

Today

A DULL THURSDAY. LENINE'S TURN, AT LAST. A SHOCK FOR KHADIJAH. UNCLE JOE AND SHAKE-SPEARE.

There isn't much news this quiet Thursday. Four more Irishmen stand before the firing squad and fall dead. That's one attempt to force men's opinions. In the Ruhr, German hostages are placed on locomotives of trains operated by French and Belgians to make sure the trains will not be wrecked. That's another attempt of the same kind.

Long ago that idea was used by England's king. When he traveled a director of the railroad traveled ahead of him another train. The tracks were well inspected.

After all the rumors and false reports of death, it appears that Lenin is at least in danger, with one side paralyzed. You marvel that he has fasted so long, with the bullets of two would-be assassins in his body.

If Lenin dies, control of Russia passes to Trotsky, who heads the Russian army and has put his son in the Russian navy. That may mean a new chapter in the history of bolshevism.

The wife of Kemal Pasha, whose husband rules Turkey and names the caliph to exercise Mohammed's power, appears in tight riding breeches. What would Mohammed's wife, Khadijah, the rich widow of Mecca, say to that, looking down from Paradise, where, by the way, she is the only wife admitted?

Kemal, able to outwit all the allies and outfit some of them, may find that wine at his wedding party and a wife in tight breeches may do to him what England and her fleet can't do.

Religion is not to be trifled with. The more superstition in it, the more dangerous it is.

Uncle Joe Cannon, 46 years in congress, more than 80 years on earth, goes home to rest and enjoy life. Every day he visits the Second National bank, which he practically owns; every evening he plays "25-cent limit" poker—and wins. "Dull old age," you might say. An old man might be expected to sit up, study the stars and ask himself, "where do we go from here?" But old age of itself is dull, with a few brilliant exceptions. Uncle Joe Cannon's retirement is no more monotonous or difficult to understand than that of Shakespeare, who retired much earlier and visited the public house instead of the Second National bank.

Miss Mullarkey, only 22, also tall and pretty, wrote to her mother: "The mystery of the world beyond tempts me."

She turned on the gas, but didn't die. Miss Mullarkey and others will have all eternity, which is a long time, to investigate mysteries of the world beyond. The mysteries of this world should keep anybody busy, with Europe, income tax, coal problem, bad weather, etc. to lend variety.

Firpo, agile giant of the Argentine republic, comes to show us how human beings can be knocked senseless. Crowds pay to see him; the government of "civilized" New York, most prosperous state in the union, welcomes him, provides a commission to take care of him and regulate the crowds. And, under government protection, he is permitted to commit assault and battery, knock a man unconscious while a lowbrow crowd hovers its delight.

Do you wonder that crime increases when government sets aside laws against assault and battery in favor of gate receipts, with a substantial slice for the politician?

A learned psychologist tells you heroes and cowards are both creatures of imagination. Who imagines only success is a hero. Who imagines failure is the coward. Wolfe, climbing up to attack Quebec and die gloriously, or the despondent man, killing himself because he lacked courage to fight a duel, were both moved by the same power of imagination. So says the psychologist.

Another kind of wise man says the whole thing depends on various glands in the body, "endocrines." What you are and depends on their work, normal, above or below par.

New York legislature decides that the Stock Exchange must be incorporated and brokers must have licenses. The incorporation will bring the exchange under control of the banking department. What good the licenses will do is not clear. In any case, the good kind of stock exchange men will not be injured. The other kind may be discouraged.

Civil Service Plan for State Employees Killed
Lincoln, March 15.—(Special Telegram)—The state senate this morning by a vote of 8 to 22 killed S. P. 126, by Osborne of Morrill, to establish a civil service system for state employees, and take all appointments except private secretaries of executive officers out of politics.

The committee on miscellaneous affairs had reported the bill for indefinite postponement, and the final vote was taken on a substitute motion by the introducer to place the bill on general file.

Legislative Ball Held at Lincoln Auditorium
Lincoln, March 15.—(Special)—All members of the legislature and their wives and state house employees attended the regular biannual legislative ball at the city auditorium tonight. Moving pictures of the members' work, taken early in the session by the university extension department, was an added feature of the ball.

Tax Bill Passes
Lincoln, March 15.—(Special)—The lower house passed the Wells bill on third reading which places inheritance taxes on the same taxation basis as tangibles.

Iowa Is Covered With Heaviest Snow in Years

Traffic Is Handicapped by Fall of Snow Ranging From 8 to 15 Inches—South Hardest Hit.

Des Moines, Ia., March 15.—Snow covered the ground in all Iowa today, but indications are it will not seriously interfere with wire and transportation facilities, according to weather bureau reports received here. The storm was particularly severe in southern Iowa, some points having as much as 15 inches of snow.

