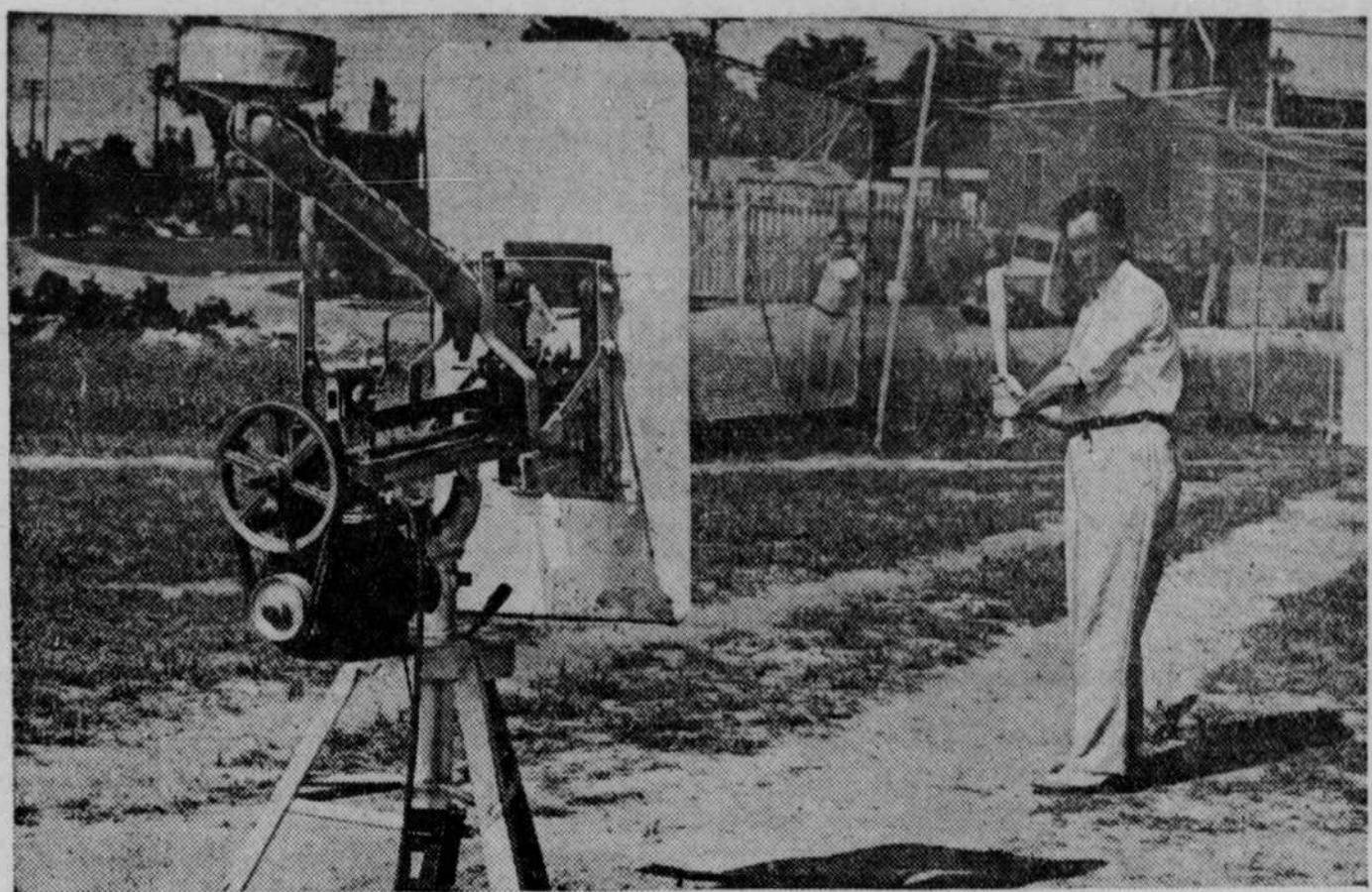


Mechanical Pitcher Throws Only Strikes



Byron Moser, a St. Louis banker with mechanical in clinations, tries out the mechanical pitcher he has built. It pitches four balls a minute, each of which is a strike. The speed and height of the ball can be regulated.

Marathon Golfer Wins Farm



J. Smith Ferebee, young Chicago broker who achieved the amazing feat of shooting 144 holes of golf in 15 hours and thereby winning sole title to a \$30,000 Virginia plantation and a number of cash bets. Ferebee played the four 18-hole courses at Olympia Fields twice, averaging under 91 per round. The bet that resulted in the one-man golf marathon was made with Ferebee's partner, another Chicago broker, who was joint owner of the plantation.

