

BRISBANE
THIS WEEK

Big War or Little?
LaGuardia's G-Men
She Took It Seriously
Pretty Bluebirds

War is not coming; it is here. It may or may not be a war "settling the world on fire." Italy had an unpleasant experience in Abyssinia in the last century and wishes to repair that. It also wishes to keep Japan from gathering in Abyssinia's trade and controlling Abyssinia. Britain can understand how Italy feels, since Britain found it really necessary to gather in the Transvaal and other vast areas throughout the world.

Italy used to send 500,000 immigrants a year to the United States. Now they are shut out. They must go somewhere. They would considerably improve Abyssinia if they went there.

Mayors of other cities will watch New York's Mayor LaGuardia fighting racketeering and crime in general. Besides training his own police force to shoot straight and "to kill," Mayor LaGuardia will get some government "G-men," if possible, from Washington, to come and set the example.

If Mayor LaGuardia, who has an honest and energetic police commissioner, cleans up crime in New York, he will deserve a statue next to that of Hercules, who cleaned the Augean stables, and a bigger statue.

Women, before and since Heloise, have taken heart affairs more seriously than men. Margaret Jordan, an Irish girl, lonely, fell in love with a Mount Vernon, N. Y., policeman, because he came from her home town. He was married, with eight children, and after he had seen the girl for two years he decided that he must reform and see her no more. He told her about this pious resolution as he sat in his police car, and did not notice that she took his service revolver from the pocket of the car.

He learned what had happened next day when told that the girl had killed herself with his revolver. It was embarrassing for a married policeman with eight children.

At Fort George Wright, tiny bluebirds built their nest in the mouth of a big cannon, and mother bluebird laid four pretty blue eggs. Our kind-hearted heroes at the fort are protecting the nest. Sentries do not come too near, cats are discouraged and to the orders of the day Maj. George S. Clark added these kind words, "and keep an eye on those birds."

In American churches Sunday, August 18, will be a day of prayer for peace in Africa and safety for little Ethiopia, which confronts war with powerful Italy.

That is the right United States interference in foreign affairs. The prayers will reach their destination, and the Supreme Being to whom they are addressed knows what is best, and has power to arrange matters in Ethiopia as he chooses.

To pray: "Lord, possessor of omniscience and omnipotence, we leave all in your hands," is right.

To send a million young American men, and several thousand million American dollars, to meddle in hot Africa would be wrong.

The country will welcome President Roosevelt's statement that the "four thousand million dollar works relief fund" will actually be invested in such a way as to increase the nation's capital assets. Many times four thousand million dollars could be spent advantageously, if it were really invested in wise, permanent improvements.

A financial letter from London remarks, casually, "Credit was plentiful at one-half of one per cent interest." Americans that cannot borrow anything, on securities once considered good, wonder how the British manage. The American government borrows at three and a half per cent, seven times the current English interest rate, money manufactured by itself, and thus adds one hundred per cent to taxes for interest that need not be paid at all. Queer finance, dearly beloved.

St. Louis reformers say women should not sit on high stools with their feet on a rail and drink at the bar. And reformers rejoice to hear the saloonkeepers say: "Amen."

Reformers and saloonkeepers are right. The saloon was bad enough before women moved in to make it worse, hitching up their dresses, climbing high stools, readjusting their dresses, or not readjusting them, calling for foolish drinks to show how foolish they could be.

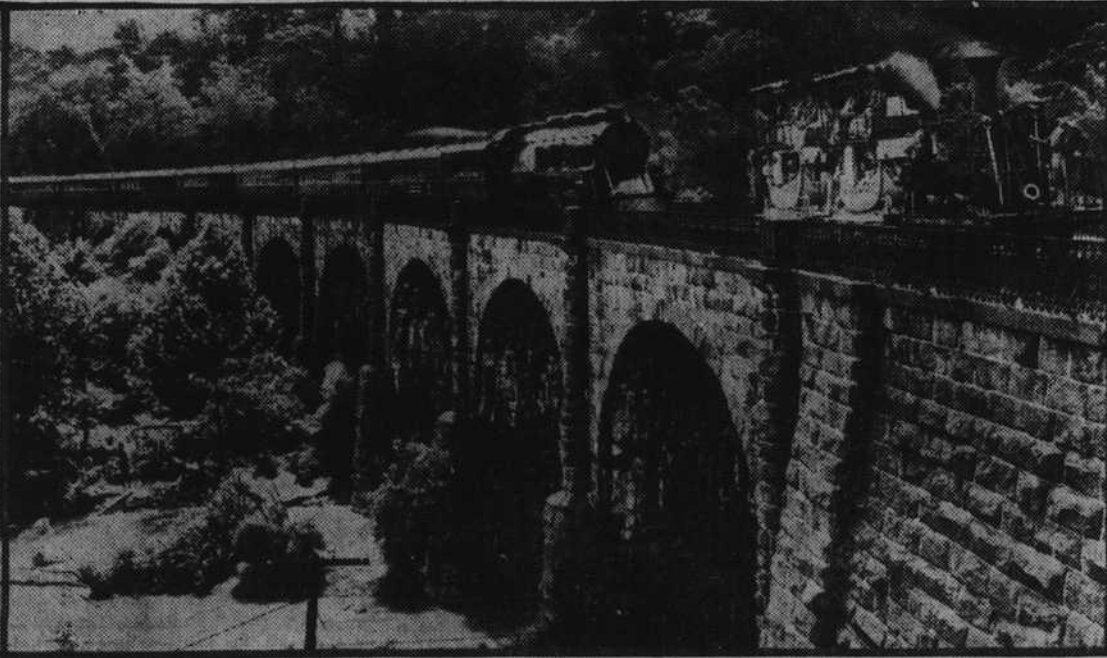
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Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—First traffic passing over the \$2,350,000 Rip Van Winkle bridge which crosses the Hudson river between the city of Hudson and the village of Catskill. 2—Scene in an army recruiting station in New York city as the army began the drive to increase its size by the addition of 46,250 enlisted men. 3—Miss Fannie Megshee, queen of the Colquitt county annual watermelon festival in Georgia, presenting to White House Secretary McIntyre a prize winning melon for President Roosevelt.

