The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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BRITISH INVASION

The British are coming to Washington at a rate that almost amounts to a second invasion. Even in 1814, when the Redcoats burned the Capitol, their force was scarcely more impressive.

Actually there are 430 representatives of the British government in Washington today—130 members of the embassy staff, 300 members of the British purchasing commission and British air commission. The figure includes everyone—officers, clerks, messengers and chauffeurs.

The British embassy and chancery now is the largest diplomatic establishment in Washington, but it is not large enough. An annex has been added to care for an overflow of coding clerks and officials of the office of economic warfare.

Meanwhile the two British commissions occupy space in four other buildings. They started out in modest quarters in the Hibbs building, expanded to the entire top floor of the Willard hotel, added further space in the Adams building, and most recently have taken over Andrew Mellon's old apartment building at 1785 Massachusetts avenue to accommodate the air commission.

These are the British in Washington alone. In addition, the New York office of the purchasing commission numbers 1,000 persons, plus 500 inspectors who travel about the country testing the wide assortment of articles, from ships to airplanes, which are being purchased in the United States.

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U. S. RUBBER SUPPLIES

Should congress ever decide to investigate the National Defense commission it would unearth some appalling delays in the securing of the nation's raw materials—particularly rubber.

Real fact is that a fundamental difference exists between the defense commission and Jesse Jones regarding future rubber supplies. The commission believes that the production of synthetic rubber should begin immediately, and wants to give a subsidy of $180,000,000 to American rubber companies. The subsidy would be necessary to offset the price of natural rubber, which sells for 18 cents to 20 cents a pound, whereas synthetic rubber would cost about 25 cents.

Six Synthetic Rubbers.

To this end, the defense commission has been negotiating with various rubber companies, and the following are ready to co-operate if a subsidy is granted:

DuPont, which produces **Neoprene**. This company is by far the most experienced in the field, and its product has the highest production.

Standard Oil, which produces **Butyl** and has the license for U. S. production of the famous German synthetic rubber, **Buna**.

Goodyear, which produces **Chemigum**.

Goodrich, which produces **Ameripol**.

United States Rubber, which is working on a product, so far unchristened.

However, Jesse Jones doesn't believe that synthetic rubber needs to be produced on a large scale. He favors a small subsidy to one company as an experiment.

The defense commission counters with a forecast of what might happen should all our rubber be cut off in the Dutch East Indies. It emphasizes that machinery cannot be set up overnight to produce emergency rubber. Stettinius is really aroused, may appeal to the White House if he doesn't soon move Jesse.

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HOOVER VISITS CAPITAL

Although Herbert Hoover constantly shuttles back and forth about the country, he sedulously avoids Washington. The ex-President has a phobia against Washington under the New Deal.

Hoover's last public visit was last winter, when he appeared unannounced before a congressional committee in behalf of a loan for the then embattled Finns. But he spent the entire day here sub rosa last Sunday.

Hoover stayed at the swanky home of William R. Castle, undersecretary of state in his regime and one of the most active appeasement advocates in the country.

Hoover spent most of his time conferring with Castle and some old newspaper friends about his plan to force the British to open their blockade so that food can be shipped into Nazi-occupied Europe.

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CAPITAL CHAFF

Lovely Louise Atwill has had two husbands, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, former chief of staff, and her present actor-husband, Lionel Atwill. She says the closest other call she ever had to matrimony was with Herbert Hoover. She and Hoover were attending a wedding of two friends in Paris several years ago when the priest got them mixed up with the bridal couple and was about to unite them.

J. Edgar Hoover and a group of FBI officials are studying Spanish.

Walter Winchell

(WNU Service)

The Bystander:

Newspaperman Stuff: This is one of the favorite stories-about-newspapers in the N. Y. U. school of journalism. It concerns an assistant city editor on the desk of a Miami paper. He had to take over one day when his boss was away. The assistant strutted into the city room, took off his hat, and said, "all right, boys, today we'll use the regular front page streamer!"

"But," gasped a man on the desk, you haven't seen what came in!"

