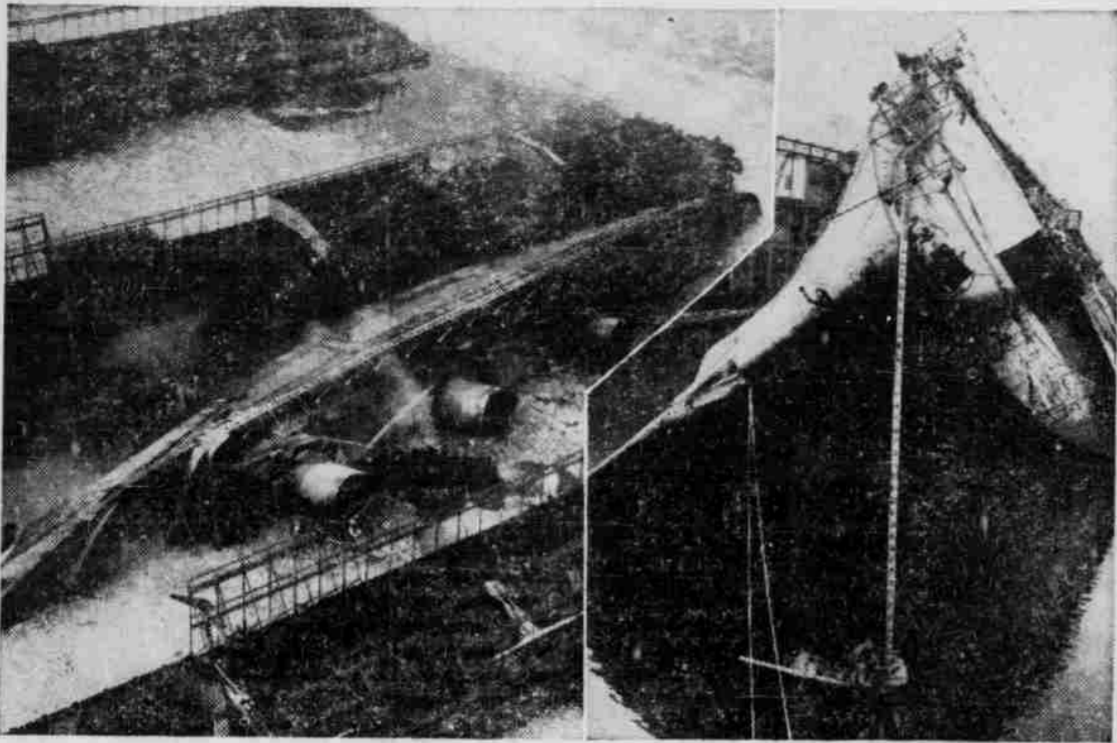
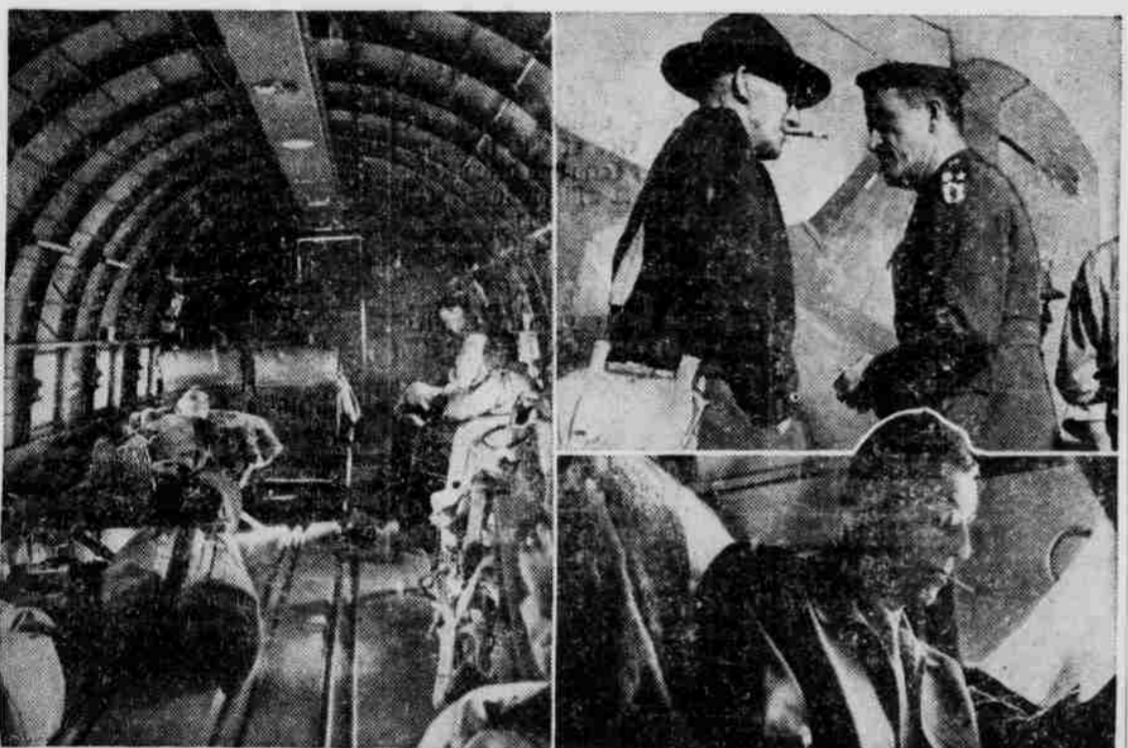


