

Today

Under the Flat Stone. We Do Pretty Well. Get What We Deserve. Radio Will Help.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

When as a boy you turned over a log, or a flat stone, hunting worms for bait, you found ugly looking beetles, queer creatures that you called centipedes, and other slimy things disturbed and enraged by the light.

It didn't spoil your fishing, or make nature seem less beautiful.

The senate turns over a Teapot Dome and uncovers disagreeable things also, various financial black beetles holding cash in their claws. But that needn't worry the nation unduly, or make us think that everything is going to smash.

In so big a country with so much money, and with affairs left in the hands of professional politicians, the wonder is that conditions are not worse.

One hundred and ten million people do not know exactly how they are governed, and a majority don't much care, until it touches their pocket in the increased price of coal or something of that kind.

Not one in three could tell the names of his two senators or his congressman. How many can tell the name of the man that ran for vice president with Mr. Cox four years ago? Can you mention that gentleman's name?

Really we do well, all things considered. The people's property worth hundreds of billions, is in the hands of officials, many seeking office for what they can get out of it.

Of these officials a majority are honest, but all are constantly tempted—if they have anything to sell that doesn't belong to them. The average of honesty is surprising.

The United States is governed by high finance, using political machines, and saved occasionally by a violent moral spasm such as we are having just now.

People get the best government that they deserve, as they get the best religion that they deserve.

How rich is this country?

The Department of Commerce says New York state alone is worth \$36,986,000,000. That's a small estimate. Wealth hidden in the ground plus the value of water-power that goes to waste could easily double that estimate.

And the soil cultivated under irrigation and properly fertilized would multiply the wealth of the state by four.

There is, fortunately for the people, more than all the politicians and all their grafting corporation associates put together could steal. The thieves and bribe takers are like ants running around a sugar barrel.

Mr. Gerard, once ambassador to Germany, says "he sees a danger ahead in case Germany joins the reds—meaning Russia.

It doesn't take the seventh son of a seventh son to see that. Sooner or later undoubtedly, 130,000,000 Russians will join 70,000,000 Germans, making 200,000,000 altogether.

German science and military knowledge will direct the Russians, just as officers imported from western Europe used to direct the sultan under Peter the Great. Then history will turn the medal over and show the other side. That will be a bad day for the descendants of European statesmen that now lack the brains to treat Germany intelligently, and establish close union among the civilized nations of Europe.

But there won't be anything new in it. Back and forth nations have conquered and reconquered each other. Very likely that is what the human race needs. In war, the weakest specimens are destroyed by hunger, and the most combative inclined are killed off in the front line of battle. The older men become fathers of the children, and gradually the human race becomes more gentle. Its lower jaw goes back, its forehead comes out—it improves.

One hope of the world is to be found in the radio, which is perhaps barking and coughing somewhere in your house as you read this.

A Greek philosopher said no nation could survive and retain its freedom if it got so big that all its people couldn't meet in one public square to discuss public affairs—all hearing what the speakers had to say.

That would have been true, but the printing press came along with the newspaper.

And although our 110,000,000 people can't meet in a public square, they do meet in the newspaper columns and they hear all about the oil scandal, and other things at the same time.

Now comes radio, which may actually make one "public square" of the whole world.

On Friday last, 50,000,000 people heard the same speech made in Chicago. General Caryl of the big telephone company, talked before a microphone in the Congress hotel. Telephones carried his voice in relays to San Francisco, Havana and five other spots. From those points the radio carried it to 50,000,000 people in all.

Within 100 years, if all the people of the earth spoke the same language every human adult being might hear the same speech at the same time.

That won't happen in 100 years, however, nor in 100,000 years. The universal language will be delayed until the average of human intelligence shall have been raised somewhat higher above that of the average chimpanzee.

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NEBRIN STOPS Colds Pains Headaches SAFELY

Steady Stream of Autoists Buying Munity Gas



A line of autos ready to have city gasoline pumped into their tanks. Such a stream of machines constantly kept moving throughout the morning. Below, shows an autoist buying 10 gallons of gas from Edward Reed and Bernard Timmers who preside over the curb pump.

Gasoline Fire at City Station

Line of Autos Tied Up 20 Minutes When 17-Cent Gas Is Ignited by Spark.

Dealers Say Sale of Munity Gas "Illegal"

Charge Hopkins Violating City Ordinance and Station Is Fire Hazard to City.

Senate Confirms Owen Roberts

U. S. Ambassador Off for Mexico Soon

Last Grade Crossing on Rail Stretch to Be Replaced

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Other filling stations were selling gasoline at 20-1-4 cents. They reported a good volume of business.

