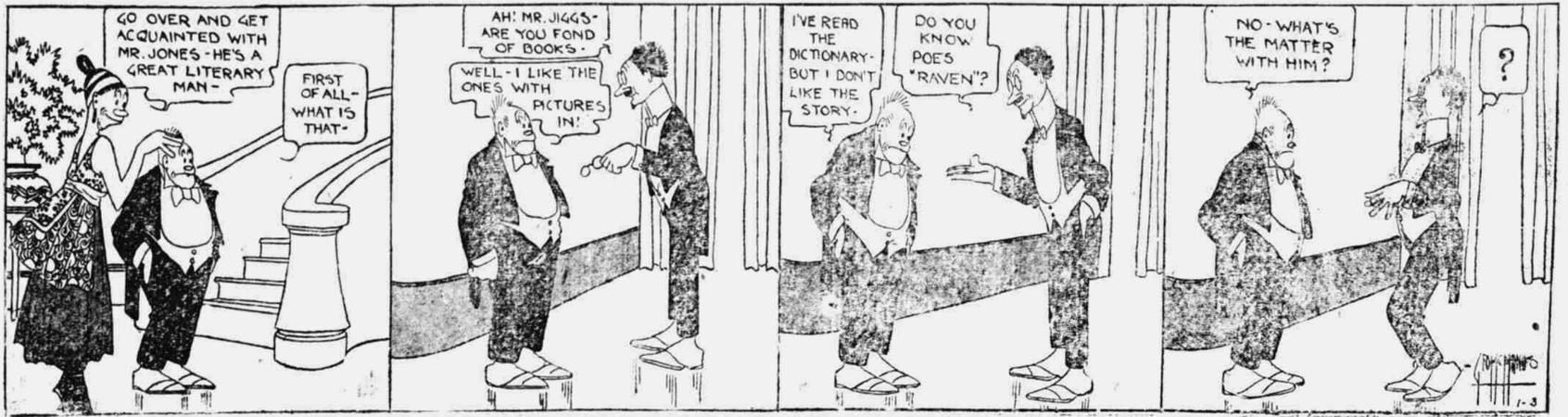


BRINGING UP FATHER

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CATCHER NOW IS NAVY LAUNDRYMAN

Count Clemens Is Placed in Charge of Clothes Cleaning Plant at Great Lakes Training Station.

From receiving spit balls and other weird benders from the working hand of a big league base ball pitcher to handling the business end of a big government laundry is a far step, but that is the step which has been negotiated by "Count" Clemens...

Clemens is in the navy, where he goes by the name his parents gave him—Clemens L. Ulatowski. He is to be found every morning at 8 o'clock at the big laundry in Camp Farragut. At night he sleeps in a hammock and dreams of the big naval engagements he expects to figure in before the great war is ended.

Base ball followers recall his diamond career readily, for although in base ball only a few years he made his mark. He began with the Chicago White Sox, played for a time with Des Moines club, returned to the Sox and was sold to the St. Louis Americans. When the Federal league was organized Clemens jumped to Joe Tinker's Federal league club.

Later he joined the Chicago Cubs where he was playing when he retired in 1916 to practice law.

In September of this year Ulatowski joined the navy as a yeoman. He was stationed at Grand Park, in Chicago's lake front, where he coached the base ball team until the Grand Park sailors were sent to Great Lakes.

When Ulatowski had completed his 21 days in detention—21 days he will never forget, for he was a "bush leaver" during his detention days—he was placed in charge of Farragut laundry. He is now a yeoman, third class, if you please, and declared he is prouder of the "crow" on his arm than he ever was of a big league base ball uniform.

Thorpe May Quit Diamond To Look After Oil Wells

Jim Thorpe may not return to the Giants. The big Indian said the other day that he intended to retire in order to devote his time to some oil wells near the old reservation in Oklahoma. Thorpe has been trying to make good in the majors for the last five years. He was signed by McGraw in 1913, after he had become famous at the Olympic games in London. But the Indian couldn't hit curve pitching and had to sit on the bench. He was sent to the American association for the season of 1915, and played so well that McGraw called him back. Last summer the Indian was tried for returning him. Thorpe's contract with a while by the Reds, but Matty finally the New York club expired in October.

Balmorals and Thistles Are Winners at Curling

The Balmorals, skipped by Alex Melvin, and the Thistles, skipped by E. S. Dodds were victors in the first round of play for the John L. Kennedy curling trophy New Year's day. The Balmorals defeated the Heathers, 21 to 10 in a 19-end game and the Thistles licked the Bobbie Burns 21 to 18 in a 24-end game. These games were played New Year's morning. The clashes scheduled for New Year's afternoon were postponed because the ice became so soft play was almost impossible.

