

# Today

Same Proclamation.  
A Manager for Crime.  
Monroe's Declaration.  
Home Markets, Best.  
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Dates change, conditions remain in our little periods of history. Yesterday, Americans, led by Mr. Coolidge, in his proclamation, were thanking Providence that we are not as Europe is, torn with war and hatred.

In 1795, George Washington wrote the first Thanksgiving proclamation issued by any United States president. It began: "When we review the calamities that afflict so many other nations, the present condition of the United States affords much matter of consolation and satisfaction."

He specifies, "Our exemption from foreign war—internal tranquility—Unexampled prosperity of all classes of our citizens."

The killing of two bank messengers in New York shows that banditry and murder are becoming systematized. A manager hires professional gunmen, drug fiends that will do anything and kill anybody to get money to buy more drugs. A bank employe "tips off" the manager, Mr. Diamond, described as a "loving father and devoted son." Knowing from the tipster, who the bank messengers are, and what route they take with their \$43,000 cash, the rest is simple.

The manager stays at a safe distance, his hired dope fiend killers shoot down the victims. The cash is divided, in accordance with the manager's promises.

That sounds like an improbable dime novel, but it is a part of the records. Criminals being braggarts, and "dope fiends" dreadful cowards when drugs are kept away from them, the facts come out. Joseph Diamond, 23-year-old younger brother of the murder manager, shows part of his share to a young woman, "fresh from 'bumping off' a couple of guys, asks the young woman to marry him. She tells.

One of the professional killers, deprived of his drug, whispers to himself, weeps, and goes down, and he tells what he knows.

To the extent to which it has increased the drug traffic, prohibition seems to have its drawbacks. One congressman suggests that beer be licensed and taxed, the proceeds to be used fighting whisky. That might be a good idea, especially if the next generation could be persuaded to take beer instead of drugs.

Everybody knows that where alcohol is not used, drugs are used, if they can be got. And being easily hidden, it is quite certain that our kind of law enforcement will never drive them out.

"We owe it, therefore, to candor and to the amicable relations existing between the United States and those powers, (the powers of Europe) to declare that we should regard any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere, as dangerous to our peace and safety."

James Monroe, fifth president of the United States, wrote that declaration, which embodies the whole of the Monroe doctrine, 100 years ago.

That centennial ought not to be ignored, for Monroe's declaration is more important to this country than any other, except the Declaration of Independence. It was never more important than now.

Under that same Monroe, Florida was added to United States territory in 1820, by treaty with Spain. That should be gratefully remembered by ladies and gentlemen now buying midsummer garments to be worn in midwinter at Jacksonville, St. Augustine, Miami, Palm Beach and a thousand other places in wonderful Florida. By the way, the season there begins earlier every year, it has begun now.

W. J. Connors of Buffalo at his own expense and risk, has built an admirable motor road from Miami to the west coast. See Florida.

George W. Hinman reminds business men that our prosperity depends on home trade, and on building up that trade, worth more to us than all the outside world.

How can that trade be increased? By increasing the number of purchasers here in America, of course, that is, by increasing population. And that can be done by bringing in more people—of the right kind—from Europe.

## Bible Printed in 1665 in Omaha

Local Attorney Has Ancient Book Preserved in Excellent Condition.

"Today, the 6th day of May, 1665, God blessed me at midnight with a boy, and both my wife and myself rejoice at the blessing we have had."

In fading ink and in German script, still easily legible, these words are written on the fly leaf of a Bible 253 years old, owned by Harry Fischer, attorney, with offices at 1400 First National Bank building.

The rare volume is 16 by 10 1/2 inches and seven inches thick. Bound in oak boards, covered with pigskin and with brass corner pieces, two brass clasps and a ring to which a chain was formerly attached, it is pronounced one of the rarest Bibles now in existence.

During all the 258 years since it was published it has been owned by Mr. Fischer's ancestors. He brought it to this country in 1884 when he made a trip to his old home.

