

Today

Lots of News, Including Good News, and Other Things. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The world is full of news. It comes from every corner. Mr. Mellon, a secretary of the treasury who really understands money and economy, reports that within a year the debt of the United States government, which means of the people, has been reduced more than \$600,000,000. That's good.

Seven women have been elected to the parliament of Great Britain and will have their say in governing the British empire. That's very good. Putting seven women in the house of commons is like putting boric acid in the water with which you wash your children's little eyes and noses. Very purifying.

Oregon, the Mexican president, has a fight on his hands, but he knows how to attend to it. He is the original Mussolini and Primo Rivera combined. Bugs Baer says a "Mexican natural death is being shot in the back," but Oregon won't die that "natural death."

News comes that the pope will make Archbishop Hayes of New York, a cardinal. Whether you are a good Catholic or a wicked "A. P. A.," you cannot help admiring the wisdom of old "Rome that knows how to pick strong men in the first place, and then encourage them." Bishop Hayes, at the head of the greatest Catholic diocese in America, and perhaps in the world, has several big fights on his hands. The pope sends him all the authority that he can send.

A new situation in England, with Baldwin losing his control in the house of commons. The labor party is now the second party. It will play the role that the Irish party used to play in ancient days when this was reported sessions of the house for Charles A. Dana and the New York Sun.

The London stock market is shivering. All wealth comes from labor, but wealth doesn't want to see labor on top of the heap.

Our young countrywoman, Lady Astor, wins her seat in spite of socialists, who think her husband too rich, and in spite of labor men, who said that they didn't want their laws made by a Yankee girl with a Yankee husband. They say to make England pay its debt to America. They don't know the Astors.

The city of Cleveland, and every largely to Mark Hanna, and its municipal thinking to Tom Johnson—men far apart—is now to be run by its first "city manager" as predicted by the Cleveland News, owned and run by Mark Hanna's grandson. William Rowland Hopkins, a man of ability and wealth, is unanimously chosen city manager by the council. It is an intelligent idea to take the business end of city management out of politics, picking the ablest man to be found, regardless of party or wire pulling. The experiment will interest other big cities.

Congress voted a pension of \$5,000 a year for life to the widow of ex-President Harding and every body else pleased. Had he not been president, and overworked, Mrs. Harding would still have her husband and a happy life.

Piece together scattered dispatches, and you get this, as a picture:

France fears that Germany is about ready to strike a blow for revenge.

Italy fears the dominating power of France and forms alliances with Spain and Russia.

Greece fears Italy—having had a good lesson and severe humiliation in the Corfu matter, and implores Venizelos to return to power and to the thinking of which the Greek king is incapable.

Clergymen No Longer May Ride Railroads on Passes

C. A. Sorenson yesterday addressed a letter to the state railway commission suggesting that they notify all clergymen and charity workers holding railroad passes in this state that the passes are no longer good, following the decision of District Judge Morning in Lincoln a few days ago that the clergyman pass law enacted by the last legislature is unconstitutional.

Passes were issued in the last four months to only 35 persons by Nebraska railroads. Of these 14 are Omahans, as follows: Bishop E. V. Shaylor, Rev. C. C. Cissell, Rev. John S. Palubicki, Rev. Joseph Duhamel, Rev. R. B. Ralls, Mrs. R. B. Ralls, Mrs. Ruth Nelson, John Bowler, Harry Janicke, Rev. E. E. Hosman, Rev. F. L. Hall, Miss Nita McDowell, Minnie Gilbert.

Short Weight Alleged Against Iowa Coal Men

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 9.—Twenty-six Iowa coal dealers will be charged with violation of the state law relating to weights and tickets of weight certification for fuel delivered to customers, M. E. McMurray, head of the inspection bureau of the state department of agriculture, announced today.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses from Council Bluffs Saturday: Tony Mikels, Omaha, 25; Helen Thompson, Omaha, 19; William Wattle, Omaha, 21; Marie Swedick, Omaha, 18; Fred Clements, Omaha, 23; Hazel Henry, Omaha, 19; Martin Nelson, Omaha, 23; Julia Launback, Omaha, 21; Charles Peterson, Nebraska, 21; Evelyn Hutka, Wilbur, Neb., 21; E. B. Shamo, Lincoln, Neb., 25; Margaret E. Fryer, Lincoln, Neb., 25.

State Editors Draft Policy of Free News

Grand Island Meeting Prepares Resolutions to Submit to Nebraska Press Association.

Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 9.—At one of the best attended district editorial meetings yet held here, there was adopted for the guidance of the editors in the district, and for submission to the Nebraska State Press association, a declaration of policy toward free publicity, advertising, and undesirable publicity. This action followed a program of discussion on very timely subjects, such as "What Is News," "The Advertising Agency," "Should Newspapers Take a Practical Interest in Politics," "View Points of an Editor's Wife," and "Ways and Means of Collecting Subscriptions."