In the next round the Balmorals play the Clan Gordons and the Thistles play the Tam O' Shanter.

Dr. Chamberlain to Plead Guilty to Murder of Brother

Goochland, Va., Jan. 2.—Interest in the trial of Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain, charged with the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain, set for today in circuit court here, was heightened by the announcement yesterday at Richmond by James C. Page, counsel for the accused man, that he would enter a plea of guilty. The state had prepared a circumstantial case seeking to show that the men quarreled over a debt and that the physician killed his brother, whose body was found buried in portions in the physician's yard near here.

Funston Quintet Defeats Camp Dodge, 44 to 27

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—The basket ball team from Camp Funston, Kan., tonight defeated the five from Camp Dodge, Ia., by a score of 44 to 27. Burkenroad, formerly of the University of Nebraska, and Hodge, a former Williams college man, were Funston stars, while Campbell, from Camp Dodge shot some beautiful baskets from goal. Camp Dodge plays the Camp Doniphan, Okl., team here tomorrow night.

Walter Pipp of Yankees Leads American in Homers

Walter Pipp, of the New York Yankees, according to official averages given out by Ban Johnson of the American league, leads that league in home runs. Pipp had nine to his credit, while Veach, of Detroit, was one behind.

Uni of Omaha Boys, Brothers, Leave School to Join Colors



Clyde Nicholson



Donald Nicholson

Donald Nicholson and Clyde Nicholson, brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Nicholson, 3820 California street, have left the University of Omaha, where both were taking college courses, and are now about to enter Uncle Sam's service. Clyde has enlisted in the hospital unit which is being organized by Omaha doctors and Donald has chosen the aviation section. Donald will go to Fort Logan. Clyde is ready to go, but must wait until the unit is called out.

CITY MAY CURTAIL ALL IMPROVEMENTS

Condition of Bond Market Causes Commissioners to Sit Up and Take Notice; Jardine Optimistic.

Will the city have to curtail improvements this year on account of the bond market situation? Chicago has cut the number of city employees nearly 1,000 and many cities have abandoned bond projects for this year. Omaha Board of Education postponed indefinitely a bond proposition of \$2,250,000. The city council received for consideration ordinances covering these regular bond issues for 1918: Sewer, \$400,000; intersection, \$100,000; park, \$50,000.

The question before the council is whether it would be advisable to offer these bonds at 5 per cent for 20 years, even if they can be sold at that figure. Some of the commissioners believe the proposed sewer and park improvements could wait for a year or so. Commissioner Jardine of the public improvements department believes it is probable some of the paving contractors would take the \$100,000 intersection bonds and thus make it possible to go ahead with paving improvements without interruption.

Drastic Cut in Service Made by Pennsylvania R. R.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 2.—Pennsylvania railroad today made a drastic cut in its passenger service in an effort to clear the lines for freight traffic. The company cancelled 104 trains, including the Congressional Limited, operating on the lines west of Pittsburgh. The change will take effect January 6.

Not more than one parlor car day hereafter be permitted on any day train anywhere on the Pennsylvania system. All parlor cars will be withdrawn on the Schuylkill division, which includes Reading, Pottsville and Wilkesbarre.

The Baltimore & Ohio will not use the Pennsylvania station in New York because it would create too much congestion, but the two companies will alternate in train service between New York and Washington.

This Benson Girl Makes Thief Disgorge and Pay for Window

Benson is all agog. Intense excitement runs high among the society folks and all are frantically endeavoring to learn the name of the beautiful society debutante who recently surprised a burglar who was in the act of rifling her home. With a double-barreled blunder-buss she held up the thief and made him disgorge the valuables he had appropriated without permission and, to add "insult to injury," so to speak, she made him kick in with 90 cents of his own money to reimburse her for window glass he had broken in order to gain entrance to the house. The young lady, so the story goes, lives with her parents in Benson. One evening when pa and ma were at a show she stepped out on the sidewalk

SOLICITORS WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS

Men Who Drum Up Business for Railroads Feel Effect of Federal Control of Lines.

Railroad men who heretofore have been soliciting freight and passenger business are among the first to realize what it means to have the government take over the transportation lines. From headquarters wires and letters have gone out to the solicitors of all kinds and classes of railroad business to immediately cease their activities. The orders assure the men that their salaries will be continued during the present month at the same rates as heretofore paid and that as rapidly as possible they will be assigned to other positions.

