

# WHO'S **NEWS** THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—People who send questions to radio quiz programs have been missing a chance to collect on "Who is the president China's President of China?"
The usual Revered as Fount answer, as Of Ancient Wisdom we try out the question, is Chiang Kai-shek-the generalissimo and not the president.

Lin Sen, serene and venerated pa-triarch, has been president of China for 10 years. He could be called doctor, and he has many honorary titles, but he likes to be called Mr.
Lin Sen. Just now, he is casually
and obscurely in the news, with
word of powerful generals making pilgrimages to his peaceful retreat, not to talk war, but to visit him as they might a priest or physician.

He is a benign old gentleman, hespectacled, with a snow-white goatee, a scholar and an artist, wise and humorous and, above all, serene. He is one of the most famous chirographers of China and, so that he may quietly practice his art, he made a studio in a ruined garrison, with walls 10 feet thick. There, on bamboo paper, faced with silk, he copies the classics in swift, beautiful brush strokes, schooling himself in their wisdom. Sun Fo, president of the executive yuan, takes care of the merely temporal and practical details of the presidency. Mr. Lin Sen is free to practice wisdom and virtue and impart it to his people in beautiful characters.

Mr. Lin Sen was a missionary student in San Francisco's Chinatown, studied western civilization diligently and, returning to China, preached a careful distinction between a civi-lization and a culture. He said China must be modernized, and joined Dr. Sun Yat Sen, to that end, but insisted that China would lose its soul if it took only guns and ma-chines from the west-that force alone always failed, even when it seemed to be triumphant. He maintained that true morality would in the end prevail even over bombs and bullets. But the latter, he believed, were all right in their place and in 1931 he became president, as the advocate of vigorous resistance the Japanese aggression. His gods have generously answered for him an ancient Chinese prayer. "May your writing wrist be as lim-

OSEPH B. EASTMAN used to be a social settlement worker in his young days. It has been apparent that in this he experienced a cerJoe B. Eastman a tain disillu-

'Natural' as New sionment as Transport Boss solution, for in his later

years he has been a pragmatic lib-eral and it is as such that he tackles one of the most important jobs of the war, as chairman of the new office of defense transportation. All he will have to do will be to gear all transport into a working unit, to keep things moving on railroads, air lines, truck lines, inland waterways, coastwise and inter-coastwise shipping lines and pipelines.

It was a much simpler job when William G. McAdoo took it over in the first World war, with plane and motor transport negligible, Mr. Eastman, through his long service merce commission and as former co-ordinator of the railroads, has grown into it.

Socially minded from his Am-herst and Phi Beta Kappa days, he became a hard - working "good neighbor" at the South End house of Boston, then counsel for the Boston Street Railway employees and later a member of the Massachusetts Public Service commission. When Woodrow Wilson named him to the ICC, he wrote a regretful letter saying he would like to serve, but there was a bar sinister in his career—he was a Republican. Mr. Wilson laughed that off and Mr. Eastidents. Supreme Court Justice Brandels had recommended his original appointment. Railroad moguls like him personally and

He threw a switch on the first Van Sweringen merger proposal in 1927, later on on L. F. Loree's proposed merger of the Katy and the Cotton Belt with his own Kansas City Southern, and in valuation, rate rise cases, receiverships, recaptures, mergers and the like he has been sharply at odds with the rail barons and definitely aligned with the drive ward firmer governmental control. Senate Progressives got themselves into a great lather in 1929, preparing to fight and die for their demand that he be reappointed But Presithat he be reappointed But President Hoover fooled them by doing

# **Aviators Must** Train Muscles

Army Cadets Conditioned Specifically to Meet Strain of Flying.

MONTGOMERY, ALA. — What muscles does a pilot use in flying?
This question arose in the office here of Ernest Smith, director of athletics for the U. S. army air corps in the southeast.

Smith was on the spot. Twenty-eight assistant physical directors, charged with whipping aviation cadets into shape, wanted an an-

"I don't know," said Smith, watching a formation of planes nose up from a near-by flying field, "but come on-we'll find out."

And so 28 men, scheduled to go out to as many airdromes as train-ers for aviation cadets, followed the director. All, like Smith, were ex-perts in their line—many of them college coaches—but conditioning a man to handle a military airplane

was something else.
And Maj. Gen. Walter R. Weaver had ordered that all American and British cadets in the Southeast be conditioned specifically to meet the strain of flying. Make a Test.

