

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

World's Chemists Busy The New Hell-Broth Our Huge Gold Pile

The great fighters in Asia and Europe in the days of Frederick the Great and Napoleon had little idea of war's future.



Arthur Brisbane

Frederick the Great's father selected the tallest men he could find for his guard.

The wholesale killers of the old days prepared their killings by marching men up and down, drilling them, encouraging them with titles, brass bands to lead them, fancy uniforms.

About 100 miles from Berlin there is a station called Leuna. There most useful work is done, in theory and through study of the manufacture of synthetic petroleum.

Every country has its similar death laboratory; men perhaps as efficient as those of Germany, though Germany is the kingdom of chemistry, the teacher of other nations.

Henry Irving, on the stage of his theater in London, prepared an impressive presentation of the witches in "Macbeth," old, toothless hags, preparing their hell-broth with power to summon spirits from the dead and make them foretell the future.

Far more efficient are those solemn German chemists, physicists and other professors, preparing the real hell-broth of poison gas, upon which the future of civilization and the domination of the earth may depend for many centuries.

We had our periods of universal barbarism and cannibalism, our ages of flint, bronze and iron, our many interesting forms of rulership, planned to give one or a few control over all the others.

There are a good many things we haven't seen and many to which we devote too little thought, including perhaps the fact that it is dangerous to be too rich if you are not prepared to defend yourself against burglars.

Those thousands of millions in gold that we are hiding away in a hole in the ground, as ingeniously as any squirrel hiding his hickory nuts, may bring us trouble some day.

The thought of those ten thousand millions' worth of gold bars and dollars, hidden not very far below the surface, might cause some ingenious Asiatic or European to say to himself:

"For one or two billions I could prepare the necessary machinery, flying ships and poison gas included, to conquer the necessary areas of the United States and frighten the others into submission. Having laid down my layer of gas, I would descend and take the ten thousand millions and go home with a clean profit of eight billions in gold."

Mussolini races his big Italian built automobile, the engine burning alcohol, made of Italian farm products—no gasoline. Some lawmakers in America suggest compelling the use of 10 per cent alcohol in all fuel for American automobiles.

It seems impossible to believe the hideous accounts of the maltreatment and cruel deaths inflicted upon women in the civil war now raging in Spain.

That men should fight and murder each other is to be expected, since they are at best "half tiger, half monkey," and often the monkey gives way to the tiger. But that they should inflict shameful ill treatment and hideous death on defenseless women seems utterly unbelievable, even when you know what men are, in a mob.

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Current Events IN REVIEW by Edward W. Pickard

Split in Labor Ranks Is Now in Effect

LABOR DAY, for organized labor, was considerably marred by the fact that the suspension of the ten unions which followed John Lewis had just become effective.

He also assailed the idea of an independent labor party and pledged the federation to a non-partisan policy in the present presidential campaign.

John L. Lewis made a radio address at Washington but did not mention the split. He maintained that American industry could "easily pay a minimum income to unskilled labor of \$2,500 a year."

Secretary of Labor Perkins, also speaking over the radio, ignored the civil war within labor's ranks and painted labor's future as rosy.

None of the noted speakers seemed to wish to comment on the situation in Minneapolis, where strikes have resulted in the shutting down of that city's immense milling industry.

Irun Falls to the Rebels; San Sebastian Next

FIERCE attacks by the Spanish rebels resulted in the capture of Irun, on the French border, and the defenders were mercilessly slaughtered save for those who were able to take refuge in France.

South of Madrid the government forces were said to have made progress and there were claims that Talavera had been taken and that the Alcazar in Toledo was practically battered to pieces by loyalist artillery.

The Madrid government was reorganized and Francisco Largo Caballero, left wing Socialist, was made premier.

French workers in Paris in a great demonstration insisted that the government abandon its non-intervention policy and give active aid to the Spanish government.

Representatives of twenty-four powers were scheduled to confer in London on plans for the establishment of a non-intervention control committee.

Mrs. Markham Flies Atlantic, Landing in Nova Scotia

MRS. BERYL MARKHAM of England put her name on the roll of fame as the first woman to make a solo flight across the north Atlantic from east to west.

scratches she was unhurt, but the plane was badly damaged.

Another woman, Louise Thaden of the United States, gained fame by winning the \$15,000 Bendix trophy race, a transcontinental dash from New York to Los Angeles.

