

Today

Beware of Foreign Bonds. Labor Is Careful. More Russian "Evidence." By ARTHUR BRISBANE

France won the war, but not prosperity. Three years ago its public debt amounted to 200,000,000,000 francs. Now after years of attempting to collect reparations from Germany, the French debt amounts to 400,000,000,000 francs, just double.

Those that buy European bonds are extreme optimists. Labor coming into power in England becomes suddenly peaceful, calm and rather conservative.

Responsibility has a sobering effect on all men and on all theories.

Senator Lodge helps Secretary Hughes with "reasons for not recognizing Russia." Lodge says, "Russian power is centered in a small group."

Very sad, but what about the interlocking directorate of corporations in this country, and the power in the United States, centered in a small group?

Lord Rothermere, who is more of a business man than was his brother, Lord Northcliffe, will build a pulp mill in Canada, spending \$10,000,000 on it, to help out the mills his brother built in Newfoundland.

A group of psychologists will examine young children and endeavor to select in early youth the geniuses of the future.

There are at least half a dozen glands, thymus, near the heart; pituitary, within the skull, etc., on which our efficiency and life itself depend.

The psychologists plan to select groups of children especially gifted, place them in separate classes and develop their genius. It is a good intention, and the investigations will be worth while.

What psychologist could have elected John Bunyan among thousands of boys, apparently just like him? It was the atmosphere of religious enthusiasm around him, and his life in prison that made Bunyan.

People talk of "a saturation" in the motor industry. Henry Ford replies by manufacturing in 1923 683,227 more automobiles and trucks than he manufactured in 1922.

The farmers in the country used to buy 2,000,000 buggies every year. We only manufacture 4,000,000 automobiles a year now.

Shortage Found in Cedar County

Shortage of \$1,430 in the accounts of Fred W. Barnhart, former Omaha, and Cedar county treasurer from 1915 to 1918, is shown in a special report filed by the Wiggins-Babecek company, certified public accountants of Lincoln.

The report shows that warrant for \$1.75 in payment for vital statistics, and paid in this amount by the bank, is carried on the books as \$1,431.75. Barnhart was bonded by the Lion Bonding company of Omaha, now defunct. He later was connected with the Commonwealth Life Insurance company here. He lived at 4208 Mason street until two weeks ago, when he removed to St. Louis, where he is employed by the Standard Life Insurance company.

Butler "Busts" Philly Bosses

Puts Police Lieutenant, "Maker and Breaker of Mayors," on Beat.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 11.—Possibilities of victory for the "powers behind the throne" were seen today in a recommendation of Gen. Smedley Butler, leatherneck police boss, that final action of the suspension of Lieutenants Mullen and Duffy, alleged fair-haired boys of political highups, be suspended pending further investigation.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 11.—A lone "leatherneck" stood out today as victor over Philadelphia's superpolitical machine.

Smiles wreathed the face of Brig. Gen. Smedley D. Butler. He, the director of public safety, had "busted" "Johnny" Mullen and Lieutenant Duffy. The powers that be gasped in astonishment.

Never before in Philadelphia's 26 years of police politics had a director of safety dared to so much as "look crooked" at the two Johns. Duffy, it was explained, was "czar of Varenland," the home ward of Congressman William Vare, maker and breaker of mayors.

Butler, without even mentioning the matter to Vare or Hall, demoted both Duffy and Mullen—informed both that if they wished to continue as police, they must become plain patrolmen, surrendering their lieutenants' shields within five days.

War on Losers

Duffy stormed; Mullen swore. Both visited Mayor W. Freehand Kendrick. Somebody notified "Bill" Vare in Washington. His office supplied the fact that Vare was on his way to Philadelphia.

"I can't interfere; Butler is in command," was Kendrick's only comment.

The politicians were not without hope today, however. Just before General Butler "turned in" at midnight, he said:

"I 'busted' Duffy and Mullen because I believed they did not show the proper spirit. Both were reported to have taken their days off during the 48 hours of the 'vice drive'."

Cleveland, O., Jan. 11.—Cleveland today is freer of gambling than it has been for many years, in the belief of Chief of Police Jacob C. Gault, and now the ultimatum of Safety Director Edwin D. Barry to clean up the city has been extended to include war on losers.

Nearly 600 arrests have been made since Director Barry issued his edict to rid the city of all forms of gambling and vice. Of these 168 were operating slot machines.

Omahan Says Cal a Regular Fellow

"He is a regular fellow," declared United States Marshal Dennis Cronin today, referring to a chap named Cal Coolidge, who has been in the executive offices of the nation in Washington, D. C., a few days ago.

"I was with the president about eight minutes," said Mr. Cronin. "We talked about agricultural conditions in the middlewest and not a word about politics. Audiences are arranged on schedule. My time was 10:35 in the morning and promptly on the minute I was ushered in."

"Mr. Coolidge is a fine-looking man with a firm jaw and a hearty handshake."

Willa Cather's Portrait Painter Good Costume Designer, Says Pach

Leon Bakst, painter of the portrait of Willa Cather, Nebraska's foremost author, which was unveiled at the Omaha public library on December 30, is not a painter, declared Walter Pach, artist, who came to Omaha to lecture at the museum of fine arts at the public library.

Pach, an art critic, painter and lecturer, is known as an authority. He has recently been appointed a lecturer on painting at the University of New York and has been associated with the Metropolitan Museum of Art for many years.

