

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—King Edward VIII of England, who frequently uses airplanes. 2—North transept of Westminster abbey in which funeral services were held for the late King George V. 3—Nessim Pasha, who resigned as premier of Egypt because of increasing anti-British sentiment in that country.

Hell Freezes Over at Last



You've often heard the expression "when hell freezes over," but this time it's literally true. Buried under six inches of snow is the little settlement of Hell, Mich., a name given by one of the early settlers who was arrested for not paying his taxes on whisky he was distilling there. He christened the town Hell and Hell it has been ever since. The photograph shows a dam at Hell frozen over. Although the little river is not named, it presumably is the River Styx.

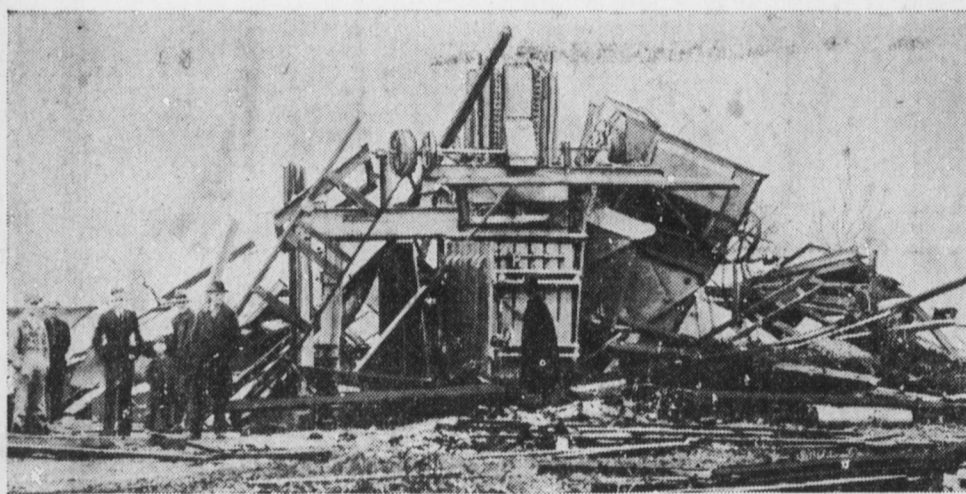
Aga Khan Celebrates 50th Year as Monarch

Richest of all monarchs is the Aga Khan, shown in the robes of the spiritual head of the Shiah Imami Ismailis and of the Khoja



community of western India. He is celebrating the golden jubilee of his reign. His word is divine law to many millions of his subjects.

Cotton Gin Wrecked by a Furious Tornado



This cotton gin machinery was toppled over and completely destroyed by the mad tornado that swept through the Sand mountain section of Alabama. Four lives were lost. Property damage ran into the thousands.

Rescues Two From Plane Afire; Receives Award

Lieut. Robert K. Giovannoli of Lexington, Ky., who is on duty with the army air corps at Dayton, Ohio, was elected to receive the Cheney



award for 1935, in recognition of his "extreme bravery" in the rescue of two men from a burning plane at Dayton on October 30.

