

O'NEILL FRONTIER

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Relics of seven or more cities which successively stood on the same site and of nine different civilizations are expected to be uncovered by the excavation of biblical city of Beth-shan, in Palestine, which is to be undertaken in June. It was on the route of all the builders of ancient empires. Beginning 5,000 years ago it suffered the blows of the armies of Sargon, Abraham, Hammurabi, Sennacherib, Nebuchadnezzar, Thothmes, Saul, David, Alexander, Pompey and Napoleon. Joshua led his troops against it, but could not take it because its defenders used iron chariots—foreshadowers of the tanks of the world war. The crusaders made it a point of attack in their vain efforts to conquer Damascus. When the Assyrians came down like a wolf on the fold, Beth-shan was one of the places they took and it has been dominated in turn by the Greeks, Romans and Arabs.

A copy of a Norwegian newspaper, dated April 30, contains a three column story on its first page of the arrival of President Wilson on the day previous "at his new home on an island off Portgrund, accompanied by six American detectives and 10 Norwegian officers. Mr. Wilson said he will remain in his island home three months to fish and rest.

A device has been perfected in London whereby a blind person may read a newspaper without its being translated into raised type. A series of musical notes representing the various letters are produced in a telephone receiver as the letters in a line of printing pass over the instrument. The paper is read by the sense of hearing. At present, however, the cost of the instrument is almost prohibitive.

A plot of land stretching 31 feet along Broadway, New York, at 33rd street, was recently leased for \$13 a square foot, which is said to be the highest figure ever reached. The new lease will pay \$500,000 a year in taxes and other expenses, for 21 years. He will build a narrow building on the spot which will be occupied by a candy making corporation.

A cable to the New York Times says the ex-kaiser is trying to sell part of his Dorn estate. He is also said to have had trouble with his servants, who were dissatisfied with the gratuities distributed at the time of the ex-emperor's funeral, and so went on strike, threatening to return to Germany if their wages were not increased. The increase was granted.

An advertiser in the London Times warns the thief who "appropriated" his gold watch and chain, "with a charm attached," that the charm has been endowed with the power for good and evil, and may cause its present possessor to be turned over to the coroner, unless the rightful owner of the property is speedily notified.

A collection of Greenland folk songs, legends and fairy tales is to be published by the Danish government. The London Times explains that the subject of Professor Einstein's visit to the United States is to obtain contributions to a fund of \$25,000,000 for the development of California.

Many New York families are planning to eliminate rent bills during the summer by erecting tents in state and municipal parks which are thrown open to campers. For \$2 a week one is permitted to erect and live in a tent not larger than 10x12 feet and containing not more than four persons.

The New York Times quotes Viviani as saying, apropos of the League of Nations, that the view taken of the league as a kind of superstate was somewhat exaggerated in his opinion. He, however, shared the American view with regard to Article X. The league would have to be made less rigid if American participation was ever to be secured, he said.

Paris is growing shocked at itself. The minister of justice has called a halt to the increasing scantiness of stage costumes, and frankness of speech. Artists and directors responsible for improper attractions offered the public will in future be prosecuted.

Retrenchment in the diamond mines of South Africa has been so drastic that all underground work has ceased; and it is estimated that the employees will shortly number only 90 Europeans and 800 boys, in place of the 900 Europeans and 8,000 boys employed before the war.

The Norwegian government is considering substituting for absolute prohibition a system of rationing drinks, similar to the one employed in Sweden. The proposed measure provides that all profits from the sale of alcohol be employed for the furthering of social reforms.

Sunflowers are to be extensively planted in western Canada this year because of their value as a crop. Government tests show that the highest yield last year was from seeds planted May 31.

A Tokyo correspondent reports that much of Japan's navy building activity is planned to attract attention. Submarines are being shipped constantly in take-down form from Dutch ports, in order to avoid the attention of the allied reparations commission, he says.

Great Britain likes daylight saving so well that the saving of two hours a day instead of one is foreshadowed. It will save coal.

German merchandise is underselling similar American goods by 25 per cent. in Santiago, Chile. The merchandise includes such commodities as textiles, dyes, electrical material, machinery, crockery and toys.

Connecticut has voted to establish a 25c fine for officials who countenance daylight saving, and for all persons doing business with the public who display clocks which are not an hour behind "daylight saving" time.

SCORES WITNESS DROWNING OF LAD

Son of Norfolk Man Loses Life Below Mill Dam—Used a Defective Auto Tire for a Float.

