

# Today

Few Original Cheats.  
Mellon's Good Showing.  
Laborers \$25 a Day.  
The Cigarette Went Out.  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Severe shock in Wall street for a little while. Some ingenious gambler thief sent forged checks and orders to many brokers, telling them to buy many stocks. Brokers bit and bought. Stocks went up, then went down with a bang when the truth came out. Meanwhile someone, somewhere, made money selling to the gulls that bought.

Do you notice how little original cheating is done. It means, probably, that intelligence can make what it needs without cheating, also that honesty increases with intelligence. Some gambler at Monte Carlo once pinched all the odd number compartments on a roulette wheel, making the even compartments wider, then bet on even numbers and broke the bank two or three times. That was ingenious. Another inventor made a fortune with an electrical sugar refining machine. First class granulated sugar came out of it, because the man had put that kind of sugar into it. And Barnum exhibited his woolly horse, with false wool. But swindlers are usually dull.

President Harding showed judgment, choosing for secretary of the treasury Mr. Mellon, who had proved he knew something about money, by gathering up five or six hundred million dollars. United States debt had been reduced more than a billion and a half since April, 1921, and the government this year will have a surplus of \$165,000,000. The fiscal year's ending will find the national debt down to about \$22,400,000. That sounds big, but it's less than \$224 per capita and a good deal less than half one year's national income.

Wages are good here and there, and going up. Laborers on Hudson river brick barges get \$1 a 1,000, unloading brick. A crew of six can unload 150,000, which makes \$25 a day per man. Barge captains are asking for transfer to the labor crew.

Capital urges labor to stabilize itself, saying truly, that a disastrous end must come to pyramiding wages and cost. Labor refuses all right, will stop raising wages, if you will help by cutting your profits on building and building materials. That strikes capital of a certain type, as most unreasonable.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon, celebrating his 87th birthday yesterday, sent this message to the nation: "Have faith in your government." In private conversation, he would have added: "But where you're personally interested don't let faith keep you from watching pretty closely what is going on. The little fellows take it on faith. The big fellows watch, and put in their own men. That's what's the matter with the little fellows."

Another young man is Edward Payson Weston, past 84. He came into the office yesterday, to announce his plan for a walk from Troy, N. Y., to Chicago, this summer. "I'll take it easy," said he, "about 25 miles a day average." Nearly 60 years ago Weston's walking matches interested the nation. He said, to keep in good condition, sponge off every day with cold water and put a handful of rock salt in it.

There are many uses for flies besides killing. Army machines should be used to fight mosquitoes in their worst breeding places. They have been used in forestry work, scattering the seeds of forest trees. Farming and disease fighting from the air will be an old story before the end of this century.

Barbot, a Frenchman, crossed from France to England and back, his flying machine using only half a gallon of gas, in its 50-mile flight and winning a prize of 15,000 francs. That's important. It offers hope of solving the gasoline price problem. It ought to convince automobile makers that the time has come for them all to begin flying machine experiments.

A year ago Henry Ford said he would not bother with flying machines until they became commercially practical. They are that now. Ford and others will soon fly, on all journeys above 50 miles, to avoid the dangers of travel at earth level. No grade crossings, no blind corners, no speed limit, plenty of room up in the air.

Habit is strong. A young man jumped to his death from a ferryboat lighting a cigarette, just before he jumped. He and his cigarette went out in the water, soon after. A French king analogized to those about his bedside because he was such a long time dying. Let us learn the value of right habits. There is nothing more dependable. If you can teach a child to eat slowly, you add, by that, 10 years to its probable length of life. Teach courtesy and you add 100 per cent to the probability of business success.

A Wall street newspaper discovered that dirt farmers oppose a policy of isolation and lean toward the league of nations. The discovery was made simply. Questions were sent to 91 farmers and their answers noted: Here's a sample question sent from innocent Wall street to the guileless farmer: "Do you believe that America should grant a credit to European nations, for purchase of American agricultural products." The farmer answered: "Yes, 50 to 75, with slight noncommittal." Isn't that convincing? It's like asking a child: "Do you think I should give the snook money to buy molasses to make molasses candy for you?"

