BRISBANE
THIS WEEK

The Big "Black Legion"
More and Better Babies
A Worried Empire
U. S. Dollars Emigrate

The "ritual" of the murderous secret society called the "Black Legion" contains some "Know Nothing" features. The candidate for admission must be "willing to commit murder, to proceed against Catholics, Jews and Negroes"; he must be "native born, Protestant, white and gentile."

Arthur Brisbane

The "Black Legion," which probably will not last long, had ambitious plans. Among other things it proposed to overthrow the federal government, which is not an original idea. It was also going to set up a dictatorship, with night-riding regiments to enforce discipline. Dictatorship is not a new idea, either.

Strange things are done or planned in the name of "liberty" now, as they were when Madam Roland mounted the guillotine platform.

Russia wants bigger families, like Mussolini and others with "plans." Stalin wants plenty of new little citizens.

A thousand million rubles will be set aside by Moscow to "subsidize large families and aid mothers." Birth control ladies and gentlemen will hear, surprised, that aid to large families will begin after the seventh child. Seven are taken as a matter of course; that is just the beginning of a Russian family.

Chancellor Hitler of Germany joins in the "more and better babies" cry.

The German ideal is no longer the beautiful golden-haired Margaret, spinning her wheel and saying "No." The Nazis demand women who, "above everything else, can become the mothers of several children" and are willing to do so, according to a representative of Chancellor Hitler.

William Philip Simms, English, is afraid the British empire may not survive, on account of "air fleet peril."

Britain is disturbed by the thought that her whole imperial line of communication, stretching 4,000 miles from the Straits of Gibraltar to the Gulf of Aden, is under Mussolini's bombing planes. Except that her empire is the biggest, England should not worry more than other countries. With surface ships losing all importance, except in the opinions of some Americans, anybody's bombers can break up any line of communications temporarily.

"Americans investing huge sums in the Bahamas, to escape income tax," says the New York Times, big type, front page.

Americans have been "investing huge sums" elsewhere, outside the United States. Billions of American money have gone to Canada, England and other "foreign parts." More will go.

In all the Bahamas, 4,403 square miles of beautiful territory, there is no income tax. Think of that for a happy country.

Needless to say, if enough American money pours in to make it worth while the intelligent British will find a way to tax it.

Many Frenchmen are disturbed and puzzled by the situation in Europe, and General Mordacq, close associate of Clemenceau in the war, discusses the question, "What would Clemenceau do if he could come back?"

France feels the need of "a man with a fist," un homme a poigne, and Clemenceau was that kind.

Concerning that fine old fighter from the Vendee, it is safe to say that if he came back he would hasten preparations for another war. But he would not have waited until now.

Marshal Badoglio, who cleaned up Ethiopia so swiftly, has been called to Rome, perhaps as part of a wise plan not to let anybody grow too big, like the tree Igdrasil, supposed to have its roots in hell, its topmost branches in heaven.

A new comet now approaching us, discovered by and named for L. C. Peltier, amateur astronomer, who works in a garage, will be the first comet visible to the naked eye since 1927.

Germany cut off the head of a sixty-five-year-old man convicted of killing 12 boys. Before death, "examined" by Nazi officials who thought he might be a Communist, he admitted many other murders. He used a secret poison that doctors could not detect.

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Pleat, Tailor and Tuck Smart Silks

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

EVERY day in every way women who recognize the importance of selecting materials for the fashioning of their costumes that can be "put to the test and not found wanting," are turning to handsome dependable silks that are really and truly pure silk for the solution of their fabric problems.

The fact that a lavish amount of pleating, tucking, shirring and meticulous tailoring is involved in the styling of this season's smartest apparel is proving an added incentive to insist on silk of the better sort that may be relied upon to yield successfully to these varied and sometimes intricate manipulations.

Three outstandingly important fashion trends are presented in the illustration, each of which demonstrates the chic and charm of silk weaves in the current mode. For the perfectly stunning jacket suit the designer handles black and white printed silk crepe as tailor-perfect as if it were wool. The braid-bound edges of the jacket interpret a highly significant styling detail. As to the white organdy frill, it is a "last word" in accessory chic.

