

# Today

A Silly World. Trouble Here, Trouble There. Coolidge and the Senate. Turkey Bars Religion.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

The week ends uncomfortably, stocks discouraged, bears busy, the president lecturing the senate, radical republicans joining with democrats to fight the administration, and rather dreary news from Europe.

When will the world settle down and realize that its only real trouble is its own foolishness and get to work?

Germany accepts in theory the Dawes report and, while complaining of the amount, she will endeavor to pay the various billions outlined—unless she changes her time.

At the same time, Poland borrows 400,000,000 francs from France "to finance military purchases." This is part of the spending which France seeks to build up a ring of military allies around Germany to stave off future attacks.

It is as though New York, afraid of an attack from Pennsylvania, should lend hundreds and thousands of millions to New Jersey, Illinois and other states by way of subsidizing friendship.

What a pity Europe cannot have some sort of an American union of states. And what an idiot Uncle Sam would be to get himself involved in that European system, through a league or in any other way.

In China pirates are robbing ships, Europeans on their way along the Chinese coast, are answering the firing. Commerce under difficulties.

Roumania is trying to make an offensive and defensive alliance with Turkey through Kemal's fighting Turkish government.

Italy has a quarrel with Roumania. And Trotsky, head of the Russian army, with health restored, back in Moscow announces that he will not allow the working people of Bessarabia to remain under the domination of Roumanian nobles.

This isn't a peaceful world and the amount of money Germany can pay won't last long, if wholesale fighting starts again.

The big fight for 1924 will center around President Coolidge's rebuke of the senate, which is unusually emphatic since he accuses the senate of wandering away from "the law of the land."

Cyrus H. K. Curtis, who lives in Philadelphia and watches Pennsylvania politics, says through his newspaper that it was Pinchot who suggested that Couzens hire Heney, a hard and able legal fighter of the Pacific coast, to help with the senate investigation.

But it would be a serious thing for the United States and the good government of national finances if Mr. Mellon, in disgust, should give up the job that he has managed so ably.

Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Mussolini, having sent the poor caliph wandering away from his collection of wives, now forbids the teaching of religion in schools and will close all foreign schools in which religious education is given.

It's a mistake to forbid combining arithmetic with religion if the parents want it. But so far as the Turkish schools are concerned, it would be an excellent idea to stop or modify the old system. Unfortunately little boys in Mohammedan schools sat all day long droning over meaningless passages of the Koran—while the master sat above them with a rod so long that he could hit any one of them on the head without leaving his seat.

This was too much religion, too much rod, too little arithmetic.

"It's the man" that counts in everything, including railroading. New York Central profits went up, the price of stock went up. That meant President Smith of the New York Central, who unfortunately was killed the other day.

Now the Erie railroad shows wonderful profits, and that is for 1923 above eight millions as against a loss in 1922. That means Underwood, president of the Erie railroad.

Railroads complain that they can't live, and that they need higher rates. What many of them need is higher grade managers. You can't build a railroad by watching the stock ticker, and that's what many gentlemen have tried to do.

There is excitement in Chicago and elsewhere because a few young gentlemen at college have declared for pacifism and against war. The same thing on a greater scale has cropped out among young men in England. There is nothing remarkable about it. If you eat a quail every day you can't hear the sight of a quail at the end of 30 days. War lasts a certain length of time, and then you get tired of it. The world has had a lot of war recently; some are tired of it, and no wonder.

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What young gentlemen mistake for philosophical pacifism is really reluctance to fight and get hurt, even in a good cause, and that isn't creditable.

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as any salamander of aid. He says people are killed at fires because "when they get excited they stop thinking." Then jump out of a window, or sit down to be smothered by the smoke. The word "fire" paralyzes the average man's judgment. There are other words like that such as "war" and "politics." (Copyright, 1924.)

## Adele Garrison "My Husband's Love"

How Mrs. Marks Rose to the Emergency.

With Mrs. Marks' hand gripping my wrist compellingly, I listened tensely with her for the sound she was sure would come—a summons upon the door of the hall common to both of our apartments. And when it did come, the ringing of another bell than the one of the vestibule below, she relaxed my hand and drew a deep breath.

"Now, listen here, dearie," she whispered tensely, and to my own surprise, I found myself yielding to her dominance of the situation. "I haven't got nothing to be afraid of, now that those coats are in here. So I can go to the door with a smooth face. We can't get those coats back now. He'd think you were in it as deep as me. So I'll go to the door and stall him. If he's for me, he can look all through my place, he won't find a button not belonging to me. And if he asks for you—what do you want me to do, tell him you ain't here? Put out your lights and maybe he'll believe me. I'll pretend I don't know nothin' about you."

"No, I must see him," I returned firmly. "It is—a business matter" my conscience stirred uneasily—"and it will be better if I talk to him. But I shall be very grateful if you will keep him in the hall until I can dress."

I was changing my slippers for pumps as I spoke, and Mrs. Marks stepped briskly to the door. "I'll keep him," she said. "But you watch out. I'll call through the door, and you can catch my cue and answer."

She turned with her hand on the doorknob, and flashed me her gamine-like grin. The tortured fear in her eyes had been replaced by a joyous confidence. With the incubus of the furs gone, she appeared to believe herself a match for any member of the police force.

Midge Recognizes a Voice. I was puzzled for a few seconds to hear no sign of her in the hall. Perhaps she had no intention of answering the doorbell, but was taking the opportunity to get out of the rear entrance of the building to which she had access through her apartment. Then I heard her high heels come clacking noisily down the hall, and paid a mental tribute to her artistry. She had stolen unshod to her apartment, so that she might present the effect of a nervous hurried housewife answering the bell.

I had thrown off Dicky's bathrobe, and was hastily investing myself with the gown from my wardrobe that was most quickly and easily fastened. My strained ears heard the click which told me that Mrs. Marks had put the chain on the door that prevents it opening more than a few inches. Then I heard her voice, querulous, impatient.

"For the love of Lullu, what's eatin' you, ringin' a body's ears off? Well, what do you want? I don't know you."

"Maybe it's just as well you don't," I heard a deep voice reply, and placed the voice at once as that of the man who had talked to me at Sag Harbor. "As for what I want, look here."

There was a second's pause, then

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a scornful giggle from Mrs. Marks. "Why, look at it! All dressed up with his star and everything!" I could visualize the little scene at the door. The detective evidently had flipped back his coat and exhibited his star, thinking it would intimidate a woman.

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out of her mouth, there came Lydia's signal, two long rings with a short one separating them.

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