World's Oldest Stone Arch Railroad Viaduct



At Relay, Md., stands a viaduct that has rendered one hundred years of steady daily service carrying the heaviest trains. It is the Thomas viaduct of the Baltimore and Ohio line, the oldest of its kind in the world, spanning the Patapsco river outside of Baltimore. The 103-year-old Atlantic locomotive and Inlay coaches in use in the 1830s are here contrasted with the new streamlined train—the Royal Blue—that began using the bridge the other day on the Washington-New York route.

Matanuska Colony as Seen From the Air



Aerial view of Matanuska colony, the new settlement in Alaska consisting of people sent there under the auspices of the United States government. Note the road in the foreground and the farm buildings above the camp. The dark patches are plowed ground.

Brazil's Venice
Fernambuco is called the Brazilian Venice because of its canals, deepened to obtain filler for lowlands. The city is the easternmost in South America and the white-crested surf of the clear Atlantic never ceases beating upon its shores. In the old part of the city the streets are narrow and the houses tall, the idea being to obtain the maximum of shade.

Ancient Guatemala
Guatemala, with its large Indian population, and spectacular setting of volcanoes and lakes, is the most urban of all Central American capitals—a city of modern buildings set among evergreens and feathery palms with a temperature of perpetual spring.

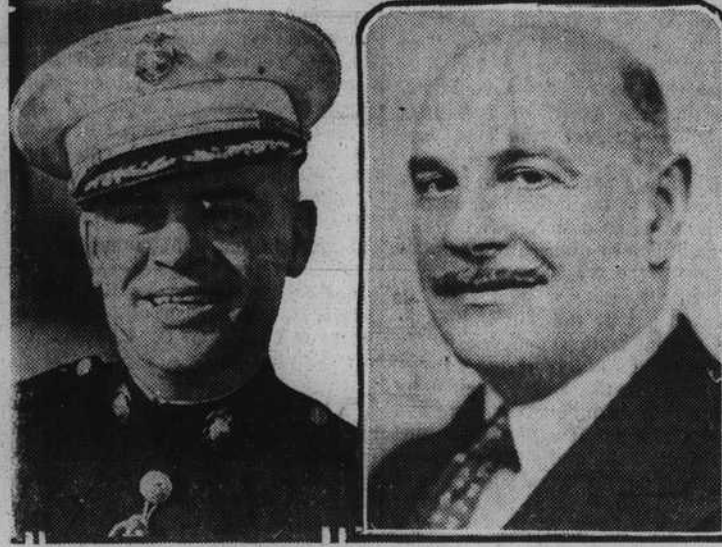
Stars and Stripes Short Lived
Any patriot will tell you that "Old Glory" waves forever, but those more practical minded souls—the statisticians—know better. The national park service, which has charge of the flags that fly over most government buildings, estimates the life of the Stars and Stripes at six weeks in inclement weather and three months under clear skies.

Burial Places
General Lee's body was interred in the chapel of Washington and Lee university, Lexington, Va. Jefferson Davis is buried in "the cemetery of the Presidents," Hollywood cemetery, Richmond, Va, which contains the graves of Presidents Monroe and Tyler.

Lincoln Memorial Pool
The reflecting pool near the Lincoln Memorial in Washington is 1,922 feet long, and 100 feet wide. The average depth is about 3 1/4 feet. The pool was completed in the fall of 1922 and cost about \$600,000. The water in the pool is still water. It is filled, then emptied and cleaned and refilled.

Famous "Rainbow Hill"
"Rainbow Hill," Ladysmith, is so called because its soil is composed of six bright colors. Farmers who want to paint their homes collect some of the clay, which is dried, powdered, and later mixed with water or oil. They can choose from red, pink, cream, green, brown and yellow.—Tit-Bits Magazine.

