

# Today

A True Corn Story. Mellon Stays—Good News. It's a Kaleidoscope. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

This encouraging item appears in Senator Capper's Topeka Daily Capital: "The local telephone company has made complaint because the cornstalks have grown so tall the wires droop on the telephone wires and impair the service. In places the ears have broken the wires."

That happened in Hiawatha, Kan. Corn in many places will yield 50 bushels to the acre. And cornstalks are exhibited 16 feet high. The stories about wheat farmers cutting down their acreage for this fall are not true, at least in Kansas.

That Secretary Mellon will remain in the cabinet with President Coolidge is good news for the United States. One of the best things Mr. Harding did was selecting Mr. Mellon for secretary of the treasury. Mr. Mellon understands finance. He proved it by collecting a few hundred millions on his own account. He has reduced the national debt steadily and safely. He is an able manager of the national pocketbook, and hired for less than half of 1 per cent of his value. Such bargains should be appreciated.

You heard about those eight little Japanese in California indicted, rushed to trial for trying to form "a celerity trust." Those wicked criminals, whose little brothers raise celery in quantities, planned to boost the price 2 or 3 cents a bunch. Uncle Sam could not stand that.

There isn't much doubt that the wicked celerity trust will go to jail. And there isn't any doubt that the real trusts, big ones that fix prices of gasoline, oil, coal and other necessities of life (celerity isn't a necessity of life), will stay out of jail and laugh at the eight little Japs. To do anything in this country and "get away with it" you must do it on a big scale.

The cheapest thing is not wheat, German marks or rubles. It is human life. The International News tells about John Miller, of Virginia, who sold his wife and seven children for \$100 to Michael Davis. You can buy a human baby any day for less than you would have to pay for a second-class pup.

This world is a kaleidoscope. Its people, little grains in the machine. On the front page of the Chicago Herald and Examiner, headed "Twenty Years Ago," are these two items:

"An automobile crossed the United States in 35 days. A flying machine can cross now in less than 24 hours. The Post-office department begins a regular 30-hour service."

"The French in Lorraine have peace the Kaiser."

"That was 20 years ago. Now Lorraine has gone back to France, the Kaiser has gone to Holland, and Germany has pretty nearly gone to another place that begins with a capital H."

## Ku Klux Is Interested in Georgia Investigation

Macon, Ga., Aug. 22.—City and county authorities were in consultation late Tuesday with several special investigators of the Ku Klux Klan in connection with the investigation of wholesale floggings in Macon recently, it was announced. No statement was issued at the close of the conference.

The police continued to work in an effort to round up an alleged organized party of men who officials said were financing and giving orders to a band of men. The authorities made this announcement yesterday following an examination of the Hudson brothers who were said to have been caught flogging two negroes Sunday.

Ku Klux Klan leaders from the imperial palace in Atlanta hastened here today on the heels of the sheriff's activity and a number of them were said to have been in the sheriff's office throughout the afternoon.

## \$2,000,000 Given to Aid Europe by U. S. Lutherans

Eisenach, Germany, Aug. 22.—American Lutherans have contributed more than \$2,000,000 and 2,400 tons of clothing to European relief since 1918, Dr. J. A. Morehead informed the delegates to the first world convention of Lutherans Tuesday. To assist Lutherans in more than 20 countries, he added, the relief work inaugurated before the armistice is still going on. The delegates held confessional services in Wartburg, at which Rev. Dr. M. Jacobsohn of Philadelphia presided.

## County Schools

The rural and town schools of Douglas county outside of Omaha will open September 3 and 4. The Douglas County Teachers' institute will be held on August 30 and 31. The first day will be for principals and the second day for all other teachers. County Superintendent Eaton expects every teacher who intends to teach in the county to be present.

## Edison Is Ill

Ishpeming, Mich., Aug. 22.—Thomas A. Edison in camp with Henry Ford and Harvey Firestone, near here, was reported as not feeling well Tuesday. The illness was reported as slight. Mr. Edison has kept strictly to the caravan during the trip through the upper peninsula. A drizzling rain kept the entire party in camp yesterday.

