

SUCH IS LIFE—The Cold Spell

By Charles Sughrue



THIS WEEK

If Russia Joined Japan Not Heroic Action Lloyd George Hopeful England Still Safe

Editors talk about Asia, led by Japan, conquering the world. They might speculate on a union between Japan and Russia.

Improbable, you will say, truly, but if Russian-Japanese hostility could be changed into Russian-Japanese agreement a new world chapter might open.

You hear of Russia's "Red army," 1,300,000 men, thoroughly armed, and 7,000,000 reserves. You see photographs of Russia's amphibian tanks, mounted with machine guns, rolling over the land and swimming rivers; you read about intensive training of tens of thousands of Russian air pilots, parachute jumpers, etc., and see even the broad-shouldered young Russian women drilling with rifles.

Our British cousins in the Revolution cheerfully let loose howling, scolding Indians on their cousins in the American colonies, and bolshevism might cheerfully turn Asiatic killing efficiency against western "capitalism."

You remember how cheerfully the great historian Gibbon predicted that, in the American war, "with firmness all may go well," because "Scotch Highlanders, Irish, Hanoverians, Canadians, Indians, etc., will all in various shapes be employed."

There is no reason why Russia of 1936 should be more squeamish than England at the end of the Eighteenth century.

Lloyd George, who ought to know about Europe and war since he and old Clemenceau won the big war, tells Universal Service this present war is "off." France having learned that "even her most ardent friends in Europe shrink from war."

Lloyd George declares that peace "without derogating from the dignity of any of the powers" will be preserved. If France does not make it impossible.

Lloyd George says not 1 per cent of Englishmen would vote for war, and not 10 per cent for employing sanctions against Germany.

If enough rich Americans go to England to "escape kidnapers" the kidnapers may move over after them, as professional gamblers follow on big ships. London police arrested Alfred Molyneux, thirty-one, trying to extort \$1,000 from the Countess Barbara Hutton Haugwitz-Reventlow, offering to reveal a plot to kidnap her baby.

With "visibility cut to zero," street lights burning by day, not visible across the street, dust storms are blowing over parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico. By such displays of nature's power, for which man's foolishness is responsible, fertile areas of the world have been changed to deserts.

A bill that would have limited work to five working days of six hours, or thirty hours a week, is dead in congress for the time being. It would have given workers twenty-four hours off on Saturday and Sunday, eighteen hours off on every other day—eight hours for sleep, "ten for what we will." All that will come some day, but not by discouraging improved machinery.

An intelligent young man who fought well in the big war speaks of "the 2-to-1" advantage which modern methods give to the defense over the attack. To let the other man or nation come at you, if you are prepared, has been wise in the past.

It might be different in future wars, if the attacker, with a couple of thousand airplanes, dropping explosive bombs and poison gas, should surprise the enemy. "Defense" would have no 2-to-1 advantage over that sort of attack.

Lloyds, the great English insurance concern, at first refused to insure against war at any price. Now Lloyds will insure, otherwise "bet," nine and a half to one against war within six months. Wall Street wanted this news and of course cheered up.

The governor of Campeche in Mexico, after keeping all churches in his state closed for more than a year and a half, now permits all to reopen.

A fight against religion often starts violently, to wind up feebly.

New British Liner Groomed for Speed

"Queen Mary" to Go After Record of "Normandie."

Clydebank, Scotland. — Queen Mary, giant new flagship of the British mercantile marine and pride of the British nation, is nearing completion in her fitting-out dock here.

On March 24 the mammoth new 80,000-ton ocean greyhound, which was launched and named by Queen Mother Mary of England here September 28, 1934, will be gently maneuvered into the narrow Clyde river and will proceed to sea under her own power en route to Southampton to be drydocked preparatory to her final speed trials and official commissioning.

Two months later, on May 27, she will point her bows westward out of Southampton on her maiden voyage to New York. Her distinguished passengers on this voyage are expected to include one or more members of the British royal family, probably the Duke and Duchess of York.

Speed a Secret. Details of the vessel's potential speed are being kept a jealously guarded secret, and the most that is admitted is that her engines will develop approximately 200,000 horsepower and will get her to New York in five days or under.

Unofficially, the British feel no doubt that their latest marine wonder will develop around 34 knots on her trials, and everywhere there is official confidence that she will easily wreat the Atlantic blue ribbon from the French colossus, Normandie.

The most rigid precautions are

AFTER WORLD TITLE



Miss Ruth Hughes Aarons of Stamford, Conn., is the American women's table tennis champion, and she has left for Prague, Czechoslovakia, to compete for the world's championship.

being taken by the builders aboard the vessel to insure that the engineering secrets of their child will not be prematurely disclosed. A request to be permitted to inspect the sealed engine room was bluntly refused.

Potential Winner. A close examination of the new vessel, of the delicate streamlining forward, the beautiful proportions of the hull and superstructure and the realization of the unprecedented space given over below to the powerful oil-fired propelling machinery led to the conclusion that in the Queen-Mary the British have a potential Atlantic winner.

