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BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON.—If the Japanese have at least eight battleships under construction—which is accepted as pretty straight here—then their navy would actually be ahead of the American, in capital-ship strength.

Getting accurate dope on Japanese naval building is just about the hardest job the U. S. Navy has. In all other countries it's almost impossible to maintain real secrecy about the broad outlines of a naval program; sooner or later, spies can find out what's going on.

But in Japan it's different. A U. S. intelligence agency may pass himself off as a German in Germany or as a Russian in Russia—but how is he going to pass as a Japanese in Japan?

That means our intelligence service has to rely mostly on information it can buy from Japanese individuals—and it never can be dead sure it isn't buying stuff purposefully planned by the Japanese government.

CONGRESS SKEPTICAL ABOUT WAR SCARES

WHICH perhaps is one reason why Congress isn't getting into a lather over these reports. A more important reason is that a lot of congressmen sense a rising tide of war sentiment in the government and are being pretty hard-boiled

Filipinos Balk Manila's Plan To Oust Cobby

MANILA. (UP)—Manila's effort to leap from the horse-and-buggy age to the automobile era by legislation has been stalemated by the political potency of horse owners.

IMPORTANT LARVA

Word puzzle section with horizontal and vertical clues and a crossword grid.



More War Worries for American Farmers-- They May Be Left Holding the (Cotton) Bag

LONDON.—Just as Great Britain, to save foreign exchange, has practically abandoned purchase of American tobacco, so there is danger that for the same reason she may cut down drastically her imports of American raw cotton.

U. S. FIBRE PRODUCER

MUCH of what will be done will depend upon the decision of the cotton controller in the British Ministry of Supply.

Fires Battled In Wyoming's Rich Coal Bed

GILLETTE, Wyo. (UP)—The battle against mysteriously burning coal-bed fires, which in a generation's time have consumed millions of tons of valuable fuel, entered its seventh year here as the Department of Interior pushed the fight to halt the destruction.

Australia Gets New Industries

ADELAIDE, Australia (UP)—Australia is rapidly developing new industries, being stimulated by the need for coping with restrictions on imports, owing to the war, increased freight charges and difficulties of exchange.

How About Some Peace Geography?



Texas Today

Faith, says legend, moves mountains and perseverance brings success. Perhaps one or both will make real the long-time dream of canalization of the Trinity river.

The bill provided that locks were to be built at undetermined places and the company was given the right to use timber from any public lands adjacent to its project in the construction work.

The revenue of the company was to be derived from toll charges which the bill set out as 25 cents per ton of boats at each lock.

Two Big War Tasks

In wartime the cotton trade has two important tasks which rank above the job of satisfying civilian home consumption.

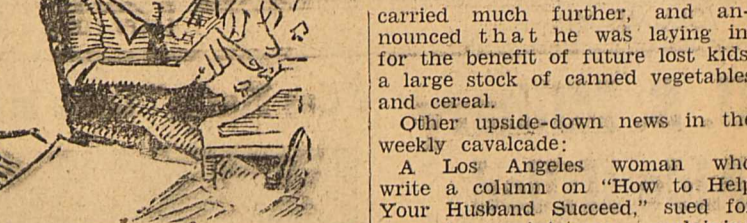
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The Town Quack



NEW YORK, April 22. (AP)—Two of America's oldest institutions—the after-dinner speech and the picture of the cop feeding the lost child ice cream—underwent a revolution last week.

Another town advertised in the same paper was Pine Bluffs, which was described as "a high and beautiful bluff immediately above the south line of Merced's Colony and below all rafts and obstructions in the navigation of the Trinity.

The advertisement continued: "As a point of shipment of produce it has great advantages, there being no bluffs on the west bank of the Trinity below the obstructions to

navigation and with enough as a depot for the produce of the upper Trinity country. With the accessibility and other advantages of this point.

