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## More About China

From Dr. Miller

(Continued from last week)

The feast was some feast. When we sat down 12 dishes of food were on the table. Each guest had a little plate about the size of butter, a small dish about the size of a sauce or dessert dish, a pair of chop sticks, a Chinese spoon and two-tined fork with which to spear certain articles of food but not to eat with. In the center of the table was a bowl of a hot mixture of meats and vegetables in a soupy condition. One of the surprises of my life was to see practically everyone stick his spoon into the bowl at the same time and get a spoon full of soup. After he had eaten it he dipped in again with the same spoon, and in fact it was the only spoon each of us had we dipped into the various dishes served later with the self-same spoon. I got on fairly well with my chop sticks and when we wanted something that could not be gotten well with a spoon we went after it with chop sticks, e.g. when the meal was about half over a large roasted fish was put on the table. One of the men, a Chinese, took the chop sticks he had been using, stuck into the side of it and got a goodly supply of delicious fish. We all followed suit. It took three or four jabs before I got much. So the meal proceeded. Not in an unmannerly way as one might infer from the jocular way in which I have written. I don't remember all the things we had. Here are some of the things: Lotus seeds (seeds of the national flower), chicken, shrimp, the aforementioned soup, jelly fish, one hundred years eggs. (It was mentioned to me that they were really not one hundred years old, but they were put in slacking lime after they had been rolled in mud, and when the lime was hottest, and probably had not been in there more than a few months). They were pickled in some way. I ate nine before I knew what I was eating, and liked it. We had cabbage and shark fins, roast duck, chicken mixed with I don't what, dumplings, steamed bread, candied Haw apples, candied nuts, walnuts, fish, curry of rice, bamboo tea, fruit, a cranberry jelly and some things. Oh yes, cake. The Chinese have developed the finest sense of seasoning of any people I know. It is an original seasoning and every dish is a surprise. The disappointment is when a chef at a hotel run for foreigners tries his hand at American food. Another curious thing is that each guest is expected to pay a dollar (Mex) for the meal. We didn't know that so I did not pay, but it is too late now.

We were very fortunate to be able to go there. We were able to see the Chinese at their best. I do not mean the society Chinese, but men and women holding somewhat the same station in life as we. They dressed well. Many of the men in western. The groom, a Ph.D. from Chicago University, wore a Prince Albert, but most of the men wore Chinese clothes. A long skirt or gown and a black silk jacket reaching his waist. There were many nice gowns worn by the women. The clothes of both sexes were made of good material, they fitted well and were faultlessly clean. The women wore bright colored gowns. They were long, reaching generally to their shoe tops. No bare backs, no bare arms, no bare breasts, but of course they are not as civilized as we are. It was a good humored, joyous, but not boisterous crowd. Yes, they throw rice and do some other things.

We attended the best theatre in Pekin a few nights ago. It was a weird affair. Chinese audiences rarely applaud and then not vociferously. They smile and occasionally laugh aloud. They smoked and talked to each other, not loud, but if you wanted to say something to the audience they did so.

The actors seemed good. Four plays were put on. Our guide explained them to us but he spoke rather broken English and we don't know enough to pass an examination on them. There are no women actors. Men play women's parts. All four of the plays had to do with one or the other of the Chinese dynasties. The costumes were elaborate but grotesque. The orchestra consisted of some instruments with strings used with a bow, not a violin, some cymbals and a flute like instrument. The music was hideous. The curtain was never down. Some furniture re-arranged was used throughout. It was re-arranged frequently by some men

always on the stage, but one seemed to forget their presence. Boys and men who looked like street boys came and went often to one end of the stage. They seemed to be spectators who had drifted in to see the show.

China is unsettled. The governors of the provinces are raising armed forces, most of which are hired. There is always rumors of a civil war. It is quiet just now and it is believed it will remain so until after the conference of customs is over and the foreign delegates are gone. There is much anti-foreign agitation led by the younger generation, many of whom are students returned from the United States and Europe. Some of it is sincere. Some of it is for the purpose of building a political following. But there is a general revolt against foreign domination. Since the Shanghai affair it has been directed against the British and there have been placards printed and posted all over Pekin making stinging reference to the British. British is almost nil due to the general boycott. It also affects Canadian business. There is anti-Jap feeling and by the younger, less responsible set, against the missionaries. There was a general movement, particularly against Christian missionaries. The claim was made that the foreign governments were using them as a means of foreign penetration. That the missionaries were largely unconscious tools. They say that trade follows the missionary and that Imperialism follows trade. There are in China more than 2000 missionary centers in the republic that maintain 8000 schools of all grades, which enroll over 200,000 students. 43 per cent of the institutions have been established since 1900. Although there has been a campaign waged by the younger group trying to persuade Chinese students from enrolling in these schools, most of them cannot receive all who apply for admission. Most of the preachers are Chinese, most of the teachers in the schools are Chinese, but the schools are owned by the missionary boards and their activities are controlled by these boards.

In the Methodist missions at least, the policy is to train as rapidly as possible, Chinese who can take over the schools and churches completely. Some of these schools compare favorably with our own. They have good buildings, good equipment and at least, on paper, good men. All the missions in Pekin have started colleges which are now merged into a union university. They are moving to a new campus on which they have erected nineteen new buildings. This is under the direction of a New York board which is furnishing the money, and Dr. Stewart is the president. The Rockefeller boards have spent a little over \$6,000,000 in building and equipment for medical school and hospital that originated in a similar manner. It is now out of the missionary control. The annual budget is about \$1,500,000.

I should like to tell you many other things, but I'm tired. I'll stop. We are well. We start for Shanghai tomorrow, stopping on the way in the Confucius country. I should like to add that in my opinion China is fifty years more will be a nation as it hasn't been for a century.

Mother says I forget to say about the wedding feast that they gave us a paper rectangle of ordinary paper to wipe off our plates and chop sticks and when we went out were handed a towel wet in hot water to wipe off our faces and hands, each guest, of course, getting his own towel.

Believe us always yours,  
Mr. and Mrs. John A. Miller.

### YOUR INTEREST IS TRULY APPRECIATED

Since our last issue the Star family has been increased by the addition of several new names to our subscription list.

Mrs. L. A. Martin of the Friona Hotel added to our list the names of her two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Weis, of Plainview, and Mrs. J. W. Kendrick of Lubbock.

Rube Cantrell has ordered the Star sent to his father, Mr. M. J. Cantrell of Runningwater, Texas, and J. W. Schultz enhanced our comfort by adding the name of J. H. Garner of Kirkland, Texas.

We truly appreciate these favors and are pleased to know that our readers are enough interested in the "little home paper" to favor it with the addition of these new names.

### WENTWORTH RISES WATER TOWER

On last Saturday A. N. Wentworth raised the 35-foot storage tank on the concrete foundation he had prepared and seasoning for the past few weeks.

This storage tank or tower is located on the vacant lot owned by Mr. Wentworth, lying between Glen Weir's store and Henry Jones' new brick building and will be fed by the well also located on this lot.

Note Mr. Wentworth's ad in this issue.

### QUARTERLY TEA NEXT THURSDAY EVENING

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold their regular quarterly tea in the basement of the church building on Friday, Feb. 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 p. m.

At this writing the menu and price per plate has not been definitely decided upon, and this will be announced by poster next week. We can say, however, that the menu will be a good one and the price reasonable. Everybody cordially invited.

## The Cork and the Whale

A little cork fell in the path of a whale  
And he lashed it down with an angry tail;  
But it quickly rose in spite of his blows  
And floated serenely in front of his nose.  
Said the cork: "You may flap and sputter and rap  
But you never can keep me down;  
For I'm made of the stuff  
That is bouyant enough  
To float instead of drown."

—The Tin Can

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. T. Wilson of Spring Lake will preach here the coming Sunday, February 7th. The morning theme will be a short resume of Congregationalism; giving something of the history and work of the church since its organization. This will be a dry, doctrinal sermon, but will be of interest to any who may hear it. The evening service will be given over almost entirely to the Christian Endeavor work. Rev. Wilson is a most enthusiastic Endeavorer and is deeply interested in the work of the society here. Everybody cordially invited to all the services.

The work of finishing the basement has gone on favorably and a wonderful improvement in the appearance and conditions has been wrought. There is still some work to be done.

A good attendance at the Sunday school last Sunday was greatly appreciated and an unusually interesting session was held. Come again, all of you.

### The Endeavor Program.

By far the best attendance yet had gathered at the C. E. meeting Sunday evening at the usual hour. There were thirty-seven present and a very interesting program was given. The subject was "The Church," and the leader, Logan Simpson, had arranged a good program of interesting talks on the missionary work now being carried out by the different denominations.

Miss Nelda Goodwine gave a short review of the Congregational work, while Mrs. Malin presented the work of the Methodist church along mission lines. These talks were followed by Prof. Boles who gave us a more extensive recital of the mission work of the Baptist church. Mr. Boles' talk gave a list of statistics including the number of actual missionaries now in the different fields and the number of churches organized with the number of converts in each. However the feature of his talk was the fact that these missions and churches went into every country and actually belted the globe.

One welcome feature of the program was the fact that the meeting contained representatives of all the churches of the town and all were given an opportunity to take part in the discussion of the subject.

Some special song numbers were also a most agreeable addition to the program. Seven young ladies, those recently promoted from the junior society, sang a special selection which was without question the prettiest part of the program. More special numbers are being prepared for next Sunday evening. A welcome awaits you.

### EXCELLENT MUSIC FEAST COMING SOON

The Hereford Music Club will present "All America Music" program here at the school auditorium on Saturday night, Feb. 20th.

Beautiful costumes and a high class musical program will be presented. Be prepared to attend this musical feast.

### BOVINA BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS

Preaching services on 1st and 2nd Sundays at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Bro. L. A. Blair, Pastor.

Sunday school each Sunday at 10 a. m. Mrs. Caldwell, Supt.

W. M. U. meets each Wednesday evening at 3:00.

Singing each Sunday evening at 2:30. Joe Head, leader.

The repair work on the church is progressing slowly on account of the farmers being busy threshing this week. However, the Sunday school rooms will be ready for the classes by Sunday. We are indeed proud of these rooms.

It is hoped that the men will begin Monday on the roof so that it will be completed and the papering and varnishing will be done before the third Sunday.

The Association Workers' meeting will be held at our church this month.

The W. M. U. of our church met with Mrs. Abbott Feb. 3. The meeting opened with scripture reading from the fourth chapter of Ephesians and followed by prayer.

Business session opened by the election of officers as follows:

Mrs. Sides, president.

Mrs. McDonald, vice president.

Mrs. Jefferson, personal service chairman.

Mrs. Abbott, reporter.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. Jefferson.

