

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—Gen. Saturnio Cedillo, the feudal chieftain of the province of San Luis Potosi, is moving out of the ruck as the No. 1 menace to the Cardenas administration, according to all one can glean at this crossroads.

A friend of this writer, an oil operator who has reasons for remaining anonymous, brings news from Mexico that the big, swarthy Mestizo, the most conspicuous hold-out on the state agrarian program, is gaining a following in a long sweep of Mexican provinces, and, in this view, dissident factions will swarm in behind him, if there is a further drift toward civil war.

He has the friendship and backing of various foreign interests, according to my informant, and around his huge, stolid, grim person there is gathering powerful opposition to the government.

He is a self-made fighting man who served his apprenticeship in various minor work-outs, before the big upheaval of 1910, when old Porfirio Diaz was overthrown. He joined this revolt, but called himself a "conservative revolutionist."

He never liquidated his personal army, now numbering about 10,000, and his autocratic state is firmly entrenched in the constitutional commonwealth. When he resigned as secretary of agriculture on August 16, of last year, it was reported that he had made a truce with President Cardenas, but that talk seems to have been premature.

He was a member of the National Revolutionary party committee of 1934, which drafted Mexico's six-year agrarian and economic plan, but has been a determined and effective opponent of such fixings, particularly the Cardenas agrarian plan.

My friend picks Senors Cardenas and Cedillo as the two strong men of Mexico, one being driven left and the other right by the present social tension.

THE Swiss bell-ringers, the one-armed trap-drummer, the circus ring-master and all such supposedly busy and preoccupied people are just snoozing along compared to Dr. Morris Fishbein, goal-keeper against medical quacks, heresies, panaceas, innovations, utopias and unsanctioned experiments.

When Dr. James H. Means, retiring president of the American College of Physicians, drops a few provocative words about self-imposed medical reform, they scarcely hit a press wire before Dr. Fishbein swings a devastating counter-assertion.

Dr. Fishbein is elaborately equipped and organized for timely blasts against any encroachment of subsidized or socialized medicine. As editor of the Journal of the American Medical Association, with headquarters in Chicago, he commands a large staff of secretaries and assistant secretaries, trained like a fast ball club to field any challenge or dissent.

He is undoubtedly the most highly publicized medical man in America. Through the journal, he reaches the nation's 125,000 doctors; through Hygeia, the more popularized medical publication, he carries his message to many more thousands and is a prolific writer for national magazines.

He woffs hundreds of exchanges and eight or ten medical books every week, lectures, speaks on the radio, reviews books, writes books and, always enjoying a fight, keeps up a fast running fight against the quacks.

When he finished Rush Medical school, at the age of twenty-three, he had the choice of becoming a pathologist for the state of Indiana, or an assistant editor of the Journal of Medicine.

He chose the latter. Mrs. Fishbein, who was Anna Mantel, serves through the war with him, traveling with him and assisting him in the biggest and busiest job of medical journalism ever attempted. They have three children.

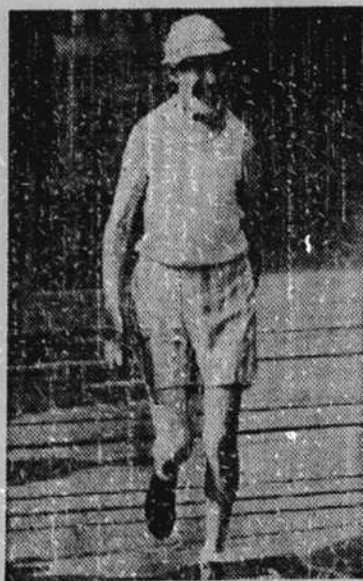
Dr. Fishbein, plump, affable, bald, and forty-eight years old, also is deep in art, music, literature, the drama, bridge, golf and public affairs, exercising a sharp critical judgment in all these fields. He is a magnificent demonstration of how a knowing doctor can build up his basal metabolisms.

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1—Chinese Eighth Route army soldiers in Shansi province decked out in captured Japanese coats, part of captured items such as food, clothing and arms they took from the invaders. 2—Victims of an anti-Nazi riot in New York city which grew out of the recent celebration of Adolf Hitler's forty-ninth birthday. 3—Henry Ford, whose visit to President Roosevelt in the White House was regarded as the sign of a closer relationship between business and the administration.