"I don't have to see what came in," was the reply, "today we run the streamer headline we run every day:

"EXTRA! COLD WAVE STRIKES NEW YORK!"

Haw!: Recently one of the a. m. gazettes bought a soft drink machine. One of those gadgets into which you put a nickel and out comes a paper cup load of cola. The newspaper didn't want the darn thing in the first place, but the salesman broke down its resistance and so the machine was relegated to the composing room, where it was an immediate success. In fact, the boys kept the refiller working overtime.

Finally the coin collector came. He opened the money receptacle which wielded a jackpot of slugs and a lone nickel. Apparently everybody had forgotten that a composing room has an unlimited supply of lead, which the boys get tired of putting into linotype machines.

The Logic of the Week: From FPA's Conning Tower in the N. Y. Post: "Secretary Ickes is railing at the press again, and we feel that he doesn't know his stuff. He spoke of the question whether a publisher who pays for a columnist and prints him has any responsibility. He was reminded by a reporter at the conference that the views of a columnist were generally held to be his own and not those of the paper printing him. Mr. Ickes said that theory was the bunk. Well, Mr. Ickes, it is not the bunk. Any columnist that is worth anything to his paper has views which are his own; it may happen that they are in accord with the paper's viewpoint, and it may happen that they are in opposition. The truth is that many a columnist doesn't know what the viewpoint of the paper he is printed in is, especially a syndicated columnist whose stuff appears in dozens of papers, some of which are opposed politically and otherwise to the columnist's expressed views."

Family Portrait: The Colyum's unmarried daughter was doing her homework in her room after supper the other night. "Oh, daddy," she pouted, "I have six pages to do on communications."

"I don't envy you," said the Colyum, "but howja like to have to do about 1,000 words for the paper, where a lot of fussy people can see it and claim they didn't get their two cents worth?"

"Yes, I know, daddy," was the retort apprehensive, "but yours is only for the paper—mine is going to the principal!"

Litree Note: Krylov, the great Russian fabulist, according to the New Republic, wrote of the Cuckoo who congratulates the Cock on his great gifts as a singer, while the Cock in turn congratulates the Cuckoo.

But the Swallow, passing by, interrupts them: "My friends, even if you get hoarse praising one another, your music's bad."

You've Met Him: One of those I-hate-everything type of skeptics was supping at the Coq Rouge when a tablemate pointed out Priscilla Lane sitting nearby. "What do you think of her?" the grouch was asked.

He studied her a moment and then growled: "Gwan, she's not THAT pretty!"

Meow!: A cat fight almost started at Spivy's Roof when a deb greeted a ditto. "Oh, hellooo, darling! I didn't recognize you from the back."

"You should," fang'd the other, "you've been talking behind it for years!"

Thumbnail Description: Edwin Hartvich, the CBS Berlin correspondent, here for a visit, says Clare Boothe is just another Dorothy Thompson out of Elizabeth Arden.

In Fewer Words: Charlie Chaplin says you waste half your life trying to get the crowd and the other half trying to get away from them.

Oops!: Paul Harrison, the Hollywood historian, credits Sir Cedric Hardwicke with: "That fellow's conscience isn't his guide, it's his accomplice." That gem was quoted in this colyum and credited to Reader's Digest several years ago and Sir Cedric wasn't the parent . . . The new song, "Looking for Yesterday," has a hunk of literary lace in its wordage, to wit: "My heart has a stone in its shoe." If the ditty is a hit, one trusts the royalty receivers will include Edna St. Vircent Millay in a share of the loot.

Down on the Farm—And Stylish, Too!

Stepping right out—and right stylish, too, by the way—are these 4-H club girls who designed and sewed these winning garments for their annual contest in connection with the International Live Stock show which was held in Chicago last week. Their costumes were approved by the stylist Jane Alden, who is shown in the center, wearing dinner gown. The girls are, from left to right: Gertrude Burbank of Dover, Massachusetts; Jean Wisecup of Oxford, Ohio; Hester Roberts of Lumber, North Carolina, and Mabel Tremper of Coldenham, New York.

