



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—The Nazis haven't bothered Frau Katherina Schrott. Unlike the Pompadours and Montespanns, usually among the first victims of political upheavals, Austria's "Gnaedige Frau," as Emperor Francis Joseph called her, has ridden the surf-board of dynastic and political change for nearly 60 years. She is now eighty-two, doing crossword puzzles, disclaiming knowledge of the current cataclysm, but longing for the "good old days."

In those days, she was pretty Katie Schrott, a dancer in the Burg theater, which was under the patronage of the emperor. After a hit performance, with the emperor attending, she obtained an audience.

"Sire," she said, with a low curtsy, "we cannot maintain ourselves on the salaries you pay. I owe \$50,000 for my costumes."

The emperor promised a new benefice for the theater and said he would help her take care of her debts. She was backing gracefully to the door when the emperor said: "Gnaedige Frau, why do you leave us?"

She stayed 40 years, in a snug little villa by the palace gates. The emperor, after a hard day swinging the scepter, used to drop in at Frau Katie's, split a bottle of Pilsener and sing a few songs. She knew all the mellow old tunes which he particularly liked. She used to darn his socks and tell him when he needed a hair cut.

She refused to accept gowns or jewels, always remaining the "Gnaedige Frau," but the emperor, by an amusing artifice, induced her to accept a fortune in gems. He was a famous huntsman. He told her he was sending her a wild boar he had killed.

She saw no harm in that. When it arrived, it had diamond earrings, a diamond necklace and bracelets and a diamond breast pin, and its back was studded with precious Hapsburg jewels. The money lenders got them, after the emperor's death.

She was supposed to know more of the secrets of the realm than any other person. She guarded them carefully, but did reluctantly reveal a few details of the Mayerling tragedy of 1889.

She said Archduke Rudolf shot himself, after killing Baroness Vetsera. That's the version of the film now running. It would make a good story if somebody could take Frau Schrott to see "Mayerling" and have her write a critical review.

MARK ETHRIDGE becomes "czar" of the radio industry. It is hard to think of Mr. Ethridge as a czar, or even a third assistant Simon Legree, but he clicks neatly as an able, deft, diligent and resourceful executive.

While Mr. Ethridge is only forty-four years old, he is of the type of old-line, leg-man newspaper man, with an insatiable appetite for news.

A native of Meridian, Miss., with soft southern speech and instinctive courtesy, he ought to be an excellent troubleshooter for the radio, rather than a czar. He was a reporter on the Meridian Dispatch, studied at the University of Mississippi and romped on up through grades to the managing editorship of the Macon (Ga.) Telegraph. He was with the New York Sun in 1926 and his old friends there have been nominating him today for a loud cheer in this corner.

He was lured back to Macon, went thence to the Richmond (Va.) Times, of which he was publisher, and later became general manager of the Louisville Courier-Journal and Louisville Times. He spent the year 1933 in central Europe, on an Oberlander Trust fellowship, studying politics and economics and—the only touch of anti-climax in his career—the Versailles treaty.

The radio has picked a man who knows the social and educational box-score as well as good entertainment. He is still general manager of the Courier-Journal, up and coming in the new enlightened leadership of the South. His "czar" job is unsalaried.

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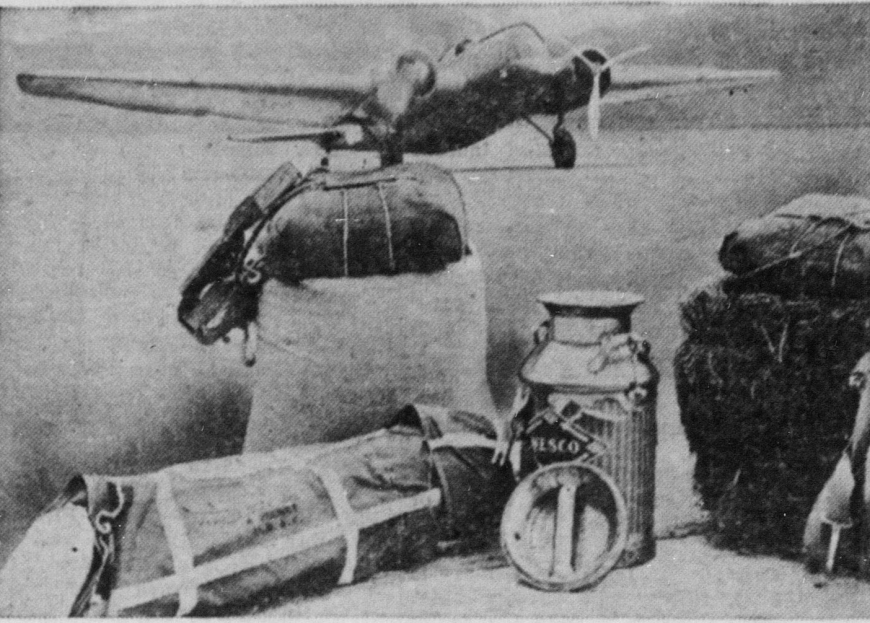
Talks Too Fast

