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THIS WEEK

Adolph S. Ochs Russia's New Plane Superstition and Suicide Cocktail Parties

The death of Adolph S. Ochs, editor and owner of the New York Times, is



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to personal profit, Mr. Ochs often put to this writer and other friends the question, ever in his mind, "How can I make of the Times a permanent and useful institution?"

Russia, according to Lloyd George, Is the world's real flying nation, probably, the world's greatest fighting nir fleet. It is certainly the country that takes flying most seriously, with 8,000,000 Russians trained in aeronauties, young Russian girls learning to pilot planes and dirigibles and make 20,000-foot parachute Jumps, as our young girls learn new dance steps.

This makes important Russia's announcement that she is manufacturing airplanes on a mass production basis, using for air power "an ordinary light automobile engine." The planes, very cheap, using ordinary gasoline, will be supplied to collective farms. Russia may be the first nation to do with flying machines what this country did with automo-Ales. American genius put this nation on wheels. If Russian englneering skill puts Russia on wings, it will make some other countries thoughtful.

A young man is found strangely murdered, or committing suicide in an unusual way, hanging from a low tree. His legs were fastened behind his back with chains, chains were around his hands and neck, and a medal that he had won in an athletic contest was fastened with a safety pin to one of his nostrils. The man, thirty-one, who had been employed in moving pictures as a substitute for actors under dangerous conditions, is believed by police to have killed himself in a strange way, through vanity, to attract attention, climbing to the limb of a tree, adjusting the chain, dropping and strangling.

Police quote a superstition of certain Malays who believe that evil spirits carry off their souls if they kill themselves. When they commit suicide they exhaust their Ingenuity in efforts to die in such a fashion as to make suicide seem impossible, that the spirits after inspection may decide that the dead man was murdered and leave his soul in peace.

During prohibition, the habit of drunkenness was acquired by many, particularly young women. yield more easily than men to the effects of alcohol and drugs, and once "caught" they are caught for life, usually,

American fathers and mothers that give cocktail parties for their sons and daughters, or permit them in their houses, should be told plainly that they are using their money to make drunkards of the daughters and sons, and are not fit to have, or bring up, children.

In addition to moving 60,000 more soldiers to the German lines, France is burriedly connecting her steel and concrete line of fortresses, with barbed wire entanglements and trenches. Thirty thousand soldlers are digging in as

The French apparently expect the same old thing over again, but they will not see it. Nations in the next war will not squat in trenches, but will fly against the enemy nation's chief cities and kill an impressive number of citizens with poison explosives and gas.

Nothing will be more lonesome than a front line trench in the next war.

Harlem, in upper New York city, with some 200,000 colored population, is stamping ground for many that preach ultra-radical doctrines, including the theory that whoever has money must have stolen it from those that have no money.

This added to race antagonism, and the influence of certain "exhorters," brings results reminding citizens of what may happen when dangerous doctrines are preached recklessly.

The latest news indicates that Chancenor Hitler is not as anxious for "war in a hurry" as was alleged.

Sir John Simon, for England, re-ceived from Hitler a written proposal:

Pirst, a ten-year nonaggression reaty with Germany's peighbors, no-ody to attack anybody else. Second, a piedge to withhold eco-nomic and financial assistance from any nation starting a war.

CURRENT EVENTS

WORK RELIEF ACT SIGNED BY PRESIDENT-A. F. OF L. BACKS THE TIRE STRIKE.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, deeply tanned and in good physical condition, was landed at Jacksonville,

Fla., by the destroyer Farragut and started immediately for New York, to attend the funeral of his cousin, Warren Delano Robbins, after which he returned to Washington. Abourd his special train the President read through the \$4,880,000,000 work relief bill as It was final-

Harry Hopkins ly passed by both houses of congress, called for pen and Ink and appended his signature to the largest appropriation measure ever enacted by congress. There were some features of it, agreed upon in the senate and house conference, which he did not like, but he said those who had studied it recommended its approval.

