

Current Comment

The Futile Search.

"It is useless to search for a mysterious elixir capable of suddenly giving renewed health to nations and curing them of financial ills—causes caused by years of errors."

These words were voiced Saturday by Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, banished from his country on a treason charge, permitted finally to reclaim his citizenship and now spoken of as the one man who may be able to steer France clear of financial disaster. Because so much is said in that single sentence, and because it applies not to France alone, it is worth reading.

Having indulged in a war of magnitude, the various nations have devoted six and one-half years to the effort to recover. No one wants to pay the piper, but still he stands there, hand out—waiting for the reckoning. The United States and England are definitely on their way towards payment of their obligations, but the path is full of thorns, Germany, France and Russia have discovered that everybody lost the war, whose costs were annihilating. The search for an elixir to save the scars and meet the demands imposed by history's most diabolical struggle has failed. Realities confront us now.

"Work and economy is the regimen," says Caillaux. "A just and merciless imposition of taxes on all incomes, large and small, without exception or distinction, and an inexorable taxation of opulence—such are the remedies, the only remedies."

The United States settled on those remedies, even before the war had ended. France is several years late—and today her financial system threatens to collapse, her political situation is chaotic, and her demoralization is dangerously near.

War is ugly in conception, execution and aftermath, never more so than in the latter stage.

Dead Children.

About twenty thousand human beings were killed in American automobile accidents during 1924. Thirty-two per cent of those killed were children under fifteen years of age. Statistics do not explain how many of the sixty-four hundred dead children were killed as the result of their own carelessness, but the National Safety Council goes to the defense of motorists in general by calling attention to children who, in spite of danger, make the street their playground.

Drivers should assume that every child on or near the street is going to dash suddenly in front of their car. It is not a matter of five minutes. You can not tell by looking at a child what it is going to do. You should, therefore, drive slowly and have absolute control of your car. In Cedar Rapids, where several residential sections have no sidewalks and children more easily get into the streets, reckless driving is rampant because police supervision is lacking. But even in five minutes yesterday morning nine automobiles and three motorcycles broke the speed laws on one drive in Vernon Heights.

Is This Economy?

The newly elected council at Oklaheka has launched its program of economy. Two of its first moves resulted in dismissal of the police matron and the city nurse. The police matron, Oklaheka should not have any women or girl prisoners. But it is safe to say, without any investigation whatsoever, that the city nurse has been a public health nurse for many years. There is no hard and fast rule for the determination of what a public health nurse can save a community in dollars and cents, but it is safe to say that how much she gets in salary.

Cedar Rapids, as well as any other city in Iowa, offers a demonstration of what may be accomplished by a public health nurse. The nurse has been started on their way to good health, many lives have been saved and epidemics avoided because the public health nurse has been there to help. The records show these instances but who can estimate their financial value to the community?

Is it economy to save dollars by unduly strict vigilance in behalf of health in the community? One little epidemic of scarlet fever, developing from a case that the public nurse might have discovered in Oklaheka, will cost that city more than will be saved by the "economy" who decided there was no need for such an employee.

The danger in that it will go too far. Indeed, it already has gone too far in many instances. Economy, overworked man in the long run becomes gross extravagance.

Whittling An Idol.

Now that he finally has consented to run for public office, von Hindenburg is not the idol that he was. Although his candidacy is but four days off, the former field marshal is being subjected to bitter criticism by those who are undertaking to show that he did not earn the credit given him during his career. In fact, it was a poor strategist brushed aside by Ludendorff whenever critical decisions were to be made. Hindenburg is said to have understood the American situation, but he failed to have failed to recognize the value of the tank in modern warfare. All sorts of allegations are being resurrected of allegations are being resurrected of the general is out after the now that the people. An idol a few days ago, he has turned to brass. This does not attach to the man who consents to run for office.

OLD WOMAN FOR POISON DEATHS

France Still Without Cabinet

BRIAND WANTS MORE TIME TO FIX UP FENCES

Socialists Are Opposed To Him; To Form Temporary Government Today.

PARIS, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Former Premier Briand asked by President Doumergue to form a cabinet, tonight informed the president he could not give a definite answer until tomorrow afternoon. He is awaiting the decision of the national council of the socialist party regarding their willingness to participate in the new government.

On leaving, President Doumergue told correspondents that the idea of a 48-hour cabinet which would ratify the bill authorizing the circulation of 45,000,000, 000 had been abandoned.