A certain doctor had the habit of interjecting the phrase "of course" every little while as he spoke, just as others say "D'you see" or "don't you know." But he said "of course" once too often. For, once, when a patient was very ill, "I hurried to him, and, of course, he died."

News Review of Current Events

12 MILLION JOBLESS

One-Seventh of Population Receives Public Aid . . . First Report of Senate Committee on Relief



Emergency rationing of troops by airplane and parachute was successfully accomplished in Texas by the army air corps during maneuvers. This picture shows metal food container for personnel rations, bale of hay and a 130-pound sack of oats, with parachutes attached, ready to be loaded on the bomb racks of the Martin bomber seen in background.

Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

One in Seven on Relief

TWELVE million American workers are totally unemployed. More than 18,000,000 persons, or one-seventh of the population of the country, are receiving public assistance from the federal, state or local governments. From 1933 to 1937 inclusive the federal and state governments have spent \$19,400,000,000 for work relief and other forms of public assistance.

These far from cheerful figures were in a preliminary report of the senate committee on relief and unemployment submitted by Chairman Byrnes.

At the time the report came in, Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator, was telling the house appropriations committee, holding hearings on the administration's recovery-relief program, that the proposed \$1,250,000,000 relief appropriation would enable 200,000 to be added to federal aid rolls, bringing the total number to 2,800,000 persons.

This money, he said, would last only for the first seven months of the coming fiscal year. He refused to estimate how much would be needed thereafter.

The senate committee report in general absolved the WPA from charges of graft, waste and inefficiency, but in some respects it sharply criticized the administration's relief policies.

To the discomfiture of administration leaders, the committee recommended that the senate's revenue bill repealing the undistributed profits tax and modifying the capital gains tax be adopted as a major aid to economic recovery. Retention of those taxes is in the house bill backed by President Roosevelt.

One Spending Bill Passed

WITHOUT a record vote the house passed the first of the new spending bills, appropriating \$903,000,000 for the Department of Agriculture during the next fiscal year. Of the total sum, 201 millions are for the building of new roads, this being one of the President's pump-priming suggestions.

Help for Utilities

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT now is planning to extend government aid to the public utilities, which have suffered severely from government competition. This was learned after he had conferred with RFC Chairman Jones, and Douglas and Hanes of the SEC. The purpose is to aid the utilities in financing new construction, through the RFC lending program. Employment of now idle workers is the aim.

A.F. of L. Follows C.I.O. Lead

A MERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR, following the example of the rival C. I. O., entered politics on a national scale by forming an organization to back selected candidates for public office.

The action, emphasizing anew the split between the two labor associations, indicated that the labor vote will be divided in many state primaries and November congressional elections.

Fight in Pennsylvania

DEMOCRATS of Pennsylvania are split wide open over the campaign for the May primaries, and Gov. George Earle is in the middle of the hot fight. He is seeking the nomination for senator. Mayor Wilson of Philadelphia, supported by Senator Guffey and John L. Lewis, is opposing him. Wilson charged that Earle had borrowed large sums from M. H. McCloskey, contractor and co-leader of the Philadelphia Democratic organiza-

tion, and Chairman Green of the Republican state committee promptly demanded that Earle resign or face impeachment. The governor, admitted financial dealings with McCloskey but said his debt had been reduced to \$8,000.