The President at once signed two allocations from the amount appropriated. The first was \$125,000,000 to the administrator of the Federal Emergency Relief administratoln, In order that relief might not stop. The second was \$30,000,000 for continuation of the emergency conservation work.

In Washington the Republicans and some others discussed with dissatisfaction the probability that Harry L. Hopkins, relief administrator, would be the President's chief assistant in carrying out the vast work relief program.

"It is extremely fortunate for Mr. Hopkins that, If he is going to be the lord high distributor of the money, the hill is so drawn that he won't have to be confirmed by the senate," said Senator Vandenberg of Michigan.

Representative Snell of New York, the Republican leader in the house, declared it was "a sad commentary that a man like Hopkins," who had termed critics of work-relief methods "d-n dumb," should "appear to be in line to be clothed with extraordinary grants of power over the greatest sum of money ever appropriated."

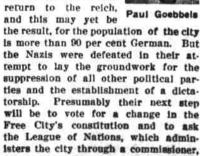
As fixed up in conference, the act does not require senate confirmation of administrators already in the employ of the government. That includes Hopkins, Secretary Ickes, and Rexford G. Tugwell, all considered probabilities as members of the board that will administer the work relief fund.

Work for a total of 3,500,000 destitute persons is contemplated under the relief bill. Officials estimate 2,500,000 of these already are working for relief payments. According to plans, these are to be absorbed by the new work program on July 1, leaving jobs to be found for 1,000,000 more. It was said that soil erosion control projects and rural electrification would be relied on heavily at the outset of the drive to increase the number at work. Later, officials said, the present work-relief program will be "pruned" to provide labor for other projects.

Robert C. Fechner, director of the clvilian conservation corps, announced that his organization hoped to increase its strength from 370,000 to 600,000 men under the terms of the bill. He said this would call for the establishment of about 900 camps and the assignment of 10,000 corps commanders.

S OCIALISTS and Catholics of Danzig combined to give Chancellor Hitler of Germany his first big setback. In the free city's parliamentary

election the Nazis polled 60.6 per cent of the total vote, but failed to get the twothirds majority of the seats that would give them complete control of parliament Hitler and his followers had hoped Danzig would follow the lead of the Saar and return to the reich. and this may yet be



isters the city through a commissioner, to permit a plebiscite on return to the reich. This was openly discussed by Paul Joseph Goebbels, German propaganda minister, during the hot campaign in Danzig carried on by the Nazls. Poland was enraged by the violent methods of the Hitlerites in the campaign and demanded an apology from Berlin. The whole affair endangered the new friendship between Poland and Germany, and probably

this was not mourned by the other

nations of Europe.

WITH the rubber workers in the tire plants of Akron, Ohio, ready it their jobs, the American Feder-of Labor pledged itself to finance would be a crucial attempt by ed labor to force on industry ers of Akron for as long a time as may Keep Own Place

Green definitely marked out the tire strike as a test of labor's ability to make good on the promises held out to it by the New Deal. The national labor relations board, he pointed out, had ordered the big tire companies. Goodyear, Goodrich, and Firestone, to allow their workers to elect representatives for collective bargaining. The companies have refused and labor now takes into its own hands the enforcement of the NLRB decision, Green ar-

Tire manufacturers, on the other side, recognize the threatened strike as a key move in the New Deal program for regimentation of labor and industry and are fighting back. Firestone expected to go before the District of Columbia Supreme court and ask a permanent injunction against the NLRB and NRA meddling in its labor situation.

FOLLOWING the example set by Hitler, Austria has decided to disregard the limitations on its military strength set by the treaty of St. Germain and to increase its armed forces immediately. The official communique issued by Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg did not say how big the army would be or whether conscription would be restored. The annual spring parade of the army at the Ringstrasse in Vienna was revived, and the troops appeared in fine new uniforms.

