

# Today

Usual Foreign Bad News. Hate, Jealousy, Greed, Fear. Have We Too Much Gold. Doctors Outweigh Volstead. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Foreign news is gloomy, as usual. The Chinese bandits want \$50,000 for each prisoner released and when China's regular soldiers shoot at the bandits, those gentlemen use the prisoners, Americans and others, as shields.

England and Russia are close to breaking the commercial tie that binds them. England's motto, as Lord Beaverbrook put it, is "trade even with cannibals." But you don't expect even cannibals to shoot you and trade at the same time. Russia has shot an occasional Englishman lately and yesterday a Russian gunboat seized another British trawler. Russia, in the language of Mr. Driscoll, seems to fear neither God nor man.

England, wiser than some other countries, would like to keep out of more war, but seems not hopeful about it. Yesterday her government announced its decision to increase British fighting power in the air. Reluctantly England realizes that hearts of oak on iron ships no longer count against French flyers overhead. And the new British air fleet is aimed at Britain's old enemy, France. It would seem wise for this country to keep out of that mixup.

France hands Germany an itemized bill, with good-sized items. One hundred million francs in gold would do for a start, with more to follow.

Mr. Hoover tells an attentive audience that we have too much gold here. Our yellow pile will soon be three thousand millions of dollars. Nearly half of all the gold there is. Other European nations would gladly relieve us of the burden, and probably will relieve us, if we get caught in a league of nations or world court trap. If, by the way, three billions is nearly half of all the available gold, where do the allies expect Germany to get twenty billions of it?

If your doctor is sympathetic, thinks you need stimulants, plenty of them, and if you have money, prohibition need not worry you. Judge Knox of the United States court decides that a doctor may give his patient as much whisky as the doctor chooses, Volstead or no Volstead. To say how much whisky a doctor may prescribe is unconstitutional, according to Judge Knox. Prohibitionists will fight the decision. Meanwhile, you have prohibition tempered by the doctor's judgment. That is the first serious blow to Volstead.

The German people and British noblewomen are studying economy. German coffins are to be made smaller. Not so long, so deep or so wide. That will save materials and cut down the wages of grave diggers. British women of title are

advertising for paying guests, emphasizing the beauty of life in a refined atmosphere. British laborites in parliament that care little for refinement of that sort, propose a law to abolish inheriting titles. But don't worry. Human beings will not so soon give up high-sounding names. We have no dukes, but plenty of kingly, imperial wizards, and grand high commanders. It's all part of the same desire to be something without doing anything.

Paris will try an aero bus line. Light cars, suspended from a rail overhead, will be driven by a flying machine engine with airplane propellers. That's one ingenious idea.

Another comes from Colonel Courthope, Tory member of parliament. England dislikes our supreme court ruling that no British ship may enter our ports carrying liquor. He offers a bill that would forbid any American ship to enter or leave a British port unless it did carry enough liquor for all demands. Rather ingenious limit as far as our law. It might help England to solve one important problem, the keeping down of an American merchant marine.

The housewives, including Mrs. Harding, are fighting the sugar profiteers with a self-denying boycott. But sugar goes up again, as the gamblers predicted. Something better than a boycott is used to deal with burglars, and a better plan might be found for dealing with sugar profiteers. In war the government put a dividend and fast limit on the price paid farmers for their wheat. Are sugar gamblers more sacred than farmers? They are evidently more highly respected in their constitutional right to get all the traffic will bear.

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**Luther Leagues to Meet**  
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Hebron, Neb., May 10.—A joint meeting of the Luther Leagues of Thayer and adjoining counties will be held at Hebron academy Sunday.

**Former Tenant Asks \$10,000 for Wheat Crop Grown Without Seed**  
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Lincoln, May 10.—When Harvey Lindley moved to a rented farm in Deuel county in 1919, he decided to sow one field with wheat. Then he discovered that a good stand of wheat was beginning to peep out of the ground in that field. Without sowing a single seed, Lindley harvested 4,300 bushels of wheat, and the price was \$2.25 a bushel. He couldn't keep chuckling and told his neighbors of his good fortune. Meantime, Warren Wright, who moved off the place prior to Lindley moving on, returned from California. He heard the story of Lindley's mysterious wheat crop. Wright asserted three wasn't any mystery about it. He asserted that he had planted the field with wheat for a number of years, and while he hadn't planted the crop which Lindley harvested, it was the result of previous plantings and he was entitled to \$10,000. Wright went into the district court. He lost there. Today his attorneys argued the case before the state supreme court.

