

Today

We Need Big Business.
Rubber From Milk Weed.
Prayer and the Weevil.
Don't Blame Calvin.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

F. E. White tells the Chicago Association of Commerce that discouraging big enterprises is foolish, and he's right.

A big country needs big business. Competing with Europe, we compete with concerns that are practically as big as the nations of Europe.

England, France, Germany stand behind their business men, not trying to pull them down, but encouraging them to be bigger.

President Harding favors bigger and bigger railroads through combinations that will simplify transportation and save money. This ought to be accomplished through government ownership. The next best is greater railroad combinations to save overhead and avoid wasteful competition in soliciting business and a thousand other wastes, inevitable in reckless competition.

The people should have brains enough to allow and encourage the biggest possible business, and at the same time get their share of the resulting economies, and prevent extortion based on monopoly. If they haven't brains enough to deal with big concerns, they won't have brains enough to prevent combinations among smaller concerns.

There is a plan to grow milk weed, and make rubber of the milkweed sap. Dr. LaRue of the University of Michigan believes that it might be done. That would help solve the rubber problem. Every little boy knows how sticky milkweed juice is.

More immediately important is the news from Minnesota which tells of a new process for washing low grade iron ores. If its success is proved, that seems to settle and guarantee an indefinite supply of iron. Minnesota alone has 30,000,000,000 tons of iron in low grade ores, which means that the state is richer than if it owned all the gold mines of the world. Real wealth is in the human brain and its inventions, applied to this earth.

At the request of Governor McLeod, the people of South Carolina next Sunday will unite in prayer against the boll weevil. A good idea, but of course the people of South Carolina will continue to fight, as well as pray, against the boll weevil, remembering the fifth verse of the seventh chapter of Judges, telling how the Lord tried the people of Gideon, setting aside, as especially reliable, "everyone that lapped the water with his tongue as a dog lappeth." Gideon won with the aid of men that were earnest in fighting as well as in praying.

F. A. Wood, No. 432 Buffalo avenue, Paterson, doesn't believe that John Calvin, whom he admires, ever burned anybody alive. "Give me the name of the history from which you got your information," says he. Any encyclopedia will do.

Look up the name of Servetus. Calvin informed against him and caused him to be burned alive at Geneva in October, 1553.

Mr. Wood need not, however, cease his admiration for Calvin on account of that burning alive. In those days it was the fashion for Protestants to burn Catholics and Catholics to burn Protestants. And both, most joyously, burned those that were neither Catholics nor Protestants. Servetus would be included among the last, probably.

The Germans have made another proposition to the allies to pay cash in return for peace and a chance to build up. They offer \$300,000,000 in gold every year, giving a mortgage on beer, wine, sugar, tobacco and spirits taxes, also on real estate, railways, etc. That's enough money to build the Panama canal every year, and leave 50,000,000 over. This rich country made a fuss about building the Panama canal.

Whether or not France will accept depends on what France really wants—the collapse and downfall of Germany, or a certain amount of German money.

The assembly of Wisconsin, imitating the state of New York, votes to do away with prohibition enforcement by state authorities. The results of national prohibition, without state enforcement, will be interesting. This fact stands out. The police are not obliged to arrest bootleggers. They can take them or leave them. In other words, prohibition will offer the most gigantic opportunity for blackmail and graft. A criminal business, "earning" hundreds of millions annually, is powerfully organized on a basis of banditry and blackmail.

Germany agrees to pay us \$245,000,000, the amount we spent uselessly keeping an American army on German soil after the war. Can anybody suggest any good that was done by squandering that money, and loading that debt on a beaten nation?

Johnson Denies Firing Shot That Killed Jurging

Defendant on Witness Stand in Murder Trial—State Impeaches Testimony of Dr. Hoff.

Fremont, Neb., June 8.—Andrew Johnson, 65, facing a charge of first degree murder of William Jurging at North Bend last October following a drinking fest, denied emphatically on the witness stand late this afternoon that he fired the shot that killed Jurging on direct examination Johnson stated that he cannot remember anything that occurred at his home during the drinking party, on cross examination by the state attorney he insisted that he knew he did not kill Jurging.

Court adjourned at 5 o'clock with Johnson still on the stand. He will resume his testimony in the morning and attempts will be made to complete the case for the jury sometime tomorrow.

