

Today

When Fulton Saw Napoleon.

A Job for Ford, et al.
Cheap Garages Wanted.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

One hundred and sixteen years ago, last Friday, Fulton's steamboat made its first trip up the Hudson. It traveled slowly. Spectators laughed. Serious men said a steamboat was interesting but, of course, would never have any practical commercial value.

A short time before, Napoleon Bonaparte on his side of the English channel was fighting because contrary winds made it impossible for him to land an army on English soil.

An American wanted to see him about a new idea. Napoleon said:

"Tell that American I can give him two minutes." The American was Fulton, who wanted to tell Napoleon about a boat run by steam independent of wind. Napoleon had no time for "nonsense." If he had listened a little more than two minutes history might have been changed.

Keep your mind open for new ideas, that's the hardest thing to do. After 50 it's impossible, usually.

By the way, this nation is treating the flying machine almost as foolishly as Napoleon treated the steamboat. Nobody in our government seems to realize that war has moved up into the air, from the surface of earth and ocean. France dictates to Europe and sneers at England, not because it has 600,000 soldiers under arms, but because it has the world's greatest fighting air fleet and could destroy London, within six hours of a declaration of war.

An army of a million would be worthless against 10,000 flying men with the right machines.

England knows it, realizes that its super-dreadnaughts have gone to join the dodo and the hansom cab and is trying hard to catch up with France in the air.

A dispatch by Universal Service tells of British double-deck flying ships for passenger traffic. Separate engines are on each deck, "a luxurious refreshment buffet, wireless apparatus, private apartments for men and women," are features.

American genius invented the flying machine. American capital leaves it to other nations to develop it.

It is announced that Ford, getting full value out of coal, can produce gasoline for 6 cents a gallon. Probably that is more a hope than a fact, at this moment.

But Henry Ford and other makers of autos should combine to solve the fuel problem. Before autos came in, newspaper men bought gasoline to clean ink from type, and paid 6 cents a gallon for it, sometimes less. Prices ranging from 25 to 30 cents in a majority of the states, are preposterous.

Automobile makers ought also study the problem of cheap garage space in big cities. In New York or Chicago it costs as much to store a cheap car, for one year, as it costs to buy the car. That is a tax of 100 per cent a year, just for storing an auto. Garages should be built with "lockers" each containing a car, the owner holding the key. A little car occupying 100 square feet of space should be stored for \$100 a year, \$2 a week. One dollar a square foot per year is good rental in cheap buildings on cheap real estate.

Such garages in the big cities would increase by millions the numbers of autos in use, and increase 1,000 per cent the happiness of big city dwellers.

What is near interests us. A brick falling from a building, beside you, means more than the biggest meteor landing on a distant mountain.

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British Press Grows Bitter Against France

Premier Baldwin, Departing for French Holiday Resort, Uncertain of Seeing Poincare.

By Universal Service.
London, Aug. 26.—Prime Minister Baldwin, leaving for Aix-les-Bains, France, announced that no arrangements had been effected for a personal talk with Premier Poincare, but there is little doubt felt here that he and Lord Curzon, the foreign minister, will meet the French leader. He took with him copies of all the leading weeklies which agree that the only concessions in Poincare's latest reply to the British note is an invitation for further conversations. The New Statesman, voicing the consensus of opinion in its weekly review declares:

"The hypocrisy of France is revealed in Poincare's confession: 'We did not go into the Ruhr to find money to pay reparations, but above all to create in the German mind the will to pay, and to take guarantees.' This complaint that Germany has not made any attempt to balance its budget comes with poor grace from a country which, by declining to pay its debts, takes itself lighter than any other nation among the allies. 'Germany has nothing to gain by attempting financial readjustment as long as France is determined to plunder it by force without regard to the productive industry of the country.'"

The Spectator says: "The light of Poincare's note we feel more strongly than ever that the British government must not be drawn into protracted negotiations. We should earnestly invite France to agree at once to an international inquiry into the assets of Germany, and for a withdrawal from the Ruhr. If France refuses we should, in accordance with the British policy outlined by Prime Minister Baldwin and Lord Curzon, go on our way without her."

Wife "Purchaser" Sued for Divorce

Spouse Alleges Englishman Paid Her \$12,315.26 to Marry Him.

