

Today

When Savages Don't Fight. When Clergymen Do Fight. A Sad Phenomenon. Mr. Bryan's Unknown. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Natives in the Fiji Islands are dying out, for the queer reason that they no longer go to war. In war times they were always on the alert, in fine physical condition. Now, with no fighting, they sink down, lose ambition, die off. Human beings are strange animals, in the Fiji Islands and here. Psychologists tell you that this nation will deteriorate rapidly, if we continue, as at present, living free from anxiety and real effort the majority of us. A few worry, and struggle, heaven knows, at the top and bottom of the ladder. But the majority of us drift along, taking life easily. Times are good, almost any sort of man or woman can get a job and then keep it, by using half or one-quarter of his or her ability. That's called "getting by" in language of shirkers, but is really getting stale and running to seed. No colt could become a real race horse, if he never extended himself, never gave out all the force in him. Human beings have come up from mental and physical depths, by desperate and constant striving and struggling. When they settle down "to taking things easy" they will lose energy and value. Forces are kept alive only by using them.

In this country 5,000,000 young men really think hard. Just twice a year, spring and fall, when their new hat and coat must be chosen. It was a busy day in the pulpit last Sunday, Dr. Guthrie of St. Mark Protestant Episcopal church in New York City defended his position on "Christ myth". Dr. Stratton, who believes in everything, from the whale swallowing Jonah, to Joshua stopping the sun in movement around the earth, says that the modernists are mushy. The Rev. Dr. Grant even says that heretics have certain rights that should be respected. That's better than burning the heretics and more pleasing to the religious views of 1923. But these new religious notions, as modernists will learn, are different from a well known cigar. They do not satisfy. The old lady said, "if I must drink it, give it to me hot and strong," and that's how many feel about their religion.

It doesn't pay to make children work too hard. What they need in youth is warmth, affection, exercise, good food, long sleep. Heavy learning can come later. You have read about William James Sidis, the boy phenomenon, who at 11 years of age was in Harvard university debating with professors on the fourth dimension, and came out of Harvard at 13. That young gentleman is working now, as a clerk at \$23 a week and doing his "higher mathematics" on a cash register. He says he hates the name of Harvard, he is discouraged and from a published interview he appears to lack the greatest of assets and mental courage. It's easy to take that out of a human by over-forcing in childhood.

W. J. Bryan's "unknown" candidate for the presidency is Professor Murphree, able head of the University of Florida. It is safe to assume, if Mr. Bryan indorses him, that Professor Murphree is against the theory of evolution and believes that all kinds of men, microbes, animals, horses, with one toe or four toes, dinosaurs, hippopotamuses, oaks, 500 kinds of fleas, 10,000 kinds of snakes, 100,000 kinds of beetles, and bugs, and all the others were created separately and individually by the expressed will of the Creator and were all in the Ark together. It is not impossible, since all is possible to omnipotence, but it must have been an uncomfortable ark, especially with so many kinds of fleas and snakes.

French francs dropping violently yesterday can be bought now, 100 for \$4.25. Last Saturday it was \$4.65, a week ago it was \$4.91, a year ago it was about \$6.00. Italian lire, on the other hand, are very strong and going up in price.

This drop in francs is a serious matter for the French nation and for all Europe. The collapse of another nation's money to the disappearing point would hurt everybody. Belgium, tied up with France, in the recent mirage hunt for \$30,000,000,000 of reparations, is even in worse condition—the Belgian franc selling yesterday 100 for \$3.95.

In France the law says you must bury all criminals executed. Later they have thrown a few shovels of earth on the coffin, then taken it up and given the guillotined body and head to medical students. Newly killed bodies are valuable for experiment, in our prisons here, the doctors cut them up as soon as they are killed by electricity, and while the tissue still lives.

It's an unpleasant subject, but any intelligent man might be glad to have his body useful to others, after it has ceased being useful to him. One student in Paris was disappointed when they took his body away. He thought he could make the heart beat even without the head, and meant to try.

Fraud Charge on Home Loan Heads

Stockholder Alleges Money Loaned on Poor Securities and Funds Misused.

Charges of dishonest practice while serving as officers of the Home Builders, Inc., were made against C. C. Shimer, George J. Morris, G. A. Rohrbough and A. B. Chase Tuesday in a petition filed in federal court asking for the setting aside of the decree in bankruptcy against the Home Builders, Inc. The charges are a result of an involuntary action in bankruptcy against the company last August. The petition was filed by Melissa Parrott, 2116 Chicago street, who declares herself a stockholder in the company and says that she brings suit in behalf of all stockholders. It is charged that during their tenure of office the four men with others misused and appropriated the funds to promote their own private enterprises. It is alleged that the officers made a loan of \$300,000 to the Fireproof Building company for which second and third mortgages were taken and that at that time the loan was made all four of the men, Chase, Rohrbough, Morris and Shimer, were officers or directors of the Fireproof Building company. It is also charged that the security obtained for this loan was not equal to the amount of the loan.

Another alleged loan cited is to the Ralston Townsite company. In this case also it is charged second and third mortgages were accepted as security and the value of the security is alleged to have been known to be below that of the loan by the four men. The petition asks that the decree be set aside on the grounds that it was first filed by stockholders in the company who were not creditors and had no right to file such a petition. It is contended that the officers of the company so maneuvered that they accepted the petition, first demanded a jury trial, then agreed to file voluntary petition of bankruptcy and canceled the trial. At the time of filing the petition it was alleged the company was not insolvent as stated by the document, but had assets many times greater than liabilities. The statement filed states that the liabilities were only \$51,148.95, while the assets were \$742,629.52. The misuse of more than \$200,000 deposited with the company by Chase, Morris, Rohrbough and Shimer is also charged. The petition states that \$1,303,110 was deposited, while the company, in its statement, accounts for only \$742,629.52 in its list of assets.