## Reform Mayor in Attack Over Law Enforcement

### Norfolk Official Accused of Favoring Gambling and Opposed to Bootlegging—Presents His Side.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., May 8.—George W. Phelps, Norfolk's new mayor, has had his first clash and as a result the outcome of his administration is being watched with unusual interest. During the trial of a liquor law violator the mayor was attacked by counsel for defense on the grounds of discrimination, the defense declaring Mayor Phelps had publicly announced that he would allow card playing in soft drink parlors and poolhalls for cigars and trade chips as stakes, but would not tolerate bootlegging.

Mayor Phelps, who was an Illinois school teacher, then worked as a railroad man and later became boxing instructor in the Sioux City Y. M. C. A., declares he is going to rule this city with "common sense." Although he was elected on a reform platform, he has told his backers that he favors neither Mayor Phelps nor publicly announced that he would allow card playing in soft drink parlors and poolhalls for cigars and trade chips as stakes, but would not tolerate bootlegging.

His first movement was a personal visit to all soft drink parlors and poolhalls during which he told proprietors that he was out for a "clean up" of bootlegging joints. Proprietors promised to warn bootleggers to keep out and agreed to keep things away. Police of the old force were removed and the new force given some rigid instructions. "Now I don't want to be taken for a radical reformer," says Mayor Phelps. "My predecessors have said Norfolk cannot be cleaned up and I say it can, and I am making an effort to do the job. I have in mind a human administration and sort of middle-of-the-road schedule. I know that bootlegging and gambling have been the bane of Norfolk in a pretty free way and that a large part of this was done in the soft drink parlors and the pool halls. I am going to stop it with proper co-operation. I have stated that I am not going to stop citizens from having their friendly game of cards or shaking dice for a clear or a trade chip. Neither will I interfere with Sunday baseball nor Sunday movies. There are bigger things than that for city officials to do. I know what the state laws are on the small subjects, but I also know what laws are on the greater subjects which are attacking the very foundation of our government. It is no longer a question of temperance and prohibition. It is a question of the enforcement of the greatest laws which make up our constitution."

### Former Omaha Minister Defendant in Divorce Suit

Rev. Francis P. Cook, former Omaha minister, Los Angeles dispatches say is being sued for divorce in that city. When questioned in Los Angeles in regard to his wife's action, Mr. Cook, according to reports, said: "I am too busy with my religion. I don't know a thing about my wife seeking a divorce." None of the Omaha Protestant clergy appear to have known Rev. Cook, according to their statements.

### Standard Oil of Kansas Will Pay 50-Cent Dividend

Neodesha, Kan., May 8.—A quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share on the \$8,000,000 capital stock of the company was announced here at the office of the Standard Oil company of Kansas. The dividend is payable June 15, 1923, to stockholders of record May 31.

### Infection From Injury Causes Woman's Death

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Ravenna, Neb., May 8.—Mrs. E. H. Farr, 65, died at her home in Ravenna from an injury received two weeks ago when mangled in an electric winder. A few days ago an infection set in. Her husband died a few years ago. Mrs. Farr was a member of the Methodist church.

### High School Agitated

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fairbury, May 8.—Patrons of 14 school districts in the southwest part of Jefferson county with Reynolds as a central point are agitating the construction of a rural high school at Reynolds. The plan is to keep children at home instead of sending them to Fairbury, Hebron and Beatrice for high school work. Five hundred horses a week are being slaughtered for food in Berlin. Horse meat sells now at 2,000 marks per pound, which is equal to about 10 cents in American money.

## Missouri Valley Michigan Alumni Merry at Banquet

University of Michigan Alumni association of the Missouri valley held its banquet Monday night at the Blackstone hotel under the chairmanship of Henry H. Lovell, '99, president of the Valley association. About 100 alumni and alumnae attended. Speakers of the evening were G. M. Hitchcock, 1881; Albert W. Jelferis, 1893; Dr. Donald Macrae, 1891, and Richard Losh, 1922. R. E. Wyndham, class of 1873, and A. P. Woods, class of 1866, were the two oldest alumni present. Throughout the dinner old college songs were sung and college yells given with a vim that brought back former days to some of the older men.