Los Angeles, Aug. 26.—The price of a free born American white woman with a grown, married daughter, was fixed at \$12,315.26 in the assertion of Mrs. Florence Newcomb from John James Newcomb in consideration for her marriage to him in Manila three years ago. Such was the startling charge made by Mrs. Newcomb, with the filing of a divorce complaint against her "purchaser." She also charged in her divorce complaint that she and her husband had fought in many important cities.

Newcomb, an Englishman, 68 years old, is said to have considerable means. After his marriage to the woman he is alleged to have "bought," he threw a butcher knife at her several times and threatened her life with a revolver. It is charged in the complaint.

"The money idea was his own," Mrs. Newcomb said. "However, in a suit against me he claims the money was given me to invest. My attorney is now preparing an answer to this suit, wherein it is stated that the money was given in consideration of marriage to him. I have a facsimile of the draft and it will be used in court."

Mrs. Newcomb said she met Newcomb while traveling in Manila and later he insisted that they be married, and offered her 25,000 pesos, equivalent to \$12,315.26 in American money. He gave her the amount, she said, made out a draft in her name at that time—Mrs. Florence Newcomb. That was February 2, 1920, and they were married two days later.

The Newcombs came to a final parting last July, the complaint said.

Woman Seriously Cut in Brawl on Street

"That man was the cause of it all," wailed Mrs. Edna Rosco, 1209 Cass street, when police found her with a badly cut arm at Thirteenth and Cass streets.

"That man" was George Williams, laborer, living at 1215 Cass street. Williams, it became known, had roused the ire of Mrs. Rosco's Mexican husband, who went after him with a knife. Mrs. Rosco happened to be between. The result was that she had her forearm cut to the bone, all the muscles and arteries being severed while Williams received only a slight slash on the stomach and is held for investigation. Rosco is still at large.

Green Off to Europe.

New York, Aug. 26.—W. H. Green of Omaha, first vice chairman of the federated farmer labor party, has sailed from New York for a tour of Europe where he will investigate farm conditions.

Sioux City Orphanage Boys' and Girls' Home Bequeathed Big Sum Is "Adopted" by Will

Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 26.—W. B. Lower, Sioux City business man who died a few days ago, and who had no children of his own, indirectly adopted an entire orphanage as one of the final acts of his life. The orphanage at the Sioux City Boys' and Girls' home are left \$350,000 in Mr. Lower's will. The will instructs that the residue of the estate shall be held in trust and the income be used for maintenance of the boys' and girls' home. The estimated value of the estate is \$600,000, leaving more than \$250,000 for the orphanage.

When a Feller Needs a Friend.

By Briggs



BACK FROM THE SUMMER CAMP

Omaha Water Makes Come-Back

With New Filtration Plant in Operation, Flow Is Clearer Than Ever Before—But Boil Until Further Notice.

With water clear as crystal flowing out of the city water works, Omaha has heaved the end of its water famine much sooner than the most optimistic dared hope last week during the catastrophe.

The water now issuing from the pumping station is clearer than ever before in the history of the station, says A. B. Hunt, superintendent of the metropolitan utilities district. Mud and filth, however, still lurk in the mains, and it will require two or more days for the clean water to flush the dirt out of them. During that time faucets on some of the smaller mains may still run dirty water. The water will not be safe to drink anywhere until it has been boiled.

The Muddy Blues

Gone am de days when my shirt was young and gay,
Gone am de starch from my collar 'n' cuffs away,
All covered wild Nebraska mud I know,
I heard dat old Missouri roarin',
Omaha Black Joe!

I'm comin', I'm comin',
Though my tongue am hangin' low;
I hear dem water wagons rollin',
Omaha Black Joe!

Hang up de roof brush an' leave it on de wall;
Hang up de razor, it can't be used 't'ail.
Take up de shubble, bury me deep,
A yard more dirt will make no difference to
Omaha Black Joe!

Well Water Not Safe.

The only recipe for safety is to follow the warning of the health department and boil the water until notification is received that it is purified everywhere. The utilities district has chemists taking samples from all mains, and will give notice when the water is fit to drink without boiling.

One of the greatest dangers to public health, according to Mr. Hunt, lies not in the city water, but in the strain which has been put upon old wells and cisterns during the water famine. Many of these wells were none too sanitary in the best of times, and still less when they are low. Some of them have been drained to the dregs by thirsty mobs during the mud deluge. Few took the precaution to boil their water. All who depend upon wells, springs or cisterns, says Mr. Hunt, should boil this water just as much as they do the city supply.

