

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

Choses Vues
Furs, Conscience-Proof
Caterpillars and Weeds
Wise Generosity

An able Frenchman, long since dead, wrote about choses vues—"things seen."



There are still many things to see and to hear, although there is nobody to write about them as that old Frenchman wrote. At the head of the London Times' "personal column," some one pays to print this impressive extract from the Psalms: "Seek the Lord, and His strength; seek His face evermore. Remember his marvelous works that He hath done; His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth." You spend a moment wondering what kind of English man or woman, strong in faith, decided to put that text before statesmen that today seek the "face" of Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin, but forget the greater power of the Creator of those gentlemen.

After that, you read in the same Times this advertisement:

"Furs humanely obtained that can be worn with a clean conscience—full particulars from Maj. C. Van Der Byl, Wapenham, Towcester."

This being an ingenious and doubtless quite sincere appeal to the tender-hearted Englishwoman who does not like to think that the fur around her neck once belonged to an animal that suffered for days and perhaps weeks tortured in a trap.

Possibly the best way to "obtain furs humanely obtained that can be worn with a clear conscience" is to buy and wear some of the innumerable furs, from rugged bears to silky chinchilla, made from the skins of rabbits that are nourished in little hutches in the suburbs of Los Angeles, and fed with "rabbit hay," tender young alfalfa, grown on the Mojave desert, a good deal of it on a ranch owned and operated by this writer.

When you buy furs, no matter what kind, with a rabbit skin foundation, you may be sure that the animal suffered very little, if at all, and when you buy that fur you also buy honest American alfalfa, which is a vegetarian product.

F. C. Cobb wrote from the Boy Scout reservation at Allaire, N. J.: "The last four week-ends have been spent by our scouts collecting tent caterpillar egg clusters from wild cherry and apple trees along the highways of Monmouth and Ocean counties. Many thousands of egg clusters, each containing on the average 250 eggs, have been destroyed."

No better work could be done by scouts and other boys. It is far better exercise than perfunctory "hikes," often exhausting for smaller boys.

The fathers of the boys, also in need of exercise, can be useful mowing weeds along highways, excellent work for the lungs and for reducing the waist.

Edward S. Harkness, generous young New York financier, gave to Lawrenceville School for Boys a sum that will make possible important new building, plus rebuilding and a more extensive system of small-group instruction, with more teachers.

Mr. Harkness, who does not like publicity, refused to make public the amount of his gift to Lawrenceville, but he gave \$7,000,000 to Exeter academy, \$13,000,000 each to Yale and Harvard, to finance their housing systems. That gives some idea of the size of his gifts.

Some Americans will agree that it is a good thing to have men of unusual ability accumulate wealth and use it thus generously and wisely.

Old-fashioned Americans would rather encourage such gifts and praise the givers than inculcate the notion that anybody with brains enough to accumulate wealth in this country of opportunity is probably a thief and ought to be in jail.

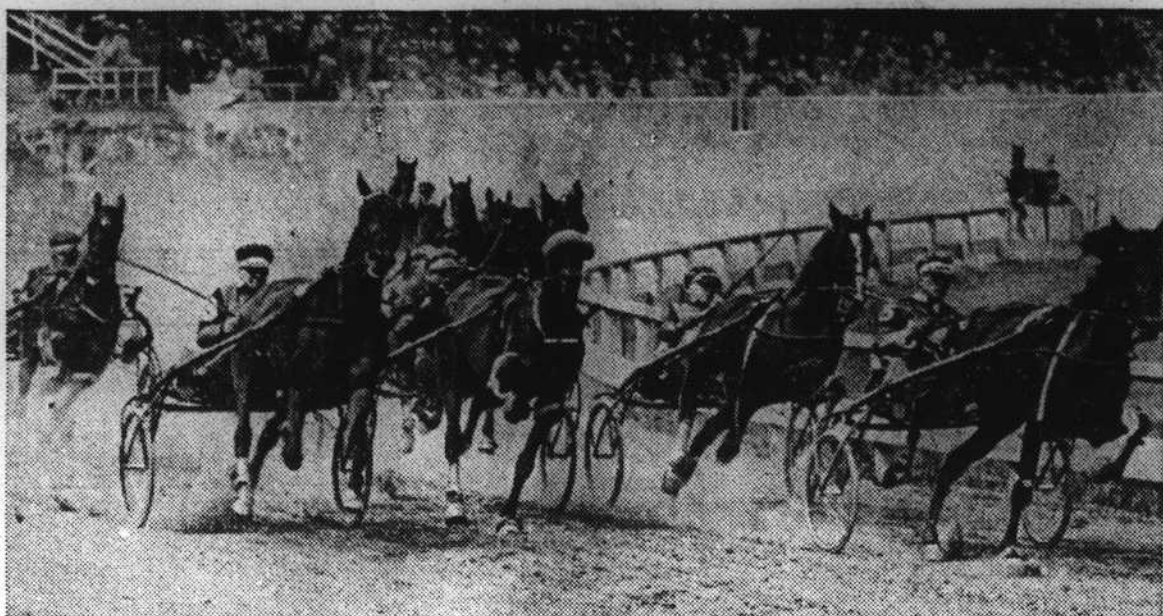
Mussolini knows how a dictator can keep his hold on the people. He establishes 2,000 government camps where half a million poor children enjoy free vacations at sea and mountain resorts. For nine years Mussolini has carried on this work.