California Governor and Bride



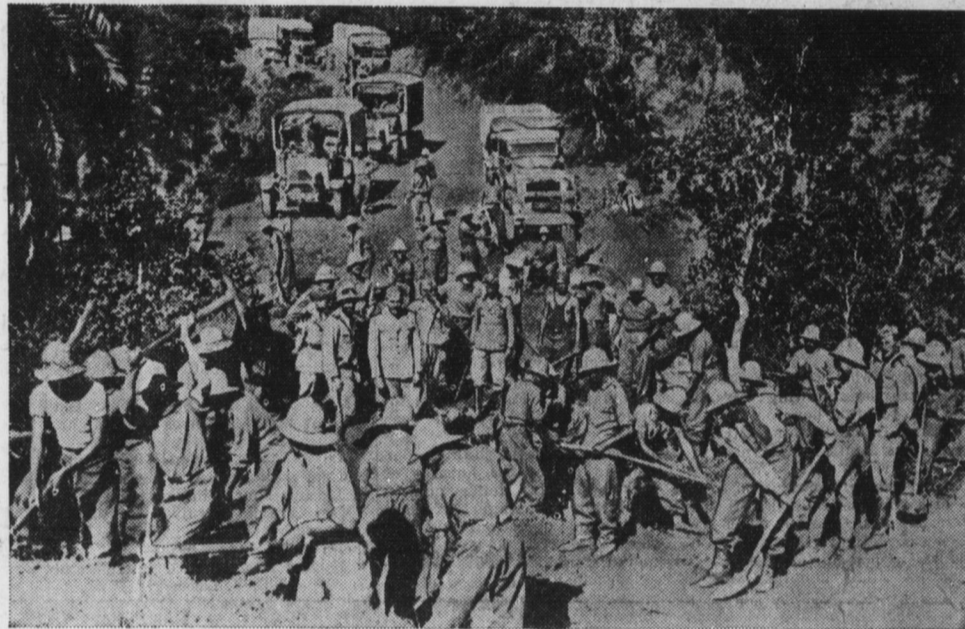
Gov. Frank F. Merriam of California is shown above with his bride, who was Mrs. Jessie Stewart Lipsey of Long Beach. They were married the other day at the Mission inn in Riverside.

When a Blizzard Blanketed Manhattan



The winter's record sleet and snowfall and a freak wind that at times touched 100 miles an hour struck New York city the other day. The photograph shows a scene in Central park looking east towards Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth street.

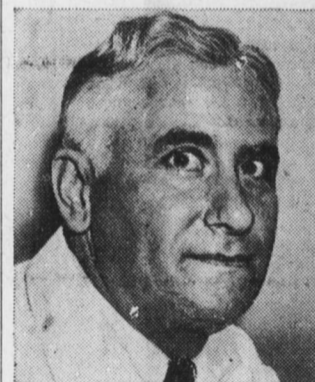
Italian Engineers Build Roads in Ethiopia



Italian engineers are constructing roads in Ethiopia for the use of the Italian forces. Recent rains have destroyed many of the roads that were built by the Italians, according to reports.

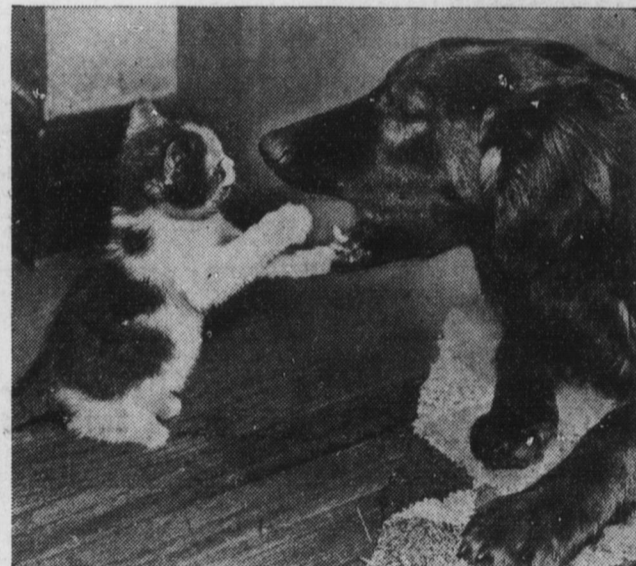
He Took the Ouch Out of the Dentist's Office

This is Dr. Leroy L. Hartman, Columbia university professor of dentistry, discoverer of the new teeth desensitizer which makes the dentist's drill a painless instru-



ment. The substance, which it was said "will revolutionize the practice of dentistry," was discovered after 20 years of research by Doctor Hartman. He refused to profit on the discovery, and offered the formula to all dentists.

Come On and Fight, Says Pussy



Literally putting her head in the lion's mouth is this pussy, but she knows it's all right with her big pal. Kitten and dog, raised together, are inseparable, and even eat out of the same dish. Just like the baby of the family, the kitten does pretty much as she pleases with the dog, who tolerates her playful antics. They live in Detroit.

