

Today Henry Ford, Acute Stage. The Childless Duke. Beware, "Good Stuff." Labor Fights Itself.

Henry Ford's public message to Mr. Weeks, secretary of war, will interest politicians and farmers. Ford invites a libel suit by his blunt statement that Weeks fails to sell Muscle Shoals piecemeal to prevent Ford's producing cheap fertilizer for farmers, thus interfering with the fertilizer trust, which practices extortion notoriously.

Ford's talk is blunt. Every real newspaper in the United States will print it. Weeks is accused of destroying what might be made "the greatest munition plant on earth, our greatest assurance of victory, in case of war," to keep Ford from giving cheap fertilizer to the farmers.

President Coolidge knows that this statement by Ford will be discussed in every farm house in the United States, and believed by 999 out of 1,000 farmers.

After this attack on Weeks, Ford will be bound to enter the 1924 election as a candidate against the republican party and let the farmers decide between him and the republican administration. Ford couldn't possibly do less.

It's an interesting situation for Mr. Coolidge, also for Mr. McAdoo. The same decision—90 per cent of the people who own Muscle Shoals would advocate it—would let Ford take the plant and show what he can do about his promise to supply cheap fertilizer and send cheap power 200 miles in all directions.

Any republican who thinks that Ford would pull a small vote as an independent knows little about politics or the present mood of American farmers and workmen.

The duke of Veragua, direct descendant of Christopher Columbus in the ninth generation, wonders "what Grandfather Christopher would think of America, the Levant, Panama, flying machines, submarines." Old Columbus, of course, would think these things the work of witches and devils. But what would he think of his descendant, Veragua, 52 years old, unmarried, who will break the line of descent with synthetic cocaine?

Many accidents may have happened in the nine generations, but it is hard to imagine a man deliberately and officially breaking such a chain, real or imaginary. "Good stuff," or bootleg whisky, as its friends or foes recommend it, may become unpopular. Six "prominent citizens" of Panna, Ind. died after sampling "good stuff" that John Tokoly had just secured "in the original prewar bottles," a few others probably will die.

Whisky mixed with fusel oil that kills you in half an hour, and whisky mixed with synthetic cocaine that doesn't kill, but makes you a dope fiend and permanent customer of your dishonest bootlegger, may be working toward real prohibition.

A death penalty is apt to discourage thirst. Providence works mysteriously. Labor, through the American Federation, demands greater cutting down of immigration, and without knowing seeks to cut down its own prosperity.

We can't sell our products to Europe. We can't sell them to each other. To do that we need more population. Another hundred millions could easily be assimilated in half a century.

Admissions Changed by Vajgrts

Father Says Gun That Killed Daughter's Betrayer Was Discharged by "Jerk."

Mother Gives 2 Versions

By R. H. PETERS. Staff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee, Seward, Neb., Oct. 14.—Kaleidoscopic changes in their confessions by Mr. and Mrs. Vajgrt have so confused the evidence that County Attorney McKillop was unable to file charges against any of them for the murder of Lana Lana.

The latest development is a statement by the father in which he says that when he arrived at the straw-house where Lana met her death, the farm hand was on the ground and Julia, his wife, was near on top of her mind. Some one, he does not know who, thrust the loaded shotgun into his hands. He pressed it against Lana's right side. Then came a jerk, how he is unable to state, and the gun exploded.

This is the second change in his confession in two days. He originally stated that he met Lana fleeing from the two women and struck her down with a club. Saturday he denied having arrived at the straw-house after the tragedy had been concluded. Now comes this last confession, and McKillop does not know where she stands.

To Constable George F. Runty of Milford, Mrs. Vajgrt declared that she and her daughter left the house armed with the shotgun and revolver. This afternoon she denied the statement to McKillop and returned to her yesterday's confession in which she says that they found Lana with the two guns in his hands.

Girl Sticks to Story. Alby, the daughter, is the only one of the three to make no changes in the last two days. She adheres to her declaration that her father was not present until after the deed was committed, and in this she agrees with her mother.

