

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



COSMO, THE WALL ST. CUSTOMERS' MAN, SOAPS HIS CLIENTS BY TELLING THEM THEY'RE SO RICH AND HE'S SO POOR...

BUT WHEN HIS TOUTED STOCKS TUMBLE, HE TELLS THE CUSTOMERS HOW EASY THEY GOT OFF COMPARED TO HIM...

WHAT HAPPENED? EAR-WAX IS DOWN TO 16—THAT'S THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS I'M OUT....

YOU GOT NOTHIN' TO KICK ABOUT, PAL... LOOKA ME... ONE THOUSAND SHARES I WENT FOR—FIFTEEN THOUSAND BUCKS I'M OUT!

Railroad Stock in Korea Surpasses Pre-War Levels

Seoul—(U.P.)—Stoked by more than \$200,000,000 in United Nations and U.S. military assistance since the end of the Korean conflict, railroad and rolling stocks in the Republic of Korea recently have been fired above their pre-war levels.

Some 2,700 miles of track criss-cross the peninsular nation, monthly freight traffic is double what it was six years ago and a sweeping dieselization program is under study.

World War II and the Korean conflict socked the country with a one-two punch. The first cut off the agricultural south from the industrial north at the 38th parallel, and the second saw the battering of rail lines, equipment and installations.

Before World War II the rail network, which was largely built by the Japanese, was laid out like a tree with a thick trunk and scrawny branches.

Coal Exploited
Coal for powering steam locomotives was extracted from mines in North Korea, and the main trunk line from Manchuria to the Korea Strait opposite Japan was heavily traveled.

East-West rail transportation, however, was almost non-existent. The Japanese were interested

Oldest Army Unit Observes 180th Year

Fort Riley, Kans.—(U.P.)—The U. S. Army's oldest unit on continuous active duty observed its 180th birthday during March, on home soil for the first time since early in World War II.

The outfit is Battery D of the 1st Infantry Division's 5th Field Artillery battalion. It was organized in 1776 as the New York Provincial Artillery company, captained by 19-year-old Alexander Hamilton.

After the Declaration of Independence was signed, it fired the first shots by the American Army, on July 12, 1776. The company later renamed, supported Gen. George Washing-

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baggage, mail, and hospital facilities. However, 380 freight cars have been converted to passenger use. Passenger traffic is 10 times that of civilian freight traffic in terms of revenue produced.

Locomotives were hardest hit during the war. The railway now has 500 steam locomotives, of which about 50 per cent are inefficient or difficult to keep in working order. The first 10 diesels are presently being procured with aid funds. U.N. and ROK officials want to dieselize completely the country's railroad network by 1960.

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Australia Proud of Beer; Large Quantities Consumed

Sydney — (U.P.) — Australian beer is a matter of civic pride and national patriotism. It's not only bragged about by Australians all over the world, but it's consumed at home in gargantuan quantities.

The brewing industry is only this year reaching the stage where it is catching up with demand. And the demand last year was the third greatest in the world, amounting to about 24 gallons per person. Only Belgium and Luxembourg top the Australians as beer drinkers, and there is the possibility, that with extended drinking hours and increased production, Australians will emerge as the world's champion beer drinkers before the end of this year.

Selby Burt of Tooth's Brewery, Australia's largest, said some 206,600,000 gallons of the foamy amber beverage were produced—and consumed—here last year. And those are imperial gallons, four of which equal five U. S. gallons. American beer consumption last year amounted to only 14 imperial gallons per person, Burt said.

And all this is accomplished despite rigidly controlled drinking in public. Bars in some Australian states close at 6 p.m. In Sydney and New South Wales they have recently been allowed

to remain open until 10 p.m., but must close from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in hotels only guests and travelers may be served on Sundays.

And none of it is sold in cans. "Australians just don't like to drink out of a can," Burt explained.

But they do like to drink out of a glass, and the bars—called pubs—resemble a bargain sale on nylons in late afternoon when the homeward-bound Australian stops in at his favorite pub for a "a middie or two."

As thousands of Americans learned during World War II, Australian beer packs a wallop. The 3.2 per cent by weight produced in America is considered sops by the Australian, whose beer averages better than four per cent alcohol by weight.

A 10-ounce middie costs about 12 cents and a 20-ounce schooner about 20 cents except in the more fashionable restaurants where a cent or two may be tacked on for prestige, or out in the hinterland where the bottle and barrels have to be trucked in a few hundred miles. Regardless of where you find yourself in Australia, and it's a country the size of the United States, you'll always find beer, and you'll always find it cooled, for, unlike the British, the Australians want their beer chilled.

Navy Veteran Sends Seeds To Needy Lands

Newark, N. J. — (U.P.) — Four years ago, when a Korean child died of malnutrition in his arms, Patty Mozier decided to become "Patty Gardenseed."

Patty, a veteran of 30 years in the U. S. Navy and Marine Corps, decided then and there a few seeds would go a long way toward feeding the hungry people of the world. Since then Patty has circled the globe several times and distributed some 250,000 packages of seeds.

"That's actually \$2,500,000 in food," Patty explained, "because each package yields \$10 worth of food. I can buy 30 packages for a dollar, so each dollar contributed helps hungry people raise \$300 worth of food."

The modern Johnny Appleseed wears a cowboy suit ever since someone took him for an Englishman and hit him over the head.

Beer drinking here has become such an institution that an attempt was made to restrict the beer drinking at the mining town of Broken Hill, one of the world's largest producers of lead and zinc. Production stopped and the miners refused to go underground again until assured that their government would make no further attempt to curtail their beer drinking.

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