

BRISBANE THIS WEEK

He Used His Other Chance
Two Big Birthdays
England, Rich, Worries
The Elephant's Pulse

New York's Titterton murder mystery turns out not to be "the perfect crime."



The murderer, an upholsterer, carefully took away the cord used in his trade, with which he had bound the unfortunate woman, but forgot that he had left some strands of twine under the body, and those pieces of cord, thanks to excellent police work, trapped him. The sentimental who says, "Give the poor criminal another chance," will note that the murderer was a convict on parole when he killed the woman. He had "another chance" and made use of it.

Berlin reports a great Hitler forty-seventh birthday celebration including a fine display of military power—airplanes, war tanks, fighting men, apparently eager for a fight. They were young and could not remember the last war.

Particularly interesting were two lines in the song sung by storm troopers:

"Today we own Germany,
And tomorrow the whole world."

The day after Hitler celebrated his forty-seventh birthday old Rome celebrated her two thousand six hundred and eighty-ninth anniversary. Mussolini celebrates by launching two new Italian cruisers and speeding up airplane production. He tells Italian fathers and mothers he must have 60,000,000 population for Italy not later than 1950. In 1921, when Mussolini took charge, Italy's population was 38,000,000. There will soon be room and food to raise more Italians in Ethiopia. Easy for all but the mother.

England, doing well in a business way, with more than \$2,000,000,000 worth of Bank of England notes circulating among tradesmen, is collecting gold and depicting the French reserves. While England tries to keep down the price of her "no-gold" pound, France is afraid she will not be able to keep up the value of her gold franc, already devalued by 50 per cent of its 1914 value. What becomes of the "magic in gold"? Our dear old dollar is worth only 59 cents, and only dealers in exchange know it.

Doctor Benedict, of Carnegie laboratories, finds that the adult elephant's heart beats from 22 to 30 times a minute, less than half the human heartbeat, and the elephant heartbeat is nine strokes faster when the animal is lying down. Man's heart beats more rapidly while he stands—because then it must raise blood the full height of the body. Old poets, with tired hearts, should do their writing lying down—the blood flows horizontally with little heart-effort.

England is pleased; Sir Robert Hadfield, who makes tough steel, announces a shell for British naval guns that can pass unhurt through armor plate twelve inches thick and explode on the other side. "One shell of this kind fired in the region of the magazine would probably cause destruction of a modern battleship." England is manufacturing the shells rapidly; others are manufacturing airplane bombs that might make old-fashioned naval guns and shells useless.

In Miami a lady, first name Lois, and married, has husky triplet babies. Two gentlemen, the official husband and one other, demand custody of the triplets, each calling himself the real father. The alleged "father" who is not the husband would submit to any blood test, his lawyer says. How would King Solomon decide that?

Clarence Darrow, one of the country's most convincing lawyers, says on his seventy-ninth birthday: "I say that religion is the belief in future life and in God. I don't believe in either."

The hophead beside the track, watching the express train go by, might say, reasonably enough: "I do not believe in such a thing as a locomotive engineer."

Moscow has returned to the Japanese government in Manchukuo, with full military honors, the bodies of three Japanese killed in a fight with Soviet guards. The military honors will not console the widows, and, repeated often enough, such incidents lead to war.

Europe envies our fortunate country, which gives only paper dollars and inflation paper bonds to its citizens but has, buried in the ground, the biggest lump of gold on earth.

A wonderful thing is micro-chemistry. It tells scientists that off the coast of Greenland sea water contains more gold than in New York harbor; that one village in Switzerland has less gold than another because in the first the dewdrops contain more gold.

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News Review of Current Events the World Over

Stiewer to Be Keynote for Republicans—Flood Control Bill Passes Senate—Battle Over New Tax Bill in House.

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WHEN the Republicans gather in national convention at Cleveland next June their keynote will be sounded by Frederick Stiewer, the eloquent and handsome United States senator from Oregon. He was selected to be temporary chairman of the convention by unanimous vote of the arrangements committee of the national committee after due consideration had been given the names of several other prominent Republicans.



Senator Stiewer

Observers held that the motive in picking Stiewer was a desire of the party leaders to give the convention a western atmosphere at the start, with an especial eye to agriculture. The senator has been actively identified with wheat growing and his home town, Portland, is a center of the northwestern battleground of the November elections. His colleague is Senator Charles L. McNary, one of the authors of the old McNary-Haugen agriculture bill and by many regarded as a possible dark horse in the Presidential nomination race. Governor Landon said he was glad to hear Stiewer had been chosen, and it was believed Senator Borah also approved, for in many ways Stiewer has proved himself liberal, and at the same time has upheld the Constitution and the American form of government.