Smith halted on the flying line

and said to a cadet:
"Mister, take off most of your clothes and get in that airplane When the cadet was in the cockpit, he added: "Now, please go through all the motions of flying."

The cadet "flew" as he had never flown before—without leaving the ground, without flying togs—almost without any togs at all. He went through all the motions of banking, looping, diving and spinning. And more unspectacularly, he flew for long stretches at a time on a steady

This cadet had more eyes on him than ever before. The gallery of directors took notes, observing from time to time that there was stress on this or that leg muscle. They saw, too, that the cadet continually turned his head from side to side watching the imaginary terrain "below" and the sky above as well as the air on both sides.

They jotted down certain exercises to strengthen the neck in the right places. They noted the rigid position of the pilot in the cockpit, the constant strain upon his abdominal muscles. They doped out ways to build up the muscles imposed

Build Up Muscles. The net result of this strange

interview is that today every part of a gigantic physical training program now in swing in the Southeast is devoted to the building up of the muscles most used by fliers. Aviation cadets bend, squat,

stoop, wave wands and go through specialized calisthenics for one purpose and one alone—to become stronger and better co-ordinated combat airmen.

The new program ranges from toe-to-toe boxing to the gentle art of swinging Indian clubs to music; from horseshoe pitching to the grim business of disengaging one-self from a sinking parachute in the swimming pool. It includes 35 sports, with as many different types of athletic equipment.

Leading authorities are convinced

there is no better insurance against accidents and loss of life than physical fitness-clear minds steady hands in the cockpits of the nation's combat ships.
Two groups left basic and entered

advanced school a short time ago. One group has had the benefits of the scientific athletic training, the other had not. In a series of three tests, it was found those men with the training scored 29 per cent higher than the others. Director Smith believes it is a

fair indication that the athletic program is doing a lot of good for a lot of cadets.

### Even Queen Can Be Late, British King Finds Out

LONDON.—When your wife keeps you waiting you know how you feel. When a queen makes a king wait . . . well, even kings have their human side.

King George VI and his queen were due at 6:15 p. m. at an A.T.S. center in Berkshire.

The king strode up and down, glancing at his watch almost every minute, and the words he muttered to himself sounded very much like the words an ordinary husband might have muttered, and when the queen arrived exactly 15 minutes afterwards her greeting was exactly the one the ordinary everyday wife would have come out with

"Oh, dear," she remarked brightly, "am I late?"
The king shot back his cuff and

looked at his watch for the hun-dredth time. He spoke one word,

### Wants to Finish Sock Started in Last War

PHILADELPHIA.-Mrs. Caleb Fox Jr., production department chairman of the Red Cross here, reports that a middle-aged volun-teer showed up with a half-completed knitted sock.

Noticing it was an off-shade, Mrs. Fox inquired when it was

"During the first World war."

## Use of Electricity On Farms Increases

Report on Rural Systems Praises Operation.

WASHINGTON .- An increase of 82 per cent over the previous year in the amount of electricity delivered to consumers is shown in a United States department of agriculture statistical report of REAfinanced power systems for the fis-cal year ending June 30, 1941. Con-sumers of these systems used 568,-190,394 kilowatt-hours of electricity during the fiscal year 1941, com-pared to only 311,479,005 kilowatt-hours during the previous fiscal hours during the previous fiscal year.

Other figures similarly demonstrate substantial development during the past fiscal year, said Harry Slattery, rural electrification admin-istrator, in the report, the most detailed yet prepared by REA for general distribution.

The report covers every phase of operations, including allotments, construction and financial statistics, of each of the 823 systems with al-lotments as of June 30, 1941. On that date, the report shows, REA co-operative systems were serving 780,482 consumer members, compared to 549,604 on June 30, 1940,—an increase of 42 per cent.

Gross revenues of the systems in operation increased 68.8 per cent during the fiscal year, from \$17,376,-016 in 1940 to \$29,356,462 in fiscal 1941. The number of miles of line actually in operation grew from 232,-978 on June 30, 1940, to 307,590 on

June 30, 1941, an increase of 32 per cent REA systems are power distribution companies, most of them owned by the consumers who use the pow-er. Their construction is made possible by loans from REA, but those

loans must be repaid with interest

### Finds Sun Is 93,005,000

over a period of 25 years.

Miles from the Earth NEW YORK .- The sun's distance from earth has been remeasured

and is found to be 93,005,000 miles. This is between 100,000 and 200,-000 miles farther than previous measurements, which were the re-sult of centuries of careful work.

