

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Mrs. Elizabeth Walker Harrison appears before the senate claims committee to ask a pension for her mother, Mary Lord Harrison, widow of the late President Benjamin Harrison. 2—Severe fighting between Chinese and Japanese troops around Peiping presaged a major war in the Orient. Photograph shows a detachment of Japanese troops arriving at Tientsin. 3—Lieut. Gen. Sir Arthur Wauchope, high commissioner for Palestine, under whose direction British troop reinforcements continue to enter the Holy Land in view of possible trouble between the Arabs and the Jews.

Chicago Cadet Is West Point's First

Arthur W. Overbeck, who was cited by Gen. Malin Craig as the No. 1 man of the 1937 graduating class of the West Point Military



academy. He led 298 future generals in his class with a general average for four years of 94.6. He is the first cadet from Illinois to graduate with top honors.

Nation Honors Memory of Sen. Robinson



Honoring the memory of Senator Joseph T. Robinson, who died suddenly in Washington at the age of sixty-four, President Roosevelt, cabinet officers and members of congress attended the state funeral in the senate chamber. Funeral services were held later at Little Rock, Ark., where the body was interred.

Russian Flyers Feted After Record Breaking Hop



Jubilant after their record-breaking non-stop flight of 6,262 miles from Moscow to a cow pasture near San Jacinto, Calif., three Soviet flyers were feted and congratulated on their remarkable feat. Photograph shows, left to right, Pilot Michael Gromov, Co-Pilot Andrei Yumachev and Navigator Sergei Lanlin. The flyers, who were in the air 62 hours and 17 minutes, exceeded the record of the Soviet trans-polar expedition of three weeks previous by nearly 1,000 miles.

BRITISH GOLF ACE



Henry Cotton, who was acclaimed as the new British Open champion at Carnoustie, Scotland, recently, after defeating leading amateurs and professionals from all parts of the world.

Swedish Prince and Commoner Bride



Prince Charles, nephew of King Gustaf of Sweden, with his bride, the former Countess Elsa von Rosen, pictured soon after their recent wedding in Stockholm. By marrying a commoner, Prince Charles lost his title and prerogatives as a member of the royal family.

Families Pick New Homes as Town Starts Moving



Mayor Fred Howell of Shawneetown, Ill., right, helps Clifford Durham and his family select their new home on the model of the new town. Fourteen hundred citizens are going to move to a new site three miles to the west and 400 feet above sea level. The re-location project, expected to take two years, was undertaken as a result of last winter's floods that completely inundated the community.

Air, Not Water, Is His Province



He looks like a deep-sea diver about to go down, but instead, he's an aviator about to go up. This is Flight Lieut. M. J. Adam of the British royal flying corps, being fitted with a special high altitude pressure suit before his recent attempt at a high altitude record. Lieut. Adam reached a height of 53,937 feet, setting a new high altitude record.

AIRPLANE BICYCLE



The addition of a propeller which controls the speed of his streamlined "aerocycle" makes it possible for Dominick Devincenzi of Chicago to drive his bicycle at the rate of 45 miles per hour.

What Irwin S. Cobb Thinks about

Semi-Nude Fashions. SANTA MONICA, CALIF. —Clothes may not make the man, but leaving them off certainly makes him foolish. And that goes double for the women.

Whence arises the present-day delusion that going about dressed at half-mast enhances the attractiveness of the average adult? Our forbears of the Victorian era wore too much for health or happiness or cleanliness. But isn't it worse to offend the eye all through the lingering summer by not wearing enough to cover up blemishes, the bulges and the bloats that come with maturity? Sun baths should be taken on a doctor's prescription, not at the corner of First and Main.



Irwin S. Cobb

Women old enough to know better are the worst offenders, seems like. If only they'd stop to consider that the snail, which is naked, would lose in any beauty contest against the butterfly, which wears all the regalia the traffic will stand! But even though it's for their own good, you can't tell 'em. If somebody started the fad of going at the game while practically nude, inside of two weeks mumblepeg would be the national pastime—until somebody else thought up a game to be played by folks without a stitch on. Or anyhow, just a stitch here and there.

Doctoring Movie Scripts. USUALLY they lay these yarns on Mr. Sam Goldwyn, who thrives upon them and goes right on turning out successes, his motto being, "What's grammar as between friends so long as the box office shows results?" But, for a change, this one is ascribed to another producer, who proudly describes himself as a self-made man, which, according to his critics, is relieving the Creator of a considerable responsibility and putting the blame where the blame belongs. They also say no self-made man should stop with the job only partly finished. But then Hollywood is full of parties trying to push Humpty Dumpty off the wall.

As the tale runs, this gentleman entered the conference chamber at his studio and as, with a kingly gesture, he laid down a fat sheaf of typewritten pages, said to the assembled intellects of his staff: "Jummen, in all my experience in the picture business this is what you might call unique. Here is absolutely, positively the only perfect script I have ever read in my entire life. I tell you that before we start altering it."

