NATIONAL **AFFAIRS**

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

"Overage" destroyers raise question of keeping U.S. navy up to date ... Guarded talk shows Administration holds ban on Japanese silk as reserve weapon.

(Bell Syndicate-WNU Service.)

WASHINGTON -There has been so much talk about "overage" destroyers, and so much about the necessity of "capacity" to build as being more important than actual ships or planes, on the theory that the actual fighting craft might soon become obsolete, whereas the capacity to produce them would lend itself to improvements in construction, that a little study should be given, before the next armistice, to what course should be followed when the shooting stops.

The keels of 97 of these much talked about "overage" destroyers were laid AFTER the armistice of November, 1918! They cost the government \$181,000,000.

Now everyone at the time, if anyone had stopped to think, knew that was a foolish thing for the government to do. Actually it was against the old practice of the navy department. It was only a few years be- and fore that happened that the navy had | The calorie condelayed awarding contracts for new battleships for several years in or- little higher beder to take every possible advantage of newest developments.

But the point here is that the naval officers responsible for this delay—the same men who permitted the laying of the keels of 97 unnecessary destroyers after November, 1918-knew perfectly well that the destroyers they were permitting to be built were headed for storage in grease, and nothing else.

RESTRICTED CONSTRUCTION Their mere presence, in grease, in the years that followed prevented the navy from getting modern de-

And notice that at the time all this post-war construction was rushed through, there was not the slightest notion that an arms conference was coming which would stop new construction and freeze navies at come until the winter of 1921-22, though quite possibly the greatly

other nations the more willing to stop the armament race. But few naval officers have ever thought anything except that the arms conference was a disaster for America! Which again does not attribute wisdom to that feverish post-

added strength of the U.S. navy

war construction. So it is to be hoped that at the close of THIS war a more sane policy will prevail as to the use of the enormous capacity we will have on our hands for the construction of both ships and planes.

U. S. THREATENS

SILK IMPORT BAN

The most significant thing in our foreign relations at present is not the nature of the repercussions from the menace to Germany and Italy in President Roosevelt's address to congress, but a much less publicized activity of the government regarding restricting or banning imports of silk from Japan.

Publicity about this is perhaps even more interesting than the threat itself. No one is shouting it from the housetops, but apparently 3 tablespoons vinegar every government official involved, 2 tablespoons French dressing (prefrom the White House down to the humblest clerk in the department of commerce, is under orders to say practically the same thing. That same thing is, boiled down, that there is no economic necessity for restricting or banning imports of silk at this time-that such an action would be purely POLITICAL.

In short, the administration wants Japan to know that this governmen: has had the banning of silk imports apple and grated carrot. Mix brown under serious consideration; wants sugar, vinegar and French dress-Japan to know that there is no eco- ing and pour over salad. Toss lightnomic reason why this should be- ly, until dressing is thoroughly come a necessity, but that some POLITICAL motive might bring it about overnight!

If Japan should attack the Dutch East Indies, for example, that just MIGHT be the spark that would start the ban against silk imports.

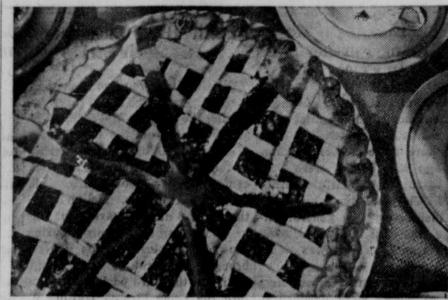
'INFLUENCE' JAPAN

The hope of the administration, incidentally, is not to crush Japan economically, but to detach Japan, partly by blandishments but mostly by threats, from the Nazi-Fascist

Which brings us down to the question of just how seriously the sudden stoppage of silk shipments to the United States would affect Japan. From the ordinary business standpoint, the blow would be terrific. Japan's sales of silk to this country are far and away her best source of the exchange she needs so badly

to pay for imports she must make. But, once the step were taken, the United States would lose its chief weapon for keeping Japan in line. Japan then would have nothing more to suffer from any further economic step by the United States.





