

Today

A Disappointed Angel.
"Christian" Revenge.
Hari-Kari for One.
If We Had 12 Fingers.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Another week gone. If an angel had come down last Monday to observe and report progress, he would fly back home and say "no progress to report."

In New York City great crowds are shown spirit "photographs" of dead soldiers fraudulently made, of course, and they are in superstitious excitement. Excitement changes its shape, but maintains its hold on the world. Luckily it is no longer burns thousands at the stake.

Crimes of all kinds and new kinds are reported from cities and villages everywhere. Clergymen complain of vanishing morality, especially among the very young; drugs, a thousand times worse than alcohol, daily increase their hold on weak minds and create a problem infinitely more difficult than the old whisky problem.

A most pleasant English gentleman, Lord Robert Cecil, is going up and down the land, telling this nation what it should do in regard to European matters.

And it is quite plain that many Americans, including important men at Washington, are in doubt as to this country's being a real nation on its own account, or a part of the British empire, partially separated, but needing direction from London.

The important Russian newspaper Izvestia asks: "Why worry what the rest of the world thinks?" Referring to the execution of the Roman Catholic vice general, Monsignor Butchkevitch. It adds "sovietism itself is a sufficient creed for us, and there is no need to bend our knee to America, British or French capitalists, who are only trying to reap millions by exploiting what belongs to the Russian people."

Sovietism will learn what "capitalism" has learned, here and there, that "what the rest of the world thinks" is not safely ignored. Meanwhile, religious enthusiasts are mobbing and persecuting Polish Jews in Moscow, guilty of no crime except that their religion is different from that of their persecutors. So here you see earnest "Christians" indignant at soviet religious intolerance imitating exactly the things they denounce.

Call them "Christians" or "bolshéviki," they are wild beasts below the skin.

Here is very ancient superstition still of another kind hanging on. When the Mikado's brother-in-law was killed in a motor accident, it was said Japanese etiquette would demand the death by hari-kari (tripping the stomach open with a knife) by some high official. Japan's representative at Washington indignantly denies it. The hari-kari of a high official is degrading only when the Mikado dies. When the late Mikado died the famous General Nogi, hero of Port Arthur, killed himself, his wife dying with him.

We smile in our super-American way at such childish "beliefs," and read in the next column that the \$2 bill, considered unlucky, will be omitted entirely in the new currency designed.

Our decimal system is defective, as mathematicians tell you, 10 having only divisors, 2 and 5. And we condemn the convenient \$2 bill because it is unlucky.

We get our decimal system, as you know, from our 10 fingers, and naturally, started counting on that basis. Hacked tells you we got the 10 fingers from our ancestry, the five-toed salamander of the carboniferous era. Had that creature had six toes we should have 12 fingers to reckon by and the duodecimal system, with four divisors, 2, 3, 4 and 6. Also we should have six strings to the violin, greater skill in piano playing, etc. Too late to mourn over that.

There is some sunshine in the news, however. Our human one-tenth of 1 per cent of intelligence keeps working away, while the rest kills and robs and cheats, or thinks not at all.

The first lighthouse for airships has been tested and found successful by our government. When we're all dead, tens of thousands of such lighthouses will point up toward the sky, showing landing places and giving directions to our descendants.

At Dayton a helicopter able to fly straight up in the air, something no bird ever could do, is working toward success. Short flights have been made.

Going up straight and coming down straight, like an elevator, will be necessary that our grandchildren may go straight up from the roof of office building or factory, and come straight down 15 minutes later, in the front yard on the mountainside 200 miles away.

The republicans wonder who will run with Mr. Harding in place of Mr. Coolidge, for vice president. It is generally understood that Mr. Coolidge is to be thrown to the ravenous wolves, for reasons of state. Those state reasons consist of Henry Ford, and the fact that he has a name known to the people.

The republicans feel that they need a name and ask "what's the matter with Theodore Roosevelt II?" Answer: "Nothing the matter, if you are looking for a name."

Choosing young Mr. Roosevelt for his running mate would prove Mr. Harding is free from superstition, at least, considering how the original "T. R." became president.

