loday Here's Your Hat, King George. How She Killed Him. The Earth's Core. Only \$35,000,000 a Pound. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

George of Greece was yesterday that Greece could do without him and requested to leave the country, taking his queen with him. They left last night. King George will not, like Henry the Second of England, ex-claim, "Shame on a beaten king," turn his face to the wall and die. He will turn his face toward Paris or Monte Carlo, excellent cooking and plenty of snobs in both places, and play king in safety. That's better than being a real king, any-where outside of England, now.

Strange new murders based on "human triangles" will continue, until men change. Read Mrs. Vetter's confession, condensed. She and her husband are accused of mufdering Jack Storey.

"Just before my baby was born, I told my husband all about Jack Storey and how I knew him, before I was married. Every night my husband would come home from work and say, 'I don't trust from work and say, 'I don't trust you,' and I am suspicious about that baby.' I swore that I had been a good wife, ever since I married but every night he accus-ed me. So I said, 'I'll bring Jack Storey here to the house, and you can hide, listen and you'll know by what he says that I have been straight since I married you.'" She brought Jack Storey at 2

he brought Jack Storey at 2 In the morning. She and her husband killed him, with an iron bar nd a knife. They wrapped his body in old carpet rags, put it in the Ford sedan, "and put the baby in the car over him in the swing crib. We drove to Howard Beach. Together we threw his body into the water. My husband had put his revolver in his pocket. I took it and put it in the crib, under the baby, it was loaded."

That was all, except that they took the dead man's pocketbook, with \$200 and she turned his with \$200 and she turned his pockets inside out, "so the police would think he had been killed for his money." There are, in little wooden houses, you see along the road, tragedies that surpass imagination and jealousy under-lies many of them.

This earth has a hard core, like a baseball, or a golf ball. It is a gigantic sphere, bearing a pres-sure of 25,000 pounds to the square inch, according to reports made to the Washington academy of sciences.

While that central sphere, 4,000 miles in diameter, is probably made of iron, a great magnet, perhaps some believe it may be made largely of gold, platinum, or both. Those heaviest metals would work downward toward the center. What desperate efforts men would make to dig down to that central

more than 600 tons, 3,500 cubic feet of water per second plus the drop, are required to run the turbine. Two similar plants will start next year and in a century, that will all seem as primitive as Fulton's first steamboat. The real power to be tapped is in the sun, and in the turning earth below our feet. We are like microbes, living on a driving wheel, and building windmills for power.

Mr. Hughes tells Russia this country can't deal or negotiate with them, until they stop their propaganda, "to overturn the institutions of this country." We

must have little faith in our institutions, if we think Russia can overturn them and, Russia uses only words, "free speech." What becomes of our constitutional declaration in favor of free speech? We talk freely enough about Russia, heaven knows, and our president denounces its government, to his heart's content. What's the difference?

The nations of the world cele-brated on Monday, the 20th anniversary of the Wright broth-ers' "first flight." Frederick

Landis reminds you that a newspaper man, reporting the event seriously, and accurately, was discharged "for trying to play a joke on his readers." Also some congressmen that voted funds to try out Morse's "new idea" of send-

ing messages by telegraph were put out of office by their constitu-ents, who disapproved "squandering public money on foolish experiments." (Copyright, 1923.)

Naming Reavis Manager for Coolidge Was Surprise Lincoln, Dec. 19 .- The announceent that former Congressman Frank teavis had been appointed campaign manager of the Coolidge forces in Nebraska came as a surprise to republican incumbents of the statehouse, who denied previous knowledge of his selection. According to Max V. Beghtol, part-

er with Reavis in a law firm here, the ex-congressman will return to stood active work for the selection of Coolidge at the primaries will be reads like a melodrama. Only the eighth and S streets. tarted.

Judge Seeks Re-Election

Lincoln, Dec. 19.-Another district idge filed for renomination today. udge Lewis H. Blackledge sent to he secretary of state the necessary filing fee. Judge Blackledge is from the Tenth judicial district.

BEATRICE-Thieves visited the charms. ousiness part of the city Tuesday Brought to America. night and stole automobiles belonging to Dr. G. H. Brass and Andy Kaiser. Several tires also were takhave her come over.

