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Trade Balance for Nine Months Is Unfavorable—Mrs. "Wally" Simpson Gets Divorce—Goering Launches Nazi Economic Plan.

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EXPORTS of manufactured goods and raw materials exceeded imports into the United States during September by more than four million dollars, according to a report released by Secretary of Commerce Roper.

But the flow the other way was so strong during the previous three months that the country suffered an unfavorable balance of trade during the first nine months of the year amounting to \$39,198,000. This is in contrast with a favorable balance of \$66,496,000 in the corresponding period of 1935.

Roper minimized the situation, declaring that heavy exports of raw cotton, tobacco and automobiles would probably bring the trade balance more into line with previous years. Pressed for further explanation Roper insisted that "our government as such does not compete with other governments in the selling of goods," and this was the province of private business. On reciprocal trade agreements he was mum.

"We'd like to end the year with a favorable trade balance, naturally," he said, "but we are going through a period of study and readjustment in world trade."

In fact, Roper found the increase in import trade to be "encouraging." He said that it showed our industries were buying raw materials abroad for expansion of their production in this country. Heavy increases in wheat and meats resulted from the drought, according to Roper, rather than from the killing of six million pigs and non-raising of grain under the AAA.

UNCLE SAM'S nephews and nieces now number 128,429,000, according to the estimate of Director William L. Austin of the bureau of census. The new figure, as of July 1, represented an increase of 908,000, or 0.71 per cent, since July 1, 1935. It was based on the number of births and deaths during the year ending June 30, 1936, and the excess of immigration over emigration.

Births exceeded deaths by 899,956 and the net immigration was 8,044, according to the data taken by Austin. The population figure on the basis of the 1930 census was 122,775,046, and the biggest annual increase since then was 1,022,000, for the year ending July 1, 1931.

The bureau of agricultural economics also has been doing some population estimating. It says the back to the farm movement of the depression years has halted and that the farm population remained practically stationary during 1935, being 31,809,000 at the end of that year. This figure, the bureau says, was only slightly greater than in 1920 and "somewhat less" than in 1910.

PROCEEDINGS lasting nineteen minutes in the court of assizes at Ipswich, England, sufficed to give marital freedom to Mrs. "Wally" Simpson. Justice Sir Anthony Hawke heard neatly arranged evidence of the infidelity of Ernest Simpson, who was not represented, and gruffly gave a decree nisi to the attractive American woman who has been and is the close friend of King Edward VIII. For six months she will be on probation, technically chaperoned at all times, and if her behavior satisfies the king's proctor she will be unqualifiedly free April 27 to marry again. Whether or not her new husband, if she takes one, will be King Edward is a question that only time and the two persons most directly concerned can determine.

Mrs. Simpson returned from Ipswich to her London residence on Cumberland terrace, Regents park, and there told interviewers that she was angered and humiliated by the international sensation her divorce has caused. She said she might go abroad for a time but that she would never return to the United States because of "all the nasty things" said of her here.

The Week, a radical London weekly, was the first English newspaper

to carry an open reference to Mrs. Simpson's friendship with King Edward. The article was at the same time a denunciation of the American press for giving the story such prominence and of the British press for suppressing it entirely.

SPURRED to quick action by the new accord between Germany and Italy, Leon Blum's popular front cabinet approved a large increase in France's military air force, already reputed to be one of the most powerful in the world. To modernize and build up the aerial squadrons the government will spend \$230,000,000 at once. It was reported, too, that the cabinet decided to ask parliament to vote extraordinary funds for the fortification of the northern frontier because of Belgium's reversion to a policy of armed neutrality.

BENITO MUSSOLINI rattled his sword again on the occasion of the fourteenth anniversary of the Fascist march on Rome. "The Italian people," he proclaimed, "today are ready and determined to defend as never before—with all their force right up to the last drop of blood—victory and empire."

As for Fascism, he said, "When it finds obstacles in its path, it throws itself against them and burns its bridges behind it."

NOT to be outdone in martial gestures by other nations, Japan trotted out her entire navy for review by Emperor Hirohito. It was the greatest fleet ever brought together in Asiatic waters, comprising 108 warships aggregating nearly 700,000 tons and manned by 40,000 men. Large numbers of aircraft also took part in the evolution in Osaka bay.

