

# NEWS of the WORLD in PICTURES



As the guest of Noel Coward, celebrated British playwright and actor, the wife of Britain's former Foreign Secretary visited a New York night club. This picture of their party shows (left to right) Sir Martin Becket, Mrs. Eden's brother, Mrs. Eden, Mr. Coward and Lady Hinchinbrooke.



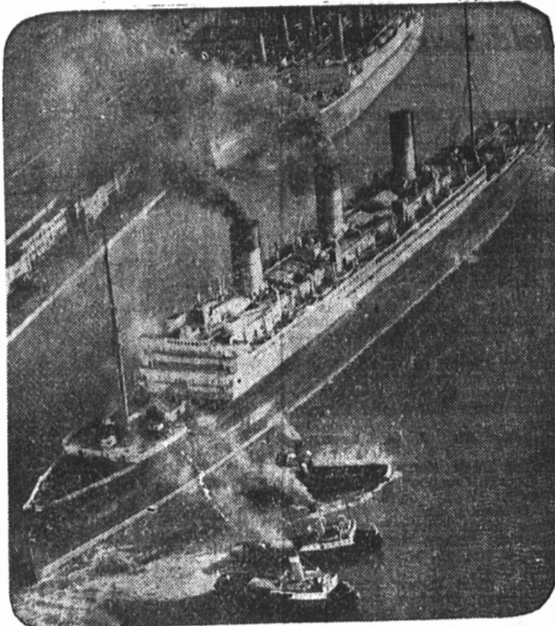
They're going to marry, Playwright Gordon Ayres and Peggy Montgomery, who was the famous "Baby Peggy" of the films not so long ago.



Women as well as men are answering Britain's call for volunteers in specialized forces organized to meet the threat of modern war. Here a pretty member of the Women's Auxiliary Fire Corps is shown at conditioning drill. She is wearing the trousers available to women who prefer them for driving, but despite her business-like attire, she has sacrificed nothing of her grace and charm.



Two seventy-year old clergymen, Rev. James Parkins (left) and his bride, and Rev. James Arnold (right) and his bride, rather astonished the people of Boscombe, Hampshire, England, as they were principals in a double marriage ceremony at St. John's Church.



Once famous as the largest vessel afloat, the Berengaria is on her way to the "boneyard". She is shown here leaving Southampton on her way to Jarrow, where she is to be broken up. The silver lining in the cloud of her prosaic end is the fact that hundreds of Jarrow's unemployed will get work for several months reducing her 52,100-ton bulk to scrap.



Women State Department workers abandoned all discipline to admire and applaud Anthony Eden as he walked through the offices, preceded by Victor Mallet, of the British Embassy.



F. Donald Coster

F. Donald Coster, president, and George Dietrich, assistant treasurer of McKesson & Robbins, Inc., were arrested in the former's Fairfield, Conn., home on Federal charges of violation of the Securities and Exchange act. The ar-

Julian F. Thompson

rests followed discovery of a possible \$10,000,000 to \$18,000,000 shortage in assets of this third largest U. S. drug firm. Federal action was instigated by directors upon the report of Julian F. Thompson, treasurer, who said he suspected irregularities three years ago, made a private investigation and found "fantastic" elements in the company's affairs.

Donald Coster. Her brother said she had no idea Coster was in reality the swindler Philip Musica.

In a state of collapse after her husband's suicide is Mrs. Frank Musica.



From near and far, congratulatory messages were received by His Lordship, Rt. Rev. John Farthing, the Bishop of Montreal, who celebrated his 77th birthday Dec. 13.



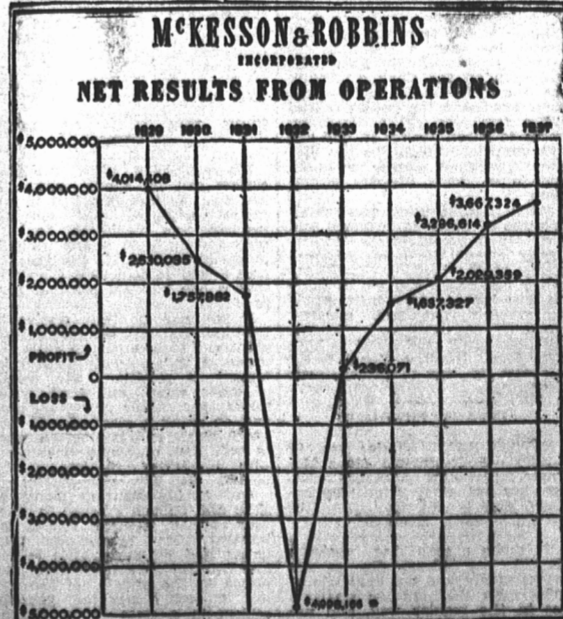
Formerly the husband of "Frank Donald Coster's" widow, WPA worker Edward W. Hubbard, above, at Allentown, Pa., revealed that he always knew "Coster" was Philip Musica. Years ago Musica worked for Hubbard, then a \$3,000,000 Wall Street operator.



Harry E. Mackenzie who pleaded guilty in a \$1,000,000 plot to defraud the city of Waterbury, Conn., was declared by the Waterbury Grand Jury to have been a \$5000-a-year lobbyist for McKesson & Robbins.



In this squat Mt. Vernon, N. Y., building began the fantastic career of "Frank Donald Coster," really Philip Musica—ex-convict and swindler. Here, with \$2000 capital, he incorporated Girard & Co., making hair tonic. By 1926 "Coster" was rich enough to take over the nearly century-old drug firm of McKesson & Robbins, Inc.



Under his magic touch it expanded, weathered the depression, and as the chart at left shows, converted an almost \$5,000,000 loss in 1932 into a nearly \$4,000,000 profit in 1937. But in December, 1938, the Musica magic waned. Exposed, he died a suicide. A wallet containing just three one-dollar bills, and a gold watch, shown right, were all the wealth found on the body.