

Dutch Store \$200,000,000 Of Wealth In The United States

Washington. — The United States' role as the world's safety deposit box was emphasized anew yesterday when it was estimated that the Netherlands have at least \$200,000,000 of wealth in this country—and perhaps a much larger sum.

All told, foreign governments and citizens have stored more than \$11,000,000,000 in the United States for protection from war and other damages abroad.

The Dutch government recognized the American role of strong-box keeper by appointing its minister to Washington, Dr. A. Loudon, paymaster for all the far-flung foreign services of the Netherlands government "in case of emergency."

Holland feels assured that if Germany invades her, Dr. Loudon will be aided by the United States in using Dutch money on deposit here as the Dutch government would want it used and not as a conquering army might dictate. If an invasion occurs and President Roosevelt follows his action in the cases of Denmark and Norway, he will issue an executive order prohibiting the withdrawal of Dutch money from the United States or shipment of wealth to Holland except upon treasury license.

Besides sending wealth here, many foreigners have been secretly hoarding American currency in their native lands. The amount of American paper money filling foreign socks and flower pots is not known, but is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars.

American officials, who boast that the dollar is the "soundest currency in the world," have welcomed openly the safety-deposit box idea. When Denmark and Norway were invaded, Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau ex-

plained that the President's order "freezing" Danish and Norwegian funds was "necessary to protect the integrity of the United States as a depository for international funds."

Developing Fire-Retardant Paint

Experimental work at the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis., during the past few years has resulted in the development of a fire-resistant paint for wood. Of the many paints that have been prepared and tested, the most satisfactory ones have been linseed oil paints containing finely ground borax. Paints containing white lead as pigment have given the best results, but effective paints have been made by using either titanium or zinc sulfide pigments.

Although these paints will not protect wood effectively against continuous exposure to high temperatures, they do afford considerable resistance to the spread of small fires. These paints are not satisfactory for exterior use because rain leaches out the water-soluble borax and the degree of fire resistance decreases with exposure. But the white lead-borax paint has been found to retain its fire retardant effectiveness after 30 months' exposure to different interior humidity conditions. The paint does not retain its whiteness indoors, but turns yellow. Reduction of the yellowing tendency can probably be accomplished by modification of the vehicle.

The inclusion of a chemically active ingredient, as borax, in a paint is unorthodox from a paint manufacturing standpoint, but observations on paints kept in a can for one year have not shown any observable deterioration and the painting properties and fire retardance of such a paint after storage were the same as those of a freshly prepared paint. This type of paint is still in the developmental stage, and much additional work needs to be done to determine its limitations and to perfect it. Its use is recommended only where resistance to fire is of greater importance than other properties.

It's dangerous to lose your patience or your temper when you are behind a steering wheel.

Mind Your Mind

The requests for suitable books and pamphlets dealing with "Mental Health" come from three main groups. (1) Those who want some mental hygiene information to help in solving some problem or problems in their children. (2) Those who want to do some mental hygiene work in their communities, schools, clubs, etc. (3) Those who are looking for help to solve their own problems. Today I will try to answer the first group.

I wonder if you are familiar with the pamphlets published by the Government's Children's Bureau? If not, write to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. for a list of the publications of the Children's Bureau which will be sent you free. In it you will find listed pamphlets dealing with almost every problem arising in the raising of children. These pamphlets cost 5c or 10c each. Parents have particularly praised the pamphlets entitled "Are You Training Your Child to be Happy?" "The Child From One to Six," and "Guiding the Adolescent." And there are hundreds of other good ones.

You should also get the list of publications of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, 50 West 50th Street, New York City. In it you will find listed many useful pamphlets some of which are free. I would like especially to mention "Some Undesirable Habits and Suggestions as to Treatment" by Dr. Taft 15c. Many parents have found this helpful.

Among books I would recommend "Everyday Problems of the Everyday Child" by Dr. Douglas A. Thom. This book is written in simple style by an eminent physician and covers every problem likely to arise in the life of a child. It costs \$2.50 and is published by the Appleton Century Co. of New York but it is probably in your town or school library.

Don't take chances when you drive.

If you like a thrilling love story, watch for "The Golden Stranger," by S. Andrew Wood, a swiftly moving romance of the Emerald Isle in which exciting situations move hand in hand with surprise and suspense to a dramatic climax. It begins in The American Weekly Magazine with next Sunday's Washington Times-Herald, now on sale.

Orchards Are Robbed By Vegetative Growth

Robbers! Thieves! That is what H. R. Niswonger, horticulturist of the State College Extension Service, calls weeds, grass, and other vegetative growth left in the orchard during the summer months. He explains that such plants take from the orchard trees much-needed moisture.

"Now is the time to begin the conservation of soil moisture by suppressing all vegetative growth in the orchard," Niswonger said, "especially that part over the root area."

It has been estimated, he stated, that the loss of water from bearing trees of an acre of orchard amounts to 20 barrels daily from June to September. This can be attributed to leaf surface where moisture is lost and to the developing fruit, which, when matured, contains about 85 per cent moisture.

"Cultivating the ground as early as possible and continuing such cultivation until late in the summer will aid in the conservation of moisture and make more available the nitrogen supply," the horticulturist declared. "When the orchard is located on land subject to severe soil erosion, it is advisable to cultivate every other middle and reverse the practice the next year."

"Many orchards are located on sites where cultivation can not be practiced. In this case, all weeds and grass growth should be cut frequently and left to remain over the tree root area. If left to grow and form seeds, these crops rob the fruit trees of moisture and nitrogen."

Niswonger also recommended that each tree be fertilized with mineral nitrates about a month after the fruit has set, since next year's crop depends upon the amount of new growth made during the current season, and this, in turn, depends upon the nitrogen and moisture supply.



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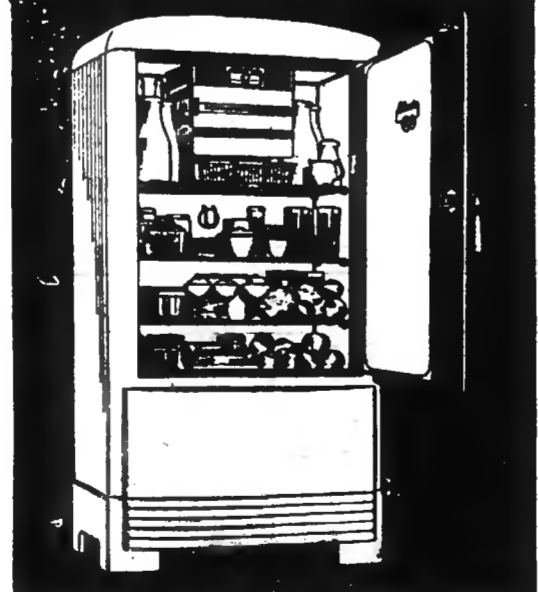
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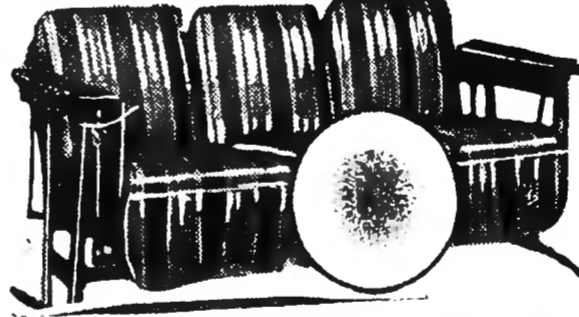
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