

Today

Roosevelt Said It. A Lady on Corsets. They Killed a Chinese. A Dead Postmaster.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

In tomorrow's installment of letters between Roosevelt and Cabot Lodge, you will find this warning, written by Theodore Roosevelt 20 years ago, in 1905:

"Some time Japan may work us an injury, if we show ourselves open, aggressive and unarmed."

We are not aggressive, but when was this nation more opulent, more completely unarmed or more completely at the mercy of an enemy nation, well equipped with flying machines?

And how much interest, do you think, Roosevelt would take, if he were alive, in the fact that Japan, with 17 factories working day and night, is now turning out 500 fighting airplanes each month, while this most opulent nation owns just 20 fighting planes fit to fly?

Dr. Caroline Hedger, learned lady of Chicago, has a new theory about corsets. She says they are "bad for fat women, but thin women need them." And this is the reason:

"The thin women haven't anything on the outside to keep what's on the inside in place."

It isn't fat that keeps things "in place." It's muscle. If the thin woman develops a thin layer of muscle where it is needed, especially if she keeps her spine straight, she won't need any corsets.

The scientists say that human bodies that were originally planned to go on all fours.

When you are on all fours the ribs across the chest hold up the lungs, heart and liver normally. The muscles of the abdomen hold up the intestines, and all is serene.

When you put a creature intended to go on all fours standing upright on its hind legs then everything sags down. Even so, the right position and the right muscle can be developed to take care of the situation.

John Ryan, 19; John Emelito, 21, were killed in the electric chair night before last for murdering a Chinese. Their notion that a Chinese didn't count did not save

them from the electric chair.

When, if ever, and where and how will those three meet again, the Chinese, and two white men that killed him? Will the Chinese look like a Chinese, and the white men look like white men, on the other side of the river of death? Is there any race prejudice there? Do they all look alike, or how?

And how much is civilization helping by killing two badly born, badly taught boys, instead of putting them in a prison with work that might reform them?

Postmaster Morgan of New York City is dead of appendicitis. His photographs show a tired, overworked man. Three presidents in succession appointed and approved him. He worked hard for the people, and considering ability and services rendered, he was as ill paid as any letter carrier or postal clerk.

The people should set a more generous example in the treatment of their employees.

Old-fashioned tampering with the vote hasn't died out entirely. Years ago this writer, voting in New York City at a polling place in Oliver street, downtown, was told by an experienced local politician:

"You are the only man in the line just now that isn't a repeater. That old man with whiskers and spectacles will vote 20 times today at least."

Other times, other methods. A New York grand jury is investigating a regular "college" that trains in ballot box frauds to operate in five different cities. One manager of this institution of learning confesses to having made \$50,000 in fees.

Ibn Saud, who operates in the neighborhood of old Baghdad, had a bad idea. Forgetting about flying machines, he sent his tribesmen to make raids on the British possessions.

A few Englishmen flew over, attacked the Akhwan tribesmen with bombs and machine guns, killed 50 and warned them not to be so foolish next time. Conditions have changed since men have learned to fly.

Money for speculating was cheap again today, and that 1925 drop was once more postponed. United States Steel made a new record since the war, going above 124. If you have any friend that gambles on the stock exchange, and want to do him a favor, advise him not to sell this stock market short, for a little while anyhow.

British Airmen in Mesopotamia

Welcome Fliers

Ogden Slips Away to See Mysteries of Bagdad; Like Page of Arabian Nights, He Says.

By LOWELL THOMAS.

"There was a thrill in the mere thought of arriving at Bagdad. And as we descended from the sky and taxied across the largest British aerodrome in the world, which seemed to extend to the horizon, we wondered what the ancient story tellers with their tales of the magic flying carpet would have thought if they could have watched the heads of the entire Mohammedan world, Bagdad became almost as flourishing and important a city as had been its richer predecessors, Nineveh and Babylon, thousands of years before. Then a tribe called the Ottoman Turks came down from the north, and conquered the near east and middle east. After that Constantinople took the place of Bagdad as the greatest city in all Islam."

