



WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND
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FRANCIS PERKINS
For a long time Secretary of Labor Francis Perkins seemed to have a steady stream of appointments. But in recent months it apparently changed to her. To give the President freedom of action in appointing a successor to her position, she has been asked to resign. She has declined the resignation, but her name is still in the air.

His failure to name a successor cannot be attributed to lack of material. There are many fine leaders of proven ability who have been available. Solicitor General Francis Biddle, who was chairman of the original national labor board, William E. Dooley, now chairman of the national defense mobilization board, who has had extensive experience in the labor field, and Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia of New York.

PIKE FIGHTS HITCHHIKERS

Through half a century Franklin Roosevelt and Henry L. Stimson have differed on almost everything political. But at the Gridiron dinner, Roosevelt said the Republican secretary of war was one of the most efficient he has ever given anyone in public life.

The suffering people of the world, he said, must keep faith in their democratic ideals and in their hope for peace.

It was in this connection that the President said the theme of the Republican secretary of war, Mr. Stimson, he said, had never been better. In 1918, when the world was first beginning to plan the work of the present war, when Japan invaded Manchuria, it was Stimson who registered the first protest against an aggressive action. History, the President said, would see Stimson as overhauling this for sweeping faith and working for the principles of peace.

LOPPY IN DENVER

Den committee investigation have uncovered the interesting fact that Dr. Matthew Lopp, head of the Post-Tension-Denver News Service, was actually active during the Pan-American conference in Havana last year.

REPAIRING DAMAGE IN MID-ATLANTIC

The navy has been making some careful studies of how to carry out Roosevelt's promise of a bridge of ships across the North Atlantic to carry supplies to England. One result is a unique plan for unloading fast-bottomed ships or barges in mid-Atlantic to serve as refueling depots for airplanes.

The plan is not yet perfected, and still awaits higher approval. But here are details of the revolutionary idea.

British experience in the North Atlantic has shown that scouting bombing planes are the most effective protection for merchant vessels. Planes can sight an unknown boat at a far greater distance than a surface vessel, then drop depth bombs on it.

Chief problem in the refueling of these planes. Expensive aircraft carriers, requiring three years to build, cannot be used as airplane bases in mid-Atlantic. They are too easy targets for submarines.

However, the fast-bottomed ships can not have sufficient depth to serve as a target for a submarine.

Furthermore, in the relatively storm-free summer months, fast-bottomed ships would experience little trouble from weather. They would be subject to attack from the air, but on the other hand such would be defended by its own scouting planes, and if it were sunk the cost of replacement would be negligible.

Whether the barges and their accompanying planes would be constructed for use under the British flag, or whether the United States would take its own planes that far at sea has not yet been determined. But it is known that the navy has the Atlantic under consideration.

BRIDGE OF SHIPS

Big big move to aid Britain on the sea in cargo ships will be a big boost to the American railroads. For it is quickly planned to give the best in the large fleet of freighters operating between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts.

These total 115 ships, averaging around 7,000 tons. Last year they transported 7,000,000 tons of freight between the two coasts. Rail haulage across the continent was over 1,000,000,000 tons and the carriers have advised the government that they can handle the additional amount without difficulty.

However, the cost will be higher, but this is considered part of the price to be paid for national defense.

The international vessels are privately owned and authorities will be understood how to take them over. Two courses are open: to buy them outright or to requisition them and come to terms later.

Most of the ships are old and slow, but they are the only ones immediately available. This factor of immediate availability without seriously impairing U. S. shipping, decided Roosevelt to take them over to help maintain the "bridge of ships."



WILL be the last pennant winner of 1941. This will meet in the next world series.

It is quite a jump from the pennant and while supposed to be early during the next pennant series of late September, especially when the pennant must also handle on the basis of the army draft.

Just at this spot, after a month's delay, contact with teams has been made. It is somewhere there, my guess is that either the New York Yankees or the Cleveland Indians will meet Bill McGinnis's Cardinals. Both will be in the scramble for world series title.

The McGinnis's Indians are the odds-on.

