

### An Old U. S. Custom



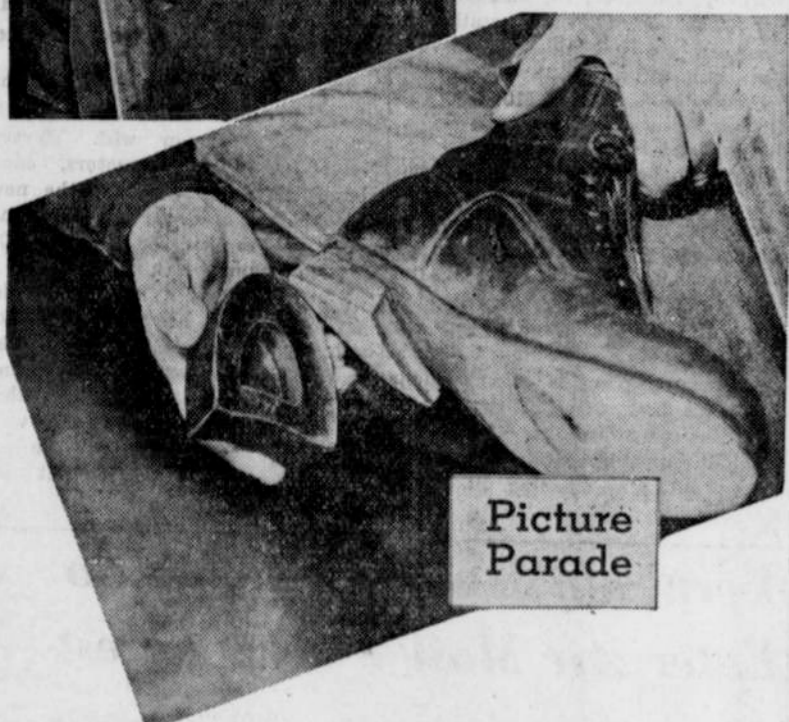
These men are members of Uncle Sam's "pickpocket squad," pictured on their patrol boat as they speed down the bay at New York to pick up an incoming ship from Europe. The enforcement division of the United States customs saves Uncle Sam a huge sum annually in revenues he would not receive if the lynx-eyed guardians of his "front door" were not on the job.



A great percentage of the human race is born with larceny in its soul and it is with this percentage that the work of the enforcement division is mostly concerned. Varied and ingenious are the schemes devised for "beating" Uncle Sam out of his just dues on dutiable goods. Worthy of a better cause are the dodges employed for smuggling contraband, such as narcotics, sweepstake tickets—and even human beings who do not come by the legal quota.

But never was a scheme devised that fooled the eagle-eyed men of the Customs for long. They know people; they know all the tricks, and they possess an uncanny faculty for looking in the right place for what they seek.

For example, the smuggling vest for opium, demonstrated at left, seldom gets by.



Picture Parade

Above is a close-up of the ingenious, hollow rubber heel, once in great favor with smugglers of narcotics and jewelry.



Smugglers are just as alert for new methods of beating them as are the Customs men for uncovering those methods. Above is a squad man in the chain locker of an incoming ship.



Somehow, uncannily, they sense contraband on an incoming ship.



### WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—This summer's session of the Institute of Pacific Relations will have many new factors and policies to consider, as new power formulas and equations are being drawn. The Philippines have changed their mind about cutting their United States towline. Japan and Germany make a joint survey of a 50-mile, low-lying canal route across the upper neck of Siam, which will bring Japan four days nearer Australia and perhaps five days nearer India. England's Singapore naval base isn't what it used to be. Australia announces a big new rearmament program.

Ian Mackenzie, Canada's handsome and versatile defense minister, breaks the news that Canada will rely on the United States fleet, voicing "reasonable assumption," rather than definite "commitments."

And Paul V. McNutt, commissioner of the Philippines, says we should carry "liberty and peace" to the Far East.

Mr. Mackenzie, a Vancouver lawyer, is one of Canada's most famous scholars who writes fluently and publishes articles in Gaelic. In his native Scotland, he was the most illustrious prize scholar of his generation, virtually monopolizing all the medals and garlands of the University of Edinburgh, for attainment in the classics.

He later won a Carnegie research fellowship, gathering more honors in his work on old Irish manuscripts. He later attended the Royal academy at Dublin, wrote songs and stories in the ancient Celtic language and picked up a law degree as a sort of afterthought.

He went to Vancouver in 1914, returned for the war, and romped through grades to the rank of captain, fighting in all the major engagements.

He kept his stride in his later success in law and politics in Vancouver, becoming national defense minister in 1935. He is regarded as Canada's most eligible bachelor. He says his favorite recreation is study.

JOSEPH A. LYONS, Australian prime minister who announces a rearmament program of approximately \$215,000,000, has no such gift of tongues and reached eminence by a longer and harder road.

He rose to power in the labor movement and, in 1931, like the late Ramsay MacDonald, broke with his party and entered a coalition government. His shift to the right brought him under vigorous assault, but he was re-elected by a large majority last October.

He is sixty years old, gray and touseled-haired, the father of 11 children, and walks with a limp as the result of a railroad accident 13 years ago.