France to Spend Vast Sum for Military Defense

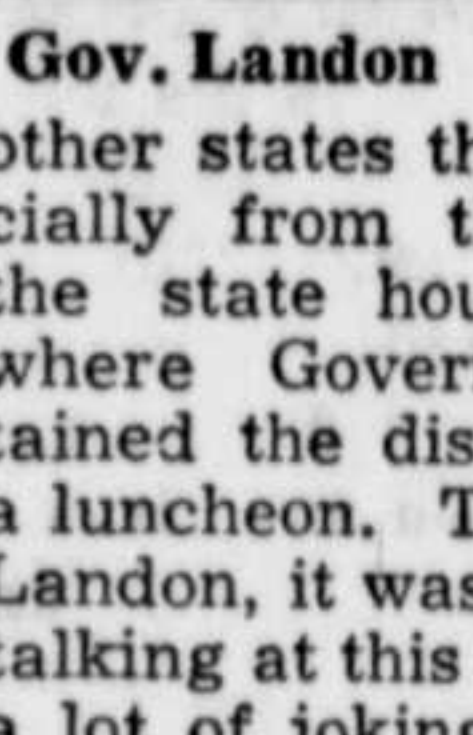
FRANCE'S government has decided that conditions in Europe are so threatening that it must spend a huge sum for national defense.

The program calls for an intensive increase of mechanized units and also for rearmament. Furthermore, it provides an increase in the size of the professional army and the creation of a specialized group of long service non-commissioned officers such as already exist in the French navy.

The program also provides for strengthening the frontier fortifications. But the chief improvement will be made in the air force which will be increased by 2,000 planes.

Roosevelt and Landon Confer on Drouth

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT and Alf M. Landon, rival candidates for the Presidency, met in somewhat dramatic fashion in Des Moines, Iowa, but they met as chief executives of the United States and of Kansas respectively for the purpose of discussing plans for the relief of drouth stricken farmers.



Gov. Landon

Other states that had suffered especially from the drouth, began in the state house in Des Moines where Governor Herring entertained the distinguished visitors at a luncheon. The President and Mr. Landon, it was said, did most of the talking at this repast and exchanged a lot of joking remarks.

Early in the evening Mr. Roosevelt entertained the governors at dinner aboard his special train. On that occasion he and Mr. Landon had their most intimate talk.

Results of the conference, if any, were not made public at once, the President reserving announcement of his plans for a radio address.

Relief Work Will Be Continued for Farmers

IN HIS radio talk the President asserted every governor with whom he had talked on his trip to the drouth area gave approval to his policy of providing federal work relief for the distressed farmers on projects that will protect their crops in the future.

Mr. Roosevelt asserted that work relief for the unemployed in the cities has restored consumer purchasing power, sustained every merchant in the community, and provided a backlog for heavy industry.

Declaring re-employment in private industry is proceeding rapidly, the President announced allocation of an additional \$2,500,000 to the United States employment service.

Japan Will Build Big Submarine Fleet

JAPAN proposes to build up a submarine fleet approximately 30 per cent larger than "at o. either Great Britain or the United States. Such was the substance of a note delivered by the Japanese embassy in London to the British foreign office.

Lithuania May Abandon Fascist Regime

FASCISM in Lithuania, established about a year ago by Antanas Smetona, the president-dictator, is likely to come to an end very soon.

The Lithuanian government has had serious trouble with Germany over Memel, which, though mainly populated by Germans, was turned over to Lithuania for use as a port by the League of Nations.

Railway Labor Act Is Attacked in Court

IN AN appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States the Virginia Railway company made an attack on the provisions of the railway labor act authorizing collective bargaining between representatives of the employees and the carriers.

The railroad appealed from rulings by the Eastern Virginia Federal District court and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals requiring it to negotiate concerning disputes with a unit of the American Federation of Labor.

High Labor Costs Drive Big Concern From New York

BECAUSE labor costs in New York city are too high the Charles Schweinler Press, largest magazine printing house there, has decided to close the plant in which it employs 1,000 men and women and move where costs are lower.

Revised Budget Figures Increase the Debt

REVISING the 1937 budget figures he submitted to congress in January, President Roosevelt now estimates that expenditures caused by the bonus and the AAA invalidation will put the public debt at the all-time high figure of \$34,188,543,494.

He says, however, that better business will run tax receipts up \$12,000,000 higher than was expected.