GEN. HERMANN WILHELM GOERING, German minister of air and now the director of the Nazi four-year economic scheme to make the reich independent of the rest of the world in raw materials, launched his program at a great Nazi rally in Berlin. "We shall hack finger after finger off the foreign hand clutching at Germany's throat within the next four years," he declared.

Outlining his plans, Goering said no German had starved, nor would starve. The high seas fishing fleet will be increased, he asserted, so the people can eat fish when meat is not available. Whale fishing will be developed for the margarine it can produce, he promised.

Goering urged all Germans to follow the example of Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler who, he said, eats neither meat nor butter. The audience yelled with delight when the robust Goering told them he had lost 22 pounds by eating less butter.

Germany would prefer the old system of international exchange of wares, but this now is impossible in a mad world, so Germany will build her factories, produce her own synthetic rubber and her own substitutes for cotton and other materials for which she now must spend millions of dollars yearly, the general declared.

MANY American travelers join the English in mourning the death of Sir Edgar Britten, commander of the great liner Queen Mary and commodore of the Cunard-White Star lines. He was stricken with paralysis in Southampton and died within a few hours. Sir Edgar was sixty-two years old and first went to sea as a lad of eighteen in sailing ships. He was knighted by King George V in 1934.

EIGHT armored cars escorted by armed private guards and state police, carried a fortune of \$25,000,000 from the estate of the late Col. E. H. R. Green in South Dartmouth, Mass., to the First National bank of Boston.

The fortune, which consists of the famous coin collection, valued at 5 millions; the stamp collection, valued at 3½ millions; a large amount of cash and securities, and a quantity of uncut diamonds, has been under constant guard at the Green home since his death.

JUST about everything necessary to a general European war is now ready. At this distance it seems that Josef Stalin, dictator of Soviet Russia, will be the man to fire the starting pistol; and he is reported to be convinced that another great conflict is unavoidable. The nations of the continent are lining up as Communist or Fascist, either in the constitution of their governments or in their active sympathies. The immediate occasion for their disputes is the civil war in Spain. Nearly all the continental governments and that of Great Britain joined in an agreement of nonintervention, but that pact is about played out. Russia, accusing Portugal, Germany and Italy of aiding the Fascist Spanish rebels, has denounced the agreement and declared she reserves freedom to help the Madrid government; the accused nations deny the Soviet charges, and the nonintervention committee voted that Italy and Portugal were not guilty, the accusations either not being proved or referring to what happened before the international agreement went into effect. Italian countercharges, detailing 20 alleged acts of Russian aid to Spanish Socialists were laid before the committee for action.

Portugal severed diplomatic relations with the Madrid government, and the representatives of the two countries were recalled. Dr. Armando Monteiro, Portuguese foreign minister, followed up this action by sending to Lord Plymouth, British chairman of the nonintervention committee, a long document accusing Russia of having planned and brought about the Spanish civil war. He named the Russian diplomats, agitators and soldiers who, he charged, were directing the operations. He alleged that Moscow sought to start a revolution in Portugal and thus provide a base for attacking General Franco's insurgent forces in the rear.

Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy have buried their differences for the time being and reached an agreement on a united policy. This was outlined in a communique published after Italian Foreign Minister Galeazzo Ciano had conferred with Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler. In the first place Hitler and Mussolini inform the world that they intend to recognize the insurgent government headed by General Franco as the legitimate regime in Spain, but they promise to respect the terms of the nonintervention agreement.

Other important declarations of policy by the two states are:

1. Co-operation to protect the peace of Europe and "the holy riches of European civilization" and family life.
 2. Endorsement of a conference to rewrite the Locarno pact guaranteeing European borders, but only in the west.
 3. Co-operation for the rehabilitation of the Danubian countries.
- In one clause of the agreement Germany recognizes Italy's sovereignty over Ethiopia.

POPULAIRE, the organ of Premier Leon Blum's Socialist party, alleges that a shipment of sub-machine guns from the United States has been added to the secret armaments of the Croux de Feu in preparation for a civil war in France. The Croux de Feu, a Fascist organization headed by Col. Francois de la Rocque, was dissolved recently by the government and was succeeded by the new Social party.

Populaire, referring to the sub-machine guns, said these "terrible weapons used by American gangsters" arrived from America through the port of Havre and through Holland. The paper added that the weapons are being planted in caches in Normandie and elsewhere in the north of France. Furthermore, according to Populaire, great quantities of tear gas bombs and tear gas pistols are arriving from Germany for the use of the Fascists.