Vajgrt explained his withdrawal of the statement that he had assisted in the killing by saying that his head had cleared after a night's rest, and he could now visualize the scene in the straw-house on Monday morning.

Mrs. Vajgrt and the four younger children were brought from the farm house near Milford to Seward, county authorities being unable to secure any one to stay the night there. There was something infinitely pathetic in the sight of the three girls, Libby, 10, Vlasta, 8, and Lillie, 4, huddled together in the corner of the county attorney's office.

Now when the two older girls would smile shyly when spoken to by some kindly stranger, but the little blue-eyed Lillie, the one blond in the family, never gave any indication that she was aware of their presence.

Kidder See Town Wonders. It was the children's first trip to Seward, although their home is only 17 miles away, and for a short time they forgot their mother, who sat with bowed head before the county attorney, as they were shown the wonders of this town of 2,500 people. The boy, Frank, was a much sapper of mind than yesterday when he stood sobbing beside his mother, assisting her with her confession. He went into ecstasies when he was taken through the Seward gymnasium.

"Wouldn't it be great if we had something like this to play in," he exclaimed, and then, quickly, fearful he might be thought disloyal to his home, he said, "but we have a good time at the farm, too."

It so happened that the children were being taken out for a walk. Vajgrt was brought from the jail, her admission. He passed them without a word or look of recognition and they stood watching him wistfully until he disappeared into the sheriff's office.

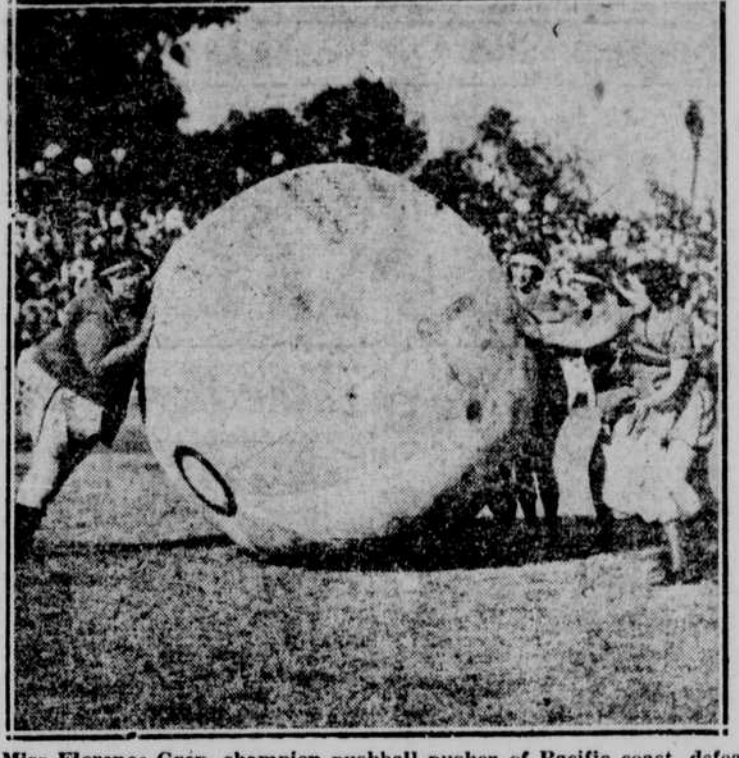
While Vajgrt was being examined his wife sat in the county attorney's office, her heavy coat still unremoved although she had been in the heated room several hours, looking always out of the window, while her face worked spasmodically as she fought to keep back her tears. It was almost inconceivable that this was the woman who went out into the cold, dawn of Monday, gun in hand to meet her daughter's betrayer.

Mother Breaks Down. She finally broke down and cried bitterly when told that she and her family would not be permitted to return to the farm tonight. They were all taken to the county jail, where the women's ward was made ready, because no one can be found to stay with them in the little house.

She left the courthouse tonight with Sheriff I. N. Scott. Clinking to her hand was little Lillie. The other children, although their eyes were wet, were rapidly forgetting their parents' trouble in the thrill that came from a promise that they would be taken to the movies tonight, one that has alternated between sorry and happy surly.

