

Today

Uncle Sam, Please Pay.
Anaconda Ships.
More for the Baby.
By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Poor old Uncle Sam didn't start the war, and it cost him dozens of billions, yet it seems impossible for him to get free from it.

Our General Dawes, as was predicted here, helps to bring in a report that says to Uncle Sam, "Pay, please."

It seems that Germany must have a loan, to get started on reparations. It asked for \$2,500,000,000. It is to have \$250,000,000, if plans go through.

"All nations, including this, will contribute to the loan, and all will be expected to squeeze Germany, if she does not pay."

That's the program thus far. Later, when Germany, having bought raw materials, gets its breath and starts paying reparations, will Uncle Sam get part of the reparations? Don't ask foolish questions. Certainly not.

But, in case Germany fails to pay the fancy reparations, Uncle Sam may have another chance to make himself useful. As he lent Germany part of the money it needed, what more reasonable than for him to help pay the reparations, in case Germany skips payments?

The big Anaconda Copper company skipped its regular dividend yesterday. That frightened the market, knocked down Anaconda stock and many other stocks that "sold off in sympathy." You'll hear some market expert announce gloomily that trouble must be expected if demagogues insist on senatorial investigations that interfere with big business.

On the other hand, American Locomotive has its best year, with a net profit of more than \$12,000,000, a profit above \$21 per share.

American Locomotive sells around \$74, while Canadian Pacific paying \$10 per share, sells to the same crowd of American speculators at \$200. How do you explain that, do you investors consider the Canadians better managers, or more honest, or what?

There ought to be no skipping of dividends by copper companies, and would not be, if the public understood the value of copper and brass, and if architects and builders would serve their clients faithfully, instead of using trashy, rusting iron, to lower prices. Copper and brass in building would save tens of millions a year in repairs, for they last indefinitely. Using galvanized iron in waterpipes is wasteful folly.

Mrs. Brawner, very rich, died and leaves \$1,476,138 to her infant son. Her older children get, each, only half as much.

That sounds unjust but it reflects nature's wisdom. The human baby is the most helpless of living creatures. Only the passionate devotion of the normal human mother, and her conviction that each baby is the most wonderful ever born, has carried the human race along thus far.

When a woman with millions leaves a double share for her infant, she is only doing what every normal mother does in another way.

Akali Sikhs, who are the fighting men of India, sent soldiers to fight the British India troops. Mohandas Gandhi urges the Sikhs not to fight and not to send any fighting men. Nonresistance will win, he says.

Gandhi's attitude explains how it is possible for 100,000 Englishmen in India to hold down 300,000,000 Asiatics. There is as much difference between a Hindu of Gandhi's type and a fighting Irishman, for instance, as between a lop-eared rabbit and a wildcat. But that is no disgrace to rabbit or wildcat. It's only a difference.

Mr. Belton, a deputy police commissioner in New York, says that city will be dry in three months. It will not be dry in three months, nor in three years. Governor Pinchot says President Coolidge ought to make the nation dry. President Coolidge could not do it, even if the law would let him use all the navy, and all the army.

This country is firmly settled on a basis of bootleg whisky, and the question is what can be done about it? It was predicted, when prohibition started, that hardened whisky drinkers would get whisky somehow, of course. But they would die off, poisoned, and then the young people would grow up free of alcohol and clear in thought. Unfortunately, the young people, millions of them, are growing up with a whisky flask on the hip, and many of them drunk night after night—and every head of a school boy and girls know it.

effects of bootleg whisky, green, badly made whisky had, begin to show already in many of them. Conditions are being had moral conditions contempt for law.

Insurance Firm "Raids" Denied by Stock Broker

John A. Thompson, Appearing Before Legislative Committee, Defends Purchase of Stocks.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 27.—Testimony intended to justify the operations of his company in stocks of half a dozen Iowa insurance companies and picturing these operations as of service to stockholders, was given to the legislative insurance investigating committee today by John A. Thompson, Des Moines stock broker, whose name has figured in nearly all the testimony thus far taken by the committee. Previous witnesses have referred to Mr. Thompson as a "raider" of insurance companies who purchased stocks after depressing prices through court action for the purpose of placing his clients in a position to liquidate the companies.

Asked by chairman Wichman if he considered it wrong to "buy an article as cheaply as you can and sell it for as much as you can," Mr. Thompson replied that he did not, so long as there was no misrepresentation.

Then he pointed out to the committee that he had paid more for some stock than had other purchasers, that the prices in nearly all cases bore a closer relationship to book values than has been previously testified, and that the book value itself was a very questionable thing.

Asked before the committee the annual statement of the North American Fire company, he said, "and I will show you a depreciation of \$100,000 and possibly \$200,000."

Naming portions of this reputed depreciation, Mr. Thompson said the company held \$116,000 worth of bonds issued at Tulsa, Okl., which cost the company \$80,000 and which were listed with the insurance department as worth \$106,000. He doubted their value as related to the purchase price, explaining that he believed they were in default and possibly of doubtful legality.

