

### Los Angeles Called It a 'Heavy Dew'



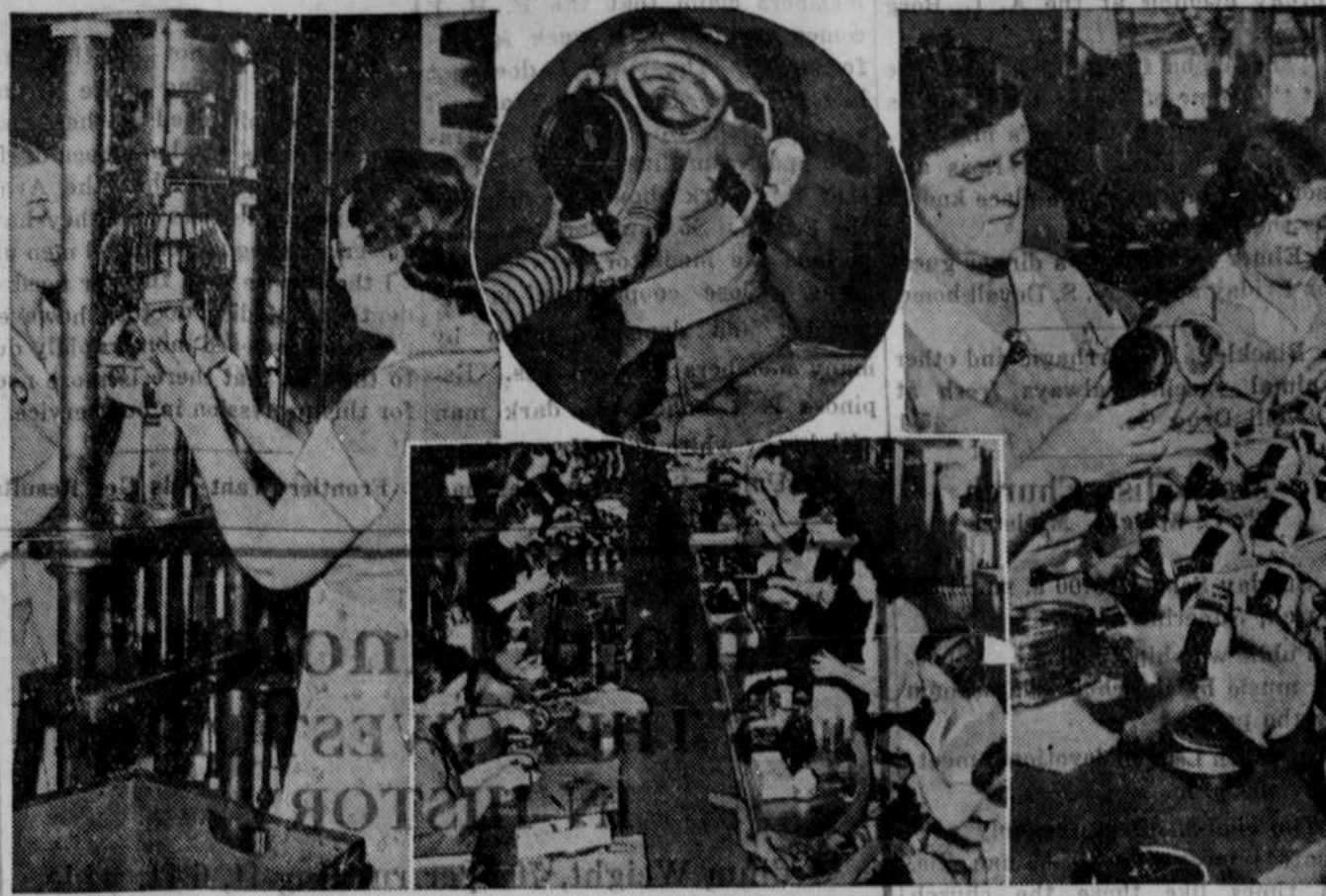
Lashing torrential rains have made this Los Angeles' wettest season in 48 years. The floods undermined and ripped out half of the Santa Fe railroad bridge (shown above) across the Los Angeles river, closing streets and highways with landslides. Hundreds of automobiles were stalled in floodwater.

### End of Search!



Beverly Kirk, seven-year-old Wollaston, Mass., girl, safe in the arms of Charlie Rich, 18, who brought her from the woods in which she was lost for 16 hours during a blinding snowstorm. Beverly was lost when she wandered from the home of relatives. Her warm ski-suit saved her from freezing. She slept under a bush when darkness fell.