In Europe, English, French, German, Italian or Czechoslovakian will believe anything you say about American crime, and that is hardly surprising.

The heading "Chicago Politician Dies Under Hall of Racketeers' Bullets" surprises nobody. There might be mild surprise if the heading read, "Chicago Politician Does NOT Die Under Hall of Racketeers' Bullets."

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1936 Grand Circuit Season Opens in East



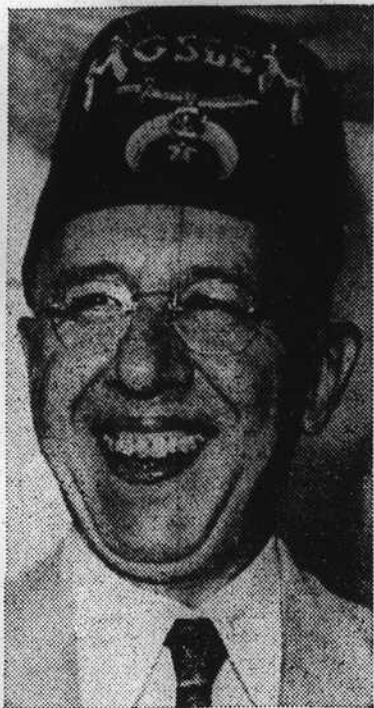
Trotters swing into the stretch with their smooth stride eating up the ground during the running of a heat in the Rio Grande trophy race, one of the events at the opening of the Grand Circuit meeting at Goshen, N. Y.

"I Christen Thee McDougal"



Miss Caroline McDougal Neilson of Springfield, Mass., shown about to smash a bottle across the bows of the U. S. S. McDougal, 1,850-ton destroyer, launched in a shipyard at Camden, N. J. Miss Neilson is a great-granddaughter of the late Rear Admiral David Stockton McDougal, after whom the vessel is named.

SHRINE POTENTATE



Judge Clyde I. Webster of Moslem temple, Detroit, newly elected imperial potentate of the Shrine. The Masonic body held its annual convention in Seattle, Wash., and voted to continue its program of care and treatment of crippled children in Shrine hospitals.

