

# Today

Independence Day.  
Europe's Troubles.  
Mr. Bok's \$100,000.  
Dempsey's Beard.  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Wednesday will be the Fourth of July, "Independence day," 147 years away from the first Independence day. There never was a time when the United States needed genuine independence more—Independence of Europe, its troubles, fights, jealousies, hatreds, robberies, falling money, world court and league of nations.

The pound sterling again dropped to its lowest price for the year Monday. Francs fell below 6 cents apiece. You could buy German money for less than you could have it printed for in the United States. Something is wrong over there and they know it. We also know it and shall keep out.

The French are thorough, once they start it. Some time ago they put Herr Krupp von Bohlen, husband of the lady that owns the great Krupp factory, in prison for a long term of years. Monday the French seized and occupied the entire Krupp plant. All work in it has ceased. This means many thousands of men out of work, and Germany takes another step on the road to ruin. What it will mean eventually for France, time will tell.

Mr. Bok made the greatest possible mistake, retiring from active work, just when he had learned his trade. He is doing all he can to be useful as a retired person, and offers \$100,000 for "a practical plan that will enable the United States to co-operate in keeping world peace." He will pay \$50,000 for the idea, and \$50,000 more when the senate, or the people, by their votes, endorse it.

The suggestion of this humble writer is: Mr. Bok, put your \$100,000 in five good flying machines for the United States service, to carry mail in peace and bombs in war. The best "practicable plan" to preserve peace, as far as we are concerned, is to make it dangerous for anybody to attack us.

The odds are five to one on Dempsey for the big fight that may or may not be held. That interests millions not interested at all in what happens in Europe or in the distant nebulae.

Also, the rules may compel Mr. Dempsey to shave before the fight begins. It is his custom to go into the ring with a thick growth of black hair on his face.

That beard will interest those to whom mere prize fighting means little. The races that rule the earth are bearded races, the Nordics being specialists in beard growing.

The beards kept them warm, frightened their smooth-faced enemies and protected them from the cold. They acted as a shock absorber when the enemy's club or teeth landed on the face or neck. Perhaps Dempsey likes to fight with face black and hairy surface. And that savage surface disturbs the enemy's nerves.

Upsetting nature's balance is dangerous. Russia realizes it. Crops are promising, famine does not threaten as it did. But the great trouble is mice. They have multiplied in tens of millions and threaten the crops because nearly all the cats were cooked and eaten during the famine time. A cat warranted to kill mice is worth 60,000,000 rubles. Before the war that would have been \$30,000,000—a big price for a cat. Sixty million rubles is a big price even now.

During the war all the wild game was frightened or killed off in France. The French sportsmen seek, in Germany, deer, wild boars and other animals, in order, as the not very courteous letter puts it, "to have something to shoot at."

If the French sportsmen will wait awhile it is likely they will have plenty of things to shoot at many of them being German, and two-legged.

The present trend is all in the direction of another war and plenty of shooting.

Roumania and Poland, comparing notes, announce that their combined armies are big enough to paralyze any move of aggression or annexation made by the neighbor to the east. They think they are big enough, in a fighting way, to hold off Russia. One or both will have a chance to prove it.

A while ago it was thought the league of nations would prevent the start of another big fight. Now France pays no attention to England, England is doubling its air forces to get ready for trouble. The outlook isn't pleasant.

You can find some comfort in taking an inventory here at home. This government's income is more than four thousand million dollars. Its surplus for the year is three hundred and nine million dollars. The total debt of the United States amounts to only a little more than twenty-two thousand million dollars.

Twenty-two thousand million sounds a good deal. New York city could pay the whole bill if it had to, so could Chicago. We're all right, if we know enough to remain all right.

## First Entry for \$100,000 Peace Award Received

Initial Entry Made Within Day After Prize Is Announced by International No More War Association.

New York, July 3.—The first entry for the \$100,000 American peace award, offered by Edward Bok, former editor, for the best practicable plan for the co-operation of the United States with other nations for the attainment and preservation of world peace, was made yesterday within a day after the award had been announced.