Normandie Floats Again—Soon to Be Erect



The USS Lafayette, formerly the French luxury liner, Normandie, will once again sail the seas despite the devastating fire of February 9, 1941, which swept through her and the 100,000 tons of water which were poured into her hull sending her crashing to the bottom of the Hudson river. A corps of 70 divers and 700 workmen have her rapidly on the way up in the final stages of the second tremendous naval salvage operation of recent weeks. The other record setting ship raising and refitting was at Pearl Harbor. Left: The Normandie just after she rolled over. Despite the intense fire and the hundreds of workmen aboard only one life was lost. Right: It has been necessary to paint new numbers on this measuring tape to keep pace with the rapid rise of the ship.

Stilwell Naps While Flying Over Himalayas



A veteran of many flights over "The Hump," military slang for the Himalayan mountains, Lieut. Gen. Joseph Stilwell, commander of the United States forces in the China, India and Burma theaters of warfare, naps on his rubber mattress, left, while making the trip. Upper right: General Stilwell, carrying his own duffel bag, chats with Maj. Gen. Claire Chennault, commander of the 14th Air Force in China and former leader of the "Flying Tigers," pioneer American air fighters in this sector. Bottom right: Stilwell studies requests for supplies while flying to the next point on a tour of the bases of the vast area which he commands.

Making Gasoline From Coal



Dr. R. R. Sayers, director of the national bureau of mines, turns a spigot and out pours gasoline which shortly before was lumps of coal. Watching the demonstration in Pittsburgh are members of the senate-house subcommittee on war materials.

New Type Litter



One or two men can carry a casualty with this new type of litter which is pictured adjusted for a two-man carry. Designed by Lieut. Col. S. H. Bingham, it is said to ease the strain on both bearers and the casualty. Movement over narrow tracks, through jungles, or mountain trails is made much easier with the new litter.