He has opposed most of the New Deal measures, but has not been uncompromising, as he voted for such acts as the TVA extension, the labor disputes act, and the AAA amendments. He has been active in soldier legislation, including the bonus. He opposed the work relief bill, the utilities bill, the tax bill and the Guffey coal bill. Congressman Bertrand Snell of New York, minority leader in the house, was selected to be permanent chairman of the convention, a position he held in the convention of 1932.

DISREGARDING warnings by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan against too hasty action, the senate passed a bill introduced by Senator Overton of Louisiana authorizing the expenditure of \$272,000,000 for flood control work on the lower Mississippi river and its tributaries. There was no record vote. The bill has no relation to the omnibus flood control measure now pending, which may reach a billion. The sum named in the senate bill is authorized merely to be appropriated and will have to be put in a deficiency appropriation bill. Senator Overton declared it was justified by emergency conditions.

In addition to the 272 million dollars there is authorized an appropriation of 15 millions to be allocated by the secretary of war and used in rescue work or repair and maintenance of flood control works.

FEDERAL JUDGE HALSTED L. RITTER of Florida was found guilty on impeachment charges by the senate and removed from office, being the fourth federal jurist to be ousted in this manner. On each of the first six articles of impeachment a majority of senators voted for his acquittal; but on the seventh article, which was a generalized summary of the charges against him, he was convicted by a vote of 56 to 28.

An order declaring Ritter should be "forever disqualified from holding any office of honor, trust or profit under the United States" was defeated, 76 to 0.

The senate's verdict in the twelfth impeachment case brought before it as a high court of impeachment since foundation of the American republic amounted to a decision that Judge Ritter had violated the Constitutional requirements of good behavior in office. It carried no punishment other than automatic removal from the bench.

THE administration's bill to levy about 800 million dollars in new taxes yearly was introduced in the house by the ways and means committee, and a fierce battle started immediately. The Republican minority of the committee issued a report which stated that the proposed tax law was "unsound in principle, will undermine business stability, is another step toward regimentation of all business, and is not designed to raise revenue but admittedly is another New Deal experiment."

Conservative Democrats joined with the Republicans in this attack against the bill, but the administration leaders were confident the measure would pass before May 1.

Complete revision of the corporation tax system is the main objective of the bill. It levies a graduated tax on corporation income, based on percentage of earnings withheld from distribution to stockholders in the form of dividends.

The majority report asserted the measure would raise about \$803,000,000 the first year, but admitted that over a three-year period revenue would fall \$334,000,000 short of the President's budget-balancing program. It was added that the deficit could be acted on "more intelligently" next session.

SENATOR KENNETH McKELLAR of Tennessee made an attempt to reduce by \$225,000 the appropriation for the federal bureau of investigation, otherwise J. Edgar Hoover's G-men, and failed ignominiously. Only McKellar and one other senator were in the affirmative on a viva voce vote, and in the brief but lively debate several Democrats, including Majority Leader Joe Robinson, joined Senator Vandenberg in denouncing the proposed reduction. The Michigan man's remarks were caustic. Said he:

"I will go as far as the senator from Tennessee in all matters of economy, but it seems to me that this is a peculiar place to start economizing. The bureau says it needs 175 more men. If the senator wants to save 175 men, I will join him in taking that number from the 18,235 employed by Doctor Tugwell's resettlement administration. I will join him in abolishing 175 of the 43,641 jobs under Mr. Hopkins. I will join him in removing that number from the 19,548 jobs under the HOLC, or the 2,422 jobs under the long interred NRA."

SEVEN persons were indicted by a federal grand jury in St. Paul, Minn., for the kidnaping of William Hamm, Jr., brewer, in June, 1933. Some of the accused are already in prison. Only one, Alvin Karpis, public enemy No. 1, is still at large, and the Department of Justice in Washington has offered a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to his apprehension.

OCCUPATION of Addis Ababa and all of Ethiopia was the price demanded by Italy for an armistice in East Africa when the council of the League of Nations met again in Geneva. Baron Pompeo Aloisi presented the ultimatum on behalf of Dictator Mussolini. Wolde Mariam, representing Ethiopia, countered with a request that the league invoke all penalties against Italy under article 16 of the covenant, thus including military sanctions as well as the economic penalties which the league has been trying to enforce. The British and French delegates explained the stand of their respective governments in the embroglio.

The league was helpless, and having received the discouraging report of the conciliation committee, was compelled to confess it could not find means of attaining peace. France will not consent to the imposition of military sanctions, and Great Britain naturally will not undertake to enforce them by herself. It appeared the poor Ethiopians were to be abandoned to their fate, meaning the extinction of their empire and their exploitation by Italy.