The mud deluge was due to an unlikely combination of circumstances which could hardly take place a second time. The Missouri is nearly all ways low in August. Recognizing this, the authorities started upon a series of important improvements and enlargements calculated greatly to increase the capacity of the plant.

Remarkable Comeback.

But the Missouri, instead of sinking to its usual August level, remained as swollen as in early summer. Finally, while the water plant was at the most critical stage of its reconstruction, the river ate out a mud bank and came rampaging by the plant. At any other time of year such actions might be expected of a Nebraska stream, but not in August. Granting the extent of the catastrophe, however, the plant has recovered itself better than its own officials believed it could. The pumps without a single breakdown stood the strain of pumping viscid mud

Mail Airplanes Prove Success of Night Flying

Continent Is Spanned Eight Times in Four Days on a Definite Schedule in Relay Flight.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Aug. 26.—One of the most severe aircraft tests in the history of aviation was completed when mail planes dropped out of the sky at New York and San Francisco and disgorged their burdens of letters. Since last Tuesday the airplanes have roared across continent, spanning the country eight times in less than five days, four times from east to west and four times from west to east, in testing the feasibility of carrying mail between the Atlantic and the Pacific by continuous air route. During the time of the transcontinental flights eastward and westward, the planes operated on a definite schedule of a little more than 24 hours without an accident and in relaying the mail from coast to coast at night over a lighted airway from Chicago to Cheyenne. Postal officials said even before the tests were completed that the practicability of the project had been proven and announced that a conference will soon be held to determine the future of transcontinental airplane mail service.

Land At New York.

The planes that landed today finished the fourth transcontinental journey started yesterday morning. The east-bound plane landed at New York at 11:17 o'clock, having made the trip from San Francisco in 26 hours and 17 minutes, three minutes behind the record for a transcontinental flight established by the mail plane landing in New York yesterday. The westbound plane landed at San Francisco at 1:44 p. m., having spanned the continent in 23 hours and 40 minutes, two more minutes than was taken by the plane landing at the Golden Gate on Friday. There was a lapse of about 40 miles in the first eastbound flight, the plane having been held up at Laramie beyond its scheduled time for departure, and its successor leaving Omaha before the relay of mail was completed.

Evader's Buried Gold Is Found

Bergdoll Treasure, Which Led to His Freedom, Dug Up by Worker.

By Universal Service.
Washington, Aug. 26.—Three years ago War department officials permitted Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, under sentence as a draft dodger, to leave the military prison at Governor's island to search for \$100,000 in gold he said he had buried in the vicinity of Hagerstown, Md. Bergdoll escaped and department officials were held up to ridicule for having believed the story of buried treasure. Leo Hauser, member of a high-way construction crew working just outside of Hagerstown, drove his pick into a tin box from which \$100,000 was found to contain \$10,000 in gold. War department officials today expressed the belief that the gold is part of the treasure Bergdoll buried. Bergdoll, in the early days of the war, spent several weeks under an assumed name at a hotel in Hagerstown. He took frequent automobile rides and invariably carried a small, but apparently heavy, package, which was missing on his return. Hauser, who is 28 and a bachelor, has been besieged with offers of matrimony since his good fortune. "The women didn't want me when I was poor, so I don't want them now I've got the money," he declared today.

Former Nebraskan Admits Slaying Wisconsin Farmer

Barab, Wis., Aug. 26.—Alvin Jensen, held by the Sauk county authorities with John Galloway on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Robert Jaeger, Black Hawk reclus, confessed today that he struck the blows which caused Jaeger's death, according to authorities. Jensen said he formerly lived in Nebraska. A young American in Paris makes his living by selling hotel labels to tourists on their baggage. A complete set of labels is furnished from famous hotels from Lisbon to Moscow. The price charged is one franc per label.

Brief City News

Father Dies—M. V. Robins, meteorologist, has been called to Huron, S. D., because of the death of his father.
Nurses Entertained—Graduating class of nurses of the Swedish Mission hospital were guests at a banquet in the Brandeis restaurants Saturday.

Public Opinion His Weapon Against Strike

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 25.—Governor Gifford Pinchot, of Pennsylvania, chose tonight the weapons to engage the anthracite operators and miners here on Monday. At the same time he voiced a veiled threat against them.

