



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK—When we got into the First World War, Hank Gowdy, the ball player, walked into a recruiting station and asked "How the hell does a man get into this war?" They let him in, right on the ground floor, as a private, and that was all there was to it. Eddie Grant of the Giants also walked in, just like that—and got killed at the Argonne. There's a plaque in his honor on the center field fence at the Polo Grounds.

This is beginning to look like a name war, as they might say on Broadway. Without disparagement to the existing celebrities of the theater, sports, and politics, one may note that many of them, innocently, no doubt, march to a fanfare of headlines and outbreaks of chevrons in rotogravure pictures. Conspicuous in contrast is Hugh Mulcahy, former Philadelphia pitcher, moving in with no chevrons and no bands.

This started out to be a piece about an actor of such eminence that we thought word of his enlistment as a private would make a story. When we telephoned him the other morning, he said: "I won't talk and I don't want you to use my name."

That sounded like big news, the same being "anything new, strange or unexpected." We can't use his name, but he was persuaded to talk and here's his story: "The minute I made a move to enlist, my press agent was on hand to shape up a story. I couldn't get it through his head that that wasn't the big idea. This war is grim, desperate, dirty business and it isn't going to be won by hoofers, box-fighters, actors, swing-band leaders, ball players or tennis players who happen to have top-billing in their particular lines."

"They'll help win it, and more power to them, but when they get their usual professional build up, everything gets out of plumb. The big mob is going to get the idea that their favorite supermen will fix everything nicely at the end. That's one trouble with this country. We pay the price of admission and let the main cast of characters work out the plot."

"Showmanship is all right in its place, but in this case it distorts the picture, dangerously, I think. Just take a turn around the New York night spots if you want to get what I mean. The way they rate the boys by their rank, and the way the gossip columnists work, you'd think this war was being readied by Flo Ziegfeld."

"I am enlisting as a private and I expect to be overseas in a combat unit. I am dropping my stage name and using my own, so I expect to be something less than anonymous for a long time to come. If anybody fans up a story about me, it will be over my dead body. I'm no hero. I just want to help win this war."

A DISTINGUISHED landscape architect visions the post-war landscape and sees a jungle that will take a lot of landscaping if we hope to live in it. He is Charles W. Eliot, grandson of the famous president of Harvard, director of the National Resources Planning board at Washington.

Mr. Eliot says we are not "going back to normalcy" and that the chaos following the Axis downfall may be "almost indistinguishable from war." He insists, however, that we will keep on "going forward," and that we "propose to plan ahead."

He began the practice of his profession at Boston, after his graduation from Harvard in 1920. From 1924 through 1926, he was city planner for Arlington, Mass. From 1926 to 1930, he was director of planning for Washington, D. C., and its environs, as a member of the National Park and Planning commission. He has been a member of the National Resources board since 1935.

Mr. Eliot has extended his planning to the wider outreach of social and economic design. As an observer at the League of Nations crisis in 1928, he would perhaps now admit he was standing at a false dawn when he insisted the league was putting recalcitrants in place.

The British Tommy in Kipling's poem did a lot of grousing about "trimmin' the colonel's hedges" after a war. We're in for a much tougher job of trimming, thinks Mr. Eliot—if there is to be any tidy and nicely spaced world after this war.

The Washington MERRY-GO-ROUND

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HOODOOED NORMANDIE

There is not much consolation to be had in connection with the virtual sinking of the S. S. Normandie—except for one thing. The French had gone to a lot of expense to build the giant vessel so that she could be converted to an airplane carrier in wartime. To this end, special funnels were arranged on the side of the deck, to give space for runways; especially large elevators were installed at each end of the ship; and the top deck consisted of the biggest "sports" deck in the world.

However, U. S. naval engineers decided that despite all the French preparations, the Normandie's upper decks were not strong enough to hold a flock of planes. The French had sacrificed reinforcements below, for the purpose of beauty in the passenger salons.

As a troop ship the Normandie was considered useful, but not nearly so useful proportionately as a medium-sized vessel, such as the Manhattan. Reason: big ships draw so much water that they could not efficiently carry troops to Dakar or West African ports. Small boats would be necessary to take soldiers and cargo ashore.

Also the Normandie was too big to get through the Suez canal.

SINKING U. S. TANKERS

The navy is being more hush-hush than usual regarding the sinkings of oil tankers off the Atlantic coast. However, here are a few important facts about the situation which are not military secrets.

First fact is encouraging. The tankers sunk were old, small and slow. All of them were 20 years old or over, and the largest, Standard Oil's India Arrow, was 8,327 tons.

On the surface, this would indicate that oil and gasoline losses on the East coast would not be heavy. However, this is not the case. For all of the big, new American tankers have been taken over by the navy. This was under an arrangement whereby the maritime commission had lent the oil companies around \$800,000 per vessel to build fast modern tankers making 19 knots. This is so fast that they can avoid submarines and also keep up with the fleet.

However, these new tankers, built in co-operation with the navy, are now with the fleet.

Buy Defense Bonds—HEAVY LOSSES

Two other factors indicate the importance of the sinkings on the Atlantic coast. One is an announcement made by the British last week that sinkings for the entire Atlantic, including the East Coast of the United States, had been heavier in January than ever before. The other is the fact that comprehensive rationing of oil and gasoline for the East coast is now a certainty. In other words, oil and tanker losses have been very heavy.

Reason for these losses is easy to understand. It requires no official explanation. As everyone knows, especially the enemy, we had to rush various kinds of shipping to the Pacific to replace the damage done at Pearl Harbor. Also we had a large number of warships busy conveying vessels across the North Atlantic.