MEMORIAL TO MOTHERS



Commissioned by the boys and girls of Ashland, Pa., in memory of their mothers, this monument was designed by Emil Siebern. The statue, which is twice life size, will be dedicated in September. The money for building the statue was raised by popular subscription among the children of Ashland, who contributed their spending money and sums earned at odd jobs for the sculpturing and construction.

Jap-Russ War—G.O.P. Principles—Medical Trust?



1—Warfare on the Siberian-Manchurian frontier has resulted in bloody encounters between the armies of Japan and Soviet Russia. Soldiers of the Mikado such as these have engaged the Red forces. 2—Formulation of principles for the guidance of the Republican party are discussed at a Chicago meeting of the program committee, of which Dr. Glenn Frank, left, John D. M. Hamilton and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., are members. 3—Dr. Irvin Abel, president of the American Medical association, now the target of a U. S. department of justice investigation to determine whether "organized medicine" has violated antitrust laws in opposing co-operative health societies.



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—When Sir Walter Runciman was here in 1937, it was reported that he was trying to persuade Washington to lend money to Germany, to soothe the Hitler and make him stop frightening England. That may or may not have been his mission, but as a master of the old credit-and-raw-materials squeeze play, he works that way, and, now, as Viscount Runciman, he is deep in the Downing Street strategy which swings these two cudgels of empire. Prime Minister Chamberlain appointed him as mediator in the Czechoslovak-Sudeten German negotiations, but the Czechs toned that down to adviser.

Viscount Runciman has been a silent ally of Viscount Halifax in the quiet, glacial-pressure advance of the four-power bloc scheme for a European coalition and the final and complete isolation of Russia.

It was reported from London, unverified so far as this writer knows, that it was he who put over a fast credit double-play with France and Italy, the moment the Daladier government came in, and he has been tagged as the man who deploys the empire's financial resources in the diplomatic chess game.

His father was a ruddy old sea dog who sang chanteys, a cabin boy who became a shipping czar and a baronet. Viscount Runciman is a pallid, tight-lipped little man, a total abstainer, a former Sunday School teacher, and a faithful chapel-goer.

As president of the British board of trade, he made concessions in empire free trade, but he is a protectionist of the Chamberlain tradition. Like many men of small stature, he has the Napoleonic psychosis, writing books about Napoleon and hoarding memorabilia.

THIS writer has heard from several assured but not necessarily authoritative sources that Tullio Serafin would succeed Edward Johnson as manager of the Metropolitan Opera. Signor Serafin has been highly esteemed here for his musicianship, but all was well between him and the Metropolitan management when he returned to Rome in 1935, after a number of years as Italian conductor here.

"The Metropolitan has not kept pace with the artistic progress of the modern stage," he said, on his arrival in Rome. "The way opera is put on at the Metropolitan is ridiculous. . . The great fault with the Metropolitan is the little encouragement it is giving to its latent talent."

The Metropolitan reply held that Signor Serafin was really thinking about money rather than art. In the season '32-'33, he had a fair subsistence wage of \$58,200 for the season. This had been worked down to \$34,000 the year he left.

He did indicate that he thought that was pretty shabby pay for an ace conductor, but insisted his criticism was directed solely at artistic shortcomings.

Several years ago, the Metropolitan was intent on national self-sufficiency in music.

Home Talent For Opera No Bargain

That hasn't quite come off, and there have been the usual number of importations. It will be interesting if it brings in not only a European manager, but one who is its sharpest critic.

Among music lovers of this writer's acquaintance, there seems to be great indifference about where the singers come from as long as they are good. They insist that music, above all, must be free from the sharply nationalistic trends of the day.

As a lad, Tullio Serafin laid down a shepherd's crook for a baton. Tending the sheep near Cavazere on the Venetian mainland, he used to walk several miles to town on Saturday night, at the age of ten, to conduct the village band. He attended the conservatory at Milan and was a full-fledged conductor in his early youth.

At La Scala, in Milan, he was assistant conductor under Gatti-Casazza. He became one of the most widely known and popular conductors in Europe.

A staunch supporter of the Fascist regime from its outset, he has been conductor of the Royal Opera at Rome since his departure from New York. He was replaced here by Ettore Panizza.

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BABE'S RIVAL



Threatening to surpass the great Babe Ruth's record of 60 home runs set in 1927, Hank Greenberg, the slugging Detroit Tigers' first baseman, is already well ahead of the pace set by the Babe in the year of his greatest glory.

