WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—It is perhaps just as well that Crosby Gaige is a bachelor. He drags home 200,000 patent models, including a corpse preserver, hog-catcher, burglar alarm, an early Hoe printing press, a dentist's chair, a machine gun, an egg-beater, an engine, a steamboat, a pretzel-bending machine—and so on—and on.

Bachelor Has 200,000 Odd Gadgets

The patent office models had been gathered by the late Sir Henry Wellcome and kept at his estate in 3,251 packing cases. Mr. Gaige bought them.

A friend of this writer, remembering with remorse he hadn't bought a birthday present for his wife, stepped into an auction room. He became confused and bought ten barrels of tin cookie cutters. It almost broke up his home. Mr. Gaige will have no such trouble.

Mr. Gaige was born the son of the postmaster at Skunk Hollow, N. Y., and became a Broadway theatrical producer, with a 300-acre estate at Peekskill on the Hudson, where he indulges his taste for knickknacks such as the above, but with more discrimination than this ensemble suggests.

He is a gourmet, with 300 cook books in his kitchen, has a de luxe machine shop where he makes art objects, is a master of viticulture and a maker and connoisseur of beautiful wines.

He has cattle folds and breeds blooded cattle, a printing plant where he prints typographical knock-outs in limited editions, a huge library with 5,000 reference books, and is distinguished both as a bibliophile and a cook—one of the best cooks in the world, his friends say.

All these concerns are merely extra-curricular. In his 29 years on Broadway, he has hit off his full share of successes, built three theaters and kept steadily out of the red. In Columbia university, he wrote the 1903 varsity show, "Illusia."

Theaters Out of Red for 29 Years

He got a job with the late Elisabeth Marbury, famous play broker, reading plays at ten cents an act. He saved his money and headed into the show business with a fast running start.

His life is the fulfillment of every commuter's dream. He is of clerical, almost monkish mien, of somewhat austere countenance, with octagonal pince-nez and, like all epicures, abstemious in all things—saving such things as patent models.

He wears red, white and blue suspenders and is very fussy about his handkerchief pocket. He always has the tailor sew a button on it.

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AN ATTACK of laryngitis gave Margaret Sullavan her big start. Lee Shubert saw her in "Three Artists and a Lady" at Princeton, and rushed back-stage with a contract. "You have a voice just like Ethel Barrymore," he said.

Sore Throat Gave Start to Screen Ace

She explained that it was merely laryngitis, but the excited Mr. Shubert wouldn't listen. There was nothing to be done about it, so the helpless girl was signed for five years.

That was a bit of luck which, in Miss Sullavan's career, offsets embarrassing entanglements in some of the most elaborate flops in current stage history. Today, she is at the peak of her career as critics turn cartwheels and back flips over the new film, "Three Comrades," and Miss Sullavan's performance therein.

Her story has none of the up-from-poverty success routine. She is the daughter of a prideful family of Norfolk, Va., a descendant of Robert E. Lee. Her journey to Boston to study dancing was indulged as a passing whim, but there was considerable family eye-rolling when she switched to the theater and began adventuring in summer stock, on Cape Cod and way points.

Her father got her home once, but only for a short time. It is to be hoped that her story won't be widely circulated around Hollywood. It would start all the extra girls sleeping in a draft.

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The Average Month

We are apt to think of our present months as having four weeks apiece, but that is not true. The average month contains just about four and one-third weeks. The only month with four weeks in it is February, and in leap year even February has one day over four weeks.

No Burial Service for Taylor

Gen. Zachary Taylor died at the White House. His body was immediately taken to Louisville and placed in the family vault near the Taylor home just out of that city. He was never formally interred and had no burial services.

Don Quixote and Hamlet

Don Quixote and Hamlet were both written in about the same period and resemble each other in that both heroes strive to "set right the time so out of joint."

News Review of Current Events

PRIMING MONEY FLOWS

First Grants and Loans Announced by PWA Covering Hundreds of Projects in Every State

John Roosevelt, youngest son of the President, and his bride, the former Anne Lindsay Clark, leaving the old church in Nahant, Mass., where they were married.

Edward W. Pickard

SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Some for Every State

NO SOONER had President Roosevelt signed the pump priming measure than the flood of federal money was released. The Public Works administration of which Secretary Ickes is the head, made public two lists of grants and loans covering 590 projects in every state in the union with a total estimated cost of $148,795,895.