The peace plan came from the International No More War association of New York and was as follows: "1. That immediate steps be taken to outlaw war by making it illegal to prepare for, declare, or carry on war.

"2. That an agreement be reached with other nations that, for any reason, be declared a crime, as well as the use of armed force against subject peoples and in time of revolution.

"3. That in the event the United States congress, or the governing body of any foreign country has been deprived of the power of waging war, or in the event war has been declared a crime, peoples be organized in groups to refuse to support war if funds appropriated or war declared, despite the illegality of such acts.

It was stated by the organization that up to the present the militarist has been in the saddle and pacifist protests against war were made illegal. Reverse the situation, outlaw the militarist, the pacifist cause becomes legal and "hatred between nations, engendered by the war-shower and the saboteur will be relegated to the graveyard of a monstrous past."

**Kansas Judges Refuse to Close Industrial Court**  
By Associated Press.

Topeka, Kan., July 3.—The Kansas court of industrial relations will continue its activity as contemplated by the laws creating it "at the least possible expense" the two republican judges of the tribunal informed Governor J. M. Davis, democrat, today in a letter replying to the governor's proposal that the three judges refrain from drawing their salaries and by such action automatically abolish the court.

The reply was signed by Judge James A. McDermott and Judge John H. Crawford. The third member, Judge Henderson S. Martin, democrat, whom Governor Davis appointed to the court, accedes to the governor's request "on condition that the other members of the court do likewise," the letter stated. "However," it adds, "the majority members refuse to accede to this wanton destruction of exceedingly useful departments."

**Body of Mrs. M. J. Kinnan Ordered Taken to Columbus**  
Following a long legal battle in district court the body of Mrs. Martha J. Kinnan will be transferred from a vault in Forest Lawn cemetery, Omaha, to a mausoleum at Columbus, Neb. The body of her husband, Joseph Kinnan, will be placed beside her.

These are the provisions of the decision handed down by Judge A. M. Post in district court at Columbus, in a suit brought by Dollie and Jessie Kinnan and Mrs. August Groves, daughters of the dead woman, Herbert S. Kinnan, Joseph Kinnan and Mrs. Harry Ellsworth.

## Sunsets, a Sheik, Whispers of Love, Lure Wife to City

Burning, pulsating words of love in the cool, gray dawns on a farm at Richland, Neb.

Endearing assurances of pretty clothes and the pleasures of the night life of a great city, delivered while the huge, red ball of a Nebraska sun sank leisurely behind the timber lot on her husband's ranch.

With her was Kimmeler. And there, too, were her husband and her daughter, Rosetta, 4, who clung to her mother's hand all during the proceedings. Kimmeler and Marietta were arrested on the street in front of the postoffice garage.

After Kimmeler left the farm, Marietta explained, he wrote her letters, telling her of the joys of city life. Finally, she said, she got money enough from her husband to buy a new dress and then left the farm by stealth.

In Omaha she joined Kimmeler. They lived for a time at the Continental hotel, until their arrest on request of federal authorities, who later declined to prosecute. Christensen, when informed of his wife's arrest, came immediately to Omaha. This morning he agreed to take back his wife, and she was released on her promise to go home with him.

Kimmeler, charged with vagrancy, was sent back to the bull pen, where dawns and sunsets are unknown, to think it over.

## Retired Farmer Thinks He's Oldest Subscriber to The Bee

James Stapleton Began Taking Paper in 1871, Shortly After Its Founding.

James Stapleton, retired farmer of Blair, Neb., is proud of two of his pastimes, which, incidentally, have become hobbies. One is that he believes he is the oldest subscriber to The Omaha Bee and the other is that he has voted none other than a straight republican ticket. Mr. Stapleton began taking The Omaha Bee in 1871, shortly after it was founded as a weekly paper by the late Edward Rosewater. Since then he never has missed an issue and has one delivered to him each morning at the Nicholas Senn hospital where he is at present recovering from an illness.