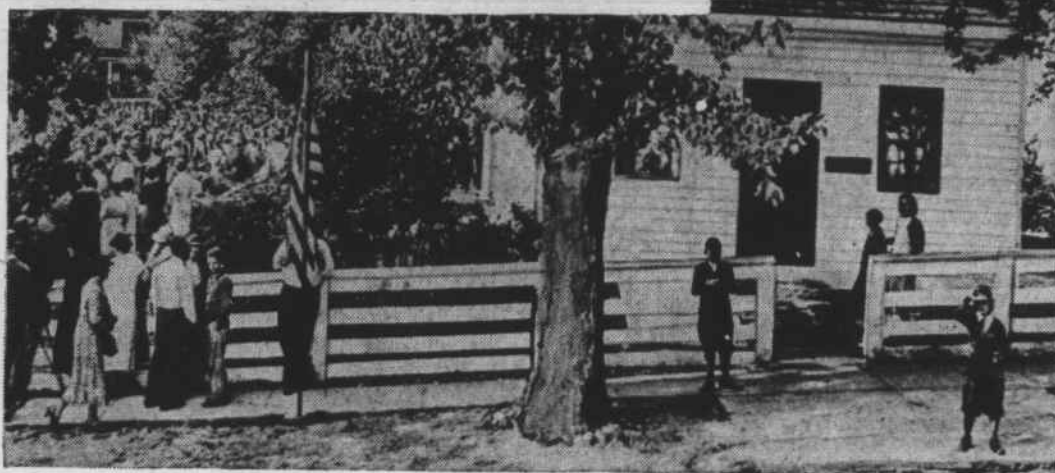
PREMIER MUSSOLINI, talking at Bologna, said that Italy's "olive branch grows out of an immense forest of 8,000,000 bayonets"; and next day at Imola he told 70,000 listeners that he hoped for long periods of peace, but not for "eternal peace, which is absurd and impossible."

"The Italian people, which gave its blood for the empire, is ready for any other trial when the crucial hour approaches," the Fascist chief shouted. "In order to make peace—just as to make love—it is necessary that there be two."

BELGIAN Fascists, known as Rexists and led by Leon Degrelle, clashed with the police in Brussels and Degrelle was jailed for a night. He said the motive of his demonstration was to show that ex-soldiers were backing the Rexists, and he announced that he would carry out his threatened "march on Brussels" with 150,000 followers and overthrow the government.

Grant's Birthplace Returned to Original Site

The little cabin where Ulysses Simpson Grant first saw the light of day has been returned to its original site with appropriate ceremonies. For many years the cabin stood on the grounds of the state capital at Columbus, Ohio. It has now been returned to Point Pleasant, 30 miles east of Cincinnati. The birthplace of the baby who grew to be "Unconditional Surrender" Grant of Civil war fame and eighteenth President of the United States, is the simple little white building at the right of this picture.



Bedtime Story for Children

By THORNTON W. BURGESS

A DEN OF ROBBERS

WHEN Billy Mink started to explore the big barn in the farmyard where he had decided to stay for a while he didn't know that he was entering a den of robbers. But that is what he was doing. Yes, sir, that is just what he was doing. You see, that barn was the home of ever and ever so many of the tribe of Robber the Rat, and each one of them, big and little, was a robber. They lived by robbery, which, you know, is another name for stealing.

Now those robbers had lived in



They Become Robbers as Soon as They Can Run About.

that big barn so long that they had come to look on it as belonging to them. They knew every nook and corner and cranny in it and under it. The farmer who owned it had tried his best to drive them away. But those robber rats simply laughed at all his efforts. They were smart. Oh, yes, indeed, they were smart. Robbers often are quite as smart as honest people. They were too smart for that farmer.

All those rats belonged to the Brown Rat tribe. Not that they

Caracul and Marten



Black caracul is slimly fitted and widely flared in this handsome coat for afternoon wear. It is lavishly trimmed with sable dyed baume marten. The little toque combines the same two furs.

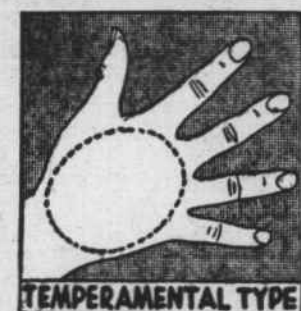


the spring they killed young chickens in the henhouse. They stole eggs. In fact, these robbers did about as they pleased and the big barn was their den.