MARATHONER



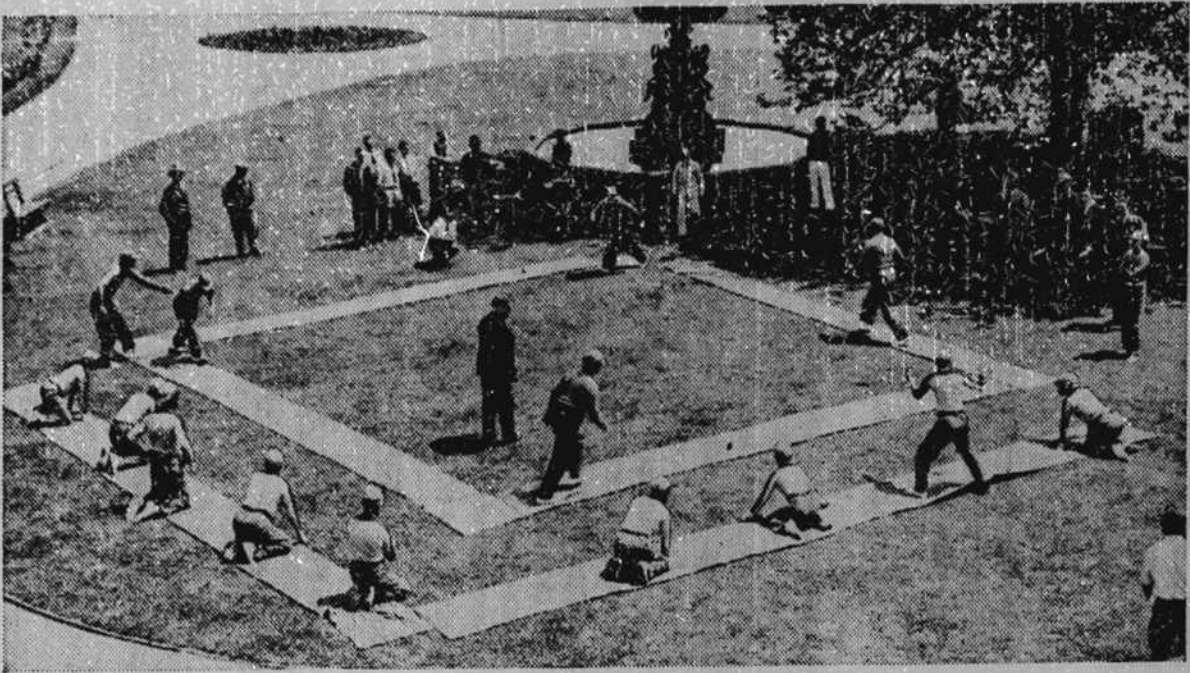
The Methuselah of Marathon, eighty-five-year-old Peter W. Foley of Winchester, Mass., shown as he completed the 26-mile-385-yard distance of the famous Boston A. A. marathon, "just to show 'em there's life in the old dogs yet." He finished in slightly more than 4½ hours. The winner, thirty-four-year-old Leslie Pawson, made the route in 2 hours, 35 minutes 34½ seconds.

Blondes Hold Peace Conference



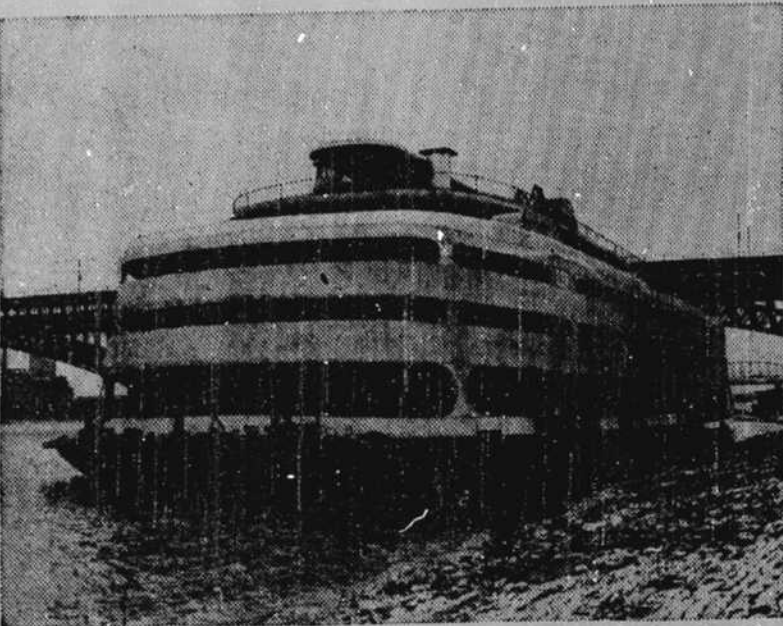
Blondes from many parts of the United States interested in preserving peace are pictured as they answered the roll call at the first National Conference of Blondes to End War. The purpose of the "Blonde Brigade" is to fight war. Should America be invaded, members of the brigade will meet the enemy. They are confident that there isn't a soldier in the world who would shoot a lovely blonde.

"Sound" Baseball Played by Blind Performers



Teams from the Industrial Home for the Blind at Oakland, Calif., demonstrate "sound" baseball. The batter hits a jingling ball and runs down a padded baseline. Ten players form a team. The fielders kneel on pads back of the baseline to catch the sounding ball and register an out by rolling the ball across the bases or baseline ahead of the runner. Home plate has a bell on it to show when runs are scored.

Streamlined Boat for Mississippi



This streamlined river boat now under construction on the St. Louis levee is beginning to assume the graceful lines which will make it the most beautiful craft on the Mississippi. It will be used as a pleasure steamer plying north and south from St. Louis.

