



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—We are quite certain that there is a chipping sparrow out our way which didn't stand still long enough to be counted, but at any rate Roger Peterson's national bird count of 5,750,000,000 receives respectful, even admiring attention, and no challenges or quibbles about it.

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 book, "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.

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 birds.

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, and then observe its flight carefully.

The convention finally ran down the story. The National Academy of Sciences at Philadelphia had had a housecleaning and heaved out a lot of stuffed birds.

UP IN Maine, on last summer's holiday, this writer talked with an old road-side philosopher who was concerned with problems arising from the lengthening life-span in New England.

Professor Ralph Barton Perry, of the faculty of philosophy of Harvard university, is similarly concerned about old age, but for a different reason.

"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 father was an ogre, who came home at the end of the day to deal with major offenses.

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

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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.

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 military attache in Washington 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 spies.

After selecting his agents carefully, Von Papen laid the following plans:

- 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. 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.

RUSSIAN REQUEST—A DRIBBLET Averell Harriman's confidential report on Russian requests for aid was vastly different from British requests after Dunkirk. In comparison with the British, the Russian orders seemed a mere dribblet.

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 still must have a lot left.

One of the chief things they asked for was 75 and 105 mm. guns, 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 also in large numbers, since machine gun production is at a high level.

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 still exists about the co-ordination of the three armies under a central command.

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, OPM boss William Knudsen took him off his feet by inquiring "What impressed you least?"

A sports commentator, sponsored by a shaving cream, called the duke of Windsor in Baltimore, inviting 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 offer was only \$100.

'Much Greater Sacrifices in Future'



President Roosevelt addressing the 250 delegates of the International Labor 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 "misguided" few industrialists and labor leaders "who place personal advantage above the welfare of their nation."

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.

As Army Takes Over Air Plant



With an armed soldier standing by, machinists are shown at work in 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. The army rehired workers "as Americans," disregarding their previous status in the dispute which had kept the vital defense plant idle.

Poles Take Over U. S. Submarine



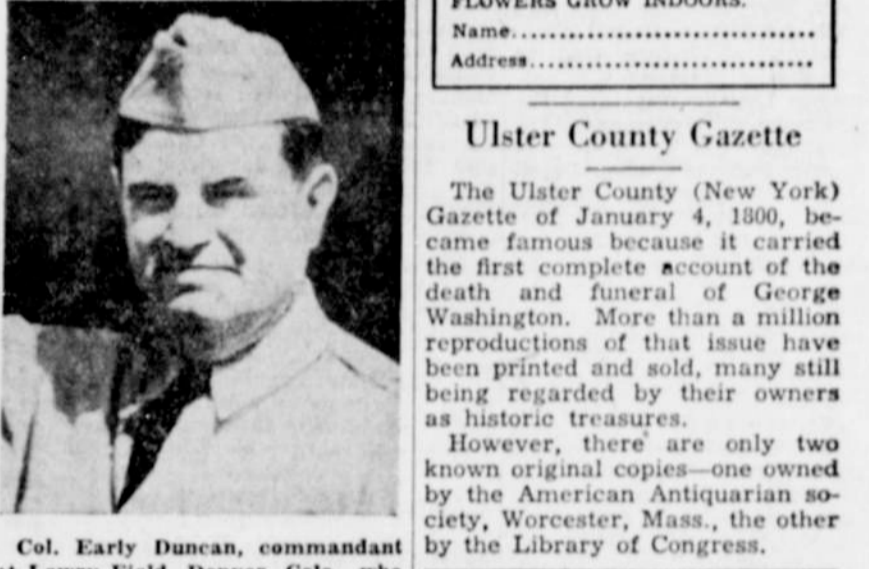
Under terms of the lend-lease act, two average United States submarines were turned over to the British and Polish navies at the Groton submarine bases, Groton, Conn. The Polish crew is shown going aboard the submarine, an 800-ton craft built in 1931. The British got a 600-ton submarine built in 1918.

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.

Warns Pastors



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

King of Tin



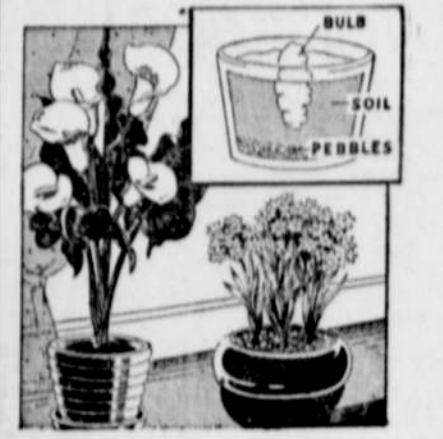
First picture of Sihanok, new king of Cambodia. He is pictured standing ominously in the rain during last rites for King Sisovats-Monivon, former ruler of the kingdom of 3,000,000. Most important resource is its tin. The kingdom is now largely under Japanese influence.

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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