Escapes From Nazis

John Becessi is pictured here with his wife in New York city as they arrived aboard the S. S. Siboney, from Lisbon, Portugal. Becessi, who writes under the pen name of "Hans Habe," recently had the good fortune of escaping from a Nazi prison camp.

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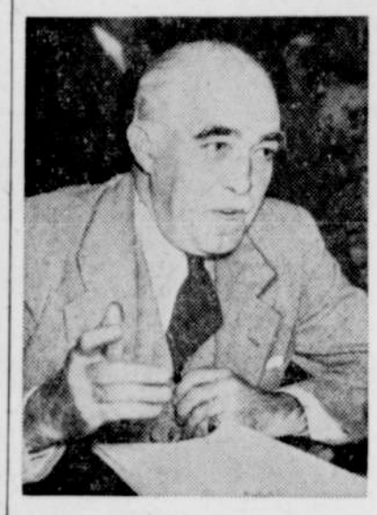
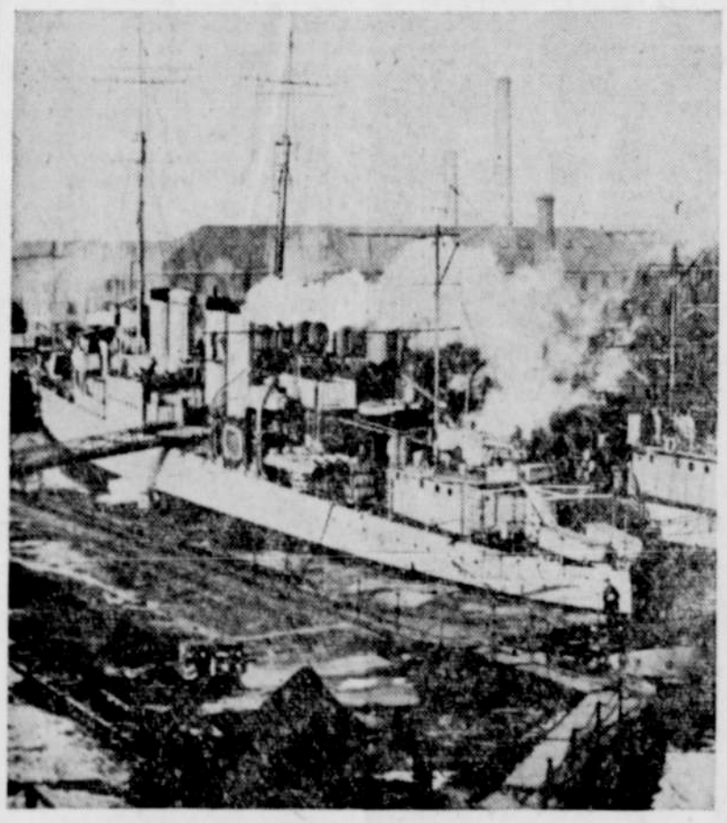
Witness



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Philip B. Fleming, administrator, wage and hour division of labor department, as he appeared before house committee investigating migration of destitute citizens.

Intact After Bomb Threat



Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, which was protected by a cordon of more than 100 police and a detachment of marines after a navy official had received information that a workman would attempt to carry a time bomb and dynamite into the navy yard in a lunchbox, when the gates were opened for the day shift. A thorough search revealed nothing whatever.

General's Guest

This is Boy Scout Jim Rast, the 12-year-old who wanted to volunteer in the Eighth division. He is holding in his hand the invitation he received from Maj. Gen. Philip Peyton, commanding officer, to be the general's guest at a division inspection at Columbia, S. C. Scout Rast went there in the general's car which brought him from his home in Swansea, S. C., and back again.

British War Minister in Middle East

Palestine . . . Captain Anthony Eden, British minister of war, is shown (hatless) shaking hands with an officer of a Trans-Jordan frontier force during his recent visit to the British army of the Middle East. The be-medaled officer at left is unidentified, but the gadget he holds in his hand is a fly-switch, if that's of any help.

Injected Into Arm-y

This draftee is taking a "shot in the arm" to ward off disease. This scene will take place all over the country as draftees arrive at U. S. army training camps to start a year of training.

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