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News Pictures Illustrate Outstanding Events of Past Week



Reports from Bucharest are to the effect Dowager Queen Marie of Rumania gradually is becoming weaker, and hopes for her recovery have been abandoned. The 62-year-old mother of King Carol, re-garded by many as the one most responsible for a "Greater Ru-mania", was said to have maintained her interest in politics and art despite intense suffering. The granddaughter of Queen Victoria, she has seen her country rise to a position of power in the Balkans. Her visit to America in 1926 will be remembered by many.



Agnes Ayres



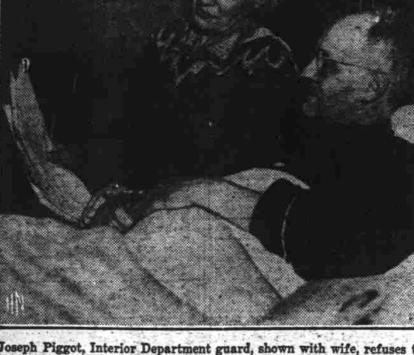
Roy Shipstad

Secretly married in October, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shipstad have just announced it. The bride is

the figure skating queen, Bess

Ehrhardt, of Superior, Wisl, and the bridegroom is professional champion and skating instructor. They met in 1932 when Miss Ehr-

hardt became a pupil in Shipstad's skating class in Duluth. Minn.



Joseph Piggot, Interior Department guard, shown with wife, refuses to leave his Washington home except under police guard. He claims at-tempts have been made by mysterious persons to kidnap him so that he would be unable to appear before the Senate committee investigating the appointment of E. K. Burlew, assistant secretary of the Interior.

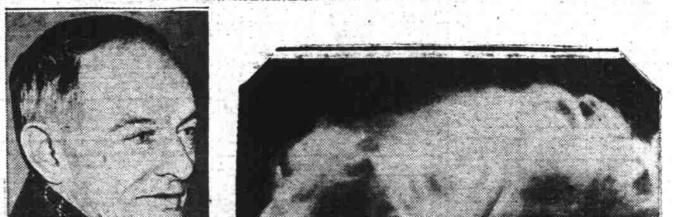


Reno E. Stitely (left), former official in the National Park service, is shown with his attorney, James Reilly, after pleading guilty in a Wash-ington, D. C., court to embezzeling \$85,000 in government funds. Stitely is charged with maintaining an imaginary CCC camp for which he drew and collected vouchers from the War Department.



Among today's stars of stage, screen and radio are many who have overcome serious handicaps to achieve a measure of fame Back of the success stories of headliners in every field lies a heroic struggle against misfortunes which would have stopped less resolute persons. Typical of top-ranking stars who have risen despite infirmity, is Her-bert Marshall, film player, who moves with agility

in spite of an artificial leg. Kate Smith, radio songstress, has not been deterred by her corpulence. Jane Froman, whose melodies have thrilled millions, stammers in ordinary speech. In the field of commercial modeling, Jessie Simpson has won praise for fortitude. Once a beauty winner, she has continued to pose for portraits, despite the loss of her legs in a tragic accident.





Three former stars of the silent screen, who in their heyday were among the first-rank celebrities, are now among those who have turned to other pursuits for a livelihood. Agnes Ayres, who won fame as the leading lady for Rudolph Valentino in "The Sheik", is a real estate operator. Francis X. Bushman, once a leading matinee idol and former husband of Beverly Bayne, operates a hot dog stand William S. Hart, No. 1 cowboy of the silent screen, is now devoting his time to ranching. All three live in or about Hollywood, and are anly three of a legion of former luminaries no longer in films.



Police at Detroit held Mrs. Julia Barker, above, real estate oper-ator, in connection with the fatal shooting of her friend and business partner, Mrs. Edith Cummings, found shot to death in a ravine. Authorities stated that Mrs. Barker at first confessed shooting Mrs. Cummings during an argument, but later denied holding the gun or firing it.

Mrs. Julia Barker

A 41-year-old grandmother of Hastings, Minn.; faces charges that she gave poison to her husband so that she might be free to receive the attentions of a younger man. The grandmother is Mrs. Beatrice Johnke. Police arrested Carl Sandgren, 32-year-old St. Paul WPA worker, as a material witness, but no charge was placed against him.

Mrs. Beatrice Johnke

Carl Sandgre



Federal authorities are laying plans for export of helium, the non-infiammable gas used to inflate dirigibles. Under terms of an act passed by congress last September, foreign interests may purchase the gas if it is not put to military use. The United States govern-ment produces the world's supply of helium, extracting it from gases underlying the Texas paphendle version. The sea heaven a subject

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Pressing suit against E. John Brandeis, wealthy Los Angeles clubman and poloist, Claire Bla-vette Brandeis, above, asked for \$5,250 a month separate maintenance. Members of the Riviera Country club polo team appearing in court were excused from testifying when attorneys agreed to stipulate that Brandels owned a string of valuable ponies and lived in a luxurious club suite.



Mrs. Lela Hall (above) of Stras-burg, Mo., established a new world for omen trapsh

Rosetta Duncan, "Topsy" of the famous "Topsy and Eva" team of xaude-ville and musical comedy fame, has scored a decided hit on the radio, Her singing of "Curbstone Blues" in the Graham McNamee show wor ber the plaudits of fans and critics alike.



Sonja Henle, blond skating star of the films and former Olympic