PARIS, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—M. Briand, who yesterday was entrusted with the task of organizing a new cabinet, called on President Doumergue today and asked for more time in which to select his ministers.

The crisis was brought on by the resignation of the Herriot cabinet after the senate had expressed dissatisfaction with the government's fiscal regime. Briand appeared determined to have no power behind the throne and wants to know definitely whether the socialists are willing to "bind themselves" to his policy.

Many senators and deputies of all parties maintain that political questions should, at least for the moment, be laid aside, that the country is in a tragic position, which must be met by the employment of exceptional measures.

For this reason, a transition ministry headed by Anatole de Monzie, who became minister of finance in the Herriot cabinet, succeeded M. Clemenceau, only a week before the cabinet resigned, is growing in favor of political circles. The sole aim of such a ministry, it is explained, would be to regulate the position of the Bank of France which, it became known during the financial debates last week, exceeded the legal limit of circulation to tide over a crisis.

M. Briand made it clear to M. Doumergue that he needed more time to consult with the various political groups. He made an appointment to see the president again at 6 p. m.

May Decline Premiership. At noon the impression in parliamentary circles was that M. Briand would decline the offer of the premiership, either this evening or tomorrow and that M. Painleve, president of the chamber of deputies, or some other member would be called on to try to unravel the political tangle.

M. Painleve thus far has refused to undertake the task. The predictions in the chamber of deputies are that M. Briand would form a coalition with the short-lived and a short time he asked to form a concentration government. The socialists hold the keys to the situation and do not appear inclined to help out in any combination other than another Herriot cabinet.

The socialists oppose Briand's efforts to form a new ministry and are upholding passive resistance, which is the result of the request of M. Briand for more time. The formation of a temporary cabinet to deal with the urgent phases of the financial question is also opposed by the socialists.

Movie Stars Announce Engagement



GASTON GLASS.



RENEE ADOREE.

LOS ANGELES.—Gaston Glass and Renee Adoree, motion picture players, announced their engagement. Eleven months must elapse before Miss Adoree's interlocutory decree of divorce from Tom Moore, screen actor, becomes final. Glass was in the limelight in the autumn of 1923, when he was charged with being a dissolute person following his arrest in a police raid at the home of Mrs. Helen McCloskey.

Louis G. Cassler, director for Glass, and Alma Rhodes, an extra girl, were arrested in the same raid. After the case against Glass was heard twice and two judges failed to reach a verdict, the charge was dismissed against all of the defendants.

BOOZE GETS TEN IN BAD OVER VEE

Alvin Melaa Accused Of Driving Car While Intoxicated; Rum Puta Auto In Ditch; Nab Alleged Shiner.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.) Booze of various varieties and degrees of kick figured as the principal cause in ten arrests made by the police, county and federal officials Saturday night and Sunday.

Alvin Melaa, 204 J street west, alleged to have been intoxicated when the automobile he was driving smashed into a car belonging to G. M. Anderson of Fairfax on the Rockford road at Twenty-third avenue west Saturday evening, was arrested today by Detective Stanley.

The warrant issued by Justice J. B. Travis charges operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Both cars were badly damaged but no one was hurt, according to the police. He has been released on \$500 bond.

A complete still, eighty gallons of mash and a quart of the finished product were seized in a raid Saturday night on the home of John Dobie of the city, on what is known as the Cunningham farm. Detective Mikola, Patrolman Hines, M. R. Slade, federal prohibition agent, and Constable Fleming made the raid on warrants charging Dobie with maintaining a liquor nuisance and violating the federal dry laws. Samples of the mash were taken and the rest dumped out.

Dobie waived to the grand jury when arraigned this morning and indicated he will plead guilty to a true information. He was just recently released from Leavenworth prison where he served a stretch for bootlegging. He was sent up from this city.

A cold air register, covered by a trunk was the hiding place used by C. C. Cox, Jr., rooming in Second avenue, for keeping a gallon can of alcohol and seven empty pint bottles, police said. The raid on Cox's place was made by Deputy Sheriff Max Avery and Roy Todebaugh and Patrolman Hoke at 10 p. m. Saturday. The search warrant was issued by Justice Lightner Cox is charged with maintaining a liquor nuisance.