Union will meet with Mrs. McDonald next Wednesday, using our constitution and by-laws for our lesson study and planning our work for the coming months.

A lovely plate lunch was served by Mrs. Jefferson and Mrs. Gaines to the society and the ladies of the other societies who gathered to pound our worthy pastor and wife.

Many good things to eat were in evidence. There being 16 quarts of fruit and vegetables, 40 pounds of sugar, one pound each of baking powder, soda, cocoa and coffee, 1 gallon lard, 10 pounds of sweet potatoes and 1-2 gallon syrup. Bro. and Sister Blair expressed their appreciation to all for their kindness.

Sam Martin begins a singing school at our church Friday night of this week.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday school every Sunday at 10 a. m. Able teachers and a class for any age. A. S. Curry, Supt.

League every Sunday evening at 7:30. J. M. Teague, president.

Preaching every 1st and 3rd Sunday in each month.

Sermon subject for Sunday morning at 11:00 a. m., "Infant Baptism."

Sermon subject for Sunday evening, 7:30, "Christian Citizenship."

A cordial invitation to all to worship with us. We promise you something worth while.

I. E. Walker, Pastor.

E. S. Euler and his partner, Mr. Folks, departed for Hydro, Okla., Thursday morning, driving through. Mr. Euler goes to visit his father and mother and to attend to business matters and will be gone about a week.

## Balanced Ration Mill Ready For Business

### BAPTIST MISSIONARY AID SOCIETY

The society met with Mrs. Bee Short, Jan. 25, there being nine members present and one visitor.

We all had a joyful time and Mrs. Short proved herself to be an excellent hostess. Devotional was conducted by the president, Mrs. F. S. Truitt.

The afternoon was spent in sewing and embroidering after which the hostess served a most delicious luncheon. Society adjourned to meet with Mrs. Eva Meade, Monday, Feb. 1.

This being our regular monthly Missionary Day, we had a very instructive program in which every member took part and greatly enjoyed. Thirteen members were present and one new member was added to the society, and one visitor was present.

Mrs. Meade, Mrs. Gischler, Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Campbell acted as hostesses. Mrs. Campbell was Nellie Meade before her marriage to Mr. Clifford Campbell of New Mexico, and we all knew her to love her. She was the pianist for the Baptist church and Sunday school since a child.

Society adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bessie Brownlee, Feb. 8, at 2:30 p. m. Please remember the date and be on time.

Reporter.

### PRES ABBOTT HERE SATURDAY.

B. P. Abbott of Bovina was a business visitor here awhile Saturday forenoon.

Pres. with J. H. Aldridge of Farwell, is engaged in road building over in Swisher County. Along the state highway in that county they are, with teams and fresnos, building up the grades at the ends of culverts and bridges where the graders can not get at it.

Pres. says the state is preparing the roadbeds for the reception of oil which will be poured on them later. He says this makes a fairly good road but not nearly so good as surfacing with the material used on the highway between Farwell and Clovis and that Parmer county will make an effort to have her roads surfaced with this material. He says it is not only better but much cheaper, as the material can be found in abundance in several places in the county.

### CHIEFS BROUGHT IN SCALP OF LAST LOCAL ENEMY

The Friona Chiefs proved their superiority over the other teams of Parmer County with the defeat of the squad from Oklahoma Lane last Thursday morning, and thus gained the custody of the silver loving cup of the Parmer County Teachers' Association.

The contest was close from the first whistle, both teams playing a defensive game. The Oklahomans showed superior passing ability but they were less fortunate when casting for the coveted basket.

Good sportsmanship was showed by both teams. They both were well satisfied with the game. The Cowboys expressed gratification for the championship going as it did since they did not get it. This same idea has been expressed by the men on both the other teams in the county. Friona should be proud of a team that shows such good sportsmanship that all other teams in the county had rather see them win than any other opponent.

The next Tri-County championship is to be decided next week. The Chiefs will invade the Hereford territory Wednesday evening and they will be here later in the week.

Contributed.

### SLOGANS.

From Extension Service Farm News

I can't imagine more that a man needs

Than a good garden plot and a package of seeds.

Fall stirring of ground is good for rheumatic,

Good for your liver, your lights and your lymphatics.

Even supposing that every crop fails you,

Still the old garden is good for what ails you.

Mrs. J. C. Wilkison and daughter, Jacqueline, were business visitors in Hereford Tuesday.

Mention was made a few weeks ago of the mill for preparing a balanced ration for dairy cows and poultry, which was being installed by O. G. Turner, who lives two miles west of Friona.

Mr. Turner was in town Monday with two bags of finely ground feed which he informs us was prepared on his mill which is now in operation and ready for business. He says it is the grindest mill he has ever seen and that it is hard to keep supplied with material. The two bags on exhibition at the Wilkison Implement store were made from whole bundles of fodder, one of sorghum and the other of kafir. The entire bundle, including grain, foliage and stalk, were ground and were as finely pulverized as meal. Mr. Turner states that he has been feeding this product for several days and that his cows eat every bit of the feed given them, leaving absolutely none of it.

In feeding this kind of crop in the bundle to any kind of stock, there is usually about 75 per cent of it wasted, as the stock will eat the grain, the leaves and a very small part of the stalk, making only about 25 per cent consumed, with a probable exception of range cattle in the winter time.

When this feed can be put in a condition where the entire amount will be consumed, the amount thus saved will more than pay for the cost of grinding it, and a much smaller space will be required for storing it, which will represent still another saving for the grower and the feeder.

Mr. Turner is not yet prepared to turn out the balanced feed either for dairy feeding or for poultry; but he is getting his formula prepared to conform to the state requirements of the law. He also has the formula used by the state of Wisconsin. Practically all the ingredients of the balanced ration are produced here at Friona, but there are a few of the minor ingredients that will have to be shipped in, which he expects to get in within the next few weeks. He will then be in a position to place on the market a balanced ration equal in value to any to be secured anywhere.

### THE HEREFORD NURSERY.

Quite a number of our readers have asked us about a good, dependable nursery from which they might procure stock for setting orchards on their farms. Many of these people have only recently moved into this locality and are unfamiliar with the places for securing just what they want in many lines.

To those who are interested in nursery stock we take pleasure in referring them to the Hereford Nursery Company of Hereford, Texas. These people have an extensive stock of practically everything grown in any first class nursery, including all kinds of fruit trees, shade and ornamental trees, shrubbery and flowering plants and bulbs of all kinds.

This company has been in business in Hereford for the past twenty years and has tried out a large number of leading varieties of all kinds of fruits and have learned beyond a doubt the varieties best adapted to the plains country. They can supply you with almost any variety you may call for but will tell you plainly whether that particular variety will prove satisfactory as a fruiting variety in this climate. Their prices are as reasonable as any of the catalogue nurseries and their location saves to the Parmer County or Friona customer considerable amount in transportation costs.

Mr. Landrum, the manager, will take pleasure in giving you any assistance or advice as to planting, cultivating, pruning or otherwise caring for any stock you may buy from him. And you further get, in dealing with this local company, trees that are already acclimated and ready to give you the best results. The Hereford Nursery people will bid you a hearty welcome to visit them and will take pleasure in showing you through their plant. Read their ad in the Star.

M. A. Crum, tax collector for the Friona Independent District, took in \$15,000.00 Saturday of last week. That was the last day to pay taxes without a penalty and a large number waited until the last day. By so doing they get the use of their money longer.

# SENATE VOTES TO JOIN WORLD COURT

EFFORTS OF OPPONENTS ARE THWARTED IN RAPID FIRE ORDER

## BAR CONNECTION WITH LEAGUE

Political and Party Lines Vanish in 76-17 Victory For Ratification of Resolution For United States Entry.

Washington, D. C.—Adherence of the United States to the world court, with reservations, was approved by the senate, 76 to 17. The vote brought to an end one of the bitterest fights the senate has had since the memorable struggle over the league of nations.

Operating under the drastic cloture rule, limiting debate, the senate worked far past its usual hour of adjournment to reach the final vote. There were five hours of debate and then a rapid fire of roll-calls, on which every reservation pressed by the opponents of the court was rejected by overwhelming majorities.

The final roll-call came suddenly, after Senator Johnson, republican, California, had made a dramatic last-minute appeal for rejection of the resolution of adherence. Party lines disappeared in the voting.

Forty republicans and thirty-six democrats cast their ballots for admission and fourteen republicans, two democrats and the one farmer-labor member voted in the negative.

### Mrs. Wilson Attends Session.

Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, widow of the war president, sat in the crowded galleries with rapt attention as the senate cast the vote giving its "advice and consent" to American membership in the court set up under the covenant of the league which her husband brought back from Paris and which the senate rejected March 19, 1920.

The resolution of ratification, offered by Senator Swanson, democrat, Virginia, contains not only the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge reservations, but declarations of policy worked out by friends of the measure which reassert the sovereign rights of the United States.

These reservations are known to be acceptable to President Coolidge, but before this country has its signature officially affixed to the court protocol and statute, they must be accepted through an exchange of notes by the other forty-eight nations already members of the court.

The salient features of the reservations are that the United States is to have no legal relation to the league of nations; that it may withdraw from the court at its will; and that the tribunal shall not, without the consent of this country, entertain any request for an "advisory opinion" touching any dispute or question in which the United States "has or claims an interest."

## DESTROYER GUN EXPLODES

One Member of Crew Killed And Eight Hurt in Accident.

San Diego, Calif.—One bluejacket was killed instantly, two were injured so seriously that they are not expected to survive and six other members of the forward four-inch gun crew of the destroyer Farragut received minor burns and bruises as a result of the premature explosion of the gun during battle torpedo practice off Point Loma.

The Farragut had been on the drill grounds less than two hours and was making its second run over the target range when the accident occurred. While the explosion did no material damage to the ship, it killed or injured every member of the gun crew.

After the explosion Com. E. W. McKee, commanding the Farragut, headed the destroyer at full speed for the harbor, meantime wireless for the ambulances from the naval hospital to meet the warship when it arrived at the municipal pier. The Farragut came into port at thirty knots.

## ELECTRIC DOLLAR DOUBLED

\$7,000,000,000 Is Now Invested in the Power Industry.

New York, N. Y.—Investment in the electric light and power business in the United States, in less than half a century, has increased from almost nothing to more than \$7,000,000,000. Arthur Williams, president of the electrical board of trade said recently, at a luncheon of the organization. The event was to welcome 330 new members.

Today, he added, a dollar will buy twice as much electric light as it did in 1912.

### Artificial Fog Protects Crop.

New York, N. Y.—The artificial fog invented by a Scandinavian scientist, Professor Jernberg, for military purposes, is being put to peace time work in Norway to protect crops from frost. The American Chemical society revealed this information from a correspondent in Horren, Norway. The correspondent also said that brick manufacturers are planning experiments with the man-made fog in their drying houses, as frost is detrimental to newly made brick.