In Chicago and Boston they have all the catching eye team work, with Dickey much improved over his 1940 form.

From Ruffing, Crawford, Green, Rouse, Bonham, Jannak, Murphy and younger catchers, McGinnis should get high-grade pitching all along the route. He has at least 12 star prospects on his roster.

He has one of the best catchers in baseball, and the best outfield in baseball.

Joe McGinnis



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McGinnis, Keller, Schmitt and Bessie.

Don't sell the Yankees short.

The Indians have a good man back of the plate in Hollie Bessie. They have the league's star pitching staff, headed by Bob Feller, Al Milnar, Al Smith, Mel Harder.

They have one of the game's best pitchers with Mark and Bradman at second and short.

They have at least a fair outfield. Their weak point is hitting—that is, hitting on the batter's side. This is where they drop well back of the Yankees, who can call on the power of Dilligallo, Dickson, Keller, Biele, Gordon and others to hammer it home.

The Next Two

Boston's Red Sox and Detroit's Tigers are next in line.

The Red Sox again must bank on power. They will be handicapped in a weak defensive infield, starting lower at second, and uncertain pitching. There will always be uncertain pitching with an infield that allows too many ground balls to reach outfield territory. Red Sox pitchers have a double burden to carry. They get less defensive support than almost any other staff.

The Tigers, plus Hank Greenberg, will be tough again. But Greenberg has little chance to linger long.

They have fine pitching and fine speed, with an uncertain mid-range fringe at short and second. They will be somewhere close. The White Sox may surprise and the Browns should be the most improved team in the race. But neither is a pennant winner.

In the National

The Reds won going away last fall—in a carrier, under wraps.

They still have Derringer and Walters, the two best, as a combination. They have Junior Thompson, Willey Moore, Johnny Vander Meer, Kente Pearson, and a few more to make up the best pitching staff in either league.

They have a sound infield and a sound outfield.

Brooklyn's Dodgers should finish second. In Rouse, Keller, McWick and Camilli, the Dodgers have top-notch people at work.

The Brooklyn infield and outfield will match the Reds'. But Dodge pitching is still a guess when it comes to pennant-winning form.

Billy Southworth's St. Louis Cardinals remain one of the major problems. This problem surrounds both the infield and the pitching.

They have the punch, the wallop or the run-making power. They have one of the best outfields in either league. But they have been scrambling around with a changing infield all spring, and no one can say how their young pitchers will carry on.

Some of the Others

Kelso, Dodgers and Cardinals should take the first three spots.

Who will finish fourth? It could be either the Cubs or the Pirates. I can't see the Giants, Reds or Phillies crowding in above fifth place. They haven't the pitching that might offset the many other weak spots now in sight, especially on the part of Giants and Phillies.