There were eight inches of "new snow" here. This is the most snow Des Moines has had in several years.

Handicaps Repair Work.
Cedar Rapids, Ia., March 15.—More than nine inches of snow fell here last night, handicapping much of the repair work that was being done on lines put out of commission by Sunday night's storm and interfering with street car, interurban and steam railroad schedules.

Davenport Snowbound.
Davenport, Ia., March 15.—Davenport is snowbound today as it has not been for many years. It is only with great difficulty that traffic is carried on. Ten inches of snow fell during the night. There are drifts in many places three to four feet deep.

Street Cars Halted.
Fort Dodge, Ia., March 15.—A snow storm that has been raging for 24 hours has covered Fort Dodge with snow to a depth of 11 inches, the heaviest of the winter. Street car service was abandoned last night.

Y. M. C. A. Boys Meet in Shenandoah This Week

Shenandoah, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—Shenandoah will entertain 200 visiting boys this weekend when the older boys' conference meets here under the auspices of the state Y. M. C. A.

The conference speakers are Rev. C. S. Stueckenbruck of Council Bluffs, Dwight N. Lewis of Des Moines, E. C. Wolcott of Kansas City, Fred M. Hansen, newly elected state secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and Robert B. Wallace, leading business man of Council Bluffs.

Woman Is Named Deputy to Hall County Sheriff

Grand Island, Neb., March 15.—(Special)—Sheriff Lorenzen has named and the county board has unanimously confirmed Miss Bessie Barbee as deputy sheriff and she is perhaps the only woman deputy sheriff in the state. The appointment, however, is without increase in salary. Miss Barbee being office assistant. She was formerly a clerk in the office of the clerk of the district court. Outside work will be done by the sheriff and when necessary other deputies.

Farmer Whirled to Death by His Engine Flywheel

Creston, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—Peter Nielson, farmer residing a few miles north of this place in Adair county, was almost instantly killed when his clothing became entangled in the flywheel of a gasoline engine which he was using to grind feed for his stock. He died within a few moments after help reached him.

He is survived by his wife and 11 children. Five children preceded him in death. He was 68 years old and was born in Denmark. He came to this country 40 years ago.

Arthur L. Stern Dies.

Rochester, N. Y., March 15.—Arthur L. Stern, widely known clothing manufacturer, died today.

Road Conditions

(Published by Omaha Auto Club.)
Snow reported in all directions from Omaha and all roads badly drifted.

A Queer World

Sore Feet Stop Ex-Aviator's 24-Hour Dance After 18 Hours, 34 Minutes—It's a New Record.

Girl Gives Up.

London, March 15.—The latest claimant to marathon dancing honors is Santos Casani, a former aviator, who says that he beat the world's record with a continuous performance lasting 18 hours and 34 minutes.

During this time, Casani did 424 fast dances with a succession of partners. The first young lady lasted 13 hours, beginning at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Casani hoped to dance for 24 hours without a stop but sore feet compelled him to quit after he had beaten, by a good measure, the record of 18 hours, 25 minutes recently established by Cliff Houghton and Miss Eddie Cole at Arr.

Doesn't Like 'Em Young.

Louisville, Ky., March 15.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bickel, 66, wealthy widow of C. C. Bickel, founder of the Bickel Tobacco company, and Rev. J. Remus Knight, 28, a student at the Baptist Theological seminary, were married here tonight.

The Rev. Mr. Knight came here about a year ago from Troy, Ala., and enrolled at the seminary. A daughter of the bride intimated when told of the marriage that it came as a surprise to members of the family.

'Them Days Is Gone Forever.'

New York, March 15.—Charles F. Murphy, boss of Tammany Hall, gave his opinion today of a recent statement in which Governor Smith expressed willingness to help Senator Edge of New Jersey pass a bill so "we can put a foot on the rail again and blow off the froth."

"In my judgment," said Murphy, "the saloon in the United States is gone, never to return."

Murphy added that the governor's remark was merely one of his "characteristic good-natured utterances."

Four Men to Be Tried for Shooting Sheriff's Deputy

Shenandoah, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—The criminal docket which will be taken up in the district court at Clarinda Monday will include the cases of John Embree, Arthur Fisher, Claude Eldenour and Lloyd C. Heiler, four Clarinda youths, who are accused of assaulting Stanley Pfander, deputy sheriff, December 4, last, with intent to kill. Pfander has been spending the winter in Florida as a result of the bullet wound in his lungs.

All four men, including Embree, who made an open confession, now deny their guilt. They will plead not guilty. Arthur Fisher was granted a separate trial.

