

# Today

### Earthquake in Rome—Small. China Sentences a White Man. Dead Together—and Happy.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

A slight earthquake shock was felt in Rome last week. Fortunately, it may be assumed that the ancient monuments, worth more to the world than any number of modern millions, have long since proved ability to stand any ordinary earth movement.

An earthquake doing serious damage to Rome, especially to St. Peter's with its ceilings painted by Michael Angelo, would be a loss to the entire world and to future ages.

Michael Angelo, at one time, complained to the pope that contractors were supplying him with inferior materials, pointing out that except for the good it might do his soul, he was not making a penny for his work on the great church. The pope promptly assisted him. It is to be hoped that no inferior plaster or stone jeopardizes any part of that structure.

"When China moves she will move the world."—Napoleon.

China moves slowly, cautiously, considerably. You realize reading today's dispatch from Harbin announcing that a Chinese court for the first time in history sentences a white man to death.

The white man is Korniloff, a most desperate Russian criminal. He, with a companion, escaped from a Chinese court, although he was manacled, using two revolvers with his manacled hands to shoot down and keep back the police.

That is the old Russian type of criminal, with endurance and indifference to pain beyond modern comprehension. You recall the three Russian bandits of the 18th century, brothers, described by the French ambassador. One, that had been tortured and broken on the wheel, for five hours, lifted his broken arm, passed his sleeve across his nose, and when he saw blood on the wheel, wiped it off with his sleeve. There is terrific power in the Russian people.

Western European nations may realize it in sorrow some day if they continue their contemptuous attitude toward Russia.

"When Russia moves, she will move the world with a vengeance."

This will interest millions of husbands and wives more than any other news of the day:

Jean Francois Pennel, and his wife, Marie, died in their home near Lille in France, at exactly the same minute.

Ill, in separate rooms, neither knew of the other's illness. Where did those two souls, that had lived so long together, go, as they left the earth simultaneously?

How fast did they travel, and in what direction?

Did the souls recognize each other as they started off? What are they doing and saying now?

Can they talk with vocal cords, tongue, teeth and the other machinery for articulate sound?

Are they united at last never to be separated, to live through all eternity, never worried, never ill, never poor, above all never jealous.

Those who call marriage a failure and weep over divorce court revelations may find consolation in the fact that millions of husbands and wives would ask no greater happiness than to leave the world as Jean Francois Pennel and his wife left it together. Marriage is no failure. It is the one influence that has built up civilization, compelling the man to behave himself, more or less, and take material responsibility for the children, while the wife did all the rest of the important work.

When Duse appeared in New York for the last time on Friday afternoon crowds waited outside in vain hope for a seat. Some of the best known actors and actresses in America sat in the gallery, glad of a lesson in acting from the greatest living teacher. A woman, 65 years old, who uses no paint nor powder, relying for "color and effect" on what she has in her brain and in her eyes. That proves that the beauty worth while is as deep as the soul, not skin deep.

The London Times says "there is abundant justification for the Monroe doctrine." There is, and what is more important, there is the United States back of the doctrine.

That it is as valuable to Europe as it is to this country is admirably set forth in a brief study by Sir Frederick Pollock, greatest British authority on international law.

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### Shunning Men Healthy?

Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 3.—"Because I have never been bothered with a man," was the reason ascribed by Miss Margaret Campbell of this city for her being well and happy on her 26th birthday Saturday.

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# Gov. Bryan Hesitates on Cass Case

### Although County Attorney and Sheriff Are Indicted, State Executive Puts Off Requests for Suspension.

### Legislature Gave Power

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—Whether or not gubernatorial action leading to the removal, from office, of Sheriff Carl D. Quinton and other law enforcement officers of Cass county under indictment by the grand jury, will be instituted still is an open question. Governor Bryan declared last night.

He admitted that he received a number of letters from residents of Cass county asking that Quinton be removed, but explained that the jury had simply sent him a copy of the indictment, with no request for action attached.

"You may quote me as saying that I will do nothing until I am definitely assured that the misdeeds with which Sheriff Quinton is accused fall within the scope of the law recently passed by the legislature which gives the governor power to file charges against a law enforcement officer, suspends him while the investigation is pending, and fill his place with a temporary appointee," the governor said.

"I have received from the clerk of the court, a copy of the indictment drawn against Quinton but not of those under which the other officers are being held," the governor continued. "However I must be sure that there is sufficient evidence."

The law to which Governor Bryan refers is an amendment of the old Sackett law, differing in that the governor is given more power over county affairs. He now has the right to appoint the temporary incumbent, a right formerly enjoyed by the county commissioners, and has the further right to suspend the officer immediately upon the preference of the charges, instead of having to first prove his case.

The governor now expresses the opinion that the law applies only to cases of officers executing the prohibition statutes and that he cannot use it to relieve Quinton because of other charges made against him by the jury.