## Narrow Escape for Steeplejack

### Man Clings to Board in Smokestack Four Hours—Collapses When Rescued.

Sioux City, Ia., May 8.—Inside a smokestack, 80 feet above the ground, a steeplejack, Art Campbell, clung precariously to a wabbling two by four last evening. For four hours he had taxed the strength of his arms clinging to the board. A recently constructed scaffold lay in a crumpled mass below him. Hoarse shouting men raced wildly about appealing for help. A fire truck dashed up, clanging its bell. Sirens whistled; the crowd stepped back. Then—Tap. Tap. Tap. Inside the smokestack the steeplejack was imbued with renewed strength. He tightened his grasp on the wabbling board and listened. Again the tapping sounded. The firemen heard faintly: "Hurry, boys, I can't hang on much longer," but he did for many minutes. Finally the steeplejack was pulled to safety. He collapsed when firemen lowered him to the ground. Campbell had been employed by the Sioux City Brick and Tile company to repair and replace lightning rods on the company's 120-foot stack.

## China to Pay Ransom Demanded by Bandits

possible reluctance and only in the light of today's reports, in the event of the complete failure on the part of the Pekin government to function effectively without outside aid. In other words, it was explained American troops would be used only as a last resort.

### Statement Is Issued.

The State department issued this statement: "The Department of State has received a telegram from the American minister at Pekin, Jacob Gould Schurman, to the effect that on May 7, the dean of the diplomatic corps, on behalf of the diplomatic corps, made to the prime minister, minister of communications, and the acting minister for foreign affairs, vigorous representations demanding that all possible steps should be taken immediately to secure the release of the foreign captives and that the Chinese government should pay the necessary ransom afterwards." "The dean of the diplomatic corps also informed the Chinese officials that strong military action must be taken to put down brigandage in Shantung, and an official inquiry must be held into the whole affair on which the diplomatic corps must be represented."

### Agrees to Demands.

"Minister Schurman reports that the prime minister promised to pay the ransom and to act as rapidly as possible—in fact agreed to all the demands presented by the dean of the diplomatic corps. The prime minister volunteered the statement that it was intended to dismiss the civil and military governors of Shantung."

### Orchestra Member Dies.

S. C. Lowery, 45, member of the Sun theater orchestra, the Omaha Musicians' association, and the Lincoln lodge of Elks, died Sunday afternoon at his home, 451 South Twenty-fifth street. He is survived by his widow. Funeral services will be held this morning at 9:30 at the Hoffman funeral home.

### Ex-School Head Dies.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Scottsbluff, May 8.—David D. Martindale, 76, civil war veteran, former superintendent of schools of Knox county, died here. Burial will be at Fremont.

Samples of Climax are being distributed all over Omaha and Council Bluffs. Watch for them and try the many ways it can be used.—Adv.

## Sioux City Man Held by Bandits

### Wife, Also Captured, Released. Cable from China Advises Kin.

Sioux City, Ia., May 8.—Maj. Robert A. Allen, former city editor of The Journal, his wife and small son, Robert, Jr., were among the party of 19 foreigners captured by Chinese bandits at Suchow, China, Sunday. A wire was received by L. E. Allen, editor of The Journal, from Bellingham, Wash., Major Allen's former home, saying that Major Allen's wife had been released. The wife follows: "Martha safe, major and Bobbie released soon by Chinese bandits." Major Allen is a graduate of the Sioux City High school and for several years attended Beloit college at Beloit, Wis. Returning to Sioux City he became a member of the editorial staff of The Journal. Later Major Allen attended Northwestern university at Evanston, Ill., where he completed his medical education. For a number of years he practiced medicine at Laurel, Neb., and then went west to Tacoma, Wash. At the outbreak of the world war, Major Allen was given a commission in the United States army. Recently he was stationed at Fort William McKinley, Philippine Islands.