The other standing figure reveals Miss 1936 wearing a navy blue silk sheer with a pleated tunic, for you must know that the pleated tunic is a top-notch fashion for spring and summer. Men's wear buttons go marching down the front of the tunic pictured. Short puffed sleeves follow the latest dictate of the mode. Note that these are designed to give shoulder emphasis as all the newest fashions would have it. A tiny boutonniere and a yellow chamois belt stress the new vogue.

As to this matter of tunics, from all indications they are about to stampede the fashion picture. If in doubt, choose a tunic frock is timely advice, for it is to be tunics by day and tunics by night according to reports from style centers. Some tunics are straight and narrow while other tunics flare about the knees like a bell or a lampshade. Many evening frocks adopt pleated skirts with tunic tops.

Another big fashion feature is the blouse that is all-over pleated like the one shown in the picture. This blouse is of bright green pleated silk chiffon. It is worn with a black silk taffeta suit. Note the pleated frill about the throat. This is a favorite new neckline silhouette. And again please to observe that the sleeves are short and puffed in the latest manner. The smartest flower turbans are topheavy in front. The one topping miladyʼs prettily coiffed head is made of purple silk violets. Purple, green and black is the color scheme of this costume which goes to show how striking the new color alliances are this season.

The new and fashionable bolero costumes bring blouses into the very foreground of the fashion scene. With black bolero two-piece dresses or suits the outstanding color idea is to wear as bright a blouse as the new silk prints can afford, or if not a print, then let your blouse be of a high-color pleated silk sheer. Anyway, go the limit in matter of daring color for your blouse.

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PRINT COATS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

A plain coat topping a print frock is not news but a print coat topping a plain frock is latest news from Fashion town. The model pictured typifies the new mode. In this instance the redingote is of black and white print linen over a black linen dress. The short sleeves proclaim a popular vogue for the summer. Bright silk print coats with monotone silk dresses, also jackets of gay floral silks that contrast plain skirts will be made a big feature during the coming months.

NEW COTTON LOOKS LIKE SILK OR WOOL

Cotton that looks like silk, cotton that looks like wool, cotton as sheer as the gauziest chiffons, cotton velvets, cotton tweeds and cotton laces—all these will march in the fabric parade.

Cord laces will be the tops in spring and summer swank, shown in tailored sports clothes for resort wear now and all-around use later.

Peasant weaves also are slated for high success in natural neutral tones, both in cotton and linen, with bright accessories.

Embroidery, which has been creeping back into the style picture, achieves rampant recognition in the new cotton fabrics. Embroidered surfaces are all over the place, both in soft, homespun type of cotton fabrics for sports wear, and in the organdies and mousselines for evening.

Built-Up Heels Are Tops in New Modes for Daytime

Caprice is the keynote of the new spring styles. While some Paris authorities portend a vogue for Spanish senoritas, Chinese deities and animated modern paintings, most American women are preparing to step forth in sober suits and saucy accessories.

Mannish felts and flower-trimmed trifles flaunt breath-taking colors in the new millinery modes. Tailored waistcoats and the frilliest of feminine blouses have a slightly rakish look. There are 20 gay new glove shades and a dozen stocking tints, while scarfs are more frivolous than ever in color and design.

Book Buttons

Book buttons lend a "highbrow" air to several new mid-season frocks. They are tiny, closed volumes of black enamel whose leaves are edged with gold.

Easy Pickin's

By ADELIA MOODY

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PAPPY SHORT'S eyes—the color of bluing water over your hand—shifted to the right warily, though his head remained bent above the sewing-machine motor which he was repairing in Sylvia's sun porch. Sylvia must have left the room, though you couldn't be sure, with those rubber-soled nurse's shoes of hers. He continued a moment longer fiddling with his tiny screw driver and then carefully turned his head full aside. Yes, she was gone. She was due on night shift. Luckily she trusted him completely. That would make it easy.

He heard the front door close a moment later and through the window saw Sylvia drive away in her car. It was a rickety old model, Sylvia's car. Pappy snorted. She could afford a better one if she wanted it. She worked quite regularly and had only herself to support. Besides, there were the pearls—a handful of them—which was as far as her parents had ever gone in the building of a genuine pearl necklace for her when she was a child. He had often wondered why she didn't sell the pearls.

Sylvia kept the pearls in a sandalwood box behind some books in her bookcase. Pappy Short doubted whether another person in the world besides himself knew of their hiding place, or even of their existency. He chuckled. Sylvia certainly trusted him.

