

New York Cavalcade

By Louis Sobol

A BIT OF THIS AND THAT
ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

Mid-Week Fragments!

AMON CARTER, Texan millionaire and Fort Worth publisher, has wired his son, now in the air service, offering him \$100 for each Jap he shoots down, \$100 for each Nazi—and \$10 for each Mussolinite... Until quite recently Air Marshal Billy Bishop still had on a wall of one of the rooms in his home a picture showing himself, Hermann Goering and the late Ernst Udet in a group study taken when the famous Canadian flier was in Berlin some years before the war... When Inez Robb inquired why he still had the picture up, he answered: "Somehow we fliers are more tolerant of each other—than nations are of each other. I seem to forget they're enemies—and remember only they were great airmen..."

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When Jimmy Cagney was given the starring role in "Yankee Doodle Dandy," the picture based on the life of George M. Cohan, it was suggested that in the final sequences, showing the actor as he is at present, Cohan himself be induced to appear in the picture... According to the story, the plan was vetoed—because Cohan was not the Cagney type! ... Al Bernie war poster suggestion: "You can still keep a finger on your lips—and thumb your nose at dictators"... (Rebuke to L. Sobol: Alice Dawn is the dtr. of Henry Fink who composed "Curse of an Aching Heart"—not Harry Link, the music publisher, as stated in earlier editions Monday.)...

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Sidney Lanfield, who directed the new screampplay "My Favorite Blonde," was bothered by rattling windows in his Pierre Hotel room the other windy night. He phoned his complaint to the desk and was assured some one would be right up... A few minutes later, a bellhop appeared—in his hands a tray—on the tray two wax ear



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plugs!... Jimmy Durante explains his huskiness: "I gargle every morning with gravel"... Merely a reminder—Friday is the day set aside by the President as Victory Book Day—deposit good books (not cheap mags or shoddy editions of drivel) at your library branch or let your milkman pick them up...

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One war correspondent, Ed Angley, scored a scoop on the arrival of American troops in Australia by using his noodle as well as his portable... When the story began coming over the wires it was a dullish account of how street cars ran every five minutes in Australia, how bright the sun was and how mild the climate... The deskman burned—for this was at 30 cents a word... Then far down on the third page of the cable was a line about nine battalions of American troops enjoying the scenic wonders... Then it was that the desk guessed this was the only way Angley had been able to smuggle the sensational news past the Aussie censors...

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Chorus girl clown is Eleanor McConville, one of the beauties at Park Central's Coconut Grove... Her latest stunt was to get herself voted as the "Girl Who Would Most Prefer to be Shipwrecked in an Army Camp"... One vote was cast—Miss McConville cast it

... Triple A Indorsements: The lively new show at Versailles Restaurant—especially the talented Wilma Cox—also the flute player in Panchito's orchestra... Carol Bruce singing "Embraceable You" at the Copacabana at 3 in the morning, washed by an amber spotlight—with Nat Brandwynne at the piano... Description of G. J. Nathan: "Boos in the Night"... Willie Howard's drolleries in "Priorities of 1942"...

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A fascinating book, "Rivers to the Sea," with its background the terrain washed by the Mississippi and Ohio rivers back in 1811, is at hand... It is based on the life of Nicholas Roosevelt... Its official publication date is April 23rd—and its author is Lucien Hubbard... A remarkable fellow, Hubbard... Once a newspaperman, I met him when he was a topflight director in Hollywood... He suggested I looked in need of a good rest... Why didn't I try a few days on a lovely ranch near Palm Springs? It was his favorite recreational spot, he told me... So I took his advice and went to the B-Bar-H ranch in Garnet... Only to learn that Hubbard owned it in partnership with Charles Bender... As might be expected, the publishers are Simon and Schuster—M. Lincoln Schuster spends his Winter holidays at the B-Bar-H...