"But for five centuries the Arabs of the Tigris and Euphrates valleys, and the few well educated descendants of the ancient Sumerians, Chaldeans, Babylonians, Medes and Persians, dreamed of the time when they could throw off the Turks and restore Bagdad to its ancient splendor."

"Shortly before the world war the Germans succeeded in getting permission from the Turks to build a railway all the way across Europe and Asia to the Persian gulf. This was the famous Berlin-Bagdad railway, which we were to fly over to the north."

"The purpose of it was to open up the riches of the east to the Germans. The British regarded it as a threat directed toward their power in India. So, of course, it was. And it was this ambitious imperial scheme of the Kaiser's that probably had more than anything else to do with bringing on the world war."

British Overwhelmingly Victorious.

"With the outbreak of the war, Mesopotamia at once became a battlefield just as in the days of the wars between the Assyrians and the Medes and Persians. At first the British suffered serious reverses. General Townsend's army was cut off and forced to surrender just south of Bagdad at Kut el Amara. Then the British under General Maude finally drove the Turks farther and farther toward the riches of the east to the north."

"The British have discovered, what all other nations will soon discover, namely, that their air force is now their least expensive and their most effective arm of defense and offense."

Country Ruled From Air.

"Just as the heroes of the Arabian Nights used to fly from place to place by magic carpet, today when the news comes in that a tribe of Bedouins, or Kurds, or Turkomans, have made a raid, King Feisal's British air marshal sends out a squadron of planes. Some of these are small fighting planes armed with machine guns. Others are enormous aerial cruisers carrying 25 fully equipped soldiers. Within an hour or two these planes can swoop down over the ruins of ancient Nineveh, or Babylon, or Nippur, where the nomad horsemen may have taken refuge, rake them with machine gun fire or literally bomb them off the face of the earth."

"There are a number of British squadrons stationed at Bagdad and a huge aviation repair depot. After fueling up their cruisers the American airmen were entertained at a R. A. F. mess. The British had been rather hoping to have a "large" evening. They wanted to celebrate the arrival of the Yankee world fliers in the Garden of Eden, and were also anxious to show their guests that just as enjoyable a night could be spent in present day Bagdad as in the days when all Bagdad celebrated the return of Sindbad the Sailor from one of his adventurous voyages. But the boys were worn out from their long day's flight from Persia, so the R. A. F. pilots took pity on them and allowed them to retire early in order that they might get ready to start across the Arabian desert the next morning."

"Five of the fliers went to bed at once. All but "Houdini" Ogden, who did his usual disappearing act. Not to be deprived of his one and only opportunity of seeing the brilliant son of Hinn, he like the Caliph in the Arabian Nights, "Houdini" set out on a night trip, incognito, through the labyrinthine and tortuous lanes of modern Bagdad."

Still the Enchanted City.

"The officers at the royal air force headquarters, who all live a few miles south of the city, told us that

the Bagdad of All Baba and the Forty Thieves, of Aladdin and his enchanted palace, and of Haroun al Raschid and the fascinating Zobeida, no longer existed. But I found that they were wrong," declared Lieutenant Ogden. "Perhaps it was because I saw the city in the dim light of tapers and flickering lights. At any rate, I found it wholly eastern, and it seemed just like turning back the pages of time for a thousand years."

"With the sole exception of the young flying officer from Yorkshire who acted as my guide, or as my 'grand vizier' if you wish, I saw no Europeans. And the picture of Bagdad that will remain with me all my life is of a walled city with massive gates, of sleeping camels, narrow, sifting streets like tunnels that even shut out the brilliant stars of the desert that were the delight of Chaldean astronomers and hard bitten Bedouin of the desert in their long robes and with their kuffiahs half drawn across their faces like holdup men."

"Now and then the dull throbb of tom-toms and the shrill skirl of Arab pipes would carry across high walls from the home of some modern Sinbad."

Bagdad Founded 731 A. D.

