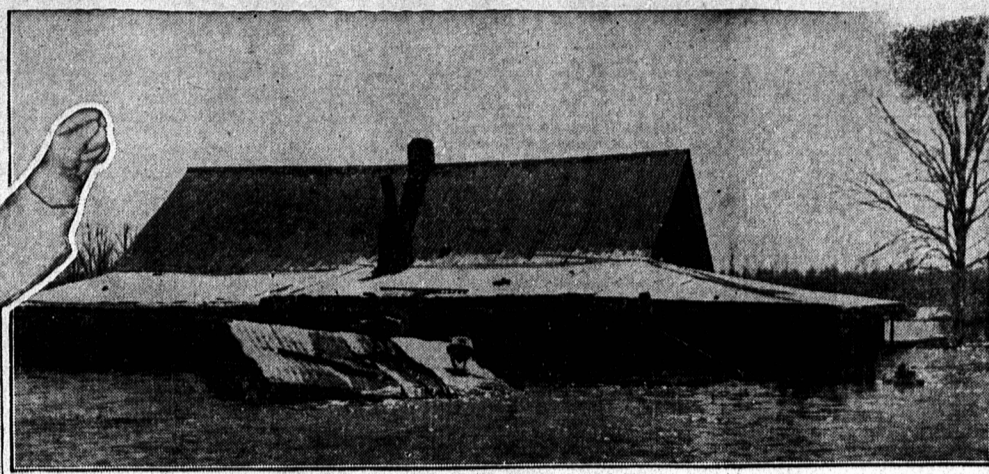


News Of The World In Pictures



Mal-Kah Marquee, a Burmese girl, rides an elephant around Marble Arch, in London, Eng., on her birthday. The girl performs this ceremony every year as a token of good luck.



Red Cross officials predict an estimated 22,750 refugees would receive aid in restricted sections of Arkansas before the current floods subside. Great areas along the banks of the Red and White rivers and tributaries have been swept by water (Lower) with their chickens and dog escaped 21 counties. They are living in an army tent to their home. Even this three-year-old (Left) in stacks the family furniture as flood waters of the residents moved to higher ground as the Red river topped the previous high water mark, set in 1927. As a levee broke near Fulton, thousands of acres of farmland were inundated. These geese survey the flooded expanse which once was "home". Five levees have been smashed already by the Red river.



Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Martin from Leaside, Ont., brought "Irish Battler" to the New York dog show in Madison Square Garden. The well known Irish terrier won the award for the best of breed at the Associated Terrier show. He is shown with his owners.



OPERA STAR FAINTS

An international radio audience waited half an hour, Feb. 26, for the opera "Aida" to continue from Metropolitan Opera house, New York, after the leading tenor, Giovanni Martinelli, collapsed while singing. His illness was blamed on acute indigestion, brought on by too much crab meat. The curtain was rung down and the broadcast suspended until a substitute arrived.



Viscount and Viscountess Greenwood, on the spot at the Constant Spring Hotel, Jamaica, B.W.I., where they first met 31 years ago. In the picture (left to right) are Viscountess Greenwood, F. H. Robertson, Chairman of the Jamaica Tourist Trade Development Board, who greeted the peer and his wife, Henry Hewer, manager of the Constant Spring Hotel, and Viscount Greenwood, who, it will be recalled, was born in Whitby, Ont., and graduated from the University of Toronto.



Sir Eric Phipps, British Ambassador to France received Mme Robert Lespagnol, assistant Paris manager of the travel association of Great Britain and Ireland, to invest her with the insignia of a member of the Order of the British Empire, which the King conferred on her. Photograph shows Mme. Lespagnol, with her decoration in her Paris office.

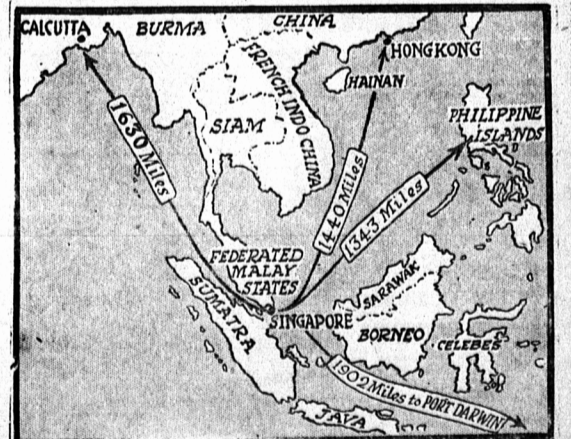


Vatican City reports were that the Pope may refuse permission for the marriage of Countess Apponyi and King Zog of Albania, shown in Tirana, in a recent picture, as the Albanian Parliament approved the betrothal. The Countess, daughter of the former Gladys Virginia Stewart, of New York, and Count Julius Nagy Apponyi, of Hungary, is a Catholic. King Zog insists that his children, especially an heir to the throne, be reared in his Moslem faith.



ESCAPED BURNING HOME

Nine-year-old June McQuillin tried to rush back into her blazing Willowdale, Ont., home early Feb. 26, to rescue her English terrier Betty, whom she believed to be trapped when fire swept through the building. After her mother had restrained her, it was discovered that her pet had escaped. June's father, P.C. Roy McQuillin, was shot dead eight years ago when he attempted to question a man.



One observer has declared with respect to Singapore: Today this "Gibraltar of the East," with its naval base which could accommodate half the British Navy, stands complete and cleared for action. Singapore has called its colors to the mast—with United States warships locking on—at the precise juncture when powerful groups within the Japanese Empire are urging the all-conquering Japanese forces to occupy not only Canton—and thus garrote Hongkong by cutting that colony off from its sources of trade—but also to seize Hainan Island, south of Hong Kong. And on the day that the Imperial Japanese Navy did that it could cut the communications linking Singapore with Hongkong and every British plane or warship would pass between the two Empire outposts only by kind permission of the Japanese forces. Japanese domination in the region of Hainan Island, moreover, would enable that nation to establish military airfields nearer to the Singapore Base than would be altogether comfortable for the men charged with maintaining British interests in the famous "defence triangle" formed by Hong Kong, Singapore, and Port Darwin, in Australia. Through that "triangle" run the vital trade and food routes which form the jugular vein of the British Isles. Inside it are the American-owned Philippines (shortly to achieve their independence), and the Dutch-owned Indies. Within its three corners are some of the world's richest resources of iron, tin, rubber, copra, coffee and oil. For three white Powers, at least, these Union Jacks flying in the Malayan sunlight means life or death.



Folks in Gradyville, Pa., heard the news last week that "Concord Bill" Mathues is again a father. A daughter, his 17th child, is the third addition to his family since his 80th birthday. After posing for this picture with the infant Ida May the former deputy sheriff of Delaware county told newspapermen he hoped she would be the last. The baby's mother, Mathues' second wife, is 40. Mathues celebrates his 84th birthday next August.



H. Lloyd Thomas, British Minister to France, taking a hurdle with his horse Royal Mail. He was killed when his mount Periwinkle II stumbled in the three-mile Derby chase. His neck was broken.



Rt. Hon. William Ormsby-Gore (above), British Colonial Secretary, has just announced that he will not seek re-election to the House of Commons at the next general election. Mr. Ormsby-Gore, who is heir to his father, Lord Harlech, and will eventually sit in the House of Lords, replaced Right Hon. J. H. Thomas in the Cabinet. He was formerly First Commissioner of Works.