### Making Gas Masks for Our Fighting Forces



Although poison gas has not yet been used in the war, government officials are assuming that some day we may be called upon to defend ourselves against gas. So, down at the Edgewood, Md., arsenal men and women are working swiftly to outfit our armed forces with protection against gas. These photos show gas masks in various stages of completion, and a soldier wearing a finished mask.

## Historical Highlights

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### Victims of the Code Duello

ON THE morning of March 20, 1820, two American naval officers stood facing each other in a grassy field near the town of Bladensburg, Md., not far from Washington, D. C. They had been shipmates and friends once but now there was something akin to hatred in their eyes as they looked at each other across the space of eight yards that separated them.

Both men were well above six feet in height. One was about 40 years old, slender and graceful. He was Commodore Stephen Decatur, one of the nation's greatest heroes because of his brilliant exploit in burning the captured frigate Philadelphia as she lay at anchor in the harbor of Tripoli during the war with the Barbary pirates. The other was about 50 years old, broad-shouldered, his hair a little gray at the temples. He was Commodore



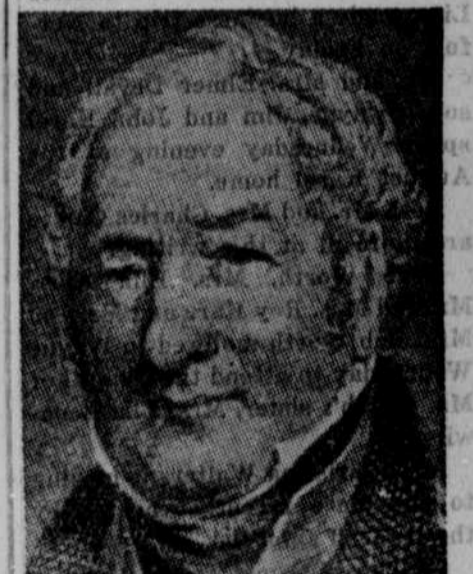
STEPHEN DECATUR

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A trifling incident had caused the first rift in their friendship. Later Decatur was caustic in his criticism of Barron's conduct in the Chesapeake-Leopard affair and in an exchange of letters which followed made so many insulting statements that Barron eventually challenged him to a duel.

So here they were on this March morning meeting on the field of

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honor." Their friend, Commodore Richard Bainbridge, was to give the words of command—"Fire—one—two—three." Neither man was to fire before the word "one" or after "three."

"Gentlemen, to your places." "Take aim!" Decatur leveled his pistol at Barron's waistline and his adversary pointed his weapon at Decatur's hip.

"Fire—one or two pistols sounded as one and both men dropped to the ground.

They brought a carriage to bear Decatur back to Washington. There was no vehicle ready for Barron and Decatur insisted that his opponent be taken with him. But there wasn't room for both. As they lifted the young officer into the carriage, Barron called to him, "God bless you, Decatur."

"Farewell, farewell, Barron!" he replied as the carriage rolled away. That was the last time he ever heard Decatur's voice for the gallant young officer, after suffering intense agony all day, died that night. Barron recovered from his wound and lived to be 83 years old, the last of his generation in the navy.

### A Cloud on His Name.

"James Barron, who had for years been 'Barron of the Chesapeake' now bore the odium of having killed the nation's most popular hero," writes William Oliver Stevens in the chapter, "The Two Commodores" in his book "Pistols at Ten Paces" (published recently by the Houghton Mifflin company) upon which this account of the famous duel is based. "To this day the cloud still hangs over his name. He is still 'The Man Who Killed Decatur.'"

### 'Steady' Jobs—30 Years in Congress



Vice President Henry Wallace congratulates Rep. Robert Doughton of North Carolina, and Sen. Pat Harrison of Mississippi as they celebrated their thirtieth year in congress. Left to right, Vice President Wallace, Representative Doughton and Sen. Pat Harrison.

### In Royal Navy



Britain's women help the navy in the less dangerous tasks. Here is Miss Mackenzie-Grive, superintendent of the women's naval service, at her desk in London.

### Iraq Oil—Goal of Nazi Spring Drive?



Left: An Iraq native gazes across at the Mosul wells of British-controlled Iraq, which some experts say will be one of three goals Adolf Hitler will attempt to reach this spring. Right: British troops guarding oil lines which pipe oil from the Mosul wells. Insert: Iraq's position on the map.