## Early Release of Captives Held by Chinese Expected

Sons of American Officers Given Freedom—U. S. Minister Advises Against Armed Intervention.  
By Universal Service.  
Shanghai, May 10.—Release of Americans and other foreigners held by Chinese bandits, was believed imminent tonight. Agents working for the release of the captives are said to be in communication with the bandits and believe their efforts will result favorably. The son of Maj. Roland Pinger and the son of Maj. Robert Allen have been released, but the American army officers are still held. Both the boys told Vice Consul Davis that their fathers are well and neither of them had been injured. Davis had been sent to the scene of the holdup from his post at Nanking. He has cabled to Washington that he regards the entire situation as "very hopeful."

The prisoners are now being held in the mountains on a coal mine railroad about 10 miles from Lincheng. "All Well; Don't Worry." A telegram from agents in the field near Lincheng this afternoon said: "Four letters signed 'Freddie, Emilie, Theodore and Edgy', in reply to our letters say: 'All well, don't worry.'"

"Expect release soon. We are in communication with the bandits and only two hours distant from them." The Shanghai Rotary club today cabled the Rotary International at Chicago, asking headquarters to broadcast an appeal to the Rotarians of the world, asking that they bring pressure on their respective governments to insure full protection of the life and property of foreigners in China and prevent a recurrence of the Lincheng outrage.

The United States Minister Jacob Gould Schurman arrived here this morning after a personal investigation of conditions at the scene of the holdup and announced that he expected the release of all of the prisoners. "It is not a question of armed intervention at the present time," Minister Schurman declared. "Armed intervention would be unwise now, as it would deprive the captives of all chances of freedom through the negotiations which are now pending."

"I believe they will be released as soon as the ransom is paid." Minister Schurman came here from Tsinan-Fu whence he had hastened from Pekin soon after news of the holdup reached him. "This affair is merely another example of the outlawry prevalent throughout China at the present time affecting all provinces," Minister Schurman continued. "It is a terrible and deplorable affair but all branches of the Chinese government are co-operating in an effort to effect the release of the persons held prisoner."

**Feet Cut and Bruised.**  
"I saw Miss Lusy Aldrich and Miss Schoenberg at the Tsinan-Fu hospital. They were as well as could be expected. Their feet were cut, bruised and

## Only Authentic Photo of "King" Purnell, Fugitive



Here is shown the only authentic photograph of "King" Benjamin Purnell, missing leader of the "House of David," the strange religious cult at Benton Harbor, Mich., who has disappeared while the state is investigating stories of gross immorality he practiced with female members of the cult under the guise of religious instruction. Toots Sassman, Purnell's adopted daughter, under the name of Myrtle James, was a witness for Purnell in the Hansel trial, in Grand Rapids, and was reproached in Judge John E. Sater's verdict.

swollen from the effects of their 15-hour march through rain and hail in the rough mountainous country Sunday prior to their release Monday. "Significant of the courage and attitude of the victims was the act of Miss Aldrich, who gave her hat to J. B. Powell, Pekin editor, in order to save his head from the burning sun which alternated with the rain and hail."

"Doctor Carruthers left Wednesday night for the mountain zone in which the brigands are hiding with their prisoners. He carried medical supplies and food and is prepared to give any needed medical or surgical attention to those who are held."

## Wounded Deputy Tells of Sheriff's Murder

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Scottsbluff, Neb., May 10.—Mrs. Julia Johnson of Mitchell, at whose home policeman Albert Peterson was killed by Frank Allen on April 25, was given preliminary hearing before County Judge Delamater today on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting. Deputy Sheriff Guy Carlson, who was wounded by Allen, told the story of the murder and the state also put on the stand Jim Doyle, who was at the Johnson home with Allen before the officers came.

Doyle declared that Allen did not leave the Johnson home until the officers knocked at the door, when Mrs. Johnson let the gun man out the back door. The hearing will be continued Friday.

**Electric Light Man Tells of Value of Advertising**  
Nebraska section of the National Electric Light association opened its annual convention at Hotel Fontenelle yesterday morning. T. H. Fritts of the Central Power company of Grand Island, Neb., presided. O. J. Shaw, chairman of the public relations committee, and George A. Lee of Omaha, in talks at the opening session stressed the importance of newspaper advertising as a medium for presenting to the public the problems confronting electric light companies. Annual banquet was held last night at Hotel Fontenelle. Walter S. Byrne was toastmaster. The convention will be concluded today.