MINERS' WAGES NOT TOO HIGH, UNION INSISTS

Soft Coal Workers Decline To Consider Cut; Reasons Set Forth.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Some of the reasons why the United Mine Workers of America decline to consider any proposition looking to a reduction in the wages of bituminous miners was set forth in a statement issued yesterday by the International headquarters. Developments at the Cleveland conference of mine operators and from the correspondence between Pittsburgh operators and John L. Lewis brought forth the statement.

"People ask why the United Mine Workers of America refuse to stand for a reduction in miners' wages," the statement says. "In the first place there is a valid binding contract in effect between the United Mine Workers of America and the coal companies that employ union labor."

"Second, miners' wages are none too high. The basic wage rate is \$7.50 a day. If a miner were employed steadily every work day in the year at that rate he could earn \$200 a month. Most of them are employed half time or less."

"Third, a reduction in wages in the union coal fields would not solve the problem of a stagnant coal industry. It would not increase the demand for coal nor sell an additional ton. There is a normal demand in the American market for approximately 500,000,000 tons of bituminous coal and that's all the market can possibly absorb. If coal were to sell at 60 cents a ton, the consuming public would not 'buy' more than it could use."

"Fourth, it could mean that wages would not benefit the coal operators of the union fields, because such a reduction would immediately be followed by further reduction by operators in non-union fields and the situation would then be the same as it was before any reduction was made."

Before the doctor arrived Ed Sykes drove up and told the policeman the automobile in front of which Henderson was lying being driven by Ed Sykes was held for investigation. The automobile was in the ditch on the wrong side of the road and headed toward Cedar Rapids. Its tracks indicated it had been driven in and out of the ditch six times in a distance of 75 feet.

New Postal Rates Go In Effect On Next Wednesday

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.) Preparations were being made at the post office today to place in effect the new postal rates on Wednesday.

The principal facts the general public must remember are that post cards will cost two cents for mailing after tomorrow, and that there is an additional two-cent service charge on all parcel post packages mailed in town, but not on rural routes. These must be delivered "mailed on rural route" however.

Letters will remain at the usual two-cent rate. Clerks at the post office windows will be prepared to figure the change in parcel post rates, so little confusion is anticipated in that department, it was said today.

The second and third class matter includes newspapers, periodicals, merchandise and printed matter, and local firms competing postage in these rates have received instructions from the post office.

The government postal cards will go as formerly for one-cent. These are the plain postal cards with the one-cent stamp printed on them and sold at the post office or sub-stations.

Changes have been made in the rate of insurance, registry, C. O. D. money order and special delivery, but these rates will be computed at the windows of the post office by the clerks as heretofore. These rates have also been advanced a few cents. Special delivery matter weighing two pounds or less will still have the ten-cent charge.

Olson's Organs Yield Something As Yet Undefined

(CHICAGO AP.)—The organs of Dr. Oscar Olson, it is learned today, have yielded something, the report which had been expected today of an analysis made of the organs by Coroner's Chemist William D. McNally.

Dr. McNally will conduct experiments to ascertain what the reactions of a vital organism would be to the newly discovered substance and whether the substance is noxious.

Dr. Olson was the physician of William Nelson McClintock and a childhood friend of his deceased mother, Mrs. Emma Nelson McClintock.

Boone Young Man Commits Suicide With A Revolver

BOONE, April 13.—(By International News.)—Milo Doran, 27 years old, son of former Senator J. R. Doran of this county, was found dead today near a haystack on the Doran home, south of Beaver.

Doran had shot himself through the right temple. No reason could be ascertained by his mother or other relatives for the act. He was unmarried.

The youth left a note saying that all things must perish and saying that he owed no one a cent. His father, who died six months ago, left him one of the largest estates in this section, to which the young man was joint heir.

LONE GUNMAN STICKS UP OIL STATION HERE

Careful Bandit Has Victim Lower His Hands; Gets \$50; Hurries Off.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.) While scores of automobiles were passing in First avenue, a lone bandit held up and robbed C. F. Boone, 227 South Twenty-eighth street, attendant at the Standard Oil service station, First avenue at Twenty-ninth street at 8 o'clock last night, and escaped with about \$50.

The gunman was careful not to attract attention from the outside, according to Boone's story to Detective Stanley and Patrolman Powell, who were sent to investigate. Boone was seated over the small safe, one hand in his hip pocket, when the stranger entered.