"Propaganda" distributed by his agents who were sent out to buy in stock, was nothing more, the witness said, than a plain statement of fact concerning the condition of the companies in which he sought to buy stock for his clients. Opposition to his operations, he said, was based upon the fact that he was telling the stockholders the true condition of their companies. There has been no evidence he said, to show that his so-called "propaganda" was untrue.

Company Head Testifies. H. H. Peterson of Cedar Rapids, president of the Federal Fire Reinsurance company, was another witness today, and described Mr. Thompson's efforts in the courts at Mason City to obtain names of stockholders of the Hawkeye Securities Fire Insurance company. The witness said he was doubtful of Mr. Thompson's motive and had refused to give him a list he had.

Referring to the Peterson testimony, Mr. Thompson later told the committee Peterson had agreed to give him a list of Hawkeye stockholders in return for a Federated list held by Thompson, but that Peterson later had changed his mind.

W. E. Moulton of Kansas City, vice president of the National Fidelity Life company, which was organized in Sioux City in 1915, also appeared to deny the charge by Senator Browne that his company had paid dividends of doubtful legality. The company headquarters was moved to Kansas City, he said, to get nearer the center of its territory, had paid a dividend in May, 1923, but never paid a dividend in Iowa.

Wife Has Bossie Put Under Arrest

(Continued From Page One.) James Hector city clerk. Bossie left Kansas City early in January for Washington, where he obtained passports, sailing on the Majestic on Jan. 12, arriving at Cherbourg, France, where he was advised that his passports had been cancelled. On his return to New York he was arrested on a federal charge of violating the Mann act and making false statements in obtaining passports.

The woman he now claims as his wife is a brunette, 37 years old, and of rather striking appearance. She is said to have been a telephone operator in Redlands, Cal., and to have lived in Omaha about 15 years ago. Seemingly Not Worried. Mayor Dahoman stated that he will begin the audit of Bossie's accounts as soon as Bossie is ready.

"I want Bossie to attend the audit and I want him to turn over the office in a regular manner," the mayor said. "I was disappointed in Bossie."

The mayor wants Bossie here also to refute rumors that Bossie "had something on the city administration and that certain interests did not want him back in Omaha."

Bossie is inclined to minimize the importance of the whole situation, insisting that when it is all over he will be in the clear. Last fall he intimated that he might be a candidate for city commissioner.

District Judge J. M. Fitzgerald yesterday afternoon asserted that he issued no divorce decree to Bossie and referred to the records of the court-house as the best evidence. Mrs. Bossie of this city, has contended right along that she has no knowledge of a divorce. She admitted the separate maintenance agreement signed last September in the office of Attorney John D. Wear and she added that the agreement had been nullified by mutual consent. Her attorney now is J. Dean Ringer.

Beauty, Who Narrowly Escaped Death in Auto Smash, to Wed



The marriage of Miss Madeline Nugent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nugent, 3510 North Twenty-fourth street, and Gerald R. Morrissey will take place next Tuesday morning at 8:15 in Sacred Heart church, Twenty-second and Blumey streets.

Rev. Father Judge will officiate. Miss Gladys Nugent, sister of the bride, will be bridesmaid and Clarence Dolan will be best man.

The bride is one of the noted beauties of Omaha. Newly four years ago she was injured in an automobile accident at Twenty-sixth and Leavenworth streets, so seriously that for a week her life hung in the balance. She underwent several operations in her fight against death.

The couple will reside at the Dorsetta apartments, 1112 Park avenue. description of the woman who disembarked with Bossie from the boat in New York, came to the door of the city hall, room, and in response to questions, said she is Mrs. Charles Baumf that her husband, Charles Baumf, of St. Louis, left the hotel early Wednesday morning for Omaha, and would not return until late.

"Are You Mrs. Bossie?" "Are you Mrs. Bossie and were you formerly Ruth Wamsley?" she was asked. "No."

"What does your husband do?" "I don't care to discuss my husband's business with anyone." There was no other person in the room in which the woman stood; but the pair who registered as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baumf, has two adjoining rooms. The door into the second room was closed.

Looked Like Bossie. Employees at the hotel said the man who registered as Charles Baumf, closely resembled a description of Claude Bossie, furnished them by reporters.

Both Bossie and his woman companion were reported to have left a train in Council Bluffs Tuesday night. Bossie was recognized by an Omaha druggist, who claimed to be in the same bar. Bossie talked with him, the druggist said, but refused to discuss his personal affairs. Bossie and the woman took a cab at the station, and disappeared, he said.

Awaiting Trial. Bossie is now waiting trial in Kansas City, some time in April, on a charge of violation of the Mann act in transporting Ruth Wamsley, who, he alleges, is now his third wife, from Lawrence, Kan., to New York City.

He claims he obtained a divorce from his wife in Omaha first. She claims he did not. Passports issued to Bossie and the woman were cancelled at Cherbourg, France, and both were returned to the United States, where Bossie immediately was arrested on federal charges.