Jerry Lana of Hurrub, Okla., brother of the dead man, arrived in Seward this afternoon. In order to get a train for the north at Oklahoma City he had been forced to make a 50-mile detour, floods having swept out numerous bridges in his part of the state.

Why Shouldn't She Be a Champ?



Miss Florence Grey, champion pushball player of Pacific coast, defeated the men's pushball team of the University of Southern California. If you have any trouble identifying Miss Grey—the pushball is in the center.

Germans Loot Ruhr Shops as French Watch

Police Put Up Little Resistance Against Rioters Who Clamor for Food and Clothes.

Dusseldorf, Oct. 14.—Fifty or more stores were sacked of food and clothing in Dusseldorf during the day by unemployed and lawless elements, and the looting continued at night, almost unhindered, except by a few resolute but quickly vanquished store owners and shopkeepers. Pillaging likewise is reported from many other parts of the Ruhr.

Oklahoma Towns Swept by Floods

Stores and Homes in Woodward Under Water From River Rise.

Enid, Okla., Oct. 14.—All stores were flooded and numerous residences were partly submerged by a nine-foot wall of water which swept through parts of Woodward, Okla., when the North Canadian river overflowed from recent heavy rains, according to reports reaching here over crippled wires tonight.

Ex-Premier Lauds Canada's Record

Sees Great Future Ahead for Dominion—Final Speech in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 14.—David Lloyd George's final speech in Canada was delivered here Saturday. It was a eulogy of Canada's part in the world war and a tribute to the British empire, whose future, he said, is full of promise.

Holdup Foiled as Vietim Grabs Gun

Real Estate Man Then Refrains From Shooting Fleeing Thug.

If S. Oberst, 55, 3022 Myrtle avenue, a real estate man, outwitted and routed a holdup man near Twenty-first and Evans streets after the thug had drawn a gun on him.

Two Men Ordered Here to Protect U. S. Dry Agent

Prohibition Directors on Life Threats Made on Head of Robert Samardick.

The long arm of the federal government has stretched into Omaha to protect Robert Samardick, federal prohibition agent, whose life has been threatened frequently.

Committee on Wallace Books Returns Report

Company's Assets Shown to Be Only \$23,000 Less Than Liabilities.

Creditors' committee investigating the condition of the R. B. Wallace company in Council Bluffs made its report to creditors Saturday night.

Nebraska Legion Men Meet in Utah

Two Special Trains Arrive in Salt Lake City and Hear Recital.

Patrick Murphy Dies at 82 Years

Retired Omaha Livestock Man Succumbs Suddenly to Heart Failure.

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Butter-Barley Tuition

Munster, Germany, Oct. 14.—The school system of the little Westphalian town of Oelde, near here, has been placed almost entirely upon a butter-barley basis.

Famous Apple Stall Is Gone

London, Oct. 14.—A famous landmark for over 100 years has vanished with the disappearance of a tiny apple stall from the front of Lincoln's Inn, the headquarters of London's lawyers.

Sisters Die Together

Pomeroy, O., Oct. 14.—A double funeral was held here for Mrs. Will Deane, 55, and Mrs. Mary Wilson, 50, sisters, both of whom died as the result of cancer. Their deaths were three hours apart.

Government Acts to Guard Agent's Life



Robert P. Samardick, federal prohibition agent, whose life has been threatened frequently.

Bluffs Doctor Named Kiwanis Club Governor

Dr. Sidney H. Smith Chosen Head of Nebraska-Iowa Body—Separation Move Defeated.

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Tourist Is Freed of Murder Charge

Large Crowd in Court Room Hears Closing Arguments in Case

Noted French Glider Is Killed as Plane Crashes

Lymph, Eng., Oct. 14.—The world lost one of its most successful gliders when Alexander Mancevol of France crashed to the ground after attaining a height of 9,540 feet.

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Eatmor Get your iron! Make a Mock Cherry Pie Half CRANBERRIES Half Raisins A delicious dessert Cranberry recipe folder sent free upon request.

DETROIT Two splendid Wabash trains leave Chicago—Dearborn Station—daily for Detroit at 10:30 A. M. and 11:25 P. M.

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