Lightning, Long a Puzzle, Now Under Man's Control

Primitive man reasoned that lightning was fire from heaven. Fire was destructive, but it was also the greatest gift of the gods to man. It provided warmth, protected him from predatory animals and gave savor to his food. Lightning filled him with awe, for it also could produce destruction and was a manifestation of the giver of life and must be propitiated with sacrifices. Modern science, however, not only knows just what lightning really is, but knows how to handle it and control its great powers. Artificial lightning of millions of volts' power is now generated and so "tamed" that a man can be enveloped in the crashing, snapping, darting volts and emerge from the electrical flames unharmed. Scientists also know how to measure the power of lightning. A single severe stroke probably lasts not more than 150 one-millionths of a second, the average current in the stroke during this time to pass this much charge to earth must be 100,000 amperes, or about the current required by 200,000 lamps. The maximum power in a severe stroke when it hits a conducting rod, such as a transmission line, is of the order of two billion kilowatts.—Montreal Herald.

Canadian Governor Gets Opinions From Ministry

The governor general of Canada, who is appointed by the king of England as his representative in Canada, is bound by the terms of his commission, and can exercise only such authority as is expressly entrusted him. The Canadian Year Book states that the governor general acts under the advice of his ministry, which is responsible to parliament, and as the acting head of the executive, summons, prorogues, and dissolves parliament, and assents to or reserves bills. In the discharge of these and other executive duties he acts entirely by and with the advice of his ministry.

The royal prerogative of mercy in capital cases, formerly exercised on the governor general's own judgment and responsibility, is exercised pursuant to the advice of the ministry. The practice whereby the governor general served as the medium of communication between the Canadian and the British governments has been given up; direct communication between the Canadian and British governments has been instituted.

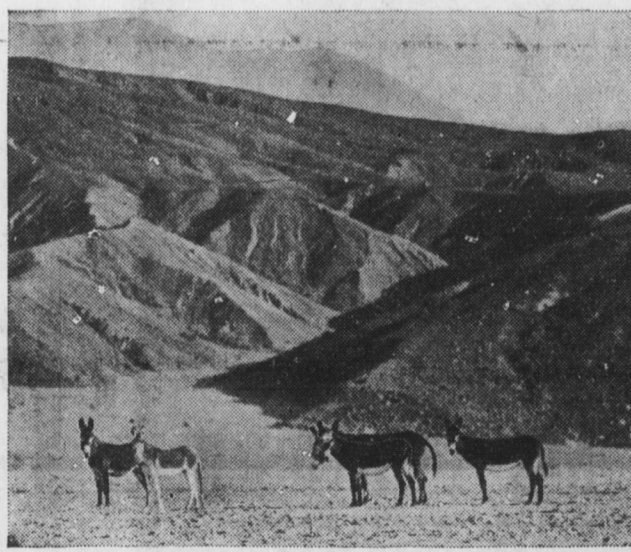
Twenty Years of Leisure

The average life span of man is seventy years. Scientists have computed that of these he spends 23 years in bed, 13 in talking, 6 in eating, 3 in study, 1 1/2 in washing and 20 in leisure. It is surprising how little we achieve with the time at our disposal. The total number of words spoken by each person per day is somewhere in the region of 20,000, which works out to almost 500,000 million in a life span. Twenty thousand words, incidentally, is about quarter the size of a full-length novel. It is surprising to think how many times we must use the same words and phrases, for the average person's vocabulary is limited to about 2,000 words.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

As Aztecs Reckoned Time

According to the Aztec system of reckoning time, the years were grouped into 52-year periods, and the end of each era was met with the recurring dread on the part of the Aztecs that the world, also, would end unless they could recreate the sun. In order to insure the dawn of another day and a new era, they made supplication to their gods with elaborate religious ceremonies, sacrificial offerings, gladiatorial combats and many pagan rites.

In the Land of the Wild Jackass



Here is a small herd of wild burros in Death Valley, the descendants of the little pack animals turned loose in by-gone years by prospectors overcome by thirst and starvation. Death Valley was taken into the national park service in 1933. Photograph by Union Pacific railroad.

Mission Worker Spurns Offer of Big Radio Job

The rich contralto voice of Mrs. Lillian Urey "belongs to God" and she will not sell its golden notes to radio or any other commercial me-



dium for any price. She is reported to have rejected a radio offer of \$500 a week. Mrs. Urey is a worker for the Volunteers of America.

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