

Today

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

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 sex?

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" "dominant citizen" of Panna, 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.

Labor that lacks leisure for thinking might say, "Bigger population, lower wages, more men hanging jobs."

When the population here was under four millions, just one man in the United States, a New England carpenter, was able to earn one dollar a day all the year round. Good workmen could be hired for less than \$100 a year.

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.—Kaledonopic 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.

Kiddies See Town Wonders. It was their 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, is a much bigger one 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. Now they were brought to a much larger examination. 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 Hurrab, 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.

After a talk with the county attorney he announced that funeral services would be held tomorrow morning. Burial will be at Milford. As he came in to the room the younger children, when told who he was, shrank away, but Frank who recalls the day when he worked for the Vajgrts, stayed where he was.

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 leading lawyers.

The stall was a family one and has seen four generations, all of whom used to sit in the same manner, muffled up in winter and summer, but with the death of the last of the line there is now no one to carry on the "business."

Why 'Shouldn't She Be a Champ'?



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

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.

This was the statement made Saturday to a reporter for The Omaha Bee by H. L. Duncan, chief of the mobile prohibition agents for this district, who arrived Saturday from his headquarters in Minneapolis.

On the heels of Mr. Duncan came two of his agents, armed and ready for any kind of action. These men have orders direct from Washington to guard Samardick, whose operations here in the arrest and prosecution of bootleggers has earned him a national reputation.

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"I also want to deny another statement made by certain ward heeler that I tried to induce another Omaha government prohibition official to bring a bottle of liquor with him to a certain place.

"Try as my enemies have often tried, they will never get anything on me," said Samardick, who was closeted with Duncan for several hours yesterday morning in his room at the Hotel Rome.

"I believe Samardick is too smart a fellow to be framed by his enemies," said Duncan. "I know they have tried it in Omaha. They have tried it in other cities."

No Joy in Omaha. One report was widely circulated throughout Omaha's liquor rendezvous yesterday that Duncan had arrived in Omaha with 11 men. At Hotel Rome, where Duncan is quartered, employees stated that he registered alone. Duncan said the only new arrivals were the two men assigned to Samardick.

The announcement of Duncan's visit to Omaha was a signal for all illicit liquor places to put padlocks on their doors.

Usually Saturday is a big night for the revelers, but it is different last night. At the various places where one might procure home brew or a nip of moonshine the "lockout" would quietly pass the words: "Closed. Duncan is in town. Pretty tough. Nothing doing until Duncan leaves Omaha."

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Government Acts to Guard Agent's Life



Robert P. Samardick

Bluffs Doctor Named Kiwanis Club Governor

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

Lincoln, Oct. 14.—Dr. Sidney H. Smith of Council Bluffs, Ia., was elected governor of the Nebraska-Iowa district of Kiwanis club. C. W. Watson of Lincoln was for the third time elected district secretary and Elton Dow of Fort Dodge, Ia., was re-elected treasurer. Sixteen other members were chosen, one for each division. Des Moines was selected as the meeting place for 1924.

By a vote of 45 to 25, the proposal to divorce the Nebraska-Iowa division and make each state a separate district was defeated and no overtures will be made to the international body to separate the two-state organization.

Spirited debate followed the proposal, its advocates asserting it would give each state a more definite standing. Those in favor of continuing the merger argued that the present union had been so successful that it would be a backward step to dissolve it. As now constituted, Iowa has 27 clubs and Nebraska 23. The growth in club membership, it was declared, had been phenomenal.

Edmund F. Arras, international president, addressed the afternoon session, telling of the club's purposes and hopes. Fred C. Parker, international secretary, explained the workings of the international machinery. The Lincoln meeting showed an attendance slightly in excess of 600.

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. Attached to this report was a financial resume of the company's condition, made by a certified public accountant.

The report, which is labeled a "tentative balance sheet," lists the company's liabilities at \$563,652.96. The assets total \$23,553.89 less than the liabilities, according to the report.

Terms of assets are listed as follows: Real estate contracts, \$19,744.25; Real estate mortgages, \$9,111.20; Real estate investments, \$10,100.00; Real estate, \$10,100.00; Accounts receivable, insurance and miscellaneous, \$5,272.22; Accounts payable, officers and employees, \$208.44; Due on incomplete loans, \$1,275.60; Stocks and bonds, book value, \$1,275.60; Tax certificates, \$1,275.60; Bank overdrafts, rents and accrued interest, \$2,627.34; Intangible assets, \$1,000.00; Liabilities are shown as follows: Contracts payable on property, \$16,980.97; Real estate contracts, \$1,275.60; Mortgages payable on same, \$1,275.60; Real estate investments, \$1,275.60; Accounts payable officers and employees, \$208.44; Notes payable, \$1,275.60; Accrued interest, \$2,627.34; Accrued interest, \$2,627.34; Accrued interest, \$2,627.34.