Churchill Arrives for 6th Conference



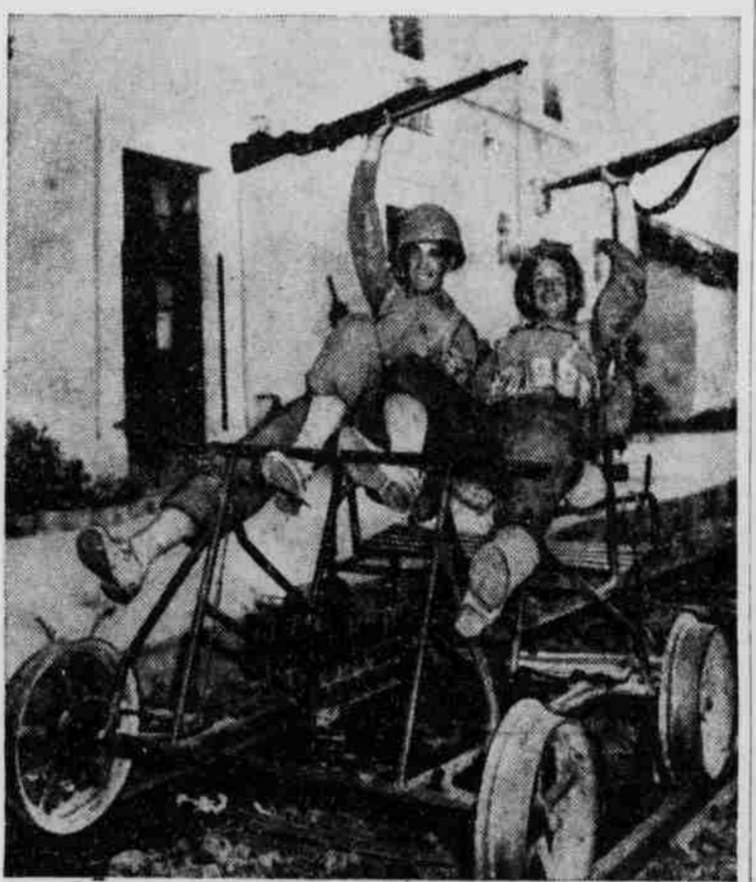
Britain's prime minister, Winston Churchill, is pictured at the Chateau Frontenac in Quebec, Canada, prior to conferences with President Roosevelt and Prime Minister King of Canada. It was to be the sixth series of conferences between the leaders and was expected to include terms for Italy's surrender and further military plans.

Brother Identifies Brother After 24 Hours



For 24 hours a boy who had fallen from a street car lay unconscious and unidentified in a San Francisco hospital. Then Charles Pryor, 12, asked to see the lad and promptly identified him as his brother Joseph, 14. Charles is pictured, trying to comfort his brother who suffered a fractured skull.

Marching Too Slow for Sicily Invaders



Marching is too slow for these American soldiers in Sicily so they gain speed by utilizing this foot-propelled railroad vehicle. Approximately 125,000 Axis prisoners were captured in the invasion. A report that British ships had bombarded the Italian mainland was soon followed by an announcement that German troops were evacuating Sicily.

Allied Bombing Victims Receiving Aid



Victims of Allied bombings over Le Creusot, France, are shown receiving food and clothing, according to a French caption in a Nazi-controlled magazine. The bombing referred to apparently was the second attack by the Allies on the huge Schneider works, one of the biggest war plants in Europe where munitions have been turned out for Germany.

Peace by Nov., 1944



"The war will be over before it is time to think of the next presidential election." Thus spoke Jim Farley in Seattle where he was pictured with his son, Jim Jr.

They're Useful as Well as Decorative



Girl lifeguards resemble a chorus line as they pose for news photographers on a Chicago beach where they had assembled for calisthenics, which keep them in trim for their lifesaving work.

Demolitionist



A group of manufacturers who recently visited Fort Benning, Ga., were introduced to a fully equipped parachuting demolitionist—Lieut. Samuel Calhoun. Fort Benning is a parachute and infantry school. Airborne troops were credited by military authorities for much of the success of the Sicilian campaign.



While Walter Winchell is temporarily away from New York, his column is being conducted by guest contributors.

By HARRY HERSHFIELD
Radio Story Teller and Columnist.
Value of a painting often depends on whose nail it hangs from. None of these celebrities have played vaudeville, so there is little danger that their little masterpieces are plagiarisms on the "Berle Youngman-Jesse" school. Here are some favorite jokes of famous people:

AL SMITH:
A citizen attended his first political jamboree. He wasn't there long before somebody copped his watch. He reported it to the district leader, who whispered: "Next to which guy was you standin' last?" Victim pointed to a fellow in the center. "Just don't say nothin' and it'll be O.K." In a few minutes the leader handed the watch over to its owner. "What did he say?" asked the grateful man. "Sh-h-h—quiet—he don't know I got it!"

