

# Today

Sane or Insane?  
Germany in 3 Parts  
Rothschild Twilight.  
Finance Is Worried.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Is the planet, now several hundred million years old, sane or insane? You are inclined to think it half and half, as you read the latest news.

There is a mutiny in Athens, another rebellion. Bombardment by airplane will attend to the mutineers. Greece hasn't had enough trouble, apparently.

While Germany totters on the brink of heaven knows what, Belgium solemnly prints a "Gray Book" showing that Germany can pay 3,000,000,000 gold marks a year. Germany doesn't even know whether she can keep alive.

If Caesar came back he might begin his new book, "All Germany is divided into three parts." That is the program well under way. Germany is to be chopped up into three parts—Prussia, with what she can hold; a new Rhine republic, and a new Catholic Germany in the south, made up of Wurttemberg and Bavaria. Germany will lose three-quarters of her mineral and manufacturing resources. The iron of Lorraine and the coal of the Ruhr will combine to build up the wealth of the new Germany.

Dosens of its best cities, the great ports of Hamburg and Bremen will be lost to the German empire. Canals through France will give South Germany access by water to the Atlantic ocean and the Mediterranean.

A new map is to be made for Europe, and a new safety manufactured for France. How long that "safety" will last depends on Russia, Turkey, England and a few other things.

The splitting up of Germany, especially the cutting off of Catholic South Germany from Protestant North Germany, is the plan devised by Marshal Foch. It is an ingenious plan, for if Germany can be divided by the combined hatreds of religion and civil war, France, free from a German menace, may rule Europe for many years.

Nathaniel Rothschild, English head of the great money family, is dead, a suicide. Nathaniel Rothschild chief interest was not money, but science, particularly entomology. He collected fleas, from all parts of the world—fleas from the Arctic fox, from animals born at the Equator.

His death is called the end of the Rothschild money power. But that faded some time since. Rothschild money is no longer powerful. The interesting fad, important to all races, is the inbreeding of the Rothschilds. This suicide may be one of its direct results. Nature forbids inbreeding. Animals or men that break that rule suffer.

The Rothschilds, to conserve their fortune, have bred within the Rothschild family as often as possible. Not good for the family.

European exchange fell, badly frightened by the splitting up of Germany. That also frightened Wall street. It didn't seem that things could get any worse in Europe, but they can get worse. And they will.

German marks proved that there is a pit below the lowest pit, by dropping to three cents a billion. You could buy yesterday for three cents German money that before the war would have been worth \$250,000,000.

That is what you might call a real drop.

That wasn't all of it. English, French, Italian and Belgian money also dropped. Conditions will be worse when governments and stock speculators realize, as they will, that France is back of Germany's splitting up.

High finance is practical rather than patriotic. In the Ruhr it agrees to exploit mines and factories under the control of the French.

Making money under the French whip is better than not making money at all.

The efficiency of German capital is shown in Stinnes' ability, in spite of the atrophied mark, to compete with Standard Oil. The German money king's oil lands reach from Persia and the Black Sea to Texas and the Argentine. This is a small world and Stinnes' mind is able evidently to grasp the fact.

He is as much at home all over the surface of the globe as the ordinary individual in his own backyard.

## Murder Plot Seen in Death of Six in Fire

By Associated Press.

Bend, Ore., Oct. 23.—Six charred bodies were found in the ruins of a farm house near Deschutes today. The dead:

Ell Chase, found with a revolver close to his head.

Mrs. Anne Lorde, his sister.

Rita Lorde, aged 9, daughter of Mrs. Anne Lorde.

Wilfred Chase, aged 9.

Viola Chase, aged 7.

Chasse, 13-year-old son of Chase.

Coroner E. P. Niswonger of Bend visited the scene of the tragedy, but the smoking ruins were too hot to make a thorough investigation.

Mrs. Lorde was a widow. Members of the coroner's jury and the county sheriff expressed the opinion that Chase killed the members of the family and then shot himself.

The English city of Leeds proposes to use street railways to transport coal direct from the mines to the factories and other consumers in the city.

# HUGE LOSS OF WATER PRIOR TO MUD DELUGE MYSTERY AT BOARD INVESTIGATION

What Became of 116,180,000 Gallons Pumped Into Settling Basins During June, July and August Is Question; Failure to Wash Basins Blamed by Official Investigator for Epidemic.

**FIREWORKS EXPECTED WHEN KOUTSKY STARTS TO ASK QUESTIONS**

What became of 116,180,000 gallons of water pumped into settling basins at Florence water plant during June, July and August of this year and which is unaccounted for, according to the report of George T. Prince, investigating engineer?