Friends of young Mr. Roosevelt say he does not want the vice presidency now; he wants to be elected governor of New York first.

Inquiry Made in Delay of Senate on O. K. of Smith

Banning's Motion for Consideration of Appointee to Tax Job Withdrawn—To Act This Week.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Neb., April 9.—Confirmation of the appointment of former State Auditor W. H. Smith to be tax commissioner of Nebraska was raised in the state senate this afternoon when Senator W. B. Banning asked for information as to why action was being delayed.

Banning said he was perfectly willing that the senate committee included Hastings, chairman, Reed and Purcell, take plenty of time for investigation but he thought the matter should not be delayed until the close of the session.

Banning's motion for immediate consideration of the appointment was withdrawn on an assurance from Senator Saunders that action would come this week. Smith is slated to succeed tax commissioner W. H. Osborne.

Same Pay As Governor. S. 325 providing that the lieutenant governor shall receive the same pay as governor when the latter is out of the state passed the upper branch this afternoon. The vote was 24 to 7. The bill is the outgrowth of the filing of a claim by Lieutenant Governor Barrows for over \$1,800 for time put in as governor while Governor McKelvie was out of the state.

H. R. 275 relating to the disposition of material in the old capitol was amended in the senate this afternoon to provide that the salvage may be used in the completion of the old State Historical Society building, the foundation for which has already been completed, or for soldiers' memorials. The original bill provided the material should be used for a new building at the state penitentiary.

Spud Bill Debate Warm. The senate mixed in a warm debate over H. R. 195, the potato inspection law. An amendment making inspection compulsory was adopted 11 to 9. Another amendment reduced the inspection fee from \$4 to \$3 per car. In this form the bill passed the senate.

Other bills passed included: S. F. 238-provides penalties for defrauding counties on coyote and wild cat bounties.

S. F. 128-provides city officials with more leeway in publication of legal notices.

Code Plan Defeat Would Mean Changes, Says Bryan

Lincoln, April 9.—Governor Bryan said today that defeat of his 44 measures reorganizing the state government meant big changes in the general appropriation bills.

The governor said that the finance committee in preparing the appropriation bill had taken his set of figures, in which no allowances in the way of funds had been made for a number of activities. If the code is retained, the governor said, it will be necessary to use Governor McKelvie's budget estimates and make appropriations conform to it.

The governor did not indicate what his position would be in the event the legislature failed to follow this course.

Picture Outfit in Church.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Pawnee City, Neb., April 9.—Officials of the First Presbyterian church here have installed a stereoscopic outfit and a platform which elevates the rays of light above the heads of the congregation. Regular illustrated sermons will be given by the local and visiting pastors.

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Start to Church: Jailed for Passing Street Car

Obliging Cop Takes Girl Home to Get Bond Money for Her Escort.

Miss Etta Backstrom, 314 South Twenty-fifth street, started to church Sunday night with a friend, James Leahy, clerk in Union Pacific offices at Council Bluffs, but their path led to jail.

Leahy was arrested at Park avenue and Farnam street for passing a street car loading passengers; he didn't want to be late to prayers.

When he was booked at Central police headquarters he had only a few cents.

"Let him drive me home and I'll get the money for bond," Miss Backstrom commanded.

"Lady, your friend is in jail—he's through driving for a while," officers explained.

"Dollars for bond, not a penny for street car fare," Miss Backstrom said with the finality of a queen. "My kingdom for a cop who can drive a car."

Chester Cleghorn, motorcycle officer who had her escort to jail, responded to the appeal. Miss Backstrom was soon back at the station.



Etta Backstrom, where she "put up" \$10 for Leahy's appearance.

Dawes Bitterly Assails Klan

Declares Major Parties Must Fight Ku Klux in Next Campaign.

Chicago, April 9.—Chicago labor circles were stirred Sunday by an address by Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes Saturday night, in which he linked labor unions and the Ku Klux Klan. The address was given at a banquet of Theta Chi fraternity at the Congress hotel.

General Dawes declared the major political parties would have to take a stand in the coming presidential campaign on their attitude toward "lawless minority organizations that dominate this country."

