

Today

The Wise British.
Franklin's Religion.
Two Sides of the World.
Gabriel's Bookkeeping.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The British are masters of wise compromise. Since the days of Cromwell and Charles the First they have refrained from cutting off anybody's head. They believe in government without ax or dynamite bomb.

Labor out-votes conservatism, the conservatives step out and labor steps in.

The king, at heart, of course, as conservative as one of the 900-year-old turtles on the Galapagos islands, sends for Ramsay MacDonald, typical intelligent British worker, and makes him prime minister of the British empire.

MacDonald also displays the British give-and-take idea of government. He doesn't say, "Tremble vile king, for we are in power. Your head shall roll beneath the guillotine blade."

On the contrary, he kisses the king's hand as nicely and respectfully as Palmerstone or Disraeli would have done.

The British have a real democracy and it works well.

Clergymen seeking to improve on the Christian religion are invited by Frederick Landis to consider Benjamin Franklin's reply to the president of Yale college, who asked his views on a religious discussion then raging:

"As to Jesus of Nazareth, I have with most of the present dissenters of England, some doubts as to His divinity; though it is a question I do not dogmatize upon, never having studied it and think it needless to busy myself with it now, when I expect soon the opportunity of knowing the truth with less trouble. I see no harm, however, in its being believed, if that belief has the good consequence, as probably it has, of making his doctrines more respected and more observed."

On one newspaper page you read in the first column this:

"Pirates seize a ship and kill the captain. Nineteen passengers are kidnaped." That's in China, where there is one kind of civilization.

Three columns over you read that Miss Isabel MacDonald, daughter of the labor prime minister of England, visited for the first time the magnificent official residence of British prime ministers in Downing street and said, "It will do." That's where she and her father will live.

Mr. Landis says:

"If Franklin, the wisest American that ever lived, could speak he would tell both sides among the quarrelling clergymen to quit fighting each other and help humanity."

On one side of the world piracy, boats seized, captains killed, violence ruling.

On the other side of the world a labor cabinet takes control of the greatest empire that this world has known. Thought and intelligent dis-

Founder of New Cult Displays Shaved Head



G. J. Gurdjieff, founder of cult whose devotees daily shave head, on arrival in New York proudly displayed hairless pate.

Satisfaction came out victorious over conservatism.

Judge Gary of the big steel company reports that reducing the hours of steel workers from 12 to 8 hours a day has increased the cost of steel 10 per cent. That's encouraging.

Steel consists of three things, ore and coal in the ground, intelligence that directs and human beings that work. If you can reduce working hours from 12 to 8, cutting off 33 1/3 per cent from labor, and adding only 10 per cent to the cost of the product—you have certainly made a clear saving of 23 1/3 per cent—at least, according to the bookkeeping of the Angel Gabriel.

Long hours are extravagance. The work a man does, mental or physical, with the tail end of his vitality is expensive work; it costs too much.

It is announced that President Coolidge will veto any tax bill carrying a higher surtax than 25 per cent.

In time of war any tax is just. When the government says to the poor man, "I will take your life for \$1 a day," and takes it, it may well say to the rich man, "I will take half or three-quarters of your income."

But the war is over. Excessive taxation discourages new enterprises that employ new labor and develop new wealth.

If this country knew as much about collecting taxes as they know in England, a 25 per cent surtax on the biggest incomes would produce an amount of money that even our excellent spenders couldn't spend.

The "disaster" bird is back in Dantzic. It's the silk-tailed thrush. The superstitious say that it has not been seen in Dantzic since 1914, when the war began. They fear trouble.

There wouldn't be any trouble with only the silk-tailed thrush to fear. But there is the grasping mind that finds in victory only an opportunity for more war. There are hatreds that follow defeat. There is Emile Zola's "Every Man Has Within Himself a Hog Asleep." And the old eastern statement that a monkey and a tiger live in every man.

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Gay Life and Bad Checks Put Youth in Jail

Wealthy Tekamah Merchant's Offspring Cools Heels Behind Bars Here in Default of \$127.

Andrew E. Nesbit of Tekamah, son of well-to-do parents and a graduate of University of Nebraska, is languishing in the Douglas county jail because he can't raise \$127 to make good checks he cashed on a New Year's eve party in Omaha.

Nesbit is a debonnaire youth with close-clipped mustache and a ready smile. But he hasn't had much cause to use his smile recently, he explained Thursday morning through the jail bars.

