

# Today

A Very Old Earth. Improving the Bible. The Crop of Fools. George Thanks Rockefeller.

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Nobody knows how old this earth is, or how long it will last. Recent discoveries prove it older than scientists thought, probably by several hundred millions of years.

The discovery of highly developed plant life in different coal deposits, according to Professor Noe, whose specialty is ancient botany, puts back the date of the earth's beginning many millions of years.

This is encouraging, proving that the earth's real life, that of conscious human thought upon this planet, has hundreds of millions of years to go, and therefore plenty of time.

We are only 12,000 years away from the stone age, 3,000 or 4,000 years away from universal cannibalism. We have done pretty well, considering. There will be great improvement, undoubtedly in the next 5,000,000 or 10,000,000 years, and possibly we'll return to sea.

The former kaiser is preparing a new edition of the Bible. Some texts he thinks ought to be changed, and "the whole of the Old Testament should have no place in any Christian theological teachings."

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The crop of fools seems unlimited and keeps growing. If it were not so, Wall street would find it necessary to clean up, sweep out some of the thieves and not wait until the last minute to do so.

There ought to be a stock exchange honestly managed, efficiently advertised, all the members combined responsible for the obligations of each individual member and, therefore, watching each other.

As it is, the row of faro banks in a western mining town is the nearest approach to a row of stock exchange houses. One blows up every little while, the others go on.

The king and queen of England sat on red chairs, attended by physicians in scarlet gowns. A church choir sang, the Grenadier guards band in gold and scarlet played.

The king thanked the Rockefeller family of America for giving \$5,000,000 to a London college hospital.

A while ago the Rockefelleres were spending other millions fighting disease in China. They are spending still more in Central America, in Africa, in New York, and elsewhere.

Don't imagine that they are "spending good American money on foreigners." The foreigners also buy Standard Oil. And apart from that to fight disease in one part of the world is to increase human safety in all other parts of the world.

The plague killed off by the Rockefeller money in China never finds its way to the United States.

This nation is doubly rich, trebly and quadruply rich. There is wealth beyond any dream in the soil. There are billions of wealth in the water and under the water. Other billions in nitrogen, are in the air above us.

## New York Police Continue Drive on Dry Law Violators

### Cases Already on Calendar Tried by State Courts—New Offenders Turned Over to Federal Officials.

New York, June 3.—Despite the repeal of the Mullan-Gage state prohibition enforcement act made effective by Governor Smith's signature Friday night, police and state officials continued to arrest offenders of the dry laws and state courts proceeded with prosecutions of offenders arrested up until Friday night.

The only apparent effect of the repeal was the transfer of prosecutions in cases of new offenders from the state to the federal courts. Predicted withdrawal from the enforcement ranks of the city and state authorities, with consequent laxity in the enforcement of the federal dry laws, failed to materialize.

Instead, Police Commissioner Enright announced that the police department would continue to enforce the Volstead act and District Attorney Banton and Dodd declared their offices would continue to prosecute cases already before them.

While Mayor Hylan refused to discuss the situation, Commissioner Enright declared that a conference would be held next week with legal representatives of the city, state and nation to determine the best method of procedure.

"In the meantime," he said, "the police department must go back to the procedure followed under the Volstead act before the Mullan-Gage law was enacted. At that time, police enforcement was more effective throughout the city than was possible on the part of the limited number of federal agents assigned here."

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## Natives Offered to Take Clara From Honduras Prison

### "Tiger Woman" and Sister Favorites With People of Tegucigalpa—Chief of Police Only Enemy After Arrest—Received Many Visitors From Members of Most Prominent Families.

In the following installment of her life story, Clara Phillips tells of her arrest in Honduras, her escape, and her flight to the States.

The minister then asked "Which is Mrs. R. M. Young?" Carson pointed to my sister. Carson had told her to take this name, as he had gotten her Guatemalan passport under the name of Young.

The minister then asked me what size shoes I wore. I told him "Two and a half." He asked me to take off my hat so that he could get a good profile view of me. He looked at my teeth and also examined my hair.

The minister said he had advised that Carson was wanted in the United States for arson. Carson denied this, but he was told to put on his hat and go to the penitentiary.

At first it was planned that all three of us should go to the penitentiary. Chief Retes, however, arranged for a room next to the office of the chief of police, which overlooks the city jail of Tegucigalpa, and my sister and I were allowed to go there.

