

Today

The Great Day of Glory.
Bright College Days.
Lincoln Never Knew Them
Bringing Out Counts.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

This is the great football day. Tens of thousands will yell and cheer. The great team has practised in dark secrecy, and heroic, mud-covered players have been accompanied back to training quarters with demonstrations and admiration amounting almost to adoration.

Players and cheering students are envied by the millions that cannot go to college. Parents grieve because their sons cannot have such great advantages.

Hard at work in some office, or factory, on some farm, or in some department store are young men that later will push a button summoning today's football heroes to their orders for the day.

The quarterback of today will find himself all the way back, 10 years hence, in many cases. And today's "tailback" of the farm or factory will be on the rush line of real life. Let that thought console grieving parents.

There is nothing taught in college that a boy cannot learn at home if it is really and only knowledge that he wants.

And you may truly say of college life what the French proverb says of foreign travel: "Travel forms youth, when it does not deform it."

It takes a boy of strong mind to endure several years of false standing, false glory, false importance, false, fossilized theories and then come out fit for life's real work.

Had Lincoln gone to college you would never have heard of him. It was a hard struggle for education, the hard labor with an ax, the actual contact in early manhood with life's problems and real people that made him.

Four years in college might have found him saying, "Well, there are two sides to slavery. Some men must produce the cotton for England's mills and for the upkeep of a cultured class in the south, and, after all, you'll notice that God did make those negroes of a different color."

That's how your young college graduate talks out of today's labor problems.

Suppose Phillip of Macedonia had sent his son to be taught at Athens, letting the young Athenian men of fashion fix his standards for him, instead of bringing Aristotle from Athens to teach Alexander among his own people. Might not Alexander have been conquered by Athenian influences instead of being a conqueror of Athens and the rest of the world?

"Boys go to college to make friends useful in after life" you hear. That's another way of calling the college a training school for snobs and toadies.

Rockefeller did not go to college, or Schwab or James J. Hill or any of the others among the great builders of America, but they have not lacked friends.

Some men arise above and conquer the influence of artificial mental university training. Milton did it, but he would not have done without it. He was a high sounding nothing compared with Shakespeare, who held horses outside the theater for a penny, and learned only what he could "pick up," namely, 10,000 times more than any college would have taught him.

There would have been no Robert Burns, had that young Scotchman gone to Oxford or Cambridge. Merely dragging him into "good society" among the "cultured classes," when his fame began to interest fashionable women ruined his style and him.

Humap beings, only half-baked, half-finished, still deep in the lower layers of mental evolution, following ages of physical evolution, have a great height to climb.

All depends, as Goethe said, on personality, on independent, free thought and action. A real man is what he makes himself. Pouring him into a scholastic mold, to "form" his thought and character, may please the teacher, but usually it does for the man what those bandages used to do for the feet of a Chinese lady. Beware of uniformity of thought and standards.

So much for the comfort of parents grieved because they cannot send a son to college, and for the enlightenment of young men who believe that a public school education is not sufficient to give them a fair chance in life.

The word education means "to bring out" not to put in. Four years of contact with the real world, from 18 to 22, will bring out of the average youth more than four years in college can put into him.

For certain mediocrities, colleges are useful, giving young men without much character an artificial set of rules, fairly useful through life.

Lumberman, 75, Is Killed by Speeding Auto

C. C. Van Kuran Struck Down While Awaiting Street Car in Front of Home.

C. C. Van Kuran, 75, 3604 Leavenworth street, vice president of the Boyer-VanKuran Lumber and Coal company, was fatally injured when struck by a speeding red sedan while he was awaiting a street car at Thirtieth and Leavenworth streets at Saturday night. He received a fractured skull and fractures of both legs and died a short time later in the Methodist hospital.

Mr. VanKuran had just left his home according to his wife. While awaiting the street car he saw a light in his home and started back across the street to turn it out, when he was struck by the sedan, which was traveling westward. The driver did not stop after striking the aged man, but instead put on more speed, according to witnesses.

Police took the dying man to the hospital. Captain Troy then issued a description of the red sedan and ordered every patrolman in the city to be on sharp lookout for it.

Carl Johnson, 2566 Leavenworth street, saw the accident and told police the car was traveling at a great rate of speed. He said the first two numbers of the sedan's license were "36."

