

Today

The Stars Slipped Up. "The Man" Still Necessary. A Taxi Education. From Contented Cows. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Dip into the past, when everybody believed in witchcraft and demons and nobody had a bath tub. Read about Arthur Covell, the Oregon astrologer. A bed-ridden cripple, he taught his 18-year-old nephew all about the stars, explaining that it would be safe to murder women for their money when the stars were just right.

The nephew killed his step-mother, but the stars, somehow, slipped up. Uncle and nephew are in trouble. Stars, fortune tellers, soothsayers, mediums, weather prophets, don't seem to work as accurately as they used to.

Lloyd George says Germany needs a dictator. If it doesn't get one, it will have terrible revolution instead.

It is something new to see 60,000,000 people disarmed, bankrupt, half-starved, without aggressive leadership. A nation like an individual, requires time to recover from a fearful beating.

"The man" will appear eventually, coming perhaps from Russia, according to the old prediction. Men make machines, of steel, of money, of science. But in emergencies "the man" is still necessary.

Germany prints notes for 1,000,000,000 and 5,000,000,000 marks each, most appropriately decorating them with thistles and thorns. The note for 1,000,000,000, which would have been worth \$250,000,000 before the war, will be used "for small change."

Lack of a powerful dictator in Germany will mean, according to Lloyd George, two revolutions, one red and a counter-revolution, white. Very bad for France that would be, says Lloyd George, "for that would mean no reparations." If the dictator amounted to anything, his success would also mean "no reparations." Only a fighting dictator would be worth his salt.

Francis O. French, who has William H. Vanderbilt for a cousin and other rich folks, having lost his money in Wall Street, starts driving a Checker taxicab. His home is one furnished room, "although his family has houses in New York, Tuxedo, Newport and Paris."

The society reporters weep over this, of course, but rich parents that spoil children please notice that this young man's first day of real education will be his first day in that Checker cab. He will learn that if you don't steer straight, you will be bumped. And as he counts up his day's profits, he'll realize that a dollar means something.

Secretary Weeks won't sue Henry Ford for libel. He'll ask congress to investigate Ford's charges. This shows a Christian spirit, for no charge could be more serious than Ford's accusation against Weeks. He says the secretary of war conspired to cripple the United States in case of war by depriving it of a great munitions plant, doing this to please fertilizer manufacturers who fear Ford's promise to make cheap fertilizer at Muscle Shoals.

Ford, who passes rapidly from one cage to another, like the boy at the zoo, now announces a plan to let his employes share in the profits of his railroad. He will help them buy profit sharing certificates in installments from their wages. They may get their money back any time but must keep their certificates, not sell them, "unless to fellow employes."

Whatever you may think of Henry Ford, you must admit that the problems of this country would be simplified and the security of those that have money increased, if other big employers understood as Ford does the handling of working men.

"Milk from contented cows" is a well known ingenious motto. "Work from contented workmen" ought to be the employers' motto. Contented cows don't kick or buck.

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Livestock Rates to Be Cut, Belief of Commissioner

Lincoln, Oct. 15.—Chairman of the state railway commission, C. H. Taylor, believes that livestock railway rates will be adjusted to suit shipper. He returned today from Washington where the commission met with the Interstate Commerce commission in a joint hearing on the rate case. No decision has been handed down as yet.

Mayor Improved.

Mayor James C. Dahlman, injured Saturday night when he stumbled, while alighting from a street car at Park avenue and Mason streets, was reported slightly improved at Nicholas Senn hospital Monday.

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Potato Crop Is Profitable in Kearney Region

Price of \$1.40 Per 100 Pounds Leaves Growers an Encouraging Margin of Profit.

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 15.—About 80 per cent of the potato acreage in the Kearney district has been harvested. Of the remaining 20 per cent a liberal proportion will be withheld from the market for seed. A very small proportion of the acreage remains to be dug. The season proved profitable to the Kearney district growers. With the bulk of their crop marketed through their own organization, the Central Nebraska Potato Growers' association, and an average price of around \$1.40 per hundred received, it left the producer an encouraging margin of profit to help offset the losses many of them were compelled to take last year. The late potato is moving slowly, with little inquiry or wire demand, and the price has slumped perceptibly. But it represents only a small portion of the entire crop harvested in this district. Growers in the district do not anticipate a great change in the acreage next year, for anything, subject to withstanding further reduction and more intensive culture with the hope of increasing the yield per acre.

Two years ago the Kearney district comprised 6,000 acres. This year it fell below four thousand. The average yield this year also slumped to about 85 bushels per acre, as compared to in excess of 125 bushels a year ago. No trouble was experienced in the marketing of early spuds. Two carloads went at \$1.25 after which \$1.40 was exceeded.

Growers over the district are rejoicing at withdrawal of the railroad's request filed with the state railway commission, asking permission to increase the car weight minimum on potatoes from 24,000 to 30,000 pounds. Much of the Kearney district yield is shipped early and would be subject to bruising and other damage in handling should cars be heavily loaded. It would have meant quite a loss to the local shippers.