Both Taos and Pine Bluff are now "ghost towns" like so many of the future greates of Texas in its early days.

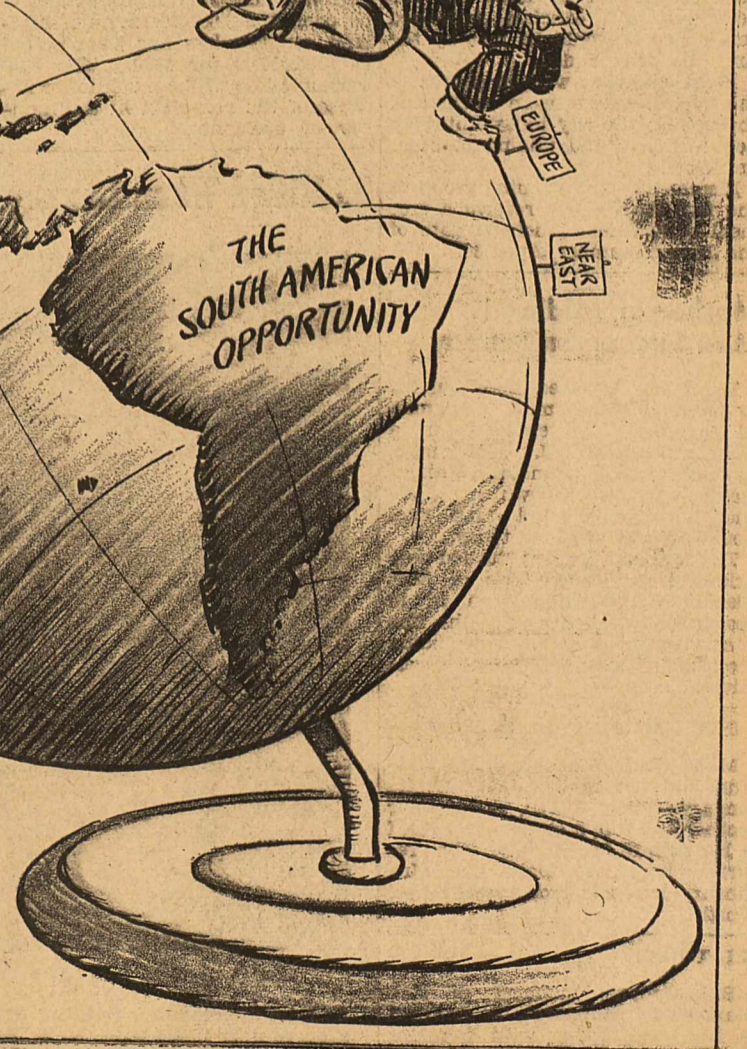
Textile Expansion Planned The Commonwealth minister for customs, J. N. Lawson, also has announced extensive plans for extending the textile industry in Australia, involving a capital outlay of \$6,000,000 and providing work for more than 2,000 men.

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"I told Emily if she married a polo player she'd have to get used to a man smelling like a horse!"

Wildflower Show For 1941 Will Be Held at Midland

The Texas State Highway department's wildflower show for district six will be held in Midland next year, Mrs. J. E. Hill announced following a visit, with Mrs. W. E. Ryan, to the 1940 show held at Pecos Saturday.

District six is composed of the 11 counties of Martin, Midland, Ector, Winkler, Loving, Reeves, Ward, Crane, Upton, Pecos, and Terrell. Seventy-two varieties of native flowers were exhibited at the Pecos showing, the Midland visitors reported.

Initiated only two or three years ago, the wildflower show is expected to attract increasing interest in succeeding years.

The date of the show at Midland will depend upon rainfall and weather conditions controlling blooming of the native flowers.

Sweden Protests on Border Violations

STOCKHOLM, April 22 (AP).—Sweden protested strongly to Berlin today against incursions by Nazi warplanes over her territory and asked measures to prevent repetition of flights which "yesterday were especially numerous and grave."