This problem is paramount among problems which claimed the attention of the board of inquiry into Omaha's muddy water epidemic when it reconvened in the city council chamber at the city hall Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Prince's report, submitted to the investigating committee yesterday afternoon, sets forth these figures, and also calls attention to the fact that an open mud valve increased low service pumpage and made less water available for basin washing and filling.

Failure on the part of employees at the Florence pumping station regularly and systematically to wash the basins during the period immediately preceding the muddy water epidemic of last August was given by Mr. Prince as the cause of the epidemic at the opening session of the official inquiry by the board in the city council chamber Monday.

The hearing opened with W. J. Coad, member of the board and chairman of the investigating committee, in charge.

Other members of the board present were Frank J. Burdick, Fred D. Weed, J. C. Dahman, C. M. Wilhelm and R. B. Howell.

The city council was represented by Commissioners Joseph Koutsky and H. W. Dunn. Members of the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce also were in attendance.

Reports Are Read. Reports submitted by Mr. Prince, together with reports from R. B. Howell, general manager of the Metropolitan Utilities district, and C. D. Robinson, engineer in charge of operation, were read.

The inquiry was resumed Tuesday afternoon, and the fireworks were expected to begin with the questioning by Commissioner Joseph Koutsky, chairman of the city council committee in attendance, of water plant engineers.

Others will have the same opportunity, as Chairman Coad announced that the investigation will be on a broad basis, and that "all the books will be on the table and open."

The reports read at the opening session of the inquiry offer an inkling of interesting and probably animated discussions today, and at the meetings to follow.

Hunt to Be Examined. The report of F. P. Larson, chief engineer and assistant general manager, was not submitted Monday afternoon. Among the witnesses who will be examined during the hearing is A. E. Hunt, superintendent of the Florence pumping station and who is within the jurisdiction of Mr. Robinson. In a statement given for publication during the week of the water emergency, Mr. Hunt asserted that improvements urged by him two years ago were delayed by the general manager.

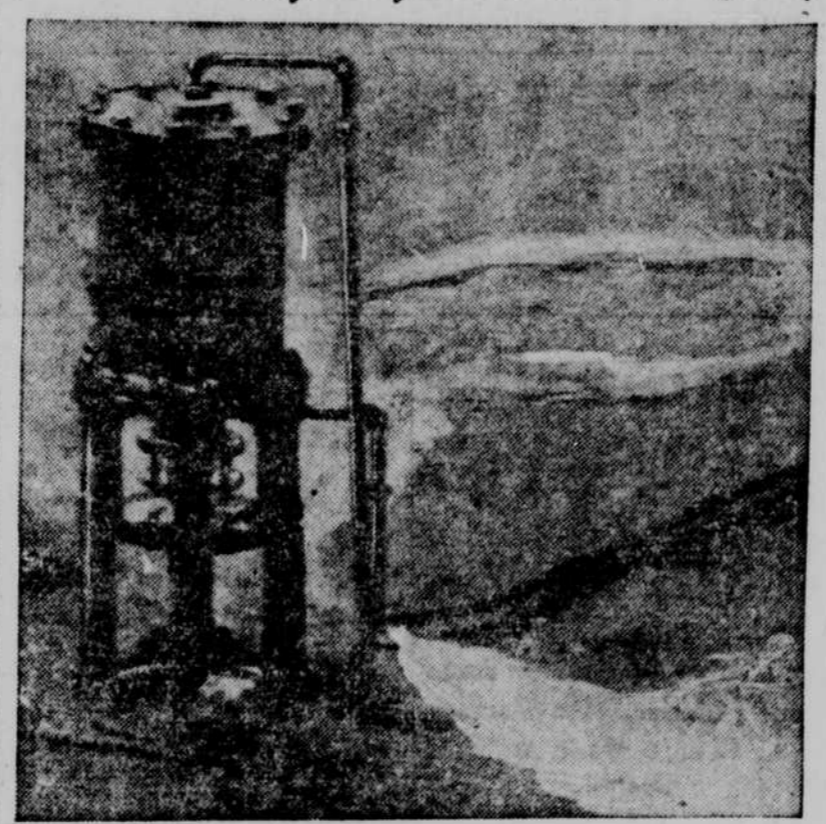
It is known within the circles of the utilities organization that Mr. Hunt is desirous of being examined, that he may tell his story of the alleged delays of improvements.