Of course I did not admit that I was Clara Phillips. The first night in the Tegucigalpa jail made me feel far worse than I felt the first night I was taken to the Los Angeles county jail. The reason was Etta Mae, but poor little sister, she was awfully brave and very consoling to me. We had books and would read. We also did some sewing.

We also looked out of the window from the little balcony, which could very well resemble the one in the play of Romeo and Juliet. It was from here that so many natives made love to us, showered their smiles upon us, threw kisses at us and offered to take us away to freedom if we wished.

From the very first we took a dislike to Chief of Police Retes. He also took a dislike to us. He was our only native enemy, but we reciprocated in kind and did everything we could to embarrass him. When we wanted something that he would not do or get for us, we went to higherups. That was why the chief could not force us to have our pictures taken or measurements made.

Received Many Visitors. At the very outset we received the most prominent and influential persons of Honduras as visitors. Every day they came in numbers. Our floors were permitted to call, usually by appointment, in the afternoon. We went out to the chief that we did not care to see anyone in the morning.

He also wanted us to get up at 7 in the morning and have breakfast. We told him that was too early and we had to eat our breakfast at 9. On some days we had breakfast in bed. We knew that higher officials were for us, so we did these things just to aggravate the chief. Dozens of notes were thrown into the window at us. These included requests for appointments, well wishes, plots for escape and everything imaginable.

One day I noticed a little light playing on the ceiling of the room. I went to the window and there I saw a boy flashing a mirror to attract my attention. He threw a note up to me. The note was from a man, stating: "I am at your service. All you need to do is call on me. It makes my heart ache to see you looking out of that window so wistfully. Let me help you."

Refused to Escape. The boy was acting as a messenger for a man of about 33. He was a very nice native. The whole purpose of the notes was to obtain information as to whether I would escape.

This man said, in one of the notes, that he would flash a light at night in the distance. If I cared to go I was to leave my room dark. Everything had been arranged, he declared. He had fixed matters for me to pass the guards on duty.

Individual Instruction School. Many states are testing the system of individual instruction. Omaha School of Individual Instruction, Omaha, educators of today agree that individual instruction eliminates 60 per cent of the "detractors" as not all pupils can be turned out of a common mold.

## 19 Speeders Fall Into Police Net Here Saturday

### Motorists Who Had Come to Attend Ak-Sar-Ben Races Among Prey of Speed Cops.

Nineteen motorists who fell for the temptation to "step on it," became prey of speed cops Saturday. Several of those arrested had come to Omaha to attend the opening of the Ak-Sar-Ben races.

Three were from Council Bluffs, two of whom were arrested when motorcycle officers saw them speed toward South Omaha. The other was arrested when he failed to notice the two officers escorting the two cars to headquarters and speeded by them.

Others arrested were Ed Jorgensen, 2602 South Thirteenth street; Bert Clumb, 2502 South Twelfth street; George Goodhart, 1543 Jaynes street; C. J. Smir, 601 South Thirteenth street; James Miller, taxi driver, 2420 Cass street; Noel Arnold, Millard, Neb.; H. B. Sheets, Fort Crook; C. D. Bunker, Lincoln; Bud Leary, 1142 South Thirtieth street; J. Schoenwald, 515 South Nineteenth street; Nile Thomas, 5070 Leavenworth street; F. A. McGinnis, Lincoln; J. F. Sherry, 3305 North Fifty-fifth street; A. Siskin, taxidriver; Thomas Bigelow, 108 North Thirtieth street; and A. R. Jacobs, 412 South Twenty-eighth street.

Another handsome looking man brought me some rope stuck in his trousers under his coat. He was one of two visitors who frequently called. Several prominent officials also called. They offered me my freedom in exchange for my honor. If I would be willing to establish a home here, they said, I could have been liberated any time, despite all the efforts to hold me.

The most vigorous man connected with our detention was Chief Retes. Despite his orders we had things pretty much our way around the police station. We used the telephone whenever we wished and we had newspapers to read.

The women's club will have charge of the distribution in the city and the Commercial club, assisted by pretty girls, in the neighboring towns. The Elks' band will accompany them.

Bank Robber Suspects Captured in Gun Battle. Sioux City, Ia., June 3.—An attempt to rob the Kaylor State bank at Kaylor, S. D., was frustrated at 2 Saturday and in the running battle that followed three men, believed to be concerned in the attempt, were captured and are now being held in the county jail at Olivet.

The men gave their names as Frank Gordon, Ed Wilson and John Harry. Gordon claims St. Paul, Minn., as his home. He is out 47.