HELD BY NAZI



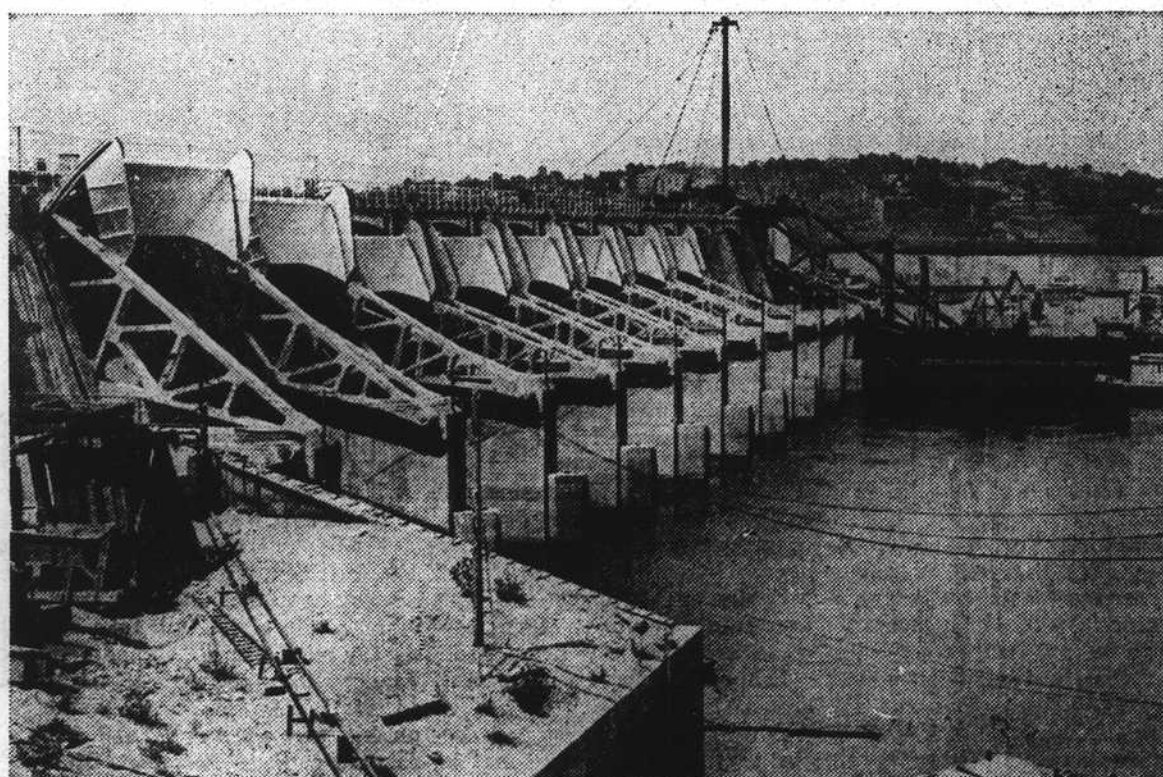
Arrested in Hamburg more than a year ago on a charge of possessing anti-Nazi documents, Lawrence Simpson, seaman on the U. S. S. Manhattan, has been placed on trial.

Bursting Water Main Floods Station



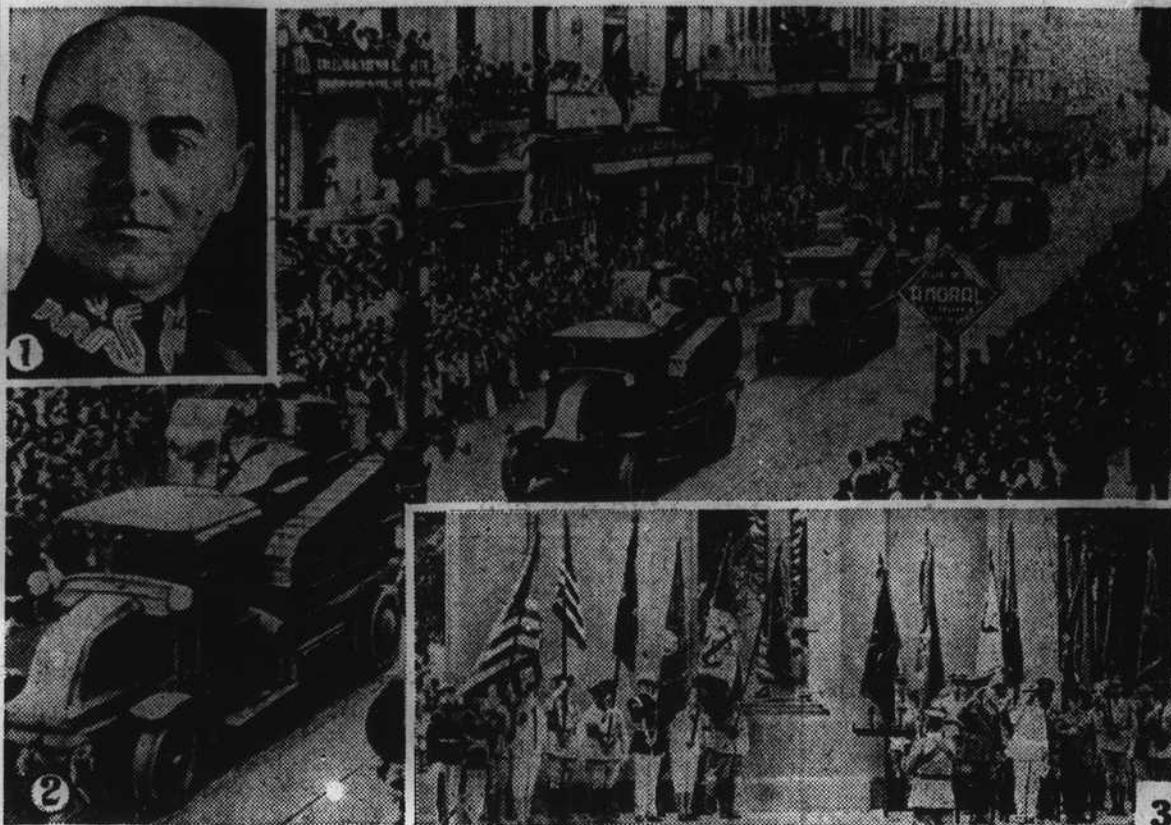
Photo shows workmen trying to clear tracks at the Union station in Chicago of a flood estimated at three to ten feet deep. A 36-inch water main burst putting 14 railroad tracks out of commission. The water also flooded portions of the new post office. Passengers from suburban trains were forced to alight from inbound trains about five blocks from the station. Damage was estimated at \$200,000.