## MISS FRANCES PERKINS



Miss Frances Perkins of New York city, member of the industrial board of the state industrial commission and one of the highest paid women public officials in America, has been named chairman of a committee of 12 Democratic women, each interested in a different subject of general concern to the voter, who will formulate suggestions for the platform of the national Democratic convention.

## PROBE CLEARS BURKE, WALLEN

## FAVORITISM AND NEGLECT CHARGES UNFOUNDED

Board of Indian Commissioners Recommend Supt. of Five Tribes be Under Civil Service.

Washington, D. C.—Charges of mismanagement and neglect on the part of Charles H. Burke, Indian commissioner, and Shade Wallen, superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes were found to be without foundation in a partial report submitted to Secretary Work by the board of Indian commissioners.

Charges against Burke, alleging discrimination against men of Indian blood were described by the report as "puerile."

### Spoils System Deplored.

The whole trouble was, the board said, that one faction in Oklahoma wanted to get Wallen out of office. To prevent recurrence of such a campaign, the board recommended that the office of superintendent of the Five Tribes be put under civil service.

It also was recommended that restricted Indians of the Five Tribes having incomes of \$5,000 or more, be segregated from other Indians to aid in the administration of their estates.

## EXPOSITION TO BE ON TIME

Philadelphia Decides June 1 Date Will Mark Start of Sesqui-Centennial.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The sesqui-centennial exposition in celebration of the 150 anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence will open here June 1, as originally planned. This was announced by Mayor Kendrick at the conclusion of a conference among members of the national advisory commission, the sesqui-centennial exposition association, and leading business men of the city.

A resolution settling the date was adopted after a long discussion, during which there were many speeches for and against holding the exposition this year. Congressman James G. Strong, of Kansas, said his state would not participate in 1927 or 1928 and that the fair might as well be held this year, so far as Kansas was concerned.

## MITCHELL TO QUIT ARMY

Coolidge Gives Him Five Years' Suspension From Service

Washington, D. C.—Official announcement was made at the White House that President Coolidge has modified the court-martial sentence of Col. William Mitchell after which he immediately landed in his resignation.

The five-year suspension from military service was approved but the president ruled that Colonel Mitchell should receive all of his allowances and one-half his pay during that period.

Unless the first impulses of war department officials are overturned, the resignation will be accepted.

Some technicalities may stand in the way, but those under whom the air service officer has served seem disposed to let no minor considerations interfere with his expressed desire to terminate his stormy career as a military man.

### Sugar Report Charge Hurdled.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge, Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, and others were charged in the senate by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, with attempting to influence William S. Culbertson, as a member of the tariff commission to delay the commission's report on the sugar tariff. Senator Norris declared that the president wanted to hold back the report until after the 1924 election, and had requested the commission to drop the sugar investigation and start a butter inquiry.

## TWENTY-FIVE LOST IN STORM

### TWELVE RESCUED FROM SINKING SHIP

Twelve Men are Aboard With Rescue Vessels Awaiting a Temporary Wave Lull.

New York, N. Y.—Death prowled the waves recently and reaped a human harvest, but twelve men were snatched from his grasp by fellow seamen who repeatedly had risked their lives for humanity's sake.

In the worst storm which has raked the Atlantic in years, the British freighter Laristan broke up after a two-day battle against the elements, and went down with a crew of twenty-five men.

The liner Bremen, which answered the Laristan's S. O. S. call and had stood by in the hope of being able to offer assistance, gave up hope when, after losing sight of the wreck, it came upon widely strewn wreckage which it assumed was all that was left of the Laristan.

Twelve Men Saved  
Heroic efforts of the crew of the President Roosevelt, however, were successful in saving the lives of twelve men from the sinking steamer Antiope, by which it had stood for more than ninety-six hours.

Five times since it came upon the disabled ship, boats had been sent across the raging waves in rescue attempts. In the first attempt, two of the President Roosevelt's men were drowned.

After that, empty boats were loosed to wash toward the Antiope, in the hope that some of the crew could manage to get aboard. Three of these boats were capsized before they reached the Antiope.

Another manned boat was sent over in a temporary lull in the storm and twelve men transported to safety. Another twelve still were on board, with the President Roosevelt waiting for another lull to repeat its exploit.

## AWARD CARNEGIE MEDALS

Also Give Pensions Aggregating \$10,140 a Year at Meeting.

Pittsburgh, Pa.—Heroism by five in Oklahoma was recognized with acts of 24 persons in other parts of the country, at the twenty-second annual session of the Carnegie Hero Fund commission, here. Those recognized for deeds in Oklahoma:

William T. Knight, Elk City, died attempting to save a girl from drowning at Delhi, Okla., Aug. 23, 1925. The widow received \$70 monthly, \$10 additional for two children and a bronze medal.

M. Columbus Sisco, Big Piney, Wyo., died attempting to save a man from suffocating in a mine at Quinton, Aug. 11, 1924. His widow was awarded a bronze medal and \$70 monthly with \$10 additional for two children.

James H. Story, Quinton, helped in an attempt to rescue a man from suffocating in a mine at Quinton, Aug. 11, 1924; bronze medal.

Virgil I. Hosler, Tulsa, attempted to save a girl from drowning at Sperry, June 2, 1922; bronze medal.

Noah V. Langston, Tulsa, saved the girl Hosler went after, bronze medal. Dependents of all those in the nation who sacrificed their lives were given pensions aggregating \$10,140 a year. In six cases money awards totaled \$9,090 for education purposes.

Five thousand dollars were awarded for other worthy purposes.

## NATION IS ON SOUND BASE

Federal Reserve Board Says Economic Stability is Shown by Records.

Washington, D. C.—The federal reserve board has found evidence in the commercial records of 1925 indicating that the economic stability of pre-war days is been re-established.

In survey of business conditions made public, the board called attention to several factors supporting the belief that the rapid fluctuations of the war and post-war days are gone, mentioning, among others, that the price levels had changed less in 1925 than in any other year since 1915.

In addition to this phase, regarded as encouraging to business, the board said that Christmas trade last year was the largest on record, and indications were that retail stores were restocking as rapidly as vacancies on the shelves were shown.

Prices of livestock and dairy products declined somewhat in December, but grain quotations increased. Among the non-agricultural commodities, there were declines, some consequential, in prices of cotton goods, paper and rubber, but higher prices were recorded for silk, coal and lumber.

### Hospital Reservation Sale Urged.

Washington, D. C.—Sale of the marine hospital reservation at Detroit Mich., to allow construction of a light-house, was recommended to congress by Secretary Mellon.

### Kurd Revolt Report Growing.

Beyrut, Syria.—The Kurd rebellion against the Turks is reported to be growing. Dispatches received here say fighting has occurred in the Bitlis region, west of Lake Van, and that 250 Turkish soldiers are being treated for wounds in the hospitals of Seversk.

### U. S. Newfoundland Fix Mail Rates.

Washington, D. C.—A new postal convention with Newfoundland, effective February 1, was announced by Postmaster eGeneral New.

## COSTUME SLIPS NOW IN FAVOR; FABRICS FOR TOTS' FROCKS

NOW that the costume slip has supplanted the petticoat in point of favor it behooves the well-dressed woman to see to it that her wardrobe contains a goodly supply. To buy is one way of doing this; to make is another. Some of us prefer the latter for great the glory in being able to say: "I made it myself." To such the following hints are respectfully subscribed.

For practical everyday wear slips may be made of ponce silk. It tucks perfectly, and

possession, for all sorts of sheer or lace frocks can be worn over it effectively. Style decrees that little folks' clothes must be featured with an abundance of cunning handiwork—so here is mother's opportunity to keep busy with needle and gay-colored yarns during the long tedious inter-season period when winter refuses to take its ice and snow and depart from hence.

There is any amount, of fun to be had collecting lovely remnants in the



Showing Color Combinations.

is genteel in appearance. Several of these slips should be made up by the home seamstress now in readiness for spring.

A washable white satin or radium slip is also easily home-made, and at least one is necessary to the well-regulated wardrobe.

When it comes to the popular Italian silk costume slips the subject takes on an element of color importance. This is especially true for the coming season for the trend to exquisite pastel color combinations is as apparent in fashionable underthings as in the outer costume.

If one cannot afford to purchase pure silk knit yardage, then ask for rayon-knit. It is eminently satisfactory and costs so much less than genuine Italian silk.

The new color combinations can be carried out as exquisitely in one instance as the other. Here are some suggestions for lovely and up-to-the-

clearance sales which take place at this time of the year. Fashions are so cunning for youngsters it adds to the joy to choose this pattern and that and then "get busy" following directions.

Think of the pleasure in store for the home seamstress who has in contemplation the making of a little fine white net frock, for net is one of the materials favored for little girls' dainty dresses, which will serve now for wear at winter parties and later for summertime dress-up affairs. The fairlylike sleeveless straight-from-the-shoulder frock in the picture is made of net, although colored voile could be used just as pleasingly. This dainty model is really quite unusual, first on account of its being made in net and then because of the unique embellishment of quaint green geese which are figuratively sailing on green water, as interpreted by the embroidered design. The geese are done in



Of Fine White Net.

moment color effects: Gray with violet or periwinkle alternate borderings as shown in the picture; make with mint green piping outlining two tiers of scallops around the skirt portion; seashell with wide border of rose to solid tint finishing the hemline.

Some of the more expensive white satin or silk, also flesh-colored, gain a flare through insets of lace adding a band of lace about the top with lace bands over the shoulder.

Last, but not least, make costume slip of gold or silver cloth or it can be fashioned at home so economically. This sort of a slip becomes a treasured

cross-stitch with fuzzy angora wool. There are other colors introduced in the scene and about the neck, where Antwerp blue and tangerine floss enter into the scheme.

Another item to keep mother busy is smocking. For no one's little girl is expected to go through the spring and summer season without owning several smocked gingham, voiles and dotted swisses.