"We demand a new bill of rights against labor organizations, the Ku Klux Klan and any other minority outfit that undertakes to prevent a man working peacefully at whatever vocation he may choose," he said. "And the great political parties of this country have got to take sides on this issue. The political demagogues who evade the question are letting the foundation stones of our constitutional government be eaten away. We are going to draw the issue and smoke the politicians out on one side or the other."

General Dawes referred to Chicago's recent building trades labor war.

"Hundreds of men were murdered in Chicago on the way to their daily work. We demand recognition of the inalienable right of every individual citizen of this country to work peacefully at any vocation, without fear of violence to himself or family," he said.

Mrs. Charles N. Robinson Dies at Her Home in Omaha

Mrs. Charles N. Robinson, wife of the vice president of the Byrne-Hammer Dry Goods company, died yesterday morning at her home in the Knickerbocker apartments. She was born in Lockport, N. Y., in 1862, and lived in Omaha 23 years. She is survived by her husband; a son, George, and a daughter, Mrs. James H. Brown of San Diego, Cal.

Funeral services for Mrs. Robinson will be conducted at 10 Friday morning at the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks, pastor, will officiate. Burial will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Russian Easter Minus Violence

Crowds in Street Deride Worshipers But Avoid Open Conflict.

Moscow, April 9.—The Easter message that the church bells of Moscow sent out yesterday morning was greeted by no such echo of organized mockery as saluted the Christmas chimes. The day passed quietly and there were no unusual antireligious demonstrations.

"Christ is risen, Christ is risen," came the chant from within the great church of Christ the Savior to the delight of those who waited outside. Immediately the refrain was taken up by a multitude of chimes throughout the city.

Suddenly from a little group huddled near the church came the lilting notes of the "International."

"Down with the priest; down with religion," shouted a man in the crowd. An angry murmur ran through the throng of worshipers. Some shrugged their shoulders. Others laughed. But there was no trouble.

Hart Named Ex-Officio Member of Bank Fund Body

Lincoln, April 9.—The new banking law passed by the Nebraska legislature became effective Monday.

J. E. Hart, secretary of the department of trade and commerce is an ex-officio member of the new guaranty fund commission and the governor is to appoint six others from the various banking associations. No drastic changes in the administration of the banking laws will be made until the new machinery is assembled and organized to carry out its provisions.

Pioneer Bluffs Merchant Dies

John B. Long, One of City's Best-Known Business Men, Succumbs.

John B. Long, 65, pioneer and one of the best-known business men of Council Bluffs, died at 6:40 a. m. yesterday at his home, 515 East Pierce. He had been in ill health caused by kidney complications for two years and his final sickness lasted about two weeks.

Mr. Long was born in Ohio, and when he was a boy of 11, came with his parents by boat to Keokuk, Ia., and from there by wagon to Knoxville, Ia., where they lived for two years before moving to Council Bluffs.

A few years later, Mr. Long became a painter and worked for E. S. Terwilliger. In 1878 he went with his employer to Colorado during the gold excitement. Soon after their return to Council Bluffs, he bought out Mr. Terwilliger and from that time had conducted the large paint and wallpaper business at 31 South Main street.

Headed Merchants. Any representative group of leading Council Bluffs business men in the last 40 years always included John B. Long. He was president of the Retail Merchants' association for two terms and vice president of the Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce for two terms. He was a charter member of the Rotary club and a member of the Elks and the Country club.

During the war he was a member of the flying squadron of workers. His teammate in the Liberty bond and other drives was Julius Unger, formerly president of the Continental Furniture company, who died recently.

Mr. Long was the last of his generation of the flying squadron, three brothers and three sisters all, with one exception, died in Council Bluffs.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Hazel Long, teacher in the Abraham Lincoln school; two sons, John B. Long, Jr., of Omaha and Elmer R. Long of Council Bluffs; four grandchildren, a nephew, Harry G. Long, and three nieces, Mrs. Rena Bird, Mrs. Zella Sparks and Mrs. Ruth Berg.