Attorney Discredits Statement.
The big sensation of the fifth day of the trial came when Prosecuting Attorney J. C. Cook practically impeached the testimony of Dr. E. A. Hoff, the first physician to attend the wounded man. In his testimony the doctor stated that Jurging told him that the shooting was the result of the accident, Attorney Cook exhibited a letter from Dr. Hoff with depositions taken from Jurging shortly after he was shot. In this letter Dr. Hoff informed the county attorney that Jurging said, "Oh, I don't know why he shot me."

Constant Bickering.
Constant bickerings and arguments between the attorneys that necessitated warnings from the court forced the interruption of the letter. The jury was retired while the court ruled that the letter should be admitted as evidence before the jury, thus impeaching the doctor's testimony on the witness stand.

"Unable to Remember."
Johnson, on the witness stand, was asked to recount the exact details leading up to the drinking party and everything he did on the day of the killing. After the third drink his memory fails him, he said, and he is unable to tell what occurred. The next thing that he recalls, he said, was waking up in the county jail next morning, charged with murder.

Debt Issue Discussed by Harding Cabinet

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and that the congress had declined to ratify the proposal.
Rumania is reported simply to have asserted that it is not able to pay anything on interest or principal, and therefore, cannot enter into a funding agreement.

Will Adopt Policy.
With Great Britain the only debtor actually to enter into funding negotiations and the time rapidly approaching when the commission's report to congress must be drafted, the administration is anxious to get the situation definitely lined up so as to know the best policy to pursue. Mr. Wadsworth's task was to stir up the European governments to a realization of their obligations.

It is known that the debt commission had concluded, if the smaller powers could not be induced to make funding arrangements, the pressure would be so great on the larger nations that they would have to take action.

White House Optimistic.
Falling in this course, the commission would be confronted with the problem of determining upon what measures to adopt to compel settlements. Doubtless this phase of the question came up for discussion at the cabinet meeting.

The White House spokesman was somewhat optimistic in his announcement. He said the information which the government had been able to get was not available for publication as yet, but in response to questions, declared there was no conciliation proposal among the gestures. He added that no consideration was being given to cancellation, because the commission has no right to discuss such action.

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Big Curb Firm Fails; Police Seek Records

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records had been removed from the Winkelman offices after announcement of the failure.

District Attorney Benton will find, he said, "that all the records are in the offices as they were before filing of the bankruptcy petition." The involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court this morning against the firm.

The petition was the climax of an exciting forenoon around the Winkelman offices, during which the doors of the firm were temporarily closed, only to be opened again later.

Charles L. Livingston was named receiver with bond of \$50,000. The firm has offices in 13 eastern cities.

It was the largest house actively in business on the curb market today, the only other one, that of Jones & Baker, having gone into bankruptcy and suspended last week.

Members of the firm are L. L. Winkelman and A. K. Nicholson. District Attorney Benton disclosed that Winkelman and Nicholson, in the Winkelman house formerly had been in the employ of Charles A. Stoneham, part owner of the New York Giants, who formerly operated a brokerage house under the name of Charles A. Stoneham & Co. Mr. Stoneham recently was involved in the \$85,000 failure of E. M. Fuller & Co., admitting at a referee's hearing that he had loaned the firm \$197,000, shortly before the crash, at the request of Thomas F. Foley, Tammany leader and former sheriff of New York county.

Winkelman, it was said, was the curb representative of the old Stoneham firm, and Nicholson was a correspondent and market letter writer. The Winkelman firm, which became a member of the curb market in 1916, specialized in curb oil stocks and Standard Oil securities. One of its most successful promotions was Salt Creek Producers' association, which operates in the Wyoming oil fields.

The recent series of bankruptcies of stock brokerage firms accompanied in several cases by charges of bucketing orders, has started Federal District Attorney Hayward on an investigation preliminary to a possible charge against bucket shops.

He is seeking evidence that a bankruptcy filing is behind the failure and the disappearance of millions of dollars of customers' securities and money. He has called upon official referees for transcripts of testimony in hearings in the cases of E. M. Fuller & Co. upon the S. S. Ruskay & Co., Raynor Nichols & True, Karder & Burke.

Man Gets Wolf Bounty.
Plainview, Neb., June 8.—Charles E. Watson, who lives a few miles southwest of Plainview, received \$21 bounty for seven baby wolves which he dug out of a hole on his farm. The mother wolf escaped.

Petition to Retain Warden.
Clearwater, Neb., June 8.—A petition of more than 400 names has been sent to Governor Bryan asking that William J. O'Brien, state fish warden, be retained and given control of the Gretna hatcheries.