Morris Singled Out. Morris is especially named as being the man who was instrumental in removing part of the court records of the case from the clerk of the court's office. It is charged that on August 10 a petition signed by Morris was filed, requesting that the bankruptcy petition be vacated and that after the receiver for the company had borrowed \$25,000 from a bank Morris was paid \$10,000 in cash. After this payment the records of his petition were removed from the office of the clerk.

Girl Who Died and Man Blamed in Statement



Lillian Holman.

Doctor and Nurse Out on Bail After Death

(Continued From Page One.) dying statement as the man responsible for her condition. "Although Hazen gave the girl money, he never knew whether or not she went to see a physician," Yeager said. Both Dr. Edwards and Mrs. Childs have retained attorneys to defend them. County Attorney Henry Beal said the case of the state against the accused couple is virtually perfect, and that he will personally conduct the prosecution. He said he would ask for an early trial of the charges against the pair. Mrs. Child, the statement says, assisted at the operation. The girl remembered seeing her diploma as a trained nurse on the wall. On the morning of December 17, Miss Holman left the house in a taxi-cab. Her sister met her near their home. Her folks, she said, believed she had been on a visit to Tekamah. Another girl arrived at the Forty-eighth street house just as she was leaving, she declared. Childs started the day after the girl arrived home. The family called Dr. C. B. Foltz and her sister told him the facts. He ordered her sent to Nicholas Senn hospital. She became worse. It was while she was there that Yeager heard of the case and sent the detectives to work on it and to watch Dr. Edwards. Mother Critically Ill. The body of the dead girl will be placed in a receiving vault. Her mother, who is critically ill in Swedish Mission hospital, has not been told of Lillian's death. Edward Hazen is still free and County Attorney Beal said he has not decided that the evidence at hand will make it possible to bring any action against him. He is out of the city, according to his father, but is expected home in a few days. Mrs. Child is the widow of an Om-

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Cosmopolitan Now On Sale

Washington, Jan. 15. — A proposal to declare the existence of an "agriculture emergency" with direct instructions to the Interstate Commerce Commission to restore pre-war freight rates on all farm products was made in the senate this afternoon by Senator Robert M. LaFollette, republican of Wisconsin, leader of the insurgent bloc. It was the third offensive launched in as many days by the insurgents to force a reduction in freight rates.

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Mrs. Philip Potter Heads Church League

Mrs. Philip Potter was re-elected chairman of the Nebraska branch of the Church Service League at a meeting held Monday afternoon at Trinity Cathedral. Bishop Ernest Vincent Shayer of the Omaha diocese is president ex-officio. Mrs. Wilbur S. Leete of Plattsmouth was re-elected vice chairman. New officers are Mrs. Robert R. Wade, recording secretary, and Mrs. Charles F. Joens of Omaha, treasurer.

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Agriculture Recovering, Says Wallace

Retail Stores Run by Packers Might Cut Meat Cost to Consumer, Secretary's Assistant Says.

The big question of today is to try to get agriculture on a fair basis with other things, declared Henry C. Wallace, secretary of agriculture, who came to Omaha to attend the American National Livestock association convention at Hotel Fontenelle. "The condition of agriculture is improving," said Mr. Wallace, "but there is room for it to improve a great deal more. Agriculture has hit the bottom and is on the way up now. The wheat farmer and the range cattlemen are the ones who are suffering severely. The price of corn is better but the corn belt farmers have a long way to go before getting their proper share of the national income."

Farm Conditions Better. "Agricultural conditions are decidedly better than in 1922 and are certainly much better than in 1921. It is just a case of worrying through. The man who is feeding corn to hogs is not making money but he is improving his condition."

When Secretary Wallace was asked about the milking contest held recently in Washington, D. C., between Senator Magnus Johnson and himself, he laughed and said: "He wasn't hard to beat." Secretary Wallace said that he learned all of that when a boy on a farm in Iowa. Senator Johnson had challenged Secretary Wallace as to

Bishop Here Who Lives on Equator

Episcopal Churchman Has Spent 30 Years in Jungles of Africa.

Spending most of his life in Liberia, Africa, three and one-half miles north of the equator, the Rt. Rev. W. H. Overs, bishop of Liberia, in Omaha Tuesday complaining of the cold. Bishop Overs is the guest of Bishop E. V. Shayer and spoke Tuesday afternoon at the 28th annual meeting of the Nebraska branch of the Woman's auxiliary to the National Council of the Episcopal Church at Trinity cathedral. Bishop Overs first went to Liberia 20 years ago as a missionary and has been there since, except for brief furloughs. An African hut in the capital city, Monrovia, has been his home. His wife and children have remained at Jamestown, N. Y., his former home, so that the children could be educated. When Bishop Overs penetrated the dense forests in Africa there was great danger of the natives. Now Liberia is a republic and the government has taken firearms away from the natives, said the bishop. Life and property have often been saved by Bishop Overs by preying on the superstitions of the countrymen such as striking a match or showing them the face of a watch with radium numerals.

Council Grants Permit. W. E. Landers of Stenard, Ia., obtained permission last night from the Council Bluffs city council to canvass Council Bluffs merchants in an effort to sell them a street decorating device on which he has obtained a patent.

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