

WHO'S **NEWS** THIS

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(Consolidated Features-WNU Service.) NEW YORK.-We are quite certain that there is a chipping sparrow out our way which didn't stand still long enough to be count-

ed, but at any Stuffed Bird Cuts rate Roger Peterson's Count Tory Peter-

To 5,750,000,000 son's national bird count of 5.750,000,000 receives respectful, even admiring attention, and no

challenges or quibbles about it. Concurrently the National Audubon society, of which Mr. Peterson is educational director, begins a drive for the protection of birds and other wild life in defense areas.

At the age of 26, Mr. Peterson proved that bird lore can be made to yield a lot more than mere bird seed. That was in 1934, when he published his "Field Guide to the Birds." As bird books go it was a best-seller, warmly praised not only by the somewhat esoteric cult of bird-fanciers, but by a much wider public, which appreciated its clarity and simplicity. There came other editions and then his "Field Guide to Birds of the West," and his "Junior Book of Birds," of 1939. All in all, Mr. Peterson's books and magazine articles were so successful that he has had plenty of time to count birds-even five billions of them.

He not only writes but illustrates his books, having emerged from the New York Art Students' league as a highly qualified decorative artist. He is known as the best American authority on field identification of

Mr. Peterson had an adventure at the convention of the society at Cape May last year, which, so far as we can learn, was not picked up seems a group of ornithologists, Peterson included, got up at 4:30 to clock a scheduled hawk migration. It didn't come off and all were downhearted until a rumor got around that a black-necked stilt had been seen near the lighthouse pond. There had been no stilt in this section since 1870.

The party set out for the spot. Finally far across the pond, inaccessible to any dry land approach, the bird was sighted. Mr. Peterson said it would be necessary to approach as near as possible, disturb the bird, d then observe its flight carefully. He and William Fish volunteered to brave the mud and cold. They waded in, and at times were up to their armpits in slimy mud. Finally Peterson waved his arms at the stilt. It didn't move. Approaching nearer, they discovered it was as stiff as a plank.

The convention finally ran down the story. The National Academy still must have a lot left. of Sciences at Philadelphia had had a housecleaning and heaved out a fans of the Delaware valley had retrieved the stilt and set it up across the pond.

UP IN Maine, on last summer's an old road-side philosopher who was concerned with problems aris-

ing from the Prof. Perry Boldly lengthening Trumpets an 'Old life - span in Age Movement' New Eng-

"They don't do much dyin' up here," he said. "Down at West Newton, they had to shoot an old feller, just to start a graveyard."

Professor Ralph Barton Perry, of the faculty of philosophy of Harvard university, is similarly concerned about old age, but for a different reason. In a brilliant essay in a recent issue of the Princeton Alumni Weekly, he rallies the oldsters against being "hustled around by their juniors in politics; he notes the capitulation of wise old age to bumptious youth, and challenges Rabbi Ben Ezra by insisting that there's no use growing old with him, or anybody else, if old-age is to be merely a tolerated short-ender in the life sweepstakes. "The most striking evidence of the downfall of the aged," writes Professor Perry, "is to be found in the domestic circle."

"The authority of the father was first broken by the mother, and the children poured through the breach. The last remnant of paternal authority was the period in which the at the end of the day to deal with major offenses. He was no longer impressed you least?" magistrate, only executioner.

"But even this role disappeared when domestic criminology was of Windsor in Baltimore, inviting modernized and the child's insubordination was regarded as a personality problem, to be solved by love, hygiene and psychoanalysis."

Washington, D. C. NAZI SABOTAGE

The man to watch in Europe today-next to Hitler-is a suave and charming diplomat in Turkey named Franz von Papen. It is always a significant omen when Hitler sends Von Papen to a country. It means he has dire and potent intentions regarding that area.

It was Von Papen who went to Austria as ambassador to soften it in preparation for the Nazi occupation. It was Von Papen who 26 years ago tried to do the same thing here. And now, with weather getting cold in Russia and Hitler running lower and lower on oil, a Nazi squeeze on Turkey becomes almost inevitable. To prepare for it, Ambassador Von Papen has been working overtime in Turkey.

Almost forgotten is Von Papen's attempt to soften and sabotage the United States during the last war. But his operations here indicate the lengths to which he may go in Turkey to bring that country into the Axis.

In 1915, Von Papen was German when Count Johann von Bernstorff returned from England with a satchel containing \$150,000,000 in German treasury notes.

Von Papen, then in Mexico City, hurried north, and immediately began organizing a network of

Invasion Via Canada. After selecting his agents care-

fully, Von Papen laid the following

No. 1. To invade Canada through British Columbia with the aid of German warships in the Pacific and German reservists in the United States. This plan was vetoed by Von Bernstorff.

No. 2. To blow up the Welland canal. This scheme likewise was abandoned, because the canal was too well guarded.

No. 3. To blow up Canadian railroads in an effort to prevent transportation of Japanese troops through Canada. (The Japanese were fighting with the Allies.)

