

Today

The King Speaks.
Dr. Holt Dead.
Japan's Earthquake.
Still Going Up.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The British king made his speech from the throne yesterday while unemployed workmen were marching with rather poor music in the house of commons.

The king said, "Our relations with foreign powers continue to be friendly," or rather the prime minister, who wrote the speech for the king, said it.

The important part of the king's speech announces that a protective tariff has been abandoned.

A king who says whatever the people want him to say, keeps out of politics and lives decently, isn't a bad system for the British empire.

Dr. L. E. Holt is dead in Pekin. Many children that would have been dead without him, are alive, thanks to his intelligent care. And many mothers have been taught by him how to take care of their children. He died of a heart ailment, the intelligent practice of medicine. Fortunately, able men survive him, such as Dr. Kerley in New York, Dr. Abt in Chicago. In every city are men of scientific knowledge and devotion to duty, protecting the children. Hence the falling death rate.

Another earthquake in Japan, with 50 known dead thus far. It seems as though nature, having afflicted other regions with Spanish influenza and the curse of war, determined that the Japanese should not escape. The world will sympathize with that courageous nation.

Such disasters compared with the bulk of the earth are very slight, a mere shiver. They remind you of the earth's extraordinary stability and steadfastness through the ages.

Traveling 580,000,000 miles a year around the sun, carrying in thin atmosphere with it, the earth is a marvel of safe transportation.

Prices are still rising. Where will they end—especially building prices? Builders of a tunnel under the Hudson river to unite this United States continent with the city of New York by vehicle traffic call for \$14,000,000 more than they thought they would need.

Miss Anne Morgan, consulting as to the right location for a working woman's hotel and club, finds she must raise \$4,500,000, whereas \$2,500,000 would have been enough when the thing first started.

It isn't bad, however. Fourteen extra millions for the vehicle tunnel, two extra millions for the working girls' home and club mean that men and girls are getting paid better than they were. Higher prices, higher wages really mean high prosperity.

New York is unnecessarily excited about the marriage of a young man, Count Ludwig Salm von Hoogstraeten, to a young lady supposed to inherit 40 or 50 Standard Oil millions from her grandfather, H. H. Rogers.

When Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, married her only daughter to the duke of Marlborough, she remarked that it was better than marrying her to a cocktail-drinking little nobody at Newport. Perhaps she was right. Marlborough didn't turn out any too well, but at least the duchess saw something of life.

This young Hoogstraeten at least exerted himself enough to go out and pick the large ripe peach on the tree of matrimony. He speaks various languages, made a good-looking actor, a moving picture actor, and is said to have good Jewish blood. That blood at least guarantees the antiquity of his line and energy in his blood.

In one city four children have been dangerously bitten by rats. One infant would have died except for quick use of iodine by the mother.

When will a nation as rich and intelligent as this make up its mind to put an end to rats, flies, mosquitoes and other disease-breeding vermin, or reduce them to a minimum?

United action by the national government and the 48 states would make rats scarce as wolves, and mosquitoes as scarce as eagles. We spend \$100,000,000,000 to mix in a fight with Europe, but we can't spend \$20,000,000 or \$50,000,000 to get rid of vermin, whose end would mean thousands of lives and hundreds of millions saved every year.

Mr. Norman H. Davis, estimable gentleman, sails for Europe to help settle discussion about Memel. What has this nation to do with Memel? What business is it of ours to supply a man to settle discussion that the league of nations can't settle for themselves, with all their bragging about the wonderful things that they were to do?

How many of 110,000,000 Americans know anything about Memel, a little strip of territory running 35 miles along the Baltic sea? If the league of nations can't succeed in making a neutral zone of that as the Versailles treaty intended, why do we get mixed up in it? Haven't we enough business of our own to attend to?

General Dawes is in Paris, helping other reparations commissioners to eat a very fine dinner with "Bordeaux wine 50 years old." That's nonsense, of course, for Bordeaux wine, even the strongest Lafite, doesn't keep in good condition for 50 years. It hasn't enough alcoholic strength.