"Old home" is the proper expression. For his ancestors have lived in the same house, 63 Langasse, Flonheim, Germany, since it was built in the year 1289, which was just 203 years before Christopher Columbus made his great discovery. Mr. Fischer's sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Rupp, occupies the house today.

Timbers Petrified. "In the main oak timber of the cable road is carved the date 1289, and there is not the slightest doubt that it was built then, and the records show that my direct ancestors have lived in it ever since," said Mr. Fischer. "The walls are four feet thick. The timbers are petrified with age."

The Bible is remarkably preserved. The print is as black as black can be and the thick paper of the pages is tough, though yellowed in some places. The cord of the binding is still stout. The worms have perforated the pigskin cover.

When the book was printed, and when that first inscription was written on the fly leaf, the birthday of George Washington was still 67 years in the future; the revolutionary war was more than 100 years away. Democracy was untried and the people were ruled by kings in medieval simplicity.

The front part of this Bible contains 10 full-page wood cuts of great princes and kings of that day who had been active in religious work. Here is "Prince John, the Oldest and True One," a bearded gentleman in flowing ermine robe and bearing a long sword upright in both hands.

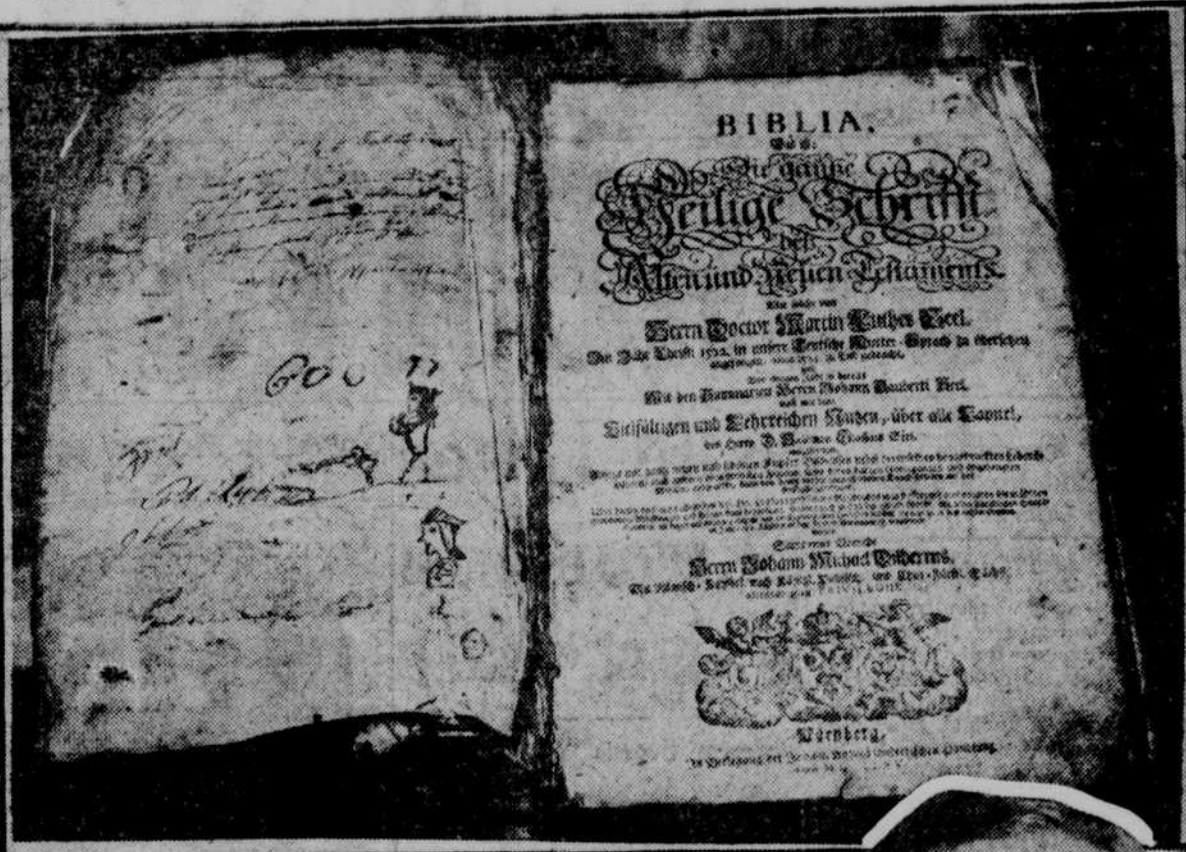
In the background is his coat-of-arms, and a picture of a walled city with retainers coming forth to greet the prince's carriage.

