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U. S. ATTAINS FIRST PLACE IN CHEMISTRY

(From the Clearwater, Fla., Sun)

Back in the days of the World War, the United States was pretty far behind in the chemical world. The cutting off of German dye stuffs and similar material was quickly felt when the war began, and when the great trans-Atlantic submarine Deutschland made her historic trip to Baltimore, she carried valuable dyes and chemicals as a large part of her precious cargo.

Faced with this situation, it became necessary to develop the chemical technique for which the country had formerly depended on Germany. So it was done.

And so well was it done that world leadership in chemistry has now, it is believed, shifted to the United States. Certain statistics assembled by the American Chemical Society indicate this, and Professor E. J. Crane, of Ohio State University, believes that the United States now outranks all countries both in research and industry in this field.

The United States was the only major country to show a gain in the number of chemical patents issued during the past five years, the study indicated.

The rise of the chemical industry, both from the practical and the research standpoint, has been one of the outstanding phenomena of the industrial history of the past 20 years. In that time a small and relatively unimportant industry has risen to a place among the giants of that field.

Dutch East Indies' Days Are of About Same Length

The Dutch East Indies stretch a distance equal to that from New York to San Francisco. The population totals 52,000,000.

The island empire is equal in area to all the states east of the Mississippi with the exception of the state of that name, reaching from the northern tip of Maine to the southern tip of Florida, from Lake Michigan to the Gulf of Mexico, including 18 states.

The whole empire lies full in the equatorial sun and reaches from the tip of northwestern Sumatra to the center of New Guinea (Papua). Throughout the islands all days in the year are about the same length, as the islands all lie close to the equator, notes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Dutch East Indies comprise the larger part of the Malay archipelago and are situated between Australia and southeastern Asia. Their extent may be realized from the fact that the distance from Sabang, north Sumatra, to Merauke, in New Guinea, respectively the western and eastern limits, is 3,000 miles—as wide as the Atlantic from New York to London. They include such groups as the Moluccas, Celebes, Sunda, Timor and Banda islands.

Fourteen distinct kinds of people inhabit these islands, some of them very primitive, others highly civilized.

'On the Beautiful Blue Danube,' Popular Waltz

Probably the most popular piece of dance music ever composed—known and loved around the world—is Johann Strauss Jr.'s group of waltzes called "On the Beautiful Blue Danube."

One says "waltzes" even in speaking of a single composition because all the Strauss waltzes are really a series of waltzes in varying keys and moods. Usually there is an elaborate introduction, that no doubt summoned the dancers to attention, observes a writer in the Detroit News.

The waltz is the heart and soul of old Vienna. There was something in the very air that swept down from the surrounding hills and woods that made the people gay, child-like and courteous. Lovely Vienna!

Johann Strauss senior was the first waltz composer, and then his three sons, Joseph, Edward, and Johann Jr. It was Johann Jr. who earned the title, "The Waltz King of the World."

He wrote waltzes, waltzes, waltzes—five or six hundred of them. And he played them all the way from the brilliant courts of Franz Joseph (and even of Napoleon in Paris) to the public parks where the people of his native Vienna loved to dine and dance. Naturally each was given a name—any name, like "Vienna Blood" or "Tales from Vienna Woods." "The Blue Danube" has made that river eternally blue, though in reality it is blue only if the sky is in a very good humor.

The people have placed a "denkmal" (think often) of Johann Strauss Jr. in the city park. Beautiful rhythmic figures in stone float around him, where he seems still to stand and play his violin.

Known as 'Crusaders Hymn'

Regarding the origin of the hymn "Fair Lord Jesus," Cynthia Pearl Maus says: "Although this hymn is known as the 'Crusaders Hymn,' it is doubtful that the Crusaders ever sang it. The words were written in 1677, and Richard Storrs Willis (1819-1900) translated the original German in which it was written and published the hymn in America in 1850. The tune 'Crusaders Hymn' was arranged by Professor Willis from a Silesian folk song which appeared in a collection of folk songs in 1842. Richard Willis was a musician and a newspaper man."

Robert Louis Stevenson's Prayer

A prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson was as follows: "The day returns and brings us the petty round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to play the man, help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces. Let cheerfulness abound with industry. Give us to go blithely on our business all this day. Bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored and grant us in the end the gift of sleep."

Bigger than ever New Deal spending program is forecast as a prelude to the November election.

Babson Says---

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entious American missionaries, largely from New England. Sad to relate, however, too many of these missionaries were virtuous spinsters!

Unfortunately, the exploiters always follows the missionary. As Bibles were put on sale, they were accompanied by sales of whisky. The natives—especially the rulers—were unable to withstand the temptation of liquor. After several attempts to set up a limited monarchy with a constitution and a legislature had failed, a final revolution took place in the "nineties". On July 4, the Republic of Hawaii was formed with Sanford B. Dole its first president. On July 7, 1898, the Republic of Hawaii was annexed to the United States. The islands are governed under an Act of Congress passed in 1900. They are now a Territory and have one non-voting delegate in Congress.

Economic Values Growing

You ask me why I stress so strongly the economic significance of this faraway part of the United States. It is true that the only large exports are sugar, pineapples and various fruits. These latter are largely exported in cans. The Islands, however, grow coffee, rice, bananas, figs, mangoes, nuts, and many other fruits. The total export value of Hawaiian products is about \$112,000,000. I was especially impressed with the cattle and sheep which I saw on the ranges. In addition, there are large available supplies of sandstone, sulphur, gypsum, salt, and other basic resources. Some day a great chemical industry may be located here.

The outlook for Hawaiian business for the next few months is good. While the cannon boom along the European Rhine, business will boom along the American Rhine. Hawaii's sugar crop has already skyrocketed in value. Her pineapple crop will sell higher. Tourists, turned back from Europe, will flock out here. Honolulu's harbor—the crossroads of the Pacific—will swarm with activity. Expenditures for defense will be stepped up. Remember, the biggest part of our fleet is in the Pacific and the Pearl Harbor naval base is one of the largest in the world.

"Our Maginot Line"

Washington has been wise in spending millions for the military and naval defenses of the islands, but we must not stop here. Hawaii needs to be defended agriculturally by diversification of crops and products. Furthermore, the islands are as invaluable to us as protection from the Japanese as the Maginot Line is to France as protection from the Germans. Any of our elected representatives in Washington who fought against the annexation of this "American Rhine" may have been foxy politicians, but they surely were not far-sighted statesmen. They were deserving not of honors—but impeachments!

FARM EVENTS

September 20 to 23—Lane county fair at Eugene.

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October 7 to 14—Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland.

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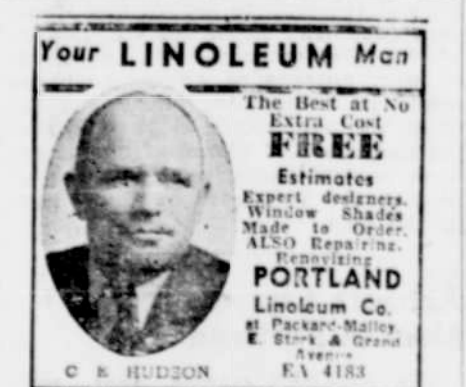
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