Norfolk, Neb., May 31 (Special).—While scores of his companions sat on the bank watching William Frye, 11, floating around in the swirling rapids under the apron of the mill dam here late Saturday afternoon on an inflated inner tube of an auto tire, a weakened patch slipped off, letting out the air. The lad drowned in sight of his companions who thought he was joking with them. The body was recovered. The boy is the son of a Norfolk business man.

WHOLE FORTUNE GONE IN MATRIMONIAL VENTURES

Omaha, Neb., May 31.—Adelbert McLeran, employed at the Atlantic, Ia., sheet metal works, has brought suit against Ed Kline, former bartender of Omaha, for \$10,000 for alienation of the affections of Mrs. McLeran.

When McLeran brought his suit Kline had just recently come into possession of \$40,000 through the death of his father in Iowa. Today there is but \$11 left of the small fortune, declares the former drink dispenser.

The windfall brought him lots of trouble, says Kline. His first wife sued him for half the \$40,000, though they had been divorced. The court compelled Kline to give up \$4,500 of his windfall to the support of his children.

Next came divorce proceedings by the second wife, whom Kline married soon after being left the \$40,000. She discovered she had not been divorced from a former husband.

No sooner was this marital difficulty ironed out than along came the Atlantic man with his \$10,000 heart balm action.

"I have only \$11 left and I'm not sorry," Kline told the court here. "That \$40,000 was a Jonah to me. I'm glad it's gone."

TOOK SHORT RIDE ON ROOF OF BUILDING

Morrill, Neb., May 31 (Special).—A freak ride on the roof of a henhouse during a diminutive tornado here was the experience of Otto Rifer. He was working on the roof of the building when the whirlwind came along, separated the roof from its supports and carried it into the air. When about 15 feet in the air, Rifer decided to jump to the ground. He had just reached the earth when the roof followed and fell upon him. While trying to extricate himself, the wind again lifted the roof and Rifer fled from the spot.

MISSING TAXI DRIVER MURDERED, BODY FOUND

Omaha, Neb., May 31.—The body of A. P. ("Wingie") Davis, one-armed Omaha taxi driver, whose blood spattered automobile was found near Grand Island Sunday morning, May 22, was found beneath a culvert near Columbus, Neb., Saturday morning. Davis was under indictment for "dope peddling," and police are working on the theory that he was murdered by a "dope ring" member of which were afraid he would tell what he knew about the traffic.

IOWA MINERS OBJECT TO SEASONAL COAL RATES

Washington, May 31.—Chairman Charles Webster of the Iowa railroad commission is here protesting against the proposed bill for seasonal coal rates. Iowa mine operators object to the bill on the ground that Iowa coal cannot be stored in summer and that if lower rates are granted in summer, Iowa will be flooded with outside coal.

WAYNE CHILD AFFECTED WITH SLEEPING SICKNESS

Wayne, Neb., May 31 (Special).—The 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Benson is suffering with sleeping sickness. The child has not walked or talked for four weeks. An operation was recently performed at Pender which, it is hoped, will cause her recovery.

FORMER NORFOLK MAN DIES IN THE WEST

Norfolk, Neb., May 31 (Special).—A. J. Durland, formerly of Norfolk, prominent in financial affairs in north Nebraska, died Friday night, in Seattle, following an attack of sleeping sickness.

ANNOUNCES DATES FOR CONFERENCES

Bishop Stuntz Arranges for Annual Meetings of Methodists in Iowa and Nebraska.

Omaha, Neb., May 30.—Dates for the annual fall conferences of the Methodist Episcopal church for the area embracing Iowa and Nebraska were made public here today from the office of Bishop Homer C. Stuntz.

The Iowa conferences at which ministers of the church will receive assignments will be held as follows: Iowa conference, Mount Pleasant, September 7; Des Moines conference at Red Oak, September 14; Upper Iowa conference at Davenport, September 23; northwestern Iowa conference at Storm Lake, September 28.

Bishop Stuntz will preside at all conferences in Iowa except that at Storm Lake, where Bishop E. H. Hughes will be the presiding officer. Besides assigning ministers to their various charges the conferences will appoint district superintendents.

The date for the northwestern German conference has been set as September 22, with Rockford, Ia., as the meeting place. This conference includes a number of churches in South Dakota as well as Iowa and Nebraska. Bishop Stuntz will preside.

