

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

The Swiss Answer Back Wise Mrs. Roosevelt Our Trade Balance This Is Good News

Switzerland is small, but takes nothing "laying down." Every Swiss of fighting age is a reserve member of the Swiss army, with a rifle and ammunition that he can use. That encourages independence. Europe knows that it would cost more to conquer Switzerland than Switzerland would be worth. In addition, nobody would know how to run Swiss hotels, except the Swiss.

Recently Dr. Carl Barth, Swiss professor of theology at Bonn university, to which the former German kaiser was sent as a boy, was dismissed by Prussia's minister of culture, because Doctor Barth would not take the oath of personal loyalty to Hitler.

The Swiss government takes that up promptly, saying to Germany: "If you dismiss a Swiss teacher for political reasons, the Swiss government will immediately send home all German professors in Swiss universities."

No hemming and hawing there.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wise and energetic lady, advises giving small children as young as six or seven a weekly allowance, because it teaches them to be independent. They learn how to spend, when to save, what to pay, and grow up independent, self-reliant individuals.

That is a good thought that some wise professors high up in government might adopt.

If it is wise to teach individual independence to young children, why not encourage it in grown-up Americans, instead of training them to spend the rest of their lives in any NRA baby carriage?

Again there is cheerfulness. United States exports since October were highest in three years. Uncle Sam sold \$209,352,000 worth of goods to other countries, \$76,723,000 less than he took in.

That is called a "favorable trade balance," and is supposed to be a good thing.

Abat omen, but the French revolution started at a time when France, for the first time in a long while, found herself exporting more than she bought.

Ensel Ford, son of Henry, and a great help to his father as president of the Ford company, died

with President Roosevelt in Warm Springs, Ga., and told him the nation is "out of the trough."

The two Fords are good judges of returning prosperity. They expect to sell at least 1,000,000 other "Fords" this coming year.

Winthrop W. Aldrich, head of the New York Chase National bank, biggest private bank in the world, tells reporters in Seattle: "Business men and bankers in all the cities we have visited believe that there has been a real improvement since September."

Prosperity is climbing up, according to Mr. Aldrich, and he ought to know. He has on hand more than a billion dollars that he will gladly lend you, if you can prove your ability to pay it back.

Samuel Insull and sixteen co-defendants are acquitted of using the mails to defraud. A majority of the jury, which took two hours to decide, voted for acquittal from the start.

Apparently Mr. Insull might have avoided that tiring trip to Greece and all the expense.

There is was talk with a meaning in Europe. Hungary is filled with rage because Jugoslavia accuses Hungarians of plotting the murder

of King Alexander. The Hungarians are fighters, but not murderers.

England and France are agitated by alleged news that Germany is arming with all possible speed, regardless of the Versailles treaty.

There are a dozen causes for war floating around Europe, and no particular cause for peace, except that no nation could well afford another war—Uncle Sam's pockets being tightly buttoned, at present.

Senator Nye, an earnest man, devoted to peace, but not at "any price," asks the big United Aircraft company just what it has in mind in its constant expansion in production and betterment of airplanes. The senator seems to fear that United Aircraft has in mind the possibility of war.

Let us all hope that it has exactly that in mind, and that a government showing little energy or initiative of its own in air defense will at least appreciate help from private initiative.

New Jersey draws a panel of 150, 68 of them women, for the Lindbergh kidnaping and murder trial. The authorities, without being specific, say they have evidence against Hauptmann not revealed to the public. Hauptmann's lawyers would probably prefer all men on the jury. Women feel more keenly than men do about kidnaping children.

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Perfume Kills Germs

Men often sneer at the feminine habit of using perfume. But woman as usual, is right. Science has proved that perfume is not merely a toilet luxury. It is a strong antiseptic, more powerful in some cases than carbolic acid, and certainly far more pleasant to the sensitive nose. The substances from which the odors of flowers are obtained are the liquids known as "essential oils." Scientific research has shown that these oils—oil of roses, oil of thyme, oil of rose geranium, oil of rosemary, oil of lavender, oil of bitter almonds, oil of cassia and the like are superior to carbolic as antiseptics. There cannot, therefore, be any doubt at all that to live among the scent of flowers, or use perfumes made from them, is not only very pleasing but decidedly healthy.—Pearson's Weekly.