Less Acreage, Better Stock. Gordon, Neb., Oct. 15.—Approximately one-half of the 6,000 acres of potatoes grown in Gordon territory have been dug. The acreage this year is but about half of last year. The low price last year discouraged many who devoted their land to corn and alfalfa this season. The yield averages about 75 bushels, early potatoes averaging a little more, but on account of heavy rainfall they were knobby and not of extra choice quality.

Late potatoes are smoother and choice stuff finds ready sale, but at prices that lose the grower money. Figures here show that it cost 22 cents per bushel to raise the crop, and at the present price of 31 cents per bushel the farmer cannot make money. Next year will see a greater decrease in acreage.

Last year Gordon shipped 450 cars, but this year not more than 250. The crop is rich and is ready for storage, the cool weather of the last two weeks having finished them. Low prices are attributed to the fact that farmers regard potatoes as a cash crop and the market is glutted at a time when the buying centers do not want to lay in supplies for winter. Most cars being shipped now go on consignment conditions. This year shows the need of more orderly marketing, with facilities in growing regions to house product until after cold weather sets in. Prices at distributing centers show a great spread between the price paid to the growers and that paid by the consumer, this often amounting to more than the entire price received by the grower.

Present conditions are not an untried course, however, as growers will turn to better stock and smaller acreage of potatoes, while more ground will be devoted to corn and alfalfa.

90 Cents at Guide Rock. Red Cloud, Neb., Oct. 15.—The movement of the potato crop around Guide Rock is at a standstill just now on account of the wet weather, but it is expected that as soon as the ground dries up the rest will be dug. There are perhaps 100 acres to be dug here yet. Thirty or more cars have been shipped.

W. O. Ayer, the largest potato raiser there, who had 70 acres, is



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Nebraska's First Corn Palace at Sidney



Here is the corn palace erected for the two-day fall festival held at Sidney, Cheyenne county, Nebraska, October 4 and 5.

It is believed to be the first corn palace erected in Nebraska, and 14 different varieties of corn, all grown in the county, were used in its construction. The roof was thatched with corn stalks, with the ears exposed, and the walls were covered with ears of corn, split and nailed to the siding. The building was built in sections in order that it may be taken down and used again next year.

Program of athletic events was given during the festival.

about two-thirds through digging. His potatoes made from 150 to 200 bushels to the acre. Due to less thorough care, other yields were from 100 to 125 bushels per acre.

The potatoes sold so far were graded Red Cloud merchants and others stored. A demand for potatoes from Kansas is being shown and buyers are coming over from there and taking home potatoes in small quantities. Farmers here are receiving 90 cents and are not complaining. Warren Thomas, residing between here and Cowles, reports that he will have about 500 bushels. He has had to turn down customers. The price is satisfactory. He had a good offer from Hastings. He estimates about three carloads in his vicinity. Some who planted early lost their crops and others on bottom lands were drowned out.

Earthquake Recorded. San Jose, Cal., Oct. 15.—An earthquake was recorded on the seismograph of the University of Santa Clara. This quake started at 3:50:34 and continued until 3:53:13, the record indicated.

Married in Council Bluffs. The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Fred Barnes, Gresham, Neb., 24; Lillian Nelson, Gresham, Neb., 20; J. H. Greenwood, Council Bluffs, 31; Kathryn Sharp, Council Bluffs, 27; William Vybary, Winner, Neb., 23; Johnnie Brand, Winner, Neb., 21; Howard Harvey, Lyons, Neb., 22; Vera Eaves, Rosalia, Neb., 21; Frank Snyder, Randolph, Ia., 21; Daisy Barnes, Randolph, Ia., 19; Arnold Schwanz, Fremont, Neb., 20; Margaret Horn, Fremont, Neb., 19; Carl Peterson, Omaha, 21; Edna Williams, Omaha, 22; C. H. Fricke, Lincoln, Neb., 22; Estelle Smith, Lincoln, Neb., 21; W. E. Moore, Seward, Neb., 21; Vera Ellis, McCool Junction, Neb., 20; Walter Sordahl, Council Bluffs, 24; Neoma Warren, La Platte, Neb., 20; Thomas Waldron, Silver Creek, Neb., 26; Helen Bostel, Silver Creek, Neb., 21; Charles Doyle, Omaha, 22; Blanche Johnson, Omaha, 20; Charles Lewis, St. Louis, Mo., 40; Agnes Griffith, Omaha, 24; Raymond Roberts, Cedar Rapids, Neb., 23; Lois Green, Cedar Rapids, Neb., 19; Leo Murphy, Beatrice, Neb., 23; Vivian Thompson, Council Bluffs, 20; John Gunnerson, Lincoln, Neb., 29; Valentine Soustain, Lincoln, Neb., 21; Carl Peterson, Omaha, 22; Alice Jacobson, Omaha, 22; Leroy Cobb, Omaha, 22; Edith Howard, Omaha, 24; Glen Hughes, Omaha, 24; Theresa Hoehner, Omaha, 23.