Myriads of little ruffles are finding their way also on lovely pastel-colored dresses.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

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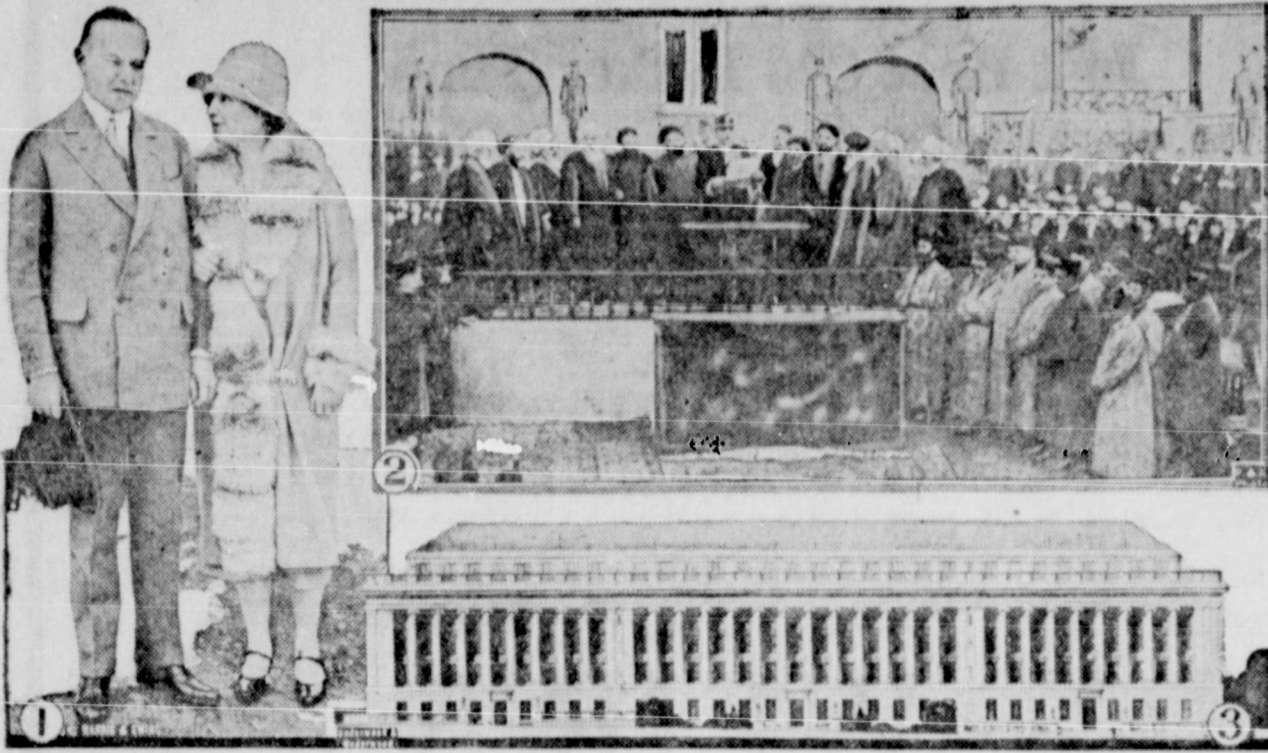
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1—Miss Helen Keller, the famous blind and deaf woman, visiting President Coolidge. 2—Riza Khan, the new king of Persia, reading an address to the constitutional assembly during the coronation ceremonies. 3—Design for the proposed annex to the Treasury building at Pennsylvania avenue and Madison place, Washington.

## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

### Nye of North Dakota Seated in Senate by Close Vote—Farm Relief Prospects.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

SENATOR BORAH, who had said he would vote against seating Gerald P. Nye, the appointee of Governor Sorlie of North Dakota to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Ladd, changed his mind when the case came to a vote last week. The consequence was that Mr. Nye was seated by a vote of 41 to 39. While most of the Democrats and more radical Republicans applauded, Senator Frazier escorted his new colleague up the center aisle to Vice President Dawes' dais and the oath of office was administered.

The acceptance of Mr. Nye was said to be due partly to the fact that he is to be counted among the opponents of American adhesion to the world court. Furthermore, some of the senators were averse to rejecting a man who is avowedly a champion of the Middle West farmers, not desiring to vex the agriculturists. Yet another reason that influenced some votes was the feeling that North Dakota should not be deprived, for seven months, of full representation on a technicality. The senate's vote establishes a precedent, upholding the contention that a senator is both a "state officer" and an "officer of the United States," and that his state properly has something to say as to the method and machinery of his election.

HENRIK SHIPSTEAD of Minnesota, the only Farmer-Labor senator, took a hard fall out of the world court resolution Wednesday in a three-hour speech in the course of which he undertook to demonstrate that the court, instead of being an agency for the preservation of peace, is a part of the war machinery of the League of Nations.

"The power," he said, "to enforce the decisions of the court by war is vested in the League of Nations by the treaty called the covenant.

"Thus we have a clear program for inaugurating all kinds of 'legal' wars on the assumption that the wars levied under this arrangement will be 'legal,' and under the further assumption that wars in the past have been 'illegal'."

"How many governments in the history of the world have started 'illegal' wars?"

"All of the governments that have started 'illegal' wars, please say 'aye.'"

"Silence. Senators I hear no sound."

"All governments that have started only 'legal' wars, please say 'aye.' Senators, all the governments in history about in chorus, 'aye!'"

Senator McKinley of Illinois spoke briefly in favor of the resolution of adherence to the court, declaring that neither our Monroe Doctrine nor our Philippine protectorate had got us into trouble with other nations nor would our entry into the world court.

"There is a crying need at this time for a foreign market for our corn, our wheat and our hog products," Senator McKinley said. "Europe needs all the food we can sell her. One hundred millions of people in Italy, Germany, England, Austria and Hungary are living on half rations. Why? Because working conditions have never become settled since the war. What will settle them? An assurance of continued peace."

CONGRESS seemingly stands ready to provide relief for the farmers if only the farmers can agree on what they want. At this writing they are still split into factions and are unable to get together on the question of what legislation will best do the work. The meeting of the National Council of Farmers' Co-operative Marketing associations took some two hundred delegates to Washington and they, together with other farm leaders, told Secretary Jardine, congress and the country at large their views—which were various and diverse. In a general way most of them favored the administration measure providing machinery for the promotion of co-op-

erative marketing, and consequently that bill was reasonably certain to be favorably reported by the house agricultural committee. The co-operative men, or many of them, do not stand with the farm paper editors and the farm bloc leaders in the matter of controlling crop surpluses to boost farm product prices, and in this they are in line with the administration. However, the Dickinson bill is looked on kindly by the middle-of-the-roaders, and its main features were highly commended by Frank O. Lowden of Illinois in a speech of great significance.

Mr. Lowden, frequently mentioned as a potential corn and wheat belt candidate for the Republican nomination for President in 1928, enunciated the farmers' demand for a specially protected domestic market affording as profitable returns as the protective tariff affords the manufacturer profitable returns. He advocated the plan to segregate the export surplus and enhance the domestic price above the world market price which has been embodied in the Dickinson bill. He declared the doctrine of crop surplus control was vital for the salvation not only of agriculture, but of the very nation itself.

C. L. Richeson of Iowa, president of the National Corn Growers' association, told President Coolidge that the so-called revolt of the corn belt has been exaggerated. He denied that the farmers have declared war on the protective tariff and asserted that they could work out their own salvation if given such aid in disposal of their export surplus as is proposed in the Dickinson bill. The credit situation in Iowa, he said, had been greatly improved by the loans of the two intermediate credit banks established in that state recently.

JOHN W. LANGLEY resigned as a representative from Kentucky when the Supreme court refused to review his conviction for violation of the prohibition laws. He now asks the Republicans of his district to elect his wife to fill the vacant seat in congress, asserting that she knows better than anyone else the needs of the district.

In Chicago, Mrs. Jacob Baur, a well-known business woman, has announced her candidacy for congress from the Ninth district, now represented by Fred Britten whom she will oppose in the Republican primaries in April. Mrs. Baur, like Congresswomen Kahn and Norton, favors the liberalization of the dry enforcement law.

UNCLE SAM seriously objects to the retroactive provisions in Mexico's new alien land and petroleum laws, and his objections have been transmitted through Ambassador Sheffield to A. J. Smead, Mexican foreign minister. The Oregon government was warned that the United States considers the new laws inimical to the interests of American property holders and in violation not only of international law, but also of the agreement made between Mexico and the United States in 1923.

In its reply the Mexican government took the stand that Mexico is a sovereign nation and can make any laws it sees fit. It also asserted that the laws had not been promulgated and so the protest was premature. This was offset, however, by a statement issued by the department of industry and commerce which said the laws were promulgated on December 31.

The legislation in question is designed to carry out that article of the Mexican constitution which provides that only Mexicans and Mexican companies have the right to acquire ownership in lands, waters, and their appurtenances, or to obtain concessions to develop mines, waters, or mineral fuels in the republic of Mexico.

MAJ. GEN. WILLIAM LASSITER has sailed from the Panama canal zone to take General Pershing's place as president of the Tacna Arica plebiscitary commission. Pershing will soon return to the United States but meantime he has scored a signal victory at Arica in the passage by the commission of his resolutions for investigation and punishment in many cases of outrages committed by Chileans against Peruvians and the establishment of complete law and order before the plebiscite is held. Senator Edwards, the Chilean member, acquiesced fully in the resolutions.

JUGO-SLAVIA'S debt funding mission arrived in Washington last week, and on the same day King Alexander made the statement that he regarded the debt to America as one of honor, to be settled on that basis up to the limit of the country's resources.

Senator Henri Berenger, the new ambassador from France, also reached Washington. His special mission is to bring about a settlement of the French debt. The Italian debt settlement probably will be approved by congress, though the objectors, led by Rainey of Illinois, kept up the attack. Count Volpi is now in London hoping to get from the British better terms than were granted by the Americans, but this is considered unlikely.

ACCORDING to the final report of the Couzens senatorial committee that investigated the amortization of war facilities, the internal revenue bureau permitted improper allowances in that connection that have cost the government a total of \$210,005,390. Allowances involving "discovery depletion," it is asserted, benefit the oil industry to the extent of \$37,500,000 annually, the total having been much higher than this while war time tax rates were in effect. The loss to the government in taxes due to erroneous valuations of copper mines, it is further declared, amounts to \$60,000,000 annually.

INCREASED prices of rubber due to control by the British government have resulted in the formation of two American organizations "to protect the American public and the rubber industry with respect to future supplies." The first, the Rubber Association of America, announced it was planning the expenditure of \$10,000,000 a year for five years to plant rubber trees in areas under American control or where favorable conditions would be assured. The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce announced the formation of a \$10,000,000 organization by automobile manufacturers to produce, purchase and deal in raw rubber, as well as to manufacture rubber tires.

HOPE of settling the anthracite strike in the near future has gone glimmering. The joint conference of operators and mines, which began in December, broke up last week because of the deadlock over the matter of arbitration. The operators charged President Lewis with seeking to rule or ruin and said he had suggested to them that they might raise the price of coal \$5 a ton as long as he got what he wanted. This Lewis hotly denied, retorting that the operators were determined to prevent any settlement. The operators refused to permit the arbitration of prices of coal, and the miners would not accept arbitration of wages unless it was guaranteed the wages should not be lowered.

