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Scenes and Persons in the Current News

1—Joachim Von Ribbenthrop, German ambassador to London, photographed on his way to his official office. 2—View of Madrid, Spain—the prize for which the rebels and loyalists have been contending for months. 3—Secretary of State Cordell Hull (right) and Assistant Secretary Sumner Welles enroute to Pan-American peace conference in Buenos Aires.

Oil Explosion Wrecks Plant in Canada

This photo shows the disastrous effect of the explosions and fire that caused $250,000 worth of damage to the Quebec plant of the Canadian Oil company. Two explosions in rapid succession, followed by fire, wrecked six huge tanks and unroofed scores of houses in the vicinity. One employee, Pierre Lessard, was missing.

Autumn Skies Presage Racing Season's End

Against a background of billowing clouds on a crisp autumn afternoon nine sets of hoofs gallop down the backstretch in the second race at picturesque Empire City race track in New York

Velvet Lined Bathtub Is Latest

Barbara Beck, pretty Broadway dancer, is the proud possessor of the first bathtub in New York to be covered inside and out by mohair velvet. The picture shows her with the newest item of modern apartment house equipment.

Social Security Board Begins Work

Three members of the social security board that will administer the new social security law, are pictured in Washington discussing registering of the 26,000,000 Americans who are expected to be affected by its provisions. The members, left to right, are: Vincent M. Miles, Arthur J. Altmeyer, acting chairman, and Frank Bane.

COMMANDS MARINES

Brig. Gen. Thomas Holcomb, U. S. marine corps, who will succeed Maj. Gen. John H. Russel as commandant on his retirement. President Roosevelt made known his approval of the elevation of Gen. Holcomb when he issued a list of navy promotions and assignments.

The Chimney Swift

The chimney swift, chaetura pelagica, is a bird which has acquired a method of nesting with the advance of civilization. Before chimneys were common the chimney swift used to nest in dead trees. It has the unusual power of dying straight up and down, which makes it possible for it to get in and out of vertical apertures.

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