MID-WINTER MENUS (See Recipes Below)

system for your menus, or you may | minutes. jot down your meal ideas and slip them into a recipe box. Either way, the chances are that mid-winter finds you in the market for some fresh and workable ideas for what to feed the family.

First and foremost, you will want your winter menus to be warming

heartening. tent may be a supply heat and plump. because the cold stimulates us to more activity. Vitamin suppliers need to be care-

fully watched. With your garden adrift with snow, not so many fresh vegetables and fruits will find their way to your table without a special effort on your part.

Even if fresh peas, green beans and vine-ripened tomatoes are out of reach, almost any market boasts whole bins filled with apples, sweet potatoes, cabbage and carrots-all of them potent sources of vitamins. Plenty of grapefruit, oranges and tomato juice will help to replace the fresh tomatoes.

But now for the menus! Two are dinners-one built around a fragrant, red-brown dish of Hungarian goulash served with plenty of hot buttered noodles; the other, sausages caused by this construction made baked under a covering of Yorkshire pudding. The third meal is a hot soup luncheon.

Hungarian Goulash Buttered Noodles Salad Bowl (spinach, carrot, raw cauliflower) Brazil Nut Cherry Pie Coffee

> Yorkshire Sausages Canned Green Beans with Mustard Butter Sauce Whole Carrots Red Cabbage Salad Honey Spice Cake

Tomato Chicken Soup Swiss Cheese Sandwiches Grapefruit and Apple Salad Frosted Ginger Bars Tea Milk

Red Cabbage Salad. (Serves 5 to 6) 2 cups red cabbage (shredded fine) 3 tart, red cooking apples (un-

peeled) (diced) 1 cup grated carrot

4 tablespoons brown sugar

pared) Buy a small, solid young head of red cabbage, one with thin, tender

leaves. Remove core, and shred very fine. Place shredded cabbage in ice water for minutes to crisp it. Combine

cabbage, diced mixed with salad.

Hungarian Goulash

(Serves 4 to 5) 11/2 pounds beef round (cubed) 3 tablespoons fat 3 beef bouillon cubes 3 cups hot water 1/2 clove garlic

1/2 bay leaf 1/2 teaspoon salt Few grains cayenne pepper 2 cups cubed potatoes 11/2 tablespoons butter

11/2 tablespoons flour 1 tablespoon paprika

1 cup canned tomatoes (sieved) Have beef cut in 11/2-inch cubes. Brown on all sides in hot fat, then add bouillon cubes dissolved in hot water. Add garlic, bay leaf, salt and cayenne pepper and simmer the mixture for 2 hours. Remove garlic and bay leaf, and add potatoes cut in 1/2-inch cubes. Cook 30 minutes, then remove 4 cup of broth from pan and cool. Combine with melted butter, flour, and paprika and blend into a smooth paste. Add to goulash, stirring constantly;

cook until thick, about 5 minutes. Add

You may have a mental filing | sieved tomato and cook 10 more

Brazil Nut Cherry Pie. (Makes 1 9-inch pie) 21/2 cups sour, red cherries

(canned) 1 cup cherry juice

3 tablespoons cornstarch 1 cup sugar

1 tablespoon butter

1/2 cup sliced Brazil nuts Drain cherries, and set aside the juice. Blend cornstarch and sugar in a saucepan; add cherry juice. Place over heat and cook, stirring constantly until thickened, about 3 minutes. Remove from the heat, add drained cherries, butter and Brazil nuts. Pour the filling into a 9-inch pie plate lined with pastry. Moisten the edge of the pie with cold water; arrange lattice of pastry strips across pie. Press down rim with fork. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) 15 minutes. then in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for 30 minutes.