"One of the counts charges Quinton with a misdemeanor committed more than a year ago," the governor said, "and it may be that the new law cannot touch him since it only became active in August."

### Burglars Get Over 100 Suits of Clothing at Algona

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Algona, Ia., Dec. 3.—The clothing store of Zender & Caldwell was entered Thanksgiving night and between 110 and 120 suits of clothing stolen. The thieves tied the suits taken from racks, hangers and all, in bundles, and in their hurry to get away left a bundle containing about 50 suits.

It is thought that representatives of an organized gang committed the theft. Zender & Caldwell offer a reward of \$500 for the return of the goods and the arrest and conviction of the thieves. The loss is \$3,000.

### Heads Older Boys

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—The state Older Boys' conference, which Saturday concluded a three-day meeting, elected Elred Larson of Oakland president for the coming year. Charles Sheldy of Columbus was elected vice president; Hawthorne Arey, Omaha, secretary; Fred Hauck, Seward, treasurer. The selection of Columbus as the meeting place next year concluded the business sessions. Nearly 200 boys were present at the reunion banquet held Saturday night at the red room of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A.



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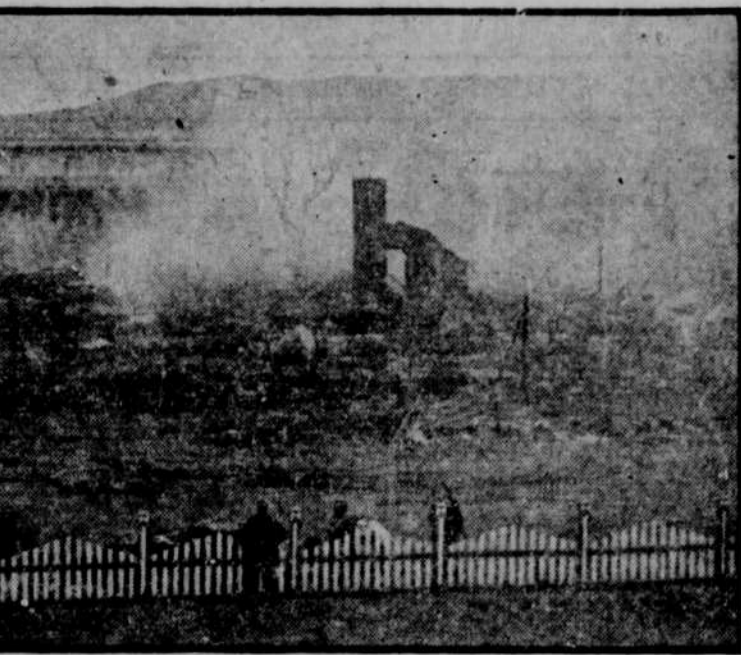
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# All Night Fire Leaves Tijuana in Ruins



This photo of ruins in Tijuana, Mexico, gives indication of the way the city looked after an all night fire had razed practically every building in it.

# British Bulldog Will "Come Back" Is Assurance of Consul

### Only Three British-Born Seek Aid in 25 Years, Matthew Hall Declares.

"The British bulldog never admits defeat," Matthew A. Hall, British consul in Omaha for 25 years, learned back confidently in his office chair at 624 Omaha National bank building and expressed his faith in the ability of his mother country to "come back."

"No, Great Britain isn't going to be on her feet today. Nor tomorrow. But the British bulldog just clamps his jaws and goes at it again. It is a characteristic of the country, and of the people who live there. The English bulldog is already on the highway to recuperation, and he isn't going to rest until he pays back every dollar of debt. Yes, I'm dead sure he's going to recover."

At first the consul was rather reticent about granting an interview. Only after he had been informed that this was only one of a series of similar interviews did he modestly agree to be questioned. "All right, I'll answer whatever you ask me," he ventured. And he did, with visible ease.

### Few Pleas for Aid.

According to Mr. Hall, no official records of the number of Omahans or Nebraskans of British birth are kept at his office. "It is not necessary," he declared. "In the last 25 years I have had but three pleas for aid. All of these were from those driven desperate through the loss of those who bring in the family budget, and all were victims of poor health. The British born citizen is proud of his reputation and of his family. No matter how hard he finds the struggle for existence, he keeps it to himself, and manages to come through sooner or later. Anyhow, the great majority of those who come to the United States take out naturalization papers at once."

Although there are no official records of the number of British born citizens in Omaha, Mr. Hall estimated the number at between 5,000 and 10,000. "According to figures gathered at the registration here 20 years ago, there were at that time 3,000. Judging from the number who come to me for passports, it is safe to assume that there are at least that number and probably more," he added.

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Ontario schools and colleges. Later he taught school for several years, and finally became a knight of the grip for the Standard Oil company. In 1885 he settled in the United States, and after taking a degree of law at the University of Wisconsin, he came to Omaha in 1888, where he has since made his home.

