

Today

In Mr. Coolidge's Hands. Religion in Politics. Where Are the Big Men? False, Foolish Economy. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The oil scandal as far as the public is concerned is now in the hands of President Coolidge. He has taken full responsibility...

It is said, unjustly, of the people that they demand a scapegoat. They don't demand a scapegoat, but they do want proof that stealing on a wholesale scale...

If a colored employe of the White House had given one of the White House pictures to an outsider, accepting a bribe in cash from the outsider, the White House employe and the outsider would be in jail now...

The striking thing in our national politics is the lack of men that the people themselves particularly want for president. How does it happen that among 110,000,000 people there is actually not one of whom a majority of the people would write in saying, "We want that man for president?"

Why are there no leaders that command public enthusiasm and support? Is it because the real ability of the country goes into industry, commerce, science, not into politics and the public service?

The house of representatives passed a bill for \$729,000,000 to provide funds for the postoffice and the treasury and strikes out an item allotting \$1,500,000 to maintain an airplane service between New York and San Francisco.

That piece of unfortunate, petty, narrow-minded, short-sighted, false economy reminds you of the day when members of congress were defeated for re-election because they voted money "for such a nonsensical scheme as trying to send messages on telegraph wires."

That item of \$1,500,000 for a flying service between New York and San Francisco would be the best possible investment that the country could make. We appropriate tens of millions for old-fashioned ships of the navy and their upkeep. Five millions spent on the development of the flying machine and on marksmanship in bomb dropping would make our naval collection of floating steel junk unnecessary, and enable us to sink any fleet approaching this shore.

Flying ships above the water, invisible submarines below the water will supply all the protection this country needs at sea. And every congressman that votes against American development of the flying machine votes against the welfare and the safety of his country.

Fashions change even in religion. Things that Robert Ingersoll said while the pious held their breath, and waited for the lightning to strike, are now said in the pulpit.

The Rev. William Montgomery Brown of Ohio, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, is to be tried for heresy. His book classes Buddha, Allah, Jehovah and Jesus in the same class. All, says he, are versions of the "sun myth." The founder of Christianity this Christian bishop classes with "Santa Claus and Uncle Sam," not real personalities but convenient symbols. He says of Jesus, "I doubt that he ever lived." And he still preaches in a Christian pulpit.

Soon they will have cut out of the Christian religion everything except perhaps one commandment: "Thou shalt not kill," and then some reformer will arise to say that there are many exceptions to that commandment, proving it by the flood and by Sodom and Gomorrah, but real Christianity is not disturbed by these "modern improvements." On the contrary, the faithful delight in proving that their faith is stronger than anybody's reason, or "high criticism."

University Bursar Jailed. Minneapolis, Feb. 14. — Walter Nuebner, assistant in the bursar's office at the University of Minnesota, was arrested on a charge of embezzlement growing out of an alleged shortage of \$7,000 in his accounts at the university.

Legion Attacks General O'Ryan

Charges Senate Counsel in Vet Probe Body Using Position to Fight Bonus.

By International News Service. Washington, Feb. 14.—Major Gen. John R. O'Ryan, chief counsel for the senate committee that investigated the veterans bureau scandal was charged today by the American Legion with using his official position to accomplish the enactment of the Mellon tax bill and the defeat of the soldiers' bonus.

The legion based its charges upon a form letter written by O'Ryan, to hundreds of doctors and lawyers throughout the country who voluntarily aided him in the Forbes investigation, urging them to form committees in their district to support the Mellon plan.

"Bad Taste." "The American Legion must consider it extremely bad taste that General O'Ryan makes use of his committee that lately worked in the cause of the disabled soldiers, to now work for a certain tax reduction plan," said a Legion statement.

The letters in question were written by O'Ryan in his capacity as chairman of the Citizens' National Committee in support of the Mellon tax reduction program. That made public by the legion was addressed to Colonel Henry J. States, of Louisville, Ky.

The O'Ryan letter then outlines the Mellon plan, calling attention to its desirable features and then continues: "If you feel as I do towards the Mellon plan, you would undertake, either directly or in co-operation with others, to help organize a committee in your state or section of the state to aid our national committee in furtherance of the Mellon plan."

Foe of Bonus. O'Ryan, the legion statement charged, is well known as a foe of the bonus. John Thomas Taylor, legislative chairman, declared it was unfortunate that the general should undertake to make use of the organization that had surrounded him "in his work for the disabled veterans to now work against their biggest cause."

The O'Ryan letter paints the Mellon plan in glowing terms, expatiating benefits to big and little incomes alike. "Mr. Mellon's proposal would reduce the aggregate of income taxes to the extent of \$23,000,000 annually," it says. "Seventy per cent of this total would go into reduction of taxes on incomes of \$10,000 and under."