Arrangements are being made for the funeral, to be held Wednesday.

New Coal Vein Found on Farm Near Auburn

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Pawnee City, Neb., April 9.—Another vein of coal has been discovered in Southeastern Nebraska while geologists think this one is too small to work profitably, they believe that paying mines will be established here.

The latest discovery is near Auburn, on the Lashy farm, east of town. A coal mine was established southeast of Pawnee City years ago and for many seasons coal was retailed from it. There is still much of the fuel there.

Big Draft on State Fund for Bristow Bank Depositors

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. O'Neill, Neb., April 9.—On application of Lucien Cook receiver of the Bristow, District Judge Dickson has authorized a draft of \$29,235.35 on the state guaranty fund to pay depositors.

See Want Ads produce results.

County School Debate.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Oskosh, Neb., April 9.—Winners of the county declaratory contest held at the Garden County High school are: Oratorical, Cecil Sherfy, first; Barclay Reuter, second; declamatory, Hensel Curtis, first and Doris Mong, second; humorous, Stanley Day, first and Opal Hires, second. The winners of first place go to Gering Friday, to attend the district contest.

Move Stock Cars Now.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Hay Springs, Neb., Apr. 9.—The stock car shortage at this point has been relieved. The stock shippers, aided by the Hay Springs Rural Improvement club, filed a petition with the state railway commission asking relief in this matter, and all the stock cars needed.

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"Parlor Communists" Will Have Hard Time to Get Into Russian Party

By Associated Press. Moscow, April 9.—"Parlor communists" will have a hard time getting into the Russian communist party. Unless one is actually a horny-handed son of toil he will have to serve a long probation before he will be admitted to full membership in the organization, which holds in its hands the dictatorship of soviet Russia.

The communist congress, which is to open in Moscow on April 5, is expected to strengthen the barriers, already strong, against entrance into the party of any but bona fide working men or peasants.

M. Zinovieff, head of the Petrograd soviet, and one of the most active communist workers, in an article written with the assembling of the congress in view, says that the present economic policy of Russia, which permits the bourgeoisie a certain freedom, may be dangerous to the communists themselves.

Work on New Hospital in Kearney to Begin Next Month

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Kearney, Neb., April 9.—Contracts have been let for the erection of the Good Samaritan hospital, representing an investment in excess of \$200,000 when completed. The Ed Green Construction company of Hastings was awarded the general contract. Construction will be started by May 1.

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Youth "Gyped Out" of Girl Gets Two Years for Perjury

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., April 9.—Ted Bassell of Adams pleaded guilty in the district court today to a charge of perjury and was sentenced to two years in the state reformatory by Judge Colby. Bassell recently admitted that he perjured himself by stating that he had purchased liquor of Ralph Horrum of Adams. He said he did it because Horrum took his best girl away from him last summer at a picnic. He has just finished serving a 30 day term in jail on a liquor charge and was brought into court after serving out his time and received his sentence. He was working near South Omaha when arrested.

Sipe Held for Accident.

R. C. Sipe, Rome Hotel, was arrested Sunday after a machine he was driving crashed into another automobile at Twenty-second and Francis streets.

Blackmail Suspect Jailed for Vagrancy

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Grand Island, Neb., April 9.—W. G. Wilson, arrested sometime ago, on a charge of vagrancy until more evidence could be secured, but alleged to have been engaged in an attempt to blackmail Dr. Watson of this city, was tried today in county court and was found guilty and sentenced to 15 days in jail.

The case came to the attention of the public several weeks ago when Dr. Watson assaulted Police Judge Mullen, an attorney connected with the case, and who wrote out the formal complaints against Dr. Watson and one Riesland, of Woodwater charging both with being the father of a then unborn child of a young girl residing near Wood River.

The attorney withdrew the cases, he declares, as soon as he ascertained the facts. The birth has since then taken place and the county attorney has an affidavit from the unmarried mother naming a third party as the father of the child. There is also said to be corroborative evidence fixing the paternity upon this third party, whose name the county attorney does not disclose. It is regarded as a complete clearance of Dr. Watson and of Mr. Riesland.

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