

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—Heroes are almost necessarily young these days. Hence the more news in the stand of Edouard Herriot and Jules Jeanneney against a Petain, which means against Hitler, and for France. M. Herriot is 70 and M. Jeanneney is 78. There is an old proverb, "A wise old man's word is worth more than a young bizzard's sword."

M. Jeanneney is president of the senate and M. Herriot president of the chamber of deputies, in the overthrown parliament which still lives in the hearts of true Frenchmen. They were big news in 1934 and 1935, when they were not implicated in the fateful Stavisky pawn shop scandal, precursor of the inside job which delivered La Belle France, roped and hog-tied to Hitler.

Stavisky might have been Mark Twain's "Man Who Corrupted Hadleyburg." Smeared were Chautemps, Laval, Flaudin, Tardieu, Daladier and pretty nearly every top-hole politician in France, but not these old-timers, who long before had proven both their honesty and loyalty to the republic. "If there were one honest man among you I would have saved you," France may invoke Scripture and remind the world that she came through with two.

The bullet-headed, bull-necked, pompadoured Herriot, former pedagogue and for 25 years mayor of Lyons, was long known as the Theodore Roosevelt of France, supercharged with energy.

He won the premiership in June, 1934, and he and his cabinet of radical Socialists held power until the following April. Then as later the radical Socialist party was full of termites and included in its leadership many of the men who later supervised the moral and political collapse of their country. From then, Herriot was an outsider.

He rose again in 1933 defeating, appropriately, the Tardieu-Laval faction. French politics, in those years, was no place for an honest man and he soon was on the sidelines again. He belongs in the picture of staunch bourgeois liberalism.

Jules Jeanneney, long a bearded patriarch, is an old-school politician who, like M. Herriot, made his political career in the provinces. Several times he narrowly missed being president of France.

SOME people were talking the other night about econometrics, ecology, geo-politik, and logistics. We asked one of them how about it and he said: "I'm a stranger here myself." That goes for a lot of us these days, with new names and events outrunning both dictionaries and encyclopedias. Our fat and conservative old dictionary doesn't list econometrics, but here it is, on the financial page, thoroughly respectable.

The news is that Jacob Baker, formerly Harry Hopkins' right-hand man, down among the alphabetical folk at Washington, has been elected vice president of the Institute of Applied Econometrics, Inc. As we get it, after asking many innocent bystanders, econometrics has to do with teaming statistics and economic theory, in mutual aid, by which the statistics take on meaning and the theory becomes possibly provable or plausible.

Within the last four days we have pegged news stories touching on all of the above four new bright facets of dinner-table talk. They have to do with post-war reconstruction. Whatever happens, we'll have a word for it.

Mr. Baker was born and reared in Colorado, was graduated from the Colorado Agricultural college and the University of California school of engineering, found plenty of adventure as a mine manager in Mexican hot spots, and started his Chicago career in the service of oil, utility and engineering firms.

He is genial and baldish, casually dressed, usually smoking a pipe, and is the last man you would pick for such precision and incisiveness as his new title would suggest. We used to meet him at singing parties, a few years ago, at which he was Jake Baker, quite unlike the Jacob Baker of the consulting engineering firm of House, Baker and Associates of Chicago. He was a good catch-as-catch-can close-harmony singer and everything about him was at variance with his career of zig-zag price charts, co-efficients of expansions, torques and obsolescence.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

Effectiveness of Bombing Nazi Supply Lines . . . Yank Fighter Planes Can Take It . . .

WASHINGTON.—If the air enthusiasts are right—and there is a very strong probability that they are—hundreds of thousands of lives could be saved by prosecuting the war along the line of their plans instead of "fighting the Boer war over again."

The point is that everyone now gives lip service to Gen. William Mitchell, but actually most of the admirals and generals are still thinking in terms of World War No. 1, if not Civil war strategy.

It would be libelous to print what the generals and admirals say privately about Alexander de Seversky. But De Seversky MAY be right. Any such idea as crushing Germany by air power is resisted mostly by three points to which the admirals and generals cling. One is that the airplane cannot conquer anything—ground troops must move up to occupy. The second is that the bombing of London did not reduce Britain. It only made her fight harder. The third is that Madrid did not fall despite the terrific air raids, which is generally linked with the more recent development that General Field Marshal Erwin Rommel seems to have done pretty well, on the whole, in North Africa, despite United Nations superiority in the air.

The air enthusiasts contend that none of these points is valid in the immediate problem of crushing Germany. The Nazis are now fighting Russia, they point out, with a supply line extending up to 1,500 miles. Tremendous air power, exerted against that supply line, in addition to bombing the factories in western Europe which are producing its materials, would soon be of far more help to Russia than any imaginable second front.

Nazis Admit Helplessness
The Germans are admitting to their own people that they cannot properly resist or properly retaliate against Britain for the present raids against Germany. This is an admission that at the moment the Nazis do not have enough bombing and fighting planes for their campaign in both East and West, not to mention Africa.

The air enthusiasts say that rapidly increasing air strength in the West would soon make a shambles of Germany's production centers, and that there is no better target for precision bombing than a railroad bridge. Or a highway bridge for that matter. The Flying Fortresses have demonstrated what they can do with precision bombing.

It is contended by the British that the Flying Fortresses do not have enough range, or enough carrying power as compared with their own big bombers. The air enthusiasts, though not agreeing that this is sound criticism, point out that the big United States bombers can attend to the northern France and Western Germany objectives, and thus free the longer range and heavier explosive load-carrying British bombers to handle eastern Germany and the supply lines to the Nazi armies fighting in Russia.