Earle declared Guffey was trying to wreck the state party organization "so he can control the Pennsylvania delegation to the Democratic national convention in 1940 and team up with Southern Democrats to get the nomination for vice president."

Hitler Reviews Army

REICHSFUHRER HITLER celebrated his forty-ninth birthday by reviewing his new Pan-German army, and it developed that he and his military leaders are expecting that open warfare will be the form of future conflicts. The 10,000 troops that marched along Unter den Linden, led by an Austrian battalion that had not yet learned the goose-step, were equipped for mobile fighting and armed with a new machine gun. In the parade were 500 tanks of medium size and armored cars with radio.

It was announced in Vienna that a warrant had been issued for the arrest of Archduke Otto, pretender to the Austrian throne. A Berlin newspaper said the Austrian properties of the Hapsburgs had been confiscated.

Members of the German American Bund held a meeting in New York on Hitler's birthday which developed into a riot. Seven men wearing American Legion caps were severely beaten by "Storm Troopers" in uniform. J. W. Hill, national secretary of the bund, asked a congressional investigation of the activities of Representative Dickstein of New York, who, he said, predicted there would be bloodshed if the meeting were held.

TVA Investigators

WHEN Sen. James J. Davis of Pennsylvania, Republican, consented to serve on the joint congressional committee to investigate

the Tennessee Valley authority, that group was complete. Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, author of the resolution calling for the inquiry, was left off the committee, contrary to precedent.

The other senators named by Vice President Garner are: Sen. Donahay of Ohio, Fred H. Brown of New Hampshire, H. H. Schwartz of Wyoming, Democrats; and Lynn Frazier of North Dakota, radical Republican.

House members are J. M. Mead of New York, W. J. Driver of Arkansas, R. Ewing Thomason of Texas, Democrats; C. A. Wolvertson of New Jersey and T. A. Jenkins of Ohio, Republicans.

It was presumed that Senator Donahay would be chairman of the committee. He is not marked as prejudiced either way in the matter. In the senate he is almost never heard.

Investigators were to be put in the field as soon as possible, and after congress adjourns the joint committee will hold public hearings, probably in Knoxville, Tenn., and in Washington.

Turkey Quake Kills 800

FROM Ankara, Turkey, comes news that an earthquake in Anatolia killed at least 800 persons and destroyed many villages. Whole families were buried under mountainous debris, and some 50,000 persons were rendered homeless.

Terrific underground rumblings were accompanied by intermittent shocks over a wide area of western Asia bordering the Aegean sea, and especially about Kirshehr, Yozgad and Tchorum.

Anglo-Italian Treaty

NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S dream of security for peace in Europe through amicable arrangements of the democratic governments with the dictators may yet be realized. Anyhow, consummation of the deal was brought nearer when Lord Perth, British ambassador to Rome, and Italian Foreign Minister Ciano signed the treaty of friendship which had been under negotiation for weeks. The pact is designed to end the long feud between the two nations, and it is probable France will join in after negotiations with Mussolini already suggested by Foreign Minister Bonnet. The British prime minister, of course, hopes that later Hitler can be brought into the group and that there will be formed a London-Paris-Rome-Berlin quadrangle in place of the Berlin-Rome axis.

Temporarily, the treaty provides for friendly relations between Britain and Italy in the Mediterranean and the Near East, but it does not go into full effect until "such date as the two governments together shall determine." In other words, Italy must first have withdrawn its troops from Spain and Britain must have recognized Italy's conquest of Ethiopia. The former may be delayed until France has won final victory. The latter depends upon permission from the League of Nations council, which has been asked by Chamberlain.

In essence, the treaty is a promise by each side not to attempt to change the status quo in the Mediterranean or Red sea areas nor to injure each other's interests there in any way.

Italy is to reduce her forces in Libya to peace time strength, and will adhere to the London naval treaty limiting the size of warships. The Suez canal is to be open to all nations equally in war or peace. Italy will abide by the international nonintervention committee's ruling on volunteers in the Spanish war and in case to withdraw from Spain entirely when the war is ended. Italy declares it has no territorial or political aims and seeks no privileged economic position in Spain, the Balearic islands, Spanish Morocco or Spanish possessions overseas.