## Tourist Killed

Berne, Switzerland, Aug. 22.—A sight-seeing automobile containing six tourists, fell into a ravine along the St. Gothard mountain road yesterday, causing the death of one and serious injury of two persons, says a message received here today. The dead tourist was of Dutch nationality.

## Denver Storm Drives Whole Families Out

Sudden Cloudburst Wreaks Havoc With Cars and Autos in Streets of Mountain City.

Denver, Colo., Aug. 22.—Denver and vicinity suffered heavy property damage last night when a sudden cloudburst broke over this territory. In Globeville, a suburb, many storm sewers being unable to carry the volume of water, were burst, city ditches overflowed flooding hundreds of basements, carried debris into the streets blocking all tram lines.

In East Denver three street cars were derailed, blocking the entire district.

Trucks near Louisville and Gorham on the Colorado Southern and the Denver and Inturban were washed out and transportation between Denver and Boulder was cut off.

An irrigation ditch of the Argo Irrigation company with its headgate in the Platte river broke at 8 and 15 blocks on East Forty-second avenue were flooded with water two to five feet deep, driving hundreds of families temporarily from their homes.

Scores of automobiles became stalled in all parts of the city when the water reached their carburetors and ignition systems.

Officials of the highway department were kept busy placing danger lights at damaged places to warn vehicle drivers and prevent possible accidents.

## Police of All Cities After Woman Crook

Chicago, Aug. 22.—A nation-wide search for "a successful business woman" who is believed to have fled members of her sex out of more than \$50,000 in recent months through a spurious agency contract game perpetrated in virtually the entire eastern half of the United States was inaugurated today by a local silk house whose name often has been connected with the fraudulent operation.

Notices of standing rewards offered in various states, carrying a description of the woman, went out today to more than 10,000 police chiefs, sheriffs, marshals and private detectives. The search is believed to be one of the most extensive ever launched for a woman in America. The objective is described as "prosperous looking, usually wearing three diamond rings, sometimes appearing with bobbed hair of a reddish or yellow cast, with small ankles and very small feet. Her weight is about 150 pounds and her age between 40 and 45. She is variously known as Mrs. Bates, Willis, Dean, Wilson, Drew, Hill, Castle, Stewart, Priest and Culver."

A warrant for her arrest is outstanding in a score of states. The coming of the country for her arrest was launched by the Corticelli Silk company here following a series of complaints from victims in all sections.

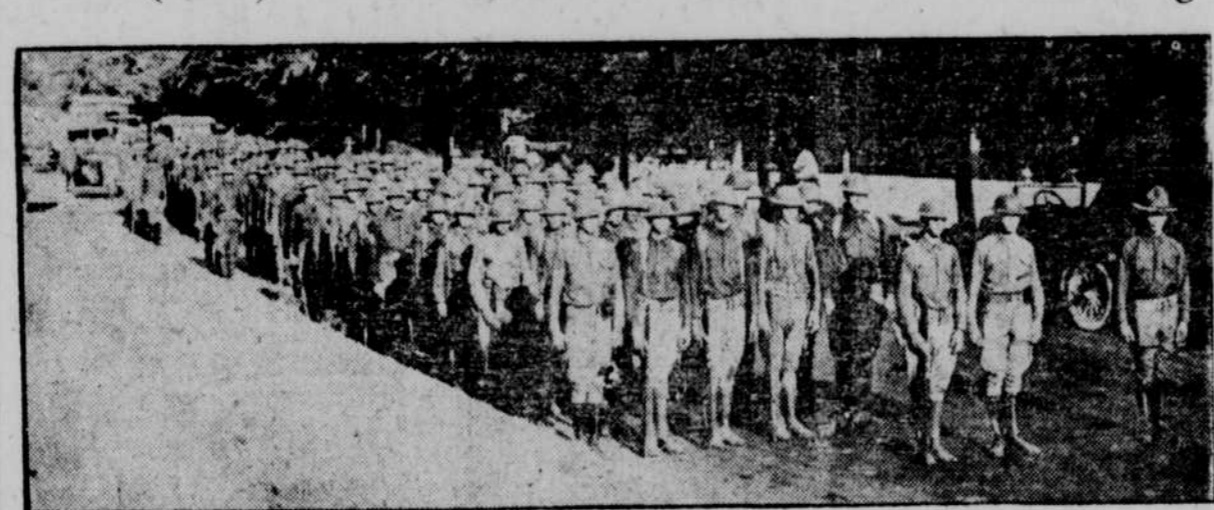
Her scheme is to sell exclusive agency rights for certain goods in each locality. In many cases, reports to the firm here indicate, she has collected cash in full for her offering. She now is believed to be in North Dakota, probably in the vicinity of Fargo. She was last heard from August 10, at Bemidji, Minn.