Mr. Dawes has talked some common sense, but sending him to get more. What have we to do with their reparations, with the amount that one of them can take from the other in gold?

Pair Accused in Girl's Death Free on Bond

Inquest Over Body of Alleged Illegal Operation Thursday—Nurse's Bond Is Raised.

Dr. F. A. Edwards, 4164 Cuming street, held on a charge of murder while performing an illegal operation on Lillian Holman, 18, 1117 South Tenth street, was released at noon Wednesday on \$5,000 bond, secured by a property schedule belonging to George Campbell, 1124 South Thirteenth street.

Mrs. Lillian Child, nurse, jointly accused with Dr. Edwards, was released Tuesday night on \$3,000 bond signed by Mrs. Clara M. Byrnes, 1019 Glenwood avenue.

Wednesday morning another bond, in sum of \$10,000, also signed by Mrs. Byrnes, was substituted for the \$3,000 bond. No reason was given for the increase in the amount of the bond.

Agnes Hubert, maid at the Child home, where the operation is alleged to have been performed, and who was arrested as a state witness, was released on \$200 bond, also signed by Mrs. Byrnes.

Dr. Edwards, prior to his release at noon, appeared highly nervous. His movements were jerky and his eyes were restless.

"Were other doctors using this house where the operation was performed?" he was asked abruptly.

"Yes," he said.

He declined to make any other comment in connection with the charge against him, on the advice of his attorney.

Meanwhile, supporting Dr. Edwards' admission that other physicians were taking patients to the Child home, County Attorney Henry Beal alleged that a ring of at least 12 physicians is performing illegal operations in Omaha. Collection of evidence against them, and convictions even after the evidence is obtained, are difficult, he said.

"In addition to that," he added, "I am confident that with the aid of the government we may ferret out one or two physicians who are operating on a diploma purchased for \$50 or \$100. That is the extent of their medical education."

Iowa Farm Bureau Meet Gets Under Way

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 15.—Preliminaries to the fifth annual convention of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation got under way here today with a meeting of the executive committee this forenoon and a meeting of all the voting delegates this afternoon. The formal program begins tomorrow morning with the address of President Charles E. Hearst of Cedar Falls and the report of E. W. Hunt, secretary, L. J. Dickinson, congressman from the Tenth Iowa district, will speak tomorrow night.

Members of the executive committee who attended today's meeting include President Hearst, Secretary Hunt, Clark W. Huntley, Chariton, vice president, and a representative of each congressional district.

Doctor Held in Death of Young Omaha Girl



Dr. F. A. Edwards

Jury Holds Hamer Killing Justified

Wife Exonerated on Grounds of Self-Defense—Pistol Is Discharged in Scuffle.

Red Cloud, Neb., Jan. 15.—A verdict of justifiable homicide was returned at the coroner's inquest into the death of Arthur G. Hamer, who was shot by his wife, Ida, in a struggle for possession of a pistol with which Hamer is said to have threatened her life. According to the jury's statement, the shooting was done in self-defense.

Since the divorce action was dismissed a little over a week ago, the couple had been living together on their farm northeast of Campbell.

According to Mrs. Hamer's story to county officials her husband became enraged while the two were discussing the cost of the divorce litigation Saturday morning in bed and he reached under his pillow for a revolver. In the scuffle which followed the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking him in the head and killing him instantly.

Mrs. Hamer started for this city with her four children immediately following the shooting and late Saturday morning gave herself up to the sheriff, turning over the revolver. According to Mrs. Hamer, and neighbors, Hamer had threatened several times lately to "get" the county attorney and sheriff for bringing divorce action against him for Mrs. Hamer.

Mrs. Hamer has refused to talk since being lodged in jail here, referring all interviewers to her attorney, Bernard McNeny, who is out of the city today.