Secretary Ickes

Four more lists were ready, and these, PWA officials said, would complete the "first push" toward a $2,000,000,000 construction program to provide work and stimulate industry. Officials further estimated that these initial groups of projects may run as high as 1,500 or 2,000 with a cost of $600,000,000.

Federal grants under the PWA procedure cover 45 per cent of the cost and, when a PWA loan is made, 55 per cent. The difference between the estimated over-all cost of the projects and the sum of loans and grants made by PWA is supplied by the various applicants.

The 291 projects in the first group to cost $92,520,374 will be financed by the PWA to the extent of $41,632,715 in grants and $9,021,000 in loans while the second list of 299 projects to cost $56,275,521 will receive federal grants of $5,260,413 and loans of $1,900,500. Thus the amount of government assistance to 590 projects estimated to cost $148,955,895 will amount to $75,814,623.

The President, when he signed the act, told the press that business conditions were not as bad as popularly believed, and said he looked for a definite pickup in the near future.

Roper Is Optimistic

THAT there will be a business upturn, certainly by autumn and possibly earlier, is the prediction of Secretary of Commerce Roper.

"Natural economic factors," he said in a prepared statement, "coupled with the influence of constructive legislation, point the way to an early favorable trend in the business cycle for which business should immediately make adequate preparation."

The railroad situation, Roper said, is the most disturbing factor in the present economic picture, and it may make necessary a special session of congress. He declared the condition of the roads is getting progressively worse and is very serious. He saw hope, however, in prospect of bumper crops in the Midwest which would increase the demand for transportation.

Group for Labor Survey

NINE men and women were appointed by the President as members of a special commission that will study the workings of the British labor disputes law and Swedish labor relations. Most of them already are in Europe ready to begin their work.

The group is composed of Lloyd K. Garrison, dean of the University of Wisconsin law school; Robert Watt, American Federation of Labor representative; Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric company; Henry I. Harriman, former president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States; William H. Davis, chairman of the New York labor mediation board; Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, regional director of social security for New York; Charles R. Hook, president of the American Rolling Mills company; Miss Marion Dickerman, principal of Todhunter school, New York, and William Ellison Chalmers, assistant American labor commissioner in Geneva.

Louis K.O.'s Schmeling

JOE LOUIS of Detroit, the "Brown Bomber," stands the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. His amazing victory over Max Schmeling of Germany in the Yankee stadium at New York gave him that status. In less than one round the challenger was hammered to the floor three times by the crashing blows of Louis, and his seconds threw the towel into the ring, for the German was quite helpless. The referee declared Louis the winner by a technical knockout.

The loser said his deafeat was caused by a blow over the kidney. X-ray examination of the German after the battle showed a projection from a vertebra was broken. The blow was not a foul for it was not struck in a clinch.

Eighty thousand persons witnessed this epochal battle, the shortest heavyweight championship bout in history. Louis got 40 per cent of the gate and 20 per cent went to Schmeling.

Ask Business to Help

FIVE of the officials who will have most to do with carrying out the President's spending-lending drive went on the air in a nation-wide broadcast and urged that business cooperate with the administration in restoring permanent recovery. These speakers were Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace, WPA Administrator Harry L. Hopkins, acting PWA Administrator Howard A. Gray, United States Housing Administrator Nathan Straus and Brig. Gen. John J. Kingman, acting chief of United States army engineers.

Harry Hopkins

Outlining his plans for use of federal funds allocated his agency, Hopkins said that the purchase of materials alone for WPA projects will give indirect, full-time private jobs to 250,000 workers, in addition to relief jobs for the unemployed.

"And so the WPA money flows, like the blood in the human body, giving life and strength to the economic system all the way from its toes to the top of its head," he said.

Secretary Wallace said that under the new agricultural legislation the farmer is in good shape to do his part in the recovery drive.

Gray, who has been administering PWA affairs in the absence of Interior Secretary Ickes, said that the spending of money set aside for public works under the recovery program should result in industry's receiving $1,000,000,000 in orders in the next two years.

Straus outlined his agency's program of slum-clearance and low-cost housing and said that it will result in increased employment and the "creation of that finest and most needed of all commodities—better homes for Americans."

German Spies Indicted

AFTER five months of investigation by government agents, 18 persons were indicted as spies by a federal grand jury in New York. Moreover, no secret was made of the fact that they are charged with being spies for the German government, engaged in obtaining information concerning our national defense.