FLOODS and violent winds that were prevalent throughout Europe have been followed by a severe cold wave, and though it has checked the rising water, it people are suffering intensely. Ice and snow are all over the continent far south as the Midi and Naples. Russia all elementary schools have been closed because of the cold. Pain has been swept by destructive seas.

DOCTR LUTHER has again been named chancellor of Germany and asked by President von Hindenburg to form new cabinet of representatives of the Centrists, Democrats, German People's party and the Bavarian People's party. Erich Koch had found it impossible to form a "big coalition" minist because the Nationalists and Socialists would not take part.

THE Navy department appropriated \$1,000,000 for the development of a new type dirigible. The bill proposes that the Los Angeles shall be put in charge and the establishment at Lakehurst reduced to the minimum. This is contrary to the advice of Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of the bureau of afloat.

## AN UNTIMELY REMINISCENCE

By AMY GORDON

(By Short Story Pub. Co.)

"IT IS a strange coincidence," the deacon said to the minister as they walked together down to the water's edge. "It is indeed a very strange coincidence that the first person you are to baptize is the son of the man who killed your father!"

The minister's foot splashed into the water as he strode forward. A thrill ran over his body as a breeze over still water and stirred his inner calm. He moved his neck within the soft collar band like a man who would breathe more freely.

"There never lived a better man than your father, and the horror of his murder lingers with me yet—" the deacon paused as if to blot out the awful memory before he continued his story.

Though without, the minister seemed calm enough; within, the words of the deacon had caused a mighty tumult. It was as if two great forces were engaged in a deadly conflict. The old paths of response sought to assert themselves, while the higher ideals of recent origin struggled to gain supremacy. It took all his power to maintain a calm exterior. Perhaps had the deacon been more observing he might have noted the failure on the minister's part to wholly suppress the outward expression of the strife within, but he was altogether engrossed with his own memories and the relating of them as he pushed himself along in the water a little in advance of the minister.

The minister's father had been a missionary to Burma, and had been killed by an angry Burmese official. Since then the Burmese official had died, leaving an only son, who was now old enough to fill the vacancy left by the death of his father, and a great celebration was in preparation. He had embraced the Christian faith, and today, with some other natives, was to be baptized. He was the first to be immersed, as his rank gave him precedence over the others. The little group of Christians stood apart on the bank of the river.

"I shall never forget your face," the deacon continued, "when your mother told you your father had been killed—you just stared—oh, here we are—"

The water swept up to the knees of the minister as he followed the deacon to the place indicated for the solemn service; while swayed by the passion of the deacon's words, his whole life flashed before him in a few brief pictures.

First, he saw his early childhood spent by his father's side, full of richness, beauty, and happiness—then the awful wrench to his boyhood when his father was killed. Even now the terrible grief that followed, that dried his eyes, blanched his face and gnawed its way into the very marrow of his bones, folded itself about him again with renewed force, and the thirst for revenge, the thirst that had eaten its way all through his growing years, came back! Then he remembered his vow; then, after another lapse of time, his mother's death in America; after that, his conversion—his resolution for a new life—to take up the work his father left off—this he determined to do as a test of his repentance—his forgiveness of the crime—that henceforth his work should be a living monument to his martyred father!

So he stood in the water, his head erect with a queer beating of his eyelids. Ever since his conversion he had fought every inch of the way, the long, long way, in the steady struggle to overcome all thoughts of revenge—murder! He would not allow himself to sail to Burma until he was sure he had conquered. Then a vivid picture came when he had believed he had broken the power of the desire to murder, and the thirst that had lain so close to his heart was slaked, and he was thankful! But standing there it awoke in him so strong that it quickened a rush of blood to his brain that sickened him and filled his nostrils to suffocation. The anguish of the old frenzy was coming back, holding him in terrorized suspense. Drops of sweat sprang from every pore in his body with the same impetus as the mad impulse that filled his heart and brain, and blinded his eyes to the throng on the river's bank, and dulled his ears to the sweet voice of the singer that called the young converts to the river. The monstrous call for murder came back to him with an overwhelming desire. He managed to straighten himself up in a last struggle of his deserting will power. The horrible thirst was awake! Awake! Life was nothing!

A beautiful youth stepped into the water, and came slowly toward the minister. His rich brown skin gleamed in the sunlight, his jet-black hair waved away from his brow, his white teeth shone between his smiling lips, his luminous brown eyes, uplifted, were radiant with the joy of his resignation to a Christian faith. He was clothed in white from neck to ankle.

The minister stood erect, his arms folded tight across his heaving chest, his veins swelling as he looked at the advancing, beautiful youth; but he saw only the son of the man who had killed his father and hastened the death of his mother. He turned to the deacon:

"You are sure?" he asked, hoarsely.

"Yes, quite sure. It is a great religious tragedy!"

The minister's hand reached out and grasped the slim fingers of the outstretched hand of the youth.

"Abdul!" His voice scraped and choked in his throat. His mind full of hate and his heart bursting for revenge was gaining the mastery every second. He breathed hard. He breathed harder. The voice of the singer on the shore quivered out its warmth and light. The crowd on the bank stood with bare, bowed heads, for Abdul was their idol.

"Abdul, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen!"

The slender body of the young Burmese sank beneath the ripple of the river's wooling. Under its disturbed surface no one saw the long, sinewy fingers of the minister as they closed about the slim throat. No one saw their cruel twist as they were buried in his flesh, nor heard the bones crack as he wrenched and wrung his victim beneath the water. No one heard the death gurgle; no one saw the death struggle nor the bright spurt of blood that drenched the minister's dripping cuffs; no one saw the brutal heel that finished the masterly piece of work; no one knew that Abdul was dead until they saw the deacon lay him, limp and motionless, at his mother's feet, and heard the terrible shriek that filled every space about the river, over it and across it.

There was a dumb, sickening silence; then the crowd on the river bank went mad. The fury of their cry tore asunder the cloud that had suddenly obscured the sun. With one, frenzied impulse they turned to the river. But the minister—he was not there! There was not even a ripple on the shining face of the water to mark the place of the terrible deed, any more than there was a fresh pool of blood in the little church within ear-shot distance to show the spot where the cruel butchery of the minister's father had taken place.

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### Man Should Have Been Kept Reasonably Busy

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"But Tom shook his head.

"Thanks," he said, 'but I don't care to play billiards, old man.'

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A. N. Wentworth, of Friona, has at great expense, recently completed the installation of a system of water works for the use of the citizens of Friona. The water thus supplied shall be available for domestic use, for fire protection and for stock.  
All he asks is to be treated fairly and to get his rentals promptly on the

first of each month in advance. He also asks that all users be careful of the water and to keep their hydrants and faucets in good condition and thus avoid unnecessary waste of water.

Parties owning stock will be required to pay 10c per month per head. He will keep water in street tank so that stock can get water at all times for this amount.

All pipe and connections will be charged for from center of the street.

Persons refusing to pay their rentals will have their water shut off and other parties furnishing such persons water from their hydrants will be required to pay this rental fee in addition to their own.

Pearl Singletary visited friends in Clovis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Taylor visited friends and relatives Saturday.

**COUNTY TICKET FOR PARMER COUNTY**

**FOR SHERIFF**  
J. H. MARTIN.  
**FOR COUNTY JUDGE.**  
F. F. LOKEY.  
**FOR CO. AND DIST. CLERK.**  
B. N. GRAHAM.

**WHEAT LOOKING FINE.**

J. W. Schultz was in from his farm southwest of town Tuesday morning and took time to favor the editor with a short call.

Mr. Schultz says his wheat is looking fine and a good prospect. He has also been discing some of his ground in preparation for oats. He turns up plenty of moisture with the disc.

**FOR SALE.**

One No. 34 Star well machine, with engine mounted. Must be sold for cash. Ladies Aid Friona, Texas. See Mrs. Kinsley, Mrs. Wilkison or Star Office. 2-5-ff

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\* HOLLENE HAPPENINGS \*  
\* AND SCHOOL NOTES \*  
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Hollene expression class gave us another fine program Monday morning in assembly.

Our boys' and girls' second team went over to Ruth Friday evening and had two fine games of basket ball. Our girls beat 22 to 1, but our boys lost the score 13 to 3 in favor of Ruth.

Saturday night, February 6th, will be our third lyceum number. Everybody come out and bring someone with you. The Clovis entertainers will be here and will commence their program at seven o'clock, sharp.

Prof. Waggoner, our superintendent, has been quite sick with flu.

Mrs. Sam Campbell who has been staying at Clovis with her sick baby who is there for medical treatment, returned home Monday. The baby is some better.

A. P. Lofton and family and Misses Nina Hartley and Bertha Smith spent Sunday with Grandma and Grandpa Duncan.

Lots of sickness around yet, and in some families there isn't anyone left to wait on the others.

Misses Ollie and Jessie Osborn entertained several of the young folks at dinner Sunday.

Rev. Silas Lovett of Texico preached at Hollene Sunday at 11 o'clock. We all welcome him back again.

Ernest Hopkins and family, Rev. A. I. Metcalf and family took dinner at the Otho Duncan home Sunday.

Misses Edith and Fay Keener spent Sunday with Mrs. H. M. Campbell.

Carl Carnes went to Portales Saturday to see about renting a place.

H. M. Campbell had a narrow escape Wednesday while going out through a fence to shoot a hawk. He set his gun against the fence to open a gate and his gun fell and went off, shooting him across the chest, burning his clothes and a strip across his chest.

Tomorrow is "Ground Hog Day." We hope he will not see his shadow if he has to go back and stay for six weeks.

Sam Campbell has a new radio, so we can hear music and sermons over the phone now.

Sleepy Eyes.

**Just Scattering Remarks--**

We heard a man remark on the street the other day that he would rather never know anything more than to know some things that he might know. Same here.

Prayers and people are a good deal alike. If the latter don't work, neither will the former.

When Mr. Ground Hog Came out from his lair Tuesday morning after his long sleeping and fasting, we have every reason to believe that he had ample opportunity to behold his shadow, since the sun shone brightly all day. And after a long fast, we have no doubt that the sight of such a shadow would be sufficient to scare him back to his lair and that he would soon cuddle up for another six weeks sleep.

We overheard the remark that a boy or young man, rather, was trying to fit himself with a pair of trousers, but found them all too long for him. "Tie a knot in them," says Scottie, who was looking on.

**PLAINS RAISED COTTON SEED**

I will have a car load of planting cotton seed here some time between the first of January and February. Running from second year half-and-half, Mebane, Koe-lar, Cash and other kinds; ranging from \$1.00 o \$1.25 per bushel. All plains raides, acclimated seed.