Mr. VanKuran came to Omaha in 1901 from Chicago. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Blanche VanKuran of Omaha and Mrs. Harvey T. Fletcher of Chicago; a sister, Mrs. John L. McCague, sr., of Omaha, and two brothers, A. J. VanKuran of Omaha and Earl VanKuran of Seattle, Wash. The Boyer-VanKuran Lumber and Coal company property is at Twenty-fourth and Belt Line, in North Omaha.

Mr. VanKuran also was vice president of the D. H. Holland Lumber and Coal company. The body is at the Burkett chapel, awaiting funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Van Kuran is reported in a critical condition from the shock of her husband's death and has been placed in the care of physicians.

William Bennett, 1820 Scott street, sustained lacerations about the head and painful body bruises when he was run down at Thirtieth and Mason streets last night by a car driven by J. A. Thull, 1702 Dodge street. He was removed to his home and Thull was arrested, charged with reckless driving.

Bennet said he was waiting for a car and started to return to the side walk when the car struck him.

Kansas Says Testimony of Banker Slam at Farmers

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 25.—W. J. Bailey, governor of the Federal Reserve bank of Kansas City, was accused of "slandering the farmers of this country" in a letter sent to him by Joseph H. Mercer, state livestock commissioner, relative to testimony reported to have been given by Bailey at the rate hearing in Kansas City.

"You say that the farmers of Kansas are complaining because of imaginary grievances caused by mistaken propaganda. I know that you are either knowingly or unknowingly slandering the farmers of this country," Mr. Mercer declared in his letter.

Around Nebraska's State House

By R. H. PETERS.

Staff Correspondent The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Nov. 25.—Senator George Norris continues to be the "rigger" in Nebraska's political woodpile, and press dispatches of the past week lend no assistance to the political prophet. Here is the way reports on the senator's future actions have run in the last five days:

That pressure upon the senator to stand for reelection has become so great he intimates to close friends that he will again be a candidate; That the senator is firmly adhering to his original declaration and will not be a candidate for the senate, but will place his name before Nebraska's voters as a candidate for governor;

Senator Norris has never been in better health and the chief obstacle to his candidacy for the senate has been removed; That the senator's health is much improved, yet he feels that he will be unable to go through another "muggy" Washington summer.

There is little doubt but that Norris would run if the pressure of the public demand continues. It is known that he is receiving many telegrams urging him to run either for governor or senator. No public man could withstand a widespread public demand for his service.

The republican candidates avowedly in the field for the senatorship number two. C. H. Gustafson, one time president of the United States Grain Growers and Fred G. Johnson, lieutenant governor.

Johnson's Wife Scorns Social Frivolty



Senator Magnus Johnson and family have arrived in Washington. Mrs. Johnson misses the farm she left to be with the senator.

She intends to apply herself to study politics from the ground up to occupy the time formerly given to milking and managing the home. Social Washington may frivo! time away this winter at pink teas and other affairs, but Mrs. Mattie Johnson, wife of Magnus, the farmer-labor senator-elect, hopes that she can keep busy milking the cows and feeding the chickens on a small patch which the Johnsons hope to acquire near Washington.

Photograph shows, left to right, Agnes Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, and Florence, who are the only two of her family she brought to Washington with her.

Omaha Talent Features Former Omaha Man Is Dead in South

Charles H. Sevick, 37, former Omaha resident and general manager of the Acme Box company, died Friday at Meridian, Miss., according to information received here by relatives. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Marie S. Sevick, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sevick, 1006 Dominion street. The body will be brought here tomorrow for burial, when funeral arrangements will be announced.

Mr. Sevick was born in Omaha and lived here all his life until about two months ago when he went to Mississippi to engage in the lumber business. He founded the Acme Box company, of which he was the head.

Man Found Unconscious in Box Car; Parents Nebraskans

New Orleans, Nov. 25.—Sealed in a freight car loaded with cotton at Marthaville, La., last Tuesday night, Walter Beyer, 26, discharged soldier, was discovered in New Orleans by William Bennett of the Trans-Mississippi Terminal company, who opened the car and found the unconscious man lying on the bales of cotton.

Beyer, his eyes swollen shut and in a critical condition from lack of food, water and fresh air, was able to give his name and said he was just discharged from the coast artillery corps and that his parents live in Farmersville, Neb., but was unable to tell how he came to be in the box car. He is semiconscious.

