

# Today

The President's Illness.  
Two Birthdays.  
New War—New Horror.  
Just Like a Woman.  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The news of President Harding was disquieting Monday. Four physicians called in consultation declined at first to issue a bulletin. The president is said to suffer from intestinal poisoning after eating crabs supposed to have absorbed "copper salt" from the water and mud in which they lived.

The president, compelled to abandon his tour, will return east at the earliest possible moment. His excellent constitution, based on careful living, will carry him safely through what has undoubtedly been a severe test of his resisting power.

Two human beings far apart mentally and geographically, have just celebrated their birthdays—Henry Ford, 60, and Mussolini, 40. Henry Ford was born on a farm and worked there until he was 24. Now he is worth at least a thousand millions. If he lives 10 years and saves, he'll have three billions. You can start late and succeed if you have it in you.

Mussolini had an exciting birthday; Henry Ford's was dull compared to Mussolini's. There were 30,000 telegraphic messages of congratulation and praise for the fighting Italian. Whether Ford's or Mussolini's name will live longer, history will tell.

The British have a cruiser of 3,600 tons, able to sink out of sight at the approach of a dangerous enemy, then rise, when the enemy vanishes and go on cruising in search of commercial victims. That's one interesting new thing in war.

The United States is manufacturing very early submarines to be carried inside of submarines. The submarine will rise to the surface and the planes will fly off carrying TNT or gas bombs to attack enemy ships or coast towns.

The coming war will be something to make the Seven Plagues of Egypt look like a pleasure party. Think of half a dozen gigantic submarines, suddenly rising at the enemy's coast line, each using a big gun, and releasing a flock of miniature death-carrying flying machines.

That kind of thing will end war eventually. The old colored man told his amazed clergyman that he didn't believe in eternal hellfire "because I don't think no constitution could stand it." No national constitution could stand the kind of war that science is preparing.

A young woman of Detroit, Louise Billet, inherited \$100,000. First she had her hair bobbed, frizzed and "touched up a little." Men will say, "just like a woman."

True and this, also, is just like a woman, not at all like a man. Miss Billet bought an electric washing machine and announced her intention to do washing free for invalids and for women, poor and sick. She knew what it was to wash for wages and thought it would be interesting, especially with an electric washer and wringer, to wash for poor people for nothing.

Many men will inherit a hundred thousand dollars before you will find one with such a "crazy idea" as that.

Wall street was uncomfortable Monday. First everything dropped and those horrible "new lows" came out. Then conditions got a little better. Nobody seems to know what is the matter or what is to happen. This country has everything it needs and some things not absolutely necessary, including most of the gold.

It ought to be a healthy country but it isn't quite sure about it. The average man in an insane asylum or in a hospital begins to feel crazy or sick after awhile. Surrounded on all sides by nations in trouble, we pinch ourselves once in awhile, but can't be quite sure that we are awake and well and happy.

At St. Mark church, New York city, two clergymen conduct a clinic for those afflicted with fear. They have cured a clergyman whose fear was that he would kill himself. They have cured "agoraphobia," which means "fear of open places." They have cured "claustrophobia," which means "fear of confined places."

They cured a lady with such a dreadful fear of dirt, and she would not go near any of her relatives. It is beautiful, wonderful work, too important to be confined to a group of 500 or 600 with specialized fears.

The Rev. Messrs. Shipel and Crosby should open a spiritual clinic in Europe and treat the heads of the nations. Fear is their curse, and the curse of the world.

In all Europe's complications the strangest is the demand by Belgium and France that the Germans "must cease passive resistance" before they will change their attitude in the Ruhr. It is like saying to a man stretched on the rack: "We'll consider letting you off of this, but first, you must stop wriggling and groaning as a guarantee of good faith."

The Guaranty Trust company of New York, examining conditions carefully, announces that the outlook for wheat farmers is dark; a great deal of this year's crop may be sold for less than it cost to grow it.

It must be remembered that dollar wheat, which means nominally 80 cents for the farmers, means actually 25-cent wheat, because of the dollar's low purchasing price.

Senator Capper says that the danger line is reached "when a customer gets more for hauling a commodity than a farmer receives for producing it."

## Cut in Revenues of U.S. Forecast

\$151,894,397 Reduction in Government Receipts Next Year Predicted.

Washington, July 31.—A net reduction in government receipts of \$151,894,397 during the next fiscal year was predicted yesterday by Herbert M. Lord, director of the budget, in his annual report to President Harding covering the operation of the federal budget during its second year. Estimates of expenditures have not been completed.

The income for the year is estimated in the report at \$3,486,935,036, compared with an estimated collection of \$3,638,489,453 in the present fiscal year, which will end July 30, 1924.

