 to run the Executive Mansion and grounds during the next fiscal year.

The increase, however, is for a new coat of paint. In July and August of this year, the White House will be painted to keep it up to its traditional name, and that paint job will cost \$6,000.

Aside from this, the White House budget has not been pruned a penny, although other government agencies were. The amount for "Travel and Entertainment" remains at \$30,000, as against \$25,000 two years ago.

Roosevelt is the most traveled President since Taft, and the cost of going to Hyde Park and back, plus Warm Springs and other trips costs a good bit more than the



HOUSEKEEPER AT \$3,300

White House housekeeper, Mrs. Nesbitt, checking the laundry.

amount allowed in the budget—despite the fact that the budget was increased by \$5,000 two years ago.

The Roosevelts also entertain much more than their predecessors, and exceed their budget on this. In both cases—travel and entertainment—the President and his wife dip into their own pockets to make up the deficit.

Wages of the White House staff total about \$100,000. The housekeeper gets \$3,300, the gardener \$2,500, the first cook \$1,620, plus a wide assortment of other cooks, butlers, kitchen helpers, housemen and maids.

The bill for heat, light, and electric power (to drive the elevator, mechanical appliances in the kitchen, etc.) is \$11,200. The laundry bill is \$4,800.

Knox Turns Cabinet Job Down.

Here is the inside story of Roosevelt's secret offer of the navy secretaryship to Col. Frank Knox:

The Chicago publisher and G. O. P. candidate for vice president was asked to come to Washington for a private talk with the President at 4 p. m. Sunday, December 10.

The President lost no time in getting down to brass tacks. He reminded Knox of the editorial he had printed in his paper shortly after the start of the European war, urging a "coalition" cabinet with several Republican members, in order to meet the emergency in a "national" rather than a partisan manner.

"I think that was good advice then, and I think it is equally sound now," Roosevelt said in effect. "As you know, the navy secretaryship is open and I'd like very much to have you take it. It's a very important job and I think you're just the man, Frank, to fill the bill."

"Thank you, Mr. President," replied Knox. "I appreciate deeply the honor you pay me. And if there were a real emergency I would be entirely at your service. But I don't think emergency conditions exist any longer, and under the circumstances I feel I'll have to decline your very kind offer."

Merry-Go-Round.

Pennsylvania Republicans are reported to have held a secret convale and turned thumbs down on ex-Sen. David Reed as the man to run against Joe Guffey in 1940. Their candidate will be Gilbert Mason O'lett, Republican national committee man from Wellsboro, Pa. . . . Shortly after Secretary Ickes issued his blast against Paul McNutt, the two men bumped into each other at a cocktail party given in honor of John and Anna Roosevelt Boettiger. They shook hands cordially. There were no icy glances.

Grover Whalen dropped in at the state department the other day to claim his passport. It was lifted by immigration officials when Whalen landed in New York recently, in accordance with neutrality regulations. Having crossed 30 frontiers, Whalen prizes the passport as a memento.

One of the few speeches Rep. Joe Martin, astute Republican floor leader, will make this winter will be at the Kansas Day dinner in Topeka, home of Alf Landon, January 29. Martin is definitely a dark-horse presidential possibility.

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HEALTH NOTES

AUSTIN—America's public health forces in the campaign against syphilis and gonorrhea are at present concerned with the legion of opportunists who see in the campaign against these diseases a chance to cash in on the misfortune of others.

Stressing the importance of correct information about the venereal diseases and how they spread, Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, said that "not until every thinking man and woman knows the simple facts about syphilis and gonorrhea, how to avoid them, and what to do if infected, can permanent gains be realized against them."

Doctor Cox stated that some health profiteers were taking advantage of public interest in venereal disease control, and that exploitation by patent nostrum manufacturers and other unscrupulous opportunists was unfortunately too common.

"These individuals are serious, hampering efforts of physicians, health officers, and educators in their attempts to conquer venereal disease," he said. "Until they are eliminated through non-patronage by victims of these maladies plus adequate law enforcement, they will continue to exact their heavy toll of human life and happiness. Such unscrupulous individuals remain one of the barriers to the control of the venereal diseases through recognized channels of medical care."

Doctor Cox stressed the fact that if persons infected with the venereal diseases would go to doctors, clinics or hospitals, they could be cured in a very high percentage of cases and in all cases could be rendered non-infectious to others. The best protection against spread of unscrupulous, fly-by-night opportunists in the field of venereal disease treatment is widespread education of the people, who through ignorance and gullibility, make up their customers.