The dead man was a brother of Frank Hamer, resident of Lincoln, and the son of a former wealthy Lincoln business man.

A tablet attesting China's appreciation of the friendship shown her at the arms parley in Washington was unveiled in Pekin on the 2,400th anniversary of the death of Confucius.

Iowa Land Price Touches Bottom

State Agriculture Secretary Predicts Increase Farm Values From Now on.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 15.—The business of farming is the most talked about business in the world today, and the Iowa farmer may have every confidence in the future of his land, with the assurance that nobody in this generation will again have opportunity to purchase Iowa farms at so low a price as they can be bought today, Secretary Raymond Cassidy of the Iowa department of agriculture declared in an address before the Iowa Farm Bureau federation convention.

Corn alone will keep Iowa land at the top in value among the agricultural lands of the country, the secretary said. "One of the most hopeful things about the year 1924," he asserted, "is the way the Iowa farmer is holding his corn. If marketing of the 1923 corn crop can be distributed over the 12-month period evenly corn need never be lower this year than it is today."

The secretary spoke largely upon the organization of the affairs of his office, which was established by the 40th general assembly.

Consolidated Bureaus. "The rapidly increasing cost of government, both state and federal, was one of the main factors in the creation of the new Iowa department of agriculture," said Mr. Cassidy. The 40th general assembly consolidated 13 bureaus which had heretofore been independent of each other. The biggest undertaking which confronted the new department was to consolidate different lines of inspection work to do away with duplication. The state was divided into 20 districts, comprising from two to five counties. One inspector was placed in each district.

"Inspection under the old system cost approximately \$2, and as made this year by the new department of agriculture the cost had been reduced to 74 cents each. The total expense of all departments for the first six months a year was \$82,494.40. The cost during the corresponding period this year was \$56,067.49, a saving of \$2 per cent."

New Warehouse Act. "The last general assembly passed an act which enables a farmer to warehouse his grain on his own farm. The federal warehousing is of little benefit to the Iowa farmer because, owing to the size of his grain crops, it is not easy for him to store them in bonded warehouses. The last legislature made it possible for a farmer to seal his grain in his own crib or granary and put it up as collateral for money which he wishes to borrow. The act has not been used yet to a great extent, but the ground-work has been laid and local warehouse boards formed in 20 counties.

"We are all agreed that the Iowa farmer needs no further credit facilities. He has had all the credit necessary, and one of his troubles has been due to too easy credit.

"However, the farmer is handicapped in the rate of interest he has to pay for the outside money which he uses in his business. It takes a short time loan to command a low interest rate, and short time money is of little benefit to the farmer. Common practice has established a higher rate of interest for the agricultural classes than is asked from the commercial interests in most larger cities. Any procedure which will bring a lower interest rate to the farmer is worthwhile. This farm warehouse certificate, with proper management by local boards and the agriculture department back of it, makes a form of collateral as good as any that exists. It seems likely that in time there will be a demand for these certificates by bankers and

Wallace Warns Against Producing More Food Than Can Be Marketed

Warning against producing more than the markets can absorb at a price equal to the cost of production was issued by Henry C. Wallace, secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture, in his address to the American National Livestock association in its annual convention, at Hotel Fontenelle, Tuesday.

"Agriculture and the livestock industry are entering a new period, just now," he said. "Readjustment is necessary because the stimulus of war demand has led to overproduction. This must be along the lines of all other business."

"I know that some will answer that there are millions of people in Europe who lack sufficient food, and that there is no such thing as overproduction while a single human being goes hungry. But I say that when we produce more than we can sell at a price equal to the cost of production—and then there is overproduction. It is well to feed the hungry, but not at the expense of a single class or industry. If there is to be charity, it should be of a public kind, in which all the people contribute."

Baffling Problem of Relief. For months, the secretary said, senators and congressmen have been holding hearings in the endeavor to find means of relief for food producers. That they had not found a solution was not due to lack of knowledge of the seriousness of the situation or the will to help, but because of the magnitude of the question.