BLAZE EXTINGUISHED.

Firemen were called to the R. E. O'Donnell residence north of the Country Club this morning about 10:30 to extinguish a blazing stack of feed in the yard at the house. Damage was reported to be slight.

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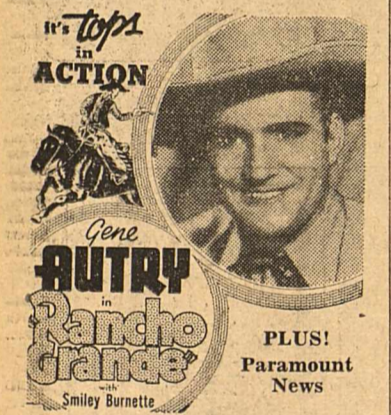
TODAY & TUESDAY
The shadow of a remembered woman came between their lips!



RITZ

TODAY & TUESDAY
BIG DOUBLE PROGRAM!
HIT NO. 1

The singing son of the saddle in another smashing sagebrush drama!



HIT NO. 2
The story of two boys who think alma mater is a blonde!



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Mustang Pet Parade May 4 Expected to Exceed Last Year's

Second annual Mustang Pet Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 4, it has been announced by officials. In last year's parade, held at about the same time, practically every known species of pet was exhibited. The procession Saturday week is expected to exceed the one a year ago in points of interest and in number of exhibits. Mustangs, meanwhile, are grooming their pets for the occasion and will have numerous announcements to make in the two weeks intervening.

Rivers Recede as Rainfall Ceases in Ohio River Valley

MARIETTA, O., April 22 (AP).—Muddy flood waters rolled slowly down the winding Ohio River Sunday, their rise tapering off gradually along the 500-mile Pittsburgh to Cincinnati stretch.

The "flattening out" relieved the anxiety of several thousand homeless and started an exodus back to vacated dwellings. River-wise city officials, noting reports of recession at Pittsburgh despite heavy rains over the upper Allegheny watershed, expressed belief the inundation would prove more annoying than damaging. Generally, fair and sunny weather was reported throughout the Ohio Valley.

Southeastern Ohio appeared hardest hit, the uncertain stream and its tributaries converting nearly a third of the state's rural area into a maze of lakes.

Marietta merchants moved out their stocks as the water rose to two feet in the business district and drove 75 persons from their homes. With an expected crest of 45 feet, however, little damage was anticipated.

Streams feeding the Ohio were reported receding gradually, several hundred families moving homeward with the retreating Hocking river.

The Ohio was reported receding at Steubenville, O., and stationary or rising at a diminishing rate between Steubenville and Marietta. The stage here was 42.4 feet, two under the anticipated crest and four or five feet less than that bringing serious damage.

Cornerstone Laid by Baptists Here Sunday

Two services, well attended by members and guests, were held at the First Baptist church Sunday in connection with laying the cornerstone of the new three-story educational building.

Judge C. M. Caldwell, widely known layman of Abilene, was the guest speaker at the 2:30 p. m. service, with the Rev. H. D. Bruce, pastor, speaking at the morning worship. Special music and scripture readings were given by members of the church, special guests were recognized and a ceremony was conducted in connection with laying the cornerstone of the building.

At collections taken for "catch-up" offering toward cost of the building, substantial payments on pledges were reported and additional offerings were made.

New discoveries of oil in Texas represented 40 per cent of all the new oil reserves found in the entire United States in 1939.

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Pat O'Brien Cast in Rockne Role



Pat O'Brien, who takes the part of the immortal coach in "The Life of Knute Rockne," now being filmed in Hollywood, meets the widow of the football strategist who holds a picture of her late husband. O'Brien is made up as Rockne, the Notre Dame senior.

76 Points Enough To Take Regional Honors by School

A canvass of all points won by Midland high school students in the regional tournament held Saturday in Maria today showed 76 points were garnered, enough to top first place over all other competing schools in the literary events.