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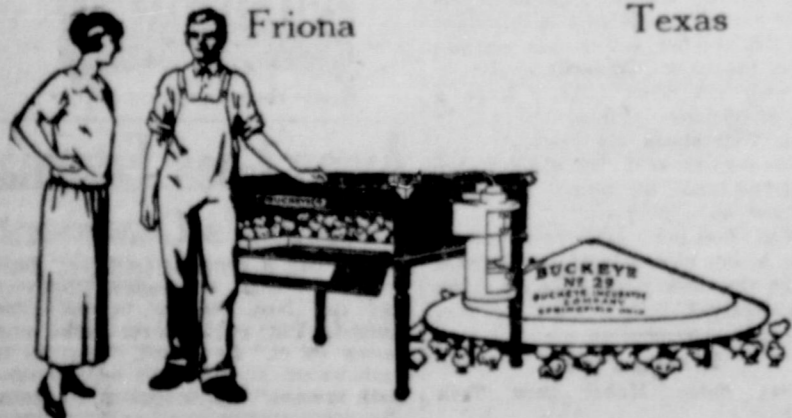
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Among the many articles in our fresh and complete stock of spring fabrics will be found a splendid assortment of

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These fabrics will please you in Style, Quality and Prices

We are now making special prices on Men's heavy jackets and coats. Only a few left.

We also have a few Good Blankets and Outings which will go at greatly reduced prices while they last in order to clean up the stock.

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**IN THE NEAR FUTURE**

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No matter what paper you pick up—read the ads. They are among the most interesting as well as the most profitable reading in any paper. The old idea that advertising does not pay, no longer holds good. The most judicious buyers find that they point the way to real economy and thrift. They realize that if it did not pay, such men as Henry Ford would not expend the enormous sum of \$6,000,000 a year to advertise flivvers. Neither would Wrigley pay \$2,500,000 to advertise chewing gum, nor would Campbell pay out \$1,500,000 to advertise soups, and on and on with fifty or a hundred other concerns paying as much as \$1,000,000 each for advertising every year.

You bet advertising pays or there would not be so much of it done. And

the better part of it is that it pays those who buy just the same as those who sell. So always read the ads—and remember that you can profit most from buying from the men or firms that advertise all the time.

The Star is constantly carrying the ads of practically all the business concerns in Friona and several from neighboring towns. These people have what you want and want to sell it. We take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to these ads and know you will be profited by reading them and patronizing the advertisers.

Nat Jones was a business visitor in Amarillo Friday.

Miss Kathryn Coneway is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Buckner visited relatives in Friona Saturday.

Mrs. Nat Jones is on the sick list this week.

It is said there is a small sect in Tennessee trying to have a bill adopted prohibiting the teaching that the earth is round.

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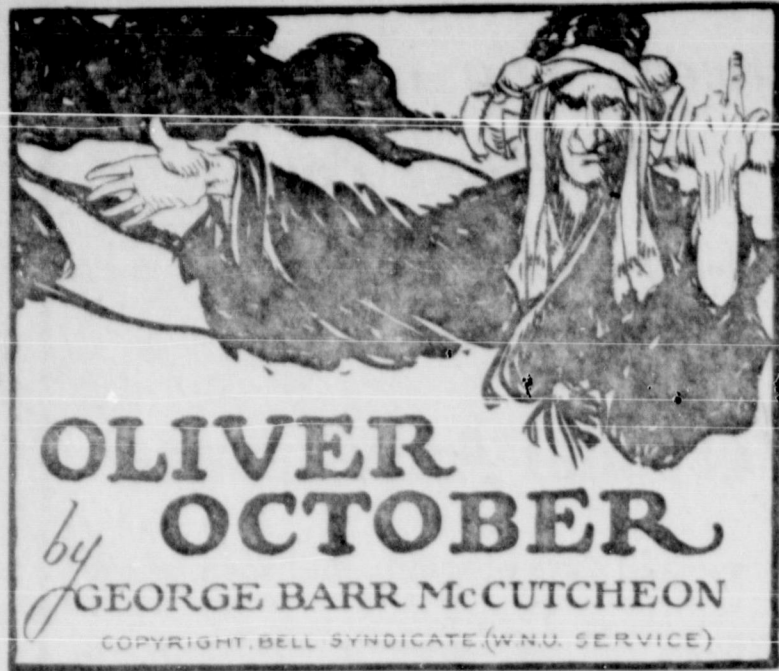
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# OLIVER OCTOBER

by GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON

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## CHAPTER IX

### Oliver May Withdraw

The ensuing three weeks were busy ones for Oliver. He was off "electioneering" by day and out speechmaking by night in district schoolhouses, in town halls and at mass meetings held at the county seat. The opposition press, stirred to action by the harassed Mr. Gooch, printed frequent reports of their search for old Oliver Baxter. They made sensation out of two or three minor discoveries—such as the finding of an old straw hat in one of the pools and the unearthing of a stout spade handle at the edge of the swamp not far from where the old man and his son had parted company.

Malone and his gang of Italian laborers were conducting the quest leisurely. The chief operative was bored—admitted it to Oliver and Mrs. Grimes and Lizzie Meggs and to the high heavens besides.

Mid-afternoon of a windy day in October—it was the nineteenth, to be exact—he sat in the shelter of the kitchen wing, his chair propped against the wall, reading a book. He yawned frequently and seemed to be having great difficulty in keeping his pipe going. From time to time he dozed.

His partner, Charlie What's-his-name, was out in the swamp directing the efforts of eight or ten men who were sounding the scattered "mud-holes" with long poles or digging at random in sections where the earth was sufficiently solid to bear the weight of man or beast. These men were now far out beyond the wire fence, within a hundred yards or so of the pond.

Mr. Malone's rest was disturbed shortly before three o'clock by the arrival of Oliver October. The two had become quite good friends.

"Say, Malone, would you mind calling off those gravediggers of yours for half an hour or so? I am expecting a committee here at three o'clock."

"Sure," said Malone. He got up slowly. "Hey!" he shouted over his shoulder. "Come out of that! Knock off! It's four o'clock. In New York," he added in an aside to Oliver. "As I've said before, Mr. Baxter, it's all a—d foolishness digging up your place like this."

"Mrs. Grimes says the house is likely to fall down on our heads at any minute," said Oliver. "She notified me this noon that our hired girl, Lizzie Meggs, has decided to give up her place unless your men fill up some of the graves they've dug in my cellar."

"I'll have 'em put some planks over those holes," said the detective. "That reminds me. Now that they've stopped work under the porch, you might call off your watchdog. Give the old boy a little much-needed rest."

Oliver walked to the corner. Joseph Sikes was sitting on the back steps, his coat collar turned up about his throat, his aged back bent almost double, his chin resting on the mottled hands that gripped the head of his cane, his wrinkled face screwed up into a dogged scowl.

"Better step into the kitchen, Uncle Joe, and ask Lizzie for a cup of hot coffee. Work's over for today."

"The h— it is," growled Mr. Sikes, without changing his position.

"Let him alone," said Malone, good-naturedly. "He's hatching out some new trouble for me. As for Fink, he's down there in the swamp from morning till night, supervising the whole blamed job."

"They are the best friends I've got in the world, Malone," said Oliver earnestly.

"Well, we'll clear you so's you can have your committee meeting in peace," said the detective.

"I have put it up to county headquarters, Malone," said Oliver, in an emotionless tone, "as to whether I should stay in the race or withdraw."

"What do you mean, withdraw?" asked the detective sharply.

"Well, it's only fair to give them a chance to put someone else on the ticket in my place if they feel—"

"Come off! You've got old Gooch licked to a standstill, so what the devil's got into you? We're not going to find your father's body, my boy."

"How do you know you are not going to find it?" was Oliver's surprising question.

Malone started. "What has caused you to change your tone like this, Baxter?"

"It's getting on my nerves, Malone—I don't mind saying so," said the younger man, frowning.

"I get you," said Malone, sympathetically. "It does give a fellow the shivers. But now about this getting off the ticket. Don't you do anything of the sort, Baxter."

"Malone, I can feel it in the air that a great many people believe I know what became of my father."

Mr. Sikes, who had shuffled around the corner, overheard the remark. He fairly barked:

"It don't make a particle of difference what they believe provided nobody is able to find the corpus delicti. They've got to dig up your father's corpus delicti before— What in thunder are you laughing at, sir?"

Malone, to whom this question was addressed in Mr. Sikes' most aggressive manner, put his hand to his mouth and succeeded in replying with as straight a face as possible:

"I've been reading an awfully funny book, Mr. Sikes. It's about detectives."

There is no telling what Mr. Sikes would have said to Mr. Malone about detectives in general if the delegation from headquarters had not arrived a minute or two later.

## CHAPTER X

### The Corpus Delicti

The automobile came swinging up the drive on the tall of Mr. Malone's defensive explanation. Oliver hurried off to greet the occupants of the car, Mr. Sikes hobbling along in his wake. Malone refilled his pipe as he strode across the stable yard. In the lee of the barn he scolded his fingers. His gaze was fixed on the swamp. Far out in the "danger zone" a number of men were compactly grouped. A solitary figure was running toward the Baxter house, while from the main highway to the right of the slough a dozen or more scattered people were picking their way gingerly across the intervening space. The detective dropped the charred match and started briskly down to meet the runner. He was no longer bored. He was an alert, vital, keen-sensed hunter of men.

Mrs. Grimes stood on the front porch as the three committeemen entered the house. Mr. Sikes ambled up as they disappeared through the door. He stopped short in the gravel walk just below where Mrs. Grimes was standing. He felt that it was necessary to lower his voice.

"We've only six more days to go, Serepty," he said. "This is the nineteenth."

"Yes. He will be thirty on the twenty-fifth. I hope you'll be satisfied, Joe Sikes."

He pondered gloomily. "Setting back there on the kitchen steps I got to thinkin' about the last time I was up here before old Ollie disappeared. I wonder if you remember what he said to me and Silas, setting right here on this porch."

"I remember the poor old thing saying he couldn't go to sleep nights because he was afraid a mob would come up to the house and take Oliver October out and hang him for something he'd never done."

"I guess maybe that was it. And another thing: Didn't he say he wouldn't blame Oliver if he up and beat his brains out for letting that gipsy queen lift the veil and cause all this worry?"

"What are you trying to get at, Joe Sikes?"

"Oh—nothin' particular. I just thought I'd warn you not to say anything about our talk that night, specially what he said about Oliver beatin' his brains out. I mean," he added sternly, "that you and me and Silas never heard him say anything like that—then or any other time."

"What's got into you, Joe?"

"I'm just giving you a few instructions, Serepty, in case anything does happen. You're so darned good and conscientious, as the saying is, that I've worried myself sick over you. I mean about swearing to a lie."

"I would swear to a million of them," she cried, "if it would be any help to Oliver October."

"Birds of a feather," said Mr. Sikes, rather proudly.

"Come in and have a cup of coffee, Joe," said she.

She came down from the porch and together they started for the rear of the house.