Strikes Versus Wars. DID you ever notice how like a war is a strike? The operator and his operatives are the shock troops that suffer the heaviest casualties. The owner risks his profits and perhaps his market and sometimes his plant. The worker gives up his wages, frequently his job, occasionally his life. Stockholders see dividends vanishing and investments shrinking. Citizens see their communities disrupted. Women and children go on short rations, many a time go actually hungry. For, as in a war, the innocent non-combatants bear most grievous burdens.

Those who really garner in the spoils—professional agitators; financial buzzards eager to seize on bankrupted industries; lawyers with their writs and their injunctions; imported thugs masquerading, for one side or the other as honest mechanics—these might be likened to stay-at-home diplomats and profiteers and hired mercenaries who induce friendly nations to turn enemies so they may gain their own selfish ends. After it's over, we realize that almost any strike might have been averted had common sense and common justice ruled, rather than greed and entrenched stubbornness and fomented hate. And the same is true of almost any war. For every real benefit to humanity came out of peace and arbitration, not out of battle and destruction. And here's the final parallel: Ultimately, the supposed victor finds himself the actual loser. Tell me which army won any great strike—or any great war—and I'll tell you who won the San Francisco fire and the Galveston flood.

IRWIN S. COBB. WNU Service.

Crocodiles, Alligators are so closely allied zoologically that many laymen cannot distinguish between them. Hence alligators are frequently accused of attacking and killing men when, in reality, the killers are crocodiles. Naturalists who have spent their lives in the study of these reptiles, says Collier's Weekly, state that they have never heard of an authentic case of a human death caused by an alligator.

It's Good-by to Wash Day "Blues"



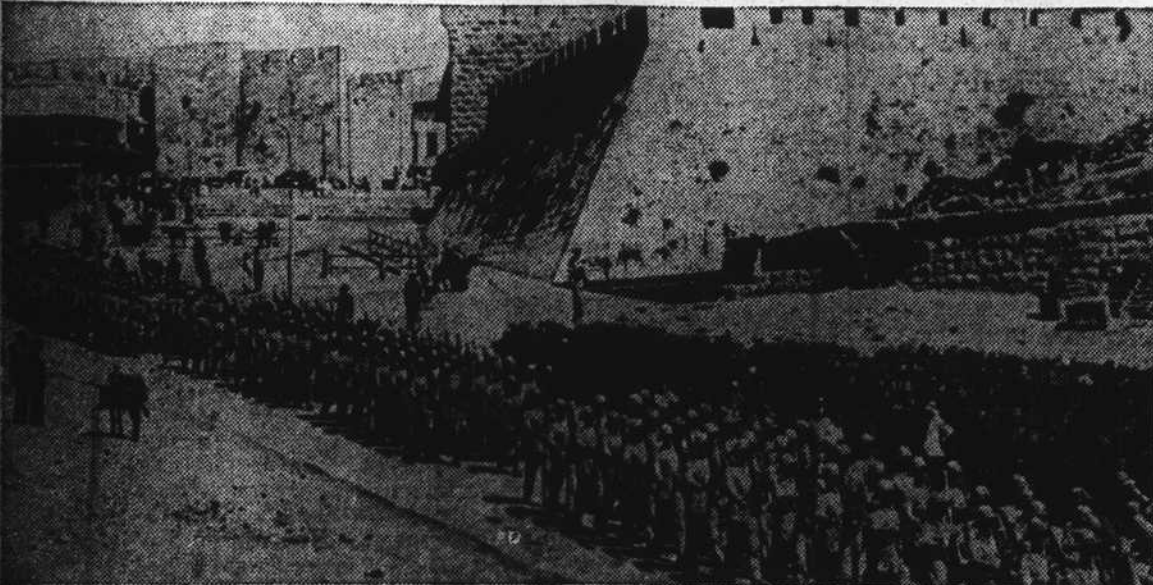
Arlene Causey shows how easy it is to hang up clothes with the aid of a new canvas clothes basket suspended on the clothes line wound on a new automatic self-tightening reel. The devices were on display at the recent Summer International Homefurnishing Markets at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

KEEPS COOL



Hot summer days cause no discomfort or worry to seventeen-month-old Mike of St. Vincent's orphanage, Chicago. In fact, Mike appears neither hurried or worried. He actually seems to enjoy hot weather and the bath spray.

War Clouds Threaten Peace of Holy Land



An impressive array of British military might, pictured with an old fortress for a background outside of Jerusalem. Outbreak of fighting between the Jews and Arab population was feared as a result of the recommendations of the British royal commission that Palestine be divided into separate Jewish and Arab sections with a British neutral zone between them. Neither Jews nor Arabs desire such a partition.