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#### THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE

Believe it or not-the most dangerous place you can be

Accordi ng to the National Safety council, the principa According to the National Sarety council, the principal causes of deaths from home accidents last year were divided as follows; falls, 17,500; burns and explosions, 5600; poison-ings, 1700; firearms, 800; mechanical suffocation, 1000; poi-son gases, 1100. The grand total was 23,500 deaths—ninety out of a hundred of which were unnecessary, and could have

The Red Cross, in company wth other safety organizations, has been carrying on a drive to awaken the public to the danger of home accidents, and to show how hazards may be easily removed and avoided. Take a look around your own home. Is there a loose rug at the top of a staircase? It may easily cause a fall that will result in long agony in the hospital, or death. Can unlocked medicine cabinets be reached by children? If so, they are in imminent danger of fatal poisoning by such a common first-aid accessory as iodine Are guns kept unloaded and out of reach of amateur hands

You can think of many more such vital safety questions When you do, answer them at once—and not by guess-work, but after a rigorous investigation of every room in our home. And once you've eliminated hazards, keep them iminated. Remember that a home that is safe today may he filled with dangers tomorrow.

#### INTELLIGENT COOPERATION IMPERATIVE NOW

Testifying before the president's emergency board, which nvestigating the railroad wage controversy, Dr. J. H. Parmalee of the Association of American Railroads, recently pointed out that "impoverished railroads cannot provide the efficient, dependable transportation so essential to come and the national defense

The statement that the railroad industry, as a whole, is today impoverished, is a statistical fact. Thirty per cent of the country's rail mileage is now in the hands of receivers or trustees, and a substantial additional percentage is in fior trustees, and a substantial additional percentage is in in-nancial difficulty of some kind. During the first eight months of this year, the industry's total revenues were 20 per cent under the same period last year—and net income decreased 62 per cent. This meant that the carriers, during those eight ths, failed to earn their interest and other fixed charge \$182,000,000. The rate of return on the investment on an unal basis, during this time, was practically nothing—less

hand one per cent.

Just what does this mean to the country? For one thing, t means that the lines have been forced to discharge 250,000 and means that the lines have been forced to discharge 250,000 and means that the lines have been forced to arrive mean tarvell when orkers in the last year alone—you can't meet payroll when ur bank account is exhausted. It means that railroad puryour pank account is exhausted. It means that rairoad pur-chasing has declined greatly from the normal of about \$1,-000,000,000 a year and is now at the abysmal 1932-33 level— a fact which accounts for much of the general industrial de-pression in this country. It means that railroad investors pression in this country. It means that railroad investors— which include banks, insurance companies, educational insti-tutions, and millions of people of small and moderate means— are receiving nothing or next to nothing on their investments, and can only sell their securities at sacrifice figures.

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Railway labor is still receiving higher average wages than in 1929. Workers' jobs depend on the solvency of the railroad industry. The country looks forwards eagerly to the report of the president's emergency commission. It is imperative that intelligent cooperation on the part of all con-cerned prevail at this time, or the nation will suffer irreparabe

#### HIDDEN TAXES

With the federal debt at an all time high of close to 000,000 and the federal, state and local tax collectors taking a full quarter of our income, a government agency has

e along and performed a real service. Figures of the security and exchange comm see the plight of the user of electrical service as a heavy yer of hidden taxes. This is only one of the hundreds of seen taxes that daily make a hole in the family budget. According to the commission's data, the average electri-service user meets hidden taxes equal to 12.6 per cent of monthly bill.

Although the hidden tax bill throughout the country averaged 12.6 per cent, in some cases it ranged as high as 20 per cent of the payments by customers of the utility com-

panies.

The report covered 150 companies operating throughout the nation, serving more than 17 million customers in over 22,000 communities during the year 1937.

The combined taxes of the 150 companies were more than \$181,000,000 last year, or an average of \$10.75 for each customer. This means that about 90 cents of the monthly electric bill went to the government in taxes.

Chronic deficits mean but one thing—insolvency. And whether it concerns an individual, a business or a nation, insolvancy denotes ruin, inexorable and final.

The federal government has not balanced its budget for nearly a decade. It has reached the "chronic deficit" stage.

The only alternative is to decrease expenses, if insolvency of the federal government is to be avoided.



iow that it takes about 35 francs to buy one dollar.

That sharp fail in the value of British and French currencies, and the currencies, of other nations while in the currencies, of other nations while are tied to the pound is raising serious problems for all the courrencies one of the pound and fail facult for exporters and importer to make long term commitments. A shift in the relationship of the pound and dollar as great as has occurred since the first of September, for example, is sufficient to occurred since the first of Septem-ber, for example, is sufficient to wipe out all the profit in normal in-ternational business.

Here is the way the increase in the value of the dollar in terms of other currencies works out.

ther currencies works out. Since Americans now are able to uy more Britiah pounds with neir dollars, they are able to buy virtish goods more cheaply. Consquently a drop in the value of the ound has the same effect as if our tariffs against British merchandise

an additional tariff on our exports.

Thus a continuation of the decline in the value of the pound soon would offset all the adjustments made in the trade agreement just concluded with Great Britain.