"To think," he mourned, "that after all the money I've spent in Omaha there isn't a single person who'll come to my rescue. I won't appeal to father again and he's just as stubborn and won't help me out until I do."

"Lived 50 Years."

"If that money isn't raised before the trial I suppose I'll go to prison. Well, it'll be just another experience. I'm only 27, but I've lived 50 years."

Nesbit's father is a former state legislator and owner of the large Nesbit department store at Tekamah. Young Nesbit married Miss Norma Thompson, daughter of W. T. Thompson, former attorney general of Nebraska. She divorced him recently.

"I received a letter from my former wife the day they took me to jail," said Nesbit. He denied a rumor that during the last four years he has spent \$25,000 of his father's money, but sorrowfully admitted that he has spent "plenty of money."

American Legion officers of Douglas county post No. 1 announced they would look into Nesbit's case today. He served in the army, obtained a

commission at Camp Cody and served nine months in France.

"I'd scrub floors to pay anyone back who would make good those checks," said Nesbit. "I'm getting tougher every day I spend in jail. The fellows in my tier are good fellows, but I don't like it in here, anyway."

"They tried me before a kangaroo court the night I was bound over and put in the county jail. I was charged with breaking into jail. They fined me \$2 for the tier's tobacco fund, but I didn't have the money, so I had to wash up the benches in the tier for three or four days."

One Check \$50.

The largest check was for \$50, which was cashed by the Hotel Fontenelle while he was celebrating the advent of 1924, he said. It was on a Tekamah bank, where he says he has an account, but came back marked "insufficient funds."

"I can't see why I celebrated the arrival of 1924," observed Nesbit as he was led back to his jail tier. "It doesn't mean a thing to me."

Pinchot Fought in His Own State

Pennsylvania Treasurer Opposes Governor as Delegate to G. O. P. Convention.

By Associated Press.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 24.—State Treasurer Charles A. Snyder declared today he would oppose Governor Pinchot as one of the seven delegates at large to the republican national convention and "would appeal to all republicans of Pennsylvania to defeat him at the polls." His reason for the opposition were that the governor "is not a Pennsylvanian in spirit" that he is not a republican; that as "governor of the commonwealth he was cast into office through a political storm," and in the convention, if elected, he "will bring into that forum an intrigue and a bloc such as will reflect only indignity upon the other delegates and make Pennsylvania the ridicule of its sister states."

Her First Sweetheart. Relatives of Miss Neligh were unanimous today in opposing a marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swanson, her sister and brother-in-law, shook hands with the members of

"Dream Girl" Sorry Lover Is Convicted

Grand Island Girl Still Loves Bluffs Youth She Haled Before Jury; Marriage Opposed.

"Oh, I'm so sorry!" Thus Virginia Neligh, 19, Grand Island, Neb., whom Robert Wollert, 20, of Council Bluffs, characterized in his love letters as his "dream girl," received the news that he was found guilty last night by a jury in district court on charges she preferred against him, the verdict carrying a possible penalty of five years in prison.

Although she testified against her former sweetheart at the trial, Miss Neligh still loves him, she said.

"I know you would have done the right thing if others hadn't interfered," she declared. "I was forced to testify against him and to prosecute the case in order to vindicate myself."

The jury returned its verdict at 8 last night, after two and a half hours of deliberation and after six ballots were taken. Robert Wollert was in bed at his home when the jury returned to the court room and members of the jury had to wait half an hour for him to dress and come to the court house before they could return their verdict.

Young Wollert displayed no emotion as the verdict was read. His mother said she was "satisfied." The Wollerts and their attorney refused to state whether the verdict will be appealed. Date for imposing sentence was set for January 30. Marriage of the couple, or the granting of a new trial, would halt the sentence.

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the jury last night after the verdict was returned.

"Virginia always was the baby of the family," Mr. Swanson said. "Robert Wollert was her first sweetheart. I believe she still cares for him, but of course we would oppose a marriage now."

Frank E. Northop, county attorney, in his argument to the jury, pointed out that no actual evidence had been introduced by the defense in its effort to reflect on the girl's character, and he pointed out that she evaded no question on the stand.

"Up to October 28, according to the testimony," he said, "Robert Wollert apparently had decided to play the man and marry the girl; but at that time, some sinister influence changed his mind. I do not know what it was, but I do know that on that Sunday night when Wollert was at the Swanson home, his sister and James Malone came and took him away."

Trial of the case began Monday morning before District Judge Earl Peters.

Short coats of white crepe are embroidered all-over in black silk. The sleeves are long and loose.