H IS health broken down by his strenuous tour of European capitals to induce the various nations to line up with Great Britain's peace

Captain plan. Anthony Eden has been sent to bed by his physicians for some weeks. This is disconcerting to Sir John Simon and the other statesmen, for they are deprived of the company of the young lord privy seal at the tri-power conference

at Stresa, Italy, in Captain Eden which Britain, France and Italy hope to agree on a security system for the continent. Eden was not able to make a personal report on his trip at the cabinet meeting but did tell Simon in detail what he had learned. Prime Minister Ramsay Mac-Donald was directed by the cabinet to accompany Sir John to the Stresa conference when word was received that Premier Flandin of France and Premier Mussolini of Italy would be there. The great music hall in the Villa Borromeo on Isola Bella, half a mile out in Lake Maggiore was prepared for the statesmen, and they were to be completely isolated there with their

Important decisions regarding Britain's scheme for a general collective security system for Europe, the league's attitude toward German rearmament, the proposed revision of treaties affecting Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria, and the possibility of getting Germany to return to the league were expected to be made at

experts and secretaries, no one else be-

ing allowed to approach the island.

SOVIET RUSSIA is still pressing Foreign Minister Laval of to conclude a military alliance be tween these two countries, but Laval holds off, proposing instead the European security pact which would include Russia but would not be drawn up especially for her. Moscow is reported to be greatly vexed and it is said in Paris that French communists have been instructed by the Third Internationale to stir up all the trouble they can in order to coerce the government, reminding it that Russia, whenever it pleases, can disrupt France's defensive peeparations and even bring on a civil war. Communists in France are so numerous and so influential that this may be no idle threat.

OUR minister to Canada, Warren Delano Robbins, succumbed to pneumonia in a New York hospital after a week's illness. He was a first cousin of President Roosevelt and had been in the diplomatic service for more than 25 years, being one of the most distinguished of the "career" men. He had served in Latin America, France, Germany and Washington before being sent to Ottawa.

Adolph S. Ochs, veteran owner and publisher of the New York Times, was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage while visiting old friends in Chattanooga, Tenn., and died without regaining consciousness. He was seventy seven years old and had been in poor health for some time.

Another notable man taken by death was Edwin Arlington Robinson, generally considered the foremost American poet. He won the Pulitzer prize for poetry in 1922, 1926 and 1928

A NNOUNCEMENT was made by the State department that the United States has accepted in general terms the proposal of Argentina and Chile for co-operative efforts to end the Bolivia-Paraguay war in the Gran Chaco. It was expected Brazil, which had been consulted, would join in the plan. Just what will be done has not

KANG TEH, emperor of Manchukpe is the first foreign ruler ever

in Social Whirl

Weakness of Character in Pose That Deceives Nobody.

In a sermon recently at the fashfonable St. Bartholomew's church in New York city, Bishop Warren L. Rogers of Ohio assailed as one of the chief weaknesses of people in large centers of the country the practice of "Keeping Up With the foneses."

Too many of us, said the bishop, are concerned with "the avenue on which your apartment is located, where you stay when you are away and how many cars you have." He spoke of the hollowness of such living, how utterly lacking it is in real satisfaction.

Without presumption, an eminent woman writer comments, I think. most of this column's family could add from their own experience a very practical consideration against the practice of "Keeping Up With the Joneses." That is that it doesn't fool anybody. Most of us have known people

who tried to wage that senseless struggle. The people who posed as having more than they had and tried to conceal what they lacked by putting all they had in the show window; the people who sacrificed inner peace for outer display; who gave up living substantially in a modest way for existing precariously on a plane too high for them.

Struggle, worry, instability, lack of peace is their daily bread-and for what? For these people never for long fool anyone. Even if the world were not so "small," and our lives, to those with whom we come in constant contact, so transparent, we should need nothing more than the strained look, the fumbling, uncomfortable ways of these people who bite off more than they can chew, to "give them away."

It fools nobody, this "Keeping Up With the Joneses." It is a total loss, for it robs the people who attempt it of the respect which would other wise be theirs. Even the most superficial of humans admire those with a true sense of values and the courage to live according to it. They respect those who stand honestly for what they are, and so make that something worth standing for. And those who pretend so pitifully to more material possessions than they have are naturally assumed to have little else to commend them. 6. Bell Syndicate-WNU Service



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