Mr. Stapleton drove the first stage between Omaha and Decatur, Neb., the mail being transferred then to a stage bound for Sioux City. He came to Omaha in 1865 after the civil war and, following his retirement from driving the Decatur stage, drove one of the first horse cars in Omaha.

He then went on a homestead at Lyons, Neb., and, after retiring, went to Blair to live. He is the father-in-law of Dr. Frank Simon of the North American Insurance company.



James Stapleton

## "Whipping Boss" Pleads for Life

Declares Fatal Beating Administered North Dakota Boy His "Duty."

By International News Service. Lake City, Fla., July 3.—Thomas W. Higginbotham, alleged "whipping boss," today took the stand to plead for his life before the jury which has heard state's witnesses testify that it was his seven-pound lash that took the life of Martin Taber of Munich, S. D.

Higginbotham was the first witness when the trial was resumed today. "Did you whip Martin Taber," Higginbotham was asked. "I did."

"How many times was Taber reported to you before you whipped him?" "Three times."

He said he and Taber were on friendly terms and that no malice or ill feeling existed between them. Convict guards reported the alleged in-subordination of Taber Wednesday night and again Thursday. Higginbotham said, but it was not until Friday, upon the third report that he whipped the North Dakota boy. "Why did you whip him?" he was asked. "It was my duty. I did not want to do it." He said he asked Taber if he was sick and the boy answered he was not.

Higginbotham then told Taber "to get down," the boss testified, and administered eight lashes in the space of "about a minute."

Why walk hour after hour looking for a desirable room. Call AT. 1000 and let an Omaha Bee "Want Ad" find one for you.

## Ex-Checker Champ Has Hour's Freedom



Chauncey Lumen, once champion checker player of Nebraska, gained an hour of freedom from the state reformatory, where he is serving a sentence for highway robbery Monday.

Aided by a dense fog, he climbed a barbed wire fence surrounding the institution and fled. He was recaptured an hour later and returned to the prison by Adolf Traeger, former guard at the reformatory, who operates a farm about a mile away.

## German Plot on Leviathan Myth

Engineers Say Story False—U. S. War History May Have to Be Rewritten.

By Associated Press. New York, July 3.—Announcement today by engineers who reconditioned the Leviathan that wartime tales of German attempts to cripple the liner were false, has left the shipping board in a quandry as to what to do with \$15,000 worth of elaborate souvenir booklets containing a detailed account of the alleged sabotage, which were to have been distributed tomorrow on the ship's first voyage as an American liner.

F. H. Gibbs of Gibbs Brothers, engineers who prepared the giant liner for service as an American passenger vessel, said that damage to the vessel had been found to have been the result of an accident in docking the vessel on her last trip to this country under the German flag in 1914. An accident in getting the vessel into her Hoboken pier, Mr. Gibbs said, left her with several broken turbine blades and other damaged parts. Efforts of German engineers to repair the damages made matters worse.

When the broken parts were discovered, he asserted, credence was given to the story that the Germans had attempted to scuttle the ship on February 3, 1917, just before the

American government had taken possession of her.

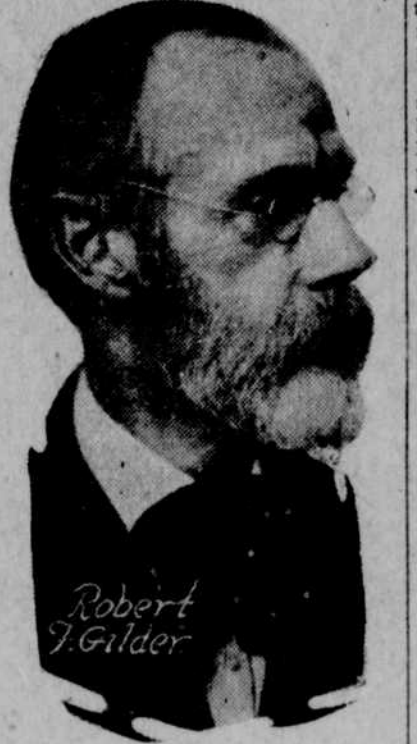
The booklets were written by a journalist on the assumption that the wartime story was accurate. No pains had been spared to make the alleged scuttling attempt a vivid story.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 3.—Part of the official history of the world war will have to be rewritten if a report brought back to Washington by Representative Madden of Illinois, a guest on the trial trip of the liner Leviathan, should turn out to be true.