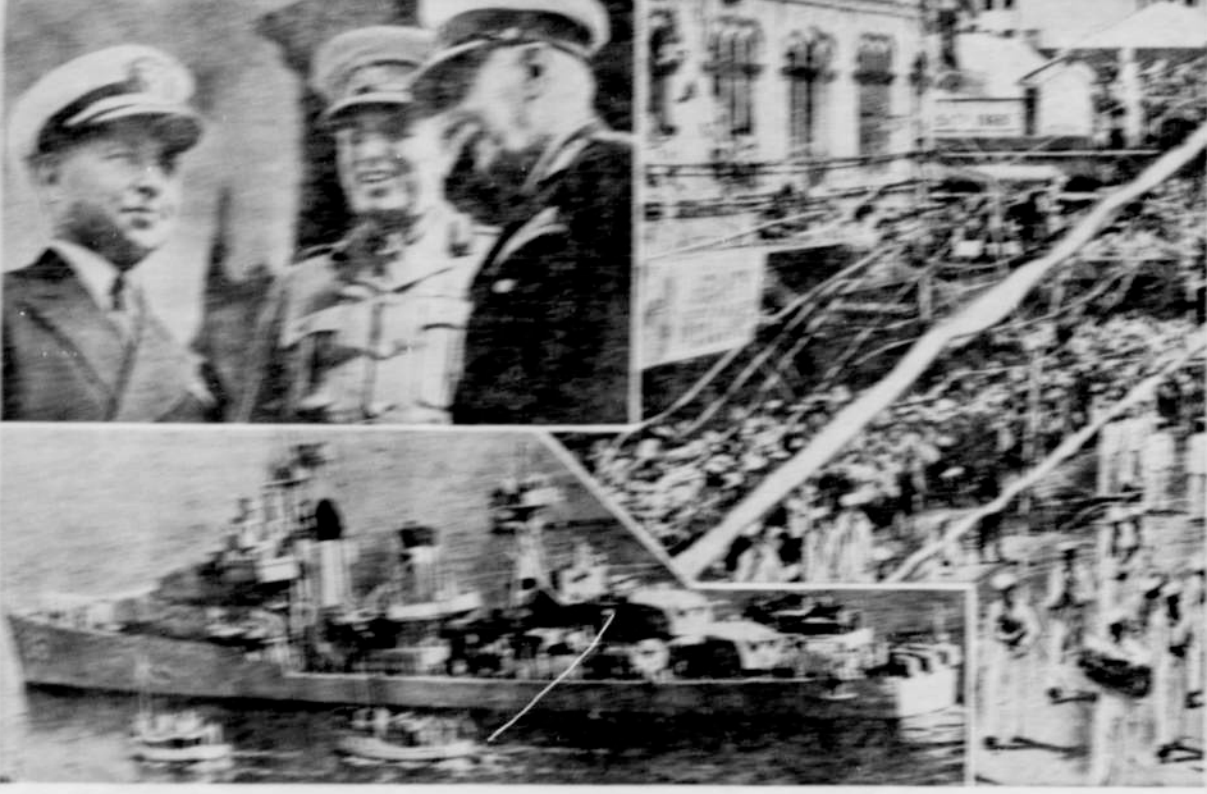
The best balanced club in either league—I mean on offensive and defensive play or all-around strength—is the Yankees.

'Food Pilgrims'—and Food for France



Feasting pilgrims on their long hike towards the national capital, members of the "Food for Europe pilgrimage" (left), bridge along. Their goal was to petition British and German embassies for a partial lifting of the war blockade to get food through to starving Europe. Right: Bags of flour being loaded into the hold of a French liner, ready to sail for overworked France.

Australians Welcome U. S. Good Will Squadron



Above: The U. S. S. Clark, leader of the destroyer flotilla in the U. S. naval squadron that made the "good will" visit to Australia. At the right, U. S. service men are shown parading through Brisbane, capital of Queensland, in Australia, amid showers of confetti. Inset: Rear Admiral Newton (left) commander of the squadron, with Lord Wakehurst (center) and Lord Gowrie, governor-general of Australia.

Testify on Labor Relations



William E. Davis (left) vice chairman of the National Mediation board, testifies on the labor situation before the House military affairs committee investigating the national defense program. Below: Sidney Hillman, APM labor director, before the committee. L. is L. S. Hillman, Rep. Barker, Rep. Thompson and Rep. May (chairman) of the committee.



Arrives in U. S.



Gen. Windzlaw Sikorski, prime minister of the independent Polish government in England, and commander-in-chief of the free Polish army, shown at his arrival in Washington, D. C.

Forerunner of Mighty U. S. Tank Fleet



Forerunners of mighty tank force sent to roll from production lines toward the government scene in a demonstration at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland. The tank can travel more than 25 miles per hour, and mount one cannon and five machine guns. Photo shows MG medium tank climbing out of a "shell crater" during the tests.

Sluggers, Both



Frank Peckinpaugh, St. (left) with "home run king" trophy awarded him by the Century club in St. Petersburg, Fla. J. W. Currier (right), who batted .523 average.

THINGS



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Never wash a tea strainer or a teapot in soapy water. Wash and rinse in clear water always.

When running rods through your curtains put a thimble on the end of the rod. It will run through much easier.

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