

Weekly News Review

Rome-Berlin Axis May Crumble If Germany Is Given Colonies

By Joseph W. LaBine

Foreign

At best, Germany, Italy and Japan are unnatural bedfellows with nothing in common except totalitarianism and a grudge against the world.

First step in this direction has been taken by Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler in presenting African colonial



GERMANY IN AFRICA

(1) onetime German possessions (shown in black) France holds mandates for Togoland (1) and the Cameroons (2); Great Britain has minor interest in both.

demands to Great Britain and France. What Hitler wants—and probably will get—is return of Togoland, Cameroons, Southwest Africa and Tanganyika, held under League of Nations mandate by Britain and France since the Versailles treaty.

Next Der Fuehrer may turn his eyes to Japan, which now controls one-time German islands forfeited after the World war.

North—Before the interstate commerce commissioner have appeared stockholders of two huge lines, Chicago & North Western, and Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pacific.

South—Placed before the I. C. C. is a plan for merging the Gulf, Mobile & Northern railroad with the Mobile & Ohio line.

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Chief significance of mergers and reorganizations is (1) that railroads will become economically sound; (2) labor will suffer through decreased employment, though wage levels probably will not be cut; (3) scores of small communities, originally built to follow the railroad's line of expansion, will find themselves isolated without rail service.

Knotted inseparably in recent news have been Japan's conquest of China and world democracy's attempts to strengthen their military-economic positions against German-Italian-Jap aggression.

Treasury

Inconveniently close to election day have come piecemeal reports and offhand predictions concerning the U. S. fiscal situation.

Facts: Despite upswinging business, the U. S. treasury deficit for the current year jumped above one billion dollars October 20, leaping forward several million dollars a day.

Forecast: Though "pump-priming" will help business, the 1940 budget will be unbalanced.



SECRETARY MORGENTHAU

Coolest of all concerned...

tion held a mass vote for the 1940 election, thereby forestalling the normal swing to Republicanism.

'NOBODY'—A baby born to one of 200 sad-eyed Jewish refugees living in a ditch in the Czechoslovak-German "no man's land" has been named "Niemand," meaning "nobody."

'BANG' WARFARE—Japanese troops patrolling streets of newly captured Canton, disperse terrified Chinese by merely pointing their guns and shouting: "Bang!"

Coolest of all concerned with fiscal affairs has been the man in direct charge, Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau Jr.

White House When its investigations first opened, the Dies congressional committee on un-Americanism confined most of its probing to Fascism and Nazism.

state visit to Canada and probably to the U. S. Latest news is that the popular, 35-year-old duke of Kent becomes governor general of Australia next year.

U. S. intervention to force justice for Jews in Great Britain's Palestine problem: "We cannot retain the respect of Europe and our own self respect by directing nations how they shall carry out their treaties and obligations, and do nothing but direct."

At Anaheim, Calif., miles of surplus third-grade oranges were dumped when federal diversion funds ran out, leaving the \$8-per-ton price unsupported.

Aluminum, Once Toy of Royalty, Marks 50 Years of Practicability

Industry's Golden Jubilee Recalls Early Struggle Of Co-Pioneers.

By JOSEPH W. LaBINE

Fifty years ago this November, in a little "two-by-four" building in Pittsburgh, Charles Martin Hall and Arthur Vining Davis tinkered with a dyspeptic electric generator, a few carbon electrodes and a carbon-lined "pot" for an "electrolytic bath."

One of them closed a switch, the electrodes sputtered, the current began to pass through the mass in the pot—and a new industry was born which was destined to affect virtually all of the nation's population.

For more than half a century scientists of the world had sought to produce it cheaply enough to remove it from the category of an emperor's tableware to a practical metal.

Today, as it prepares to celebrate its golden anniversary, the aluminum industry furnishes jobs directly for 51,200 workers with an annual payroll of \$68,000,000.

Metallic Reincarnation Yet it is probably impossible to make an accurate estimate, says Capt. Kenneth G. Castleman, secretary of the association, for by far the major tonnage of virgin aluminum produced becomes a permanent part of the American scene.

Election Day—Picture Day



A favorite American political game is having your picture taken while voting. Here's a preview of three politicians as they will appear November 8.



Gov. George H. Earle of Pennsylvania was winning the Democratic senatorial nomination when this picture was taken at the primary election.



Aluminum is used in countless forms—sheet, tubing, forgings, extruded shapes, impact extrusions, foil and wire, to name a few. This workman is pouring small sand castings.

en a dozen times to make competition for the new metal produced.

"The aluminum foil which wrapped your morning cigar may have gotten its original start in life in a cast touring body of the now extinct Franklin automobile or one of the famed 'White Steamers,'

In the short space of 50 years (aluminum, commercially, is 10 years younger than electric light) it has assumed fourth place in volume among metals, although it has had to battle for its position with other materials commonly employed for thousands of years.

The first twinkling dawn of a bright future probably appeared on a February morning in 1886, when Charles Martin Hall, then a youth just out of Oberlin college, rushed from his crude, woodshed laboratory to the office of the chemistry professor, crying, "I've succeeded, at last I've succeeded!"

Headaches, Heartaches But Hall's experiments had been made in the laboratory. There was no assurance they would work on an industrial scale.

Hall's process had so many "bugs" that for the first year or two the little plant was hardly more than an experimental laboratory itself.

The same story was true of electrical conductor wire, which now consumes one-eighth of the nation's aluminum.

To make aluminum generally available, the founders of the industry themselves had to find new uses for the metal and often turn out the fabricated products themselves.

The American aluminum industry produced 292,000,000 pounds of virgin ingot last year. Yet it is within the memory of persons now living that a certain young man in Pittsburgh once brought from London a pair of opera glasses with frames of aluminum as a precious present for his bride.

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Retaliation Harefoot—So you broke your engagement to Sally. Why was that?

Bed Bells "What on earth happened to auntie last night, mother?" asked George.

STUCK HIM "Your wife says she only asks for pin money?" "Yes, but the first pin she wanted had 12 diamonds in it."



Dressed to Kill Said the butler: "Beg pardon, sir, but there's a burglar downstairs."

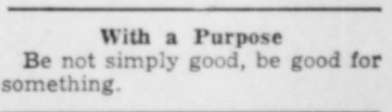
Flowers Little Joyce was visiting her grandmother in the country. The morning after her arrival she went out into the yard and saw a peacock.

Quite Satisfied "Did you get a commission when you were in the army?" asked Cohen.

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