The creditors committee was made up as follows: Emmet Timley, E. Crawford, R. W. Besley, H. A. Paulsen and J. F. McCargar.

Nebraska Legion Men Meet in Utah

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

Salt Lake City, Oct. 14.—The Cornhusker special out of Nebraska and Douglas county special from Omaha met for the first time at Salt Lake City and 360 Nebraskans en route to the Legion convention enjoyed a get-together feast.

They parted company following the organ recital at the Mormon tabernacle.

Tourist Is Freed of Murder Charge

Large Crowd in Court Room Hears Closing Arguments in Case

Ogallala, Neb., Oct. 14.—Mel Werdin, 28, public accountant of Detroit, Mich., was acquitted here by a jury of the murder of Grove C. Rodman, an Ogallala real estate man, September 11.

The courtroom was so crowded today that several women fainted. Werdin took the stand in his own defense and told the story of the shooting. He and a friend were driving back from Yellowstone park on the Lincoln highway, when they encountered Rodman, who asked them to lend him a pair of pliers. After some altercation he said Rodman jumped on his running board and he thought he was being held up. It was for this reason that he fired, he said.

Following the shooting the two Detroit men fled, but were captured at Ogallala by Policeman Art Brennan.

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. His small plane, its wings giving away in the face of a stiff wind, fell while he was making a second attempt at altitude record in the motor glider competition.

Mancevol made a sensational glider flight last October, for which he won a prize of \$1,000, beating all gliding records, which up to then had been held by Germans.

Walton Charges Aired This Week

House Probe Body Quizzes Scores in Secret Session at Capital.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 14.—Working until late at night, the house of representatives' committee continued its investigation with a view to impeaching Governor J. C. Walton. Dozens of witnesses were called behind closed doors and questioned.

Persons from all walks of life were questioned. Governor Walton's office probably will be the first against which specific charges will be brought, it was indicated tonight. Charges are to be made in the house next week, according to several members of the legislature.

Governor Walton tried to obtain from Attorney General Short the services of C. W. King, assistant attorney general, as a legal adviser to replace Aldrich Blake, ousted counselor.

Short said it was unlikely a special counselor from his office would be assigned to the governor, as King has been sent to Washington to present another case to the supreme court. The attorney general's office, however, Short said, is at the disposal of Governor Walton.

Bishop Declines. Prague, Oct. 14.—A Slovak bishop, who was refused a passport to America recently by this government because he intended to propagate the policies of the Slovak separatist party, recently was invited by President Masaryk to the president's castle at Topolchany, along with other Slovak bishops. He refused the invitation and telegraphed the president as follows: "My government has hurt me to the quick and up to date has refused to give me any satisfaction. I therefore cannot sit at your table."

18 Arrested in Waiters' Club

Deputy sheriffs raided the Porters and Waiters club at Twenty-fourth and Seward streets, taking 18 inmates to the city jail and seizing cards and dice found there.

The deputies also arrested Joe Cal Jones in a cigar store at 722 S. South Thirtieth street, where liquor was said to have been found under a rear door.

Sheriff Endres sent his raiding squads out Saturday afternoon with 25 search warrants.

Gay Evening Dresses. London, Oct. 14.—Evening dresses will be gayer than ever this winter, and dress salon exhibitions indicate that they will incorporate in their design more than ever an atmosphere reminiscent of the eighties.

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Stresemann Rules Germany as Dictator

By International News Service. Berlin, Oct. 14.—Chancellor Gustav Stresemann emerged as constitutional dictator of the whole German state.

The coalition government remains in force. The social democratic party gets a new lease of life. Dissolution of the reichstag, as threatened, would have driven the bulk of them toward the ranks of the reds.

Realizing this fact, the socialist minority which opposed the dictatorship law, swung into line at the last minute when the measure was adopted by the reichstag with only 24 opposition votes.

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.

Pupils pay their high school fees in fats and grain which in turn are "spent" for school maintenance purposes. Children are given the same amount of butter monthly, while pupils from the country districts pay either in butter or barley, 46 pounds of barley a month. The proceeds thus collected have gone to assist in buying the school's winter coal supply and to reimburse the parents when the teachers who gratefully report the butter or barley in preference to the constantly depreciating paper mark.



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