Forty points were captured by the boys' and girls' debating teams in taking first place honors in both divisions. Lois Mae Lynch and Elinor Hedrick represented the school in girls' debate, Jim McHargue and Bill Ferguson, boys' debate.

Glenn Brunson received 10 points for winning second place in extemporaneous speech, Margaret Ann West received five points for being second in declamation, Gene Ann Cowden five points for ready-writers' third place, the one-act play cast by finishing third garnered ten points, three points went to Frank Wade Arrington in tennis singles and three points to Horace Brown and Duffy Stanley in boys' doubles. Lois Mae Lynch also won fourth place in shorthand but received no points.

Wallace Jackson and Helen Armstrong were given places among the six outstanding actors in the four plays presented from the four districts to the region. Three boys and three girls were selected as outstanding actors from the four casts.

During 1938, Prince Edward Island, Canadian province, had a net catch of 7,160,000 pounds of lobsters.

Probe Started in Train Wreck Fatal To Thirty Persons

LITTLE FALLS, N. Y., Apr. 22 (AP)—The death toll in the derailment of the New York Central Lake Shore Limited was officially set at 30 Sunday as authorities planned three separate investigations into one of the nation's worst railroad disasters.

The crowded hospital in this historic Mohawk Valley community, where injured were treated on makeshift floors, reported 33 of the approximately 100 hurt were still under observation and that some were in serious condition.

A weary crew of 300 labored in ankle-deep slush to untangle the locomotive, tender, express car and two pullmans which still remained at the sharp curve where the train left the tracks at a 59-mile-an-hour speed and crashed with terrific force into a stone embankment late Friday night.

Officials struck the name of "Mrs. L. Berg, Syracuse, N. Y." from their death list. Redford Bascom, spokesman for the line, explained the body of a woman at first believed to be Mrs. Berg was later identified as Miss Elizabeth McCarthy of Utica, N. Y.

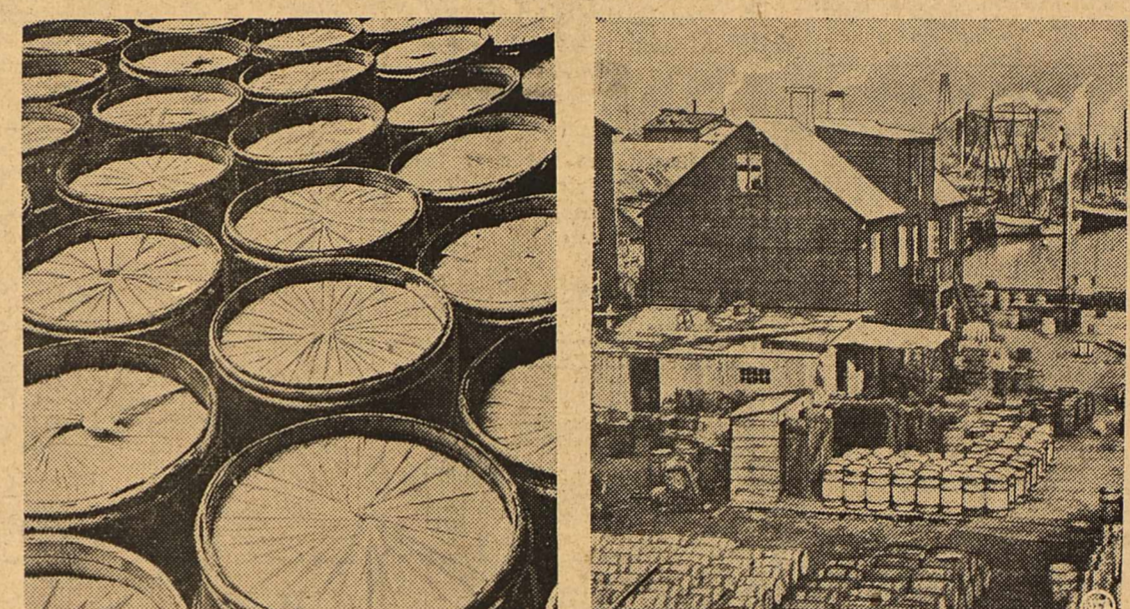
All of the 30 bodies recovered were identified as rescue workers continued to pry into the twisted metal mass of the fast New York-Chicago flyer. Officials believed that there was little likelihood of any bodies remaining in the wreckage. An investigation will be conducted jointly in Albany, by the Inter-