New Player

Piano

Terms, \$2.50 a Week

Less Coupon,

Club

Price

\$395

\$25

en. Officers found the cars in a Kopovich agreed. He gave Strika rose in l remote part of town. The culprits \$250 to be used in paying the girl's cherries. scaped.

Only 4 More Days to Join

Schmoller & Mueller's

Love Drama Unfolded in Little Serbia

Village Maiden From Jugo-Slavia Spurns Man Who Paid Passage Money and Weds Sweetheart.

Bessie Strika, 18, night school stu-Mike Kovakervich, 25, candymaker. Fred Strika, 62, Bessie's austere Joe Sherman friend of Mike, and 'angel" of the piece. That is the cast of characters in a irama of love and marriage licenses

and unrelenting guardians which un folded itself in South Omaha and ouncil Bluffs Tuesday night and esterday.

The little drama had its nouement Tuesday night when rived in South Omaha. Then, for two detectives, summoned by Un- the first time, she sew Kopovich, and

cle Fred, broke up a hilarlous the "stuff was all off. pre-nuptial celebration at the home f Mike Kovakervich, 5111 South high school in Jugo Slavia, and in an license, they did not get married, and wenty-sixth street, and arrested the other year and a half would have according to the law of the Serblan prospective bride and bridegroom, completed a course in dentistry. So The couple was later released by she began attending night classes at Captain Carey of the South Omaha the House of Friendship, learning all Lent, which will last until January about English verbs and things. The anti-climax came Wednesday

She met Mike Kovakervich, and her morning when Bessie and Mike were desire for education wilted. How can married by a justice of the peace in anyone cherish a true affection for Council Bluffs. problems of syntax and sentence con The young couple was justly in struction at night school, when love dignant over the interruption of the in the form of a stalwart candymaker. party. For hadn't Joe Sherman, 5115 with movie tickets 'n ever'thing walts

South Twenty-sixth street, a friend just without the portals? Bessie of Mike Kovakervich, advanced the prospective bridegroom \$250 to be They becar They became engaged. Uncle Fred paid to Frank Kopovich, Thirtieth objected. It wasn't right. Frank and R streets, to cause him to re- Kopovich had paid \$250 to bring linquish his claims on the girl, and Bessle to America, and she no sooner didn't they go to Council Bluffs yes arrives than she falls in love with fice, why, who was Mike to question

terday and get a marriage license another man! after the most approved American fashion? He had, and they did. Uncle Fred put down the avuncular foot with the result that Bessie

Good Melodrama. packed her belongings in a trunk, The story of the romance, which dropped it out the window of her Lincoln January 1, when it is under- stretches from the Serbian colony in room, and sought refuge at the home South Omaha to far off Jugo-Slavia, of a friend, Graga Lumonia, Twenty-

Uncle Fred Relents. old mill, the papers, the orphan child Then Uncle Fred relented. He and the village clock pointing to midagreed that if Mike would pay to night are missing. Four months ago, Bessle, then in Frank Kopovich the \$250 Kopovich her native village of Plaski-Lika, in had paid for the girl's passage money Jugo-Slavia, sent her photograph to he would send the couple forth with her Uncle Fred. Uncle Fred showed his blessing. This was done. But it to his frienw, Frank Kopovich, after the marriage license was ob and Kopovich was smitten with tained, and the pre-nuptial celebration the maiden's innocent Jugo-Slavian was in full swing, Strika had a change of heart.

Two hundred and fifty dollars was "I'll tell you what," offered Uncle a meager price indeed to be paid for a Fred, "you pay her passage, and I'll Jugo-Slavian girl in the bloom of youth, with the pinkness of the wild Kopovich agreed. He gave Strika rose in her cheeks, and her lips like

passage, and three weeks ago she ar- He had them arrested because, al



Bessie had been graduated from though they obtained a marriage church, no marriage ceremonies may 21

The police descended on the jolli fication at Mike's home like the ghost of Banquo, and with similar results. But after Mike explained to the captain, things were all right

again When the man signed his name in enough for anyone; but if the law demanded that he go and be married was born in Germany and came to

by still another man in ...nother ofdeed?