British Picture Fans No Longer Able to Weep Over Western Thrillers. New York, June 3.—The nice girl, the desperado, the handsome hero and the moustached sheriff, thrown together and run through several feet of film, no longer interest moving picture patrons of Great Britain.

Mr. Maxwell, with some other authors, has come to the United States to attend the motion picture arts congress which will be held next week. He is hoping to bring back to his countrymen some of the ideas of what his countrymen want to see when they go to the movies.

So exhaustive has the typical western thriller been on the tear ducts of the British public that Mr. Maxwell said he thinks a movie audience there never shall cry again.

"We know the far west thriller by heart," he said. "We are getting too much of the sloppy, sentimental stuff. We have no more tears for that."

## Funeral Is Delayed While Rail Officials Hunt Man's Ashes

### Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., June 3.—G. H. Johnson of Long Beach, Cal., former Beatrice resident, who is visiting in the city, had the gruesome experience of carrying the ashes of a strange man in a hand bag for several days before the mistake was discovered.

When the woman discovered that she had been given Mr. Johnson's grip, she got busy with the officials, and the hand bag carried by Mr. Johnson was located and turned over to her. Because of the porter's error, the funeral and burial service was delayed for several days.

Held on Rum Charge. Tony Begetor, 703 North Eighteenth street, was arrested on a charge of illegal transportation of intoxicating liquor by Detectives Walker and Haney when he was found carrying a suitcase filled with liquor.

Judge Visits Station. Explaining that he had orders from Judge George Holmes, presiding magistrate of municipal court, to see that bond was supplied for all persons arrested, Judge Robert Patrick parked himself in a chair at Central police station, where he stayed until after midnight.

New York Bonds. New York, June 3.—With the exception of a brief period of reaction covering two days, bond prices continued to point upward in the trading on the New York Stock Exchange during the past week.

Blame Low Coupon Rate. Bankers attributed failure of investment bonds to bid in two weeks to the low coupon rate attached to the bonds. A feature of the new issue was the strength of foreign government bonds. Securities of the United States Government sold at more than 6 points and others in this group registered moderate gains.

Investment houses report their shelves still well cleared of recent offerings. The possible exception of a few issues, since the first of the year approximately \$10,000,000 of issues have been sold by the railroads. These issues have been in the market for some time and are popular with investors.

Important new offerings during the week were \$10,000,000 of the state of Illinois at prices to yield 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent; \$10,000,000 of 6 1/2 per cent gold notes of the Associated Minnesota Hardware stores; \$10,000,000 of 6 7/8 per cent \$7,000,000 of 1 to 14 year, 4 cent highway bonds of the state of Illinois at prices to yield 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent; \$10,000,000 of 3-year, 4 1/2 per cent mortgage bonds of the Metropolitan Power company at 97 to yield 6 7/8 per cent; \$2,500,000 of 20-year, 6 per cent mortgage bonds of the Metropolitan Power company at 97 to yield 10 1/2 per cent.

## Flanagan's Boys to Play in Bluffs

### Will Give Free Entertainment at Auditorium Next Saturday Night.

Father Flanagan and his 20-piece boys' band, who are out on a tour through Iowa, will appear at the Auditorium in Council Bluffs next Saturday evening at 8:15.

The troupe consists of orators, dancers, actors, soloists, comedians, choruses and the band. Admission to the entertainment is free.

The boys travel in their own special car, "Overland," which is hauled free by the railroads. The program is as follows:

Minstrel Show. "Little Johnny Green," Johnny Gilbert, "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "Franklin's Cakes," "Benito and Mack," "The Prospector," "The Prospector," "Smile," "Angel Child," "Why Should I Cry Over You?" "B. M. March," "Ruben Jank," "Turkey in the Straw," "Irish Washwoman," "An Old Fashioned Girl," "Why Dear?" "Star Spangled Banner."

Hastings Elks Club Will Stage Rodeo June 20 to 23. Hastings, Neb., June 3.—The Elks club of Hastings is searching the ranches of the west for the best riders, ropers and outlaw horses in preparation for the rodeo to be held here June 20 to 23.

This will be the Elks first venture on a big scale in the field of public entertainment. John A. Striker of Kearney will be the manager, and the list of contestants and performers already includes several world champions in riding, roping and bull dogging. Among the stars are Leonard Stroud and Mayme Stroud of Rocky Ford, Colo.; "Skeeter" Robins of Bakfield, Cal.; Frank Carroll of Pendleton, Ore.; and Dan Offutt of Garden City, Kan. There will be a big parade each day. Special stands are being constructed at the county fair grounds to accommodate the crowds.



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