This Week

by Arthur Brisbane

THE WARSHIP QUESTION CHEAPER CARS COMING? STANDARD AND SHELL DIAMONDS FROM SUGAR

Ramsay MacDonald arrives soon to talk over armaments at sea. He probably comes prepared to ratify officialy a programme already agreed upon, substantially. He would not want to return with nothing, after Snowden's triumphant round trip to the Hague.

The British, well informed by their separate air departuent, care little about surface ships for any future war. They know ships will cut no figure.

But they have 70,000 miles of sea coast to patrol in their empire. Their cruisers are really floating forts or police stations, boarding houses for marines that can be landed when needed, then moved on to soothe the next troubled spot.

If the President wuuld establish a separate air department, appointing a head engineer with others under him, all controlled by Engineer Hoover, to develop new ideas, Uncle Sam might not spend his life copying Germany, Italy and Britain. And we would not worry about warships.

Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of General Motors, told stockholders he bought " a substantial interest" in Opel, great German automobile concern, to develop German manufacture of automobiles rather than supersede it with organization and methods entirely American.

This country depends largely on export of manufactured articles. It is, therefore, interesting to hear from Mr. Sloan that in Europe his company in 1928, in dollars and number of units, sold more automobiles than any European concern manufactured.

Mr. Sloan plans for Europeans the kind of car they want at a price they can afford. Not so rich as we, they do not demand so much luxury.

Mr. Sloan, Mr. Ford and others in this country may need to produce here a cheaper car than any now offered.

General Wood, head of Sears, Roebuck, plans a car for $200. Henry Ford years ago showed the writer a small, powerful engine made for a car to sell at $250. He probablly has kept the plans for that product.

Prof. Hershey of McPherson College, told scientists at Minneapolis that genuine diamonds, of superb color, can be made by subjecting ordinary table sugar to a pressure of ten tons to the square inch.

He has produced such diamonds in his laboratory.

In another laboratord, the Senate, Mr. Smoot is about to prove that he can produce for friends enough money to buy all the diamonds in South Africa by subjecting ordinary table sugar to a tariff pressure of two cents or so per pound.

Standard and other oil stocks have been going up despite the British infashion by "Shell." The 24,754,967 shares of Standard Oil of New Jersey are worth about two billion dollars now.

That is just one fragment of old Standard Oil, built up by Mr. Rockefeller, and chopped into pieces by a rampageous government because it was supposed to be worth "nearly a billion" altogether.

What Old Standard is really worth now nobody knows. Including oil in would be a reasonable price.

Secretary Mellon needing $500,000,000 for Uncle Sam's use, invited subscriptions to treasury certificates. He was offered $1,486,000,000, almost a billion more than needed.

And he did not pay nine percent, or the federal reserve six percent discount rate either.

Mr. Mellon could have bought the $500,000,000 of certificates himself, and saved on income tax.

But he avoids all business connected with government. And besides, he knows how to invest more profitably.

In his government Mussolini held eight posts. Now the powerful Italian resigns seven of his cabinet offices, remaining premier and minister of interior only.

The king announces the changes by royal decree. Mussolini told him what to announce.

The years are passing, Mussolini knows it, and seeks to build a government machine that will survive.

The Italian question is: "After Mussolini, what?"

Twenty-eight European nations are working at a plan called "The United States of Europe plan." Germany says she will join, but not if there is an "anti-american pact."

That's another hint to President Hoover and others responsible to make this country strong enough to take care of itself.

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Two little boys came into the dentist's office. One said to the dentis: "I want a tooth took ou, and I don't want no gas because I'm in a hurry."

Dentist—That's a brave little boy. Which tooth is it?"

Little Boy—Show him your tooth, Robert.

POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT WILL HELP OUR READERS WITH THEIR PERPLEXING PROBLEMS

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Contrary to the belief of many poultry raisers, the danger of trouble is not all past when the pullet chicks no longer need brooder heat and the cockerels are disposed of.

The pullets must be kept growing through the hot summer months since any factor causing interruption of sustained growth and development lowers the vigor and stamina of the birds so affected. Lowered vigor and stamina are almost synonymous with lowered egg production since vigor and health in pullets are a prime requisite of good production.