**Dairy, Food, Drug and Seed Officials Meet in Omaha**  
Association of Dairy, Food, Drug and Seed Officials of the north central states met yesterday at Hotel Rome. Mayor James Dahlman made the address of welcome. President's address was given by E. L. Redfern of Des Moines, chief chemist of the dairy and food commission of Iowa. Technical problems were discussed.

**King George Indisposed.**  
London, May 10.—King George was somewhat indisposed yesterday in consequence of the exceptional heat in Rome and his crowded program and probably also the unaccustomed cooking, according to The Times correspondent in that city.

**MARMON TOURING**  
1920 model. Overhauled. Painted a beautiful shade of dark blue. Six wire wheels and six NEW U. S. Royal cord tires.  
LOOK LIKE A NEW CAR RUNS LIKE NEW  
We will trade your smaller car and give you time payments on the balance.  
A SAFE PLACE TO BUY  
J. H. HANSEN CADILLAC CO.  
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Which Only Aggravate Constipation  
Nujol is a lubricant—not a medicine or laxative—so cannot gripe. When you are constipated, not enough of Nature's lubricating liquid is produced in the bowel to keep the food waste soft and moving. Doctors prescribe Nujol because it acts like this natural lubricant and thus secures regular bowel movements by Nature's own method—lubrication. Try it today.

**Nujol**  
A LUBRICANT—NOT A LAXATIVE.

## Bandits Kind to Miss Aldrich

Arrives in Pekin—Tells of Frolicsome Antics of Outlaws.  
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Miss Aldrich was attracted by their courage. They took a special liking for Miss Aldrich, which may account for the fact that she was later released. During the halt at camp the brigands started going over their loot, showing it to Miss Aldrich. It included a woman's hat, hot water bottle, a tube of tooth paste and numerous other toilet articles. Miss Aldrich laughed heartily, especially when one of the brigands put on the woman's hat and started to caper around in it.

Not to be outdone, others of the bandits donned stolen finery. One of the comedians presented a pistol to Miss Aldrich, but she was not frightened. She shook her head and continued to laugh. One of the men patted her on the back and muttered something. A Chinese who could speak English said he was calling Miss Aldrich a brave woman. They were so taken with her courage that they gave her a burro to ride.

One fat Chinese—a prisoner—was unable to keep up with the procession on the steep mountain trails. The bandits solved the problem quickly and effectively by shooting him before Miss Aldrich's eyes.

**No Effort to Prevent Escape.**  
Miss Aldrich became so exhausted that she could hardly sit up. The brigands saw that she was helpless and when she lagged behind they made no effort to prevent her from escaping. The burro, however, was taken away from her. She wandered all afternoon and night. A storm of rain and hail came up and she took shelter in a hut where she went to sleep. A farmer found her and took her to his home where her feet were bathed in warm water. She was found by R. P. Nail, an accountant of the Asla Development company, who took her to Lincheng. Thence she was taken to the Tsinan-Fu hospital.

An aged farmer arrived at Lincheng on Wednesday night with a letter signed by J. B. Powell, one of the American captives, urging the Chinese authorities to withdraw the pursuing troops. "This is the only condition on which the brigands will release their prisoners," wrote Powell. "I hope foreigners with influence will urge the Chinese to call off the soldiers. The bandits are threatening dire reprisals, even mutilation."

**Examinations for Nurses Will Be Held May 15-17**  
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, May 10.—H. H. Antles, secretary department of public welfare, announced the regular examination of nurses would be held at the court house, Omaha, and state house, Lincoln, May 15-17. Special examinations held at the same places for nurses who have been licensed by waiver will be held May 18-19.

**Governor Charles W. Bryan Secures Official Seal**  
Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.  
Lincoln, May 10.—Governor Charles W. Bryan has taken unto himself a governor's seal. It is the first one any governor has possessed. It bears across its surface the word "Governor's Office." There is a picture of the new state capitol upon it.

**Mears to Drive From Omaha to His Home in Wayne Today**  
Representative Grant S. Mears of Wayne, with Mrs. Mears, will leave Omaha tomorrow to drive to their home. Mr. Mears has recently been appointed postmaster of Wayne. He has been in Omaha for two slight operations. In discussing the legislative session Mr. Mears criticized Governor Charles W. Bryan for his veto of the bill reorganizing the state government. "If it had not been that the governor wished to take all the power of appointment for himself he would not have vetoed the Mathers-Dysart bill said Mr. Mears."

See Want Ads Produce Results.

