

Today

Just Average News. We'll All Live 140 Years. Foolish Turk—Be Wise. Chances of the Steeplechase.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

It's a day of average news. The franc goes up still higher. "Shorts" are badly squeezed. The oil scandal goes on with its sordid trimmings. The navy's oil reserve, it seemed, played a part in the 1920 convention. Canadian railroads cut freight rates, restoring in many cases the tariff prevailing before the war. American railroads consider that highly "unethical." Stock market patriots don't like the bonus. It is all right to praise soldiers, offering them the sun and moon when you are frightened. But what's the use of keeping your word when it is all over?

Many stocks and many bonds insist on going up in spite of the bonus. Some speculators realize that it isn't such a bad thing to put a couple of thousand million dollars in circulation—gradually. Today Dr. Eliot, formerly president of Harvard college, celebrates his 90th birthday. That, surprises us, but it ought to be the rule instead of the exception. Any man that chooses can live to be 100, barring accident, if he starts out with an average constitution. The natural age of men, when they realize that one-half of what they eat keeps them alive and the other kills them, will be 140—just twice the biblical three score and ten.

Kemal Pasha, having driven out the caliph, boss of the Mohammedans, proposes now to abolish the grand rabbi of Constantinople, much to the distress of the Jews. Such a step would be bad business and ungrateful. Whether or not it be true, as alleged, that Mohammed's Koran was written for him largely by an intelligent Jew, it is certain that the Koran borrows a great deal from the Jewish wise men. For centuries Mohammedans and Jews have lived together amicably. The learned Maimonides lived protected in Egypt, peacefully transcribing the Greek philosophers into Hebrew, safe from Christians that might have burned him, and also from his coreligionists in Spain, that excommunicated him as in the lowlands they excommunicated Spinoza, the greatest Jew. While the Mohammedan ruler protected Maimonides' body, it was his medical knowledge protected that ruler's health. The quickest way for Kemal Pasha to bring bad times into his "Young Turkey" is to drive out the Jews whose intelligence and industry build up good times.

Great Britain "clamors for a curb on the prince of Wales' hard riding, even the house of commons is excited about it." It is too bad that a nice young gentleman should break his collar bone or arm every little while and it should be very sad if he broke his neck. But what difference does it really make to the British empire what particular little Guelph-Windsor of the royal family happens to inherit the throne? King George has two other boys, and a nice daughter with a fine baby. The king has no power, anyhow. All that is required of him is good nature and good behavior. Since the choice of king and emperor is left to the chance of birth, why not leave the choice of heir to the chances of the steeplechase?

A done, 60 years old, normally very blond, has suddenly turned black. The doctors of Guy's hospital have him under observation. This is the third time he has changed color. Japan might be discouraged, if its people were superstitious, and think the ancient gods had turned against it for leaving their old ways and their old costumes. Another earthquake does damage. A forest fire wipes out many villages. A submarine sinks with 44 men and a great dirigible falls, killing five of the best Japanese fliers. But you can't discourage the Japanese. They will build more submarines, more dirigibles, and build houses that the earthquake can't shake down. They are a wonderfully able people, and our objection to mixing our civilization with theirs, here in America, is based on no lack of respect for their ability.

Mr. Korn, chairman of the public speakers' bureau, of the New York Coolidge league, says: "If we can get people to call him 'Cal,' that will go a long way toward getting him elected"—a very pretty compliment to the intelligence and discernment of the people of the United States. The "Pilgrims of the United States," 1,000 strong, dined and were told that the peace in Europe depends on the United States. Does it? Why? Why can't people in Europe stop cutting each other's throats without our going over to hold back their hands—or pay their bills, which is what they really want? France hints that it would like England to guarantee it against attack from Germany. And England, like the tar baby, says nothing. Its statesmen say that to guarantee France would mean to conscript more Englishmen, and that they don't mean to do. If England, within sight of the French coast, doesn't care to be made responsible for France, why should we, 3,000 miles away, allow ourselves to be made responsible for the whole of Europe? It seems foolish to have to ask that question, but you do have to.