Four of the defendants are in this country and will be tried here. The others, including three German officers, are abroad.

Japanese Bomb Swatow

JAPANESE planes made three destructive raids on Swatow, a treaty port 220 miles northeast of Canton. Their bombs ruined the power plant and railroad station. The United States gunboat Asheville stood by to protect the 69 Americans in the consular district. It was believed this was the start of a great offensive designed to cut off Canton from the central battlefront.

Referring to Hankow reports of possible mediation by a third power, a Japanese spokesman in Shanghai said: "Japan will continue to fight until Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is overthrown. If Chiang would only jump in the Yangtze river or otherwise dispose of himself, Japan would be highly satisfied."

Goebbels Assails Jews

THOUGH the attacks on Jews in Berlin and other German cities were officially deplored by the Nazi government, Paul Joseph Goebbels, minister of propaganda, further stirred the anti-semitic sentiment in a speech before a huge gathering in Berlin, demanding that all Jews be eliminated from business.

"The foreign press laments that Jewish stores are marked," Goebbels said, referring to the smearing of store fronts with the word "Jew" in red paint. "I do not approve of this either, but it is a good thing to know which are Jewish shops. We will take legal measures to curtail their businesses. They will soon disappear. The Jews incite us by their very presence."

'Keep Out of Politics'

SENATOR MORRIS SHEPPARD of Texas and the senate campaign expenditures investigating committee of which he is chairman has directed all government agencies to take no part in primary and election campaigns. And it has issued warning that persons suspected of improper political conduct will be exposed and cited for criminal prosecution.

Senator Sheppard

The committee at its first meeting adopted a resolution pledging that its investigations will be conducted with "vigor and vigilance" without fear or favor and without partisanship. The warning against use of improper tactics was directed first to all candidates for senatorial offices, their friends and aids. It was then extended to all government agencies.

Wage Law Effects

STRAIN of the new wage and hour law on industry, say labor experts in Washington, will be eased by the existing unsettled economic conditions. They size up the situation thus:

At industry's present pace not more than 200,000 wage earners in manufacturing industries would get more pay.

The big high speed industrial machines, such as automobile plants, hardly will be touched by the law.

It will affect certain garment factories and a very small number of textile mills.

It will affect the fertilizer industry of the South and southern sawmills.

Even when business is as good as it was last summer, unofficial estimates indicate that only about 260,000 factory workers would be affected by the 25 cent wage minimum of the law, and somewhat more than 1,000,000 workers would find their hours shortened by a 44 hour weekly limit, effective next October.

At the outset the law's effect will be to improve "the worst conditions" in certain industries engaged in interstate commerce, the economists believe.

Child labor provisions will affect mainly scattered minors working at odd jobs in various mills and factories.

Senator Copeland Dead

EXHAUSTED by his labors and the heat in Washington, United States Senator Royal S. Copeland of New York died just before the adjournment of congress. He was in the sixteenth year of his service in the senate and had been an indefatigable worker. He was a consistent opponent of many of the administration's policies and was one of the leaders in the fight against the court packing and government reorganization measures.

Gov. Herbert H. Lehman announced that he was willing to be a candidate for Copeland's seat if the Democratic party wished to nominate him.

Terrible Train Wreck

OLYMPIAN, crack passenger train of the Milwaukee road bound from Chicago to Tacoma, Wash., crashed through a flood-weakened trestle over Custer creek, near Saugus, Mont., and at least 40 persons perished, most of them being drowned in a submerged tourist sleeper. About 65 others were injured.

This was the worst railroad wreck in America in recent years, and it sadly marred the safety record of the Milwaukee road which had not lost a paying passenger in accidents in the previous 20 years.

The eleven-car train ran into a cloudburst near Saugus but the crew had no warning of the trestle's condition until the engine plunged through the span, dragging several cars after it.

Highways of the Future May Be Made of Cotton

American roads of the future may be made of cotton, if an experiment, being conducted, should prove successful, says Pearson's London Weekly. More than 500 miles of these cotton roads have been under test for some time, and preliminary examination shows them to be in excellent condition.

The roads were made by laying and tarring a concrete road-bed, packing cotton fabric on top of this, and then covering the cotton with another layer of tar. The cotton-layers cost £120 a mile.