Evidently fearing the attendant might have a gun, the bandit whipped out a .32 caliber automatic and said, "none of that." Mr. Boone withdrew his hand and the bandit reaching quickly into the hip pocket withdrew Mr. Boone's wallet.

Supporting the bandit would next order "hands up." Mr. Boone started to move his mitts skyward in the most approved manner when held up, but this did not suit the gunman either. He was taking no chances on someone in the street seeing the oil station attendant's hand protruding above the window sill.

"None of that," was his command again, followed by orders to Boone to open the safe. He performed did so, and the gunman took what money he could get easily, then forced Mr. Boone into the wash room and with the revolver held to his face, he said, "I want to know your name."

Heart Disease And Cancer Caused Most Deaths In This City

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.) Heart disease and cancer caused more deaths here last year than any other diseases, the annual report of Tony Trusty, health officer, submitted to the council today, shows.

Of the 516 deaths, 79 were attributed to heart disease and 53 to cancer. Other principal causes listed and the deaths chalked against them are cerebral hemorrhage, 39; pneumonia, 33; accidents, 20; nephritis, 19; apoplexy, 15; arterio sclerosis, 13; tuberculosis, 12; influenza, 10; diphtheria, 7; scarlet fever, 6; and spinal meningitis, 2 each, and diphtheria, one.

More persons died between the ages of 70 and 80 than any other ten-year period, 92 being the total for those years. Eighty-four per cent of the deaths were between 40 and 50 and fourteen were more than 90 when they died.

There were 127 cases of scarlet fever, 126 of diphtheria; ten cases of pneumonia, 10 of infantile paralysis and two of spinal meningitis. Of the pleasurable diseases there were 133 cases of measles, 61 of chickenpox and 13 of whooping cough.

Hammill Signs New Appropriation Bill But Withholds It

DES MOINES, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Gov. Hammill has signed the state appropriation bill, but he has not, however, transmitted it to the senate, pending an opinion from Attorney General Ben J. Gibson on the legality of a change made in the bill by Chief Clerk A. C. Gustafson of the house.

The bill is the last of the measures passed by the legislature to be approved, the Romney "cannot heat" bill having been signed late Saturday, although the governor is withholding this measure from the secretary of state until opinion can be filed arguments against it.

W. S. Crowley, 43, Grocer, Ends His Life With A Rope

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.) Despondent because of business conditions, W. S. Crowley, 43, proprietor of a grocery store and meat market at 293 Third avenue west, committed suicide Sunday noon by hanging himself in the basement of the building.

His body was found a few minutes later by members of the family. Police were notified and Detective Christensen and Patrolman Lee responded. Mrs. Crowley and her daughter, wondering what had kept their husband and father so long in the basement, had taken down the body, the police said. Dr. P. W. Swett was called but it was too late to revive Mr. Crowley.

Mr. Crowley had been unusually quiet Sunday noon and just before the family was to leave to take dinner with relatives, he went to the basement of the store saying something about fixing the furnace, and working to the furnace, as obtained by Coroner R. A. Vorpahl.

In one of Mr. Crowley's pockets was found a note saying "Put me away in Cedar Rapids," the coroner said. Crowley noted that the request for burial there was no written explanation of his act. No inquest will be held, the coroner said.

In the hope of finding business conditions better elsewhere, Mr. Crowley had made a short trip to several other cities last week, it was said, but had returned despondent. Surviving him are his widow, two sons, Walter Francis and William Warren and one daughter, Anna Loyene, a sister Mrs. Lottie Leonard of Los Angeles and a brother, Rudolph Clark of LeRoy, Iowa.

Mr. Crowley was born Dec. 1, 1882 at Ottumwa, Iowa, and had lived here about a year and a half.

QUAKE EAST OF MANILA

MANILA, April 13.—Saturday's Pacific earthquake, recorded in seismicographs throughout the United States was declared by university of Philippines scientists today to have occurred 2,000 miles east of here.

TWO NAVY PLANES TO CROSS PACIFIC

Non-stop Flight To Hawaii Planned For Summer; Long Distance Machines Now Being Constructed.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(By International News.)—A non-stop flight to Hawaii will be undertaken this summer by naval seaplanes, it was officially announced today. The date and the officers to make the flight will be selected later.

Two planes developed at the naval aircraft factory in Philadelphia will take part, while a third which is now being built at the plant of the Boeing Airplane company in Seattle, also will be used if completed in time.