Despite her vast dead weight bulk, she sits the water as gracefully as a smart light cruiser. Her razor-like bows, obviously built for high speed, are like those of a crack destroyer. Her lines forward are reminiscent of those of a yacht, and nowhere is there evident the clumsiness and bulkiness usually associated with vessels of big tonnage. Everywhere the impression is gained of speed and power.

Only on mounting to the bridge, high above the waters of the Clyde river, and looking forward to the bow is the observer able to realize the monstrous proportions of the new liner. Her space forward from the bridge appears to be easily as big as the total length of many liners of average size.

Fig Swallows Diamond. Mechanics Falls, Maine.—Mrs. A. Roy lost her diamond ring, valued at \$250. After an extensive search failed to disclose the ring, she gave it up as lost. Three weeks later the ring was found when a butcher slaughtered a pig sent to him by Mrs. Roy.

American Esquire Is "Just a Mongrel" Washington. — The nation's capital lists in its telephone directory of 175,555 names only one with the mark of the old school, "Esq.," behind it. The esquire is Paul R. Russell, undistinguished in the news although he holds a responsible government position.

Russell was not home when the telephone company representatives called to get information from subscribers, but an elderly gentleman who lived with him was, and gave the necessary information.

Printers followed copy on the name and when the book was published Russell became a unique figure.

"I know of no reason why it should have happened," said Russell when interviewed, "I am just a mongrel American, as aren't we all?"

unto the day is the evil thereof." True, but such admonition does not mean that we should disregard the future. For, there is a Tomorrow. As the sunlight dispels the darkness of the night, just so sure are we that "new chances, one more chance" may come to us in the "tomorrow." In Browning's poem, "Pippa Passes," Pippa had one day in which to sing her songs. It was her annual holiday. Little did she dream the night before that the morning would usher into her life the happiest of all her days. "Wherefore repine with her to lead me, O day of mine." Our dreams and ambitions demand a "tomorrow." Our clearest thinking is done in the morning and not at the close of the day when we are fatigued. It takes a tomorrow to continue the tasks of today.

Great living is motivated by an unswerving hope in tomorrow. Because there is a tomorrow, we can "Greet the unseen with a cheer." "Out of the yesterdays many and great, we borrow strength for today and tomorrow," but it is hope in the tomorrow that makes us understand and evaluate the past. When we are discouraged and our nerves are taut, our problems may be much nearer solution by the setting of tomorrow's sun.

I do not fear the road The great adventure into tracks unknown, My questing spirit wanders not alone Where other feet have trod.

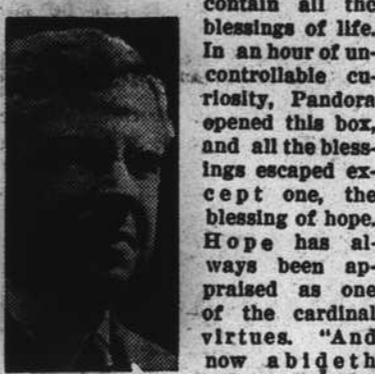
Yes, "Hope springs eternal in the human breast"—there is a "tomorrow."

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Cook's Antarctic Exploration When Captain Cook explored Antarctic regions he left Plymouth, England, July 13, 1772, and returned there July 26, 1775. The voyage, reckoning from the Cape of Good Hope and back, covered more than 20,000 leagues, or nearly three times the equatorial circumference of the earth.

TOMORROW By LEONARD A. BARRETT

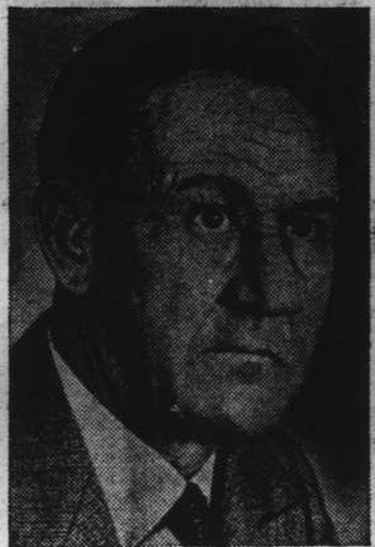
According to Grecian mythology, Pandora possessed a box said to contain all the blessings of life.



In an hour of uncontrollable curiosity, Pandora opened this box, and all the blessings escaped except one, the blessing of hope. Hope has always been praised as one of the cardinal virtues. "And now abideth faith, hope and love." Hope always looks forward. It is to the future, untried and undiscovered, that hope persistently directs our thought. Hope is never introspective. It would have us interpret the present as an opportunity to be completed in the future. Hope would banish regrets and worry over past failures and disclose to us new possibilities which lie just beyond.

We are admonished to live one day at a time. "Take no anxious thought for tomorrow. Sufficient

MYSTERY WARNING



Representative Tilman B. Parks of Arkansas, arguing in the house against efforts to reduce the appropriation for the War department, warned that a mysterious condition exists on one of America's coasts, asserting that the situation was so alarming that congress could not be advised about it publicly.

