The Real Issue.

"Doggone it, Bringsley. I don't know what is going to become of the country. Things are going to the dogs."

"Your business slow?"

"No, not that; but last night my partner led the king when I held the ace, and when I came back with the ace to hold lead and kill the suit she trumped my ace, and then got the idea diamonds was trumps when I had made it hearts. I tell yuh, women are getting too darned independent!"

A woman's face may be her fortune, or the making of some druggist's fortune.

ENTIRE CREW OF SCHOONER DISAPPEARS

Vessel Robbed of Liquor, Crew Killed by Rum Pirates, Explanation Given—Towed to Port by U. S. Cutter.

Universal Service.

New York, April 15.—A bootleggers' battle, in which the entire crew of a big two masted schooner was probably slain, and a sizable cargo of rum pirated, is an explanation offered following finding of the mysterious ship Sunday.

The schooner, abandoned with its sails set and its anchors out, was discovered Sunday two miles southeast of Whistling Buoy, off Point Outlet, and boarded by Capt. J. M. Ryan, of the United States coast guard cutter Manhattan.

Captain Ryan found the deck of the schooner strewn with evidences of a terrific battle. Hundreds of empty cartridges gave testimony of the battle which had raged aboard.

It is believed that every man aboard the schooner when it was attacked was killed.

Indications were plentiful that the boat had been engaged in the rum running industry between Nova Scotia, Nassau and Cuba and New York and the New Jersey coast, but no liquor was found on board. On the deck was found lashed an exceptionally seaworthy motorboat, well equipped, upon the stearn of which was painted the name "Maid of Canada, La Have, Nova Scotia."

On the stern of the schooner was the original name, Edith Helen Bush, with no port of hail discernible. Over this was painted "Patricia Behan." Lloyds' register fails to list this name. The nearest approach to it is the Patrician Behan, which left Halifax on November 17 for Nassau and has not been officially reported since.

No Bodies Found.

In the captain's cabin on the table was found a box containing about a thousand cartridges and indications that some one had helped himself hurriedly to them. No weapons were found on board.

In the crews quarters in the forecastle were found clothes which appear to indicate that the schooner's complement of men was between 10 and 15, all of whom, including the master, have disappeared without leaving a trace.

Scattered about the floor of the master's cabin were found several leaves which had been torn from a notebook, and these related to the whisky smuggling enterprise in which the schooner was engaged.

Last Entry April 10.

There was a memorandum relating to the sale of 3,918 cases of whisky to a mysterious "Ralph," although there was nothing to show whether this was the name of a man or a boat. There also were scribbled details of other transactions, the last entry being on Tuesday, April 10.

GIRL, 15, CALMLY ADMITS SLAYING

Shoots Coal Miner Who Came Back to Marry Her After Fleeing Three Years Ago.

Universal Service.

Chicago, April 15.—Anna Daidon, a pretty Italian girl, swore revenge when Frank Taranto wronged her when she was only 12 years old. That was three years aro. Taranto fled when he learned that the girl's father was going to kill him.

Sunday, Taranto came back. The girl shot him to death. She was revenged.

Detectives found Taranto's body on the girl's doorstep.

Tells Why She Killed.

"Yes, I did it," she told the authorities. And then she told how Taranto, a striking coal miner of Indiana, had fled from that state during a strke, had come to Chicago and rented a room at her father's home.

"One day," said the girl, "he coaxed me to his room. He gave me some pennies.

"Afterward he told me not to say anything about it to my parents. I didn't, right away, for I knew I would be scolded. Then I learned how serious my act was and told. Taranto fled when he heard about it."

Returned to Marry Her.

A few days ago a letter was received from Taranto from a mining camp in Pennsylvania. He wrote the girl's father he would return and marry her.

Sunday Taranto came.

"I ran to the bedroom and got my father's revolver," the girl said. "Then I went to the door and waited for Taranto. He smiled and held out his hand. I pulled the trigger five times."

The girl was arrested and will be charged with murder.

FORMER MAYOR DIES.

Louisville, Ky., April 14 (A. P.)—Charles F. Granger, 89 years old, former mayor of Louisville and said to have introduced pari-mutual betting into the United States died here today.

CLEARING HOUSE BANKS.