The chief items changed by the estimate were: 1. Receipts, fixed at \$5,665,839,000. 2. Expenditures at \$7,762,835,300. 3. Gross deficit for the year at \$2,096,996,300.

The \$2,000,000,000 deficit Mr. Roosevelt estimated is the lowest of the New Deal. Regarding this figure the President said:

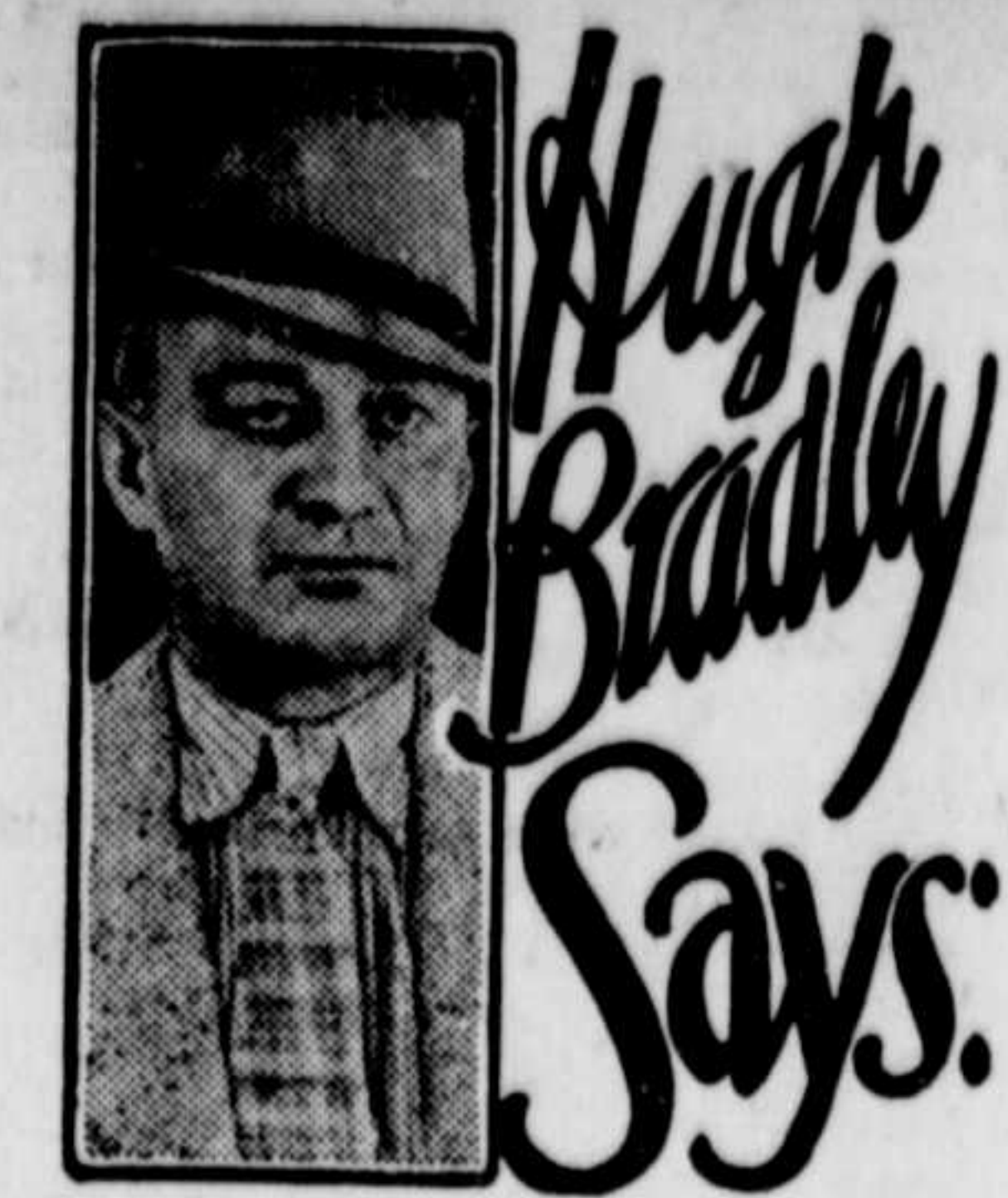
"The estimated deficit for 1937 is \$2,096,996,300 which includes \$580,000,000 for statutory debt retirement and \$560,000,000 for further payments under the adjusted compensation payment act.

What Mr. Roosevelt meant by this was that instead of borrowing money to cover the difference between receipts and expenditures, the Treasury would dip into the general fund for \$1,100,000,000.