More than that is involved. A further decline in the pound, government economists point outmight force exporters of wheat and cotton and raw materials which are shipped abroad in large quantities to lower their prices so they can compete with other countries whose currencies have not increased in value as much as the dollar.

whose currencies have not increased in value as much as the dollar. This might result is a lowering of the most of the country.

So the net result of a further drop in the pound might be a lowering of the price level of farm products and expert raw materials and a rise in imports and reduction in exports of manufactured goods other than those required by the British to meet the demands of their armament factories.

Because of England's need for ordinir aw materials for its armament, that country has a definite interest in maintaining the value interest in maintaining the value of the Tri-partite Agreement among Grast British, France the

of the pound.

The Tri-partite Agreement among Great Britain, France, the United States and other European countries was set up in the fall of 1936 to prevent just such precipitate changes in currency as are

American commerce is threateined by the continued weakness of
the British pound and French
franc.

Early this year a pound would
buy five American dollars. By
September the value of the pound
had declined to \$4.65. In recent
days the pound dropped to \$4.65. In recent
days the pound dropped to \$4.65. In fealt
in value, or about 20 cents less
than the old sterling parity.

Early this year about, 15 france
would buy one dollar. Now the
value of the franc has fallen so
low that it takes about 28 franc
to buy one dollar.

The fall in the pound reflects
England's large import balance beEngland's large import balance bedollars of British investment in
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cause of the rearmament program.
Also, other factors enter in, such
as the prospect that billions of
dollars of British investment in
China have been ruined by Japan's

# News **Briefs**

Run Over Twice By Car. Elgin Girl Severely Hurt

Miss Helen Zvara, 22 years old, of Elgin, was severely injured last week when she was run over twice and dragged 60 feet by an automobile. The accident occurred near her home. The driver of the car, Joseph Kunos, a friend of Miss Zvars, had driven her home and after leaving her off, had backed into a driveway. In doing so, his machine struck the young woman and her clothes were caught on a bumper. The machine passed over her body twice and she was dragged 65 feet before the garments broke loose. She was found by a brother, Paul Zvars, who took her to a hospital for treatment of a spinal injury. Kunos was not held. week when she was run over twice

Heroic Dog Drives Cows From Barn in Farm Fire

Heroic efforts of a dog owned by Melvin Voltz, tenant on the farm owned by Attorney D. B. Ellin ener Huntley, saved the lives of 43 head op gows in a fire that caused damaged estimated to exceed \$20,000 early. Sunday morning the same of the same

ing. Two large barns, a machine shed, six head of cattle, and a supply of hay, straw and feed were destroyed by the fire that was said to have been started by defective wiring. There were 49 cows in the barns and in their freingy at the fiames, they refused to leave the burning structure. The farm dog, "Pritzy," nipped their heels of the principle of the company o

#### Warns Libertyville Dog Owners to Confine Pets

A warning to Libertyville dog owners to keep their pets confined at home during a current rabies scare was issued by Chief of Police Frank Drubs last week. The department had received reports of several sick dogs since one infected animal had run loose for several case. Chief Drubs warned owners to watch their does not have the control of the contro

#### McHenry Man Falls From Scaffold; Fractures Les

Leo Mayer of Melteny suffered painful injuries when he slipped and fell from a scaffolding while arm followed by the second of the farm house of the Herbert Fruend farm hast week. It is believed Mey-er lost his balance and silpped. He was taken to the St. Therese hos-pita in Waukegan where, it was learned his leg was fractured near the hip.

#### Question Organization

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of Lily Lake as a village was questioned the property of the late of late of late of the late of l

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Alfred Suess and daughters
But all the efforts to maintain Lois and Eunice of Des Plaines international currency relation-former residents of Barrington

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Plagge, 141 S. Northweat highway, will be Fri-day evening guests at a bridge par-ty at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kraft of Eigin.

Ernest and Edward Recse of Nebraska City, Neb., are visiting Barrington relatives this week.

Mrs. W. H. Simmons and daughters. Juliet and Marjorie of Min-neapolis. Secompanied by John Muir. 210 E. Liberty street, test Barrington Sunday for Minneap-olis. Mrs. Simmons, who has been visiting in Barrington for several weeks, returned to her home and John returned to the University of Minnesota. Miss Marjorie Muir lett Tuesday to reaume her stud-les at the University of Wiscon-sin at Madison.

Bertrand Kampert of San Fran-cisco, Calif., spent several days here last week visiting relatives. Mr. Kampert left on a business trip to New York and will stop in Bar-rington on the return trip to the west coast.

Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Shepard, 417 S. Cook street, were Sunday din-ter guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Shepard of Wilmette.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meyers Jr., 120 E. Main street, were Sunday linner guests of Mr. and Mrs. El-ner Herch of Egin.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hins of Palatine called Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hasemann, 141 Coolidge avenue.

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# THE POCKETBOOK







# Miss M. Annette Sheel, 109 Har-rison street, visited with Miss Mil-ired Miller at Huntley over the

Dr. and Mrs. Homer H. Plagge of Ames, Ia., were guests several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sodt, 231 W.