Following are some cities in which the woman is known to have worked, according to reports to the silk concern: Des Moines, Sioux City, Cedar Rapids and Ames, Ia.

## Runaway Girls

On information furnished by Des Moines police Council Bluffs police met a train last night and picked up two runaway girls—Margaret Kelly, 16, and Josephine Stalen, 16. The girls are being held for their parents.

## Tulsa (Okl.) Under Martial Law as Result of Beatings



The picture shows one of the side streets of Tulsa after the Oklahoma National Guard, under Adjutant General Markham, had established their guard lines.

## Volunteers Deliver Water to Needy on Calls Sent to The Omaha Bee

Miss Dorothy Loyd Carries First Pail of Water to Three Babies.



Volunteer autoists were kept busy Wednesday morning filling emergency orders received by The Omaha Bee for water for elderly, sick and needy persons who had no means of getting the water to their homes. Many of the pleas were full of pathos.

"We have three babies here and need water at once," a woman who resides on West Ohio street telephoned. Miss Dorothy Loyd, 312 South Thirty-seventh street, was called and rushed the water out to the house.

Many tearful pleas were received. The calls overtaxed the delivery capacity and more volunteer autoists were sought. Several trucks were furnished by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company and the drivers were kept busy during the day making deliveries.

At one home was found a woman who lived alone. She was sick and was without a drop of drinking water. Neighbors who heard of her plight called The Omaha Bee.

Delivery trucks of The Omaha Bee were also pressed into service. A call was received from the Salvation Army Rescue Home. A sprinkling wagon filled with water was

rushed to the home at Sixteenth and Grace streets.

Flora Hoffman, 3230 South Thirty-first street, made several deliveries. Others who volunteered were Letta Markwell, 409 Lincoln boulevard and the Outdoor Advertising company.

The Nebraska Power company made several deliveries from its power plant, where 80,000 gallons of water was distilled. This is a good Samaritan, Miss Dorothy Loyd, 312 South Thirty-seventh street. She made the first delivery of water for The Omaha Bee to an Omaha family this morning. Three infants needed clean water.

## Klan Seeks Out Alleged Seducer

Causes Arrest of Grinnell (Ia.) Man by Authorities at Boone, Ia.

Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 22.—Alpha Bassett of Grinnell, Ia., faced a charge of seduction today as the result of the first direct action for law enforcement by the Iowa realm of the Ku Klux Klan. His arrest at Boone yesterday, in company with an 18-year-old Grinnell girl, and his return to Poweshiek county today followed a two weeks' search by Ku Klux Klan investigators, it was said.

Members of the agricultural committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce will make the tour with Mr. Maxwell.

There will be stops as follows: C. C. Allison farm, three miles west of Benson; Speck Bros. farm, one mile east of Millard; McArdle farm, near Elk Horn; John Wickland farm, northwest of Valley; and a farm four miles south of Elk Horn.