"Look out yonder, Joe—in the swamp," she cried suddenly, pointing through the fringe of trees. "There's a crowd—"

"Serepty!" he moaned. "They—they have found something out yonder. I feel it in my bones. The corpus delicti. I guess I won't have any coffee. I'll just mosey out there and see what's happened."

"Wait a minute. Isn't that Silas Link coming across the swamp?"

They stood and waited. In due time Silas panted his way up the incline and came shuffling toward them. Mr.

Sikes stalked forward, followed by Mrs. Grimes.

"Well?" demanded the former. "They—fished—up—a—carcass," puffed Mr. Link.

Absolute silence except for the painful wheezing of the last speaker. "Ollie's?" asked Mr. Sikes at last. "No telling. Unrecognizable."

"It must have had clothes on," put in Mrs. Grimes stoutly. "Wouldn't you know Ollie Baxter's clothes if you—"

"Hasn't got any clothes on."

"No clothes on?" demanded Mr. Sikes. "Then it can't be Ollie. He had a new suit."

Mr. Link hesitated. "That detective says the chances are that whoever did the killing stripped the body and burnt the clothes," he said slowly, weightily.

A longer silence than before. Mr. Link's listeners seemed turned to stone. Finally Mr. Sikes moistened his stiff lips.

"What do you mean, Silas, by—by killing?"

"If you feel sort of squeamish, Serepty," began Mr. Link considerably, "maybe you'd better—"

"I'm not squeamish," retorted the redoubtable little woman. "Go on."

"The top of the skull is smashed in—split wide open," announced the newsbearer, in a hushed, sepulchral voice. Then, apparently eager to get it over with, he hurried on: "Couldn't have died a natural death. Couldn't have committed suicide. Somebody hit him over the head with a heavy instrument. Most likely an ax or a hatchet. Buried six or eight feet deep in a mudhole. They pulled up a hand first with one of them poles with a hook on it. Then they set to work scooping out the hole with shovels. Wasn't long before they got down where they could—"

"Don't tell any more—don't tell any more!" quailed Mrs. Grimes.

"Lean on me, Serepty," said Mr. Sikes, who, if anything, was weaker than she.

"They've sent for the police and for my men," went on Mr. Link. "And they're telephoning for the sheriff and coroner and everybody else. Look at the automobiles rushing down that way—and people running on foot—and—oh, my Lord, Joe! If it should turn out to be Ollie it will—it will look mighty bad for Oliver October!"

The news spread like wildfire. Before nightfall everyone in Rumley knew that the body of Oliver Baxter had been found and that he had been foully murdered.

And then came the startling rumor that old man Baxter had gone to his safety deposit box in the vaults of the bank three days before his disappearance and had removed five \$100 Liberty bonds! Rumor, pure and simple, yet accepted as fact by those who roamed the streets. A grave, unanswered question, too, had to do with the money so lavishly spent by young Oliver—several thousand dollars in cash. Where had it come from? Simple as rolling off a log! There wasn't much doubt as to where and how Oliver got his ready cash! But to split his own father's head open with a spade, and throw him into a supposedly bottomless pit, and burn his clothes!

For now all those who thronged the streets were saying that Oliver October had murdered his father.

The street leading to the Baxter residence was alive with people—curious, silent, awestruck men and women who stared intently at the windows.

The sheriff had returned to the county seat after cautioning Oliver to keep his head and await developments.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

**Makes Sad Picture of "Night Life" in Mexico**

Mexico is no holy city. Secretly she gambles, secretly she indulges in all the vices; secretly her people poison themselves with alcohol and drugs, secretly they assassinate each other.

She is a hypocritical city. She practices every vice that the modern world has invented for its self-annihilation. She indulges in the dissolutions of Paris and New York, but without the joy that gives them a pretense of rationality, or the craving for beauty and happiness that lends them a noble pathos. In Mexico vice is petty and affected—an alien parasite on the old colonial life.

We Mexicans are taciturn by nature. Rarely does joy excite us to song and laughter. We know nothing of the high spirits of the French. Were a person to sing at midnight in our streets he would scandalize every good citizen returning from the cinema, contented with having seen his own stupidity faithfully reflected on the screen from eight interminable reels of celluloid.

Our drunkenness also is sad. Wine rises to our heads in waves of blood. Then we kill—kill as naturally as other men laugh and dance.

Cabarets, centers of wild merriment in the United States and Europe, among us become sad places where people dine expensively, drink economically, and dance hieratically.—Julio Jimenez Rueda in the Excelsior, Mexico City.

**Hospitality**

If I were an interviewer or a newspaper reporter, I should be tempted to give the impression which the men and women of distinction I met made upon me; but where all were cordial, where all made me feel as nearly as they could that I belonged where I found myself, whether the ceiling were a low or a lofty one, I do not care to differentiate my hosts and my other friends.—Oliver Wendell Holmes, in "One Hundred Days in Europe."

# GOOD ROADS

## POSTAL SERVICE IS BEING AIDED

The postal service of the United States is today using more than one million miles of public roads in the delivery of daily mail. In delivering mail to 30,000,000 individuals on rural routes, 1,200,572 miles of highway are being used every day. Notwithstanding the great increase in mileage covered through the improvement of roads, there are more than 14,000,000 persons waiting to be added as soon as the service can be extended.

These interesting points have been brought out as a result of an investigation conducted by the American Association of State Highway Officials to find out who is really using the highways.

"The postal department is only one of the many large users of the highways," says the report, and more firms are turning to the roads as a means of final distribution for their products.

"The importance of the roads in the modern scheme of transportation cannot be overestimated, for the tap roots of trade of many of the large and medium-sized companies now extend down to the smallest communities. This is especially true of those corporations which sell small unit commodities through the mail and through the small retailer.

"One of the three elements used by the federal government in the distribution of funds to states for roads is the mileage of post roads used in each state for rural mail delivery. Our inquiry has brought out the fact that in the past five years, through the improvement of roads, the postal department has been able to add 1,550 new rural routes which carry mail to 226,300 families. The general improvement in roads has enabled the postal department to lengthen the mileage of 2,440 established routes.

The report of the association concludes by calling attention to the fact that "the ordinary length of a rural route is 24 miles, and where routes are over unimproved roads, this represents an all-day job of delivery, but road improvement has enabled Uncle Sam to lengthen many routes and give additional service to rural families. In some instances carriers are able to carry to more families and do the job in half the time required ten years ago, due to the paving of the roads."

**Four Important Factors Making for Road Safety**

The four important factors affecting safety in highway traffic, said Edward S. Jordan at the recent meeting in Cleveland of the safety council of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, are brakes, steering, easy vision and lights.

"Satisfactory lighting" added Mr. Jordan, "has been made difficult by conflicting laws in different states, but there has been increasing progress and most manufacturers have made light control easy by placing the switch on the steering column or in the center of the steering wheel.

"The uninterrupted vision of the driver has been improved. The front pillars on enclosed cars have been narrowed through the use of steel construction, and one-piece windshields are becoming more in vogue, while the almost universal use of automatic windshieldcleaners is a protection against obscured vision from rain or snow.

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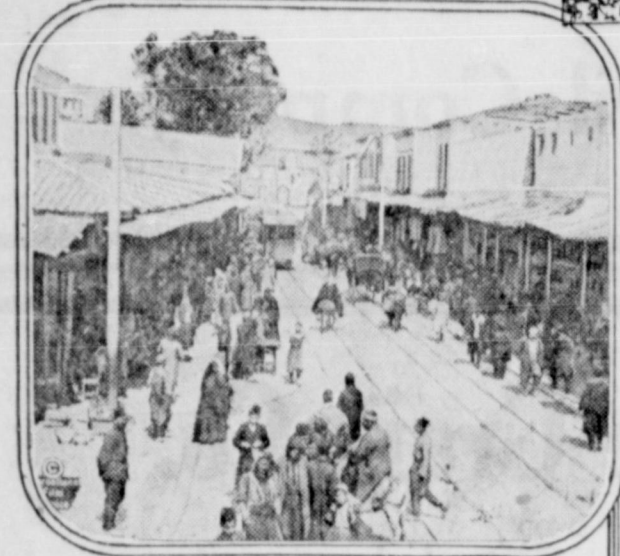
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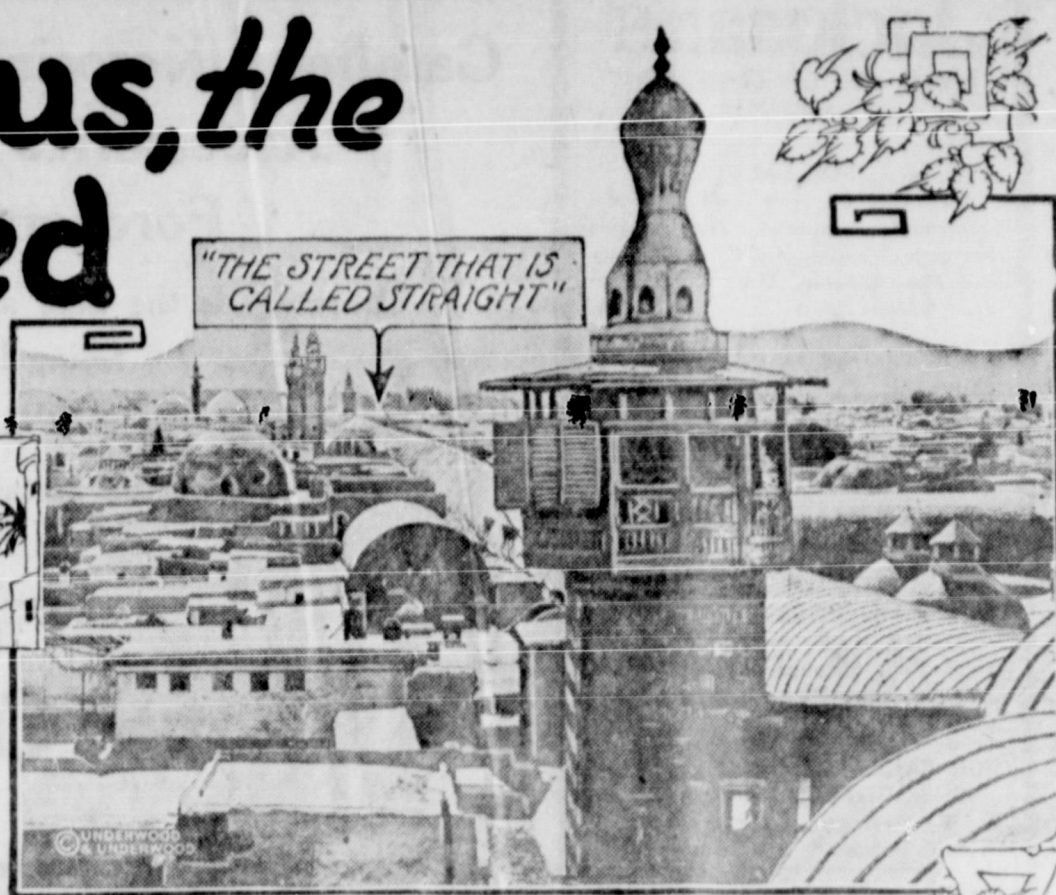
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# Damascus, the Deserted

Soldiers Now in "The Street That Is Called Straight"



Market of Damascus



Damascus—Before



Damascus—After

By DEWITT J. MASON  
DAMASCUS, one of the oldest cities of the world, and at one time the wealthiest and busiest market of the Orient, is now partially deserted.