Aughe Widow Wants Death for Guzwesec

Young Daughter of Slain Detective Steels Heart as Veniemen Air Scruples.

Twenty-one men out of the first 35 called as prospective jurors to try Joseph Guzwesec for killing City Detective Frank Aughe, declared in District Judge Fitzgerald's court Thursday morning that their conscientious scruples would prevent them from sending any man to the electric chair, no matter what his crime. Two women in black who occupied front chairs in the court room have no such scruples. Mrs. Mayme Aughe, widow of the slain detective, and Helen, 17, her daughter, a high school student, watched the proceedings. "What do you think of the death penalty in this case?" a friend inquired. "I'm absolutely in favor of it," said Mrs. Aughe. "HE DESERVES IT," DAUGHTER DECLARES.

"He certainly deserves it," said pretty Helen, darting an angry glance at the back of the defendant, who sat a few feet away. Guzwesec, who has gone under the names Dunn, Savage, Sheffer and Phillips and has served terms, is alleged, in three penitentiaries, folded and unfolded his hands. He wore a dark suit, gray flannel shirt and black bow tie. A low forehead from which the hair receded slightly, a small head, protruding lips, black eyes, thick fingers with dirty fingernails were his principal features. His face was expressionless. The defendant's sister, said to be the wife of a wealthy New York merchant, has returned home after visiting him here.

VENIEMEN SHIES AT DEATH PENALTY

"If you found the evidence warranted it, would you vote to send this defendant to the electric chair?" County Attorney Beal asked one after another of the veniemen. "No, I wouldn't do that," came the answer from many. By noon, only a few veniemen remained to be called and the state and defense each had eight challenges unexercised. "I'll call every man in Omaha, if necessary, to get the 12 men we need," declared the county attorney. In contrast to those who opposed the death penalty was Oscar D. Helmes, 4670 North Seventeenth street. "Would you vote to send the defendant to the electric chair if you found the evidence showed him guilty?" Mr. Beal asked. "Yes, sir," answered Helmes heartily.

PROSPECTIVE JUROR ONCE HELD UP

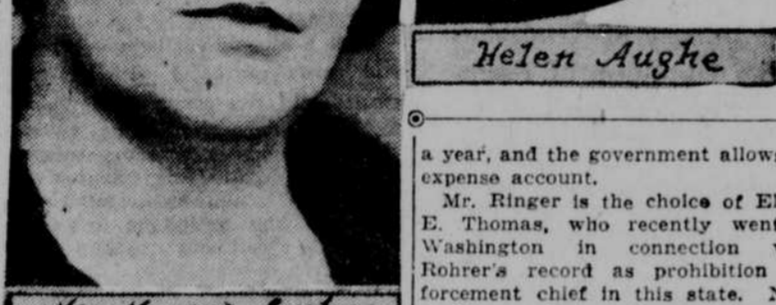
"Were you ever held up at the point of a gun?" asked Beal. "Yes, I was, three years ago." "Still have that in your mind, have you?" said the court. "Yes, I'm still looking down the barrel of that gun," said Helmes. He was excused, however. George H. Waller, 2553 Webster street, was excused because he "knew Aughe all his life. His father and my mother went to school together." The first 16 excused because they oppose the death penalty were: John Seefus, Waterloo; Claire Gaumer, 5912 Missouri avenue; Gus Keller, 514 North Twentieth street; Harry Rembe, 524 North Forty-third street; Andrew Peterson, 3615 Maple street; Millard Kelsoy, Millard; Sam Siporen, Jr., 2218 Grant street; Emmor Widdoes, 2807 Bristol street; John Kawa, 4101 South Fortieth avenue; Warren L. Johnson, Wayne apartments; F. S. Roberts, 314 Park avenue; Jerry Maher, 311 Worthington place; Charles McCarter, 1514 North Forty-first; Elder L. McCunn, 4724 Charles; Pietro Gigotti, 1319 South Twenty-second, and Ralph Agee, 1814 North Happy Hollow boulevard.