"Johann Wilhelm I, Grand Duke of Saxony" shows a young man in doublet and hose. "Prince Friedrich III, the Clever One," is a figure in full armor, his helmet resting on a pedestal beside him.

Another full-page picture is that of Dr. Martin Luther in his study, a picture totally unlike the usual pictures of the Protestant reformer seen today.

The Bible contains 1,184 pages. The title page, reads (in German) as follows: BIBLE That is The Entire Holy Scriptures Old and New Testaments as Translated by Herr Doktor Martin Luther In the year 1522 translated in our German Mother Language Begun in 1522 and completed in 1534 and additions made in the last few years by learned men.

## Omahan Owns Rare Bible Printed in Germany in 1665



The Bible, printed in 1665 and now owned by Harry Fischer of Omaha. Title page of the Bible. On the left fly leaf some child who, long since returned to dust, evidently got hold of the holy volume and drew a picture of a courtier of the middle ages in court dress and perwig. One can imagine what punishment that child received.

Aaron, Joshua, Samuel, David, Solomon and so on. Births Recorded. Many of the inscriptions on the fly leaves, recording the birth of babes who have long since returned to the elements whence they came, are almost illegible through fading of the ink. Others can still be read easily. Among these are the following, translated by Mr. Fischer: "Today, the 10th of May, 1777, the dear Lord has blessed us with a child which arrived in the morning between 7 and 8 of the clock. Then we had him baptized by Preacher Flintner at Bornheim and we have given him the name and transcribed it in this 'Holy Book, Christopher Heinrich von Schweitzer. This was written by his father, Conrad von Schweitzer, and his wife, born, Mertz."

"1801—The 26th of May we baptized the son that the dear Lord gave us. This is our sixth son. Jacob Arne from the town of Uffhofen was here and Jacob Schweitzer and his uncle, John Schweitzer, who came from Arnshausen to participate with his blessing by his presence."

"1804. The dear Lord has blessed us with a young daughter. She was baptized in the presence of Johann Philip Schweitzer from the town of Bornheim. May the Lord bless this holy sacrament. Done in the name of the Lord and transcribed in this Holy Book, Anna Christina Schweitzer."

Long, long ago the hands that wrote all these words have turned to dust as have also the little children whose arrival in the world they recorded on the leaves of the holy book.

"It seems almost miraculous that this book survived all the wars and famines and troubles which have swept over my home place in centuries," said Mr. Fischer. "I remember well hearing my father tell of the great famine of 1847. And that part of Europe has been a battle ground for a thousand years."

Mr. Fischer keeps the Bible locked in his safe, taking it out only to show. Some day, he says, he may present it to a museum.

Two Cars Collide. John Green, 321 North Tenth street, Council Bluffs, reported to police a collision between his car and another machine driven by W. C. Lang, 604 South Twenty-first street, in front of slight to both cars.

Dairy Industry Drive. Broken Bow, Neb., Nov. 30.—Fifty-four Broken Bow merchants today started a dairy industry campaign for Custer county, which will last until December 29. During this period, five fine dairy cows will be given away. The plan is being promoted by the public service.

## Irene Castle and Millionaire Wed

Frederick McLaughlin, Coffee King and Polo Star, Won by Dancer.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Irene Castle, the dancer, was married here last night to Frederick McLaughlin, her third husband.

