



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—In his new novel, "Storm," nominated by some reviewers for the Pulitzer prize, George Stewart notes that man is an air animal and not a land animal, as we have commonly supposed. We live at the bottom of an ocean of air but that doesn't make us a land animal, any more than a crab is a land animal because it lives at the bottom of a body of water.

Dramatizing a storm which gathered up north of Japan, and clocking it down this way, and recording the resulting inter-play of human nature and meteorology, Mr. Stewart's book is an incidental, perhaps not intended, reminder that the politicians have been far behind the meteorologists in grasping the full implications of man adding wings to his breathing apparatus.

Francis W. Reichelderfer, the lean, baldish, chief of the U. S. weather bureau, seems to have had something like that in mind for many years, and that's all to the good just now, as our fighters, on, under and above the sea have the best weather service in the world. It was in the aerological service of the navy that Commander Reichelderfer carried through his "air mass" analysis which revolutionized weather forecasting. Bringing meteorology into focus with modern communications, aviation and revised military science was a little heeded but supremely important assignment, and Commander Reichelderfer made good.

He isn't dealing bulletins the way he used to. The most authentic weather news now is low-down, deep from Sibyl's Cave of the Winds, slipped out quietly to the armed forces and a touchy job it is, with the seven seas to cover. The commander is putting on forced draught the full 24 hours in the old red brick weather building in Washington.

In 1918, the youth from Harlan, Ind., two years out of Northwestern university, newly commissioned ensign in the navy, was sent to Lisbon to dig weather reports for the wobbly crow-hop of the NC-4 across the ocean. Thereafter, joining the aerological service, he was the weather consultant of polar fliers, gave Lindbergh the gun for his historic flight to Paris, cleared or held Dr. Ecker's blimps, served from 1922 to 1928 as head of the aerological service, and became head of the weather bureau on January 16, 1939.

IN ANOTHER, and possibly more enjoyable, century, Cadet Charles M. Wesson, known as "The Bull," was a famous line-bucker at West Point. For 34 years in the ordnance department of the army, he has been bucking congress, trying to break through the line for an appropriation touchdown, and almost always thrown for a loss. But now, as Major General Wesson, chief of ordnance since 1938, he finds his appropriation upped about 1,600 per cent to around \$5,000,000,000.

General Wesson, bulky, muscular and appropriately beetle-browed at 63, has been a glutton for punishment, trying to get goods and gear for the armed forces. But he stands up well under it, with no come-back other than an occasional wry wisecrack. Away back in 1920, he made an earnest plea for anti-aircraft guns, insisting that the bombing effectiveness of planes was increasing rapidly and we would be in a bad way if we didn't keep ahead of it. The general might just as well have asked for caviar and champagne for the daily army ration. It was pretty much that way for the next 20 years. And now, all at once the man who blew in Brewster's Millions is a skin-flint, compared to the general.

He was born in St. Louis, Mo., and was graduated from West Point in 1900.

In 1907, he joined the ordnance department, made good on his job as a hard-working and competent technician and passed quite a few miracles in keeping the U. S. arsenal at Watertown, Mass., kicking out fighting equipment during the World war, with or without congressional appropriations. As commandant of the Aberdeen proving grounds in Maryland, he spent much time explaining to congress why the army found it difficult to patch up old Springfield rifles, or get its shoes half-soled. In some manner or other he gets along with congress.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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WILLKIE AND F. D. R.
Seldom in political history has a President of the United States received such wholesome support on major foreign policy from a defeated candidate as Franklin Roosevelt has received from Wendell Willkie. Few people know how active Willkie has been behind the scenes.

For instance, Willkie has even done some missionary work on Joe Martin, chairman of the Republican National committee and opposition leader of the house. Willkie remains on very friendly terms with his old campaign manager, even though they differed on foreign policy.

Shortly after the congressional vote to repeal the Neutrality act, in which the Republicans nearly defeated Roosevelt, Willkie phoned Joe Martin.

"Joe," he said, "those Republicans who voted against repeal of neutrality are going to have a tough time being re-elected. They're going to find the country is behind Roosevelt on this."

The Republican national chairman replied that he would not only re-elect all the Republicans who voted against Roosevelt, but he would also elect a lot of new Republicans to fill the seats of the Democrats who had voted with Roosevelt.

"Listen," said Willkie, "if you re-elect 80 per cent of those who voted against the President you'll be the greatest political genius of all time."

"And," said Willkie, in telling the story to a friend afterward, "a few days later there was Joe himself voting with Roosevelt for a declaration of war."

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SHIP-BUILDING PROGRAM
The action of the house naval affairs committee in slashing the proposed expansion of our two-ocean navy was due chiefly to shortages of materials and construction equipment.

However, Rear Admiral Samuel Robinson, chief of the bureau of ships, ran into a blunt barrage of questions about the worth of the battleship under modern combat conditions. Committee members sharply suggested that in view of the battleship's record in this war, the navy might be wise to build no more.

Robinson contended that this would be impractical, since the United States needed battleships "if our enemies continue to use them for combat purposes."

