WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON
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NEW YORK.—Judging from past performances, any spot where Baron Manfred Von Killinger is operating is a good place to watch for a sanded deck, a pair of trained dice and a buried ace. Such have been the diplomatic paraphernalia of the eminent Nazi statesman who, it is now reported in Europe, will be the new gauleiter, or Hitler straw-boss in Rumania. Lately, foreign correspondence has converged on the idea that Herr Goebbels is faking a possible run-in with Russia and letting word leak out in the Balkans that the Nazis are sending troops to menace Russia, while in reality, he is dealing under the table with Stalin, as usual.

Feinting at Russ And Swinging at Everybody Else

That would be a grand way to dampen American war ardor—this country getting into the war on the side of red Russia. Anything as elaborate and devious as this would be right on Baron Von Killinger's target. With his genius for duplicity and complicated intrigue he would be a marvelous advance agent for just such a grand razzle-dazzle as that.

When Baron Von Killinger was German consul-general at San Francisco, from August, 1937, to January, 1939, Rep. Samuel Dickstein denounced him on the floor of congress as a "Nazi adventurer." On November 6, 1937, the Americanization committee of the American Legion demanded his summary rejection from this country as a spy delivering secrets of the American fleet to his government. He stayed on the job until the Nazis saw fit to recall him, as the war loomed, for more immediately urgent intrigue over there.

He spent nine months in jail, in 1922, on charges of complicity in the murder of the conciliatory Mathias Erzberger. Bullets like those used by the murderers, Schulz and Tillesen, had been found in his possession. He was acquitted and moved through the turbulent years of the Nazi ascendency to a spot at the right hand of Der Fuehrer. His gift for intrigue was such at some times he ran the ball the wrong way, and during the blood purge of 1934, Hitler put him in a concentration camp and fired him as premier of Saxony.

However, they could find no substitute for his legerdemain and let him out to pick up his old line of mystagogy.

IN 1933, a young man from Pottsville, planting his typewriter on his bed in a New York hall bedroom, rounded out 25,000 words of a book he was writing. He was down to his last three dollars. He sent unfinished manuscripts to three publishers, with a take-it-or-leave-it, first-come-first-served letter, telling them he would finish the book under a contract which would allow him to live decently while he was working. The next day came three acceptances. Harcourt, Brace was first in line and got the book, "Appointment in Samarra." The author got $50 a week for the three months and delivered the finished book within four days of the dead-line.

When the Utterly Improbable Does Happen, It's News

Such was the literary get-way of Young John O'Hara, author of the current hit musical show in New York city, "Pal Joey," the same being one of the most poisonous portraits of a "heel" ever etched with the steel-point of contempt. The book clicked and in the years between there was the routine stretch at Hollywood, and a series of magazine stories from which the unlovely portrait of "Pal Joey" gradually emerged.

"Pal Joey" isn't a show to which you would want to take your Aunt Tabitha, but there is a moral in the story of how young John O'Hara began to rise and shine. When he decided to become an author, he swore off liquor, cut smoking down to a minimum, went on a diet and worked a punishing shift, seven days a week. He is tall, personable and gathers his garlands and his royalties at the age of 35.

IF HE can't buck a blizzard of an avalanche, a Grade A war would do nicely for big, bucko William F. Carey, New York commissioner of sanitation, on leave with the defense commission to shove through army cantonment construction. He says the building needs bucking up a lot, but it will all come through. We saw him win the Culebra cut steam-shovel record for dirt removal when he was helping to build the Panama canal. He has built railroads, dams, canals, roads, bridges and what not, pretty nearly all over.

Kathleen Norris Says:

Upon Taking Things as They Are

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By KATHLEEN NORRIS

WHEN a woman writes me that after so many years of marriage—three or ten or fifteen, she and her husband have made the dismal discovery that they have absolutely nothing in common, that they are beginning to jar terribly on each others nerves, that without wishing each other any ill, they can no longer live together in anything but continual repression, discomfort and utter futility, then I know that she—or he, or both of them—are exhibiting a lack of character and common sense.

HAPPINESS IN MARRIAGE

"Take marriage seriously," Kathleen Norris urges married couples. She advises them not to presume upon the affection of their mates for their own selfish ends, because this will gradually destroy the mutual bonds that hold them together. Miss Norris adds that it would pay many a woman to check up on her marriage now before she unconsciously alienates her husband and destroys both their lives.

It is quite different when serious matters are influencing either one. Intemperance, cruelty, infidelity may be valid grounds for the breaking up of homes and the separation of children, although in the last-mentioned case I have always thought divorce too high a price to pay for temporary weakness and vanity.

But when it is just a general lessening of affection, glamour, companionability, mutual satisfaction in being together, it means that one or the other has let go. Has stopped the pleasantness that is friendship in marriage, the eagerness to discuss plans, the readiness to forgive trifling mistakes, the old honeymoon anxiety to be generous and considerate and loving.

Once these are lost, they are hard to recapture. It can be done. But the wiser way is never to lose them.

Husband's Position Parallels Child's.