He began his working career as a country school teacher in Tasmania. Insularity and "home rule" marked his attitude a few years ago. Now he recommends as a commonwealth slogan, "Keep in tune with England."

Everywhere, the little nations are calling, "Wait for baby."

TAKING arms against this sea of troubles is the Countess Alain Dedons de Pierrefeu, formerly Elsa Tudor of the Boston social register.

Under impressive patronage, which includes faculty members of leading universities, scholars, diplomats and sociologists, she organizes a "world youth tour," with a fervor comparable to that of Peter the Hermit leading the children's crusade.

She is recruiting young persons from all nations, including Germany, Italy and Russia, on a world tour to flux animosities and foster good will and understanding. "World peace through world trade" is their slogan.

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd is among those who give warm indorsement to the plan. Headquarters for the tour are in New York.

The French husband of the countess was killed in the World war. Since then she has been vigorously active in social movements in Europe, Chicago, Boston and New York. For nearly four years she has been traveling around the world, recruiting support for her youth organization among diplomats, economists and business men.

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### Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Spanish insurgent troops who took part in the capture of Lerida and the operations cutting loyalist Spain in two move toward Barcelona. 2—Gen. Francisco Franco, commander of the Spanish insurgent troops, whose successful operations drove a wedge between Barcelona and Madrid. 3—Officials of American railroads and labor representatives shown after they visited the White House to confer with President Roosevelt. Left to right: George Harrison, chairman, Railway Labor Executives' association; Ernest E. Norris, Southern railroad; J. J. Pelley, president, Association of American Railroads; and S. J. Hogan, president of Marine Engineers.

### First Catch of the Season



David Gaudette, five years old, of Yonkers, N. Y., one of the youngest fishermen to get out his rod and reel as the trout fishing season opened recently in New York state, is shown making his first catch of the season in the Croton river near Croton Falls.

### STRAWBERRY TIME



Pretty Catherine Agaisse, strawberry ambassador, enjoys one of the ripe berries she has just helped to pick in the strawberry patch near Hammond, La. Marketed by a growers' organization, the Louisiana Farmers' Protective union, the fruit is handled through an auction in Hammond.

### QUEEN MARY SMILES



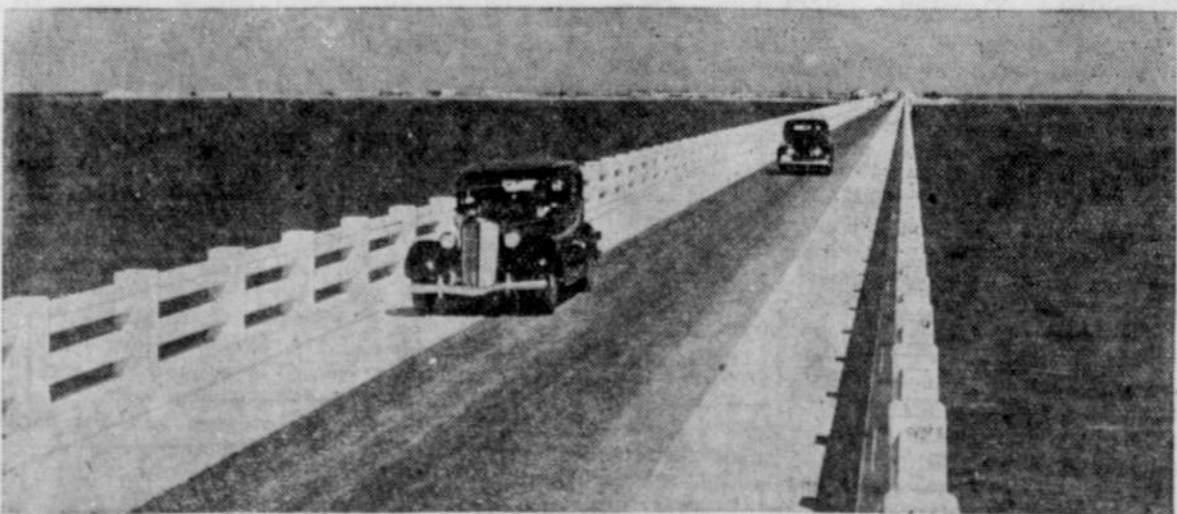
Queen Mary, mother of King George VI, had a gracious smile for the photographer who snapped her photograph as she was leaving the Exhibition of Handicrafts at the Kensington town hall in London for the benefit of the Metropolitan Borough Tuberculosis committee. The dowager queen appeared in perfect health.

### Whiskers Stymie Gas Mask



George Allen of Bromley, England, offered an unsuspected problem to air precaution wardens of Beckenham, Kent, during house-to-house visits to fit residents with gas masks. The wardens found that a bearded individual like Mr. Allen requires extra-careful fitting because the hair forms an inlet between the mask and the face. They solved the problem by fitting a mask one size smaller than that required for a clean-shaven person and contributed to his future safety.

### \$7,400,000 Ocean Bridge Open to Traffic



Florida's new overseas highway bridge which cost \$7,400,000 and has a capacity of 3,000 cars a day was opened to traffic recently at Miami. This gigantic engineering feat connects many coral islands south of Miami that separate the Atlantic ocean on the east and the Gulf of Mexico on the west. The longest of the overwater spans is seven miles.