Hirman Johnson Files in State

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Lincoln, Feb. 14.—Petition bearing 782 signatures was filed here today for Hiram Johnson of California, asking that his name be placed on the republican primary ballot as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

Among the signatures were those of J. F. Heyn and A. V. Detweiler of Omaha and Adam Breede of Hastings. Petitions for delegates to the national convention pledged to support Johnson's candidacy are expected to be filed in the near future by the Johnson headquarters here.

Hiram Johnson will speak in Lincoln February 18. R. S. Scofield filed today as a candidate for secretary of state on the progressive ticket. Charles W. Pool, incumbent, already is a candidate for re-election on this ticket.

EDNA FERBER The love story of a Harvey lunch room waitress.

RUPERT HUGHES A page from boyhood—a poignant story of adolescent love.

IRVIN S. COBB A story of the kind of boy Mr. Cobb was himself.

Cosmopolitan

March On Sale

Here Are Cost Figures Upholding Fight of Omaha Bee on Wheat Tariff

Costs in United States Per Bushel.		Costs in Canada Per Bushel.	
Hallock, Minn., district.....	\$2.19	Westlock, Alta., district.....	\$.60
Halstad, Minn., district.....	1.57	Vegreville, Alta., district.....	\$.54
Casselton, N. D., district.....	2.11	Olds, Alta., district.....	\$.60
Larimore, N. D., district.....	1.70	Lethbridge, Alta., district.....	\$.58
Rugby-Towner, N. D., district.....	1.99	Swift Current, Sask., district.....	\$.93
Jamestown, N. D., district.....	1.21	Battleford, Sask., district.....	\$.64
Aberdeen-Mansfield, S.D., dist.	1.31	Melfort, Sask., district.....	\$.82
Redfield, S. D., district.....	1.45	Roseton, Sask., district.....	\$.68
Scoby-Plentywood, Mont., dist.	1.29	Alameda, Sask., district.....	1.19
Carson, N. D., district.....	1.64	Dauphin, Man., district.....	1.02
Minot, N. D., district.....	1.73	Melita, Man., district.....	1.31
Rosebud, Mont., district.....	1.78	Hamiota, Man., district.....	\$.80

Note—These comparative cost figures include in both instances land charges and interest on stated values.

Farm Relief Fund Reaches 10 Million

(Continued From Page One.) Hoover said he conveyed the "honest wish" of President Coolidge for the success of the organization conference.

President James E. Gorman pledged the co-operation of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad to the new corporation. He said other western railroad presidents had expressed a similar attitude.

Farm Relief Main Thing. Secretary Hoover said the committee members should remember in approaching the problem before them that they should view it from the standpoint of farmers and not as bankers. The time had passed, he said, for sheer ruthlessness of economic law to rule, for the business structure of the nation was interested. The corporation must assume the character of a relief agency, he continued, and not merely an expedient to save tottering or badly damaged banks.

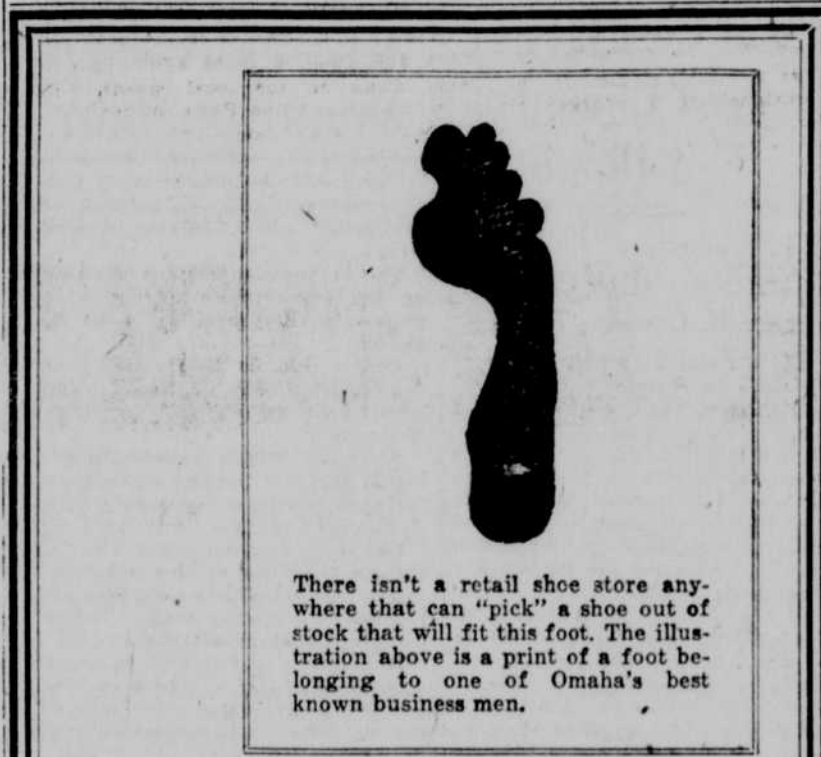
"We can have no permanent prosperity until agriculture has fully recovered and is re-established on a firm economic basis," he said. Agriculture needs not only money, but help and advice.