None of these cotton pads shows signs of wear or cracking and their total cost is far lower than that of ordinary roads. If they are found to be as lasting as other roads, the idea will mean a boom in cotton growing, and will create a ready solution to the surplus cotton problem which has always been a worry to cotton-growers.

Flour Made From Wood

A University of Danzig professor has succeeded in producing flour from wood cellulose. After this flour is subjected to a special chemical treatment it is said to be particularly suitable for diabetics, and it is baked into bread called rofa (rohfaser) bread. Without special processing, says Food Industries, the wood flour is suitable for animal feed. Twenty-seven pounds of pork fat can be produced from 120 pounds of wood flour fed to pigs.

Speaking of Sports

Want a Tough Job? Try Being Cubs' Manager

By GEORGE A. BARCLAY

IF YOU'RE looking for a really tough job, know how to take it, have steady nerves, are accustomed to a regular diet of grief and don't mind losing a few nights' sleep every week, then try your hand at being manager of the Chicago Cubs for a spell. Not that Charley Grimm would swap with you. Perish the thought! He's a game guy and he'll stick it out 'til the cows come home, pennant or no pennant.

It's traditional that something always goes wrong with the Cubs. Star athletes get charley horses at just the wrong moment. Pitchers who have been shutting them out lose their effectiveness. Sluggers can't deliver when a single would win a ball game. Sensational recruits don't live up to advance notices.

Still the manager is expected to win pennants. That was the case in Joe McCarthy's regime. Joe came from Louisville in 1926. The Cubs had finished last in the National league the year before and the late William Wrigley had taken control with the intention of getting the team out of its rut, and opened his pocketbook.

Joe Got Going

Joe began getting results. He secured players like Hack Wilson, Riggs Stephenson, Kiki Cuyler, Charley Root, and finally Rogers Hornsby. The team began to go places and by 1929 it had won the National league pennant.

Then the Cubs met the Athletics in the world's series and things began to go wrong. An old fellow named Howard Ehmke who hadn't pitched for a long time started the first game for the Athletics and fanned 13 Cubs, while the Athletics were winning 3 to 1. The Athletics won the second game 9 to 3. Then

CHARLEY GRIMM

the Cubs got into action, taking the third game 3 to 1. The fourth game was the heart breaker and it presaged McCarthy's departure from the league. The Cubs got an 8-run lead over the Athletics in that game, only to see the Athletics score 10 runs in one inning to lick them. Connie Mack took the next one without trouble.

That 10-run rally was McCarthy's swan song. At the end of 1930, when the Cubs didn't win the flag, Rogers Hornsby was made manager. Still the team didn't get going. In August, 1932, he offered to quit and his offer was accepted by the late William L. Veeck, then president.

Charley Grimm took command and the team raced on to a pennant. Everybody said Charley was a miracle man. That is, until the Cubs met the New York Yankees in the world's series. They took it on the chin in four straight defeats.

A late season spurt of 21 straight victories gave the Cubs the 1935 pennant. The Detroit Tigers were their world's series opponents this time and the experts gave the Cubs the edge because of the way the Tigers had bowed to the St. Louis Cardinals the year before. But the Cubs couldn't win. Hard luck in the form of an injury to Lon Warneke's arm dogged them.

Same Old Story

Everybody said the Cubs would be sure to win in 1936. They got away to a good lead, but the Giants overtook them and beat them out. History repeated itself in 1937 with a vengeance. In the first week of August the Cubs had accumulated a seven-game lead. Then trouble came again. Athletes began leaving the line-up because of injuries.

The lead dwindled. The Cubs went to New York and opened with a double-header. They had a comfortable lead in the first game when the Giants came to bat in the last of the ninth. Then a hit and a couple of infield errors turned a Giant defeat into victory. After that the Cubs were through. They chased the Giants through to the end of the season, but they never succeeded in overtaking them.

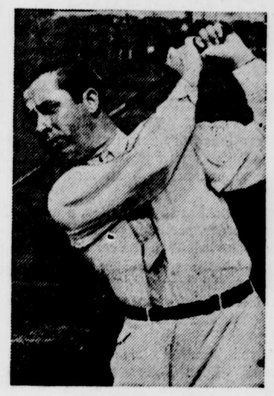
This year things started out bravely when the generous Phil K. Wrigley made the deal for Dizzy Dean who was expected to be pennant insurance for the Cubs. Then it was discovered that Dizzy's ailing arm hadn't healed and his future status still is doubtful. Other things went wrong. Injuries have kept Gabby Hartnett, Bill Jurges, Frank Demaree, Augie Galan and Tex Carleton out of the lineup at various times when they were grievously needed. The team hitting has been spotty and until recently the pitching has been a problem.