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Bryan Is Beset With Politicians

Urged to Maintain Enforcement Laws—O'Brien Action Decried.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, June 8.—Two sets of petitions are pouring into the office of Gov. Charles W. Bryan.

One calls upon him to issue a statement giving his moral support to those interested in maintaining a state law enforcement bureau to discount the rising tide of public sentiment for passage of repealers to state law enforcement programs similar to that recently signed by Governor Al Smith. So far the governor has declined to comment on this subject.

The other urges him to stop, look and listen before he calls for resignation of W. J. O'Brien, superintendent of the state fish hatchery at Gretna. O'Brien refuses to obey the governor's order to live in the home built by the state for the hatchery superintendent and because O'Brien gave fish dinners to legislators.

The Governor has had nothing to say recently on the Gretna situation. The \$1,200 claim for O'Brien's back salary is still being held up.

The governor is in Alliance today delivering an address to stockbreeders who are holding a rodeo show and annual meeting.

The New State Appears as Independent Paper

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, June 8.—The New State, formerly Nonpartisan league organ in Nebraska, after suspending publication for two months, has again been put in circulation this month, following a legal divorce from the league, according to C. A. Sorenson, president of the executive board of the Nebraska Co-operative Publishing company. This company, Sorenson asserted, owns the publication.

"In fact this company always had owned the paper and merely leased it to the Nonpartisan league," Sorenson said today. "The league fell down on its lease by failing to publish for two months. This gave us the right to regain control and start publication. The paper will be independent of any political party. Until the political campaign opens it will be a monthly publication. Then it probably will be published on a tri-monthly or weekly basis."

Sorenson asserted that various members of the executive board were editing the paper.

Hotel Firm's Creditors Will Meet With Referee

Lincoln, June 8.—Creditors of the bankrupt Nebraska Hotel company will meet with Referee Baylor in the federal courtroom here June 19, to consider the sale of the assets. It was announced last night. The meeting is called on action taken by the creditors. Two offers for the properties, consisting of eight hotels, mainly in Nebraska, among them the Lincoln of Lincoln and the Fontenelle of Omaha have been made. Eugene C. Eppley, who is at present conducting them, has offered \$900,000. John Fowler of Lincoln, with three other men, has offered \$875,000.

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France Rejects Latest Proposal of Germany

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ests, is exerting all its influence to induce Premier Poincare to climb down from his position.

It is this position of Poincare, it is pointed out, that stands as the great obstacle to the resumption of negotiations.

It is an open secret that Premier Baldwin and all the members of the cabinet believe that Germany has evinced a genuine desire for settlement in her latest offer and that she has offered practically every guarantee possible.

Fear Communist Rule.
Some of the members of the cabinet agree with Sir Charles Higham, that if France maintains her obdurate stand, she will force the fall of the Cuno cabinet and throw Germany into the hands of the communists, who will repudiate all war debts.

Sir Charles believes, and in his belief is reflected the views of important members of parliament, that the time has come for the government to act in the interest of world safety.

If the present appeal to France fails, Premier Baldwin will insist that Great Britain's rights be heard, and in taking this stand he will be backed by all parties in parliament.

Threat is Resented.
Leaders of the government resent Premier Poincare's threat to Germany to revive the inter-allied commission control in order to enforce the new sanctions and severe penalties.

They feel that the brutality policy of force has failed, and that unless the rulers of France listen to reason this government will be forced, in the interest of its suffering commerce with the resultant great army of unemployed, to demand from France recognition of its rights and a full voice in the settlement of the situation.

"It is like chess with three contestants," was the comment of a Whitehall official on the note.

"The Germans have taken our advice and delivered the note, which gets commendation here, but unfortunately Berlin informed the French that the note came as the result of our inspiration, and therefore the effect of the Berlin note was largely lost."

Heat Wave in East Broken.

Washington, June 8.—The heat wave over the eastern part of the country had been broken today in the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys and in the Great Lakes region and weather predictions for tonight indicated relief for the middle Atlantic states, the Carolinas and Georgia.

Cole Accepts Position.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.
Lincoln, June 8.—A. B. Cole, formerly state purchasing agent, has accepted a position as Lincoln salesman for the Carpenter Paper company of Omaha.

Large Chick "Crop."

Alexandria, Neb., June 8.—More than 9,000 chicks have been hatched out by the battery of incubators on the chicken farm of R. L. Cummings of Alexandria.

Paris Last Year had the Largest Percentage of Divorces to the Number of Marriages of Any City in France.

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