Opinions of Aviation Experts On Various Nations' Planes

Here is the careful conclusion of aviation experts on the merits of airplanes of the warring nations: The British have the best fighter in the world—the Spitfire. It is considerably superior to the latest improved Nazi fighters, which, however, are better than the United States fighters. The Jap Zero fighter is also superior in maneuverability and altitude possibility to the United States fighter planes. BUT—these "inferior" United States fighters invariably, up to now, have destroyed more enemy planes than they have lost. More of that later.

The United States medium bomber, the type used in the attack on Tokyo—a two-engine job—is greatly superior to anything comparable made by any nation in the world.

The very large bombers, including the Flying Fortress, have the critics arguing with each other. The British critics—not official army people, but editors of aviation magazines, etc.—insist that they are not as useful as the big British bombers. They are compared with big bombers which carry a much larger load of explosive, and can fly much farther with that load.

PREPAREDNESS by the AMERICAN RED CROSS

ASSISTANCE to members of the nation's fighting forces and their dependents is the primary duty of the Red Cross.

This obligation is set forth in the charter granted the American Red Cross by congress in 1905, and in the army and navy regulations. It is also stated in the present selective service regulations, which require all draft boards to refer questions concerning the welfare of selectees and their dependents after induction to the Red Cross.

Red Cross help to service men and their dependents takes two forms: In every army camp and with every American fighting unit anywhere a Red Cross field director is on the job. His duty is to help the service man with his problems and relieve him of worry over them.

In nearly every county in the United States is a local Red Cross chapter, with a home service worker. Its job is to help the service man's dependents, and relieve them, too, of worry and need.

Assistance to members of the armed forces may take the form of advising them or their dependents on government life insurance, allotments or pensions, and of helping them in filling out the necessary application forms.

The Red Cross may even help members of the service man's family in getting employment, emergency medical treatment, or it may grant them money to tide the family over until an allotment is actually received from the government.

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ASK ME ANOTHER? A General Quiz

The Questions

- 1. What is the distance from home plate to first base on a regulation baseball diamond?
2. What is the Saorstat Eireann?
3. What does the word "pizzicato" mean to a violinist?
4. How many active volcanoes are there on the island of Hawaii?
5. Are any baseballs stitched by machine?
6. What is a scallion?
7. What sea is sometimes referred to as the Gulf of Venice?
8. What officer normally has command of a regiment?
9. If a boat is jury-rigged, it is rigged for what?
10. Has any vessel in the U. S. navy ever been named for a woman?

The Answers

- 1. Ninety feet.
2. The Irish Free State.
3. Pluck the strings.
4. Two, Kilauea and Mauna.
5. Seams in baseballs are sewed by hand. No machine has ever been invented to sew them satisfactorily.
6. An onion.
7. Adriatic sea.
8. A colonel.
9. Temporary use.
10. The only vessel in the United States navy to be named for a woman was the USS Harriet Lane. It was the flagship of Admiral David Porter during the Civil war and Miss Lane was the niece and official hostess of President Buchanan.

Uncle Phil Says:

An Unnatural Liking
Success is attained not by doing the things we like, but by liking the things we have to do.

If a man doesn't know anything, he will tell you all about it at great length.

Perhaps the reason romance lasted longer in the old days was because the bride looked the same after washing her face.

When one will not, two cannot quarrel.

Pleasant Wishing
It is more consoling to wish that one were as young as those who value the ephemeral enjoyments of youth than to look contemptuously on youth that overestimates them.

If you wait too long for something to turn up, it may be your toes.

If you want to leave footprints on the sands of time you must have plenty of sand.



Slight Error
"I have a beautiful home overlooking a private lake."
"Why, I was out to your place and I didn't see a lake."
"Hmm—er, well, that's what I overlooked."

Epitomized
The war department, in "Behind Your Army," reports the plight of a sweetheart whose soldier was somewhere in the Pacific area. She tore open his letter to find inside this typed slip: "Your boy friend still loves you. But he talks too much." It was signed, "Censor."

Still a Minority
"Say, Bill. You didn't marry that girl back home while you were on vacation, did you?"
"Almost, Joe. Two of us were willing—me and the minister."

That Also
Gob—Do you dance?
Date—Oh, yes, I love to.
Gob—Well, then let's love.

Keen Competition
Wife—The new nurse is very scientific. She never lets anyone kiss the baby when she is around.
Husband—Who would want to?

Ah, Why?
The minister was trying to teach the significance of "white" to a Bible school class. "Why," he said, "does a bride invariably desire to be clothed in white for her marriage?"
As no one answered, he explained: "White stands for joy, and the wedding day is the most joyful occasion of a woman's life."
A small boy queried: "Why do the men wear black?"

Some Comfort
Winston Churchill, the story goes, was walking through the ruins of some blitzed streets when an old woman greeted him. The prime minister asked her how she felt after the night of bombing. "Well, there's one thing about these air raids," she replied cheerfully, "they do take your mind off the war."

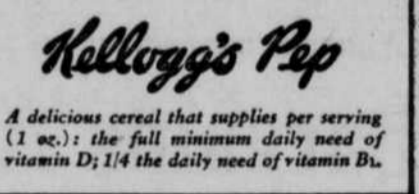
Aggravated Fellow Didn't Tell All, It Seems

"Going far?" asked the chatty little man in the club car as the open fields began to whisk by the train windows.
"Only to Pittsburgh," replied the grouchy, who had been in Washington filling out questionnaires. "I'm in the steel brace business. My age is 53. I am married. My name is Henry Smith. I have a son 22 in the field artillery. And a niece with red hair. I shoot around 89 in golf. Is there anything else I can tell you?"
"Yes," replied the chatty little man amiably. "What oil do you use for your tongue?"

J. Fuller Pep By JERRY LINK



I been readin' about some of these divorces and it seems to me husbands are like automobiles. If you take good care of them, you don't have to keep getting new ones all the time.
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