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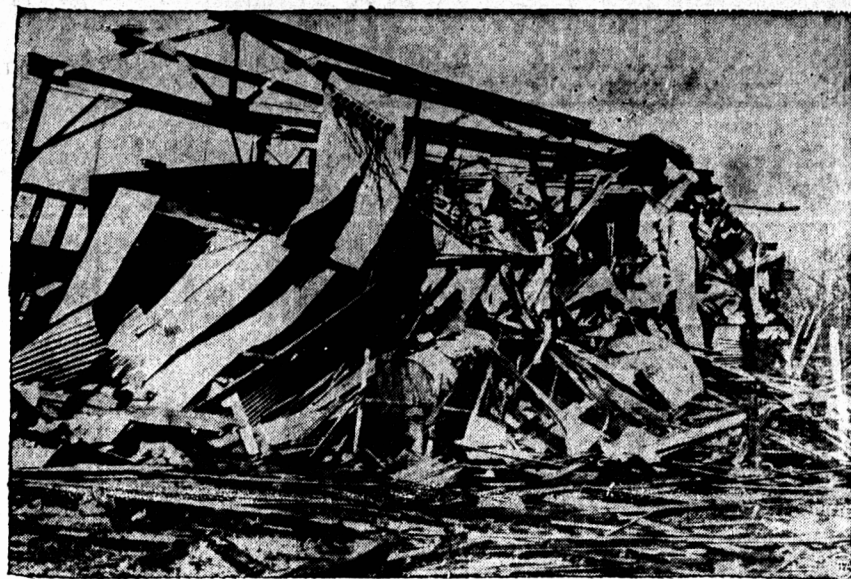


U.S. troops in Berlin are seen staging a practice charge supported by heavy tanks as part of intensified training to safeguard the western sectors of the city against a possible putch by east German Communist mobs and police-troops on May 28. American armed power in Berlin now numbers about

4,000 combat troops, all of which are now being increased to full fighting strength to fulfill Allied pledges to protect the city. After viewing the deadly serious training of the G.I.'s the east German Communist youth organization announced its highly publicized march on Berlin would be confined to the Soviet zone.



Johnny Major of Seattle, Wash., builder of the "world's smallest" motorcycle, is seen sitting astride his invention, constructed from "odds and ends." He calls his midget motorcycle Puten 1-2 and says it transports him around a 30 miles an hour. The gas tank holds a quart of gas which Major fills about once in two weeks. The machine, which weighs only 104 pounds, has a 1 1/2-h.p. Briggs and Stratton stationary engine, and four by eight tires.



WIND WHISTLES IN WHISTLE—Twin tornadoes zipped through Whistle, Ala., and four other communities in the Mobile Bay area, causing scenes like this. Although there were no injuries at this spot—where this woodworking factory was levelled—14 persons were injured at other places.

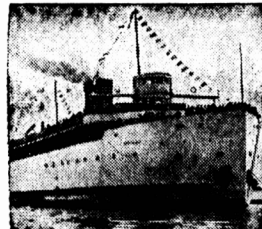


Boy, you can't beat free enterprise. That is probably what this proud hen is saying to herself as she looks over her magnificent production effort—a halfpound egg, which is posed beside two ordinary eggs to give you an idea of just what the biddy accomplished. The seven-pound hen, owned

by Farmer Henry Van Black of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., is a cross between a fighting cock and a Barred Rock. Her prize egg measured ten inches around the long way, and seven and three-quarter inches at the "waist." Inside the outer white shell of the king-size egg was another egg—a smaller, brown one.



WANTS SON TO RULE — Belgium's King Leopold III has proposed the transfer, temporarily, of his royal powers to his 19-year-old son, Prince Baudoin, left, and his own return from exile as King in name only. Speech was recorded and broadcast to the Belgians. This is a hitherto unpublished exclusive photo by Acme staff correspondent, Charles Dawson.

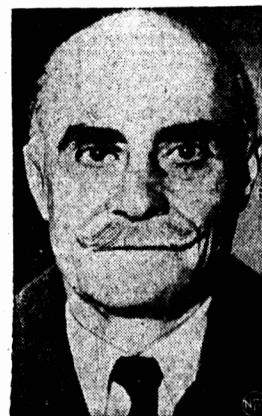


The end of this month will see the termination of the car ferry service which has been running from Cobourg, Ont., to Genesee docks, N.Y., since 1907. As Cobourg port has a year round harbor, the big car ferries operate through the winter. Declining revenue and mounting costs have convinced the Ontario Car Ferry Co. and C.N.R. that there is no future for the ships. Also, it would cost \$950,000 to recondition the ships to meet new inspection regulations.



Recently crowned "Miss Alaska, 1950", Maxine Cothern is shown on her arrival in San Francisco, wearing royal robe of her kingdom, a fur parka. She won \$500.

TO STATE JOB? — Roger D. Lapham, left, former Republican mayor of San Francisco, may be brought into the U. S. State Department, informed Washington quarters say. Lapham, one-time ECA chief in China, once favored U.S. recognition of the Reds in China "whether we like it or not". One source said Lapham might become assistant secretary of State in charge of the President's "Point Four" program of aid to underdeveloped areas.



GREEK LEADER — King Paul of Greece asked leftist Nicholas Plastiras, above, to form a new government, following the resignation of Premier Sophocles Venizelos. Venizelos, who quit under strong American criticism, indicated he would accept a subordinate post in a coalition government headed by Plastiras.



NEW WORLD OF LIGHT — One of the youngest persons ever to wear spectacles is 11-month-old Johnny Peoples, seen being fitted with special glasses at a Philadelphia, Pa., eye hospital by nurse Madeline Dorsey. Born blind, Johnny underwent a series of four operations for the removal of cataracts, and saw for the first time when the glasses were put on him.



GOOSE IS COOKED — Homer Cook, Oklahoma "badman" who set off the biggest manhunt in postwar Germany, smiles after he was recaptured in Munich. The renegade ex-GI, 27, broke jail twice in one week after he was arrested for entering the country illegally to rejoin a girl friend.



TRAVELLING CLINIC: In this new medical car thousands of railway employees across Canada will receive the benefits of a preventive medicine policy followed by the Canadian National Railways. Taking a personal interest in the plan is Donald Gordon, president of the C.N.R., who is shown, right, with Dr. K. E. Dewd, chief medical officer, left, and Dr. W. E. Thompson, medical officer who will conduct the examinations in the car. Four medical cars are in the travelling clinic fleet operated by the C.N.R. One covers the Atlantic Region, Quebec, and the Canadian National and Central Vermont lines in New England. Another operates in the Southern Ontario territory and on the Grand Trunk Western lines. A third covers Northern Ontario and Manitoba, and a fourth serves the remainder of the western provinces to the Pacific Coast. A tour of duty keeps a car away from headquarters for about two years, and during that time it is office and home for the railway's doctor.



Shortly after his arrival in Washington, President Gabriel Gonzalez Videla, centre, of Chile receives the key to the city from J. Russell Fourn, right, District of Columbia commissioner. President Harry S. Truman enjoys the presentation ceremony.



Twenty-one-year-old Barbara Ann Scott, former Olympic figure skating champ and three times world champion, has signed a contract with the famous Icecapades. Barbara, who will appear in the opening of the 1951 skating extravaganza at Los Angeles, Calif., on May 4, has for the past year been touring Canada in her own skating revue.



...AND FOUR TO GO — This 1950 model rooster came off the assembly line with some spare parts, namely two extra legs and a double tail. The bird, belonging to Mrs. Harry Aukerman of Eaton, O., is now three weeks old, and is as healthy as any of the flock.