"Bakst won popularity as designer of costumes during the craze for Russian dancers," Pach continued. "He has been working since then on the strength of his reputation. He has never been a portrait painter and as far as I can see never will be."

"The painting of Willa Cather is awful," he exclaimed. "In the French sense of art, that painting doesn't exist. There is nothing in the picture to tell of such a remarkable woman as Willa Cather. I am a great admirer of her work, but when looking at the picture here I feel that I do not know Miss Cather one bit more. I can't understand why she allowed this man to do her portrait."

"Bakst should keep on with his Russian designs that were helped to the front by the dancers and the musicians."

The Cather portrait was presented to the public library by women of Omaha. Miss Cather sat for the portrait in Bakst's studio in Paris during her recent trip abroad.

There are no Bakst paintings in the Metropolitan Museum, said Pach. Only a few pen sketches are there with a collection donated by a wealthy man of New York City.

Interest in art in Omaha would grow to large proportions if the permanent exhibition in the library included some better works of art, Pach thinks.

"For instance, few persons interested in art know that Samuel Morse, inventor of the telegraph, and Robert Fulton, inventor of the steamboat, were artists of note," he said. If a thorough study were made of art here a greater interest would be developed. They are just beginning to get a foundation by these exhibitions of originals."

Pach is scheduled to give four lectures during exhibits to be held during January. He will talk on ancient and modern art. He is expected to lecture again in Omaha the latter part of January.

Pach, when told of the recent report that a painting, "Madonna of the Rose," owned by Dr. J. Stuart Livingston of Plattsmouth, was believed to be an original by Raphael, doubted any such probability. Any one of the hundreds of pupils under such a great painter might have copied the painting in his work as a pupil, according to Pach.

Grain Dockage System Scored

Washington, Jan. 11.—Features of the dockage system of grading grain attacked before the senate agriculture committee today by western witnesses at a hearing on the Norris-Sinclair bill, which proposes creation of a \$100,000,000 corporation to deal in farm products.

John N. Pagen, inspector of grades, weights and measures for North Dakota, declared the wheat farmer did not get "an equitable deal" under the present grading laws. Wheat is invariably graded down, he said, on the ground of presence of foreign matter, although the wheat itself may be of highest quality and the foreign matter itself of negligible market value.

He testified that one North Dakota elevator made \$18,000 in a single year from sale of foreign matter screened from its wheat purchases and for which no allowance was made to the farmer.

Mr. Pagen proposed that elevators and mills be restricted to an allowance covering the cost of screening in deducting for foreign content in wheat.

Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, disagreed with the witness' suggestion that the tariff was hurting the farmer.

Trio Identified by Holdup Victim

James Welch of Chadron, Neb., identified George McQuade, 4244 Douglas street, Louis Salerno, proprietor of a soft drink parlor at 1214 South Sixth street, and Al Kirkland, 618 Pacific street, as the men who slugged him at Thirteenth and Cass streets and robbed him of \$200.

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Nina's Chauffeur Spurned by Wife

Mrs. Ellsworth Bassett Refuses to See Husband on Arrival at Home Town.

Madison, Conn., Jan. 11.—Ellsworth Bassett, house painter, chauffeur and orange grower, has failed in his first efforts to become reconciled to his wife, basket ball player and postal clerk, from whom he became estranged when he went to work for Nina Wilcox Putnam, Sanderson, novelist, whose unsuccessful efforts to obtain a divorce in Rhode Island are being investigated by the attorney general of that state.

Bassett, summoned by Mrs. Sanderson from her Florida orange grove, which he had been managing, was ignored by his wife as he called last night at the postoffice where she was working. He went straight to the postoffice after visiting Mrs. Sanderson in New York and resigning his job. He explained his resignation was due to unfortunate publicity which had been given him and Mrs. Sanderson. The novelist had telegraphed him to go home and arrange his domestic affairs.

He told townspeople that Mrs. Bassett was mistaken in her views of his relations with the novelist. Mrs. Bassett has said that Mrs. Sanderson asked her to get a divorce and it has been said by her lawyers that she contemplates no legal proceedings of any kind involving her husband.

Mexico City Terrified by Prophecy of Quake and Volcanic Burst

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—(By Radio via the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.)—The revolution has been crowded from the public mind and the front pages of newspapers here in the last few days by the prophecy of a British prognosticator that Mexico City would be destroyed by an earthquake and volcanic eruption today.

As a result of the prophecy fear has gripped the minds of the ignorant, superstitious classes and for the last few days they have been crowding the churches of the city.

Many are preparing to leave the city on short notice. They expect to go to the suburbs to escape falling buildings.

The fear-stricken people have taken as an ill omen the fact that the volcano Popocatepetl, overlooking the city, has been observed emitting smoke in the early mornings of the last few days. Coupled with the prophecy, the action of the volcano has alarmed the superstitious classes.

Cabled reports of events of the outside world are being cited by the believers of the prophecy. They point to front page displays of the extreme cold in the United States, storms off the British coast, floods in Europe, avalanches in the Alps, and recent earthquake disturbances in the states of Sonora and Chihuahua as proof for their belief.

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Shoes Safeguard Health of Child

Omaha Bee Free Shoe Fund Wards Off Sickness Among City's Poor.

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