Flood Sufferers Need More Help. Investigators Visit Devastated Area at Louisville Sunday and Report. Approximately \$5,800 is needed for immediate relief of destitute flood sufferers in Louisville, Neb. This is the decision reached Sunday by Walter S. Jardine, vice chairman of the Omaha Red Cross and Omaha's champion Good Samaritan, after a Sunday spent interviewing 26 families whose homes were either destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the flood two weeks ago.

Brave little Louisville, with the center torn out of the town by the deluge which swept through it, was too proud to send an appeal for help or even to estimate its own losses. Red Cross officials from Lincoln and Chicago wrote asking how much was needed for relief, but the local committee at first could not find many who would admit being destitute.

Mrs. N. J. Dixon of the Red Cross committee, knocked at every door in the flooded district the morning after the deluge, wading through mud up to her knees. Apart from those whose houses and furniture had been washed down the creek, she could not find anyone who would admit being in need. Later she discovered that people in the houses still standing, in many of which the water had been from three to five feet high, were sleeping on the floor or else on soaked mattresses, under damp quilts and comforts, and were eating watersoaked food.

As reports of the tragic condition of the little town began to pour in from hundreds of sightseers, and as Lincoln and Chicago yet stood afar off waiting for the Louisville estimates, Walter Jardine accompanied by a Red Cross secretary, Mrs. Nellie Christensen, and an Omaha Bee reporter, and went down to survey the scene of the disaster Sunday.

Sufferers Interviewed. When the committee had established itself in the Drake hotel, the Louisville Red Cross committee, headed by L. J. Mayfield, D. F. Ebers, and Mrs. Dixon, brought in the flood sufferers, one by one, to tell their stories. The savings of a lifetime swept



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Horror of Lana Murder Haunts Vajgrt in Cell

Confessed Participant in Slaying of Daughter's Betrayer Is Nervous Wreck in Seward Jail.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Seward, Neb., Oct. 15.—With his daughter soon to become a mother and with the same daughter and his wife threatened with the electric chair, Adolph Vajgrt, Milford farmer, one of three implicated in the confessed murder of Anton Lana, is a nervous wreck in the county jail here. The scene of the dreadful tragedy where Lana, accused betrayer of his daughter, was, according to confession struck to the ground by his wife and daughter and Vajgrt, upon discovery of Lana's body, poured shots from a revolver and shotgun into it to shield his wife and daughter, seems to be re-enacted hourly before his eyes.

Vajgrt lies on a cot. He alternates between looking fearfully through his window at the re-enacted tragedy and weeping hysterically. His condition is causing concern on the part of county officials.

Because of Vajgrt's condition and the nervous strain which he himself has undergone in the last week, County Attorney McKillop has failed to file charges against any one of the three implicated in the murder.

The mother and daughter have made minor changes in their statements. As a whole, however, they remain the same as the statements made Saturday to the county attorney.

Bryan Undecided About Going to Governors' Meet. Lincoln, Oct. 15.—Governor Bryan is still undecided as to whether or not he will attend the conference of governors, called by President Coolidge for October 20.

"If I can get my work arranged so that I can leave without endangering the state's interests I will go," he said today. He expects to arrive at a definite decision in a day or so. Should he accept the president's invitation it is likely that he will go to West Baden for the last day of the meeting of governors which will be held this week. He also hopes to be able to spend some time in Chicago and in northern and central Illinois, checking up on companies that have offered to sell him coal.

Dope Trials Open. Trial of dope cases with a jury started Monday in federal court. Dope and general criminal cases will be on trial for two weeks and then 300 liquor cases will be taken up.

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5 Slipping Into U. S. Drowned

Pilot of Rowboat Also Loses Life—Craft Rammmed in Detroit River.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 15.—Five of six Armenians in a rowboat, piloted by a Canadian, were drowned in the Detroit river between River Rouge and Ecorse, Mich., early today when an unidentified steamer struck the small craft and precipitated its human cargo into the water. The Canadian pilot also was drowned. Abedes Godoshian, 40 years old, of Del Ray, Mich., was the only one saved.

The dead are: Elmas, 22; Ozlanma, 18, and Hagart, 16, children of Abedes Godoshian, and Haig, 14, and Yagoney, 16, children of Godoshian's brother, and the unidentified Canadian pilot.

Government immigration authorities and Ecorse police expressed the belief that the Armenians were being smuggled into the United States from Canada. This belief was strengthened when it was learned that the Armenians had made application to be admitted into this country a few weeks ago, but, due to the Armenian quota being filled, their application was refused.

The lake steamer was moving down the river when the accident happened. The rowboat was traveling without lights and was undistinguishable in the dense fog that hung over the water. The steamer struck the boat and hurled its occupants into the river. It kept on its course apparently unaware of the accident.

Abedes Godoshian was pulled from river by Luke West, a resident of a houseboat on American side of the river, who heard the frantic cries of the foundering persons. He went to their rescue in a motor launch, but when he reached his houseboat the collision only Abedes was on top of the water. The bodies of other six were not recovered.

Ecorse Police were notified and Abedes was taken to a hospital. Questioned by the police he said the party

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