## Unexpected Kiss Costs Methodist Pastor \$60

By Universal Service.  
Chicago, May 10.—Rev. Peter Kleupfel, pastor of the Methodist church at Peerysburg, O., paid \$60 for a kiss he hadn't bargained for, he told the authorities today.

Responding to a knock on the door of his hotel room, Dr. Kleupfel was startled by a pretty blonde girl who threw her arms about him and kissed him fervently. When he protested the girl admitted her mistake. After she had gone he found that his purse and \$60 had disappeared. The authorities arrested Mary Moore, who they claim makes a specialty of the mistaken identity ruse.

## "Con" Men Bilk Owner of Cafe

\$2,000 Placed in Box as "Good Faith Evidence" Proves to Be Newspaper.  
After Charles Mittholtz, proprietor of a restaurant at 2711 Q street, and two prosperous appearing strangers, who told him they wanted to buy his place, each placed \$1,000 in a box which was left with Mittholtz for safekeeping Wednesday, he discovered that it contained nothing but newspapers, he reported to police.

He said that after the terms of the purchase had been discussed they all put up \$1,000 as evidence of good faith. Becoming suspicious, however, he took the box to the Live Stock National bank, where the deception was discovered. The strangers had substituted newspapers instead of money, and had removed Mittholtz's money as well.

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## Death Rains on Victims of Fire at Texas Gusher

Eye-Witness Tells of Flight from Pursuing Burst of Flames—Heat Terrific.  
By Associated Press.  
Mexia, Tex., May 10.—B. B. Simmonds, a representative of the J. K. Hughes Development company, whose gusher at Corsicana caught fire yesterday, was an eye-witness to the blast which burned 16 field workers to a crisp. Simmonds was on the derrick floor but escaped by running.

He said the men were engaged in taking off the control head and putting on a gate valve. "I was standing on the derrick floor, handing waste to the workers to wipe out of their eyes the oil, which was spewing from the valve," Mr. Simmonds said. When the valve fell back I saw a tiny spark caused by friction of the metals striking, and sending showers of burning oil in every direction. "It seemed as though I was being pursued by the great burst of flames, when terrific gust of heat swept past me."

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**\$1.00 Bungalow Aprons**  
Now is the time all good housekeepers need them. Now is the time to buy them, for every apron in stock is offered Friday at reductions of from 20% to 50%.  
Slipover styles of percale with pockets and tie-sashes come in both pretty light patterns that serve many women for morning frocks and the practical indigo blues.  
Each garment is well finished, with no raw seams.  
Sizes 34 to 52  
**Thompson, Belden & Co.**

**Haas Brothers**  
MINNEAPOLIS OMAHA NEW YORK  
Friday---In the "Gray Shop"  
**A SALE OF 150 STOUT DRESSES**  
Sizes 42 to 52  
**\$19**  
A Haas Brothers Dress Event that will prove of unusual interest to Omaha's larger sized women  
Here are Dresses of unusual style distinction. Dresses especially designed to fulfill the style adaptations so essential in slenderizing the stout figure:  
Silk Knits Canton Crepes Roushanaras Printed Crepes  
Navy Blacks Browns Grays Tans Sands  
It is in such sales as this that the "Gray Shop" is meeting its obligations to the large women of Omaha. We promise you opportunities to share in merchandising advantages such as enjoyed by your slender sisters, and this is the manner in which we elect to fulfill those promises.  
So extraordinary are these Dresses at \$19 that the entire lot will no doubt be sold within the first few hours  
It is a duty you owe yourself to plan an early attendance  
Come direct to the Fourth Floor. Doors open at 9 o'clock sharp.  
Take Elevator to—  
**Haas Brothers**  
"Gray Shop"  
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**Men---here's real value in two Pant Suits**  
They're the "cream" of the season's best models. You'll like the new patterns—and the smart new style touches. The extra pants will give you lots of additional wear. Get in on this low price, fellows—it's a real saving ..... **\$37.50**  
**New Golf Knickers**  
Clever patterns, many imported fabrics. Don't miss this chance to get a real pair of knickers at this very **\$6.00** low price .....  
**WILCOX CLOTHES SHOP**  
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**Do you know? PREMIUM SODA CRACKERS**  
Tempting squares of crispness with just a dash of salt. Try them with a glass of milk. They are made by the bakers of **Uneeda Biscuit**  
The National Soda Cracker  
NATIONAL BISCUIT COMPANY  
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**Special Prices:**  
**\$4<sup>45</sup> \$6<sup>45</sup>**  
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These trousers are great values and at these prices are way under regular prices—  
**For Two Days Only Friday and Saturday**  
**Browning King & Co.**  
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