That a husband is in much the child's position is a simple truth that many wives fail to grasp. Coldness, sharpness of voice, scolding, indifference, putting the feelings or the comfort of other persons first—her family, her old friends, herself—begins the trouble. Then when his affections wander, and when she suddenly senses that she no longer comes first with him, it avails her very little to reproach him, to ask pathetically how she has failed him. She has kept his house and borne his child and never been unfaithful and given him the best years of her life, she protests. What more did he expect?

But if he is thoroughly alienated by years of being just a bill-paying boarder in his own house, with a wife whose interests run entirely to her own beauty, bridge lunches, matinees with the girls, friends he does not know or does not like, she finds—as thousands of women find every year, that the neat selfish little scheme she has built up is a house of cards and that she is being forced to join the ranks of the divorced.

Dislike Divorce.

Most women hate the idea of divorce. They suffer bitterly with loneliness, once marriage is dissolved, and they suffer more when they realize that a second marriage means life with another man just as faulty as the first, and the fearful problem of the children's loyalties and their happiness thrown in.

The moral of which is that it would pay many a woman to check up on her marriage now. It would pay her to determine that life was going to be lived at least half the time on George's terms. That the weary man of the house was going to be in for a little spoiling. That what he says at dinner tonight is going to have an attentive and interested answer; that his views upon lowered household expenditures and a slightly stricter rule for the son and heir are going to be respected.

In some families a man and a woman have reached the point when whatever is suggested by the one is violently antagonistic to the other. It never occurs to either to give way. The effect of this upon children is incalculably bad.

Wants First Husband Back.

"I have been terribly unfortunate in my marriages," writes an Iowa woman. "My first was at 17, my oldest girl being born before I was 18. Her father was very young and irresponsible, as everyone else but myself seemed to know, and we were immediately divorced. Two years later I married a very fine fellow, but five years afterward he had the misfortune to be injured in the head, and was placed in an institution. Having then two little girls to provide for, I married for a home—a silly mistake, but I was desperate. A son was born of this marriage, but owing to actual injuries inflicted on me by a jealous, unreasonable husband he was unable to develop like other children and is a semi-invalid to this day. Divorced two years later, I made a comfortable home for myself and my children but was obliged to sue for my late husband's estate for their support when my son was five years old.

"It was then I met my first husband, who had gone away from our town, put himself through medical school by his own efforts, and obtained a really fine position. My youthful folly in insisting on a divorce cost me very dear, for the old attraction is still strong in us both, and Cal has a wife and two little sons. What I am writing to ask you is whether I still have any claim on him, as in some states our divorce would not be considered legal. If he were free I believe I could win him back."

And she sends me a sheaf of documents to prove that her marriage while she was not of age and his letters protesting against the divorce and other complicated details constitute illegality. The pity of it! At 32, burdened with an invalid child and two daughters, she would step back into Cal's life to destroy it, ruin the happiness of his wife and sons, and once more complicate her own existence, this time beyond all hope of recovery.

Patience-Mutual Confidence Needed.

Seventeen is too young for marriage. But many a marriage begun in the teens has proved a success, nevertheless, and obviously this one might have been. Patience and mutual confidence and a little help from the grownups would have carried Cal and Sally safely through. Infinite mischief and suffering would have been averted, and possibly a houseful of fine children would have held both man and wife in safety. As it is, I'm not advising Sally.

For one thing, she wouldn't pay the slightest attention to advice. She must follow her willful and mischievous path to the end. But I do ask other wives to look before they leap to the divorce courts; see what you can do with the material in hand before you involve yourself in even more complicated troubles.

Sportlight

by GRANTLAND RICE

ARCADIA, CALIF.—Santa Anita's $5,000,000 plant opened one recent Saturday with its million dollars in prize money and some $40,000,000 waiting for the mutuel windows. Santa Anita and Florida together will hang up close to $2,000,000 in purses this winter, which is more coin than horsemen have ever looked at in the racing game, as far as I can add up the figures.

Grantland Rice

But the two main topics of interest you run across out this way are the following:

1. How or where can they dig up a horse which can prevent Challedon from cracking Seabiscuit's all-time money record with so much gold to shoot at?

2. Will there be truer racing form in the wake of the recent jockey scandal when so many alert riders were located in the pay of crooked gamblers, who had no trouble picking winners in advance?

This latter system gives the picker, on the inside, a great chance for a mop-up. The main idea is that he can't miss, which is at least financially sound. So those who are on the outside, meaning only 99 per cent, who were badly stung, are now waiting to see what will happen.

Which means that beaten favorites, even those beaten on the straight level, will be regarded with deep suspicion unless the normal average above 35 per cent is maintained.

Around the East this favorite average was dropping down to something like 25 per cent or less—or the size of your hat. Don't think the East was any too pure.

This Jockey Stuff

I can say this much. In Jerry Geisler, California has one of the best and smartest chairmans of a racing commission the sport has ever known. He is both completely honest and just as able.

With sportsmen such as Carleton Burke and others on the lookout, Santa Anita has built up every known precaution against cheating. It will take an extra shrewd manipulator or an extra clever jockey to open some new form of chiseling.

