

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Sit-down strikers in a New York 5 and 10 cent store are served dinner in the store's cafeteria. 2—Senators Royal S. Copeland of New York, David I. Walsh of Massachusetts and Edward R. Burke of Nebraska, who are active in opposition to President Roosevelt's plan to reorganize the Supreme court. 3—Dowager Queen Marie of Roumania, whose recent serious illness caused grave concern.

Taxi Cab War Flareup Terrorizes Chicago



Sights like this were not uncommon in Chicago's downtown "loop" section as "wrecking crews" of striking cab drivers attacked vehicles still being operated by loyal employees and strikebreakers. One passenger was reported shot and many ducked flying glass from cab windows shattered by missiles thrown by the strikers.

'Twas This Way

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How Did "Bonus" Originate?

THE bonus checks paid out recently to our veterans of the World war gladdened the heart of many an ex-soldier. While this bonus was undoubtedly the biggest given by any country in the history of the world, it was by no means the first.

The word "bonus" comes from Latin and means good. It has always been used in English in the sense of gift. In Great Britain it was first applied to dividends distributed from the surplus of life insurance companies. In America it was used in the industrial and commercial world to designate a payment above that expected, whether an extra dividend to stockholders or an extra pay check to wage earners.

Later the term was applied to sums of money given to men as an inducement to join the army, and only since the World war has it been given to compensation for army or naval service. The original veterans' adjustment compensation, granted to all World war veterans by congress in 1924, was a bonus in the form of a paid-up endowment insurance policy.

While never called that before, the practice of giving bonuses for military service is an old one. Even George Washington received a parcel of land and a sum of money from the state of Virginia for his part in the French and Indian war. And Abraham Lincoln was given a piece of land in Iowa for his services in the Blackhawk war. Except for his home in Springfield, Illinois, it was about the only real estate he ever owned.

The First Envelopes

A HUNDRED years ago, the business of posting letters was an expensive and difficult job. In the first place, there was no such thing as an adhesive postage stamp. And even worse, there was no such thing as a modern envelope.

In those days, when travel was slow and hazardous, relatively few people ever had occasion to write letters. The few who did, wrote their messages on one side of the note paper only, and carefully wrapped it up so that none of the writing showed. Then they either paid the postman directly, or sent it postage collect. The reason envelopes were so seldom used was because an extra charge was made for any paper, no matter how small, when wrapped up in another.

A few wrappers that might be called envelopes had been used in France early in the Seventeenth century, and a few were sold in England as early as 1830. But the first American to manufacture envelopes was named Pierson, who in 1839 began to sell them in his Fulton Street Stationer's shop in New York City.

The United States mail service has come a long way since those early times. The Pony express, which numbered Buffalo Bill among its brave riders, was a thrilling if brief interlude. The first time mail was carried on a railroad train marked the beginning of a new era in communication. And the way that our modernized Uncle Sam delivers literally billions of pieces of mail annually with efficiency and speed is a tribute to our unexcelled form of government.

Origin of Chinese Laundries
THE Chinese are admittedly the best hand laundries in the world. No American town would be complete without its "Chink" and his hole-in-the-wall laundry.

The Chinese first got into the clothes-washing business through a queer set of circumstances. Back in the years around the California gold rush of 1849, miners on the west coast found they were unable to hire people to do menial labor for love or money. Everyone had come to California to dig for gold and nothing else. So desperate did their straits become that many sent their clothes all the way to Hawaii and even to China to have them washed. This was China's original contact with the American laundry business.

When the first transcontinental railway line was being built many years later, whole shiploads of Chinese were imported because of their cheapness and industry to work on the road bed. After the line was finished, many Chinese wanted to remain and make their fortune in the new land of opportunity.

But they quickly found that due to temperamental and language barriers, the doors of most businesses were closed to them. They had to find a business requiring little capital or education, and where they would be their own masters and have few contacts with Westerners.

The laundry business was one of the few which met these requirements. Many of the original Chinese and their descendants have become well-to-do in it.

South American Rodent

The Caybara is a South American rodent four feet long weighing nearly 100 pounds.

Unique "Blanket" for Egg Queen



Miss Muriel Wolfson is the girl adorning the bathtub in this picture, her only "blanket" being several dozen eggs. She was recently elected queen of the egg festival held recently at Laurel-in-the-Pines, near Lakewood, N. J.

MICKEY CATCHES AGAIN



After many months out of uniform, Mickey Cochrane, manager and catcher of the Detroit Tigers, is pictured here as he donned his war paint for a workout with the Tigers during their spring training trip in Florida. Cochrane was forced out in the later part of last season by injury and illness. He is now in the pink and rarin' to go. The tigers are regarded as pennant threats again this year, although much of their success admittedly depends upon the ability of Hank Greenberg to escape injuries and regain his 1935 slugging form.

He'd Walk Mile (Up) for Sonja



With their Detroit hotel crippled by strikers, Sonja Henie, famed ice-skater, and her actor boy friend, Tyrone Power, walked up seventeen floors. Then because Papa and Mama Henie were hungry, Power walked down and up again with food.

SIT-DOWN SKATE



Kay Francis, screen beauty, takes a well-earned rest on a rolling platform during Ginger Rogers' roller skate party held at the Rollerdrome in Hollywood recently. Kay proved one of the more adept at the art, but found that this position, closer to the ground, made for more safety.