During his stay here Mr. Hall has been a prominent figure. He has served as state senator, has been a member of Ak-Sar-Bon board of governors, a leader among the Masons and numerous other organizations. He is a naturalized citizen of the United States and is active in church affairs, having been a member of the vestry of All Saints church for a good many years. In 1912 he was president of the Omaha Bar association.

# Motor Deaths in State Increase

Washington, Dec. 3.—Deaths from automobile accidents numbered 11,566 last year in the census registration area of the United States, which contains 85 per cent of the total population, an increase of 1,498 over the previous year.

The total number of killed, as shown in census bureau figures today, represents a death rate of 12.5 per 100,000 population, an increase of 1 for every 100,000, as compared with 1921, when the rate was 11.5. Since 1917, when the rate was 9.0 per 100,000, there has been an increase of 3.5 per 100,000 in the deaths.

California has the highest rate of the 37 states in the registration area, its total representing 26.0 per 100,000 population.

The rate in states showing increases and the amount of increase include: California 26.0, an increase of 1.6; Colorado 16.3, an increase 3.7; Kansas 9.8, increase 0.5; Missouri 9.4, increase 1.3; Nebraska 9.9, increase 2.0.

Cities showing increases, with the rate per 100,000 and the amount of the increase rate include: Denver 20.9, an increase of 4.6; Kansas City, Kan., 15.8 and 4.2; Los Angeles, 23.5 and 2.4; Oakland, 17.5 and 2.1; Omaha, 12.9 and 0.3; Salt Lake City, 19.4 and 5.6; San Francisco, 22.3 and 4.2.

### Prominent in Legal Affairs.

"Oh there's not much to say about my own life," he answered when asked for a biography. "It's only ordinary and commonplace—just hard work and attending to business."

Besides caring for the duties of consul, Mr. Hall maintains a law office at 624 Omaha National bank building. During his life he has engaged in a variety of occupations, including traveling salesmanship, teaching and public service. He is also an active clubman.

The present consul is of Canadian birth and Scotch-English parentage. He was born in Scarborough, Can., in 1862, and received his education in

# McAdoo Praises Railroad Men

### Former Secretary of Treasury Reviews Railroad Situation During War.

By Associated Press.

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—W. G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury and director general of the railroads during the war, does not regard government ownership the "wisest solution" of the American railroad problem, he told members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen in an address here last night. Mr. McAdoo was the principal speaker at the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the railroad order.

The former director general declared that the railroads of the United States and the loyalty of their employees saved the allies during one of the greatest emergencies of the world war, rushing wheat to a short-rationed western front.

### Discusses Present Problems.

Referring to "Our railroad problem," Mr. McAdoo said: "Personally, I do not believe that government ownership is the wisest solution. An earnest effort should be made to secure railroad reform preserving the principle of private operation, but under more effective federal regulations. If that fails, after a final test, government ownership may become inevitable."

The former treasurer said the problems of every industry came under three heads, as follows:

To command an ample supply of capital to command an ample supply of labor; to improve the product and furnish it at decreasing cost.

### Railroads Now Archaic.

"Our railroads are in large part archaic," he said. "They must be modernized."

Mr. McAdoo reviewed the railroad situation in the United States from a period several months before America entered the war until the close of hostilities and also went exhaustively

into the question of wages for railroad employes.

After declaring that the world war was brought to a close one year earlier than anybody had expected, mainly through the efforts of the American railroad man in pouring supplies and troops from all points of the country to the Atlantic port outlets, Mr. McAdoo estimated that the saving in dollars and cents to the nation was \$21,900,000,000 in this contributing to the close of the conflict. He estimated that upwards of 500,000 American soldiers' lives also had been preserved.

# Capitol Cost to Exceed Estimate

Lincoln, Dec. 3.—The new Nebraska capitol will cost \$2,000,000 more than the \$5,000,000 appropriated by the legislature for its construction, according to an estimate submitted by W. L. Younk, assistant to Architect Goodhue. Mr. Younk, who is actively supervising the construction works, thinks the second section of the building will cost more than the first section, now partly completed, and places the excess at around \$400,000.

He bases his estimate on prices for material remaining as they now are. It is roughly estimated by Mr. Younk that the first section, now well along, will cost \$2,600,000; the second section, \$3,000,000 and the third section comprising the tower, \$1,500,000, making the final total cost of the building approximately \$7,000,000.

The levy from the original appropriation by the legislature of \$5,000,000, it is believed, will keep the contractors paid until subsequent legislatures can act on the question of additional appropriation.

A subcommittee of the state capitol commission is now engaged in a study of the advisability of changing the basis of pay to Architect Goodhue from a yearly salary of \$25,000 to a 5 per cent commission on the total cost. The capitol commission has the right to exercise this option under the contract with Mr. Goodhue.

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