Belgium Watches the Lowering War Clouds



Although fearful of a German drive through the Low Countries, Belgium rejected a British suggestion that she accept Allied "preventive aid." Like these Belgian machine gunners, her valiant army is on the alert for any violation of neutrality.

Britain Loses a Dairy Farm, Gains a Fish Market



Denmark is little more than a vast dairy farm—and England was its best customer, buying nearly \$140,000,000 worth last year. As long as Herr Hitler holds Denmark, John Bull will have to look elsewhere for his butter, eggs and bacon. But while losing the Danish storehouse, John Bull gained the great fish market that is Iceland. Germany had been the biggest buyer of fish—Iceland's main produce. Unless the Nazis can seize Iceland, her entire fish output will go to Britain. Left, above, barrels of Danish dairy products awaiting shipment. Right: barrels of fish oil at an Iceland port.

11 Landings Made For Weekend Period

Landings for the three-day period, Saturday, Sunday, and today up to early afternoon, numbered 11 according to a checkup with the Midland Municipal Airport. One landing was reported for today—a P-36A, flown by Lieut. Loveless, from Barksdale Field, La., to Tulsa, Okla.

Sunday's arrivals included: a BT-14, flown by Major Whiteley from El Paso to Dallas; a Beechcraft flown by Little George McEntire from Sheffield to Amarillo; a Stinson flown by Freddie Cooper on a roundtrip to Tulsa; a Spartan of the Lee Drilling Company, flown by Pilot Thompson from El Paso to Tulsa; a Stinson flown by R. L. Bowen from Fort Worth to Pecos. Landing Saturday were: A BT-9C of the Army, flown by Capt. Lyt-barger from Hensley Field, Dallas to Albuquerque, N. M.; a Spartan of the Lee Drilling Company, flown by Henry Thompson from El Paso as destination; a Beechcraft of the Olsen Drilling company en route to Fort Worth, flown by Lief Olson; a Beechcraft of the Noble Drilling Company, flown by T. Wadlow, to Lamesa; an O-47-A, flown by Lieut. Carr from Brooks Field, San Antonio, to Biggs Field, El Paso, on a mercy flight taking patients to a hospital.