Railroad officials assert that the calling in of solicitors does not mean that the men are discharged, or even laid off for any period. They say that the change of the roads from corporate to government control will have to be an enormous amount of new work and that in a great many instances the solicitors will be called upon to perform the duties of the new positions that will have to be created. To what extent the train service is to be curtailed is something concerning which no railroad official will express an opinion. However, steps looking to the working out of a plan for future train service, both freight and passenger, is already being worked out for the Missouri river territory. General superintendents of all the Missouri river valley lines are in session in Omaha going over the general proposition. They will simply make recommendations to the general managers of the central lines, which are called to Chicago. They will take up the recommendations of the superintendents and, according to the general opinion, will submit their plans and recommendations to the federal war board.

Belmont's Hourless Big Winner on Race Track

Hourless, the great French bred colt, owned by Mr. Belmont, won a total of \$28,275 during the last season.

Years for the Farm.

W. E. Bock of the Milwaukee railroad has resolved that before the end of this year he will be a practical, instead of a theoretical farmer and that he will be wearing a denim suit. Bock owns a Iowa farm and he has about resolved to move to it to raise pigs and corn. Clark Forch, city ticket agent for the Missouri Pacific, has resolved that no more is alcohol to be used as a non-freezing mixture in the radiator of his automobile. Recently Mr. Forch drove his automobile to Plattsmouth and before he started, he filled the radiator with a mixture of alcohol and water. On the return trip, passing through South Omaha, a policeman caught a sniff of the alcohol, stopped the driver of the car, searched the vehicle for liquor and refused to permit Mr. Forch to proceed until the auto radiator was drained as dry as a bone.

S. African Golfer Does Nine-Hole Course in 27

W. H. Horne, Durban, South Africa, golf professional, recently created what is believed to be a world's record on the Isipin links, near Durban with a score of 27 for nine holes. Boeyer was 36.

WELL KNOWN OMAHA MEN IN THEIR ANNUAL RESOLUTIONS

Public Officials, Prominent Citizens and Others Announce Plans for New Year.

These are the new year's resolutions of prominent Omaha men as gathered by reporters for The Bee:

John L. Webster: "The new year opens in the most momentous period in American, yes, in world history. The war has reached the point where it is obvious that it can only be won by soldiers, guns and ammunition. We must not for a moment lose sight of that one stubborn fact. The supreme energy of America should be devoted in that direction."

G. W. Watters, federal food administrator: "We can only send our soldiers the food we do not eat."

Hope He Does. "Tom" Flynn, United States marshal: "I shall be the pursuing Nemesis of alien enemies and bootleggers. And I shall make my reputation as a 'raconteur' of side-splitting stories even higher than it has been heretofore—if that is possible."

Colonel L. A. Wulsh of the weather bureau: "During the year 1918 I hope to supply Omaha with a fine brand of weather in which variety will not be lacking. I shall cut down the number of weather maps and forecast cards, but I shall not cut down the amount of weather supplied to Omaha."

Ward Burgess: "I shall introduce to the people of Nebraska a fine line of war savings stamps, which we shall sell at 85 per cent of their par value."

C. E. Fanning, postmaster: "I shall deliver all mail with neatness and dispatch and by saving the string with which packages of incoming letters are tied, help to swell the postal surplus."

"Pat" Ronrke: "I shall win the Western League pennant if I can."

Paul Skinner: "In spite of the war I shall try to hold the size of the macaroni holes down to the present calibre."

Oh! You McAdoo. Collector of Internal Revenue Loomis: "I shall make every endeavor during 1918 to 'visit' everybody in the state who comes under the war tax laws."

J. S. Sykes, although having railroaded all his life, has resolved that hereafter, no matter what the occasion may be, he will not attempt to alight from any kind of a vehicle while it is in motion. Recently Mr. Sykes stepped from a moving street car, fell and nearly fractured his skull.

Dr. Millener, custodian of the Union Pacific headquarters building, has resolved that he will be a soldier. He has applied for enlistment in the army, passed all the examinations required for enlistment and is patiently waiting for his commission.

Fred Montgomery, general freight agent of the Burlington, since the government has taken over the railroad of which he is an official, as well as all others in the country, has resolved that he will approve of every style of uniform that Director General McAdoo may suggest. Harry Snyder, chief clerk to the general manager of the Northwestern, has about resolved that this year, when he travels on the railroads, he will pay fare the same as other ordinary mortals. With the government in control of the railroads, Mr. Snyder anticipates the elimination of passes.

