

## TASK IN CURING DISEASES CITED

Speed in Transportation  
Adds to Epidemic Perils,  
AMA Says.

CHICAGO, Aug. 1 (U. P.)—The Journal of the American Medical Association said today that insulation of the United States "from the disease consequences of war will prove a colossal task."

An A. M. A. editorial said speedier transportation made the possibilities of "sudden and widespread outbreaks of disease" far from the area of its source greater than ever before.

"Among the endemic diseases which are kept from epidemic proportions only by the most stringent public health activities are malaria, yellow fever, typhus and plague," the A. M. A. said.

News dispatches from Europe indicate already that typhus is being held in check only with the greatest difficulty. Indeed, with the fragmentary information available, it has probably reached serious epidemic proportions already in certain areas, especially Poland and the Balkans."

The Journal said plague probably

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This is not a bomb shelter, nor a corn crib. And it's not a left-over Indian teepee. It's a pumping station of the Indianapolis Water Co., a thoroughly useful gadget these days of heat and humidity, and there are many of them scattered over Indianapolis. Curiosity got William Lukins, 1121 N. Mount St., who is 12 and found out for himself. He told us. Now we tell you.

was the greatest threat to the United States.

**ROST**

## TORCHES MARK SWISS FREEDOM

Tiny Country Celebrates  
Neutral Independence  
Quietly.

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BERN, Aug. 1.—In the heart of the country of William Tell and Gessler—mythical personages perhaps, but symbols today of a nation's feelings—Switzerland began the celebration at midnight last night of the 650th anniversary of its founding.

To the Swiss today is as important as the Fourth of July in America, or June 15, date of the signature of Magna Charta in England.

Six and a half centuries ago, so tradition says, 33 men of the forest cantons of Uri, Schwyz and Unterwald met under cover of darkness in the glade of Rüttli, near Brunnen, and swore a secret compact to bring themselves freedom and throw off the Hapsburg yoke.

### Throw Off Yoke

A few days later in early August, 1291, they learned that the Hapsburg Emperor Rudolph I. had died.

They published their treaty, captured the strongholds of the deputy governors and launched Switzerland's long career of independence, now more seriously threatened than at any time since Napoleon's invasion in 1798.

Without attempting to veil its significance in the difficult and delicate position in which Switzerland finds itself today, the Swiss are nevertheless keeping the celebration entirely to themselves.

Foreign diplomats were not invited because of the fear that it might jeopardize or embarrass the country's neutrality, and the foreign press is attending only as informal visitors.

### Relight Federal Fire

At midnight in Rüttli Glade, the federal fire was relighted and runners carried torches from this bonfire to each of 22 cantonal capitals. Tonight, in the capital cities and on the mountain peaks, similar fires will blaze out the message that Switzerland is still free.

The original compact itself was lost for centuries and persisted only in the legends of the people around Brunnen and Schwyz until it was rediscovered in the late 1700's.

Historians doubted even the existence of the apple and Tell and Gessler, with his hat on the pole, but modern research has tended to clothe this folklore in reality. Since 1891, the day has been celebrated as the national holiday of Switzerland.

## LET'S MAKE UP, SAY JAPS TO U.S.

Relations 'Worst Ever,' but  
Tokyo Moves Quietly to  
Improve Them.

TOKYO, Aug. 1 (U. P.)—Well informed diplomatic quarters reported today that though Japanese-American relations were now at their worst, a quiet move might be made at any time to improve them. It was widely suggested that the prospective return to Japan of Kaname Wakasugi, Minister in the Japanese Embassy at Washington, might be associated with some attempt by Admiral Kichisaburo Nomura, the Ambassador, to suggest a basis for improvement.

The prompt apology of the Government for the bombing of the United States gunboat Tutuila off Chungking and the repeated statements of Japanese leaders that Japan will speed retaliatory measures to American and British economic pressure only to the extent to which she is compelled, were taken as indications that Japan was not reconciled to estrangement.

### U. S. Baiting Restricted

It was understood that the Government had started to censor drastically anti-American articles in the newspapers. Incidentally up to early afternoon today no word had been published in Japan of the bombing of the Tutuila or of the Government's apology.

There was another surprising development when Gen. Raishiro Sumita, chief of the Japanese military mission to French Indo-China, said in an interview with an Asahi correspondent at Saigon that Japan had completed its construction of a "New Order in East Asia" with the occupation of Indo-China in a joint defense program. At the same time some newspapers began to say that Japan's "back door" had been secured against attack.

It was announced that an agreement had been signed by which three big Thailand banks would extend the Yokohama Specie Bank credits of about \$3,750,000 to Japan. It was believed the credit would be used to purchase rice.

**Nazi Ambassador Displeased**  
The Foreign Office announced Thailand had recognized Manchukuo, effective today, and spokesman said this might be interpreted as a Thai decision to " forsake the Anglo-American camp and join Japan's program for construction of a greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere."

Diplomatic informants report that since Germany attacked Russia, German influence in Japan has noticeably weakened and the Government has shifted gradually toward a more independent policy. Informants say also that Gen. Eugen Ott, the German Ambassador, is anxious over the situation.

Japanese spokesmen admit that Japan expected Germany to attack the British Isles, not Russia, and that the German invasion of Russia really prepared the way for American and British pressure on Japan.

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