## "Stop Pursuit or We Will Kill Captives"

(Continued From Page One) were partly clothed, suffering from pain and shock, and in a strange, wild country. There was not a single way in which they could communicate with agencies of aid. The captives were divided into small parties to make escape harder. Each group was heavily guarded and hustled forward at top speed towards the mountains. Sometimes a prisoner would stop and attempt to dig the burrs from his bare feet. The Chinese would grunt a warning. If it was disregarded a slap in the face or a poke with a rifle barrel would follow.

### Fall Exhausted.

"With the coming of dawn the party reached a grove of trees at the base of a towering mountain. "On the way two of the women prisoners had fallen exhausted. All the beating of the brigands could not rouse them. They were helpless. Final it was decided to move on and leave a guard over the helpless women.

"The brigands moved into a sheltered spot on the mountainside which had been prepared for defense. It was a strong position and a few men within could have held off many. Long after the last had been hidden the advance guard of the Chinese soldiers put in appearance. The brigands fired a few rifle shots to warn them back. The regulars took up sheltered positions and then the rifle fire became continuous on both sides.

### Hard-Faced Ruffian.

"The bandits were led by a hard-faced ruffian with a mean eye. He told me to take a Chinese interpreter and to put with a message to the soldiers. "The bandit chief ordered me to take an interpreter with me, as I cannot speak Chinese. I was to act as a middleman in taking the message to the soldiers. "Exhausted and shivering, barefooted and dressed only in night clothes, I was forced down the hillside to tell the soldiers to stop firing or all the captives would be killed. "I believe that R. Jacobson, a prominent Danish business man, and Miss Schenberg, a French girl from New York, escaped in a similar way after having been sent out as messengers to the soldiers. As soon as possible I made for the Tien Tsin railway."

### Cyclone Victim Recovers.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., May 8.—Clyde Breunbach, who was seriously injured in the cyclone which caused the death of his wife and two children near Barneston two weeks ago, is able to be up and around. Everything he possessed was swept away.

## Monkey Takes Up With Hogs on Kansas Farm

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Deshler, Neb., May 8.—The big monkey which escaped from the McMahon shows at the Thayer county fair in Deshler last fall has been located on the W. H. McClure stock farm near Republic, Kan. It took up residence in pens where hogs and cattle are fed. It mingles with the hogs, eats with them and frequently rides on their backs but has no use for cattle or dogs or strange persons. The monkey slept during the cold weather among the hogs and they did not seem to be in the least disturbed.

## Frost Expected to Kill Early Fruit Blossoms

(Continued From Page One) date, 29; Columbus, Culbertson, Grand Island and North Platte, 22.

### 35 Degrees at Des Moines.

Low Record There for May 8. Des Moines, May 8.—Freezing temperatures were reported from numerous northern Iowa towns today while Des Moines witnessed a brief snow flurry and saw the temperature drop to 35 degrees. Only a high wind averted heavy loss from frost and some damage may have occurred in the northern section of the state, the weather bureau stated. Estherville reported the lowest temperature, 28. Forrest City and half a dozen other places reported 29 and 20. The drop to 35 was the lowest temperature on record for May 8.

## Sioux City Shivers Under Mercury Drop to 33 Degrees

Sioux City, Ia., May 8.—Sioux City shivered this morning under a cold wave which sent the temperature down to 33 degrees above zero, only one degree above freezing.

### Snow in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—Light snow flurries in Minnesota and cold, clear weather in other states of the northwest was reported today. It was 32 above zero here this morning. Today's snowfall followed a wet heavy falling in Minnesota and North Dakota last night. Charles Howells, 19, was drowned in his canoe, capsizing during a windstorm. It was one of the latest snowstorms for the season on record here.

### 100 Above at Phoenix.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 8.—The mercury rose to 100 degrees here yesterday afternoon, breaking all temperature records for May 7 for the last 28 years.

### Snow Falls in South.

Kansas City, Mo., May 8.—Snow fell in Moberly and Hannibal, Mo., last night, according to reports here. Temperatures close to freezing were reported throughout Missouri, and Kansas, but according to P. Connor, head of the local weather bureau, no damage was done because of high winds.