The alleged delay in construction work, as set forth by Mr. Prince in his report, will be a matter of close inquiry, and also the alleged failure to wash the basins with regularity, as admitted by Mr. Robinson in his report.

Obstructions found on two mud valves of basin No. 2, damage to a valve of the bypass around the same basin and difficulty in operating the mud valve of basin B also will be gone into with considerable detail during the forthcoming sessions.

Those who think of New York as all sky-scrapers, honking motors and rushing crows might be disillusioned now and then. It is 7 o'clock in the evening as I write. From my window I can see a flock of pigeons in the street. A man is leading a cow to the

# Open Mud Valve Which Puts Mystery Into Water Query



This shows the open mud valve referred to in the report of George T. Prince, engineer commissioned by the board of directors of the Metropolitan Utilities district to make an investigation into the causes of Omaha's muddy water epidemic last August.

It was partly due to this valve, according to the report, that insufficient water was supplied by low service pumps to permit regular washing and filling of settling basins.

Grand Central. On a roof a woman is sprinkling the garden with a hose spray. And in front of a chain cigar store is a group of young idlers sky-larking just as they do in front of the Main street drug store.

Speaking of cigar stores, it used to be the retreat for men. Now there are almost as many women customers as men. Even the privacy of the barber shop has suffered from the feminine invasion. Recently in a four-chair barber shop I was the only male customer. Three girls were in other chairs being bobbed and trimmed. Speaking of feeling conspicuous!

A few cloves added to vegetable soup will give a delightful flavor.

## New York — Day by Day —

By O. O. McINTYRE.

New York, Oct. 23.—This paean of praise is for, just now, the most talked about young man in New York. He is Joe Cook who came out of vaudeville to be a Broadway sensation. He is the highest exponent of "hokum" the town has ever seen and the greatest laugh getter.

It is easy for the man raised in a small town to see at once that Joe Cook arrived to fame by the way of the backyard pin show. In fact his performance is a glorified presentation of the circus that hundreds of boys are giving in the barn each year.

He has a winning boyishness—hundreds of young men who look like him are soda water clerks, undertaker's assistants and delivery wagon drivers in small towns. He walks the tight wire, dances, plays the jew's harp, the saxophone, juggles Indian clubs and moves a rolling ball under his feet.

All of these things he does just passably well. It is his chatter and absurd contrasts that give to his performance the unfathomable profundity. His costume may be ear muffs, a straw hat, fur overcoat, sandaled sockless feet and an umbrella.

These exaggerations that burlesque exploited for years but it remained for this small town boy to lift them into the realms of true art. Outside of vaudeville audiences, no body knew of Joe Cook a year ago. Today he is as much of an institution as Weber and Fields.

His funniest moment to me is when he plays a saxophone solo. There is a dumb assistant who is supposed to hit the triangle at certain points in the solo. The assistant is in a chair. Over him is rigged up a pile driver, the weight being suspended directly over his head.

The contraption is as ridiculous as one of Goldberg's cartoon inventions. When the time comes for the assistant to tap the triangle, Cook steps on a lever, the mechanics of the contraption go into action and the huge weight thumps the assistant on the head and then, it is 7 o'clock in the evening as I write. From my window I can see a flock of pigeons in the street. A man is leading a cow to the

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## E. John Brandeis in Divorce Suit

Wife Charges Cruelty—Property Settlement Has Been Made Out of Court.

Mrs. Emily Marie Brandeis, wife of E. John Brandeis, who recently returned to Omaha with him from a hunting trip in Africa, Monday filed suit for divorce in district court charging her husband with cruelty.

The petition states that a property settlement between the two has been arranged in anticipation of the divorce action. Mrs. Brandeis specifically reserves her right of action.

Mrs. Brandeis asks an absolute divorce, the restoration of her maiden name of Ryan, and the costs be assessed to the defendant. She sets forth no specific instance of cruelty. Mr. and Mrs. Brandeis were married at Seward, Alaska, June 15, 1922, the petition says. Mr. Brandeis declined to discuss the suit.

School Board Buys Site. Elgin, Neb., Oct. 22.—The board of education of district No. 13 in which the village of Elgin is located, has just purchased an entire block of land as a site for a new high school building. This block joins the old site on the north and will give the district two choice blocks as school building sites.

A short time ago the district voted bonds in the sum of \$70,000 for the purpose of purchasing additional lands and erecting a new high school building. It is proposed to start work on the new building about the first of the year and have it completed for the beginning of the school year in 1924.

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