The announcement is from Dr. H. Spencer Jones, astronomer royal of England, made in Monthly Science News, a new British publication.

The added gap between sun and earth is about as much as would be caused by moving the moon three to five times farther away. The moon would look only about half as

The new distance to the sun is the most accurate yet obtained. It is considered uncertain by a margin of not more than 10,000 miles. The former estimate, 92,850,000 miles, was uncertain by a 50,000-mile mar-

Astronomers would like to get rid of that last 10,000-mile error, for the sun's distance is the foot-rule of celestial measurement. As long as it continues uncertain, other measure-

### Rock Collecting Fever

Costs Woman Fur Coat SALT LAKE CITY .- Mrs. Grace G. Dearborn of Boston, Mass., admitted that her "collecting spirit" had gotten the better of her.

Mrs. Dearborn, secretary of the Mineral club, visited Utah recently to add a few crystal rocks, found in abundance in Utah, to her collection.

She had, at the same time, been saving her money to buy a new win-

But when she saw some of the "rare and superb" specimens of stone, she did a little re-allocating and ended up using her "coat fund" as collection expenses in gather-ing up seven suitcases full of the formations to take home.

### Fire Dyes His Chickens,

Farmer Is Awarded \$235 HOUSTON, TEXAS. - Farmer Fritz Muesse got \$235 because an oil fire dyed his white chickens caused his daughter, Mary, 10, to suffer an attack of

A Shell Pipeline company pipe across his farm sprang a leak, Muesse told District Judge Ben Wil-son, and the oil caught fire. It shrouded his home and hen house with black smoke.

Mary became ill and the chickens practically quit laying, Muesse tes-

"And they haven't gotten back on the job yet," he added. Judge Wilson awarded \$235 damages.

### X-Ray Found to Show Up Old Tattoo Marks

ALBANY, N. Y.—Invisible tattoo marks may aid in the identification of soldiers killed in future wars, the New York state department of health suggests, thus reducing the danger of error.

The markings become visible un-

der X-rays, it is explained. They are made with compounds known as phosphors, which shine with various colors when activated by



By VIRGINIA VALE ed by Western Newspaper Union.

MICHELE MORGAN, the French actress who will make her American film debut in RKO's "Joan of Paris," will take to the South Seas in her second picture. That is, she will unless some new twist of world affairs makes the South Seas undesirable as a background for a picture. Nowadays, so many changes have had to be made in a hurry in so many scripts that motion picture executives are prepared for any-thing. Anyway, Miss Morgan is slated to do "Challenge to the Night"-a South Seas romance.

Madeleine Carroll has had to do a bit of plan-changing herself. She was determined to go back to England, you know; had got a year's leave of absence and was set to go home and entertain troops or do anything else that would be useful.
As soon as "My Favorite Blonde"
was finished she'd be on her way.
But our entrance into the war has changed all that; she'll stay here, and probably play a lead role in "Her Perfect Mate."

Metro's writers seem to be turning Robert Taylor into a tough guy, making him discard his gentleman-ly ways for two guns and a swag-



ROBERT TAYLOR

ger. He was a vicious killer in "Billy the Kid," and in "Johnny Eager" he emerges again as a cruel gangland leader. Even slugs Lana Turner!

"Dumbo," Walt Disney's latest feature, has been voted one of the ten best pictures of the year in a nation-wide poll of junior film critics, conducted by the National Board of Review. "The Little Foxes" and "Citizen Kane" were also included.

Paramount's going to make "Wake Island" an all-star picture; it is being written by W. R. Burnett, author of "Little Caesar" and "High Sierra," and was suggested, of course, by the gallant fight put up by the marines on the tiny Pacific outpost.

Dorothy Lamour has 60 new spring hats! She won them—the California Millinery guild voted her America's Best Hatted Girl, and donated the bonnets as a reward. Maybe they just wanted to make sure that she wouldn't join the hat-less brigade, that's giving the nation's milliners so much to worry

Come weal, come woe, Edward Small goes right on filming those swashbuckling tales of Dumas.' The latest, "The Corsican Brothers," with Douglas Fairbanks Jr. playing both of them, was given its first showing at Washington, D. C., with practically everybody of impor-tance on the invitation list.

Elizabeth Wayne, the Mutual ehain's young American represent-ative in Batavia, Dutch East Indies, is the envy of many veteran newsmen and broadcasters. After newsmen and broadcasters. Atte-being on the air only seven months, she suddenly found herself in a most important spot. She's a free lance journalist, and was writing for local Batavian newspapers when the Dutch radio chain, Nirom, asked her to broadcast to America. Since then she has been heard regularly over Mutual.