Hence we have been caught short-handed on the East coast. Note: Most people don't realize it, but the oil shortage along the Atlantic could be relieved considerably by a curtailment of tank car rates on gasoline and fuel oil. Last fall the rail rates were reduced on crude oil but not on gasoline or fuel oil.

POLITICAL-GO-ROUND

Democratic insiders are predicting that Gov. Herbert Lehman of New York will be persuaded to run for a fourth term this year. Lehman has told party chiefs he doesn't want another term, but they urge him to be a candidate again on the ground of wartime duty. . . . Meanwhile, former District Attorney Tom Dewey is busy behind-the-scenes organizing his political fences for another try at the governorship. This will be the springboard for a second shot at the G.O.P. presidential nomination in 1944.

Wisconsin's Gov. Julius Heil will run for a third term this year to get himself in position to take on isolationist Sen. Alex Wiley when he comes up for re-election in 1944. Both are Republicans, but privately no love is lost between them.

Fiorello LaGuardia's ambition always has been to become a U. S. senator after he steps out as mayor of New York city.

Buy Defense Bonds—MERRY-GO-ROUND

In Trenton, N. J., the giant General Electric company will be tried on charges of monopolistic control of electric light globe patents. It will be one of the most important anti-trust trials in history. If the government wins the case, the effect will have far-reaching consequences on all patent controls.

The treasury department has ordered customs officials to wear black silk neckties with their new uniforms.

Mackenzie King Inspects U. S. Troops



The Right Honorable W. L. Mackenzie King, prime minister of Canada, shown as he inspects troops of the U. S. army, as they stand at attention in front of the peace tower on Parliament hill, in Ottawa. This contingent of American soldiers was in Canada's capital to take part in the ceremonies in connection with the victory loan drive.

New Zealand Prepares to Dish It Out



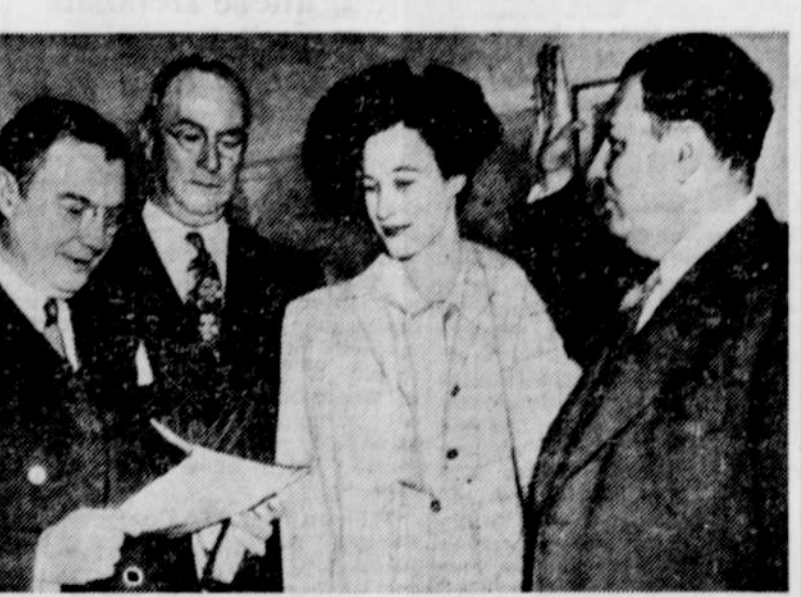
For obvious reasons, the exact location of these trenches in New Zealand can not be given. The island is erecting extensive and effective defenses in readiness for the invading Nipponese.

Seized From Enemy Aliens by FBI



Shown here is some of the material seized by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents in Newark, N. J. The FBI men co-operating with local police seized many enemy aliens in Newark and vicinity. The material includes fire arms, short wave radio sets, photographic equipment and other contraband which should have been turned over to the police. Photographs of Hitler, swastika banners and other pro-Axis items—not exactly contraband—were included in the haul.

Price Czar Is Sworn Into Office



Here Leon Henderson, who will keep the ceiling on prices, is shown taking the oath as price administrator. The President's appointment of Henderson was recently approved by congress. Photo shows, left to right, associate U. S. Supreme Court Justice Robert Jackson administering oath, Donald Nelson, Mrs. Leon Henderson, and Leon Henderson.

On Job Soon



The U. S. destroyer, Shaw, which the Japs announced had been destroyed in Pearl Harbor, will soon be back in service. Equipped with an emergency stub bow and a temporary bridge on the after end of the ship, the Shaw arrived in a West coast port for repairs. Within a few weeks, navy officers said, a new bow and bridge will be fitted to the destroyer and she will be in service again.

Gets High Post



Capt. Oliver Lyttleton, who became minister of state in the new British war cabinet. Lyttleton also succeeded Lord Beaverbrook as minister of production.

Answer
I bought a dozen eggs one day
Each one contained a chick
I went back to the grocer, and
Put up an awful kick:
The grocer tried to smooth it out
Said he, "If you prefer
To have your eggs quite free from
chicks
Just try our goose eggs, sir."

Do You Like Jingle Contests?
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Routine
Two friends, who had not seen each other for several years, met again, unexpectedly, as neighbors in a new suburban place.
"Hello, Bilkins; who are you working for now?" asked Simkins, over the garden fence.
"Same place," was the cheery answer. "A wife and five children."

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Watch Your Kidneys!
Help Them Cleanse the Blood of Harmful Body Waste
Your kidneys are constantly filtering waste matter from the blood stream. But kidneys sometimes lag in their work—do not act as Nature intended—fail to remove impurities that, if retained, may poison the system and upset the whole body machinery.
Symptoms may be nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—a feeling of nervous anxiety and loss of pep and strength.
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