Early this morning cars began to line up at the city's station. By the middle of the morning, the line reached from Izard almost to Burt street. Commissioner Hopkins was on the job at 7:45.

First Customers. First gallon of the city's gas was sold to Paul Nagy, 2314 South Twenty-first street. Nagy bought 10 gallons.

The next customers, in order, were L. Book, 4815 Camden avenue; Mark Bell, patrolman; Morris Freidel, 318 South Fifteenth street, and Roy Hald, 2019 St. Mary's avenue.

Bernard Timmers and Edward Reed were employed by Hopkins to conduct the sale of the city's gas.

Hopkins said that local dealers, in an effort to force him out of business, are alleging that he is violating city ordinances. They declare that the city pump is a 16-gallon pump, whereas the ordinance relating to the sale of gasoline requires a five-gallon pump to be used.

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Mellon Denies Plot on Bonds

Alien Property Custodian Says Treasury Figures Juggled to Beat Measure.

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 18.—American Legionnaires were pushing their campaign for an ex-service men's bonus today with renewed vigor after a sensational spurt last night in which the Treasury department was accused of "juggling" its estimates against the project and Secretary Mellon was charged with "misleading" the late President Harding and President Coolidge.

The charge of "juggling" was made by Col. Thomas W. Miller, alien property custodian, at a bonus meeting. He said a "high treasury official" had admitted the alleged manipulation of the figures to him and had confessed the estimates were dishonestly increased each time congress requested a revision "because it was felt necessary at the Treasury department to use stronger and stronger arguments against the bonus each time it came up."

Representative Benjamin L. Fairchild, republican of New York, said Secretary Mellon "misled" Mr. Harding in anticipating a \$600,000,000 deficit when events proved there was a \$300,000,000 surplus in the treasury. This \$300,000,000 difference, Mr. Fairchild asserted, "prevented President Harding, perhaps more than any other feature, from signing the bonus bill."

Alvin M. Owsley, former national commander of the legion, told his hearers the bonus would pass the house by a 5 to 1 vote and get a majority in the senate, "eventually passing over the veto of President Coolidge."

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Senator Hiram Johnson With Omahan Often Taken for Him



United States Senator Hiram Johnson at Burlington, depot this morning with E. L. Bradley, chairman of the Omahan committee and who will preside tonight at a meeting in Hotel Rome. Away from home on several occasions Mr. Bradley has been taken for the California senator.

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Trunk of Gold Belongs Ore Still Subject of Legal Fight to Original Owner

District Judge Fitzgerald ruled Monday morning that the mysterious trunk of gold which has been held at American Smelter and Refining company until the ownership of it is definitely established belongs to no other than its original claimant, Frank Brubaker, a salesman living on Ames avenue.

The ore in the trunk is valued at \$1,800. Brubaker was given the trunk by a man who purchased it at an auction sale.

Smelter officials were at a loss, after examining it, to determine what section the ore came from, and feared to pay Brubaker for the ore until his claim was definitely established.

Mrs. Madora Kelly of South Omaha, filed an intervening petition in the case started by Brubaker to collect for the gold. She asserted that the trunk belonged to her former husband, an Arizona miner. This motion failed to impress the court, however.

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Advertisement for Thompson-Belden's Spanish Lace Scarfs and High Spanish Combs. Includes a profile illustration of a woman's head wearing a comb and a lace scarf. Text describes the products as 'The Original Spanish Dancer Costume' worn by Mary Pickford as 'Rosita'. Lists prices for various items like Filet Chairbacks, Hand-Embroidered Handkerchiefs, and Spanish Laces.

Large advertisement for Pierce-Arrow automobiles. Features the word 'PIERCE' in large letters at the top and 'ARROW' in large letters at the bottom. A central illustration shows a Pierce-Arrow car with passengers. Text describes the car's features, safety, and performance, including 'Have you ridden in a Pierce-Arrow with Four-Wheel Safety Brakes?'. Mentions 'Fred C. Hill Motor Co.' and 'Leavenworth St. at 21st, Omaha, Neb.'.

Advertisement for Musterole and Bromo Quinine. Features a large illustration of a hand holding a mustache. Text describes Musterole as 'Grandmother Knew There Was Nothing So Good for Coughs and Colds as Mustard' and 'If this Signature is NOT on the Box, it is NOT BROMO QUININE'. Mentions 'The First and Original Cold and Grip Tablet' and 'Price 30 Cents'.