FIRES ARE SAID TO BE OF INCENDIARY ORIGIN

Syracuse, Neb., May 30.—A mysterious fire supposed to be of incendiary origin, occurred at the home of Fritz Schmidt, four miles north of here. The barn, four head of horses, all his harness, hay and grain were consumed.

Mr. Schmidt was awakened by voices at about 2 o'clock and investigation revealed nothing. A half hour later the family was awakened by a light and discovered the barn in flames. They started for the barn to save the horses only to discover the hogs was also on fire and after calling help, they, by hard work, saved the house.

Fire Chief Kastens, of the Syracuse department, was called and responded with chemical apparatus. Investigation revealed strong evidence that oil had been thrown on the porch roof and the house and barn ignited about the same time.

BLIND GIRL HAS ATTAINED GREAT DESIRE

Geneva, Neb., May 30.—Miss Clair Owens, of Geneva, graduated Friday from a college of osteopathy at Des Moines and will come immediately to her home to open an office.

Owing to an injury at the age of 8, Miss Owens entered the Nebraska school for the blind at Nebraska City, where she was graduated from the departments of literature and music. She was made supervisor of music in the public schools of Geneva and Exeter and served in that capacity for 10 years. She had always wanted to be an osteopath, however, and entered college in September of 1917. During her four years she maintained a high average of grades.

CHILD'S HEAD CRUSHED UNDER CAR BROTHER DROVE

Lincoln, Neb., May 30.—Howard Enslow, Jr., 8, son of Howard Enslow, a lumberman of College View, was instantly killed Friday when he was run over and his head crushed by a truck driven by his brother, Robert. According to the police the boy was hanging on to the side of the truck and fell off, rolling under a rear wheel. His brother drove on, apparently unaware of the accident.

IOWA FARM BOY DROWNS.

Woodbine, Ia., May 28.—Edward Flaherty, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flaherty, who live on a farm near Woodbine, was drowned while swimming with other boys near here. His body was recovered.

CAN'T BREAK INTO JAIL.

Richmond, Ind., May 28.—Alfred Underhill went to the state penitentiary to serve a term for criminal assault. But he didn't have any commitment papers and the warden couldn't let him in. Underhill returned home to wait for court to open June 6 so the papers could be made out.

CHESTER DEFENSE OPENS.

Kansas City, Mo., May 28.—The state completed its evidence at 10:30 a. m. today in the trial of Denzel Chester, charged with first degree murder in connection with the fatal shooting of Miss Florence Barton, and rested its case. On motion of defense counsel court then adjourned until 2 p. m., when the defense will begin the taking of testimony.

BOYS FIND PART OF MISSING CASH

Money Stolen from Blue Springs Store Identified By the Wrappings.

Blue Springs, Neb., May 28.—Earle Thomas, from whose drug store \$115 mysteriously disappeared about two weeks ago had \$97 of it returned by two small boys who live two miles east of town. The little fellows were going after their fathers cows, and crossing a culvert they saw a small can which appeared to contain the shine of silver. Bringing it home to their parents it was found to contain currency and several rolls which contained nickels and dimes. Other silver was found wrapped inside the paper money. Mr. Thomas identified the money as his by the paper wrappings of the nickels and dimes.

MAN WANTED IN INDIANA, WILL BE TAKEN BACK

Lincoln, Neb., May 28.—Extradition papers for H. A. Holke, under arrest in Omaha, and wanted in Winchester, Ind., to face charges of embezzlement amounting to \$13,000, were granted this morning. Holke is charged with selling stock of the Marine Tire & Rubber Company in Winchester and then absconding with the money.

WIFE SLAYER IS SHOWN CLEMENCY

Unusual Display of Fidelity of Omaha Negro Wins Favor For Him at Hands of Pardon Board.

Lincoln, Neb., May 26 (Special).—A curious kind of fidelity to the memory of the wife whom he murdered has won for Frank O. Green, colored man of Omaha, a recommendation for clemency from the board of pardons. Originally sentenced for life, he will be released at the end of 15 years, or three years hence, if his conduct continues good. He found his wife had been unfaithful, he got drunk, then he cut her to ribbons with a knife.

At the trial he refused to allow his attorney to offer evidence as to her unfaithfulness saying she was dead and could not defend herself, and the same attitude was preserved before the board of pardons. His release was strongly recommended by influential persons of Omaha, including the bank for which he had worked and which holds his job open for him.