Speed Work on Mississippi Navigation Dam



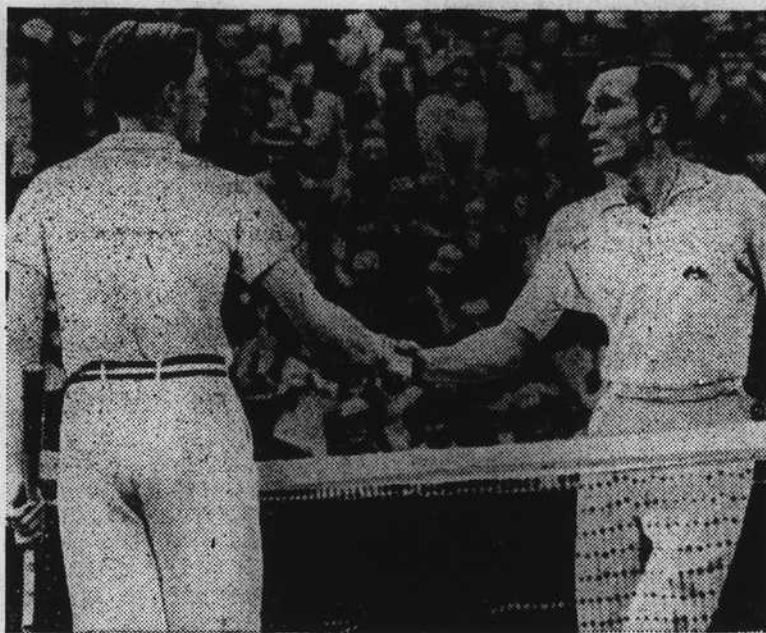
One-third of the great navigation dam across the Mississippi river at Alton, Ill., has been completed and work on the remaining section of this the longest and highest of the 26 dams projected to aid navigation on the Mississippi between here and St. Paul, Minn., is progressing swiftly. The dam's 90 gates will be the largest of their type in the world. The dam proper will be 1,724 feet long in addition to the width of an already completed lock on the Alton shore. View shows a general view of the dam project with the completed gates in the foreground and a coffer-dam in mid-stream, in which the second series of gates will be built.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Gen. Edward Rydz-Smigly, who has been proclaimed Poland's first citizen, a post which virtually drops him into the boots of the late Marshal Pilsudski. 2—Tanks rumble through Spain's cities, as the leftist government tries to crush the military revolt. 3—Veterans of the Second division dedicate a memorial to their fallen comrades in Washington, D. C.

Perry Is Tennis Champ for Third Time



Wimbledon, England.—Baron Gottfried von Cramm of Germany (left) congratulates Fred Perry of England, who defeated him in straight sets to win the men's singles at Wimbledon for the third successive year. The German, however, injured a thigh muscle in the first set.

FILLS FARLEY'S POST



William W. Howes, who is acting postmaster general during the leave of absence of Postmaster General James A. Farley, who is directing the Democratic party's campaign to re-elect President Roosevelt. Mr. Howes' regular post is first assistant postmaster general.

GIVES ALL TO CHARITY



In a momentous decision based on "divine inspiration," Elsie Janis, one-time popular stage star and "sweetheart of the A. E. F." during the World war, has disclosed plans to dispose of her worldly possessions and to devote the proceeds and her life to local charities.

51-Foot Yawl Wins Honolulu Race



"You're first to finish!" James Wilder, judge, tells James Flood (left), owner of the 51-foot yawl Dorade, at the end of the longest yacht race in America—2,225 miles from California to Honolulu. The Dorade, of San Francisco, crossed the finish line with an elapsed time of 13 days 7 hours 46 minutes and 53 1/2 seconds. The Circe, of Seattle, was second.

Civilians and Their Dogs Parade in Gas Masks



Tokyo.—Civilians and their dogs parade through the streets of the Japanese capital wearing gas masks in a demonstration of the preparedness of the civilian population for a gas attack when and if the next war comes.