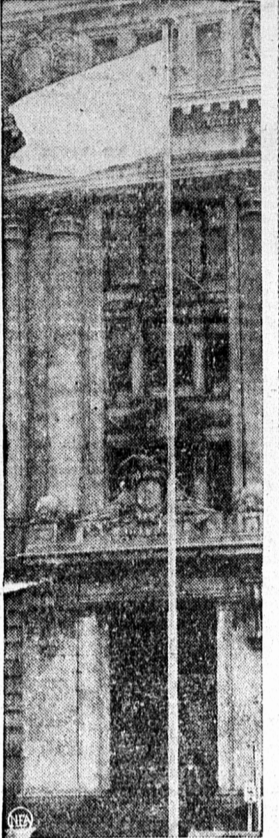


# NEWS of the WORLD in PICTURES



Celebrating together their seventieth birthdays, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Birks of Montreal received congratulatory messages from near and far. Several unique gifts were from the downtown-wide organization of Henry Birks & Sons, of which Mr. Birks is a director. Mr. and Mrs. Birks were born on the same date in the same year and in the same place, Montreal, Oct. 25.

When the skull-and-crossbones pictured above rises in Washington nowadays it doesn't mean that Captain Kidd has sailed up the Potomac but rather that the pirate, Traffic Death, has stolen another human life. For twenty-four hours after a person is killed in a traffic accident, the pirate flag flies, as pictured above, before the District building. When no traffic fatality happens in a 24-hour period, the white banner of safety, shown at right, is raised.



Ready to be unveiled by the King, next year, Canada's National War Memorial at Ottawa is now complete. It is, in a sense, a memorial also to Vernon March, who died after winning the Government's contest for the design in 1925. The completion of the project was undertaken as a labor of love by his three older brothers, Sydney (upper left), Percival (upper right) and Walter. At the left is a close-up view of the sculptured figures on the memorial.



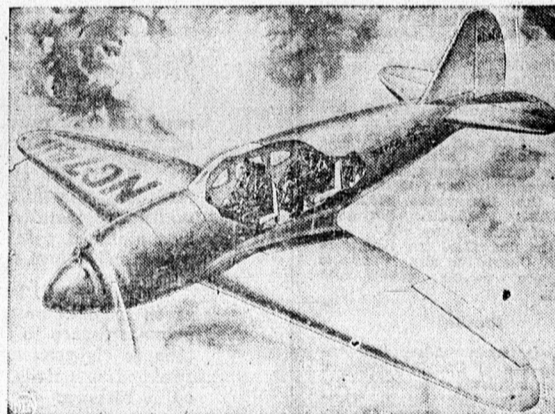
After German conquest of Sudetenland the Czech government gave heed to the clamor of other nations for a share in the Czechoslovakian pie. Here Count Esterhazy (coat over shoulder, right) represents the Czechs in a conference with Hungarian officials.



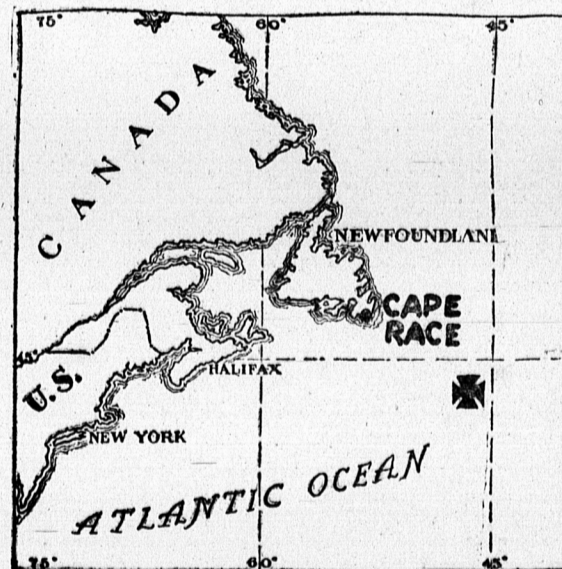
Fighting men of Hitler's Nazi legions laid down their guns momentarily after the Munich agreement allowed peaceful invasion of Czechoslovakia and helped peasant bring in the harvest. Many crops were left ungathered by Czech farmers who fled before the advancing German armies. This picture shows husky German troopers in the fields aiding a farm woman.



With extension of the Japanese onslaught to South China, there are few havens for terror-stricken war refugees. Here is a Chinese family with hastily gathered belongings on the road from Canton just before the South China city fell to the Japanese.



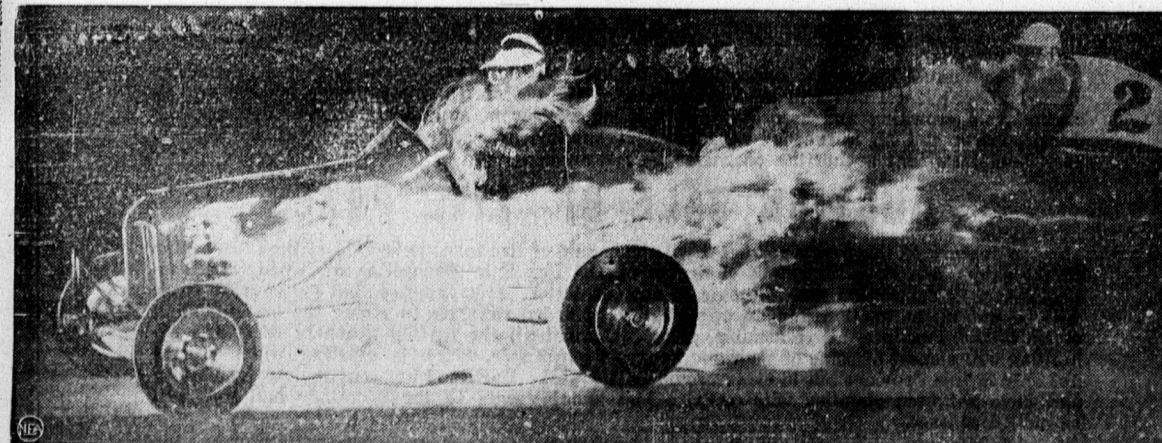
Capable of flying 330 miles per hour, nearly 100 miles faster than other commercial planes in present use, the "Executive," pictured above in cut-away sketch, was recently designed by the Seversky Aircraft Corporation. It is intended to carry four passengers, is powered with a twin-row 1200 horsepower engine and is designed as a full cantilever, low-wing monoplane. Seversky expects it to be an aid to executives needing rapid transportation and a feeder plane for larger airliners.



Two hundred miles off Cape Race, Newfoundland, at the spot indicated by a cross on the map above, the German liner Deutschland, aflame, called for rescue ships to come to her aid and help "take off passengers."



Proclaiming of martial law throughout the Holy Land as one of the moves to crush the bloody Arab revolt makes Sir Harold MacMichael, above, British army commander-in-chief for Palestine, virtual dictator of that country. District commissioners were replaced by military commanders on orders of Sir Harold.



As 15,000 horrified midget-auto race fans watched the car driven by Fred Friday in a recent race in Los Angeles took fire when a gas line broke and turned him into the flaming human comet pictured above. His face wreathed in fire, as seen in the photo, Friday pluckily raised his hand to warn off the other drivers, then steered into the infield, came to a stop, unfastened his safety belt and leaped out—his clothes ablaze. He was taken to a hospital, suffering from severe burns. At right, another car is seen swerving to avoid Friday's machine.



Afire in the stormy Atlantic 200 miles off Newfoundland, the Hamburg-American liner Deutschland (above) appealed for help. Nine hundred and sixty passengers were aboard the flaming vessel.