"The present city was founded, he said, in the year 731 A. D., at the time when the followers of Mohamed were spreading the empire of Islam all the way across northern Africa to Spain, and across southern Asia as far as India and Malaya. Then for six or seven centuries, under the caliphs which were the heads of the entire Mohammedan world, Bagdad became almost as flourishing and important a city as had been its richer predecessors, Nineveh and Babylon, thousands of years before. Then a tribe called the Ottoman Turks came down from the north, and conquered the near east and middle east. After that Constantinople took the place of Bagdad as the greatest city in all Islam."

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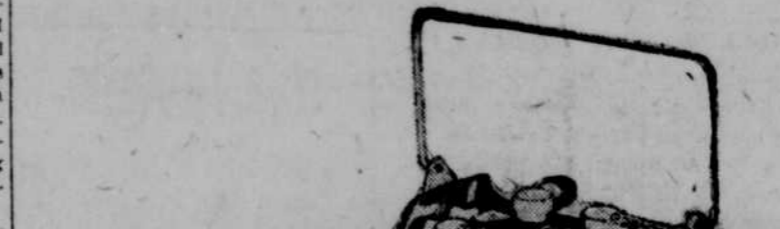
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elsewhere, and finally helped Alenby capture Damascus and complete the overthrow of the Turks.

"It was nearly midnight when we left Bagdad with its weird sounds, its pungent oriental smells, its tiled doorways and its minarets. When we returned to the bungalows of the Royal Flying Corps, I threw myself down and slept in my clothes until seven the next morning. But I was too tired to sleep soundly and all night long was troubled with weird dreams of caliphs in disguise, of hunchback barbers, harem ladies, eunuchs, and airplanes all jumbled together. The past and present, the stories and people of the Arabian Nights and myself and companions were all tangled up. In my dreams it seemed that 'Smitty' was the Caliph of Bagdad and 'Les' Arnold was his grand vizier. Erik was none other than Sindbad the sailor, while Leigh was Aladdin. Poor Jack and I were eunuchs in the palace of the lovely Zobeida. So it was quite a shock when one of the boys hit me with his boot and shouted that it was time to get up and start for Aleppo."

Church Social Held.

Newcastle, Neb., Jan. 10.—About 40 young people of the Community Congregational church gathered at the parsonage last night for a business meeting and special time consisting of games and a candy pull.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB TO STAGE FROLIC

The Omaha Motorcycle club will hold a large social affair January 22 at the West Leavenworth Improvement club hall, 4815 Leavenworth street.

An interesting program has been arranged, including music, dancing, games and plenty of eat.

"Every person attending will be given a Firestone balloon casing free," says Mr. Rohlf.

Motorcycle owners are requested to register at any cycle dealer and obtain tickets.

Valuable Land to Be Sold at Public Auction

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Hartington, Neb., Jan. 11.—According to an announcement by Peter Clarence, sheriff of Cedar county, 320 acres of land, the west half of section 26 in township 29, will be sold at public auction at the county court house here Saturday, January 31, to satisfy a decree of the recent district court term for the sum of \$25,572 and costs in favor of Holliver D. Mayden, holding a mortgage on the lands.

This half section is a valuable piece of property belonging to the estate of the late James A. Collins and will be sold subject to a first mortgage lien of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance company of Newark, N. J., in the sum of \$25,000.

Summer School Term Changed to Six Weeks

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Wayne, Neb., Jan. 11.—To extend the advantages of the school, the summer bulletin of the Wayne State Teachers' college which will be issued about April 1, will be so arranged as to divide the summer session into two terms of six weeks each, the first beginning June 8 and the second July 20. Some advanced subjects will extend through the entire 12 weeks, and the professional and review subjects may be taken either term.

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6:40 P. M.—Johnny Helman's orchestra at the Lincoln Hotel, featuring:
6:50 P. M.—Father and Son program, through courtesy of State Young Men's Christian Association of Nebraska, following program by Fremont Y. M. C. A.: "A Father's Responsibility," Charles Atkinson, general secretary; Male quartet, "Midnight on the 13th," Charles Atkinson.
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