Colorum Town Is Put to Torch

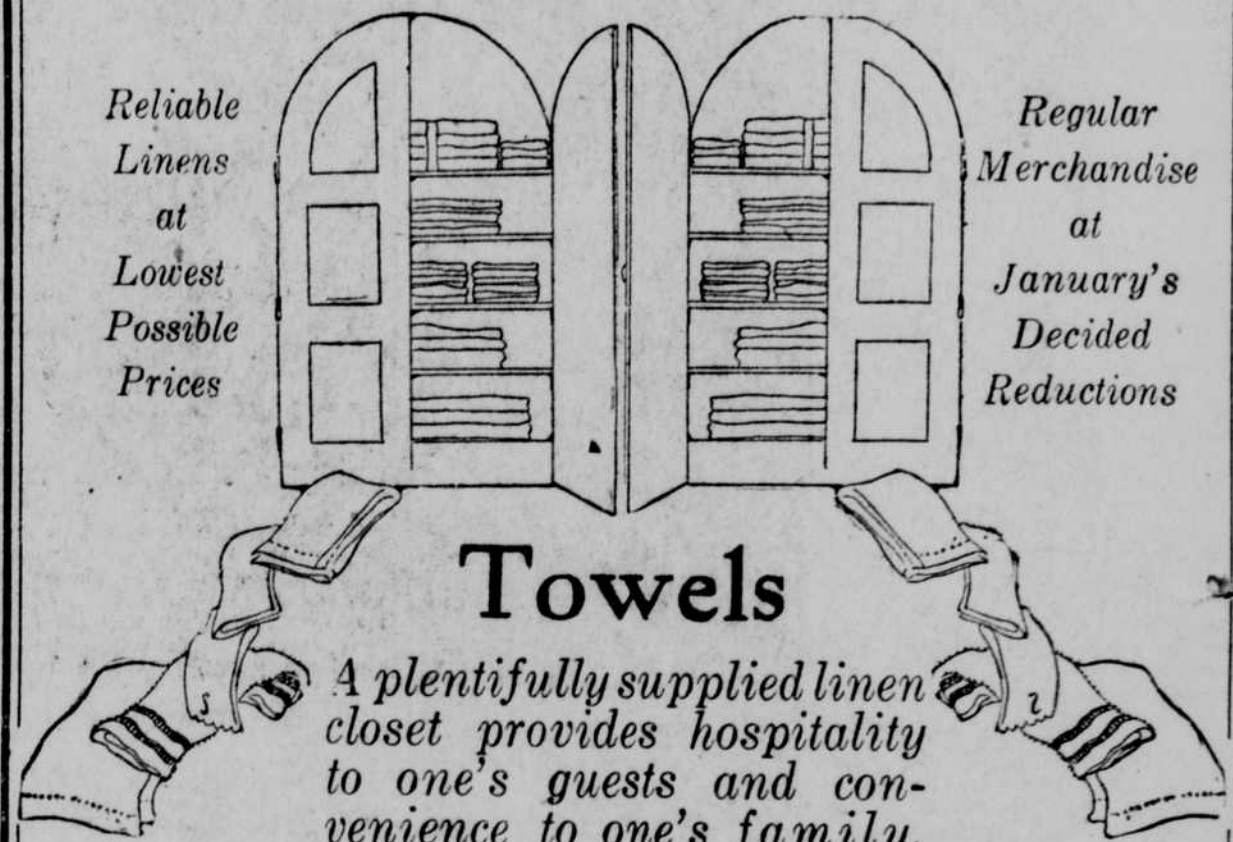
Manila, Jan. 24.—One constabulary soldier and two fanatics were killed in a clash on Bucaas island, off the coast of Mindanao, where members of the religious society of Colorum have been causing trouble, according to advices received here from Surigao.

The town of Socorro, where fanatics had entrenched themselves, has been burned by Colonel Bowers, constabulary commander of Surigao.

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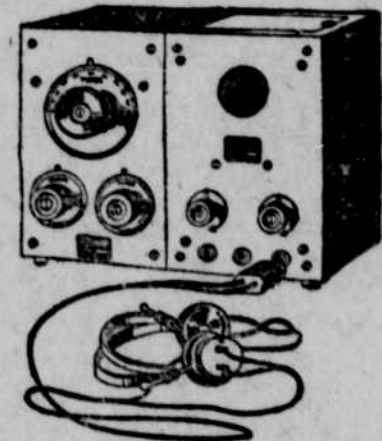
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