New York, April 14 (A. P.)—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows an excess in reserve at $12,493,300. This is an increase of $10,216,730.

LEAGUE ENEMIES BATTLING COURT

Irreconcilable Senators Advance Arguments U. S. Entry to Court Means Entering League.

BY JAMES R. NOURSE,
Universal Service Correspondent

Washington, April 13.—The president and those who support him in the proposal to make the United States a member of the world court of the League of Nations will find it difficult to convince the Senate that membership in the court does not take the United States into the league.

This is the opinion expressed here Friday by irreconcilable senators who fought the league and are preparing to fight the court proposal.

"There may or may not be sound reasons for going into the league, but no one can sustain the contention that by going into this court we do not get into the league," one senator said.

Summary of Arguments.

The arguments as to why membership in the court involves adherence to the league are thus briefly stated by a senator who has studied the plan of organization.

1. The court is created by the league.

2. The members of the court are elected by the league.

3. Vacancies in the court are filled by the league.

4. The court has no existence, and can have no existence except upon the initiative of the league.

5.—To say that a body which can only exist by virtue of another body is not a part of the creating body and that you do not go into the creating body when you join the body created by it will not satisfy the people of this country.

Gives Advice to League.

6—The court is paid by the league, calls upon it for counsel and advice, and the court is bound to give that counsel and advice.

7—If the league asks the court for counsel upon a very important vital matter, and the United States, as a member of the court, joins in giving that advice, the United States will be bound by the action of the league and morally bound to carry out the program of the league.

Despite this arrangement, many supporters of the court proposal insist that the United States would not have anything to do with the League of Nations if it became a member of the court.

SHAKE UP NAVY HIGH COMMAND

Sweeping Changes Expected to Follow Denby's Return From Visit to Fleet—To Relieve Jones?

Washington, April 13 (A. P.)—Sweeping changes in the high command of the American navy are expected to follow Secretary Denby's return today from his visit to the fleet. Recommendations for the readjustment were on the secretary's desk when he reached the department and he has been urged to expedite action.

It is understood the suggested changes included the following:

Admiral Robert E. Coontz, now chief of naval operations, to command the combined fleet, succeeding Admiral Hilary P. Jones, who would go to the general board.

Changes in command of most of the individual battleships also are in prospect and several have been announced.

HOUSE OF COMMONS QUITS UNTIL MONDAY

Members Welcome Relief After Weary 21-Hour Session—Air Bill Passes.

London, April 13 (A. P.)—The house of commons adjourned at noon today until Monday, its weary members welcoming relief from a session that had been continuously in progress more than 21 hours, mainly for consideration of the army and air force annual bill, which finally passed its third reading.

This is the only opportunity presented during the year for the members of the house to revise the conditions of discipline in the army and air forces, and the sitting was notable for the jumble caused by obstruction from the labor benches. There were some angry scenes between labor members and the chair and a lot of hilarity on the labor benches.

Throughout the session, the government, mindful of its defeat on Tuesday, kept its majority of 70 or more in the house and defeated all the labor amendments to the pending measure.

MAN WANTED FOR POKER GAME HOLDUP GIVES UP

Fremont, Neb., April 13 (Special).—Harley Williams, 22 years old, wanted in connection with the alleged holdup of a poker game here on Easter Sunday, surrendered to authorities here Friday. Williams said he had been visiting relatives in another state and had left Fremont before he knew a warrant was out for his arrest. Wilbur Booth was shot and wounded by Williams during the poker holdup.

HARDING AND OBREGON IN NEGOTIATION

Exchange of Communications Between Two Presidents on Mexican-American Commission Disclosed.

BY WINDER R. HARRIS,
Universal Service Correspondent.

Washington, April 12.—President Harding and President Obregon, of Mexico, are in personal communication with each other regarding the establishment of a joint Mexican-American commission to smooth out the difficulties standing in the way of recognition of the southern republic.

Successful consummation of the negotiations would mark the longest step towards restoration of full diplomatic relations taken since the Obregon regime came into power in Mexico. Opinion on both sides of the border is declared to be highly optimistic that if such a body were named recognition would be assured.