Gouldland, Kan., reported 32 degrees. Freezing weather is likely to hit Nebraska and Iowa tonight, Mr. Connor said. Owensboro, Ky., May 8.—Snow, mixed with sleet, fell for 15 minutes here today. The flakes melted almost as rapidly as they fell.

Ashland, Wis., May 8.—A heavy blizzard with driving snow is reported to be making navigation difficult on Lake Superior today. Extensive ice fields driven by a strong north-east wind added to the hazard.

## Power Company Men Will Meet

### Nebraska Section of National Association to Convene Here Thursday and Friday.

Electric light and power company owners and representatives from all over the state will come to Omaha Thursday and Friday to attend the annual convention of the Nebraska section of the National Electric Light Association.

A banquet will be given Thursday evening at the hotel. Walter S. Byrne, until recently sales manager of the Nebraska Power company, will be toastmaster. Addresses will be made by J. E. Davidson, vice president of the national association and general manager of the Nebraska Power company; G. W. Johnston, president of the Missouri River Electric Jobbers' association; A. J. Cole, vice president of the McGraw Electric company; H. G. Taylor, chairman of the Nebraska State Railway commission, and John L. Kennedy, president of the First National bank.

## Growers Will Co-Operate in Raising Cantaloupes

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Scottsbluff, Neb., May 8.—Two growers' associations co-operating together will sponsor the experimental year devoted to cantaloupe culture in Scotts Bluff county. It was made known this week when contracts for growing 150 acres were completed. Fifty acres will be financed by business men of Scottsbluff, who have named F. S. McCaffrey, president; H. M. Carman, secretary, and R. D. Owens, treasurer.

## Deposits Assessed Small Amount by Fund Commission

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, May 8.—An assessment of 150 cents of 1 per cent on deposits of all state banks in Nebraska has been ordered by the new state guarantee fund commission. This, it is estimated, will raise \$4,500, sufficient to pay expenses of the commission until August 2, when the \$30,000 appropriated for the commission's use by the legislature will become available.

## Omahan Injured When Motor Car Overtakes

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Tecumseh, Neb., May 8.—John R. Alderson of Omaha, traveling for a Lincoln concern, was injured in an automobile accident two miles west of Tecumseh this afternoon when his roadster turned over. Alderson's left lower jawbone was broken. He received a severe laceration of the scalp. Dr. C. D. Barnes, attending surgeon, taking 12 stitches to close the wound. Mrs. Alderson will come to Tecumseh on a night train.

## Man Involved in Slaying of Policeman Is Released

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Scottsbluff, Neb., May 8.—Fred Cunningham, one of those seized in raids that followed the killing of Policeman Albert Peterson by Frank Allen at Mitchell, has been released by the police because of insufficient evidence to hold him for complicity in the crime. Three others are still in jail.

## Doctor Whose Car Killed Girl Guilty of Speeding

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., May 8.—The coroner's jury investigating the circumstances connected with the death of Rose Gorman, 13, who was killed by a car driven by Dr. L. E. Penner, found the doctor guilty of speeding, but not of criminal negligence.

## More Evidence in Court House Fire

### Deputy Investigating North Platte Blaze Finds Another Oil Can.

Lincoln, May 8.—State Fire Marshal C. E. Harford received yesterday evening from North Platte a telegraph message from L. J. Butcher, a state fire inspector, which reads as follows: "Very important evidence gotten this afternoon. The other oil can found. Part of this coming by special delivery." The message has reference to the burning of the Lincoln county courthouse at that place a week ago today. County Treasurer S. M. Souder and his deputy were arrested in connection with the burning but are out on bond.

## Lincoln Man in Beatrice Jail on Charge of Fraud

Beatrice, Neb., May 8.—F. H. Gregory was brought here from Lincoln on a charge of trying to defraud John Marlowe of the Burwood hotel out of \$50.45. His case was continued to Saturday. In default of bond he was remanded to the county jail. Gregory claims he represents a California land company. In Perla the young widow must mourn for the husband until a small bottle has been filled with her tears.

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