Typical American Girl



Meet Miss Frances Donelon who has been chosen as the "Typical American Girl" following a nation-wide poll on the ten most beautiful and popular artists' and photographers' models. She is shown relaxing on the sands at Atlantic City.

SWIMS BALTIC



Jenny Kammergaard, nineteen-year-old Danish swimming star who entered the Baltic sea at Gedser, South Denmark, and swam a 37-mile route to Heinhagen, Germany, in 40 hours and 9 minutes. She is believed to be the first to accomplish this difficult feat. The young swimmer has been an aquatic enthusiast almost from infancy.

Temperance Women in Conclave



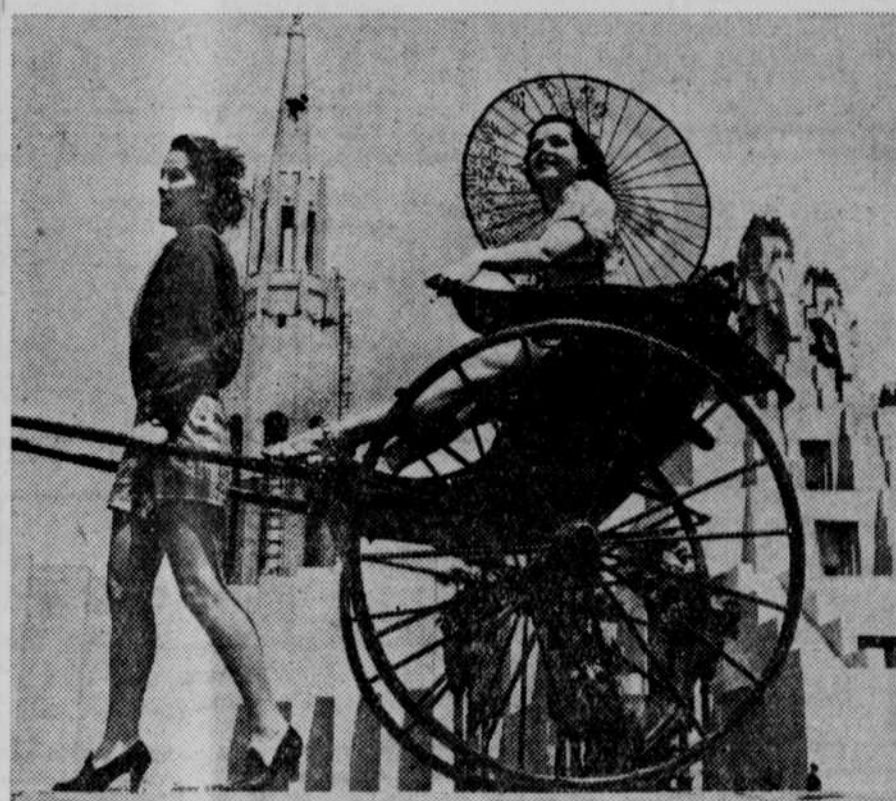
Greeting National President Mrs. Ida B. Wise Smith (left) of the Women's Christian Temperance union as she arrived in San Francisco for the annual convention of the organization is Mrs. Louise J. Taft, state president for California.

Gloucester Fishing Craft Aground on Rocks



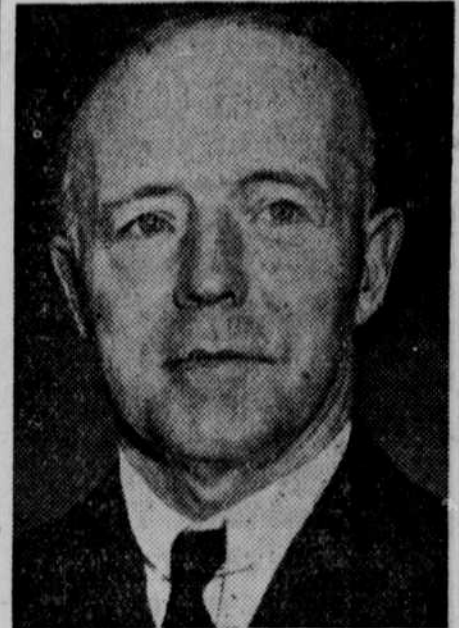
Ripped by jagged rocks where she ran aground off Gloucester, Mass., the 100-foot fishing seiner, Uncle Sam, was pronounced a total loss by coast guardsmen after being abandoned by her captain and crew. Nearly 50,000 pounds of fresh mackerel was dumped into the sea to lighten the boat in an effort to save it.