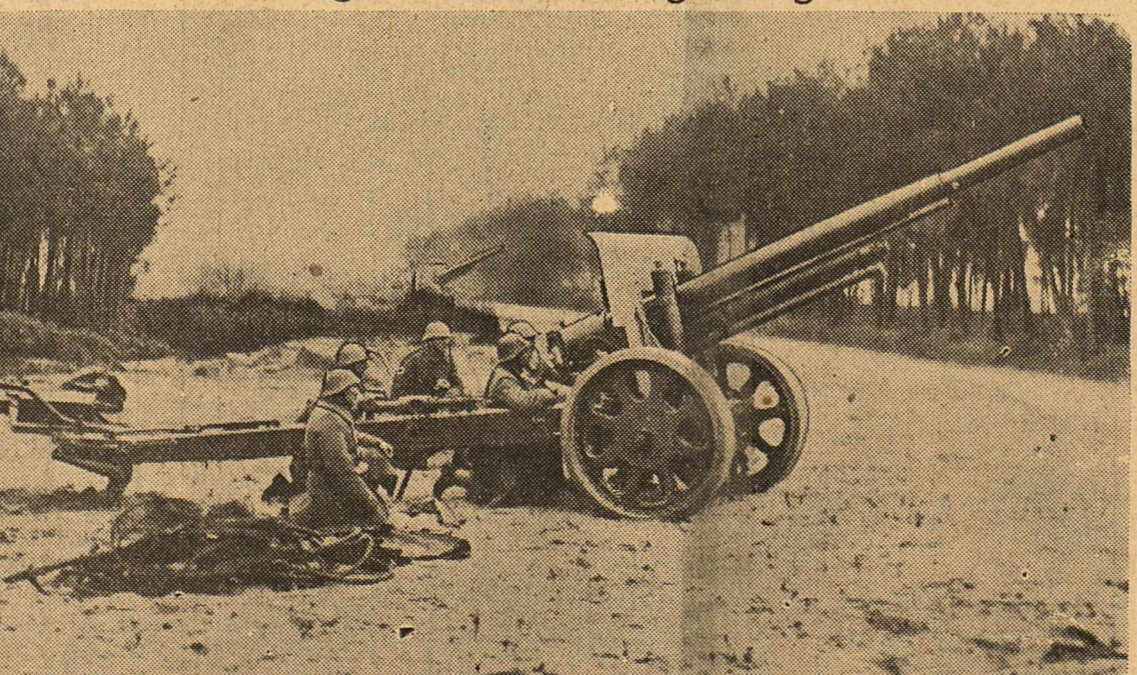
Alexander Dumas, who wrote such tales as "The Count of Monte Cristo," wound up his career writing a book of recipes.

Former Shepherd Evicted From Rockefeller Estate



With household belongings strung along the roadside, Archie Fawkes, 57, sits with his arm around his wife, Mary, 53, after being evicted from a cottage on the Lakewood, N. J. estate of the late John D. Rockefeller. Sr. Fawkes, former shepherd on the estate, has been occupying the cottage, rent free, since the elder Rockefeller died in 1937. After unsuccessful efforts to persuade him to leave voluntarily, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., obtained the eviction order.

Dutch Guard Against Bolts of Lightning War



Like warning fingers pointed at a potential invader are the barrels of modern field guns like these, with which the Dutch-German frontier is ringed. Fearful lest lightning war flash its next bolts into Holland, the Dutch army strengthened the already well-guarded border.

Men's Class to Elect Officers

About twenty were in attendance at the Scharbauer Men's Class Sunday morning at Hotel Scharbauer. Song services preceding the lesson was conducted by Sam Midkiff and the offertory was played by Mrs. J. M. Speed Jr.

Election of officers for the coming year was announced to be held on Sunday, April 28, and the following were named on the nomi-

Collegiate Clip Of the Old Locks

Latest air-cooled coiffure for collegians is this "Iroquois Clip," displayed by Matty Hammon of Manchester, Mass., who introduced it on the North Carolina State College campus at Raleigh, N. C. It's supposed to keep water out of the eyes after swimming.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Watson and daughter of Odessa were guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith here over the weekend. Mr. Watson's mother was also a visitor.

Mrs. Willie Oliver has been confined to her home for the past few days with a sprained ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Colter of Nowato, Okla., spent Sunday night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Shipley.

Murray Howell and Jack Kenney spent the weekend at the Woody ranch southeast of town.

Mrs. Beryl Anderson spent the weekend in Stanton and Big Spring.

Mrs. S. F. Castellaw was taken to El Paso Sunday morning for medical attention. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Cassidy.

Jack L. Jones is on a trip to Dallas.

IS ADMITTED.
Mrs. W. F. Neeb was admitted to a Midland hospital Sunday.

nating committee: Clarence Scharbauer, A. B. Stickney and Fred Fromhold.

The topic of the lesson study, "Micah's Vision of Peace," was presented by M. C. Ulmer, the regular teacher of the class.

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