

That 'Goldfish' Bowl Again

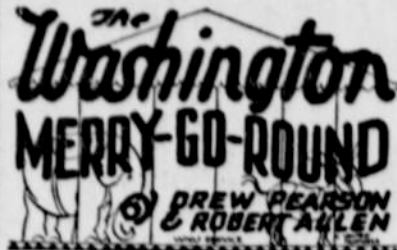


Staff Sergeant Robert W. Shackleton of New York, who was drafted last fall and has already earned his sergeant's stripes, picks the first capsule, No. 196, in the second peacetime national lottery at Washington, D. C. Lieut. Col. R. Morris, who also officiated at 1917 lottery, is at right.

End of a Record



Joe DiMaggio's batting streak of hitting safely in 56 consecutive games was ended as he banded out the blow shown above. Next game he failed to get a hit and his record stands for the baseball world to shoot at.



CHANGES IN PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON.—Recent months of war in Europe have made some significant changes in the habits and the outlook of the President. He is more serious, more worried. Also he is more circumscribed. The latter is important, because it means that he sees fewer people, loses some of his old contacts.

During his first eight years in office, probably no President in history was in closer touch with the country as a whole than Franklin Roosevelt. Not only did he see a great number of congressmen, labor leaders, business men and politicians during his daily routine, but he traveled more than any other President. Several times a year he took turns round the country, kept his ear to the ground, met all sorts of people.

Ever since the international emergency, he has stuck close to Washington. Not once has he got out into the Middle West, even during the 1940 campaign. Seldom has he gone farther away than New York or down the Potomac. Thus he has missed the relaxation, the rest, and the obvious joy he used to get from his roving junkets. Also he has missed his old personal contacts.

Note—The President boasts that he rests on a railroad trip, and this is really true. He seems to sleep better on a Pullman, and on occasion orders have been given to the train engineer to stretch out a run between towns in order to give the President extra sleep.

More Gold Brat.

Roosevelt's contacts thus are limited by remaining in Washington, and in Washington also, he is more circumscribed than ever. He does not see nearly as many members of congress and men from many walks of life as formerly. This is because he is concentrating so much time on national defense and foreign affairs.

All important decisions in the state department come across his desk. The freezing of Axis funds, the closing of German-Italian consulates, the speeches of Secretary Knox, have to get the President's O. K. Important decisions regarding the army and navy come to him, and a constant stream of questions regarding OPM and aid to Britain confronts him daily.

So the President sees far less of the men who helped to build up the New Deal, far more of army-navy officials, One Dollar Men and diplomats. Much of this is unavoidable, though part of it could be eliminated by more diversification of control.

However, this change in the President's mode of operation is not as important as the change which gradually has crept over his general outlook. On the surface, and in press conference, he is the same old wise-cracking, fun-loving Roosevelt. But underneath he is not.

No longer does he have the same zest for what he is doing. In the old days when he was building PWA bridges and WPA schoolhouses, writing labor laws, crusading for social security, fighting the big utilities, he loved every minute of it. He was building up, crusading for human needs and human rights. And his enthusiasm was boundless.

No War Enthusiasm.

Now, however, he knows that every step he takes in foreign policy, every dollar he spends for the navy, every man he inducts into the army, may be a step toward tearing down rather than building up. He believes the steps he is taking are absolutely necessary. But he has no enthusiasm for them. In other words, he has no enthusiasm for war.

Most of the men around Roosevelt believe that war is inevitable, and it may be that he does, too—though he has not admitted that publicly. But judging by his hanging back in opposition to his more vigorous military-foreign policy advisers, the President hates and dreads the idea of this nation going into war.

He hates the reactions and aftermaths of war, and he hates the idea of having history record him as a War President.

At the same time he believes that this country will have to move fast, and if it does not move now it may be too late. For the best definition of an isolationist, Roosevelt firmly believes, is one who by procrastination wants to see his women and children in the thick of the fighting here at home.

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Ben Welles, son of Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles, is working as a newsman in Panama. Nelson Rockefeller, government worker, gets up at five in the morning, shuns parties, goes to bed at ten.

The Rockefeller office has been flooded with requests from movie stars who want to tour Latin America.

When senators fail to pay their bills at the senate stationery room, the disbursing office, instead of dunning them, merely docks the amount from their pay checks.

"America," latest popular booklet by David Cushman Coyle, has been officially endorsed by the American Legion, General Federation of Women's Clubs, the Council for Democracy, and the selective service board.

Strike Warning



Harry Bridges (arrow), West coast maritime union leader, is shown as he warned of "a big strike" since he is not satisfied with longshoremen's wages.

Spanish 'Crusade' Against Reds?



With banners and bands, enthusiasm is whipped up in Spain for crusade against the Reds—this was part of the Nazi campaign for a Spanish legion to fight against Russia on the eastern front. A drive which ended in "fasco," according to London. Spaniards, says London, have had war enough.

Strategic Outposts for U. S. Defense



Placing U. S. troops in Iceland in occupation of strategic Atlantic outposts were taken "in order to forestall any pincer movement undertaken by Germany against the Western hemisphere," according to a statement by President Roosevelt. Above map indicates how this works. (1) Iceland occupation nullifies any Nazi threat from the north and occupation of Trinidad, and British Guiana (2 and 3) take care of the southern jaw of the pincer hinged on Vichy-French Dakar in Africa. Some sources contend taking over of Azores and Cape Verde Islands (shown in large type) would further greatly strengthen hemisphere defense.

Exit Lawes



For 21 years Lewis E. Lawes was boss of Sing Sing and now he is leaving to be a writer and lecturer. He is shown taking a last look at his old domain, where as warden he became internationally famous as penologist. In background are buildings of the well-known prison.

'Good Neighbors'—Junior Style

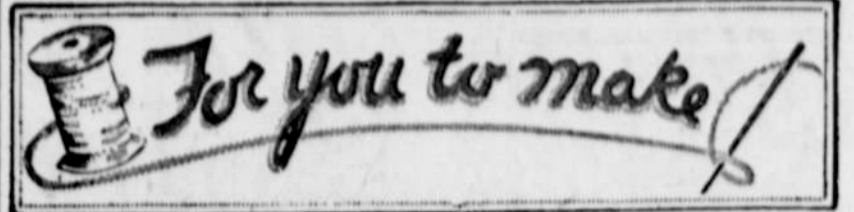


Bobby Gallagher (left) U. S. "Boy-Ambassador" to Brazil and Roberto Andrade (right), Brazil's "Boy-Ambassador" who recently visited the U. S., are shown being greeted by crowds upon their arrival in Rio De Janeiro. This is the junior part of the inter-American "Good-Neighbor" policy.

New Air Chief



This is Brig. Gen. Carl Spaatz, newly appointed chief of army air force, now operating as an independent division within the department of war.



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Commonplace Our Day
The commonplace sun in the commonplace sky makes us the commonplace day.

Circumnavigation as Done By Young Naval Officer

A young naval officer whose marks in navigation had not been all that might have been desired, was set to "shoot the sun" to determine the ship's position. The vessel was somewhere west of Penzance. After a while the junior delivered the result of his calculations.

Shortly afterwards, the captain sent for him. "Young man," he said, seriously, "remove your cap. We are now on a hallowed spot." "Beg your pardon, sir?" "Yes, sir," said the captain. "If you have calculated accurately, we are now right smack in the middle of Westminster Abbey."

As Men Are Born
Some men were born for great things, some were born for small. But some—they are not recorded why they were born at all.—W. Carleton.