The causes of poor development and low egg production in pullets are legion, and consideration of some of the most common causes of stunted, pullets and low vitality from the brooding period through the housing of the pullets can be considered here.

Providing an ample water to pullets on range with a minimum of labor is sometimes a troublesome problem. Since water is perhaps more important than feed it is essential that this problem be satisfactorily solved. Barrels with a drip faucet attached may be used, though the filling and hauling the barrels is an unwelcome job at times.

Next to piping the water supply perhaps a bored well and pump is the most satisfactory for many locations. Where a water system is available, half-inch pipe laid in a deeply plowed furrow and covered with several inches of dirt solves the problem in the most satisfactory way. Drip valves of floats attached to risers of quarter inch pipe and a pan on a wire platform will make a satisfactory water device.

Outdoor range feeders are perhaps the most satisfactory device for feeding the growing stock. Such feeders may be made large enough to hold a supply of feed that will last several days. The feeders should be made to provide feeding space on both sides of the hopper, the sloping roof to extend far enough over the eaves to protect the birds from rain and sun while feeding, and keep the feed dry. One side of the roof should be hinged to permit filling the hopper, while a tight partition in the hopper will permit the hopper feeding of both mash and grain, so as to effect a saving in labor.

While reasonably early development of the pullets of desirable, it is easy enough to have the birds reach sexual maturity before physical maturity is reached. When this occurs the birds never reach full size for the breed, always lay small eggs and many times are unprofitable producers. While a part of this tendency may be inherited, it is well known that protein feeding influences early maturity to a great extent.

To avoid premature sexual development it is necessary to adjust the feeding so that the birds do not consume too much meat scraps, milk, etc., usually used in the mash. Feeding too sparingly on grain is a common reason for heavy mash consumption by pullets and laying before their bodies are fully developed. This is another argument in favor of hopper feeding grain as well as mash to growing pullets. It is especially desirable that the pullets be placed in the laying houses in a well fleshed healthy condition and the hopper feeding of grain, especailly of whole corn, is one of the most economical and effective ways of insuring good laying condition for healthy pullets. A poor pullet is likely to be a poor layer and a poor payer.

Directly contrary to a rather prevalent idea, pullets are very easy to cull when culling is done on the basis of their growth, development and health. Immature pullets cannot be culled directly for egg production, but must be culled for development and vigor. This is indirect culling for egg production since the slow developing, weak and undersized pullets later make the culls in culling for egg production. Culling growing pullets is very similar to culling potatoes, thinning corn, etc. With pullets, culling should be practiced throughout the growing period, removing any birds that show marked signs of unthriftiness. The final culling can be done when the pullets are placed in the laying house.

Replacing good hens with cull pullets is just another form of false economy.

Pullets should best remain on the range until they are laying or their comb development indicates that they are about to lay. Immature pullets should not be placed in the laying house except when cold weather makes it necessary.

Where the pullets roost in range shelter or portable brooder houses, the birds can best be transferred to the laying house at night in clean, well disinfected market crates. Where the pullets roost in trees there is a more difficult problem. One method is to discontinue hopper feeding of grain a few days before the birds are to be housed and with the evening feeding of grain gradually toll the birds towards the laying house, going a little further each evening until they are feeding beside the door. The next evening throw the grain part outside and part inside the house, and with others helping with long pieces of timber held in a horizontal position the pullets can be driven into the house. Scattered pullets must be caught at night with a wire hook or other means.

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Mr. and Mrs. Johs Duyer and Mr. H. E. Cooper spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Money, of near Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayville are entertaining her sister, Mrs. West, of Baltimore, this week.

Mr. George Cooper and family and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cooper, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Rasin.