Pappy laid down his screw driver and stumped away on his cork leg toward the living room. He swore under his breath at the clumsiness of his leg. It was old when he bought it second hand, and must have been the cheapest cork leg in the world originally. His face lined with bitterness as he dragged it over the floor. He'd be using this leg all his life, like as not. You couldn't buy anything from tinkering at thirty-five cents an hour. That was all Sylvia ever paid him.

Hitching his odious old cork peg along as silently as possible, he crossed and stood before the bookcase. Furtively his eyes moved about the room and swept the street beyond the windows; his ear, also, reported the presence of no human being in the vicinity.

His veiny rough hand was clumsy with the volume of medieval history which he removed from the case. The book fell upon the floor with a heavy slap. Pappy Short jumped, and his eyes fluttered quickly about before he stooped to recover the book. He set it quietly upon an end table and removed two more volumes from the case. Sylvia must have chosen to put her pearls behind the volumes least likely ever to be removed by the roving hand of a guest.

Pappy Short's hand closed quickly on the small sandalwood box. It was locked, but Pappy had little difficulty getting into the box.

He lifted the lid. He gloated. Pearls were money, not beauty, to Pappy. He counted them. Nineteen. That meant he had eleven in his possession. Soon he would have to put an end to this pilfering before Sylvia discovered her loss. She never seemed to look into the box with more than a fleeting glance, to see if the pearls were safe.

He removed a lone pearl with his thumb and forefinger. Always it was just one. He put the pearl in his vest pocket while he re-secured the lock. Then he replaced the box and the books before it. He took the pearl out of his pocket, chuckling with satisfaction . . .

No one would guess, he smiled to himself as he returned to repairing the machine motor, that there were twelve beautiful pearls nidden in his ancient cork leg.

His work completed, he gathered his tools into a worn satchel and let himself out the door. He wished Sylvia were here with her car. She often drove him home. But she ought to—paying him a miserable thirty-five cents an hour! And she had even gone off this time and forgotten to pay him at all!

Pappy Short always arose at nine o'clock unless the weather was stormy. Then he slept until noon. This morning it was stormy. He woke at eleven-thirty.

He reached for his old leg which always stood against the wall by his bed. The feel of it was somehow different this morning. He dragged himself upright and swung his good leg to the floor. He stared at the cork one. It was different! It was new—a brand new leg, and a high-priced one at that! How had it come there, and where—his heart beat suddenly with furious pumps—where was his old leg and the pearls?

Confusion and fear made him fumble with the folded paper he picked up from the floor. It bore his name. Inside was scrawled in Sylvia's hasty handwriting:

"I dropped in on my way home from work this morning. I had forgotten to pay you the dollar for your work yesterday.

"This good new leg I bought for you in appreciation of your good work and trustworthiness. I hope you will like it and be able to get about better. It is just a little surprise I've planned for a long time

SYLVIA.

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There is no bitterness like self-reproach.

Household Questions

When serving a steak smothered in onions, squeeze the juice of a lemon over it before serving and you will find the flavor greatly improved.

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Never serve food in a dish that is too large for amount of food served. It detracts from the appearance of your table.

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If liquid in which olives are bottled is thrown away when bottle is opened, olives may be kept indefinitely if olive oil is poured over them after they are put back into bottle.

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A paste made of scouring powder moistened with ammonia will remove unsightly stains on brass trays. Apply paste, remove when dry, then polish tray.

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To remove a fresh grease spot on a rug, cover the spot with blotting paper, then press with a hot iron. Cover the spot with magnesia, let it remain for 24 hours, then brush off.

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If you rinse a plate with cold water before breaking eggs on it, add to them a pinch of salt and then stand where there is a current of air, you will have no difficulty in beating them to a froth.

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Keep a small pair of scissors in the drawer with your knives. Scissors will trim the edges of pie crust much more quickly and more neatly than a knife. Also they are very convenient for preparing bread sandwiches.

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To remove whitewash from a ceiling, dissolve one pound of alum in one gallon of strong vinegar. Apply with brush, let soak in well and scrape and wash as usual.

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If the bottoms of legs of furniture are waxed they will not scratch polished floors when moved around on them.

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