WAYNE MAN WILL BE CROWNED STATE POET

Lincoln, Neb., May 26 (Special).—John G. Neihardt, of Wayne, officially designated by the legislature as poet laureate of Nebraska, is to be formally crowned in Lincoln on June 13. This is the first coronation of a poet laureate on this side of the Atlantic.

The ceremony is to take place on the campus of the state university, which bestowed an honorary degree upon him a few years ago. Professors of English, authors, artists and poets will be asked to be present and assist in the ceremony. President Towle, of the Lincoln chamber of commerce will shortly name a committee to have complete charge of the affair.

ORDER OF DOES IS RELATED TO THE ELKS

Omaha, Neb., May 26.—Organization of a new lodge of women whose husbands, fathers or brothers are members of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, was announced here Wednesday by Mrs. E. E. Stanfield, of Omaha, who was named to head the order which is to be known as the Patriotic Order of Does. Branch lodges would be established throughout the country. Mrs. Stanfield said. She added that recognition of the new order by the Elks, however, would not be given because of the constitution of that order, prohibits auxiliary women's organizations.

LEXINGTON MAN HEADS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Lincoln, Neb., May 26.—William J. McNichols, of Lexington, was elected state deputy of the Knights of Columbus at the Nebraska state convention here. Other state officers elected were: John F. Burke, St. Paul, treasurer; John G. Barry, Wahoo, advocate; William Laughlin, Grand Island, state warden.

DENBY PLANS TOUR.

Washington, May 27.—Secretary Denby is planning to make a tour of inspection of the naval establishments of the Pacific coast this summer, he said today. He expects to leave Washington late in July and spend several weeks in the west. If time permits he will inspect the Pacific fleet and also go to Honolulu.

CAN'T RIDE WATER WAGON.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 27.—It's going to be hard to stay sober from now on. The city water wagon appeared this morning with a sign on its rear. It read: "Keep off."

Great Britain at the Crossroads

By Norman Haggood, Universal Service Correspondent.

Mei Lang Fang, the most famous of Chinese actors, is planning to come to this country. You may think that has little to do with such heavy topics as are suitable to Washington correspondence, but it has. Mei Lang Fang is a man and he plays only women's roles. In China, except in a few seaport towns, men and women do not play in the same companies. Some companies are all men and some are all women. Mei Lang Fang plays women just as boys in Shakespeare's time played "Portia" and "Lady MacBeth." He will probably appear in France before he comes here just as Sadda Yucco did, years ago.

The Chinese are thinking about us these days, much more than we are thinking about them. They do not know what they are going to do about their world politics and we are a big factor in their calculations. It would be convenient for them if they could know by June 20, On that day the Imperial conference of the British empire will begin in London. One big question to be decided there is whether the treaty between Great Britain and Japan which expires in July, shall be renewed.

Some people think that Japan's hold on the Shantung province is settled. On the contrary, it is no stronger than it was before the war with Germany. China refused to ratify the treaty with Germany. She got into the League of Nations by ratifying the treaty with Austria. She is already one of the seven nations forming the council or real governing body of the league. She is taking advantage of her place on the council to drive in her position about Shantung. The Japanese have nothing but a slight military occupation, a mere guard along the railroad, and a thin one at that. China's interest in the June meeting is to prevent Japan's hold from being strengthened by a new alliance with England.

She will have powerful allies. They will be the two great English speaking, self-governing dominions, Canada and Australia. They will fight for one principle as soon as they reach England. They will insist that any treaty that is made shall be made subject to ratification by the dominions. Then they will not ratify it.

One other thing the Chinese statesmen have to rely on. They will convey clearly to the British that their eyes are on Russia. They observe that the soviet government has entirely upset the situation in Persia and in Afghanistan. It has astonished the people of Asia by telling them that there is no reason they should be preyed upon. It has cancelled one sided old treaties, given up unfair debts, and made Asia sit up and think. The imperial conference will therefore be faced with the idea that unless it takes a sympathetic view of China's desire to be free from Japanese control, or any other foreign control, China will take an increasing interest in soviet relations. She has taken steps already to initiate negotiations with Moscow should the doings in London be unsatisfactory to her.

China is destined to play a large part in the history of this country; so is Russia. The traditional modes of thinking in those two countries are so much akin that it would be easy for them to establish close and sympathetic relations. Whether at the imperial conferences in London next month the treaty between Great Britain and Japan is renewed is a matter of vital interest to the United States.