Worthy Sea Clocks

Without worthy sea clocks mariners were unable to compute longitude accurately. This made sailing a hazardous undertaking. Reels and sheels wrought havoc. Pendulum clocks, then the best of timepieces, were no good aboard ship. Almost immediately after parliament's proclamation, two men, independently of each other, invented the marine chronometer. One was an Englishman, the other a Frenchman. The Englishman, Harrison, tried his reward out of parliament, but only after a long legal bout with the close-buttoned legislators.

Quicksilver

Quicksilver, or mercury occurs in nature in a free state, both in lodes and placer deposits, but only in very small quantities. Commercial mercury is obtained chiefly from cinnabar ore, the sulphide of quicksilver, from which the pure mercury is extracted by subjecting it to high temperature and then condensing the vapor. The largest and richest deposit of mercury ore known is at Almaden in central Spain. It has been worked since the time of the Romans.

The Left-Handed Child

Many scientists feel that forcing a left-handed child to use its right hand for writing and other purposes will cause him to be slow-minded and irritated and may cause such nervous disorders as "uttering."

Says WILL ROGERS

BEVERLY HILLS—Well all I know is just what I read in the papers. I just picked up a last Sunday's paper, last Sunday mind you, and I was surprised to see the things in it that are still hanging on.



There was a lot of comment then about the Vanderbilt child, and there is yet. Can you imagine the child coming home from one place to the other and then the so-called subtle questions, "Have a good time dear. You didn't have as good time as you do here did you? I bet it feels good to you to be back home don't it?"

Why say, the poor kid will be so showered with attentions, one trying to outdo the other. But the Judge said that was the way, and he knows best. Never dispute the baseball umpire, the movie director, or the Judge.

Well here in last Sunday's paper was Japan and disarmament. Its been a week now, and not a thing has been settled. Japan says we want this, America says you cant have that. England sits there and plays both ends against the middle. When I was in Japan and Manchuria away last summer they all said that Japan was just trying to make an alliance with England. That is fix so that whatever she (Japan) might start, they could count that England while not maby actively agreeing to help her, she would at least not help the other side. Like the old Negroes story, if you cant help me for God sake dont you help that bear. And that case they meant that bear too, that Russian bear, or that Eagle. Well England can tie up with Japan if she wants to. If she thinks she would rather have Japan in her corner than us.

Well thats any Nations privilege, and this is new signing up time. Everybody is a free lance now, and can hustle out and do the best they can in the new Alliances. You will find England using mighty good judgement. She has men that are trained from the cradle up to do nothing only study what to do when a situation arises. Some guy is not a high place there just because he dug up \$50,000 for the Campaign. He is attending Conferences because he knows something, not because he has something.

Course the big wedding in England was big news and the paper

was full of what was happening. Well its still full of it. King Carol was pretty sore on account of not receiving an invite. They picked all around him, but snuffed him. Well I dont know, but I think that was a sort of dirty dig. He is not a bad sort of a fellow from what they all say over there in his own Country, and he is doing a pretty good job. England has a great King and Royal Family all the way through, and they know just what they are to do, and they do it, and no more.

I imagine that it is the best of systems. It must be for its worked for many years. There is great loyalty, and great devotion over there, and its never been misstrated by the receivers. There is not a well trained servant in England that knows his place any more than Royalty does in England. They would no more monkey with affairs of State than an English butler would monkey with slang. But Carol he has to double in brass. He has to do the whole thing himself.

Well it must be a mess telling who to invite in a situation like that. I bet you there has been times when

the King and Queen of England wishes that the couple had run off to a Justice of the Peace and got married and saved all this trouble and worry. Either that or just invited everybody, and just served a box lunch.



Do you know

I read what this was going to cost them. It was not less than \$100,000. And they (the King and Queen) have to pay it themselves. If it was the Prince of Wales, or the oldest daughter, why the Government would have to pay it, for these third and fourth sons, why they have to get them off themselves. They say they dont like for them to marry a "Commoner," but I bet you they wish he had, a wedding to a "Commoner," why they dont rate very high in the social order. Then the Commoner has generally got the money, so that helps. But it is a wonderful match. He seems a fine boy, and her a lovely girl, a fine wholesome type of girl. Its one of those things where there is lots of money spent, but its distributed all over the Country, and a wedding is a thing that appeals to everybody. We all heartily approve of it, and wish them a long and useful life.