By unanimous vote, the next meeting was to take place several months after the state meeting at Ord, the exact time to be fixed by President Leggett and other officers. The report of the committee on ethics, appointed at a previous meeting, will be submitted to the state association on the authority of President Kroh, who named this same committee on instructions from the executive committee. The only amendment made to the presented report was the addition of the sentence referring to the refusal of publicity for enterprises coming in conflict with state laws.

First Duty to Readers.
The adopted standard, as it will be submitted to the state press association for its action, is as follows: "Believing that a newspaper's first obligation is to its readers, and that the exact time to be fixed by President Leggett and other officers, appointed at a previous meeting, will be submitted to the state association on the authority of President Kroh, who named this same committee on instructions from the executive committee. The only amendment made to the presented report was the addition of the sentence referring to the refusal of publicity for enterprises coming in conflict with state laws."

The newspaper is a private enterprise. It requires no charter from the state. It enjoys no special rights, and it is not a public utility. It is not a business of the state, and it is not a business of the people. It is a business of the publisher, and it is a business of the reader. It is a business of the advertiser, and it is a business of the community. It is a business of the state, and it is a business of the nation. It is a business of the world, and it is a business of the universe. It is a business of the future, and it is a business of the past. It is a business of the present, and it is a business of the future. It is a business of the state, and it is a business of the nation. It is a business of the world, and it is a business of the universe. It is a business of the future, and it is a business of the past. It is a business of the present, and it is a business of the future.

These are times and circumstances, however, when that which is public interest is so closely interwoven with the public interest that it is perfectly legitimate for the publisher to be asked to accept a special class of his readers, or of other persons, and to give them special facilities for the publication of their news, or for the publication of their advertisements. It is a business of the state, and it is a business of the nation. It is a business of the world, and it is a business of the universe. It is a business of the future, and it is a business of the past. It is a business of the present, and it is a business of the future.

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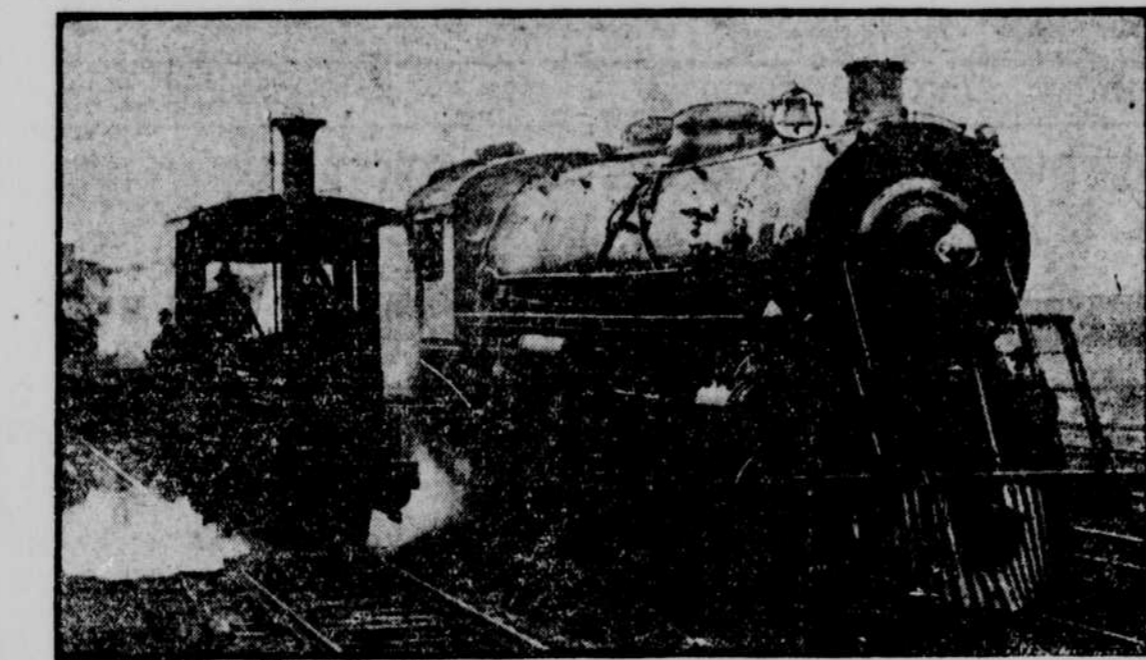
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Rapid Progress of Railroads Shown in Extremes



The newest type locomotive, to pull crack train from Chicago to Florida, is monster beside the oldest locomotive, which weighs only four tons.

Probe of Trade Methods Laid on Interstate Commerce Committee Before Congress

Report Includes Complaints Against 2,384 Concerns for Unlawful Practices; Legislation Not Asked.

Washington, Dec. 9.—A review of a year's endeavor to restrain business methods opposed to good morals and tending to monopoly, was put before congress today by the federal trade commission in its annual report. Along with the series of investigations and proceedings against hundreds of individual business houses and trade associations, the commission described the general economic investigations which it has conducted, by special order of congress or otherwise, into the industries of grain exporting and coal mining, into speculation on exchanges, and into trade practices such as that involved in the "Pittsburgh base" for steel sales in the west.