"There are three times too many banks in the territory involved, but fundamentally the corporation should be concerned with the re-establishment of the farmer."

He recommended that eastern financial institutions, such as mortgage companies and insurance firms which have money outstanding in the northwest, should carry their share of the burden.

Today's meeting ordered the following telegram sent to President Coolidge:

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Unbiased View Difficult. "We know how difficult it is for an advocate in action to take an unbiased view of any great question of law or fact no matter in what country he lives, where he practices or where he presides.

"We hear much from the platform of the hare-like speed of the foreign courts and the tortoise pace of our own forums. The magazines are full of the efficiency of the European trial courts and the cumbrous processes of the American court trials.

"The statistics are shelf worn, but are kept in stock. The arguments make for monotony until one might almost scent the propaganda to make American courts appear as unpopular as European crowns when our courts are really the most developed in the world."

60,000,000 POUNDS IN ONE TRANSACTION. RECORD PURCHASE OF BURLEY TOBACCO. Louisville, Ky., Jan. 18. The largest single sale of leaf tobacco on record has just been announced by the Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Association, which sold to Liggett & Myers Tobacco Company six million pounds of Burley leaf.

A board of directors of 23 members, representing every contributing city to the corporation's capital, and the states of North and South Dakota was named. E. J. Weller, Fargo, N. D., and J. C. Bassett of Aberdeen, S. D., represent North and South Dakota, respectively.

Sloan Speaks for Reform of Courts

(Continued From Page One.) debate of the best minds in the country, and whether its provisions relate to the legislative, executive or judicial departments of government, deliberate consideration was to be a recognized feature of government of every public act.

"During the growth of our country," said Mr. Sloan, "there has been an evolution and growth of our judicial department growing more and more complex from the institution of many federal courts and many state divisions of jurisdiction giving us a judicial system differing in character, dignity and respect from the

Merchants Urged to Identify Loot

Omaha Detectives Complimented for Capturing Four Wahoo Robbery Suspects.

Nebraska Retailers' association has notified members to appear in Wahoo in an effort to identify material found in the possession of four alleged thieves caught in Omaha Tuesday. The four are already implicated in the robbery of the Tony Kirz merchandise store at Weston and goods found in their possession has been identified by Kirz. Goods from the Kirz establishment were valued at \$2,500.

This action of the Nebraska retailers is part of their vigorous campaign against thefts from stores over the state. The federation has complimented the detectives of the Omaha police department on their work. Detectives Danbaun and Brigham apprehended the four arrested with stolen goods in their possession Tuesday. The federation began its campaign

against store robberies in this state last August. Since that time, they have worked on six robberies of large size. This is the fourth instance in which arrests have been made. In the three previous instances the robbers were positively connected with the crime and are now in the penitentiary.

Troubadour Coming. Gunnar Bohman of Sweden, a popular troubadour and lute player, is to appear in his second concert at the Swedish auditorium on Sunday evening, February 24, under auspices of Helge, No. 43, I. O. V.

Bishop Stuntz Remains Unchanged

Miami, Fla., Feb. 14.—The condition of Bishop Stuntz remained unchanged this morning after an uncomfortable night. Physicians said that while his partial recovery was indicated he will never overcome the paralysis of his left side. Mrs. Stuntz was expected to arrive tomorrow.

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Nearly a Million Votes

IN THE RECORD-BREAKING NATIONAL POLL ON TAX REDUCTION

Are Tabulated State by State

Never before has such a comprehensive unofficial poll of the Nation been made. The New Haven Evening Register declares that "we are actually given the spectacle of a weekly holding an informal national election" in this nation-wide canvass of the electorate to test sentiment for or against the Mellon Plan of Tax Reduction. 886,900 ballots have so far been received and are tabulated in this week's DIGEST. Fifteen million ballots have been mailed to voters. This represents more than fifty per cent of the number of ballots cast in the last Presidential election. They are being returned by the tens of thousands daily.

The sheer size of this greatest of all referendums may be visualized when one considers that if the ballots so far returned were laid end to end they would cover a distance of seventy-five miles! Don't miss reading THE DIGEST this week! You will probably be particularly interested in learning how your State is voting on this vital question. Other news-features of more than ordinary interest in the February 16th DIGEST are:

- Why Woodrow Wilson Belongs to the Ages
- The Attack On Attorney-General Daugherty
- The Tie That Binds Paris and Prague
- The Conquest of the Sahara
- Why We Laugh
- Presbyterian Fears of a Split
- The Battle of the Bonus
- The Innocent Sugar Exchange
- Topics of the Day
- More Scaldings From Teapot Dome
- Germany's New Merchant Marine
- There Are Wave Lengths in Everything
- A Chain of Opera Houses
- Berating the Clergy in Fiction
- "Five Solemn Senators" Versus Mr. Bok
- Americans in the Winter Olympics
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