THE SQUADRON'S LOG



BY THE STOWAWAY

The Chester River Yacht and Country Club is a good picture of the world in miniature. Take the Gold Cup race for example:

1. Like France, the Club is saddled with a gold standard of which she cannot rid herself.
2. Like Russia, she has a product too great for home consumption.
3. Like Japan, she has to establish a foreign base for her race.
4. Like England, she has a diminished income.
5. Like the United States, she is having a hard time to balance her budget.

Like France

The Golf Cup has been won twice by the "Patsy," once by the "High Tide," and this year by the "V III." Unless the "Patsy" goes into commission next year and wins again, the Chester River Yacht Club is committed to keep the Cup Race going. No one can predict what may happen when the Nira gets business back to a prosperous condition even in Chestertown, but chances for getting rid of the Gold Standard look poor for the next few years.

Like Russia

Except for the "High Tide' and the "Flying Cloud" there are not many cup-defender class sailing craft around these parts, and the Raskob boats are not in commission. Of course the race is open to work boats, but like the stabilization program in the Economic Conference in London, they have put the question aside and simply will not discuss it.

The Chesapeake and its tributaries are unique in the United States as a water play-ground. There is no better place for a boating center, but there are only two ways cup-defender class boats can get here to enter this race. They must come by way of the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal, or around Norfolk and Cape Charles. Whether they come from the north or the south, it is a long, expensive trip just to get their name on another gold cup. They have to win three times before it is theirs for keeps.

When there are plenty of gold cups valued from $10,000 to $50,000, at easily accessable races, offered for boats of this class, a gold cup costing $5,000 is not much of a prize to go after for the long trip involved to reach the place where the race is held.

Like Japan

The gold cup race cannot be held before the Club House like the rest of the regatta. It requires the deep waters, longer distances, and heavy winds found not nearer than the mouth of the Chester River. Unless a club member has a boat of his own, or a friend who has a boat, or can crowd on the Coast Guard boat loaned by the government, he is just out of luck so far as participating in the jollification is concerned. In fact, there is not much jollification about it. It is just hard work for everybody.

Like England

The Stowaway suggests that the diminishing income might be corrected if Chester River Yacht and Country Club members would pay their dues promptly.

Like The United States

The expenses connected with the conduct of the race has to be worked out by hook or by crook. There is no chance of collecting a little expense money from hot-dog and ice-cream concessions, or from any of the other side lines when the crowd collects around the Club house.

The Stowaway has heard somewhere that what happens twice is apt to happen thrice, and suggests taking a leaf from our Uncle Sammy's book on economy. Let us write down our Home Mortgage on the future and say, "Here," "Patsy," you can have the cup, you did it twice, we will compromise and conceded you the third time."

If we do this it might set a good example for those delegates over in London, and show them how well a little common sense compromising can solve difficult situations. Neither the Chester River Yacht Club nor the nations of the world will be able to do much until everybody goes off the gold standard, and gets down to being satisfied to paddle around in home waters learning how to sail our own boats.

Nothing Coming Up

Rastus listened to the doctor's advice, shook his head and started to leave.

Doctor: "Here, Rastus, you forgot to pay me."

Rastus: "Pay you for what, boss?"

Doctor: "For my advice."

Rastus: "No suh! I ain't gwine to take it."

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HEALTHMOBILE TO VISIT KENT

TO HOLD PRE-SCHOOL CLINICS HERE IN AUGUST

In order that the prospective first-graders may start to school free from avoidable handicaps, the mothers of the five and six-year olds, are urged to take the children to their own doctors, or if that is not possible, to the nearest child health conference, for a complete going over, so that conditions that need correction may be attended to during the summer, and the youngsters may have a chance to be put in the best possible shape to withstand the strain that comes with school life.

One or more child health conferences for the examination of babies and young children are held, monthly, under the direction of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the State Department of Health and the County Health Officer, at some conveniently accessible place in each county. Through the co-operation of the County Departments of Education and the local Parent-Teacher Associations, special conferences for the examination of children in preparation for their admission to school in the fall, have been under way, as usual, since the early spring, and will be continued throughout the summer. In addition, there will be a series of child health conferences "on wheels" during August and part of September, in some of the counties on the Eastern Shore, in connection with the visit of the Healthmobile of the Bureau of Child Hygiene to these parts of the State. The provisional schedule for the tour of the Healthmobile includes a visit to Kent county during the period of August 14th to August 22nd.

Through its former visits, the Healthmobile has become a familiar sight along the less frequented roads as well as along the main highways and at the crossroads where it is parked. The interior of the big truck is fitted up like a hospital clinic room with everything needed for the examination of babies and young children, including a dental chair, children's size, and the appliances needed for the examination of children's teeth. It also carries a movie outfit and a supply of health films. The staff includes a doctor, a dentist—both with special training in the care of children, and the public health nurse of the county visited.

The aim of all of the child health conferences is to show mothers how to keep their children well. No medical treatments are given. Children in need of medical care are referred to their own doctors.

Missing Notes

Cork: "Yes, sah, I'm a great singah."

Coke: "Wheah you all learn to sing,"

Cork: "I graduated from correspondence school."

Coke: "Boy, you suah lost lots of your mail."

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