"Public opinion" and "opportunity" will guide the nation's new strike mediator. Finding himself in much the same position as did Theodore Roosevelt in 1902, and endowed with virtually the same weapons, Governor Pinchot plans to follow in the footsteps of his hero and wield the "big stick" should peaceful methods fail.

Annual Hi-Y Camp Opens Tuesday

Union Pacific Furnishes Trains for Omaha High School Boys to Columbus.

The annual Omaha Hi-Y training camp for officers and selected leaders of the Omaha high school opens Tuesday at Columbus. Sixty-five boys and 10 leaders will make up the camp which will last five days. Special cars will be provided by the Union Pacific to take the boys to and from camp. E. E. Micklewright, boys' work secretary of the Omaha Y. will be the director of the camp and N. J. Weston, physical director, will be the camp physical director. The delegation will be made up of 40 from Central, 10 from Technical and 12 from South high school. Speakers at the camp will be Dr. Paul Calhoun, L. C. Oberlies of Lincoln, J. H. Beveridge, Dr. John P. Foucher and W. Waldo Shavern, state boys' work secretary. A meeting will be held Monday night at the Y for all boys who are planning on attending the camp, together with the leaders. At this meeting, details of the camp will be explained to the boys.

Belgian Reply Approved.

Paris, Aug. 26.—France approved the Belgian reply to the British reparations note of August 12. The note is expected to be in London Monday.

Kidnaped Baby Clues All Prove Futile

New York, Aug. 26.—The day's two most probable clues to the discovery of 3-month-old Lillian McKenzie having proved as futile as all the others the police and detectives have run down. Since the baby was kidnaped from her perambulator in front of a store a week ago, Mrs. Peter McKenzie, the distracted mother, gave up hope. One clue came from Philadelphia, where the finding of an infant in a park was reported. The infant, however, proved to be a boy. In this city, the finding of a baby on the stairs in a subway, raised the hope of the searchers, but again they were disappointed; the baby was not Lillian.

Bryan-for-U.S.-Senator Club Is Organized in This City

A "Bryan-for-United States Senator" club was organized in Omaha. Omaha officers are H. L. Measman, president; Deborah McLeod, vice president; George B. Collins, secretary; Mrs. T. R. Ward, treasurer. Similar clubs will be organized in the state.

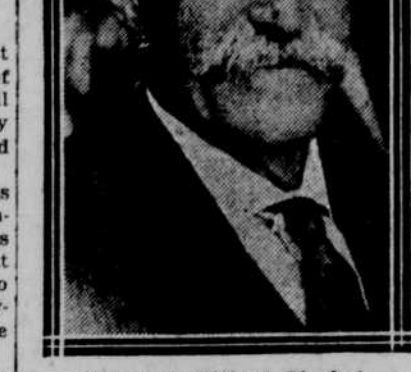
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Thieves Tunnel Into Fur Store; Frightened Off

Alarm Signal Summons Police After Loot Is Carried to Adjoining Building.

A cleverly planned attempt to steal between \$50,000 and \$75,000 worth of furs from the storage vaults of the Hallbach & Penneck Fur Company, 1712 Howard street, was frustrated early Sunday. The burglars escaped without their plunder. The bandit gang obtained entrance to a vacant store building at 1710 Howard street and tunneled their way to the vault of the fur company. An accomplice stood guard outside of the building to aid them in their work and an automobile with motor running was parked near by to aid in their escape if detected and to carry the loot if their plans worked out.



Governor Gifford Pinchot.

Touched Off Alarm.

The tunnel was completed, just large enough to permit a man's body to squeeze through. The furs were then passed out and piled on the floor of the vacant building. Every nook in the fur store was searched and only the best of the furs taken. The plans were working out according to schedule, when the man searching the store accidentally touched off the telegraph alarm to the Police District Telegraph office. Officers were summoned and a large squad of detectives and patrolmen rushed to the scene in automobiles. The approach of the officers was discovered by the guard and his companions notified. They rushed from the building and the tail lights of their automobile, speeding from the scene, were the only glimpse of bandits obtained by police.

Not Enough Wheat if People Have Plenty

"There is no surplus of wheat, but an underconsumption due to low wages and too high prices for bread," Benjamin C. Marsh, managing director of the farmers' national council stated here. He continued: "If the American people consumed as much wheat per capita as in 1919—6.9 bushels—we would have an actual wheat shortage."

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