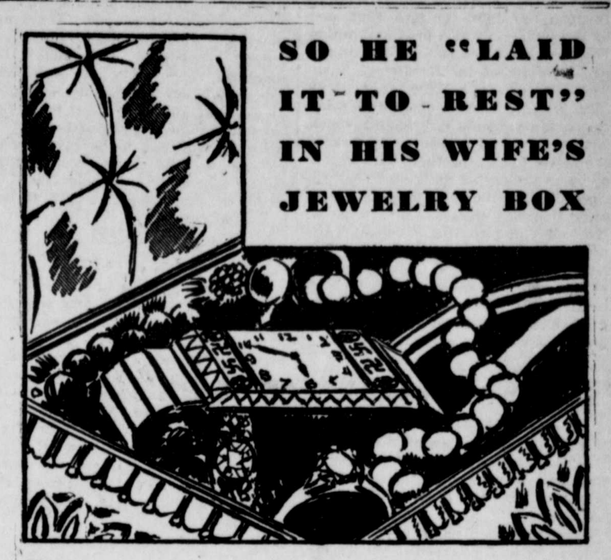
Miss Jane Cooper, of Baltimore, visited Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews last week end.

Mrs. Josephine Morris, of Baltimore, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Loud, she was accompanied back by her son and daughter, John Loud and Elizabeth, who will enter school there.

Miss Addie Cooper, of Wilmington, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. Margaret Duyer is spending some time with relatives at Middletown.

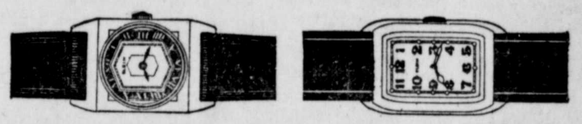
Mrs. Edith Seward, of Wilmington, spent last week end with her aunt, Mrs. Dora Prettyman.



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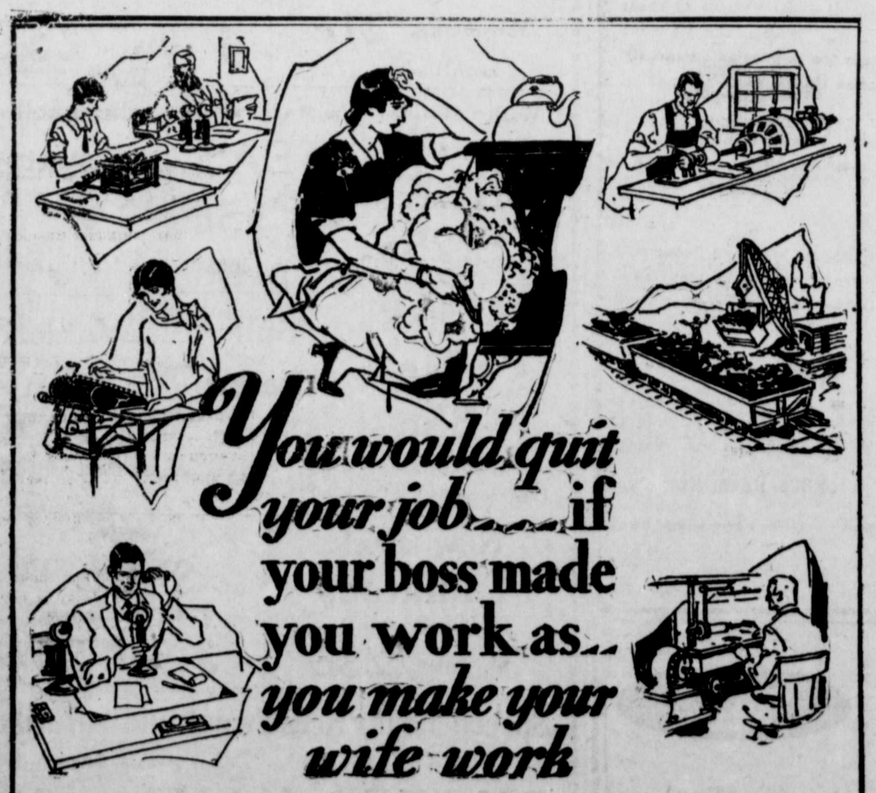
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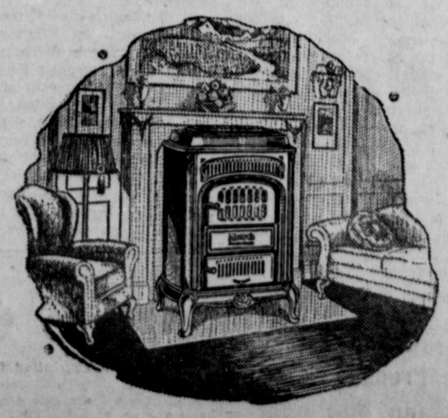
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