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Widow and Daughter of Slain Officer Ask Law's Vengeance



Helen Aughe



Mrs. Mayme Aughe

Ringer Dry Chief, If He Wants Job

Ex-Police Commissioner Considers Being Rohrer Successor; Thomas for Him.

U. S. Rohrer, deposed prohibition director wasn't at his office Thursday. Employees in his office in the federal building stated that he had gone to Hastings. When and how long he would be there, no one seemed to know.

If the voice of Omaha dry leaders has any weight at Washington, and the leaders are convinced that it has, then J. Dean Ringer, former Omaha police commissioner, will be Nebraska's next prohibition enforcement director, succeeding U. S. Rohrer. This became known following a conference of dry leaders Wednesday afternoon, at which it was decided to place Ringer's name before R. A. Haynes, national chief of prohibition enforcement activities, who recently requested the resignation of Rohrer and Robert Anderson, group chief. Ringer is undecided whether to accept the post if it is offered him. "It is a matter of service and duty with me," he said. "I am earning more from my law practice than the salary of the office, but sometimes we must look at matters in the light of duty and public service. I am giving this serious consideration." The salary of the office is \$4,000.

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Kennedy Picks New Terminal Booster Body

Men Who Will Campaign for Bigger Union Station Drawn From Leaders of Omaha.

John L. Kennedy, chairman of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce and president of the United States National bank, Thursday named the committee to work for a new union station. The committee is composed of 40 leading business and professional men. Louis Scholes of the Hansen Investment company announced that he has correspondence with heads of railroads written in 1913, when a campaign for a new station was afoot.

Depot Committee

- John L. Kennedy, chairman of the executive committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, today appointed the following New Union Station committee:
- George Brandeis, chairman.
 - O. H. Barnett
 - W. F. Baxter
 - W. B. T. Bell
 - Frank W. Brown
 - E. Buckingham
 - T. C. Byrne
 - Harry S. Clarke
 - Harley Conant
 - A. B. Currie
 - James C. Dahlgren
 - J. E. Davidson
 - Henry Dooley
 - E. C. Eppley
 - Thomas Flynn
 - W. A. Fraser
 - Charles C. George
 - A. W. Gordon
 - Fred P. Hamilton
 - Charles Harding
 - Walter W. Head
 - W. D. Hosford
 - Ford E. Hovey
 - Alvin F. Johnson
 - Frank B. Johnson
 - Frank W. Judson
 - George H. Kelly
 - Frank S. Keogh
 - Fred S. Knapp
 - Charles T. Kountze
 - Harvey Milliken
 - Joseph Polcar
 - E. T. Rector
 - A. H. Richardson
 - Charles W. Russell
 - W. A. Smith
 - Robert S. Trimble
 - N. B. Updike
 - C. M. Wilhelm
 - Harry A. Wolf
 - C. E. Child, secretary of the committee.

This correspondence, he said, showed a willingness on the part of roads to co-operate in the building of a station if the Union Pacific would start things.

To See Carl Gray. Scholes was to see Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, today to present the matter. He has a plan for the new station and also has made a tentative selection of a site. Need for a new station was expressed by members of the governing board of the traffic bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. The idea of a new station originated in this department.

"There is only one other city in the United States in Omaha's class that has a worse station than Omaha. That city is Los Angeles," F. S. Knapp, chairman of the board, declared.

Station Inadequate, Claim.

"The station here is not only inadequate for the handling of passenger traffic, but it is also inadequate for the handling of express and mail. It is this inability properly to handle these departments that makes it necessary to transfer a great deal of this type of matter to Council Bluffs. Conditions have changed since the station was last suggested and the railroads are now in a position to build, we believe. There is no need for the city to wait longer for this essential improvement."

Shippers Complain.

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Aged Woman Who Gains Power of Speech Must Learn to Talk

Mrs. Nancy Spigle, 60, Being Taught Words by Sound, Just Like Child in Infancy.