The flight to Honolulu will be attempted as a test of the new planes developed by naval engineers. The planes used will be the long distance patrol type, developed for overseas scouting operations from a land base. They are called the "air cruisers" of the navy.

San Francisco or San Diego. They will be shipped to the latter city the last of this month for assembly and test. The planes are known as the P-30 type and are bi-motored. They carry normally a crew of five men and when fully loaded weigh approximately 18,125 pounds, or slightly over nine tons, of which 50 per cent is "useful load."

The construction of the P-30 is a development of the P-15, which is a 475 horse power, but actually develops in excess of 600, giving a maximum speed of 117 miles an hour and a cruising speed of 80 miles an hour.

The specific charge against Mrs. Sims is a violation of slavery laws. It is charged by the district attorney that Mrs. Ella Williams of Hawthorne, Calif., paid \$25,000 down advance note of \$100 for the baby of a 14-year-old girl, born at the Sims house.

INDIANA TAKES HAND TO SOLVE MYSTERY CASE

Anna Cunningham To Face Gary Police; Bodies Are To Be Exhumed Today.

(CHICAGO, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Mrs. Anna Cunningham, whose husband and four of their children, died after brief illnesses within six years, today was taken into custody at the county hospital by two police sergeants and a matron from Gary, Ind., and taken back there for detention pending further investigation of the mysterious deaths.

The exhumation of the bodies near Valparaiso, Ind., where the Cunningham family lived before moving to Gary, was to take place today to permit chemical analysis of the contents of the vital organs.

Mrs. Cunningham was released by the county hospital, where she attempted to choke herself with a bed sheet last night to State's Attorney Crowley's men, who then transferred her to the custody of the Gary police.

Memory Restored After Many Years, Man Returns Home

LOS ANGELES, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—With a twice broken thread of his memory nearly tied together again, so as to connect him with events of a quarter century ago, Abner C. Bartlett, former New York produce merchant, returned today from a long stay in an institution.

About twenty-five years ago Bartlett came to southern California with his wife and three sons. The shock of her death in a railroad accident shortly after their arrival unbalanced Bartlett's mind. He was placed in a private sanatorium. Many years later, after the outbreak of the World War he was pronounced cured and left the sanatorium just in time to learn that two of his boys, then grown men, had been killed in battle.

The shock broke him; robbed him of memory. He wandered from place to place, until he came to Los Angeles, San Bernardino—finally found work in peace on a ranch near Fresno. There it was that a private detective found him and placed him in the State Hospital.

His shattered recollection, returning to him the events of his early life. Today the detective, P. W. Mohan, saw Bartlett and his remaining son depart for the east.

Bank Employee And \$4,000 Postal Cash Reported Missing

COUNCIL BLUFFS, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—When William White, custodian and messenger of the First National bank of this city, disappeared one week ago today, a package containing \$4,000 in currency entrusted to White for delivery to the post office also disappeared. B. B. Wilson, vice-president of the bank, admitted today, verifying rumors that have been current several days.

The money package was for the Shelby Savings bank at Harlan. The loss of the bank is covered by insurance and White was under bond. The bank instituted a quiet search for White the day he disappeared and his description has been broadcast in several ways. When he left, White told his wife he was going to Lincoln to attend a meeting of Red Men but investigation proves he never reached there. From Omaha he telephoned his wife about \$100 he had hidden in their room over the bank, money he said he had derived from the sale of birds.

White had been employed by the bank for fourteen years.

Youngsters Roll Easter Eggs On White House Yard

WASHINGTON, April 13.—(By Associated Press.)—Frolicking youngsters abandoned their jobs of Easter egg rolling here again, over the White House domain today. Custom has so had it, with the one interruption of the war days, almost as the presidential home has stood on the crest of sloping lawns.

For the first part of the day, an appearance of not being more than 10 years old was the necessary qualification for admission to the ground as an egg roller. One adult, however, might come along in each case to keep the eggs in proper possession and otherwise supervise matters. The age limitation carried only to the latter part of the afternoon, after which all were given opportunity to join.

Easter Monday this year falls on the seventeenth birthday anniversary of Calvin Coolidge, Jr., who died last summer. President and Mrs. Coolidge, however, accepted the occasion for welcoming the city's children for the annual event just as warmly as they did a year ago.