Six Men May Be Cited for Contempt of Senate

UNITED STATES DISTRICT ATTORNEY L. C. GARNETT of Washington was asked by Vice President Garner to present to the federal grand jury the case of six Railway Audit and Inspection company officials who failed to appear before a senate committee some two weeks ago.

The committee, headed by Senator La Follette, is investigating the alleged use of labor "spies" by employers in disputes with their employees. At the time of the hearing an attorney for the company told the committee an injunction was being sought in federal court to prevent the officials' appearance and to prohibit production of their records.



Cards Tumble Sign Possibly Gang Has Underrated Rivals

HAS the same sad fate which overtook our own Polo Grounds front runners for a pair of seasons caught up with the once proud Gas House Gangsters?

Definitely—for all that they were well aware of their pitching frailties—the Cards all along have been vocally confident they were the class of the circuit.

In quieter moments all of them—manager and batboy—confided that they looked forward to the waning days of the season. Then, when experimenting had gone quite far enough, they expected to turn on so much heat that even Manhattan clients would be panicked into grudging applause.

They spoke with such great—and apparently quite honest—unconcern about the future that there is little wonder even the Giants believed them early in July. Even now—as one who picked them at the start and has abode with them in happy confidence ever since—I cannot believe they were up to some of their old sly tricks on a faithful follower.

Now that they have undoubtedly fulfilled the letter of their prophecies by turning on the heat and causing previously timid men and maids of Manhattan to indulge in ecstatic party-cakings, I cannot believe that such miracle-working mortals were guilty of double-talking all the while.

So far as I am concerned they could scarcely have known that their boisterous antics would so sorely enrage the Boston and Pittsburgh peasants that the heat would come from such directions. Neither could they have had any inkling that the Manhattan merriment could be partly occasioned by the support they recently have been giving to one of the most amazing teams of recent seasons.

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So they were caught improperly arrayed for meeting visitors who sneaked upon them just as upon the Giants of a season back.

There are several reasons why the Cards still may be fortunate in the pennant chase. One of them is that the Giants started their spurt early and from very far back and so may be halted by the law of averages. Another is that there are men, especially pitchers, who can quickly be brought in from the farms, if Breadon and Rickey decide to risk a minor league pennant for the sake of a big-time success. The third, and probably best, reason is that the Cards are a set of husky, hard-bitten athletes. Only the Yankees, formed out of a very similar mold, have previously seemed able to recover as quickly from adversity. That ability to rise above defeat is most important in a flag chase. In fact, no team without this quality ever won a pennant.

Success in baseball often is almost entirely a matter of spirit. When the Braves came from the bottom to accomplish their 1914 miracle, they scarcely believed what was happening until almost at the finish. Then, when the going might have been tough, they were sustained by the conviction that, no matter how good opponents might seem to be, their own luck was considerably better. So they felt they had nothing to worry about and devoted their best efforts to playing baseball.

Somewhat the same thing happened to the Cubs last fall and to the Cards in 1934, although in both cases the short space of remaining time and utter collapse of a rival had much to do with the result. Indeed, several Cub stars quite frankly admitted that all along they felt it merely was a beautiful dream and only woke up when they found the Tigers whaling the merry blue blazes out of them in the World Series.

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

MRS. JOHNNY COONEY sings in the same high-class manner that her husband snares those line drives in the Brooklyn outfield. Pat Malone says that Tony Lazzeri is the smartest player with whom he ever has teamed.

What with salaries, the track's cut, etc., it costs the average ring book \$1,200 a week to operate on New York courses. Because they pay higher salaries, the clubhouse nobles have a nut of close to \$350 a day while the field hands need \$63 for expenses each afternoon.

Practically the only big fight Arthur Donovan has missed refereeing in New York during the past 30 months was the Baer-Braddock upset. Baer's advance squawk kept him out of that one.

Schmeling First Trained for Advertising Career

Max Schmeling put in three years learning the advertising business in Germany before he forgot it all and became a heavyweight boxer.

Max Schmeling average bank roll is \$5,000 to \$7,500, if they operate in the main ring. Since the law does not permit bonding gamblers, the satchel slingers do not have to be annoyed by red tape.

Would anybody like to bet about where you get the big news first? Six months ago (and at least four times between that date and the Schmeling-Braddock postponement) this writer definitely advised readers there would be no heavyweight championship bout this year.

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