E. H. Mitchell of Council Bluffs will assist George Anderson, county attorney, and also Holmes S. Stephens of Clarinda.

Another Woman Elected to Creston School Board

Creston, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—Creston citizens have elected as a member of the city school board Mrs. Scurr, wife of a local grocer. L. L. McGregor is the other member chosen. Mrs. John McGrath, the first woman to hold the office of director, was elected a year ago and will hold office for another two years.

Earthquake Recorded.

Rome, March 15.—(AP)—A heavy earthquake at a point not far distant was recorded on the seismographs at Naples and Foggia at 6:11 and 6:55 o'clock this morning, respectively. The shocks were so intense that they damaged the instruments.

A dispatch from Florence says the observatory there reported an earthquake this morning, centering in the Dalmatian zone, across the Adriatic.

Pastor Changes Charges

Atlantic, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—Rev. C. R. Ferguson, for the past year pastor of the Baptist church here, has gone to Oelwein, where he has accepted the pulpit of the Baptist church.

Love Letters of Women Who Agreed to Poison Husbands Read in Court

Case of Wives Who Planned to Kill Mates That They Might Live Together on Trial in Berlin—One Man Died, but Other Escaped.

By Universal Service.

Berlin, March 15.—A strange psychopathological drama was unrolled before the Berlin criminal court yesterday when scores out of 600 love letters between two women who agreed to poison their husbands in order that they might live together, were read at their trial.

Mrs. Ella Klein and Mrs. Margaret Nebbe are the women on trial, with the latter's mother named as accessory. Mrs. Klein dosed her husband for weeks with poison, until he finally died. Mrs. Nebbe's husband escaped because a clairvoyant gave her a secret poison which turned out to be a harmless powder.

Writing to her "only loved one little mouse," Frau Klein said:

Autoist Charges Farmers With Assaulting Him

Creston, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—Ed Nolan, formerly of Creston, but recently of Hopeville, Ia., is facing a charge of assault preferred against him by Wilbur Perry, a young Union county farmer, following an alleged assault by Nolan and his son against Perry at Arispe in this county, after Perry had accidentally struck a cow owned by the Nolans with his automobile.

Nolan was arraigned, but waived preliminary hearing and the grand jury gets his case. His son, John Nolan, alleged to have been connected in the affair, was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of assault and battery. It is alleged that the elder Nolan beat Mr. Perry into a semi-conscious condition with a heavy club.

Supervisors Reject Death Damage Claims for Boy

Creston, Ia., March 15.—(Special)—The Union county board of supervisors has unanimously rejected claims aggregating \$10,260 filed against this county by R. L. Whitehead, administrator of the estate of the late Robert Wayne Whitehead, high school boy, killed in January when his automobile in which he was returning to his home south of Thayer from school, ran off the approach to a bridge.

When the claims were filed Mr. Whitehead filed a statement in their support, alleging negligence on the part of the county in not providing guard rails along the approach to the bridge where the accident occurred.

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Walker Didn't Know Miss He Urged "to Go Back Home" Refuses Own Telephone Girl

Brer!

The wind was howling. "Any cars running, cup?" asked Billings of the policeman on corner. "Not a wheel turning. Guess you'll have to go down afoot this morning."

"Well, I'll try it." And Billings started down Farnam street. The wind was in his face. It was bitter cold and the swirling snow seemed to attack him angrily.

Half way down the block he fell in beside a youngster headed in the same direction. "Pretty tough going," he volunteered.

"Yep," she replied. They trudged along together. "Say, this is fierce," he said, with head buried in his overcoat.

"Not so good. But it might be worse," she smiled back at him. Another 100 yards or so they fought the gale.

Then Billings stopped her. "Say, sister, this is no day for you to be out. My office will be practically closed and so will yours. There's no need of our going through any more of this."

"Oh, I can make it all right." Again they started. But the drifting snow and the wintry blasts made progress difficult.

"Now, look here, sister," said Billings, taking her by the arm. "what's the use of my going back. I can do my business by telephone. She smiled at him.

"None," she said, "I'm on my way. I'm your telephone operator."

A new photographic printing machine has been invented which makes 1,500 prints an hour from one negative.

Germans Robbing Teutons in Ruhr

Nationalists, Garbed as Poilus, Commit Outrages to Excite Public.

Paris, March 15.—(AP)—German nationalists, wearing French uniforms and posing as French soldiers, are declared in French official advices from the Ruhr to have been committing robberies and other outrages with their own countrymen as the victims.

Their purpose, as interpreted here, is to excite the public against the troops of occupation and stiffen the German resistance.

The French authorities are investigating thoroughly into the extent of this and other new features of the opposition to the Franco-Belgian regime in the Ruhr.

McCook Seeks Convention

McCook, Neb., March 15.—The McCook chamber of commerce has invited the Golden Rod highway state convention to meet here April 23. Two hundred delegates are expected to attend this big state meeting.

The D. L. D. highway will hold its annual meeting here in May.



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