Earthquake. By Associated Press. Rome, Aug. 22.—A severe earthquake at Cervinara, Avellino province, in the Campania, is reported in news agency advices. The inhabitants were greatly alarmed, but the damage was insignificant.

## Farm Men Will Tour Douglas County

The annual all-day farm tour of Douglas county will be conducted Friday under the leadership of Earl G. Maxwell, agricultural extension agent of Douglas county.

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## Cigars Passing. Makers Assert

Decline in Consumption of Billion and a Half Between 1920 and 1922 Reported.

Chicago, Aug. 22.—The day is coming when he will be a nearly altogether truthful nation. The first and most overworked lies that will disappear are these:

"Thanks, I'll smoke it later."  
"You bet—it's a peach of a cigar."  
"A friend of mine in Cuba sends them to me."  
"Three for a half, eh? I want to get me a box."  
"Merry Christmas to you, too, dear, they're my favorite brand."  
"No, no, no, I don't mind it a bit if you smoke in the parlor."

The reason for the great reform is that cigars are becoming fewer and fewer. They promise at their present rate to be extinct in time. Snappy statistics on the matter were given out today by the Cigar Makers' International Union of America in convention in Chicago.

The union said that in 1920 there were 3,394,618,767 cigars produced and in 1922, 6,621,283,886. That means that in two years there was a decline of 1,633,819,876 cigars.

Cigarettes, on the other hand, seem to be growing in popularity. In 1922 there were only 2,651,618,795 of them made. Last year the number was 59,995,203,132.

Even though the cigar makers are all honest men, it is difficult to believe them when they say there were 4,000,000,000 cigars smoked last year. Some folks smoked wet feathers. Others passed around all-wool imperfectos. Quite a few inhaled the fumes of burning raincoats. But they all said they were cigars.

They paid 5, 10 and 15 cents each for them. Had the drug stores offered the cigars as disinfectant or a sure cure for moths, they could have got 55 cents.

When the office cawker announces now that his new baby weighs nine pounds and offers you a cigar, be brave. There are only a few billion like it left.



## Buffalo Herd Makes Attack on Party

Fixed Ratio in Fire Risks Urged

By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 22.—In order to better conditions in the fire insurance business and to accomplish more effective state supervision and regulation of rates for the benefit of policy holders, a fixed ratio policy for the entire United States should be determined, today declared Francis R. Stoddard, jr., superintendent of insurance in New York, before the national convention of insurance commissioners.

The practice of over-insurance was ascribed as being one of the most potent causes of the increased number of fires in the country by W. N. Van Camp, South Dakota commissioner of insurance.

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## Women Block Steam Shovel

Camp in Path of Machine in Rocking Chairs to Prevent Tearing Up of Road.

Los Angeles, Aug. 22.—Women afoot, on soap boxes and in rocking chairs stopped excavation on Highland boulevard, the chief thoroughfare leading to Hollywood bowl. Symphony concerts are given in the bowl several nights a week throughout the summer, and a particular event is on the program for tomorrow night. The women of the district are especially interested in the success of the season and became indignant when they saw a steam shovel and a gang of workmen arrive and begin arrangements to tear up the avenue.

Mrs. J. J. Carter, secretary of the Hollywood Bowl association, led the women, who borrowed the famous war phrase, "They shall not pass!" as their slogan. They seized all available seats and settled themselves on them in the street.

Mrs. Carter approached the steam shovel and its operator and announced: "You'll have to quit working or you'll have to scoop us up, too."

"You're taking your lives in your hands, ladies," replied the operator. "Orders is orders, and we've got 'em." But the women refused to move, so the men had to stop work. And it was resumed only when the lieutenant of the gang plucked himself to have the avenue "in good shape" by tomorrow night.

# Free Pure Water!

The Nebraska Power company has centralized its efforts for the distillation of water in order to meet the present emergency. The output is 80,000 gallons a day of which 40,000 gallons will be piped to the street car company plant so that the street cars can be kept running.

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