So, if Charley Grimm gets gray hairs and wonders what is going to happen next, don't blame him and don't be certain you'd like to swap jobs with him.

'The Haig' Is Tops

A GOLFER'S golfer, is Walter Hagen, four times British Open golf champion and winner of innumerable other trophies in this country and abroad. In the opinion of his fellow professionals Hagen is the greatest tournament golfer" in history, rating well above Bobby Jones in a recent vote conducted via questionnaires circulated among members of the National Professional Golfers' association.

After "The Haig" and Jones, the choice of the pros ranged from England's Harry Vardon to America's



WALTER HAGEN

Harry Cooper. Recollections of Hagen as an opponent in international tournaments undoubtedly led many of the pros to select the Beau Brummell of the links as their favorite. Hagen's record has been a series of triumphs over adversity and tough breaks. He is blessed with an audacious attitude of mind which has never admitted the possibility of defeat and has whipped him on to near miracles of golf when there was a mathematical chance to win a close match.

The questions and answers in the survey, however, did not exhaust themselves with the subject of Hagen. The pros were asked, for instance, how many of them had made a hole in one and more than three out of four answered that they had. The majority reported that they had started playing golf and entered their first tournament at the age of twelve and 50 per cent reported that they have played in countries outside the United States.

No-Hit Hero

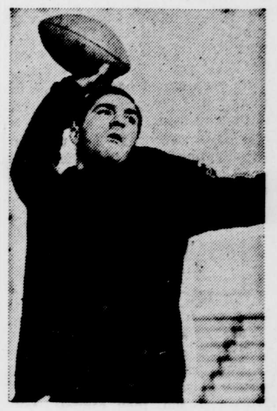
NEVER in the 100-year history of baseball has a pitcher pitched two no-hit, no-run games in a season. That is, never until Johnny Vander Meer, twenty-three-year-old hurler of the Cincinnati Reds, performed that feat recently. Vander Meer made his record all the more remarkable by pitching his two no-hit games in succession, only four days apart.

The fastballing youngster made his first contribution to baseball fame by shutting out the Boston Bees in a no-hitter. Then only 96 hours later, he took on the Brooklyn Dodgers in the first night game played in that city and duplicated his no-hit, no-run performance. He walked eight Dodgers, but pitched his way out of trouble in the pinches.

With his second no-hitter, Vander Meer broke Dazzy Vance's National league record for consecutive hitless innings. His 18 against Boston and Brooklyn, coupled with the final one-third of an inning against the New York Giants in his previous start, gave him a record of 18⅓ scoreless innings. He added three more scoreless innings in his next game, making his total 21⅓ innings.

Grid for Sammy

When Sammy Baugh, ace football star of the pro ranks, flunked both his major and minor league baseball tests, he justified the fears of a number of sports followers who shook their heads when he signed up with the St. Louis Cardinals last spring and declared that great football players never make good in baseball. Baugh didn't make the



SAM BAUGH

grade with the Cardinals, so they sent him to Columbus in the American association. Light hitting caused his release there. So Sammy will be in there slinging passes for the Washington Redskins when the pro football season opens next fall.

Baugh's failure to make good in baseball brings to mind several parallel cases. Jim Thorpe, famous Indian, recognized as probably the greatest all-around football player in sports history, tried out in the National league some years ago as a member of the New York Giants. Jim could field acceptably, throw accurately and run the bases like a deer. But he couldn't hit big-league pitching. After a few months McGraw had to give up on him.

Ernie Nevers, the All-American back from Stanford, was a dismal failure when he tried out with the St. Louis Browns. He simply could not be made into a capable performer on the diamond.

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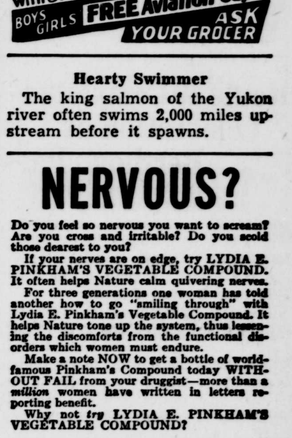

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