Mayor Hansen's Seen Him. He has had a communication from Mayor James C. Dahlman, asking him to return to Omaha. He is believed to have come to Council Bluffs from Kansas City for that purpose.

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Capital Wires to McLean Read

One Suggests Leased Wire to Florida "for Quick Access to White House."

Washington, Feb. 27.—Telegrams sent to Edward B. McLean, A. B. Fall and others at Palm Beach, Fla., and relevant to the oil inquiry were read into the record today of the oil committee.

The first, from John Major of Washington to McLean at Palm Beach, suggested a leased wire from the Washington Post to McLean's cottage in Florida, so the publisher could have "easy and quick access to the White House."

(Major is an employe of McLean here.) The message said also that C. Bascom Sleep, secretary to the president, would be in Florida shortly.

In another message Major told McLean he had talked again with "J. W. Zevely, Palmer's law partner, who said the matter would be attended to in a manner satisfactory to you."

Another message said Fred Starek, a director of the War Finance corporation, was anxious to get in touch with McLean on an important matter.

"Palmer and Zevely told me tonight that under no circumstances should you send a message to the committee," said another message to McLean from Major.

"They said," the message added, "that after the man at Wardman Park (Fall's hotel) testifies and the committee wanted you, they could take care of you."

Another message from Major to McLean said that Major had "had a talk with Smithers at the White House." (E. W. Smithers is chief telegrapher at the White House.)

A message from the White House signed "E. W. Starling" and addressed to McLean said that Starling had "wired Wilkins at Hopkinsville, Ky." (Starling is of the White House secret service staff.)

"Working on Walsh." Major reported to McLean that he had delivered a message "to McAdoo and Palmer as per your instructions." (In other messages there are references to Francis McAdoo of New York, believed by committee-men to be the son of W. G. McAdoo.)

Under date of January 22, 1924, Major wired McLean that A. Mitchell Palmer (former attorney general and counsel for McLean) had gained the impression from Senator Walsh that McLean would not be called before the committee. This message added that "other people are working on Walsh."

Danish Prince Shies at Omaha

VALDEMAR, prince of Denmark, doesn't look a bit like Hamlet.

He didn't even wear the same kind of clothes when he passed through Omaha Wednesday morning on his way to San Francisco, accompanied by Rear Admiral Johnke. At San Francisco, they will board a royal yacht to return to Denmark.

Prince Valdemar landed in San Francisco January 8, to attend the wedding of his brother, Prince Erik, to a wealthy New York girl at Ottawa.

The prince is tall, wears a Van Dyke beard and nose-glasses, and has gray hair and blue eyes.

He is inordinately shy. He fled to the refuge of his stateroom Wednesday morning when accosted by reporters.

Rear Admiral Johnke, his spokesman, was but little better. He agreed that it was a nice day; that American railway travel is comfortable; that any railway travel is distressing; and that the Danes are a great people.

Then he followed the prince into the stateroom.

Nebraska's Brother Dead. Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 27.—Harry Wright, day clerk at the Paddock hotel, was called by Kansas City Monday by a telegram stating that his brother Melvin, 25, had been killed.

No particulars were contained in the message.

Girl Fires Gun at Prowlers

Routes Two Men Who Attempt to Pry Bedroom Screen Open.

Frances Robison, 3129 Pacific street, fired at two men who were endeavoring to pry a screen from a window of her bedroom early Wednesday morning, she reported to police.

With her at the time was Agnes Singles, convention secretary at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, who was spending the night at the Robison home.

The only other persons in the house were a maid and Mrs. E. B. Ransom. Miss Robison's father left the house about midnight to return to his farm at Dexter, Ia.

The two women were awakened by a noise outside their bedroom. On one side of the room is a screen, extending clear to the floor. The window was wide open. Outside the screen, they saw two men, both with flashlights.

Miss Robison reached into a bureau drawer beside the bed and obtained a revolver. She fired through the screen. Both men fled. Then police were called.

Ex-Adjutant General Dies. Lincoln, Feb. 26.—Gen. James D. Gage, adjutant general of Nebraska during the administration of former

Governor Lorenzo Crouse, died at Dunning, according to advices received here. He was a veteran of the civil war, serving in a cavalry troop, and was a pioneer settler of the state. He was in command of the state militia at South Omaha during a serious disturbance at the packing house employes' strike there several years ago.

Omaha Fire Loss Near 3 Million

Omaha's fire loss in 1923 was \$2,297,145, according to figures compiled by the fire prevention committee of the insurance division of the Chamber of Commerce.

There was a total of 1,877 fires during the year.

Fire at the Armour packing plant in South Omaha in February, 1923, accounted for \$1,750,000 of the loss. Nine lives were lost during the year in Omaha as a result of fires.

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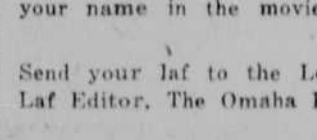
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