Pressing Frocks that need pressing oftenest are those of comparatively cheap materials, except in the case of linens that are not specially treated and non-crushable. Good ironing will do much to give an impression of excellence. This is certainly true of household linens. Iron them when they are well dampened, and press until they are dry, first on the right and then on the wrong side with a finishing polish on the right side. It is amazing what such ironing can do to cheaper linens, and even cotton and linen mixtures. When these household linens are not well dampened, or have become too dry before ironing, they will not look smooth and fresh as they should, whatever their grade.

Stitchery Terms Some of the words of stitchery are incongruous, being amusing or surprising. They may suggest a harshness that is certainly foreign to the gentle task of needlecraft. Whipping is one of these last sort, but it is not so cruel sounding, as lashing although, in sewing, the significance is more reminiscent of nautical lashing, than chastising, in that the stitches are put around a rolled material to bind it in place regularly. Then the thread is

The Household By Lydia Le Baron Walker

GOOD care of clothes will make an inferior article compare favorably with a high grade garment that does not receive the same treatment. Fortunately the cleansers' charges are nothing compared with what they were a few years ago, so when dresses and outside garments have been brushed and cleaned, sponged and pressed at home until they need the sort of refinishing that establishments give when they clean clothes, the cost is not prohibitive. However, spots can be removed and articles kept looking smart for a long time with good home care.



The woman who puts her garments on coat hangers without laying them down first, when taking the dress or coat off, will keep her clothes looking fresh and new much longer than the woman who tosses them to one side, though they may not lie long where they land. When clothes are not of the highest grades of textiles, they must much quicker than do high grade materials. So immediately hanging on coat hangers of garments of the cheaper sort is important. Be careful to have arms of the hangers fit under shoulders of garments, if not the materials will fall in the wrong lines. Such slap-dash care is ineffectual.

drawn, the material is gathered, and the resemblance ceases. The word "whipping" is also used, as in stroking, when in whipped or plain gathers, the indentations are accented and made to keep their places by running the needle down into the snug folds with a caressing little whip or stroke. Fine gathers should be whipped thus.

The rolled edges of handkerchiefs are whipped when they are overcast; usually in a contrasting color for decoration as well as security. Raw edges of textiles are overcast, but the material is not rolled.

Piping and Cording Piping has nothing to do with a piper nor with plumbing, although a certain suggestion of a tubular pipe does pertain when fine cord is used as a filler for the narrow bias band inserted between edges of seams. Strictly speaking, the cord is requisite to piping, but when omitted the name remains, and when the covered cord is used, the term corded piping, or cording is frequently used.

The correct way to put in piping is to cut a narrow bias strip of the same material or contrasting in color, or different in both kind and color. This strip must be wide enough to fold over the cord centered in it, and allow lapping of one-fourth to three-eighths of an inch on each side. Tack the cord in place with running stitches. Lay covered cord between two right side pieces of goods with all edges together. Stitch close to cord. Turn goods back, and the seam will be corded. Fell down narrow strip of material to form hem if the cord is to be an edge finish.

Tacking and basting are synonymous words signifying the temporary running of stitchery that holds materials together. Since the thread is pulled out, a cheap grade of smooth finished thread comes for it.

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CAPE COSTUME



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AMAZE A MINUTE SCIENTIFACTS ~ BY ARNOLD

A collection of small illustrations and text boxes. One shows a man with a water spring. Another shows a man with a U.S. flag. A third shows a man with a sign that says 'WORN OUT MONEY - NEARLY FIVE TONS OF WORN OUT MONEY ARE RETURNED TO THE TREASURY DEPT. OF THE U.S. EVERY DAY.' A fourth shows a man with a sign that says 'RETREATING ICE! THE GREAT ICE BARRIER, AROUND THE SOUTH POLE IS MELTING ABOUT 40 MILES A CENTURY.'

STAR DUST Movie • Radio

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ONE of the best pictures made in this or any other year is R K O's "Follow the Fleet," the new Rogers-Astaire effort. It's delightful from start to finish. Fred Astaire has developed remarkably as a comedian. And the Irving Berlin songs are all hits, especially "You

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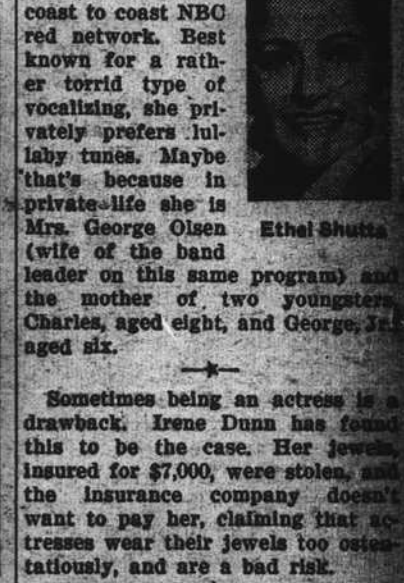
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