No. 4. To blow up the International bridge at Vanceboro, Maine. by the news hawks at the time. It This was accomplished through an agent named Werner Horn.

Von Papen was so industrious and unscrupulous that he over-reached himself, and Wilson demanded his recall. But when he reached home, both he and Bernstorff were awarded decorations, and both promoted. Subsequently, Von Papen became chancellor of Germany and he took part in the conspiracies which brought Hitler into power.

RUSSIAN REQUEST-A DRIBLET Averell Harriman's confidential report on Russian requests for aid was vastly different from British reson with the British, the Russian orders seemed a mere driblet.

After the Lowlands debacle, the British had to start from scratch, having lost practically all their armored equipment and most of their field artillery. The Russians have lost tremendous quantities of material, but judging from their relatively modest requests, they

One of the chief things they asked for was 75 and 105 mm. guns, lot of stuffed birds. Some rival bird which, luckily we can supply. Production figures are a military secret, but these cannon are now rolling off assembly lines in quantity. The Russians also asked for machine guns, which we can furnish holiday, this writer talked with also in large numbers, since machine gun production is at a high level

One of the biggest, and pleasantest surprises to Harriman was that the Russians do not need machine tools, at least for the present. This took a big load off his mind, as both the U.S. and Britain have few tools to spare right now.

Note: U. S. military experts consider lack of co-ordination between the three Russian armies to be one of the principal reasons for the break through in the center against Moscow. Although there has been a shift of Russian generals, doubt spots on the grounds of the plant to keep the peace. More than \$5,000,000 still exists about the co-ordination of the three armies under a central command.

plane parts.

submarine built in 1918.

INFLATION CURE

Here is the inside lowdown on Price Administrator Leon Henderson's own private preventive against inflation.

He disclosed it to a group of Charlestown, W. Va., business men during a speech on the dangers of runaway prices. One of the audience asked Henderson how a business man could best protect himself against inflation.

"Work like hell," was the prompt reply, "and go to church regularly."

MERRY-GO-ROUND

Introduced to a British production expert, who had just completed a survey of U. S. defense plants. father was an ogre, who came home OPM boss William Knudsen took him off his feet by inquiring "What

A sports commentator, sponsored by a shaving cream, called the duke him to appear as guest star on the radio program, the money to be paid to British charity. The duke declined-even before he was told the submarine, an 890-ton craft built in 1931. The British got a 600-ton the offer was only \$100.

'Much Greater Sacrifices in Future'



President Roosevelt addressing the 250 delegates of the International Laber organization at their annual meeting in the East room of the White House, at which 33 nations were represented. The address was carried to the nation by radio. The President condemned the "mismilitary attache in Washington guided" few industrialists and labor leaders "who place personal advantage above the welfare of their nation," and warned that every American faces "much greater sacrifices in the future." Photo shows Secretary of Labor Perkins as she introduced the President to the meeting.

Japanese Attack Changsha



This remarkable photograph, one of the most vivid to come out of the Sino-Japanese war zone, shows a vanguard of Japanese shock troops led by a sword-brandishing officer, rushing the burning camp of the Chinese soldiers at Changsha. Changsha was one of the most important positions of the Chiang Kai-shek forces.

As Army Takes Over Air Plant

With an armed soldier standing by, machinists are shown at work

Poles Take Over U. S. Submarine

Under terms of the lend-lease act, two average United States sub-

marines were turned over to the British and Polish navies at 'he Groton

submarine bases, Groton, Conn. The Polish crew is shown going aboard

Speaks for Nippon



Saburo Kurusu, special Japanese envoy who flew here from Tokyo on a Pacific clipper for a "final" talk to ease the "very serious situation in the Pacific." Kurusu was former ambassador to Berlin, where he signed the Axis pact for Japan.



Col. Early Duncan, commandant at Lowry Field, Denver, Colo., who has been quoted as saying that churches whose pasters "preach against true Americanism" will be declared "out of bounds" for the 10,000 soldiers at Lowry Field.

Warns Pastors

King of Tin



the Bendix plant of Air Associates, Inc., Bendix, N. J., the defense plant taken over by the U. S. army on orders from President Roosevelt. First picture of Sihanok, new king of Cambodia. He is pictured stand-The army rehired workers "as Americans," disregarding their previous status in the dispute which had kept the vital defense plant idle. Col. Roy ing ominously in the rain during last M. Jones, eastern district supervisor of the army air corps procurement rites for King Sisovas-Monivon, fordivision, stands behind the sentry. Machine guns were set up at strategic mer ruler of the kingdom of 3,000,-000. Most important resource is its in defense contracts are held by Air Associates, which manufactures airtin. The kingdom is now largely under Japanese influence.

Ship Lost



Lt. Comdr. H. L. Edwards, commanding officer of the U.S.S. Reuben James, sunk by a torpedo while on convoy duty near Iceland. The ship was a flush-deck destroyer.

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Ulster County Gazette

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However, there are only two known original copies-one owned by the American Antiquarian society, Worcester, Mass., the other by the Library of Congress.

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