There is nearly always chiseling in racing, wrestling and the fight game. They just happen to be built along those lines, in so many ways. It's a vital part of the trade—like politics.

It so happens that racing has the widest gap of all—the drop from such sportsmen as Al Vanderbilt, Carleton Burke, Charley Howard, Bill Boeing and many others to jockeys and a few trainers, who happened to be lured by the fragrant odor of easy, if tainted, cash.

Racing is a thrilling sport. On the average it carries far more thrills for those who have $2 across or $10 on the nose, than any other sport.

It is no way to make any money. Anyone who thinks he can beat 12 per cent is what you might call comical in the cupola. Ask Colonel Bradley about the extreme difficulties of beating 5½ per cent at roulette. Or even a steady 4 per cent.

But as long as the men and women, the boys and the girls, like to have their whirl, why try to stop them? You can't, anyhow.

Back to Santa Anita

Doc Strube, general manager of the Santa Anita track, figures this will be his best year. He has a flock of purses that run from $10,000 to $100,000, including several $50,000 tests. This naturally has brought out a full share of the best horses, in an off year.

They have brought in crack thoroughbreds from all over the bombed and unbombed world to run for all this money, including three of England's best. St. Andrews II from the British Isles has run the mile and a quarter in 1:59⅗, which is motorcycle time.

But the shadow of Challedon, the Brann Blaster, the Maryland Special, still hangs over Kayak II, Mioland and others now pointing for the main swag.

The 1940 opening was technically or officially known as a gala event, wherein a flock of motion picture stars shared the spotlight with good horses and more than 3,000,000 flower blooms, not including orange groves shadowing the rim of the track.

Inspiring as these flowers, mountains and orange groves are to argus-eyed tourists, they are merely incidental to most of the fans who come here to watch the horses.

Track Surroundings

I could tell you again about the snow-capped peaks that hover over the tropical blooms around the track, where they can handle 60,000 spectators without too much crowding.

I could write more about Bing Crosby, Louis B. Mayer, Loretta Young, Pat O'Brien, Joe E. Brown, Guy Kibbee—in fact, about all the beauty and chivalry, all the glamour and oomph of Hollywood, which I can tell you is strictly unimportant to those trying to win a few bets.

PATTERN DEPARTMENT

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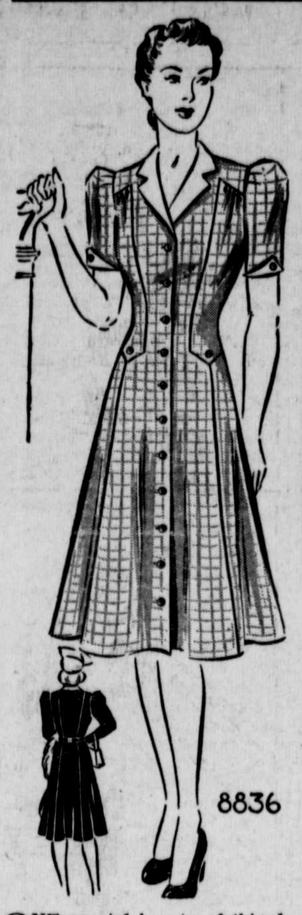

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SIMPLICITY

SIMPLICITY, in truth, is less dependent upon external things than we imagine. It can live in broadcloth or homespun; it can eat white bread or black. It is not outward, but inward.

A certain openness of mind to learn the daily lessons of the school of life; a certain willingness of heart to give and to receive that extra service, that gift beyond the strict measure of debt which makes friendship possible; a certain clearness of spirit to perceive the best in things and people, to love it without fear and to cleave to it without mistrust; a peaceable sureness of affection and taste; a gentle straightforwardness of action; a kind sincerity of speech—these are the marks of the simple life, which cometh not with observation, for it is within you.—Henry Van Dyke.

Largest Active Volcano

Mauna Loa, in the Hawaii National park, is the world's largest active volcano. It soars 13,680 feet above sea level, and its summit crater is three miles long and a mile and a half wide. The volcano has erupted with considerable violence about once every four years; the last time was in 1936.

More frequently active is the neighboring Kilauea, the summit of which contains the pit known as "the House of Everlasting Fire."

AROUND THE HOUSE

Biscuits need a preheated, hot oven. Then you have to bake them only 10 or 15 minutes.

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To get all the juice out of a lemon, warm it before squeezing.

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Grease can be removed from an iron by rubbing corn meal over it.

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Cider jelly is an excellent accompaniment for turkey. Or mold it in ring shape, fill the center with chilled diced fruit and surround it with salad dressing. Serve as first course salad.

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Onion or fish odors can be removed from the hands by rubbing them with dry mustard or salt and then rinsing them in clear water.

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Gold or silver cloth shoes will not tarnish if they are wrapped in black tissue when not in use. A black stocking pulled over the shoes may be used instead of black tissue paper.

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As potatoes get old add a little sugar to the water in which they are boiled. They will taste as good as new ones.

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