Calling attention to the state-wide observance of Social Hygiene Day in Texas on February 1, Doctor Cox said that the object of the event sponsored by the American Social Hygiene Association in collaboration with state and local health departments and other organizations throughout America, was to increase "our common fund of knowledge" about syphilis and gonorrhea and the program directed toward their extermination.

Many cities and towns in Texas are scheduling observances of Social Hygiene Day, at lectures, exhibits, meetings and displays, for as wide dissemination as possible of information on the control of the venereal diseases, and long-range planning for the future.

A. A. A. NEWS

Those who have complied with the program of the AAA in past years will remember that it is necessary to file worksheets each year and give the county office information as to who should be shown as owner for a given tract of land, who will operate the farm, how crops will be divided and other information as to the farming operations on the farm for the year. At this time we are ready to begin the 1940 files in regard to this information. ALL OPERATORS SHOULD COME BY THE COUNTY OFFICE AND TURN IN THIS INFORMATION AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE. It is very important that this be done immediately. It is required that a worksheet be filed before the farm is eligible to receive any benefits in either parity or regular conservation payments under the AAA.

Cards are being mailed to each farm operator who operated the farm in 1939 requesting that this information be turned in. Special letters are being mailed to men who own or lease grassland. These letters give, in a brief form, the manner in which the ranch may earn benefit payments in 1940 by carrying out range building practices. Worksheets should be filed on both farm and ranch land since no obligation is incurred by filing such worksheet even though the farm or ranch does not comply in any way. In case either the farm or ranch should be eligible for payment the worksheet will make it possible to make application later in the year for such payment.

Ranchers should realize that under the 1940 program range building practices will have to be approved before being carried out. Questions in regard to this matter should be referred to the county office or to the Range Inspector, B. P. Abbott of Bovina.

Cotton and wheat allotments have already been issued to all farms in the county. General allotments have been calculated and will be issued to each farm as soon as they have been approved by the State AAA office.

Filing of worksheets is very important. We are especially urging you to attend to this matter some time during the next month when you are in the office.

By Garlon A. Harper, Secretary
Parmer County A. C. A.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Cox of Dimmitt, January 15th, a daughter, Patsey Marie. Mrs. Cox is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Wilson, of this city.



TRUE TALL STORY

Three small boys were boasting about their respective fathers. Bill, the son of an author, said: "My father can sit down and write a story in a couple of hours, and then sell it for \$10."

Jack, his father a bookie in a small way, said: "That's nothing. My old man can put in a few hours at the races and come home with a hundred dollars."

Harold's father is a local parson and Harold said: "Well, my father stands up in the pulpit in the church and talks for half an hour and then it takes six men to carry the money up to him."

GREAT HIKE



"Well, did you girls enjoy your hike?"

"It was simply great! We were picked up by just the finest car before we had walked two miles."

Sure Cure

The teacher sent a note home with the boy: "Your son, Charles, shows signs of astigmatism. Will you please investigate and take steps to correct it?"

The next morning she received a note from the father who wrote: "I don't exactly understand what Charlie has done, but I've walloped him, and you can wallop him tomorrow. That ought to help some."

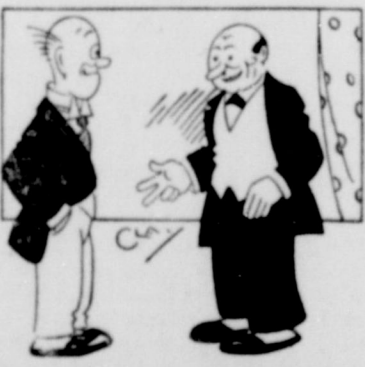
Settlement Demanded

Simpkins—Didn't you guarantee when you sold me that airplane that you would replace anything that broke or was missing?"

Dealer—Yes, sir! I did. What's wrong?"

Simpkins—Well, I want a new col-larbone and four new front teeth.

WAIVED AT THE ALTAR



Neverwed—Don't you believe that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights of man?"

Longwed—It depends on whether the man's married or single.

Followed His Lesson

Judge—Not being satisfied with stealing the money, you took a pile of jewelry as well.

Prisoner—That's right, sir. I was taught at Sunday school that money alone don't bring happiness.

Long Winter Nights

Boogy—In the Eskimo language "I love you" is "Univfgsaerntuinalfn-juunjuarisigajak."

Woogy—Gee, I'll bet that explains why the Arctic nights are so long.

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