

Today

Legal Piracy Pays. Today. The French Debt Problem. Strawberries by Mail. By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Great Britain has more than 150 ships engaged in American run running. The number has doubled in three months, and far exceeds in number and profits the pirates that swept the seas in ancient days.

The owner of these ships becomes rich in a few months and works without danger. Their business is legal in Great Britain, and they are safe from attack by American boats while they keep 12 miles away from our coast.

President Coolidge asks \$13,000,000 for the coast guard to deal with smugglers. The authorities intercept 5 per cent of the whisky now. Spending \$10,000,000 more they might intercept 7 per cent of it. They can't stop it. Smuggling cocaine and other drugs is a part of rum running.

The questions are: What is this government going to do about it? And how long will the public be content to let things drift?

Frank McDowell, who killed his two sisters, and a little later murdered his father and mother, tells reporters "that he has tried to lead a perfect life, but has found it impossible." That reminds you of some European nations since the armistice.

With a public debt amounting to \$30,000,000,000 francs, just 46 times the amount of money that Bismarck took from France after 1870, the French people, face to face with ugly facts, are beginning to worry in earnest.

With its debt piled so high, and its annual expenses nearly 20,000,000,000 above her income, France has almost the possibility of borrowing, and has before it this choice—cutting down expenses and increasing taxation heavily, or entering the final stage of bankruptcy through which Germany has just passed by printing paper money until it becomes worthless.

Many Frenchmen look to Briand or to Clemenceau, 80, to help France in this crisis. Militarism has proved a failure.

During the strike in England, hothouse strawberries were sent as registered mail and sold wholesale at 75 cents an ounce. Those that needed them were not deprived of an important necessity.

Around Plant City, near Tampa, Fla., there are thousands of acres of strawberries which you can buy where they are grown at most reasonable prices today. But the problem of distributing them without any strike here, is almost as difficult as in England, with a strike on.

Expensive distribution, freight or express, and the multiplied middlemen's profits are the curse of producers and consumers in this country.

Not far from the fields of strawberries, in the wonderful citrus fruit region of the Florida west coast, this writer saw on Sunday last, tons of oranges and grapefruit thrown in the fields to rot. They were so-called "culls," not quite perfect but ripe and nutritious. This pile of wasted fruit would have benefited thousands of children that lack vitamins in the north. But "it doesn't pay" to transport them and what doesn't pay we do not do, in this enlightened, efficient republic.

War and killing are not profitable. The winner today is loser tomorrow. This applies to wars between nations, inside of nations, and fights between individuals.

In Bulgaria, the king, his court and his ministers seized the leader of the peasants, after hunting him through the forest and put him to death. Now, according to Reuters, the Bulgarian king, Boris, is locked up somewhere in the country, his ministers have been murdered, and a republic replaces the monarch.

South Omaha Firm Sued. Sam R. Bell of Clarke county, Iowa, filed suit in federal court here against Truman A. Jackson and the Jackson-Signall company, South Omaha livestock firm, asking \$5,300 which he alleges is due him for a shipment of sheep made in February, 1920.

Dock Workers Return. London, Feb. 26.—Striking dock workers began returning to work today following the settlement.

Rohrer Names Wrong Person on Booze List

Dry Director Quoted as Saying Candidate for National Committeeman Patron of Bootleggers.

Statement appearing in the February issue of the Union Worker, official organ in Nebraska of the W. C. T. U., and attributed to U. S. Rohrer, prohibition director, to the effect that Charles McCloud, republican, York, Neb., candidate for national committeeman, was included on two bootleggers' lists of patrons, has resulted in a clash between Rohrer and McCloud and Mrs. Draper Smith.

Mrs. Smith and McCloud called at Rohrer's office to demand why he furnished information for the article which appeared in the magazine, and demanding proof.

Lists Missing. Rohrer was unable to produce the lists referred to.

"We have information from the office of U. S. Rohrer that Charles McCloud of York, Neb., who is a candidate again for national committeeman on the republican ticket, is on the list of patrons of two booze running bootleggers, Auld and Murphy, who were arrested in the fall of 1921," the statement reads in part.

"Shall we vote for men like this for such important offices? Let your ballot talk and speak for law observance."

Mrs. Smith advised Rohrer that she has known McCloud for sometime, and that it was impossible that his name should have appeared on the list.

"Awful Blunder." Rohrer sought in his desk, in his own files and in the files of J. C. Kinsler, United States district attorney, and even called his Lincoln office by telephone before admitting, according to McCloud and Mrs. Smith, that the statement was an "awful blunder."

The only McCloud to be found on any list was a Charles McCloud of Venango, Neb., who is no relation of Charles McCloud of York.

He said he would communicate with Della Ryan, state president of the W. C. T. U., and editor of the "Union Worker," and ask that she retract the statement.

"I don't want to talk about it," Rohrer said Tuesday at his office. "Ask McCloud. He will tell you everything."

Retraction Asked. Mrs. Smith, in a letter to Mrs. Dyer, editor of the "Union Worker," also asks that retraction be made.

She says that when she read the article she advised Mr. McCloud and he at once came to Omaha. She accompanied him to Rohrer's office, where, the letter said, no evidence was produced in the form of any list bearing Mr. McCloud's name.

The letter states that Rohrer advised them at that time that he was satisfied that Charles A. McCloud of York had not been a patron of bootleggers.

McCloud is president of the board of trustees of York college, a denominational institution of the United Brethren church.