### Radio Stations Adopt New Wave Lengths

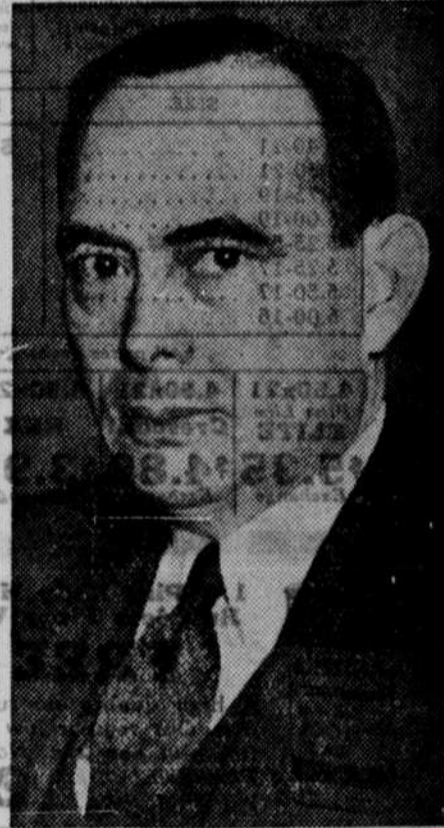
#### Changes of Channel Assignments

Present Frequency	New Frequency	Present Frequency	New Frequency	Present Frequency	New Frequency
Below 730 unchanged	1000	1040	1250	1280	1280
740	750	1010	1040	1260	1290
750	760	1020	1050	1270	1300
760	770	1030	1060	1280	1310
770	780 or 1110	1040	1070	1290	1320
780	790	1050	1080	1300	1330
790	810	1060	1090	1310	1340
800	820	1070	1100	1320	1350
810	830	1080	1110	1330	1360
820	840	1090	1120	1340	1370
830	850	1100	1130	1350	1380
840	860	1110	1140	1360	1390
850	870	1120	1150	1370	1400
860	880	1130	1160	1380	1410
870	890	1140	1170 or 1170	1390	1420
880	910	1150	1180	1400	1430
890	920	1160	1190 or 1190	1410	1440
900	930	1170	1200	1420	1450
910	940	1180	1210 or 1200	1430	1460
920	950	1190	1220	1440	1470
930	960	1200	1230	1450	1480
940	970	1210	1240	1460	1490
950	980	1220	1250	1470	1500
960	1000	1230	1260	1480	1510
970	1020	1240	1270	1490	1520
980	1040	1250	1280	1500	1530
990	1060	1260	1290	1510	1540

\*Not assigned in U. S. Some changes in individual cases not in accordance with the above change of channels have been made to avoid interference on adjacent channels or other considerations.

Far-reaching changes in radio broadcasting on the North American continent will become effective March 29, when 1,200 standard broadcasting stations will receive new wave length assignments from the government. New wave lengths for favorite stations can be quickly determined by consulting the chart shown above. New positions, in all but a few cases, will be directly opposite column headed "Present Frequency."

### To Resign?



The Republican National committee will meet in Washington, D. C., March 24, when Chairman Joseph W. Martin Jr. (above) plans to hand in his resignation. Wendell Willkie has asked Martin not to resign, to avoid a factional struggle.

### Yankee Sailors Take Over in Bermuda



Yankee sailors arrive ashore at Hamilton, Bermuda, landing from the U. S. Destroyer Belknap. This scene reflects the nautical atmosphere of the Bermudas, where the government has secured one twelfth of the land for new air and naval bases. An American cargo-passenger ship is in the background.

### Inspect Defenses



Members of the house military affairs committee have been inspecting Uncle Sam's new war weapons at the Aberdeen, Md., proving grounds. Here they are, with war department officials, inspecting a 90 mm. anti-aircraft gun.

### Izaak Walton League Convention



Wildlife conservation will be the principal topic of discussion at the Izaak Walton league convention in Washington March 27-29. Above are pictured a few of the conservation activities carried on by the league in the interest of preserving America's woods, waters and wildlife. President Tappan Gregory (inset) will preside at the convention. The organization has chapters in 35 states.

### Chemurgy



Greater industrial use of farm products will be the topic of the National Farm Chemurgic council meet in Chicago March 26-28. Wheeler McMillen (above) will preside.

### 300% Production at This Cow Foundry



Since everybody seems to be stepping up production these days, Maisie gave birth to triplet calves at the Lindenhurst, L. I., milk foundry, where she works. This is believed to be the first time bovine triplets have survived in the East. Maisie is shown satisfying the hunger of her brood while she nonchalantly tongues some food.

### Channel Watch



A stormy sky over the English channel forms the background for this German sentry on the French channel coast, where another "Siegfried line" is building.