From now on you're likely to hear any of 14 dialects in any language, spoken by anyone from 18 to 80, on "Joyce Jordan-Girl Interne" radio serial. The reason is the fact that Luis Van Rooten has joined the cast. He's been signed to play a straight role, but how in the world can a script writer resist making use of his amazing talents as ar

ODDS AND ENDS—Pat O'Brien and Brian Donlevy are teamed in Columbia's "Trinidead," with Janet Blair making her screen singing debut—she was the vocalist with the late Hal Kemp's dance band. A film trade paper reports that Gene Antry has risen to second place in national film popularity. "Tursan's Secret Treasure" will soon be released, and "Tursan Against the World" has gone into production—widently we needn't worry about our Tursan supply. Less Ayres has given up that idea of making a picture in China, naturally, he'll make "Fingers at the Windows" next, forseking Dr. Kildara's stethoscope.

Proves That He's He-Man,
Trees Bear Before Girl
ABERDEEN, WASH.—On the way have the like. He treed and shot a 200-pound bear that had roamed the outskirts of the city. They sighted him near a river bank. Clark waved a flashlight and the bear took to a tree. Edith Olson rushed to Clark's home for a shotgun. One shot was the Windows' next, forseking Dr. Kildara's stethoscope.

## **Gay Parties With** G-Men Cause Stir In Department

Pretty Girl Foreign Agent Responsible for U. S. Embassy Scandal.

WASHINGTON. - G-men of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are working energetically to erase from their shield the smear left by a mysterious girl, known under several different names in New York, Chi-cago, Detroit and Minneapolis, who was sentenced recently to a year and a day in federal prison.

She has called herself Lois Locksee has called herself Lois Lock-ner, Paula Lockner, Carol Davis, Paula von Luckner, and claimed kinship with Count Felix von Luck-ner, the German sea raider of the old World war.

With a number of other pretty girls she was a frequent guest of agents of the FBI at their suite in the ultra-modern glass and brick Beaux-Arts apartments in midtown New York.

But Lois made the mistake of posing as a G-woman herself and, in the resultant scandal, a number of agents were dismissed, while others were hastily transferred to points far, far removed from the scene of their gay parties.

#### Perils of Beauty.

The revelations in this particular ase called attention to the fact that G-men, and agents of the govern-ment generally—especially those in the diplomatic and consular service—are daily subject to perils from beauty as well as bullets

Among several pretty Nazi agents who pleaded guilty in recent espionage trials in Brooklyn federal court, New York, was Lilly Barbara Carola Stein, erstwhile Viennese model.

Shortly after she was brought into the investigation, Ogden H. Hammond Jr., socialite diplomatic career man, and a son of a former United States ambassador to Spain, appealed to the district court here enjoin the state department against dismissing him from serv-

Later, Hammond presented an affidavit from Miss Stein, declaring their relations had been "purely platonic.'

- But Lilly Stein pleaded guilty, along with another pretty German agent—Miss Else Wuestenfeld—to indictments charging them with conspiracy to transmit United States defense secrets to Germany. And the district court decided it would let Hammond's dismissal from the state department stand.

### Mysterious Kent Case.

Then there was the mysterious case of Tyler G. Kent, former at-tache of the American embassy in London, who is serving a seven-year sentence in England as a German spy. Born in the United States, son of the late Consul General A. H. P. Kent, he was convicted a year ago with Anna Wolkoff, a Russianborn Nazi spy, with whom he was infatuated, with stealing Anglo-American messages.

Kent, in charge of cipher codes at the embassy, was passing messages along to the seductive Miss Wolkoff in turn, was smuggling them to "Lord Haw-Haw," renegade Brit-on who broadcasts in English over German radio. She also was sentenced to prison, getting a term of 10 years.

Forty-nine defendants were indicted in a sweeping prosecution of Nazi activities. Most of them pleaded guilty to minor offenses under the espionage act and 16 went on trial

#### Map of .Wyoming Loses Small Town of Moskee MOSKEE, WYO .- This little lum-

ber camp whose name has always been misspelled is no longer on the There's no longer a post office of

Moskee-and few people. Once a rip-roaring lumber camp, the lumbermen here now get mail

three times a week delivered by carrier from Lead, S. D. About 29 years ago, when the lumber industry was booming, it was de-cided to establish a post office here.