Students of the Mexican situation, like John Hays Hammond, believe the mixed commission plan offers a most satisfactory means of solving the conflicts and controversies existing between the two countries, which are declared to have been overemphasized through the fact they have been standing so long.

Article 27 Big Obstacle.

The principal task of the proposed commission obviously would be to work out some formula by which the objection the state department raises with regard to article 27 of the Mexican constitution would be removed. This provision, incorporated when Carranza rewrote the constitution in 1917, undertakes to vest solely in the Mexican government sub-soil, or oil and mineral rights, in all lands in the country.

American interests owning oil and mining properties in Mexico construed this article as retroactive and, therefore, confiscatory. The state department backed up this view and has declined to permit recognition pending a clearing up of this apprehension.

President Obergon and the Mexican government from the beginning, have taken the position that the constitutional provision was not ratroactive and made this statement in formal communications to the American government. Secretary Hughes, however, first demanded that such assurance be formally written into a treaty as a condition of recognition. This was refused.

Not Retroactive Court Holds.

The Mexican supreme court then handed down a decision in a test case declaring the article was not retroactive. The contention was raised here then that under the Mexican judicial system five decisions were necessary to establish a binding precedent. Four additional decisions in test cases were rendered. Still the state department was not satisfied.

Recently there has been proposed and is now under consideration in the Mexican congress a petroleum bill carrying an interpretation of article 27 designed to satisfy the American government. Whether the provision will be adopted and, if so, whether it would satisfy the state department still are in the realm of speculation.

Who initiated the exchange of messages between the two presidents or just how far the matter has progressed to date was not disclosed here. It was quite definitely asserted that an agreement had not yet been reached. It was ascertained, however, that this government is aware that President Obregon has invoked the aid of several Mexican jurists whom he likely has in mind for representation on the proposed commission.

It was pointed out in official circles that such a plan would be in entire harmony with the policy of the Harding administration to settle vexing international questions by conference.

Besides the constitutional obstacle, those familiar with the Mexican situation, suggested a joint commission undoubtedly would take up the claims held by each government against the other and which have not been agreed upon, and other controversies. This is now being done in the case of the claims against Germany growing out of the world war.

Dog to Solicit Humane Funds on Streets Saturday

He's a large St. Bernard dog.

He's going to play one of the most important roles in Sioux City activities of the national "Be Kind to Animals" week.

His name is Pinto.

He's going to roam the downtown streets Saturday. A box will be strapped on his back and the slogan, "Be Good to Me" will be painted on the box.

Pinto is going to solicit funds for the Sioux City Humane society.

Boy Members of the Band of Mercy will follow Pinto through the streets and office buildings.

Sioux Cityans will be asked to place contributions in the box carried by Pinto.

INDICTMENTS SET ASIDE.

Fargo, N. D., April 12 (A. P.)—Judge George McKenna, of Napoleon, today handed down a decision setting aside all the indictments returned by a Cass county grand jury in connection with the failure of the Scandinavian-American Bank of this city. The men indicted were A. C. Townley, William Lemke, F. W. Cathro, Louis P. McAneny, N. J. Eggen, H. J. Hagen, Lars Christianson, P. R. Sherman, O. E. Loftus, H. D. Ellis and J. J. Hastings.

Perfect Mother-in-Law.

She has a marvelous talent for timing her visits. She always arrives the day you need her, and never stays a day too long. She always brings cheer and helpfulness and a big basket of things from the old farm. She gets along beautifully with her sons-in-law and daughters-in-law. She knows how to please her grandchildren without spoiling them and ruining their digestion. She knows how and when to write a check and when to make beaten biscuit and fry a chicken. She has perfect health and a young mind. She is the perfect mother-in-law.

There is always a chance that you will get her if you marry often enough.—Life.

Optical Illusion.

Motion pictures are in reality a combination of still pictures. The first picture of the automobile shows the spokes of the wheels in one position. If the next exposure of the film were made when spoke number one had advanced far enough to be in the position of spoke number two, the picture would show no motion, as spokes are identical. If spoke number one had advanced less than half way to position of spoke two, the forward motion would be noticed. If, however, spoke one advanced more than half way, to the observer it would have the effect of spoke two moving backward, as that distance would be shorter and the apparent motion would be in that direction.