Customs revenues, estimated at \$500,000,000 this year, are expected to drop to \$475,000,000 next year, while a loss of \$50,000,000 is expected in income and profits taxes. Miscellaneous internal revenue is expected to maintain its present annual rate of \$880,750,000.

Revenues from the various departments of the government, listed as miscellaneous receipts, were expected to bring \$2,413,845,088, and capital income and special operations, \$72,750,000. Under the latter item were included railroad administration, \$23,000,000; repayment of loans to foreign governments, \$23,625,000; sale of farm loan bonds and liquidation of capital stock of federal land banks, \$26,125,000.

Analyzing the factors which led to an actual surplus of \$309,657,460 on June 30, 1923, in place of the deficit of \$822,433,231 which was forecast when the year began, the bureau said: "This improvement in the government's financial condition is accounted for by increase in receipts over estimates, \$768,101,415, and net decrease in estimated expenditures, \$363,989,275, making a total difference as between the estimates of June 30, 1923, and in actual results June 30, 1923, of \$1,132,090,691."

This result, the report continued, "was in no small measure due to the efforts of individual departments and establishments and to the fine spirit of co-operation by the carrying out of economy policies of the president."

## One Woman Dead, Another Injured in Auto Crash

Hastings, Neb., July 31.—Louise Davidson of Holdrege was killed and Miss Della Wedan of Hastings was seriously injured when the car in which they were riding was struck by a train near Heartwell, Neb., Monday.

## Pasture and Hay Lands Turning Brown From Heat

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Columbus, Neb., July 31.—With a temperature of 95 degrees today, the upland pasture and hay lands are turning brown. The drought becoming more extensive has not been aided by recent rains which drained off, failing to saturate the ground.

## Mast Estate \$60,000.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., July 31.—Hubert Waite, local banker, was appointed administrator of the estate of Aaron Mast, Holmesville farmer, who died last week. The estate is valued at \$60,000.

## Offer Prayers for Harding

New York, July 31.—Prayers for the recovery of President Harding were offered last night at meetings held here by 1,000 young men who leave Tuesday for the citizens' military training camp at Plattsburg, N. Y. Major General Bullard addressed two meetings in Manhattan.

## Prayers for Recovery of President Harding Offered Over United States

By Associated Press. Boston, July 31.—Cardinal O'Connell today sent the following telegram to Mrs. Harding: "We are all deeply grieved because of the illness of our beloved president, and our priests and religious and the children of our schools are offering their prayers for his speedy recovery. 'We are also praying God to give you strength to bear your burden cheerfully, which we trust Providence will soon lighten.'"

By Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., July 31.—Prayers for the recovery of the president are being offered in many churches in Baltimore this week. Baptist clergymen in particular have announced that special prayer services will be held tomorrow night and Sunday.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., July 31.—Chaplains of both houses of the Georgia general assembly today offered prayers for the recovery of President Harding. Governor Walker expressed his regrets on account of the president's illness and tendered his sympathy.

By Associated Press. Detroit, Mich., July 31.—Prayers for the recovery of President Harding

## Nickerson Bank in State's Hands

Directors of Robbed Institution Refuse to Make Statement—\$26,000 Missing.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., July 31.—The doors of the First State bank of Nickerson, recently robbed of \$26,000 in bonds and cash, failed to open for business Monday. It was announced that the directors had placed the bank in the hands of the state department of trade and commerce.

The bank suffered the loss of \$26,000 when robbers succeeded in opening the combinations on the vault and in the safe and stripped the compartment of \$20,000 in bonds and over \$5,000 in cash. The robbery is one of the most mysterious in the annals of Dodge county history and threatens to go unsolved.

Shortly after the robbery, A. W. Sprick, president, relieved Vice President C. E. Negus of his duties as manager. Bank Examiner H. Fricke, Lincoln, has been working on the bank's books throughout the day. He refused to make any statement. Sprick and Cashier Bullock also refused to give out any details of the directors' actions.

## Seven Apply for Job as Head of Feeble-Minded Institute

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Aug. 31.—The state board of control announced that the following have applied for position as superintendent of the State Institute for Feeble-Minded at Beatrice: Dr. R. H. Sawyer, Lincoln; Dr. A. F. Johnson, Osceola; Dr. T. H. Line, Central City; Dr. Bertha E. Reynolds, Madison, Wis.; Dr. H. Guy Brown, assistant superintendent, Lincoln State hospital; Dr. L. T. Lidwell, superintendent, hospital for tuberculars, Kearney; Dr. J. A. Burford, assistant superintendent, feeble-minded institute at Beatrice.

## Fish Not Big Enough.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., July 31.—John McLaughlin of West Beatrice was arrested near Holmesville by a deputy state game warden, having in his possession a fish below regulation size. Judge Ellis fined him \$5 and costs.