With cattlemen from 12 western states before him, Mr. Wallace explained the stockyards control act, defining its general purpose as that of other loan agencies which will make them command a lower rate of interest.

Confidence in Land. "The Iowa land owner can have every confidence as to the future value of Iowa land. The amount of land where corn can be grown successfully is not large. The uses for corn are increasing every year and it is now a more important crop than wheat. In the face of the two biggest crops ever produced, corn has more than doubled in price and the supply was practically exhausted when the present crop came on."

Church Auxiliary President Named. Mrs. William S. Leete of Plattsmouth was elected diocesan president of the Nebraska branch of the woman's auxiliary to the national council of the Episcopal church at closing sessions at Trinity cathedral Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Clinton Miller of Omaha was elected vice president. Other diocesan officers are: Mrs. Marion Tyler O'Connor of Omaha, secretary; Miss Augusta Rabb of Union, Neb., treasurer; Mrs. A. F. Nelson of Omaha, box secretary; Mrs. Thomas Cassidy of Omaha, educational secretary.

Treasurer of the united thank offering is Miss Lucy Updike of Omaha.

Synod Delegates. Delegates to the provincial synod here next fall are Mrs. J. D. Fairchild of Lincoln, Mrs. John Douglas of Omaha, Mrs. Philip Potter, Mrs. Wilbur S. Lute of Plattsmouth, Mrs. J. B. Jones of Omaha, Alternates are Mrs. Thomas Cassidy of Omaha, Mrs.

Wyoming Solon Shies Politics

Senator Kendrick in Omaha to Talk to Livestock Association.

"I reckon it's a good time for us western democrats to just lay low in the sagebrush," said Senator J. B. Kendrick Wednesday evening.

Senator Kendrick is in Omaha to attend the National Livestock association meeting and address the convention Wednesday afternoon on legislation needed by the livestock and agricultural interests of the west, after which he will go to his home in Sheridan, Wyo., for a few days.

Asked about himself as a possible contender for the democratic presidential nomination, Senator Kendrick smiled and replied:

"There is one editor in Wyoming who seems to have the right angle on that, and he treats mention of my name in that connection in a very sarcastic manner.

"Right now it appears to me that McAdoo is far in the lead for the nomination, and he certainly stands for the things that are of greatest interest to the west." But, Senator Kendrick added:

"Speaking of the Teapot Dome investigation, Senator Kendrick said that the investigation was disclosing some very peculiar things, and things that would require a lot of explaining. "It looks like somebody's tail was getting pinched in the door," was his western way of putting it.

"But it would hardly do for me to express an opinion while the senatorial investigation is under way."

Asked for an opinion about W. J. Bryan's suggestion of Dr. Murphree of Florida for the democratic presidential nomination, Senator Kendrick smiled and replied that he was just a little bit surprised at it, because it seemed likely to cause a little friction right here in Nebraska.

The senator smilingly refused to be quoted on the situation in house and senate, remarking that right now he was giving his undivided attention to mingling with the delegates to the National Livestock association, and then expected to devote a few days to private affairs in his home state.

Newsboy Shoots Bandit in Chest

Des Moines Gas Station Robber Claims Home in Omaha.

Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 16.—A man identifying himself as George Conlon of Omaha, shot last night while attempting to hold up an oil station here, still was in a serious condition today, hospital officials declaring he might not recover.

He was wounded in the chest by Julius Fidler, proprietor of a news stand who came to the aid of two men in charge of the station as Conlon was preparing to leave the building.

A threat by a man in a pool room shortly after the shooting, to "get the guy that shot my buddy," led police to offer protection to Fidler.

The oil attendant told officers Conlon apparently was intoxicated having staggered about the room and fired several shots after robbing them of a small amount. It was while he was firing at random inside the room that Fidler appeared and shot through a window.

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