FLYING WIENERS



Falling like manna from heaven, food for a platoon of cavalry in maneuvers at Valentine, Texas, was dropped by plane. The men were fed for four days by this means as a test of the efficacy of rationing military units by air. Here is a delighted trooper with the supplies.

GREAT BOOKS

Rash Remark Cost Soldier His Country

By ELIZABETH C. JAMES

LEUT. PHILLIP NOLAN, main character of Edward Everett Hale's "A Man Without a Country," was stationed in Louisiana about the time that Aaron Burr made his first trip down there. Nolan was young and lonely and was flattered by the attentions of Burr. Soon Nolan's name was linked with that of Burr, and the result was, that without any purpose of disloyalty to his country, Lieutenant Nolan was standing ready for trial by court martial.

In the progress of the trial, the judge asked Nolan if he had anything to say about his loyalty to the United States. Exasperated at the combination of events, Nolan cried out, "Damn the United States! I hope that I never hear the name again."

The judge and the court turned white. Withdrawing for discussion, they returned in 15 minutes. The judge read the verdict. "Mr. Nolan, you shall have your wish. The verdict of this court is that you will never again hear the name of your country."

The prisoner was taken aboard an American ship that sailed at once. When that ship had completed its voyage and was again nearing American waters, Mr. Nolan was transferred to another American ship, outward bound.

The prisoner was treated kindly at all times and was given the best that each ship had to offer. At each meal he was invited to dine with an officer who was responsible that no one mention the United States or anything pertaining to it.

Known as "Plain Buttons."

When the imprisonment first began, Nolan treated it with levity, but when it settled down into a routine of ships and voyages that showed no end he became sober, then remorse, then timid as a child. He lived for 50 years on the ships of the American navy, knowing personally more officers and men than any other, individual man.

From time to time during all the years of this strange punishment, there occurred several crises in the life of Nolan. He possessed a beautiful speaking voice and was often invited to read to the assembled officers. One day Nolan was asked to read from the new book by Sir Wal-

HALE'S VARIED CAREER

Edward Everett Hale, whose life was from 1822 to 1909, was one of the most voluminous writers of America; his works would fill ten large volumes. Although he used every type of writing except poetry, his permanent reputation rests on the two short stories, "My Double and How He Undid Me," and "The Man Without a Country."

Hale followed many kinds of work; he was a preacher, a writer, a lecturer, and an active participant in public affairs. Toward the end of his life, he was chaplain to the United States senate.

ter Scott which someone had picked up in port. Everyone was comfortably listening when Nolan reached the passage, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land.'" Nolan threw the book into the sea and rushed to his stateroom. He did not reappear for two months.

Acts as Interpreter.

During the long years of inactivity, Nolan mapped out a daily routine for himself. He followed a program of regular study and became proficient in many subjects, including foreign languages. One day the American ship came across a slave ship that had mutinied and was drifting. The slaves were freed of their chains, but they could not talk with the Americans to communicate their desires. Nolan was asked to interpret. The slaves spoke a dialect of Portuguese and they went wild with joy when they heard intelligible words. When the American officer stated that he would take them to a specific point of land and leave them, they set up a wall. No. No. Take us home! And they began to cry out the names of the members of their families that they wanted to see. Nolan was interpreting each side to the other. His voice became huskier and huskier. In desperation to end the painful scene, the American officer cried out, "All right, tell them that I will take them home!"

Nolan was more than 70 years old when he died. One night he sent for one of his friends to come to his stateroom. When the friend entered the stateroom and looked around, he saw what appeared to be a shrine to America. The American eagle had been drawn on the ceiling. On the wall was a picture of Washington, draped in an American flag. On the foot of the bed was a map of America. All of which Nolan had drawn from memory.

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Quick Embroidery For Luncheon Set

HERE an embroidered border is plainly shown. No pattern is necessary. Book offered herewith contains other interesting borders of this type. Space your stitches just as they are here. The embroidery should be done in a light and a dark color. Use all strands of six-strand mercerized embroidery thread. Color suggestions are—dark and lighter blue thread on white material—dark green and light yellow on light green material—black and bright blue on pale yellow—deep rose and brown on pale pink.

Baste ½-inch deep hems around both mats and napkins. Working from right side with double



thread, make two rows of running stitches in the dark color, as at A, catching through the hem. Thread a blunt tapestry needle with the light thread and weave through the running stitches keeping needle pointed to the left as at B. Next, weave back again, as at C, still pointing the needle to the left.

Readers who have received their copy of Mrs. Spears' book on Sewing, for the Home Decorator, will be pleased to know that Book No. 2 is now ready. Ninety embroidery stitches; fabric repairing; also table settings; gifts; and many things to make for yourself and the children. If you like handwork you will be pleased with this unique book of directions for every article illustrated. Postpaid upon receipt of 25 cents (coin preferred). Just ask for Book 2, and address Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplaines St., Chicago, Ill.

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