Leaves 15 Children

Table Rock, Neb., Nov. 25.—John Funchuker, who died recently at his home between here and DuBois just across the line in Richardson county, was one of the very early settlers in that locality. He was born in Switzerland 81 years ago and came with his father's family to Nebraska in 1859. He is survived by his widow and 15 children, all of whom were present at the funeral, with the exception of one daughter, whose home is in Oregon.

New Justice at Humboldt

Humboldt, Neb., Nov. 25.—Bruce Dorian has just been appointed justice of the peace at Humboldt by the county commissioners of Richardson county. He succeeds J. M. Ford, who had served in that capacity for 14 years, but had recently removed to Illinois.

Divorced Husband Because She Can't Tolerate America

Paris, Nov. 25.—"I divorced my husband because I loth New York and simply cannot bear America at all," said Mrs. Maybelle Gilman Corey explaining her divorce from her millionaire American husband, William Ellis Corey, steel magnate.

Mrs. Corey said if her husband had come to France to make his future home as she desired there would have been no divorce. Mrs. Corey owns a residence in New York and another in France, but plans to spend the winter in Paris. Jewels given to her by her husband are valued at \$5,900,000. There was no mention of alimony in the case.

A great deal of the acrid discussion of last week relative to the payment of road contractors who have claimed a reprieve from the state could have been avoided had Governor Bryan's finance department been in a position immediately to furnish the sum that Nebraska expects from the federal government.

When the figures were requested the secretary of the department paraded with the assertion that there was no way of determining how many of the state's claims the federal government would allow, and that it would take a day to get the amounts totaled.

The claims have been returned to the auditor's office marked "deficiency vouchers" although money is coming in from the federal government to meet at least a portion of them.

Many more such "deficiencies" and there would be no further need of a tax commissioner in Nebraska.

Firemen Rescue Two Children in Night Blaze

Two Women Also Are Taken Down Ladders From Upper Floors of Apartment House.

Two women and two children, clad only in their night clothes, were carried down ladders from the third floor of the burning Sunshine apartment building, northwest corner of Seventeenth and California streets, shortly after midnight Sunday.

Four men were assisted down ladders from the flaming structure, which is three stories high and half a block long. These were rescued: Emma Mickles, 10, Bennie Mickles, 12, C. Davidson, Jessie Smith, W. L. Smith, L. H. Godner, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. O'Neil.

Overcome by smoke. The Mickles children were overcome by smoke. All the rescued, most of them drenched with water and suffering from effects of smoke, were taken to temporary shelter in the homes of neighbors.

The fire started in the boiler room in a pile of wood, according to firemen. Before it was discovered it had swept up the stairways of the north apartment, 612 North Seventeenth street.

Mrs. J. F. O'Neil awoke. She smelled smoke. Rousing her husband, they opened the door only to be met by a rush of thick smoke and a tongue of flame. From the windows the shrieks in adjoining rooms and by pounding doors belted them.

The flames grew hotter and leaked dangerously at the doors. Response from the fire department was quick. A little more delay and the entire structure which is largely of wood with a brick veneer, would have been a mass of flames.

The ladders were raised to the frightened residents who were leaning from their windows on the second and third floors. And the quick play of streams of water put out the flames which had been confined to the stairways of the north apartment. Scores of other dwellers in the other apartments fled when it seemed the whole structure was doomed.

Fire Commissioner Hopkins said the damage would not exceed \$1,500 in his opinion. The building is owned by H. Wiskopf and is fully insured.

Gun Will Be Placed in York Courthouse Yard

York, Neb., Nov. 25.—The 2.24-inch gun and carriage secured through efforts of the Robert Anderson post of the G. A. R., has arrived from the Benicia arsenal, Benicia, Cal.

The gun was formerly part of the United States army coast defense equipment but has become obsolete through the development of modern artillery and now will be used as a relic and memorial in the courthouse yard. The gun is slightly smaller than the famous French 75, but has somewhat similar appearance.

Plans are on foot to dedicate the gun with fitting ceremonies when it is placed upon its concrete base.

Blair Merchant Awarded \$3,200 on Fire Claim

Blair, Neb., Nov. 24.—The jury in the case of Thomas D. Zees, Blair merchant, against the Etina and Hartford Fire insurance companies for collection of \$9,000, representing aggregated policies on the stock and fixtures of a confectionery store owned by Zees and destroyed by fire last February, awarded the plaintiff \$3,200 of the sum yesterday, finding that amount to be representative of the value of the property destroyed. Zees placed the value of his stock and fixtures at \$12,000.