## Two Women Escape Death by Train

Presence of Mind Saves Lives When Switch Engine Strikes Sedan.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., July 31.—Presence of mind probably saved the lives of Mrs. Clair Pollock and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Oscar Pollock, both of Fremont, when a Northwestern switch engine struck the sedan in which they were riding on a crossing east of the city at noon today.

Mrs. Pollock, who was driving, noticed the engine bearing down upon them. It was too late to attempt a stop, but to avert a direct collision, Mrs. Pollock swerved the automobile in the direction the locomotive was going.

The front end of the car caught on the engine and was dragged for some distance. Both women were thrown clear of the wreckage. Mrs. Pollock suffered only a sprained ankle and her mother-in-law was but slightly bruised in the unusual escape.

## Harding Shows Improvement

Refreshed by 6-Hour Sleep—Reads Newspapers, Takes Nourishment.

A subsidence of the earlier abdominal trouble and the hopes and prayers of a nation. His handicap was an admittedly weakened physical resistance.

None of the five attending physicians would predict the outcome, although all were optimistic. No word came from the sick room during the early hours today, it having been agreed after a bulletin was issued at 9:15 o'clock last night that no additional formal statement would be made until about 5 o'clock this morning unless there occurred a decided change one way or the other. So to those who waited no news was considered good news.

Serious to Grave. The 9:15 o'clock bulletin issued last night after a consultation of the five physicians attending the president contained the first announcement that broncho-pneumonia had developed in the right lung, although a statement given out four hours previously had spoken of "evidence of some congest-

## State Tax Levy Cut; Valuations Raised

(Continued From Page One.) state taxes during the campaign," one office-holder remarked. "In fact, if it was necessary to raise the soldiers' relief fund the taxes this year would be higher than in 1922."

Following is the table prepared by Smith on the levy made by the state board after it declined to lower valuations placed on railroads:

Total appropriation from all sources for the biennium beginning July 1, 1922, and ending June 30, 1925, as shown by auditors' statement of legislative appropriations, page 2, \$24,522,222.41. Total appropriations to be met during biennium from general fund receipts as shown by auditors' statement, page 27, \$12,238,422.19.

Of which it is estimated one-half will be available from July 1, 1923, to June 30, 1924, or \$6,649,010.94.

To meet which, it is estimated there will be available miscellaneous collections for the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$2,575,929.79. Plus state general fund collections in the hands of county treasurers on July 1, 1923, and not reported to state auditor, 74 counties, \$1,144,832.15, and 19 counties not reported, but estimated, \$6,918,409, total \$278,198.15, making \$12,979,822.94.

Leaving to be raised from the 1923 general fund levy, the sum of \$4,669,291.75. The assessed valuation of the state being \$2,222,717,195, a levy of 1.7 mills will raise \$3,844,482.00.

Assessed valuation of state in 1922, \$1,219,765,290.

The capital fund levy, as determined by statute, is 2 1/2 of one mill and on assessed valuation of the state, it will raise in 1923, the sum of \$9,032,500.

Total taxes levied, 1923, \$5,406,516.60. Total taxes levied, 1922, \$7,349,733.00. Reduction, 1922, \$1,943,216.40.

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## Handicapped Machine.

Determined, he said, to give the American people all the facts in the case of the president, General Sawyer last night had a long talk with newspaper men, discussing the condition of the executive in nontechnical language and answering all questions put to him.

In his talk General Sawyer said a fight was on between the attacking forces, as represented in complications growing out of the original ptomaine poisoning and the president's physical resistance, weakened by nearly 40 days and approximately 7,000 miles of traveling. The physician then added gravely: "We are running with a very handicapped machine."

The problem faced is to strengthen and repair the machine, or physique, so as to combat the attacks, Dr. Sawyer further explained. Some aid to this end was afforded during the hours of the night immediately after midnight, when the president fell asleep. Everything possible conducive of sleep was done. Nothing could have been more likely to bring sleep to a sick man than the scene which presented itself at 1 o'clock this morning.

At a Respectful Distance. The corridor, outside the presidential suite, was unoccupied except for

## Gifts of Flowers Have Been Almost as Numerous as Written Messages.

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one secret service man who sat at the far end and two others who guarded the approach to it. The only stir within half an hour occurred when Mr. Harding's valet crossed the corridor to another room and returned with some blankets, presumably for the use of one of the physicians, who wanted to get a few minutes' sleep. Newspapermen were seated at a respectful distance down another corridor, and police stood guard at stairway entrances on the floor beneath to prevent use of the stairs by all except a few authorized persons.

Even the steady stream of telegrams, expressing solicitude and hope of the executive's speedy recovery, was temporarily shut off after a day in which the messages piled high on a desk in the secretary's office. These telegrams had been opened and read as soon as received and although none was made public it was said they came from every state in the union and from many foreign countries. Partisanship was forgotten and the names signed to the messages included leaders in the democratic as well as the republican party.

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