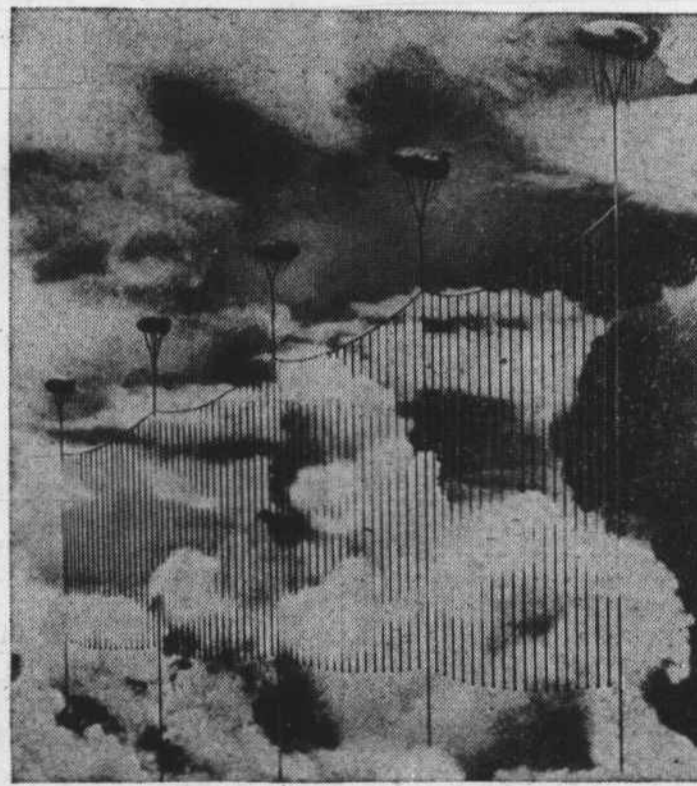
Jersey Orchid Wins Gold Medal at Flower Show

What fair lady's heart couldn't be melted by the beauty of this cymbidium orchid, owned by Ed A. Manda, of West Orange, N. J.? It won the gold medal at the twenty-



fourth annual flower show sponsored by the Horticultural Society of New York and the New York Florists' club at the Grand Central palace in Manhattan.

Air Net to Catch Bombers



In the next war London may be defended from enemy bombers by great cable nets supported by balloons like that shown here. It is a revival of a plan of 1917 and provides a menace to low-flying planes, forcing them to fly higher, where searchlights, range finders and aircraft guns may be used against them more effectively.

HEADS WISCONSIN U



Clarence A. Dykstra, city manager of Cincinnati, who announced his acceptance of the post of president of the University of Wisconsin. Mr. Dykstra will succeed Dr. Glenn Frank, who was deposited recently by the executive committee of the university regents. Dr. Frank lost his job at the Madison school by only one vote of the committee.

Life a la 1937—Baby Born in Trailer



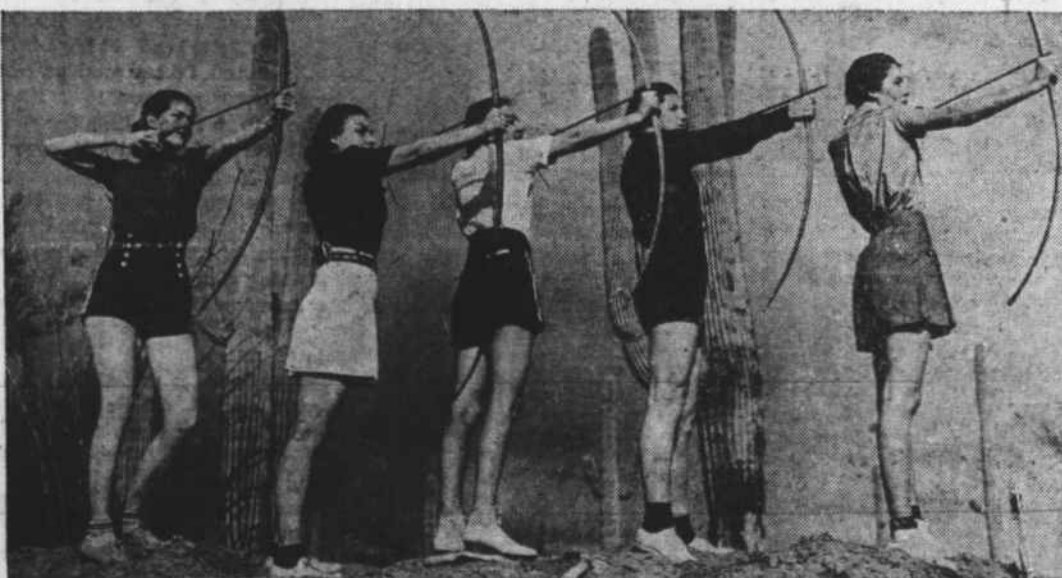
That the auto-trailer has really become home sweet home in America is indicated by the above photograph which shows one of the first babies to be born in a trailer. Anna Abbey, the newcomer, who was born in a Sarasota, Fla., trailer camp, is pictured here in her rolling home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Abbey, of Buffalo, and her brother, Lyle.

Running Horse Used as "Prompter" for Trotter



A graphic picture illustrating the vast difference between the gait of a trotter and a running horse. The trotter (left) is Southland, Hambletonian candidate, owned by C. W. Phellis of New York, and piloted by his trainer, Fred Egan. The runner, at right, does not even boast a name and is shown here being used as a prompter for the trotting horse during a workout at Seminole park, near Lakeland, Fla. Note the smooth rhythmic action of the trotter and the jumping, galloping motion of the runner.

They're Shooting Old Man Winter



Framed against a background of sky and giant saguaro cacti, these coeds of the University of Arizona at Tucson practice with their bows and arrows—a sure sign of spring. Left to right: Lesta Lou Welsh, Ella Ida Tarbell, Helen Dwyer, Elinor Beckett and Shirley Snider.