Winthrop B. Lane and Halleck Rose, Omaha attorneys representing the insurance companies, failed in an effort to show that there was evidence of the fire which destroyed the Zees property being incendiary.

Will Marry Widow of Enrico Caruso

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Captain G. A. Ingram. International Newsreel photo.

London, Nov. 25.—The wedding of Mrs. Enrico Caruso, widow of the famous Italian tenor, and Capt. G. A. Ingram of Scotland, will take place Wednesday at the Brompton Rectory. Rev. Father Talbot will officiate. The honeymoon will be spent in the United States.

New Governor of Oklahoma Seeks Lodge Publicity

Open Membership Rolls Advocated by Successor of Walton — Amended by Senate.

By Associated Press.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 25.—Gov. M. E. Trapp announced he will recommend that the state legislature pass a law definitely regulating secret organizations in Oklahoma and providing for the making public of membership rolls.

"The people demand an adequate act along this line, and I am sure the legislature will give it to them," the governor said. He indicated he will ask the passage of a statute similar to senate bill No. 9, providing for making public the names of both members and officers of secret orders. The senate yesterday approved the clause to file the names of officers with county authorities, but killed the clause relating to members.

Chiropractors Meet

Lincoln, Nov. 25.—The third annual convention of the Nebraska branch of the Universal Chiropractors' association began here. An address was made to the delegates by President C. N. Burgess of Lincoln. The nominating committee presented the following candidates for office for the ensuing year, with the statement that as there was no opposition to them they would be selected: President, Dr. Clara Arne, Columbus; vice president, Morris Mortensen, Omaha; secretary, Oliver Cast and Jennie B. Ringer, Lincoln; treasurer, A. J. Guenther, Geneva.

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Officers Told to Shoot it Out With Gunwoman

Paroled Convict Admits Slaying and Warns Police to Beware of His Wife, 18.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Police of every today for the 18-year-old wife of Otto Malm, paroled slayer, who completed the confession to a string of burglaries with the admission that his wife shot down Edward Lehman, watchman at the DeLeon Manufacturing company, the night of November 5.

The confession repudiated the statement of Ethel Beck, "the girl who never had a chance," who had declared that she was with Walter Bockelman when he shot the watchman to death. The Beck girl, known in the underworld as the "Rusty Blonde" admitted that her confession was false. Bockelman has been held for the murder and despite his protests of innocence, police have considered the slaying "an open and shut case."

Malm warned police that his wife has "her gun with her and is out to get those who brought trouble to her man." Officers assigned to the search have orders to shoot it out with the gun woman when they meet her.

"Hated to Do It." Confronted in the county jail with the contradictory confession of Malm, Ethel Beck nonchalantly repudiated her first statements.

"Well, I sure am glad," she said with a simper. "I didn't want Willie Bockelman mixed up in it but I just had to. I hated to do it, but I thought Bockelman had confessed and I thought I might as well confess too.

"I been a fall guy all my life, so I didn't try to deny anything." At the time of her arrest, the Beck girl offered to tell police a complete story if they would "stake her to a swell meal and not let Willie get his hands on me."

On Parole. Malm said his wife suffered a slight wound the time Lehman was killed, but had recovered. Prior to confessing the murder of Lehman, Malm had told police of his part in several robberies. Under questioning for several days, he had given detectives information leading to several other arrests and the recovery of valuable plunder.

He was on parole from Joliet penitentiary, where he was serving eight years on a manslaughter charge after the shooting of August Jantzen, a customer, during the robbery of Mrs. Edna Hoffman's grocery here early in 1915.

Poincare Yields in Demands in Ruhr

By Associated Press.

Paris, Nov. 25.—It is felt in official circles here that France made another important concession to the allies and to Germany in the contract signed with the Stinnes group of Ruhr industrialists. In this contract it is stipulated that all deliveries in kind shall be credited to Germany on reparation account, while the taxes collected by the occupying countries shall be paid into what is called a "productive pledge fund."

From this fund the occupying authorities would pay the cost of the reparation, subject to the rights of the reparation commission. This is understood to mean that France and Belgium will be unable to use the receipts from taxes even to pay the cost of maintaining their forces in the Ruhr unless permission to do so is given by the reparation commission.

The importance of this concession is reflected in the prudence with which the accord with the industrialists is commented upon in the French press. Opinion in reparation circles is that Premier Poincare has begun to recognize the necessity of yielding on some points in order to prepare the way for a reparation settlement.



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