I am not a jingo. My tendencies are perhaps extreme in the opposite direction. I think I am capable of realizing sympathetically Japanese ambitions, needs, and point of view. But that is not the point. The point is that if Great Britain renews the alliance with Japan she endangers the peace of the world. Our state department, in its position on mandates, notably in its method of expressing our rights in Yap and in its contention that although not in the League of Nations we are interested in the peace of Europe, has laid the foundations for a policy that leads logically to an expression from our government on the subject of the Japanese alliance.

Colonel Wedgwood, who keeps in particularly close touch with Anglo-American relations, has requested the cabinet to give the house of commons all papers bearing on possible points of friction between Great Britain and the United States. The prime minister replied that no official representations had been received. He promised, if they were received, to put them before the house.

A menace to the course that may be taken by the conference lies in the fact that Winston Churchill, in his present position of minister for colonies, will be a claimant for the post of vice chairman. As Lloyd George will be away much of the time, the vice chairman will exercise the great although sometimes invisible powers that a chairmanship implies. The Canadians have no intentions of submitting to this claim of Churchill. They not only realize that Churchill's personality and outlook constitute opposition to what they seek to bring about, but as the oldest dominion they feel that the position belongs as matter of right to them.

Reinforced Concrete Pipe

(National Crop Improvement Service.)
"IT IS demonstrated beyond doubt that to make concrete roads proof against heavy motor traffic, weather and time, a fabric of steel must be incorporated in the concrete. It is equally important that the water shall never be allowed to stand where it will undermine the road."

"It is folly to use anything but a permanent type of culvert in connection with any form of hard surface road and the concrete culvert pipe must also be steel-reinforced for that reason. This pipe can be easily made in any size for any requirement. It is positively permanent, gets stronger with age, needs no repairs, can be installed easily and without stopping traffic on the road; the retail cost compares favorably with even the old style wood culvert," says Mr. Frank Baackes, vice president American Steel & Wire Co.

"Road builders may feel safe in using this pipe, because it has received the commendation of the government and practically all the concrete pipe manufacturers in the United States and Canada. The illustration will give a good idea how pipe is made, showing rim, core, galvanized reinforcement and outside jacket."

"Concrete pipe is always adaptable because it can be made in any size, varying in thickness and reinforcement for the work required of it. When properly reinforced, it makes the ideal culvert."

"Triangle mesh fabric provides an ideal reinforcement for culvert pipe, owing in part to the distribution of the steel throughout the concrete, in this way taking care of all the stresses known and unknown, resulting from back filling, unequal loading or settlement of foundation."

"If Your Job's Worth Holding, Be Good to It. Don't you worry fellow-worker, Don't you be inclined to fret, If you know that you are earning Twice the salary that you get, Keep right at it, don't let them find You a nodding in your chair; Try to be more useful daily; reason, Your name is called, be there; Don't you listen when the gamblers Tell you that you're underpaid; He who earns more than he's getting Has no need to be afraid."

"If your work is good, don't slight it; Try to make it better still; Here and there you may improve it By an added touch of skill; Don't let anyone persuade you that It's not worth while to try, Or that anything's sufficient if you Just manage to "get by;" Don't forget that every shirker who Intends to beat the boss, Loses himself the greatest loser when He figures up the loss. Don't be lagging or disgruntled; If You think your job worth while, Let it have your honest effort and go To it with a s-m-i-l-e. Don't you worry fellow-worker, if You're worth more than you're paid; When you get more than you're earning Is the time to be afraid. John G. Keller Tripp, S. D.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Gilbert K. Chesterton said at a luncheon in New York: "I hate snobs. Snobs are vulgar. Whenever I hear two snobs discuss the social status of this person or that, I think: 'Well, they are no better than my old charwoman.'"

From the Minneapolis Journal, "I am the average man. But, by George, I work at it harder than the average man!"

What an answer that is to the efficiency doctors who tell you to specialize, to do only one thing, and to do it supremely well. That's the way to get forward in life, they say. It's an error. The way to get forward is to try your hand, and try it hard, at all the things left in your way. The big or little institution that happens to employ you.

A Use for Idle Cars. From the Minneapolis Journal, Why not pile up a few of the idle box cars to serve as apartments with kitchenettes?

Learning. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Senator Hall was talking about a fall oil company which had defrauded 112 dupes to the tune of several millions. "We learn to do," he said, "by doing." Then he added, with a smile: "But perhaps we learn more by being done."

Just Dropped In. From the Chicago News, To explain his rejoicing the international council Uncle Sam might say the irreconcilable senators that he simply went back for his hat and coat and got into conversation.