MAYOR LA GUARDIA:
(Tells this one on himself)
Two Soviet representatives arrived at City Hall. Instead of the expected and accepted costumes of Stalinists, they wore high hats, etc. They looked at La Guardia, in baggy overalls, and all he could say was: "Gentlemen, I represent the Proletariat!"

5-Year-Old Milker



Allan Schuckman, five years old, of Livingston, N. J., continues milking one of his grandfather's cows in steady rhythm even while his picture is snapped. He has been milking since the age of 3½ years and makes spending money at the rate of five cents a cow.

New Guinea Warriors



Maj. Archibald Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt, and Capt. Carl E. Webber are pictured strolling in New Guinea. Their commander, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, stated that Japan is now on the defensive in this area.

Exit Camilli



After trying for two hours to convince Dolph Camilli (right) that he should not quit baseball, Mel Ott (left) bids him a sad farewell. Camilli announced his retirement.

FANNIE HURST:
A dapper fellow walked into a bakery and ordered a special cake: "I want it 55 inches in diameter—nine layers—seven colored frostings. In the center, I want my initials, R. N. I want it as soon as possible." "I'll have it for you in a week," was the answer. On the appointed day, he called, inspected the cake: "It isn't exactly the way I want it—change the yellow frosting to orchid." On the second inspection, the fellow was delighted: "Perfect—perfect." "Where shall I send it, sir?" "No place—I'll eat it here!"

BERNARD SHAW:
When Lionel Barrymore was scheduled to appear in "Macbeth," there was much doubt among New York ticket brokers whether to "buy in" before the opening. McBride was the leading broker. All the "specs" were on hand for the premier. Lionel floundered through the part. Then came the big moment—his shot "Lay On MacDuff!" Came the answer, from the rear of the house: "Lay on, McBride!"

JIM FARLEY:
Joe Louis, in the Polo Grounds, finished an opponent in a few seconds of the first round. After the victim got in his dressing-room, he didn't say a word—he was still out. He dressed and his manager escorted him to the street. It was raining. The pug put out his hand and moaned: "Gee, this will hurt the gate receipts!" "Oh," cracked the manager, "I forgot to tell you—the fight was called off!"

JIMMY WALKER:
A hillbilly called on a girl for a year. Finally, her father flagged him: "Time I asked you something—are your intentions to my daughter honorable or dishonorable?" "You mean I have a choice?" queried the hillbilly.

ILKA CHASE:
A young radical refused to work. His old man let him have it: "Fine bum—why don't you go to work and make some money?" "Aha, I'm glad you brought that up. It'll come the revolution and we'll have a Utopia—we won't need the money!" "But why don't you go to work and make \$50,000—when it comes the revolution, then you can help them with it." "Aha—suppose it don't come the revolution—then I'm stuck with \$50,000."

MARC CONNOLLY:
When Caesar tried to take Ireland, he was repulsed by Clancy and Finnegan. Caesar returned with more legions—again was pushed back. Julius was now really mad. He gathered the full might of his armies and navies and started for Ireland again. This time, Clancy and Finnegan were careless. Sitting on a raft, they were surrounded, captured after a terrible struggle and brought to the Forum, as captives. Caesar threw the pair into the arena against 500 gladiators. Clancy and Finnegan mowed them down. Caesar burned. He ordered them to fight 2,000 lions. This day the crowd really turned out. As Caesar and his retinue entered the arena, Clancy pointed: "See that beautiful blonde with Caesar? Well, this morning, she looked at me and"—just then there was a mighty roar—"Sorry, Finnegan, here come the lions—I'll have to tell you the rest later!"

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:
Ailing gentleman ambled into a doctor's office: "I'm having trouble with my eyesight and hearing." "Are you a drinking man?" "Yes, doctor." "That's it—stop drinking at once, report to me in a month." A month later he reported: "Doc, I still have trouble with my eyesight and hearing." "Did you stop drinking as I told you?" "Nope—what I've been drinking is so much better than what I've been seeing and hearing lately I decided to keep it up!"