Political leaders in Berlin did not minimize the importance of the Anglo-Italian pact, but insisted that the Berlin-Rome axis was not weakened. They were awaiting someone what anxiously the visit of Premier Daladier and Foreign Minister Bonnet to London, scheduled for late in April. There were no indications in London or Paris that Britain and France were ready yet to deal with Hitler. But it was rumored that Poland might join them and Italy in a four-power pact.

Plot Against Carol Foiled

MEMBERS of the Iron Guard of Rumania formed a big conspiracy to seize King Carol and proclaim a Fascist state. But the authorities got wind of it and Corneliu Codreanu, leader of the Iron Guard, and 1,500 of his followers were thrown into jail.

A black list was found in Iron Guard headquarters, police said, containing the names of 2,000 Rumanian leaders who were to be arrested once Codreanu was in power. Huge quantities of arms and munitions also were seized. In Paris it was believed the plot was a development of the efforts of Nazi Germany to win a hold in Rumania.

Dr. Townsend Pardoned

DR. FRANCES E. TOWNSEND, carrying a pair of socks and a typewriter, arrived at the jail in Washington, ready to serve his thirty day term for contempt of congress and become a martyr. But the old age pension planner was informed that President Roosevelt had pardoned him. The pardon was issued upon the urgent request of Representative C. Jasper Bell, chairman of the investigating committee before which Dr. Townsend refused to testify.

Barcelona in Peril

SPANISH insurgents, having reached the Mediterranean at the port of Vinaroz, spread north and south along the coast and effectively cut off Catalonia from the rest of loyalist Spain. Veteran Spanish and Italian troops, led by Gen. Garcia Valino and Gen. Miguel Aranda, blasted their way into Vinaroz in a single day of severe combat, and Valino then started a northward drive on Tortosa, where important coastal highways converge.

France's next great objective was Barcelona. His forces were beginning a new movement against that city from the west, and his naval and air fleets left their bases to cooperate.

Mayor Dore Is Dead

SEATTLE'S spectacular mayor, John F. Dore, died after a long illness. He had failed of re-nomination in the recent primaries. Dore was a brilliant lawyer and a fighting executive. He was allied politically with Dave Beck, labor leader.

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Ask Me Another A General Quiz

The Questions

1. How is the date of Easter determined?
2. By what name is the Chinese philosopher Kung Fu Tze usually known to the Western world?
3. What were the "Three Estates" in France prior to the Revolution?
4. Who makes the laws for the District of Columbia?
5. How many lawyers are there in the United States congress?
6. How much raw silk does the United States import?
7. What is the greatest depth to which a diver has descended?
8. How can Anna May Wong be a citizen of the United States when she is a Chinese?
9. How much steel was used in the United States during 1937?
10. What is the cleanest animal?

The Answers

1. It is the first Sunday after the full moon on or next after March 21.
2. Confucius.
3. Nobles, clergy and common people.
4. Congress.
5. Seventy-one out of the ninety-six senators and 249 out of 435 representatives are lawyers.
6. During the calendar year 1937, 57,815,573 pounds of raw silk was imported, with an import value of \$106,594,358.
7. The greatest depth reached by any diver was attained by Dr. William Beebe in his bathysphere, in which he reached 3,025 feet below the surface, August 15, 1934.
8. Anna May Wong was born in Los Angeles, Calif., and is therefore a citizen of the United States. The only Chinese who can be citizens of this country are those who are born here.
9. One billion tons of steel in all forms was in use in the United States during the past year, according to the Scientific American. This total represents an average of 17,800 pounds in use for every man, woman and child.
10. The raccoon is considered the cleanest of all animals.

Our Presidents

Thomas Jefferson and John Quincy Adams were elected by the house of representatives. Grover Cleveland, son of a Presbyterian minister, succeeded Chester A. Arthur, son of an Episcopal minister. Zachary Taylor did not hear of his nomination until one month after the convention adjourned.

Thirty-one men have served as Presidents of the United States.

Herbert Hoover was the first President born west of the Mississippi river. He was born in West Branch, Iowa.

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