Venezuela Honors Major of Marines



Maj. Chester L. Fordney, United States Marines (left), who is on duty in Chicago as commanding officer of the Central Reserve area, has just been decorated by the republic of Venezuela with the "Medallo de Honor, de Instruccion Publica." The medal was presented to the major by Senor R. Carlos Lebrer (right), consul of Venezuela in Chicago, at a dinner in the Adventurers' club. The decoration was awarded in recognition of the scientific results of the Settle-Fordney stratosphere ascension in 1933, of which Major Fordney was the scientific observer, and also in recognition of the contributions to education of the mathematical exhibits at the Century of Progress exposition of which the major was executive officer.

Job Hunters Flock to California



For weeks before the apple season opened in Sonoma county, California, families seeking employment were swarming into the state and crowding the auto camps. Many sold their ramshackle cars for a few dollars and were soon stranded. Here is a typical out-of-state family in the orchard country.

Hitler's Double Strolls in Nice



A strange character bearing a striking resemblance to Adolf Hitler, German chancellor, is shown here strolling the promenade at Nice with the escorts who always accompany him when he ventures outdoors.

Shoot Dice for Bibles
At St. Ives in Huntingdonshire, England, annually on June 11 children throw dice for Bibles which are purchased under an old will with rent of an orchard called Bible orchard.

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Peach Stone Poison
A chemist, studying papyrus manuscripts, says that Egyptian priests who revealed secrets of their order were killed with a poison made from peach stones.

Deny Moon Affects Weather
Weather forecasters say that, contrary to popular opinion, the moon has no effect on the weather.

"Ruble" Russian Money
The "ruble" is a unit of Russian money.

Says WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS.—Well all I know is just what I read in the papers, or what I see here and there. I have been working pretty hard (laugh) on some movies. It just happened that I almost had three right in a row. Now that don't mean that they will be released as fast as we made em. They only come out about every four months, but we got a couple ahead already made and that means that I will have little time off to do a few things I been planning on, and that I wont look like I am trying to get in front of every camera that is grinding.

We run one the other night called, "In Old Kentucky," and its got a lot of laughs. Had a lot of awful fine people in it, and they sure made good. You know the old idea of one person trying to be the whole thing in a picture is all washed up. Pictures are like a ball team, the pitcher cant do it all. Its got to be the whole team. You just watch pictures close and see how well done are just small parts, or what they call "Bits." Its because they are done by real actors, actors that anyone of them could go in and play the leading part. They may only get two or three days work out of it, but they do it like it was a star part, and you never hear em whining either about the part not being in keeping with their ability.

No sir, I believe there is more real nerve and gameness under the most discouraging circumstances in the picture business than any other place on earth, course the stage is not far behind, its a heart breaking racket but they dont sit and tell you about it. Their heads are always up. They keep neat, they hide a lot with a great smile.

Well after I finish a long siege I sorter begin to looking up in the air and see what is flying over, and Mrs Rogers in her wise way will say, "Well I think you better get on one. You are getting sorter nervous." Well this time the Fourth of July was coming on. I had had a lot of invitations to a lot of places where I would have liked to have gone on the Fourth.

So I went to a real cowboy reunion in Texas on one of their most famous ranches. Not a professional rodeo like you see everywhere else, but a real celebration in a real cowtown by real old timers. I wouldnt have missed it for anything. You know the way planes run, its almost impossible to think of a place that you cant be to by morning or at the latest next day at noon. It was getting along late in the afternoon. I had just played a little polo game at my place, Jimmy, the youngest, was "Hot," and he made a sucker out of me. I was on the other side. Bill the measels, and had to stand off on the side of the hill in front of the house and watch it. He was just a-getting over what they call the German Measels. (Irvin Cobb said they were now called Liberty Measels.) He was a mighty big old boy to be measeling.

Then the Mother who had been taking care of him thought she had em, and wanted me to get away to keep from catching em, so as I say it was late in the afternoon about five thirty and I called up the plane company and booked me space to leave at seven. And it takes an hour to go to the field. I was sent right sure I was going back to these celebrations but I can be ready to go to Africa in ten minutes. Left at seven, arrive at Abilene Texas at six the next morning, and its only forty miles out to the town where the reunion is, Sanford, Texas.

Why you can leave California in the evening on any one of the three lines, and arrive in New York and see a matinee the next afternoon and a night show and leave after the night show and be home by the next night for dinner. But they are moving plenty fast in cars too, and the trains are picking up and their business is picking up.

There is so much to see and so many good places to stop, and cheap. I never in my life saw as many out of state cars as there is in California this summer. That big fair out there is drawing a lot of em, but every state has something that everybody ought to see. From what I can gather from everyone I talk with, things are definatly picking up. If they just get more folks to working which they are doing now too, there is no way to stopping this Country. Just quit listening to the politicians. They have to make a noise the nearer it comes to next year. Roosevelt aint going to ruin the Country. The Constitution will remain as is. The Russians are not going to take us. Everywhere I have been on this trip there is a fine feeling. Let folks quit arguing over who did it, or didnt did it. Just join in it.