Mr. Madden said today that during the voyage he had been informed, "on good authority" that the story of the crippling of the liner's machinery by her German crew when she was seized by the United States was all a myth.

Department of Justice records describe extensive damage to the engines of the ship, which then was the Vaterland, and attributed to German seamen, while the files of the Navy department contain photographs of gaping holes in her boilers and of shattered mechanism found when the American naval forces took charge.

## Robert F. Gilder to Marry Omaha Widow



Robert F. Gilder, landscape painter and archeologist, has obtained a license to wed Mrs. Christine Peterson Farber, a widow.

The wedding will take place in the near future. Mr. Gilder said Tuesday morning, although the date has not been fixed.

Following the wedding the couple will make their home for a short time at Wake Robin, Mr. Gilder's place on the Baldwin-Grove road, after which they will make an automobile trip to Wisconsin to visit Mrs. Faber's sister.

From Chicago they will journey to New York City and later to Arizona, where Mr. Gilder has a contract to paint a series of landscapes. From Arizona they will go to California, where Mrs. Farber's mother lives.

**Rohrer Under Knife.**  
U. S. Rohrer, federal prohibition director for Nebraska, is recovering from a serious operation in Lord Lister hospital.

Dr. E. C. Henry, who performed the operation, declined to reveal its nature, but declared that Mr. Rohrer is making an excellent recovery.

## French Move on Frankfurt

By International News Service. Berlin, July 3.—French troops, reported yesterday to be extending their occupation of the Ruhr, today moved their lines into the suburbs of Frankfurt, according to reports received here.

(A news dispatch today from Paris said the French ministry denied knowledge of the occupations in the Ruhr and declared the French would not occupy Frankfurt.)

OMAHA MINNEAPOLIS NEW YORK

Commencing Thursday—  
Our July Clearance  
—of—  
**Stout Apparel**

In Our "Gray Shop"  
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The stout women of Omaha and vicinity will welcome this important sale, because it permits them the unusual opportunity of selecting apparel in the larger sizes at prices surprisingly low.

A Sale of Vital Interest to Every Woman requiring size 42 to 56 in her apparel.

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**Stout Coats, Stout Capes, Stout Wraps, Stout Suits, Stout Dresses, Stout Skirts**

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The savings are most pronounced. Women who in the past have attended a Haas Brothers' Clearance realize that this event never fails to afford the most remarkable value giving of the entire year. It will prove to your advantage to plan an early attendance.

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A Big Cut In the Clothes Budget  
The clothes budget cut in half—and she is just as smartly dressed as ever! Here are two ways of doing it for the woman who makes her own clothes: Buy your materials at July Clearance prices and use a

McCall Printed Pattern  
**Fabrics**  
At Clearance Prices that cut the "initial cost" from 10% to 35%.  
**Silks and Woolens**  
Silk Gingham, 1.69 a yard.  
Japanese Pongee, 95c a yard.  
Printed Silks, 1.59 and 1.95.  
Fancy Tricolettes, 1.69 and 2.29.  
Figured Crepe de Chine, 2.29 a yard.  
May Queen Sport Silk, \$4.25 a yard.  
All woolens, linings, satens, lingettes, A. B. C. Silk and Sello Silks reduced 10% to 25%.

**Wash Goods**  
Printed Dress Voiles 45c a yard.  
32-inch Gingham, 45c a yard.  
32-inch Tissues, 36c a yard.  
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