They will be married by a priest Lutheran church. Interment will be against Elmer Baker, jointly accused of their faith sometime after Lent. in the Lutheran cemetery.

Kearney Is at War (Continued From Page One) With Gas Company der at the courthouse that night and he had located him by telephone at his home. On his second trip, he Power Firm Is Accused of told of finding that some of the tax receipts apparently were gone and of his discovery that the door of the **Charging Excessive Rates** book safe was ajar. He also detailed for Their Service. the door of the money safe in the

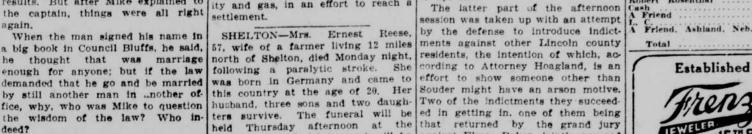
Defense in Souder

same condition. After the fire it was Kearney, Neb., Dec. 19 .- The Kear- reported certificates of deposit repreney city council has declared war on senting about \$50,000 and around \$10,the gas and power company. Bills 000 worth of bonds, with approximatepresented by the latter for service ly \$1,200 in cash were missing from endered the municipality were held the strongbox.

up at council meeting. The electric Souder's attorneys called A. B. current bill was turned over to an Hoagland, secretary of North Platte auditing committee for investigation Elks lodge, to show that a remark and recommendation and the gas bill Souder is said to have made on Monwas allowed at the franchise rate, day following the fire that no one man could have carried the books please

after considerable debate. The council alleges that the gas company is charging a rate 50 cents in excess of that fixed by the fran-chise, while the electric rate is al-leged to be 2 cents per kilowat higher than the cost at which the local power plant furnishes current to other points. It is further found by tests, according to information filed with the council, that the local gas tests, according to information filed with the council, that the local gas contains only about 340 heat units, as compared to a standard of 600 heat units. However, the franchise only stipulates "good gas" be served. A conference is being held with the Central Power company representa-tives, manufacturers of both electric-ity and gas, in an effort to reach a

ity and gas, in an effort to reach a settlement.



with Souder





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Trial Opens Case Aids Shoe Fund

Joseph Souder subsequently told him Cold, Damp Weather Nearing and Poor Children Must Have Shoes.

Holiday Spirit

Father is sick most of the time n the wretched three-room hovel. Ochow Baker, at this time, reported casionally he gets a job. Mother crubs offices at night.

Five little children, bright though agged youngsters all of them, call this place home.

Shoes are out of the question uness they can get them through the Free Shoe fund

Are you with us?

Then let's go! And you will get our reward in added happiness. Address checks and letters to "Free Shoe Fund, The Omaha Bee,"-

1.00 1.00 1.00 5.00 1.00 0.00 2.00

Total

Chamoisette

\$2.00

Sports Length

Pair \$4.95

Christmas gifts from

Street Floor

Street Floor

core, if they could be sure that the gold and platinum were there. Men will dig a hole through the earth some day, using the sun's power to dig, but by that time, gold will no longer be so important.

Platinum, more valuable than gold, may be worth \$700 a pound. That sounds costly. But think of radium, with which the market is now glutted. We had almost a monopoly of the precious sub-stance here, for a while. But great deposits of radium yielding pitch blende found in the Belgian Congo have upset the market, and the price dropped to about \$35,-000,000 a pound. A short time ago, it was thought there was not more than half an ounce of radium, in all the world.

It is now believed that radium in the sun accounts for the enduring power of that star, sending out light and heat through hundreds of millions of years, with a certainty of lasting hundreds of millions of years more. We had plenty of radium here, once, if it be true that lead is radium that has lost its power. If the stars are fountains of radio active power do they grow quiet like our earth, and become planets of some bigger sun, when their radio active energy dies?

Yesterday the greatest power machine on earth was started at Niagara Falls. A 700,000 horse-power water wheel turbine turns the rushing water intot an obedient servant. The electric generator for this power unit weighs





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