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Minister Is Against Revenge on France

"We may afford to blunder in our management of the railroad problem, but we cannot afford to fall short in our efforts for the peace of the world," declared Rev. Albert Kahn, speaking last night at Bethany Presbyterian church on "The Widow's Mite and the Widow's Might."

"President Coolidge's reference to the high moral obligation which America has to the rest of the world found deep response in the hearts of the people. The president has the courage to lead the country in a whole-hearted, energetic and big-souled move for the preservation of the world's peace."

"I hope there will never be a war of revenge against France. One crime cannot be atoned for by the commission of another. But there should be such neagable pressure on France as shall cause it to discontinue a course of armament which endangers the peace of the world and which is unanimously condemned by all its allies."

"It was the love for God's kingdom which lay behind the widow's mite, small though the mite was that gained for her the approval of Christ."

"Pilgrims" and "Indians" at Gridiron Club Banquet

Washington, Dec. 9.—The Gridiron club, an organization of newspaper correspondents, held its annual winter dinner last night, with President Coolidge, cabinet members, senators and representatives in congress and other notables included among the 400 guests.

The feature was a skit representing the defense of Washington by the Pilgrims of 1923 against Indian hordes under the leadership of Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California, the president's rival for the republican nomination.

Grain Corporation Is Broke; Unable to Assist Farmers

Holds Worthless Foreign Bonds on Loans and War Profits Are Loss, Congressmen Say.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Plans of the congressional farm bloc to finance agriculture relief projects from the assets of the United States Grain corporation, which operated during the war, are abandoned. It was learned all proceeds of the corporation had been wiped out through loans to foreign nations.

This situation was revealed by Senator Robert N. Stanford, republican, Oregon, and confirmed by Senators Edwin F. Ladd, republican, North Dakota, and George W. Norris, Nebraska, members of the senatorial farm bloc.

The three senators announced the grain corporation was "peniless" on the strength of statements made them by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon.

No Farm Aid Funds.

Reports circulated throughout the west that the corporation held \$56,000,000 in cash, which would be available for immediate agriculture relief, were denied by Secretary Mellon, the senators announced.

It was revealed this money had been lent to five European nations and \$48,000,000 was tied up in what Stanford described as "worthless bonds" of the governments of Austria and Poland. All these loans, it was added, were made, however, by direction of acts of congress.

As a result a number of relief projects planned by members of the farm bloc to be financed from grain corporation funds will be abandoned. The corporation's profits, Secretary Mellon reported, were lent by acts of congress to Austria, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Armenia and Hungary. Austria and Poland received more than \$24,000,000 each, which is now covered by the alleged "worthless bonds." Deferred interest payments on the debts, it was stated, alone amounted to \$10,000,000 on June 30 last.

Secretary Mellon confirmed the situation in a letter to Senator Ladd early this week. It was learned.

Congress Provided Relief.
"The treasury's information is that substantially all of the profits of the grain corporation, and in fact some of its capital, have been used in providing relief under two special acts of congress, for part of which foreign obligations were received in payment," Mellon wrote.

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The republican committee on committees continued its work of making house committee assignments today, but failed to take action on the rules committee or to designate the seven members of the steering committee. A fight, leaders predicted, may develop over one of the steering committee seats, Representatives Tincher (Kansas) and Dickinson (Iowa) both being urged for the place that will go to a member from the western farming region.

The democratic members of the ways and means committee who will assign democratic to various house committees held a meeting today, but did not complete their work.

It was doubtful tonight whether either the republicans or democrats would be ready when the house reconvenes Monday to present their committee slates for approval. Republican leaders, in view of this situation, plan to suggest another three-day recess.

Senate Insurgents Threaten Another Fight Over Assignments by G. O. P. Regulars—Rebels in Senate Quiet Pending Outcome of Selections by Committee on Committees.

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Filipinos Must Serve in Navy to Become Citizens

Japanese Born Also Denied Citizenship in Opinion by Territorial Attorney General.

Honolulu, Dec. 1.—(By Mail)—Filipinos born in the Philippine islands are not eligible to American citizenship unless they have served in the United States navy, marine corps or naval auxiliary service, and Japanese born in Japan are not eligible to American citizenship under any circumstances, according to an opinion of Territorial Attorney General Mathewman.

The ruling was made for the school department and arose from the contention of Miss Sisto Castro, Filipino teacher employed in Hilo, that she is an American citizen through the fact that she had been adopted by an American citizen.

Attorney General Mathewman ruled that citizenship cannot be gained through adoption. Continuing his opinion, he held that no Filipino is eligible to citizenship unless he has served in the naval establishment.



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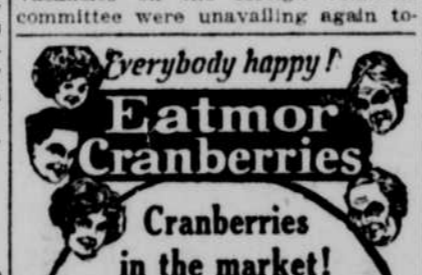
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