Mrs. Nancy Spigle

Mrs. Nancy Spigle, Omaha woman who hears and talks for the first time in the 60 years of her life, is busily engaged in Kansas City, where she is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. H. Donsker, learning primary words by sound. Another daughter, Mrs. D. S. Finkenstein, 2303 Webster street, telephoned to her mother in Kansas City last evening and talked to her. "It seemed wonderful to hear her voice," said the daughter. "Of course, she must learn to talk just as a child would learn, by hearing the words. She can now say 'Bye-bye' and other such simple words. My sister in Kansas City is teaching mother. She is positive that she can hear for the first time because when the phonograph is played mother marks time and stops when the music stops." Mrs. Spigle believes that she gained her hearing and her speech through the teachings of a healer in

Kansas City whose lectures she had attended often and which she could grasp by lip-reading. Mrs. Spigle will return to Omaha in a month. Later she will take a trip to California to visit another daughter.

Boy Kills Mother Accidentally

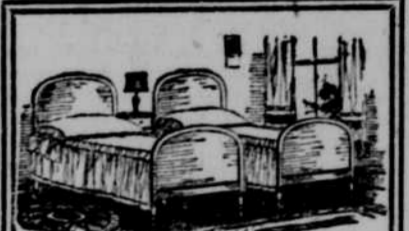
Trying to Protect Parent From Attack by Father—Bullet Hits Woman.

Baltimore, Md., March 20.—Russell Gibson, 16, trying to protect his mother when his father, James L. Gibson, attacked her with a chair, shot and killed her in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Annie Strabel. Mrs. Gibson had left her husband. This morning at about 10 o'clock, Gibson came to Mrs. Strabel's house to see his wife. He forced his way in and found Mrs. Gibson in the dining room. He picked up a chair, Mrs. Strabel said. When Russell, the son, saw his father about to attack his mother, he rushed away and got a .25-caliber automatic pistol. His mother rushed between him and his father as he pulled the trigger. As she fell the boy fired two more shots, both of which hit the father, one in the left shoulder and one in the right side. The representation will be based on the vote cast for governor in 1922, and will call for a convention of about 1,000 delegates. It was said a committee of five on arrangements was appointed by Chairman Allen.

Democrat Meet Here Next May

Lincoln, March 20.—The democratic state central committee at a meeting here Wednesday designated May 1, at Omaha, as the date and place for holding the state convention. The selection of Omaha was made by unanimous vote. The representation will be based on the vote cast for governor in 1922, and will call for a convention of about 1,000 delegates. It was said a committee of five on arrangements was appointed by Chairman Allen.

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Louisville Man, Once "Outcast," Wins Back Esteem of Home Town

Louisville, Neb., March 20.—John McCarver has won back the esteem of his home town folks. For years the Louisville man, estranged from his family, was branded as a "worthless outcast" by other citizens of the town. Last September 27, his wife, Mrs. Susie McCarver, died of burns received the previous day in a kerosene explosion.

Then, on the 28th, came the Louisville flood, sweeping before it the McCarver home, where relatives had gathered following the funeral. Among the toll of 10 lives exacted was that of Robert McCarver, the faithful son, who had supported his mother. Robert carried \$1,000 insurance payable to his mother, but her death

placed the father next in line to receive the money. So crystallized was sentiment against the father that efforts were made to have him turn the insurance over to a daughter, without avail. For a time, John McCarver, with his inherited \$1,000, continued in disfavor. Then came the transformation.

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now and with a little prompting I think they will spend it." Among business men the attitude that Omaha does not present a decent appearance to strangers arriving here seemed to predominate. Nearly every one agreed that a new station is needed and most are of the opinion that the location of the terminal should be in a more convenient place. In response to inquiries, W. H. Finley, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, telegraphed: "Inasmuch as the Chicago & Northwestern terminates at Council Bluffs, I feel that any question of a union station at Omaha should be taken up with the owning railroads."

The reply from S. M. Felton, head of the Chicago, Great Western, railroad is similar. "The Mason City & Fort Dodge railroad has leased its terminals at Council Bluffs. We reach Omaha only by trackage rights and have no financial interest in the passenger terminal."

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