Honey Spice Cake. 3 cups sifted cake flour 3 teaspoons baking powder 1/2 teaspoon salt 1/2 teaspoon soda 11/2 teaspoons cinnamon ½ teaspoon cloves

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg 34 cup butter or other shortening 1/2 cup sugar

2 egg yolks, well beaten 1/2 cup chopped nut meats 1 teaspoon vanilla 34 cup water

2 egg whites (stiffly beaten) Sift cake flour once, add baking powder, salt, soda, and spices and sift together three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add sugar, and cream together until light and fluffy. Add honey gradually. Beat after each addition. Add egg yolks, nuts, and vanilla; beat well. Add flour. alternately with water, a small amount at a time. Beat after each addition until smooth. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in a paperinches) in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 50 minutes.

Tomato Chicken Soup. (Serves 6)

2 tablespoons onion (finely chopped) 1 tablespoon butter 2 No. 1 cans con-



No. 1 can consoup 11/2 cups water

11/4 cups light cream or milk 1/4 teaspoon salt

1/2 teaspoon white pepper white pepper. Stir thoroughly and heat to serving temperature.

Apricot Sweet Potatoes. (Serves 6) 6 medium-sized sweet potatoes

1/2 pound dried apricots 34 cup water 34 cup sugar

1/2 teaspoon salt Peel sweet potatoes and cook in boiling salted water (1 teaspoon per quart) until tender, about 35 minsoak for 30 minutes. Then simmer until tender, about 25 minutes. Mash ning. the fruit to a pulp and add sugar and salt. Whip apricot pulp with sweet potatoes until very well blended. Serve very hot. Apricot sweet

WHEN DAUGHTER LEARNS TO COOK

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DISGUISE

(Associated Newspapers)

By R. H. WILKINSON

THE trouble," said Toby Stark, "with your modern criminal is his lack of confidence in himself. The fact that he is forever afraid of be-

ing detected, the fact that he usually works under cover of darknessa time when burglars are expected to work-all combine to bring about his apprehension by men who can work in the open."

Toby paused and lighted a cigarette. A half dozen of us were grouped on the veranda of the Ridgeley Club and for a moment after Toby finished talking there was a silence. Toby is inclined to be loquacious and at times extremely boring. There are few subjects on which he can't talk knowingly and, much to our regret, lengthily.

"You talk like an experienced hand at the game," said Lloyd Barnard presently, and grinned. Toby laughed. "I'd like to wager

I could pull off a crime and get away with it. Employing my own methods, too." Lloyd puffed at his pipe. "Why not? I'll take your wager."

Toby slapped his knee. "Done! I have twenty-five dollars that says I can break into a house in broad daylight, fill a traveling bag with silver, and get away with it."

Watching Lloyd closely I distinct-

ly saw a twinkle come into his eyes and immediately disappear again. He said, "Twenty-five suits me, Toby. But suppose you get caught?" "I won't. But in case there's a slip-up, you boys will have to fix it up with the police. I'll tell you what. Leo Chapman is up in the mountains this week and with his family. His place on the drive is empty. That's the house I can

Again Lloyd's eyes twinkled, and I knew a feeling of excitement. Un-



and none of us were very sorry.

less the signs lied, Lloyd had in mind some sort of plan whereby Toby was to get a jolt.

A moment later my excitement subsided. Toby had also seen the twinkle in Lloyd's eyes. "O. K." he grinned. "I know you live out lined greased loaf pan (9 by 13 by 2 that way Lloyd, and you can fix it up with the cop on the beat if you like. Only in that case, I'll collect the twenty-five."

"There'll be no fixing," said Lloyd. And Toby nodded. One or two of the group who had

listened in on the conversation were densed chicken a little doubtful. In the first place, they didn't think Leo Chapman would like the idea, and, in the second densed tomato place, they thought we'd have a pretty hard time explaining the situation to the police in case Toby were caught.

