

Culture Is An American Export, Declares Writer

By HAL BOYLE.
NEW YORK—(AP)—Everyone day dreams of going back to his old school as a famous success. Few do. The rainbow called renown eludes most of us. And many a graduate hesitates to visit his college in after years for fear the librarian will sandbag him for the \$1.35 he still owes for keeping a book out too long.

But Eleanor Steber is going back to a happy homecoming this week to the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

She went there first in the 1930s as a promising vocal student from Wheeling, West Va. Her parents had been able to scrape together only \$600 to finance her education.

Gets Scholarship
A scholarship enabled her to remain after the \$600 was gone, and Eleanor worked as a waitress to pay her other expenses.

Today at 33 the lyric soprano is a prima donna at the Metropolitan opera and a concert and radio star. She has a six-figure annual income—and six figure incomes begin at \$100,000.

The reason Eleanor is going back to the conservatory is to award two scholarships she founded.

"I want to help some young artists coming along," she said, "just as I was helped."

Miss Steber is an outstanding example of the younger generation of home-trained American singers. She believes it is no longer necessary for would-be opera stars to study abroad.

Have Everything
"We have everything here the younger singer needs, including fine teachers," she said, adding: "Of course, we could use a few more opera houses."

"The American singer now is better-rounded and more versatile—she has good musicianship and can act as well as sing."

And being better-rounded no longer means a salt-shaker waist-line.

"Opera singers look a lot different than they did 25 years ago," laughed Miss Steber. "We have a stream-lined crowd at the Met now. And that is an American influence, too. Opera goes like to see graceful and handsome performers."

On this count Miss Steber can afford complacency. She is pretty, has a shape—and keeps it in shape.

And what is she proudest of? "That I came up the American way," she said. "We have everything here—but so few people realize it."

Third Trainman In Toll Of Lives

NEWTON, N. C., Sept. 21—(AP)—A railroad fireman, injured when his passenger train jumped the rails here early Monday, died today. He was the third trainman to die in the derailment that injured about 50 passengers.

The fireman, Herman Bishop, 51, of West Asheville, was buried beneath the big diesel locomotive that jumped its track and plunged down an embankment.

Thirty injured passengers and crewmen are in the Catawba hospital, two other railroad workers are in critical condition.

The diesel engine and six following cars tumbled into a ditch as the train, running about 20 minutes late in a morning fog, came into a U-turn near the Newton station.

Newton is a textile town of 6,000 about 40 miles northwest of Charlotte.

Two Negro cooks on the train were killed.

Woman Shot By Brother-in-Law

OREGON City, Sept. 21—(AP)—A 37-year-old woman lay near death in a hospital here today. Her brother-in-law was held without bond, accused of shooting her.

The woman, Mrs. Amy Wheeler, was felled in her antique shop at Carver, east of here, last night. The brother-in-law, Cornelius Joseph Owley, 63, Estacada, was arrested an hour later.

District Attorney Leonard Lindas said Owley admitted shooting the woman. Lindas said Owley had been bearing a grudge against Mrs. Wheeler, his wife's sister. The district attorney said he had drawn up a charge against Owley of assault with intent to kill.

The woman's husband, Henry Wheeler, said she was struck without warning by one of three shots fired from a doorway. The gunman also fired two shots at him, but missed, Wheeler said. Wheeler added that he then got his shotgun and fired at the retreating gunman.

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Lower Dollar Prices Are Predicted Throughout World

NEW YORK—(AP)—Lower dollar prices around the world are looked for as an early major result of the week-end devaluation of foreign currencies.

Still more countries may have to follow the devaluation parade which began last night with Britain's cut in the pound from \$4.03 to \$2.80, a slash amounting to a surprise 30 1/2 per cent.

The devaluation means the dollar prices of goods produced in these countries could fall a maximum of 30 1/2 per cent if the reduction is caused solely by devaluation. But prices probably will not fall that far. Some may come down only a few cents.

How long these lower prices may prevail is unpredictable.

Agree Prices Lower
American businessmen in their first reaction agreed prices will be lower on foreign goods priced in devalued currencies and sold in America for dollars.

No one knows yet, however, how far prices will go down on individual commodities or manufactured goods over the next few weeks or months.

An important secondary effect is the impact of devaluation on the prices of goods produced in America for sale abroad. American exports may have to be sold more cheaply to encourage sales.

The announced purpose of British devaluation is to lower prices on British goods sold in America. Britain hopes to get more dollars through increased sales at cut rates. Other countries cutting their currencies in Britain's train hope for the same result.

Cut in 1931
Historically, lower prices have followed devaluation. The British devalued their pound in September, 1931, by cutting it loose from gold and letting it drift lower in foreign exchange markets.

Rubber immediately went down and continued its fall. Wool broke sharply but recovered a good portion of its loss. American cotton was hard hit initially but a year later had climbed back to an even higher price than before devaluation. A American wheat shot up but fell back later.

But the same pattern is not expected this time. Economic conditions are different; there are government controls today on every major product.

Take Britain's biggest recent dollar-maker—Scotch whiskey. Only a small amount of the American retail sales price is accounted for by the British producer's selling prices. If the British allow their prices to reflect the full force of the 30 per

Searchers Abandon Hunt For Missing Plane

NEW YORK—(AP)—Searchers have abandoned their hunt for two Italian fliers missing since Friday night on a flight from the Azores islands to New York.

After search of a wide expanse of Atlantic ocean by planes and surface vessels, orders to call off the hunt were issued last night, the coast guard said.

The fliers, John M. Brondello and Mamilio Barloggio, apparently were given up for lost.

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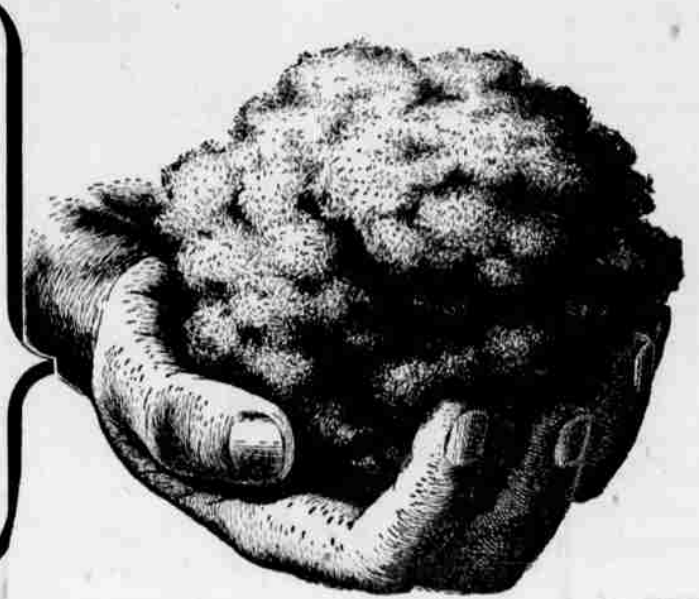
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