McLaughlin is a son of the late W. F. McLaughlin, coffee king, and is known in society circles of half a dozen cities as a polo star. The marriage took place in McLaughlin's bachelor apartment. McLaughlin is reputed to be a millionaire several times over.

Many Falls. "Freddie," as McLaughlin is affectionately called in society, has kept dowager and debutante alike agape with his skillful horsemanship ever since he took to polo. As a member of the Onwentsia polo team he is said to have had more falls from his ponies and fewer hurts than any other rider.

McLaughlin gave society something else to talk about when a divorce ended his first marriage to the beautiful Helen Kenner Wylie of Baltimore. He got the decree in 1910, charging desertion.

## Fatigue Vaccine Soon

British Scientist Is Working on Remedy to Ease Tired Feeling

London, Nov. 30.—The beginning of an age of tireless men is believed to be foreshadowed by the announcement of the discovery of a vaccine to render human beings immune to fatigue.

Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, authority on mental diseases, is now testing the anti-fatigue vaccine in his laboratories, and in time it will be placed within reach of everybody. Sir Robert declines to specify the nature of the discovery or to further discuss the subject until his experiments are concluded.

Working along different lines the institute is also attempting to eliminate fatigue. Its experimenters are trying to discover to what extent blood constituents are reduced by heavy or mental work, and then supply them in some harmless form which will allow workers to resist the effects of strain.

## Thompson-Belden's

Sale of Fancy Luncheon Napkins

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Real Madeira Hand-embroidered Madeira napkins in 12x12-inch size, exceptional at \$6.75 dozen

Street Floor

**Christmas Gifts from Thompson-Belden's are appreciated as is Silver Marked "Sterling"**

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**We Suggest:**

Thompson-Belden's special silk hose, pair—	Mamma dolls, bisque heads, fully dressed—
<b>\$1.95</b>	<b>\$1.49</b>
Thompson-Belden's special Rain-Sun umbrella.	Men's all pure linen handkerchiefs, each—
<b>\$4.95</b>	<b>50c</b>

Store Hours 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## Thompson, Belden & Co.

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Whose Prices Have Been Lately Reduced

Festive occasions of the holiday season make such demands upon one's wardrobe that there is always real need for the extra frock that was chosen at an advantageous price.

**Informal Dinner Gowns**  
**Lovely Afternoon Gowns**  
**Smart Woolen Dresses**

There is enjoyment in the wearing of frocks purchased at Thompson-Belden's—their distinctive designing is a reflection of Milady's knowledge of the style-correct.

Third Floor

**Special Semi-Chiffon Silk Hose**

For more general wear we recommend this semi-chiffon hose. It is clearly and evenly woven, full-fashioned, and its lisle top and sole mean that it will wear well.

**Special Silk and Wool Hose**

For out-of-door wear during winter weather, woolen hose are as smart as they are comfortable. Woven with silk they are attractive, either plain or in dropped-stitch pattern. Navy, black, cordovan and African brown. Pair—

**\$2.49**

Thompson-Belden's Special Silk Hose \$1.95

Street Floor

## Men's Linen Handkerchiefs

Appreciated as Gifts

At 50c	50c and 75c
Fine white linen with colored woven border in tan, blue and lavender.	An all white linen handkerchief of exceptional quality, with corner initial.
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A French handkerchief with hand-rolled hem and colored woven border that is the same on both sides.	Plain white handkerchiefs of all pure linen are offered at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Street Floor

## Special Value Clearance

---After the Holiday!

Although new frocks and gowns require the foundation of a corset, one may still possess perfect freedom and comfort of movement through

**Prolaset**  
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Metallic effects

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Perfumes in fancy gift boxes	50c
Le Trefle toilet water, bottle	65c
Piver's Le Trefle and Azures face powder	79c
Ashes of roses, rouge, box	50c
Manicure sets	98c

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