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Lights of New York By J. L. STEVENSON

A treasure hunt within sight of the skyscrapers of Manhattan seems somewhat out of place. But one is going on right now. As a matter of fact, it is a double search, since two competing outfits are engaged in it and the chances are excellent that there will be a third entry. The newcomer in the field, if he follows his announced intention, will be none other than Simon Lake, inventor of the submarine, who recently completed an underwater craft designed primarily for locating treasures, from gold to coal, on the bottom of the sea. In fact, the "mother ship" of the new craft can suck up as much as 300 tons of coal an hour and that runs into money. It is not coal, however, that the New York treasure hunters are seeking. They are after the yellow metal that is so precious just now. The place of the search is the East river, one party, equipped with an ocean going tug, being at work at Hell Gate and the other off East One Hundred and Thirtieth street. For many days now, divers have been prowling around in the mud of the river bottom. The object of their quest is the old British ship Hussar.

The Hussar went down in 1780. According to records, she struck one of the many rocky reefs in the East river and probably slid into deep water, there being a stone ledge that drops off to a depth of 80 feet. Fourteen years after the sinking, salvage operations were begun. Those of 1794 were not successful. Eighty-two years later another attempt was made. Then, the ship is said to have been actually brought to the surface of the river. But it broke in two, sank and could not be recovered again. The interest in the wreck lies in the fact that it was supposed to have been carrying gold worth at present prices about \$6,000,000, the money being the pay of British troops in this country. It is said that British admiralty records fail to show any such shipment. But treasure hunters are always hopeful and so, after 154 years, there is renewed search for the wreck.

Several old salts at Sailors Snug Harbor are watching the operations with interest, and no little hope. They are in possession of maps

which presumably show the location of buried treasure. They believe firmly in those maps and the only thing that keeps them from going treasure hunting is the matter of money. Sailors Snug Harbor being the port of those whose years at sea have not brought them sufficient to carry them through their old age. If the Hussar is raised and gold found, they believe that will bring such value to their maps that expeditions will be organized. Curious the light in the eyes of those old men when they talk about buried treasure. But none will show his map.

Having glimpsed those two tugs searching for the wreck of a ship of Revolutionary days, I dropped into the New York Historical society to look at those powder horns that go back to the French and Indian wars of 1755-65, the Revolution, and the War of 1812. It seems that the soldiers of those days spent much of their spare time decorating the horns in which they carried their powder. Gunsmiths and silversmiths also engraved horns for sale. A soldier would purchase one and allow his companions to make copies of it, never dreaming of course that in the years to come their pastime would become collectors' items. The most highly prized are "map horns." Nine in the French and Indian collection are engraved with maps of the Province of New York.

So proud of their powder horns were the owners that they engraved them with their names. One belonged to Phineas Bunting in 1761. Another belonged to Robert Lloyd at Oswego in 1756 and another bears the inscription: "Daniel Chapman, his horn, made at Lake George Oct. ye 19, 1758, in defense of Independence." One belonged to William Elmslie, who, in addition to a map of Northern New York, engraved on it "The front of Town House, old Meldrum in Aberdeenshire." One guess as to the land of his birth.

Times Square eavesdropping: "I'd been at the top right now if they'd only give me the proper build-up."

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School Chalk Color Causes Eye Strain

Lincoln, Neb.—It's not bad writing, but the color of the chalk used on school-room blackboards that causes eye strain of pupils. Addressing the South-eastern Nebraska Optometrists' association here, Dr. Leo G. Miller said that yellow chalk on the blackboard is much easier to see, causes less eye strain, requires letters only two-thirds to three-quarters the size of those in white chalk.

Dame Durden

Dame Durden was the notable housewife of a famous old English song. She kept, so the ballad says, five serving girls to carry the milk-pails, and five serving men to use the spade and fall. The careful and conscientious Esther Summerson in Dickens' "Bleak House" is nicknamed "Dame Durden."

Buttons on Coat Sleeves

One of the versions of the origin of the buttons on the cuffs of men's coats is that they come from an old necessity when the sleeves were shaped, of allowing a man the possibility of unbuttoning the sleeve and rolling it back in order to wash his hands.

The Chorus

Among the early Greeks the chorus was a feetal dance accompanied by music. Through the development of the attic theater the word came to mean the group of dancing singers who took part in the rendering of a play.