But Toby was adamant. In fact, he was so cocksure of being able to commit his crime and getting Saute onion in butter until yellow away with it, that we all agreed and transparent. Add chicken soup, to let him try, hoping secretly that tomato soup, water, milk, salt and he'd get caught and taught a lesson.

The day set for Toby's attempt at crime was Sunday. We all agreed to stay away from the Chapman place, giving him a clear field to work in. When the Chapmans got home we would accompany Toby to their house, make sure he had actually stolen some of their property and witness the payment of the wager.

At seven o'clock that Sunday night Lloyd Barnard dropped into utes. Mash with a potato masher. the club and found four of the half Cover apricots with water and let dozen of us who were in on the plan talking together. Barnard was grin-

"Well, I win the bet. Toby didn't get away with it." "Didn't get away with it! What

happened? Where is he now?" potatoes are especially good with "Rivers, the cop on the beat, met him as he came out of Leo's front door. Toby's down at headquarters."

> Earl Colby leaped to his feet. "Good heavens! We'd better go down and get him out. This thing has gone far enough:"

> Lloyd sat down and pulled out his pipe. "Go ahead if you want to, but it won't do any good. Toby, I'm afraid is in for a good long stay. And I'm inclined to think this will take some of the conceit out of him." Early, who had had little taste for

this business in the first place, displayed no little alarm. "But look here, Lloyd, that isn't playing the game quite fairly. You agreed to fix it up with the police, you know." Lloyd seemed not at all put out.

another factor entered the case." "Another factor! Good heavens, Lloyd, tell us what's happened!"

Lloyd lighted his pipe and smiled pleasantly. "Well, to begin with, Toby did a pretty good job, according to his own telling and according to Rivers, the cop. About three o'clock this afternoon Toby drove up in front of Leo's place as smart as you please, took a traveling bag from the rumble seat of his car and strode up the walk. Acting quite as if he owned the place he removed a bunch of keys from his pocket-skeletons, of course-unlocked the front door and stepped

"Rivers saw him do this and didn't get the least bit suspicious. Rivers told me about it himself. What happened after Toby got inside the house was told me by the culprit through the bars of his cell."

Lloyd paused and chuckled. "After Toby got inside the house," he went on, "he put a pair of gloves on, and fitted a mask to his face. The mask was just a precaution in case Leo had left any servants in the house, and because he liked the idea of wearing one. "However, the mask proved un-

necessary. The house was empty. Toby filled his traveling bag unmolested. And a half hour later he stepped through the front door, first wiping off the knob and removing his gloves and swung jauntily down the walk again, whistling merrily. "At this very moment Rivers

rounded a corner on his return trip, espied Toby coming down the walk and waited for him at the gate." Lloyd paused again. Earl asked.

"Well," Lloyd echoed. "Rivers arrested Toby for breaking and entering. And upon looking into the traveling bag, the charge was substantiated."

"But how," I asked, "did Rivers know?" "How? Why, Toby had forgotten to remove his mask! Except for that, the crime would undoubt-

edly have been successful." For a moment there was silence. Then Earl said, "But the new factor? You said something about another factor in the case?"

Lloyd nodded. "That happened later. Toby explained to the police all about the joke and the bet he'd made with me. They called me on the phone and I came down and confirmed his story. However, in order to make sure everything was as Toby had said, the police called Leo Chapman at his place up in the mountains - and learned he wasn't there at all. He'd gone on an extended motor trip to Canada and wouldn't be back for a week.

"The police were willing to believe our stories, but they weren't willing to let Toby go until Leo returned There was too much evidence against him. Furthermore, they advised me that unless I made myself scarce around the vicinity of the station house, they'd be inclined to lock me up with him as an accomplice."

was again that twinkle in his eye I wanted to ask him if he hadn't known that Leo was going to take that Canada trip. And I wanted to ask him also why he hadn't offered to go bail for Toby, or if, instead he had bought the sergeant a box o cigars and told him to keep Toby ir storage for a week.