HOOVER ON STAND IN SUGAR INQUIRY

Food Administrator Is Given Opportunity to Present His Side of Case to Senate.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The senate manufacturers' committee resumed its investigation of the sugar situation today, prepared to hear a statement from Food Administrator Hoover, replying to charges that the fixed import price imposed by the administration was responsible for the present shortage.

The food administrator, who has been eager to present his side of the case, had been expected to appear last Saturday to elaborate on a denial he previously issued through the White House, but the committee was notified that he had been called to New York. Chairman Reed later arranged to hear Mr. Hoover as the first witness today.

One of Herbert Hoover's first acts in his efforts to handle the food situation was to try to settle strikes in the Cuban cane fields, so this country's supply might be protected, he told the senate investigating committee today.

A few days after I arrived from Europe the State department asked me to see what could be done to settle labor troubles in Cuba," the food administrator said. "At my suggestion a representative was sent to Cuba to see what could be done with the Cuban government."

Testimony showed that soon after that time much of the trouble was cleared up. The examination of Hoover was conducted by Senator Lodge, who announced that Chairman Reed was unable to come.

"When I investigated the Cuban situation at the invitation of the State department, many sugar men gave a gloomy outlook of this year's crop," Hoover said. "My statement was based on facts brought to my attention then. Those hearings were in executive session, and that is why I spoke freely. I did not wish to alarm the country."

Portions of Mr. Morrill's writings on conditions in Mexico were widely reprinted in that republic in anti-American newspapers, accompanied by commentaries to arouse anti-American sentiment. The Rev. Mr. Morrill vigorously attacked conditions which he alleged existed under the Carranza government.

American Polish Troops Landed Safely in France. Washington, Jan. 2.—The first contingent of Polish troops recruited in America for service with the allies has landed safely in France, it was announced tonight by Colonel James Martin of the French military mission. The unit, composed entirely of men graduated from the Polish training camp at Niagara, N. Y., will be attached to the Polish forces now fighting on the west front. For military reasons, the number of men in the contingent was withheld.

The forces were welcomed by the military and civil authorities and were given an ovation by the populace who witnessed the debarkation, according to the announcement cabled by General Archinaud of the French army.

Ban Placed on Autos and Pastry Shops in France. Paris, Jan. 2.—Three drastic measures for the conservation of food and other supplies have been decided upon by the minister of provisions, Victor Boret. All shops of confectioners and pastry cooks are to be closed, restrictions will be placed on restaurants which charge high prices to prevent them from outbidding the more popular establishments in purchasing supplies, and the private use of automobiles will be prohibited. These measures will be put into effect as soon as the senate passes the bill, already voted by the Chamber of Deputies, which confers on the minister power to enforce his decrees by the infliction of penalties.

Chamberlain Repudiates Counsel's Plea of Guilty. Goochland, Va., Jan. 2.—As Dr. Asa W. Chamberlain went on trial here today for the murder of his brother, Albert P. Chamberlain, he repudiated his counsel's statement that he would plead guilty and ask for the mercy of the court, and reiterated his innocence.

Uni of Omaha Vacation is Prolonged When Pipes Freeze. Water system of the University of Omaha is out of order as the result of a general freeze-up. Holiday vacation should have ended Wednesday morning, but it was prolonged until next Monday.

Cost About One Cent a Dish and dont need any sugar—says Bobby. POST TOASTIES Made of Corn.

Nebraska City Merchants Win Window Display Prize

Johnson Bros., general merchandise company of Nebraska City, won one of the nine prizes given for the food conservation window displays recently made throughout the United States. This Nebraska City concern was one of two concerns west of the Mississippi to get one of the prizes. Another was awarded to a Denver concern. No Omaha concern won a prize. The contest for the best food conservation window displays in the country was put on some weeks ago by an eastern advertising concern.

Pig Brings \$2,100. London, Jan. 2.—"Tirpitz," the pet pig of the German cruiser Dresden, recaptured by the men of the British cruiser Glasgow, has been sold for \$2,100 for the benefit of the Red Cross.

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MUSE FOX KIDDIES Stars of "Jack and the Beanstalk" In Their Second WONDER PICTURE TREASURE ISLAND

Hipp ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW 1508 Harney Today Only EDNA GOODRICH in AMERICAN MAID No. 10 The Red Ace

HAMILTON 40th and Hamilton Today—DUSTIN FARNUM in "NORTH OF 53"

LOTHROP Last Times Today C. AUBREY SMITH in "THE WITCHING HOUR"

SUBURBAN Today—SESSUE HAYAKAWA in "THE CALL OF THE EAST"

LIBERTY 24th and Fort Today—WILLIAM DESMOND in "BLOOD WILL TELL"

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