Travel in Fair Style



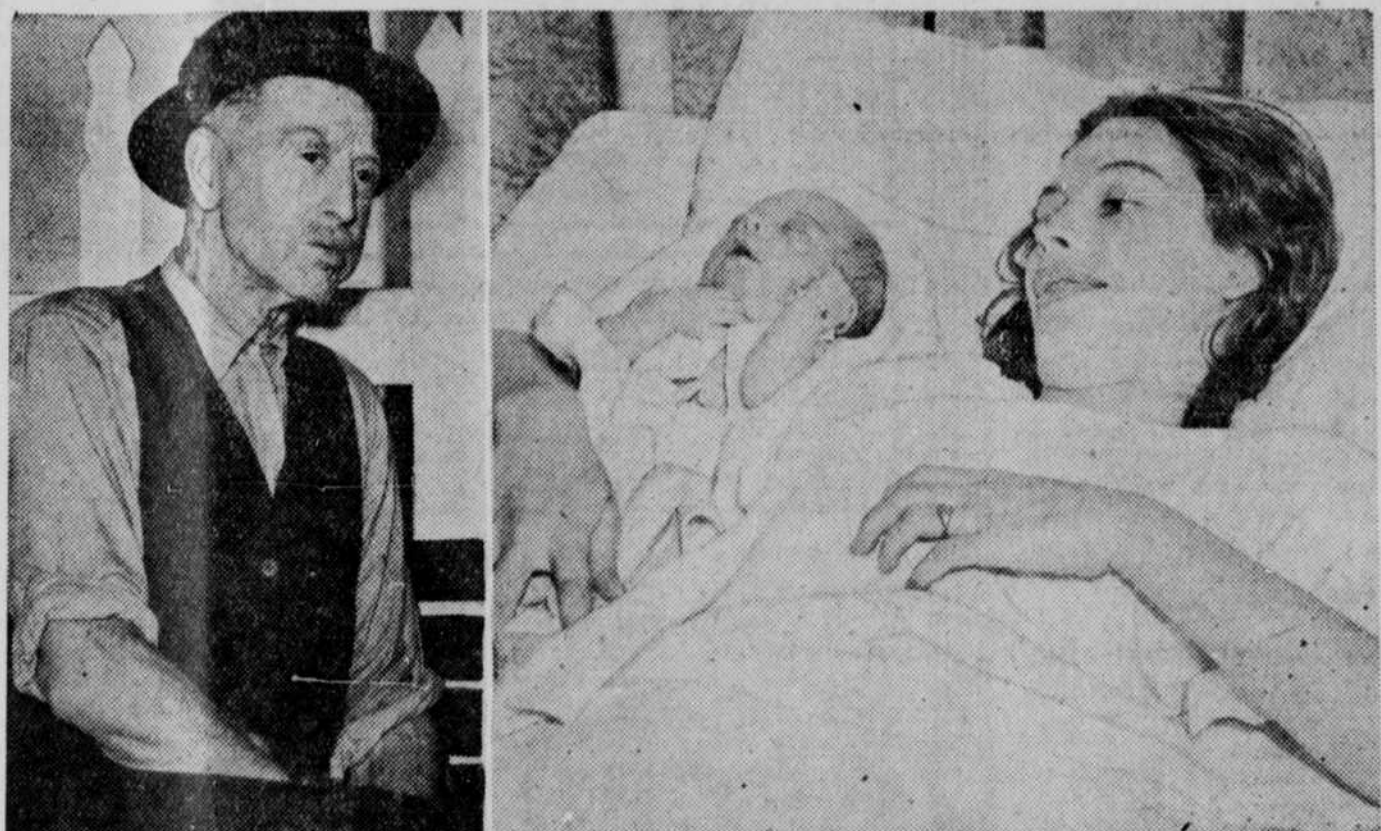
Sitting pretty in the ricksha is Zoe Dell Lantis, model for the 1939 Golden Gate International exposition at San Francisco, Calif., as Ruth Peterson, another exposition beauty, takes her for a spin around Treasure Island, site of the world's fair of the West.

CZECH MEDIATOR



Viscount Runciman, former president of the British Board of Trade, who as an official mediator is attempting to avert an open break between Germany and Czechoslovakia over the Sudeten problem. The British emissary has urged the Czech government to make further concessions to the Sudeten German population.

82-Year-Old Watchman Father of 26th Child



George Boarman, eighty-two-year-old Washington, D. C., watchman, with his twenty-one-year-old wife and their newly born son. Mr. Boarman, who has been married three times, is the father of 25 other children, 11 of whom are living.