"What is your honest private opinion of the battleship?" he was asked. "Do you think this type of ship is worth all the money it costs and the time and labor required to build them?"

"I'm sorry, gentlemen, but it's not my function to answer that question," sidestepped Robinson with a smile. "I'm not a policy man. My job is to build ships after it is decided they are needed. However, I have my own ideas about the battleship."

This drew laughter, and the admiral was pressed no further.

Robinson also was quizzed closely about the high cost of certain vessels which the navy proposed in the expansion program, chiefly an aircraft carrier at an estimated \$85,000,000.

"Higher labor and material costs are the biggest factors," Robinson explained. "For instance, we have a new type of armor plate for our ships which is far stronger than that used by any other nation. It costs \$60 a ton, three times as much as the armor plate we formerly used."

"How about the labor supply?" "We have plenty of labor to carry out our shipbuilding program," Robinson said. "Also plenty of facilities. Getting materials and machine tools is our big problem right now. However, the shortage doesn't amount to a bottleneck. In fact, production is running a little ahead of schedule and will be greatly expedited by next spring."

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CAPITAL CHAFF

The outbreak of the war obscured the incident, but the house ate crow in a big way on its action last summer barring David Lasser, former head of the Workers Alliance, from government employment. After a careful investigation, the appropriations committee completely exonerated Lasser of any Communist affiliations. Representatives John Taber, N. Y., J. W. Ditter, Pa., and Everett Dirksen, Ill., who made the original accusation ducked the committee session when Lasser was cleared.

Puerto Ricans wryly recall that U. S. navy's radio towers at Cayey, 25 miles from San Juan, were dismantled three years ago and sold as scrap iron to the Japanese.

Office of Civilian Defense is preparing a handbook on "What You Can Do For Civilian Defense." Author of the handbook is Eleanor Pierson, wife of Export-Import Bank President Warren Lee Pierson.

Australia's able Minister Richard G. Casey drives about Washington in a British car with a transparent top and right-hand drive.

Apparently not having enough to do with the war, representatives of the Pure Food and Drug administration now ask drug firms the question: "How much business did you do last year?"

Mentioned in Presidential Hint



Russ fishermen at work in the icy waters near Kamchatka, U.S.S.R., the peninsula jutting out from the Siberian mainland to the north of Japan. At a press conference, President Roosevelt hinted that lease-lend aid might even go to Kamchatka. Bright boys looked it up in the atlas, did some figuring, and came forth with the not-too-far-fetched idea that U. S. bombers based on Kamchatka could give the land of the rising sun quite a message.

After British Raid on Nazi Base



This radiophoto shows members of the British Commando force that raided the German base at Vaagsoe, Norway, helping their wounded comrades into one of their invasion barges as they retired from the Norse isle after dynamiting German plants, warehouses, etc., and spiking coastal guns. They practically annihilated the German garrison.

Bad News—For Axis



Prime minister of Great Britain, Winston Churchill, is shown here chatting with President Roosevelt, upon his arrival at the White House. At the right is Capt. John Beardall, White House naval aid. Churchill came to the U. S. for a series of conferences regarding the creation of a unified allied command.

American Troops in Alaska



This soundphoto, which was taken somewhere in the bleak wilds of Alaska, shows United States troops landing at an Alaskan post to man our most northern frontier. These troops have received special training for duty in this bleak outpost, and can be expected to give a good account of themselves against all comers.

On Guard in Hawaii



Soldiers, members of the newly formed Hawaii territorial guard, are pictured on duty at their post at Honolulu radio station KGMB. A bomb, probably intended for the radio station, fell nearby during the sneak Japanese raid December 7.

Confers With Stalin



Sir Anthony Eden, British foreign secretary, shown as he was welcomed on arrival in Moscow for an exhaustive discussion of the war with Premier Josef Stalin.

Defends Canal



Newly appointed deputy commander of the Panama canal department, Maj. Gen. Karl Truesdell (right) pictured upon his arrival at Balboa, Canal Zone. On the left is Brig. Gen. Wallace Phillon, who is chief of staff of the Caribbean defense command.

Heads U. S. Fleet



Admiral Earnest J. King, commander in chief of the United States fleet and in supreme command of all naval operating forces in Atlantic, Pacific and Asiatic waters.

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A General Quiz

- The Questions**
1. What is the mile-high city in the United States?
 2. Why do air travelers have trouble with their fountain pens in higher altitudes?
 3. What country is called Mizraim in the Bible?
 4. During the war with Spain who was commander-in-chief of our forces?
 5. The core of the earth is believed to be composed of what?
 6. What is perique?
 7. When did Benjamin Franklin receive his first airmail letter?

- The Answers**
1. Denver, Colo.
 2. The air in the pen (if pen is but partially full) expands, causing a leakage of ink.
 3. Egypt.
 4. William McKinley.
 5. Nickel and iron.
 6. A strong flavored tobacco.
 7. In 1785, when in France. It was sent from England by balloon.

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