Automobile trains, native carts, and other available vehicles, pressed into service, removed many of the inhabitants, including merchants, fleeing with their families from the ancient city of historical and mythical story as though from pestilence.

Many of the famous bazaars, where merchants once sat cross-legged and displayed their wares, are closed. Hotels are empty. The streets are deserted except for loungers in the Merdje Central square (where revolutionaries were recently hanged by the hundreds) and the beggars in "the street which is called Straight,"—and troops. Soldiers are everywhere. Black, yellow, white, these soldier squads move through the narrow streets constantly, arresting revolutionary suspects.

Three vernacular daily newspapers and two comic weeklies have been suppressed by the French authorities. Meantime revolutionary organizations, called the "Iron Hands," "Watchful Eyes," and the "Moslem Stalwarts," are circulating secretly printed inflammatory proclamations telling of supposed French disasters. The vendors of these proclamations are arrested by secret service agents the moment they are discovered.

Promptly at 6 o'clock each evening the curfew sounds. A gravelike silence descends, broken only by the heavy rumbling of tanks, the clattering of armored cars, the sound of galloping hoofs as cavalry moves through the streets. Then, from time to time, comes the distant crack of a French "seventy-five." You know it is bombarding rebel groups hidden away outside the city.

Then there comes a wailing chant and from high up in the minarets a voice calls the faithful to prayer.

This is the Damascus of rebellion; the ancient city after revolt against French control and subsequent bombardment.

Rebel activity in the south has been suppressed, but bands of marauders and revolutionaries are roaming the country.

The French are cutting down groves and destroying the gardens in the suburbs of Damascus. It was in the groves and the gardens that the revolutionaries concealed themselves. The city is also being encircled with a cordon of barbed wire, while every military police post is guarded by sandbags and machine guns. Sentries keep constant watch from the roofs of buildings, while the batteries of Fort Gouraud are trained directly upon those sections of the city that are regarded as most dangerous.

"THE world began at Damascus and will end there," says an eastern proverb. And there is a story about Mohammed—"a tale which a visitor in Damascus is bound to hear many times." The prophet is said to have ridden to a hill overlooking Damascus, "where he was met by a delegation of Damascenes." With great ceremony, the story proceeds, they invited him to enter the city. The prophet gazed down on Damascus, in the center of its green gardens, and said: "When I die, I shall go to heaven; so why should I now go to Damascus?" And that handsome commitment to the city where the Apostle Paul, after his miraculous conversion, found shelter in a house in the street called Straight, is explained by a reference to the Koran, "which pictures paradise as an orchard, traversed by streams of flowing waters, where grow the most delicious fruits." This ideal, explains William Jourdan Rapp in the New York Times, appeared to the natives of that sterile region to be realized at Damascus. The city and its surroundings are lavishly extolled by Arabian poets, he reminds us. Sketching the eventful story of that archaic paradise—"the oldest city in history"—so recently devastated anew in a ferocious clash between the occupying French and the recalcitrant Druses, Mr. Rapp remarks that Damascus, although "besieged, pillaged and burned at recurring intervals since the days of Abraham," has always been rebuilt, until it is easy to believe the eastern saying that the world will end there, in its legendary cradle. And he continues:

"From its early days the history of Damascus has been stormy. The origin of the city is unknown, and there is much to confirm the popular belief that it is the oldest continuous city in the world. It is mentioned a number of times in Genesis, Abraham's steward is called 'Eliezer of Damascus.' David made a successful expedition against the city for the aid it gave his enemy Hadadzer, king of Zobah. Throughout the reign

of Solomon, Rezon, who established a dynasty in Damascus, seems to have been in constant conflict with the kingdom of Israel.

"In all its long life the history of Damascus may be divided into a few great chapters. In 333 B. C., after the battle of Issus, in which Alexander the Great destroyed the Persian armies of Darius, Damascus was delivered by treachery into the hands of Parmenio, a general of Alexander, and the harem and treasury of Darius, which had been lodged in the city, were surrendered to the conquering Greeks.

"In the New Testament Damascus is spoken of in connection with the miraculous conversion of Paul; the episode that pictures his being lowered in a basket over the wall to escape Aretas, the governor, and Paul's return to the city from Arabia."

DURING the first centuries after Christ, Syria was a Roman province, and in 150 A. D. Trajan made Damascus a provincial capital. Later the city was an outpost of the Byzantine empire. In the wars between Byzance and Persia it suffered greatly and was finally captured by Khalid-ibn-Walid in 635. The seat of the caliphate was transferred from Mecca to Damascus, which became the center of the great empire of the Omayyads, whose rule extended from India to the Atlantic.

The Omayyads were replaced after ninety years by the Abbasids, who removed the seat of their empire to Baghdad. Damascus then passed through a period of unrest in which it was captured and ravaged in turn by the Egyptians, the Carthagians and the Seljuks.

Crusaders attacked Damascus in 1120, but never succeeded in keeping a firm hold on the city, even during their brief domination of Syria. Throughout his fierce struggle with the Franks Saladin made his headquarters in Damascus. His tomb is now one of the sights of the town. In 1890 Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany, on his visit to Damascus, laid a bronze wreath on the tomb. It bore the inscription: "From one great emperor to another." The wreath was removed by the English when General Allenby captured the city from the Turks in 1918.

In the centuries following the Crusades Damascus was plundered by the Mongols and the Mamelukes of Egypt. In 1399 it purchased immunity from destruction at the hands of the Tatar conqueror, Tamerlane, of whom we read:

"Tamerlane, on this occasion, captured all the famous armorers of Damascus and carried them to Samarkand and Khorasan, where they introduced the art of manufacturing Damascus blades. Today this art still exists in these cities of Turkestan, while at Damascus it has completely disappeared.

"Damascus fell into the hands of the Ottoman Turks in 1516 when Sultan Selim conquered Syria. It remained part of the Ottoman empire until the British conquest of Palestine and Syria in 1918.

"In 1860 Damascus was the scene of a terrible massacre of the Christians. More than 6,000 were killed by the Moslems, whose minds had been greatly excited by the Indian mutiny. A French army corps of 10,000 men finally brought calm to the city and the surrounding country after the Turks had failed to re-establish order. Today the French claim to the mandate of Syria is largely based on France's traditional position as protector of Christian minorities.

"Then comes the last chapter. At Damascus the Arabs proclaimed Emir Faisal king of Syria in February, 1920. To this the French objected, and in August of the same year they occupied the city, driving Faisal out. However, Damascus, even under the French, has remained the center of Arab self-termination. If the dream of a great Arabian state, including all the Arab lands from the Persian gulf to the Mediterranean and from

Turkey to Aden, is ever realized, Damascus will probably be its capital.

"The most important building in Damascus is the Great Mosque of the Omayyads. Its minarets dominate the whole city. The site of the mosque was originally occupied by a Roman temple. This was converted into a Christian church by the Emperor Theodosius in 375, and named the Church of St. John, because it was supposed to contain a casket with the head of John the Baptist. To this day Damascenes swear by the head of St. John.

THE greatest sufferers in the present turmoil, the writer remarks, are the 15,000 Armenians who had built a model refugee village on the outskirts of the city. Of these unfortunates we are told:

"After many years of hard struggle, and with a little aid from the Near East Relief, they had become self-supporting. Dispatches report that these Armenians have had to abandon their village and flee to Beirut, where, under the guns of French warships in the harbor, there is some protection.

In peaceful times, May is the best season in which to pay Damascus a visit, for then the plain of the Barada river, in whose midst the city stands, is covered with a brilliant carpet of wild flowers. Walnut, apricot, lemon and orange trees in the gardens surrounding the city are in full foliage. This brilliant oasis, with minarets rising from hundreds of mosques, Bedouins of the desert regard as the next thing to paradise.

"Damascus has a population of about 300,000 souls, four-fifths being Moslems. The other fifth is made up of Christians and Jews. Among the Christians, members of the Greek Orthodox church predominate; but there are also Roman Catholics, Maronites, Gregorians (largely Armenian refugees from Cilicia) and a few Protestants. The Moslems subdivide into Arabs, Christians, Druses and Kurds—nationalistic divisions which, in the case of the Druses, is heightened by a fanatical sectarianism. Much rivalry and hatred exists.

"The city has three distinct quarters—Moslem, Christian and Jewish. It is said that there is no other city where customs have changed so little during the ages. The Jews as nearly resemble those of the time of Paul as can be imagined. Scarcely any other people in the world has adhered so tenaciously to the very letter of the religious code.

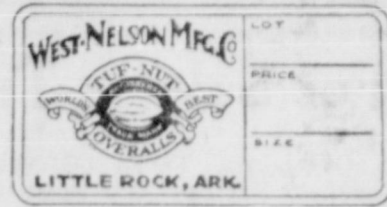
Strolling, you find it difficult to make your way among the vendors of lemonade or sweetened water shouting "Berrid ala kalbalk!" (refresh thy heart), and the sellers of other refreshments crying: "Take care of your teeth!" "Food for the swallows" and "Allah is the nourisher, buy my bread!"

"You come to the silk bazaar, which is especially interesting because of the fact that it contains more of the produce of native industry than may be found in any of the other bazaars. Here are shawls and mashlaks or kimonos, or brilliantly colored silk cloth, woven with elaborate designs in silver and gold. Farther along is the cotton bazaar, dedicated to mattress makers and wool carders. Then comes the spice market, where drugs and spices are displayed in interminable rows of boxes and glassos.

"As one walks through these bazaars, which but a short time ago were prosperous and in full activity—it is impossible to drive—one is depressed by the spectacle of destruction and ruin, and this feeling is accentuated by glimpses of even greater damage done up the little side-alleys leading off them. The Saghur quarters are also badly damaged, while the Suk-el-Kharratin (Turners' Market), which runs across the south end of the street called Straight, has also suffered severely, house upon house and shop after shop having the appearance of being in process of demolition. But the bees are unmistakably made by shell, and smoke curling between the rafters and firemen working on the roofs tell the true tale."



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