Herald Haas, now of Rapid City, S. D., was named postmaster for the nameless post office. "What'll we call it?" he asked a rugged

"It makes no difference," he replied. That answer set Haas to thinking.

"Then," answered Haas, who had spent a number of years in Mongo-lia, "we'll call it 'Moskee'—which in Chinese means 'it doesn't make a bit of difference.'

### Proves That He's He-Man,



That American 'Devil'

THE war now raging in the Far East is not the first time that American and Japanese armed forces have been pitted against each other. Seventy-odd years ago they fought a fierce naval battle and thereby hangs a tale of American daring and American heroism which compares favorably with the stories that have recently been com-ing out of Hawaii, Wake and Mid-way islands and the Philippines.

This battle took place in the sum-mer of 1863 during the Civil war. Among the United States naval oficers, who were detailed to patrol the high seas in search of armed Confederate vessels that were prey-ing upon Union commerce, was David Stockton McDougal, commander of the steam frigate,

Ordered to cruise in Asiatic waters, McDougal arrived in the Orient to find that danger from Southern raiders was not the only threat to the safety of American shipping. For the mikado of Japan had issued an edict expelling all foreigners from the Flowery Kingdom, and fanat-ical Japanese clansmen already had made several attacks upon American and other foreign vessels in the Straits of Shimonoseki.

McDougal proceeded immediately to the scene of hostilities and on July 16 steamed into the straits. Ahead of him were bluffs from 50 to 150 feet high, on top of which were fortifications whose guns could sweep the waters of the straits. Besides these land batteries, there were three native vessels in readiness to repel any invader.

It was a situation which might have daunted the bravest captain that ever trod the deck of a man-of-war. "McDougal was the type



### COMMANDER D. S. McDOUGAL

who didn't know what fear was, which, combined with a clear insight into the motives for action, made an ideal officer," says Maclay in his "History of the Navy."

"Making directly for these ves sels, he shook out his colors, but reserved his fire, intending to attack the vessels first and give his attention to the batteries afterwards. The sight of the American flag seemed to act like oil on the fire, for now the Japanese opened from other batteries with savage ferocity. McDougal's shift from the main channel somewhat disconcerted their plans, as seen by the fact that most of their shots took effect in the Wyoming's rigging."

The American vessel was now engaged with the three Japanese ships. By a well-directed fire the American gunners succeeded in sinking two of them, despite the fact and was in danger of being rammed by the third. But the fire of the frigate soon drove that enemy ship off and silenced her guns.

Then McDougal concentrated on the shore batteries and, while deliberately retracing his course through the straits, kept up a most effective fire. The Japanese clansmen, fearless as they were, were greatly im-pressed by McDougal's boldness. They believed that he possessed more than human herve in thus run ning the gantlet of fire which they had prepared for him and long aft erward they spoke respectfully of "American Devil" feated them in the Straits of Shimonoseki.

An even higher tribute was paid to him by a fellow-American. Theodore Roosevelt said "Had this action occurred at any other time than during the Civil war, its fame would have echoed all over the world." But the memory of Gettysburg and Vicksburg was fresh the minds of the people of the North. So it was easy for them to overlook the valor of an obscure sea captain winning a minor battle on the other side of the world, heroic though his achievement had been.

Born in Ohio in 1809, Stockton entered the navy at the age of 19 and served as a midshipman on the sloop, Natchez, in the West Indies squadron from 1829 to 1831. After several years' service in the Orient, he was commissioned a captain in 1864 and placed in command of the steam sloop, Powhatan. In 1870 he became commander of the south squadron of the Pacific fleet and in 1873 he was made a rear-admiral. He was then placed on the retired list after nearly half a century in the service. He died in San Fran-cisco on August 7, 1882.

### Apparently Little Tommy Was a Movie Enthusiast

The teacher was trying to get the pupils to understand the dread-ful business of conjugating verbs. "When I say 'I have, you have, he has,' " she explained, "I am conjugating the verb 'to have.' I want all of you to understand. Do you?'

They did. "Very good. Now listen carefully. 'I love, you love, he loves.' What is that?"

There was a moment of silence, and then up shot little Tommy's

"Please miss," he said, "it's one of them triangles when some-one gets shot!"



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On Roman Architecture

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Public History What is public history but a register of the successes and disappointments, the vices, the follies, and the quarrels of those who engage in contention for power.—



Growth of Palm Tree After a palm reaches a height of only about eight feet, its trunk rarely increases in diameter, even when the tree grows to be more than a hundred feet tall.

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