Coolidge Warns Fund Bill Danger. Washington, Feb. 26.—The numerous bills pending in congress calling for large appropriations are regarded by President Coolidge as disturbing to the prosperity and welfare of the country.

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The name of Gould Dietz has been intimately identified with the civic and commercial progress of Omaha for more than 35 years.

He began his business career in Omaha in conjunction with his brother, C. N. Dietz, in the wholesale and retail lumber trade, and in the Sheridan Coal company, which developed mines west of Sheridan, Wyo., where there sprung up a town which still bears the name of Dietz.

During the war he devoted his time exclusively to the American Red Cross as director of the Omaha chapter.

He has been one of the mainstays of Ak-Sar-Ben since its inception and was crowned its 12th king. He is the oldest member of the board of governors in point of service. In spite of his manifold activities here, he has traveled extensively abroad.

He is a radio fan, and is interested in the development of aviation in the United States. He helped to promote the first aero exhibition held in Omaha and is a governor of the National Aeronautical association.

Recently he was appointed civilian aide to the secretary of war, in connection with the military training camp for the Seventh army corps area.

Mr. Dietz is a staunch republican and has been several times elected

to represent this district at the republican national convention.

He is widely acquainted, not only in Omaha, but all over the country, and many men and women prominent politically, socially or in business make his home their headquarters when visiting in Nebraska.

W. O. W. Cafe Man Drops From Sight

Disappearance of Randall Pollock, former owner of the Woodmen of the World cafeteria, basement of the W. O. W. building, caused comment Tuesday among his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Reimer, formerly of the Wellington Inn, took over the cafeteria Monday.

"Mr. Pollock left the keys here and I haven't been able to find him," said Mr. Reimer.

Mr. Pollock's wife died about a year ago. She was for years one of the best known business women of the city.

He is the second Omaha restaurant man to drop from sight within the year. Ralph Hobart of the Sandwich shop disappeared six months ago. He has just been located in Seattle.

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Paving Bids Go Before Public Next Monday

Projects in Forty-Two Different Districts Referred to Committee of Whole Meeting.

Bids for paving projects in 42 different paving districts of Omaha, received last week by the city council, Tuesday were referred to the meeting of the committee of the whole next Monday morning.

At that time the council will endeavor to have all contractors who have submitted bids on city paving within the last two years.

In addition, delegations of property owners from various districts, who consider the figures set forth in the bids too high, will be present, and will be represented by attorney.

J. H. Hanley, representative of one group, attended the meeting of the council Tuesday morning, when Joseph Koutsky, superintendent of the department of public works, submitted to the council a compilation of all bids submitted last week.

Before this compilation was referred to the committee of the whole, Commissioner Dan Butler, who presided at the meeting in the absence of Mayor James C. Dahlman, gave it as his opinion that even the lowest of the bids quote a price from 30 to 40 cents a square yard too high.

When the city advertises for bids, it reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Created by Petition. Paving districts are created by petition of property owners. Most of the property owners involved in the present bids, signed such petitions under the impression that the cost of their paving would not be more than \$2.20 a square yard, whereas the present bids run considerably above that figure, according to attorneys who will represent the property owners before the council committee of the whole.

They intimate that if bids at excessive prices are accepted, the legality of the formation of the district may be questioned.

Just before adjournment, the council passed a resolution directing the city clerk to notify all contractors involved in the bidding by registered letter of Monday's meeting, and also to notify all contractors who have bid on city paving in the last two years.

Nine property owners interested in the paving of Twenty-ninth street, Fort street to Ellison avenue, petitioned city council to reject bids on their district, which is No. 1372. These property owners set forth in their petition that the lowest bid is too high.

M. L. Flinn Paving company of Sioux City offered a low bid of \$2.59 on asphaltic concrete for this district.

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Nebraska Children's Home Society's New Home



Capacity of Institution Is 50—Quarantine for Measles 10 of Present 29 in a Separate House.

"A clearing-house for orphans" is the Nebraska Children's Home Society's new central home, now completed and furnished and occupied by an advance guard of 19 boys and girls. Ten others who will soon be housed inside its comfortable walls are detailed in another home by quarantine for measles. The photograph shows, above, the exterior of the building, with a glimpse of Fontenelle park behind it; and below, a corner of the interior, illustrating how the parlors are furnished.

The capacity of the home is from 40 to 50 children, none of whom will be kept there more than a few months, as the policy of the society is to find adoptive parents for them as early as possible. It is expected, however, that the home will be full to capacity a good part of the time. Already the four boys' and six girls' dormitories have awakened to lively activity, and the youngsters are making the best of the play room, the dining hall, the big front porch which are among the features of the home. Neither have they neglected Fontenelle park which fronts on two sides of the house and is an ideal place for outdoor play. Mrs. A. E. Utley is the new matron in charge of the home.

Women's organizations of the state contributed largely to the cost of the new building, where scrawny little orphans are to be made fat and rosy for their new papers and mamas. To complete and furnish the building has somewhat outrun the original estimate, which did not include the cost of finishing and furnishing the third story, now the boys' dormitories. The work of the society increased so much during the campaign, year, however, that it was evident the top story would be needed at once.

Three Omahans File for Office

William Butt, 3123 Corby street, filed for the democratic nomination for member of the legislature. Harry S. Byrne, 317 South Fifty-third street, and Alva E. Royce, 4345 North Forty-first street, filed respectively for the republican and the democratic nominations for member of the county convention.

Wyoming Woman Here. Mrs. Nabe Beason of Gillette, Wyo., is visiting at the home of her father, A. B. Parish, 2229 W street.

Horse Ownership Is Still Puzzle

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