But I didn't. Toby was in jail getting his jolt, and none of us were

Eyes Are Vital Controls

Of Many Body Activities More than 70 per cent of the mus cular activity of the human body results from impulses received from the eyes, according to the Better Vision Institute. At work and at play the eyes play a dominant role. and our muscular actions are influ enced strongly by the impressions

received by the eyes. A survey of 20 common industrial and office occupations has shown that the eyes are in serious work three-quarters of the time. Improper lighting conditions or uncorrected visual defects tend to impair the efficiency of workers by fatiguing the eyes. Experiments have demonstrated that visual fatigue slows up body activity and is conducive to errors.

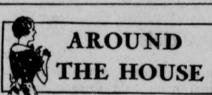
"If an office or a factory worker gets 'three o'clock' fatigue it would be a good idea to check up on his eyes," says the Institute. "There are millions of adult persons in the United States having relatively minor visual defects that are uncorrected. Such eyes may not cause headaches but they frequently cause 'three o'clock fatigue.' During the last hour or two of the working day the body of a worker may be tired because his eyes unassisted cannot work an eight-hour day."

Jumping Beans Stimulate Crickets When thousands of crickets got sulky and refused to perform before the camera in a cricket plague scene, a sack of energetic jumping beans, with a lot of pituitary, was rushed by plane from Mexico City. Actual pictures of crickets were painted on the beans which then were mixed with the live cricketswhich thought that it was just simply cricket and caught on right quickly. Anyway, the jumping proclivities of the oomph beans kept the crickets on the move, which kept the movie people happy.

But, as might be expected, the crickets finally carried the whole thing to extreme. They invaded the movie camp in such hordes they lit-"Sure, I agreed to fix it up, and I erally chased the players off locatried. I just came from there, but | tion, spattered up the camera lens, they wouldn't believe me. There's and got into the sound equipment.



NO WONDER she looks sweet as pie and decidedly pleased with herself! This little miss, with the bows in her curls and her doll by the arm, is wearing the newest and best of pinafore-jumper fashions, and one that you should make up immediately for your own small daughter. The pinaforejumper is so deliciously full, below that down-scooped cut in the front, and the sash bow in the back ac-



To remove mustard stains from linen, soak the linen as quickly as possible in cold water to cover. This loosens the mustard so that it will come out when laundered Lloyd ended his tale, and there in the usual way-in plenty of warm water and soap suds.

> Save left-over griddle batter and use it for dipping chops, cutlets and so on.

> If your kitchen storage space is imited, make file-like shelves in a ower cupboard and use them for storing lids, pie and cake pans and other flat utensils. This will be a ime-saver.

> Try this candle arrangement for youngster's birthday cake: Arange small candles to form the numerals telling the age. Or place hem on the cake to form the child's initials. If the first name s short it can be spelled out with iny candles or small, hard can-

> Be careful not to season meat gravies so much that they lose heir characteristic flavors. Usually salt and pepper or paprika are enough. If you like a prepared meat sauce add only a dash. Better yet, pass the sauce and let he family use what they please.

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Not Out Yet Teacher-And where is the dot

over the "i"? Small Boy-Please, teacher, it's still in the pencil. Missed Most

"Yes, I've moved out into the country. It certainly has its inconveniences."
"What do you miss most?"

"The last train home at night."

Cheaper Here Bob-It says here in the paper that in Africa a single spearhead will often purchase a wife. Carrie-That's nothing. I know

Wasted Care "I say, Smith," exclain 'where's that silk umbrella I lent you?"

"I found it was my own, so I kept it,"

of plenty of instances in this coun-

try where a bonehead got one.

replied Smith. "You don't say so! And here I've been dodging old Robinson for three weeks, thinking it was his."

His Strong Point Father was examining Reggie's school report. "English poor, maths poor, Lat-

in very weak, history unsatisfactory," he read aloud, frowning at Reggie. "It is not as good as it might be.

Dad, I must admit," said his son, "but read on." And on the very next line father



In Turmoil

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