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THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

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HOW often you meet interesting people, socially or in business, whose true traits and character you would give almost anything to see delineated. This isn't difficult if you are on speaking terms with the language of the hand. But before you attempt a verdict, be sure that you are familiar with the characteristics of type.

The Temperamental Type of Hand
Graceful symmetry is the outstanding feature of this type. The fingers, particularly, impress the observer with their smoothness and delicate modeling from root to nail tip. Hands of the temperamental type are in general quite small, though there may be exceptions to the rule; are plump but not over-fleshed and have a responsive, resilient feel when grasped.

The fingers of this type are of moderate length in proportion to the length of palm, which is usually neither square nor elongated, but rather full and oval in shape. The thumb, like the fingers, is well proportioned, of moderate length, and in many instances has a markedly tapered nail joint, with the joint below it of unusual slenderness and

WORK YOUR GARDEN

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

UNLESS you work your garden You can't expect a rose, The poorest little pansy flow'r, Or anything that grows. Unless you work a little But little you will win, For all that's worth the having comes To those who toil and spin.

Unless you work your garden You can't expect the joy Of those who grow the growing things That busy hands employ. Unless you give a little But little will be yours, Although you live a life of ease But little that endures.

Unless you work your garden You can't expect to reap The things that are the beautiful, Or friends that you can keep. Unless you love a little And kindly say and do, The rose of life will be for some, The weeds of life for you.

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ANNABELLE'S ANSWERS

By RAY THOMPSON



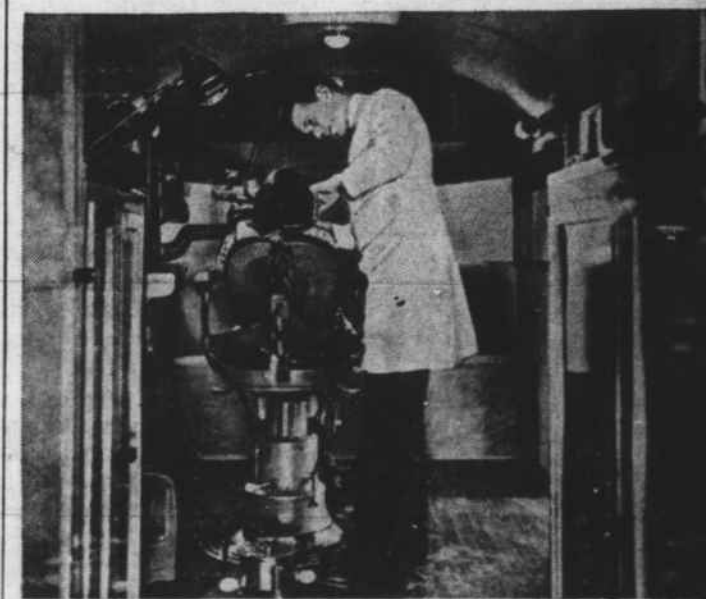
Dear Annabelle - WHY IS IT WE'RE HAVING SUCH A RUN OF COSTUME PLAYS RECENTLY? Row A.
Dear Row A. - POSSIBLY TO COMPENSATE FOR ALL THOSE LACKING COSTUMES! X

sometimes corseted in appearance. The firm hand of temperamental type indicates the emotional, dramatically inclined, artistic man or woman, with far greater endowments along these lines than average. But if overfleshed, the indications are that indolence and love of ease will be serious drawbacks to emotional and artistic expression. Possessors of the temperamental type of hand are natural artists and actors, who, although they may never follow their natural inclinations, nevertheless are only truly happy when in an artistic or "dramatic" environment.

Originated the Toddy

Toddy was originally an alcoholic drink made by South Sea Islanders from the buds or flowers of certain trees. Early explorers, Cook, Dampier and Herbert, identify todody, with the fan and date palm trees, and Dampier speaks of the todody tree, probably also a palm.

Inside Indiana's Dental Trailer



View of the interior of the dental office trailer that the state of Indiana has sent on the road to treat needy children from three to ten years old whose parents are on relief. The trailer has one chair, a divan, hot and cold running water, sterilizer, and other equipment, all of the latest design. Services are limited to prophylaxis, cement and amalgam fillings, and extractions.



"Water is water," says pertinent Polly, "but don't try to tell yourself that splashing around in an indoor dish pan is as pleasurable as splashing around in an outdoor swimming pool."

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Eve's Epigrams