Anthony Eden in his address to the council warned France that she might expect from Great Britain no further support against aggression by Germany than France had given against Italy.

From the north, south and west the Italian armies were advancing on Addis Ababa, and the panic stricken civilian inhabitants of the capital were fleeing from the city. Foreigners sought shelter in the bomb-proof British legation. The mayor issued all the arms available and the government called on all able men to make a last stand for liberty, saying "it is better to die than to be enslaved."

Latest dispatches said the Ethiopians were blasting the road between Dessaye and Addis Ababa, and that the advance of some of the Italian columns had been halted by strong attacks. The emperor was afield with his troops and turned the government at the capital over to Crown Prince Asfa Wosan.

THAT old gold mine at Moose River, Nova Scotia, provided an epic tale of selfish and heroic human endeavor that will be told for many a year. For ten days more than a hundred experienced miners strove unceasingly to rescue three men who had been trapped by the fall of dirt and rocks in the 140-foot level of the abandoned mine they were inspecting. Machinery and other equipment were brought from far away. A diamond drill was driven through and through this small opening, communication was established and food was dropped down but already one of the three was dead of hunger and exhaustion. Finally the desperate efforts of the rescuers were successful and the two survivors were brought safely to the surface, together with the body of the dead man. Those saved were Dr. D. E. Robertson, famous and beloved surgeon of Toronto, and C. A. Scadding. The one who did not live was Herman Magill, also of Toronto.

SECRETARY OF LABOR PERKINS reported that employment in manufacturing and nonmanufacturing industries during March showed a gain of 250,000. One division of the steel industry, she reported, had increased its employment above the 1929 level.

Pay rolls in the industries surveyed by the Labor department were \$10,000,000 above February and \$20,000,000 over a year ago.

The employment index in the wire making division of the steel industry, she said, now stands at 143, compared with 124.2 in 1929. At the same time she pointed out that four and a half million young people have come on the labor market since 1929 and that employment would have to rise to 125 per cent of the "normal" level to absorb these newcomers.

Sixty-six of the manufacturing industries reported gains, she said, and 11 of the 16 nonmanufacturing industries showed improvement in employment.

GOV. ED. C. JOHNSON of Colorado is determined to keep "cheap labor" out of his state and has taken steps to stop the invaders at the boundary lines by means of a military patrol of the National Guard.

Col. Nell W. Kimball, adjutant general, flew over western Oklahoma on a scouting expedition following reports workers were gathering for a concentrated "border run."

Guard officers said workers were camped across the state line in Oklahoma. Reports that indigents were evading the patrol along the New Mexico line by turning eastward sent patrol units hurrying to the Kansas boundary.

ANOTHER post-war treaty has gone floey. President Kemal Ataturk of Turkey and his cabinet decided that the Dardanelles must be remilitarized, despite the Lusanne pact, and Turkish troops were promptly moved into the zone along the 75-mile long strait that connects the Sea of Marmora and the Aegean sea. It is believed Kemal will soon rebuild the fortifications in the zone which the allies failed to capture during the World war.

The Turkish dictator didn't surprise anyone by his action, for he asked permission of the League of Nations some time ago to rearm the Dardanelles. No formal reply had been made, but the British government rather favored giving consent, and the Soviet Union openly approves Turkey's move. Italy was displeased, and there was considerable excitement in the Balkan states, especially Bulgaria which borders on European Turkey. The Bulgarians renewed their demand for a corridor giving them a direct route to the Aegean sea.

Probably Kemal's action will not be severely condemned by anyone, for most of the European nations are preparing for war with feverish haste. Austria's army, small but well equipped, held a spring parade in Vienna, and immediately the nations of the little entente displayed their anger at this show of military force and their military attaches in the Austrian capital were ordered not to occupy the places reserved for them among the reviewing officials. Rumania has increased its military budget to \$38,000,000 and created a special fund of \$20,000,000 for the development of aviation. Hungary is clamoring for revision of the Trianon treaty and recovery of the territory it lost to the little entente.

LOUIS McHENRY HOWE, secretary to President Roosevelt and for many years his close friend and adviser, died in the Naval hospital at Washington after an illness of more than a year. Mr. Howe was known in the capital as "the President maker," for it was largely due to his efforts that Mr. Roosevelt reached the White House. For twenty-five years, from the day when Mr. Roosevelt and he first met in Albany, he had devoted himself to forwarding his friend's political fortunes. During the Chicago convention and the ensuing campaign his planning and his advice were credited largely with the results attained.

DISPATCHES from Chengtu, China, tell a terrible story of the famine and drought in Szechuen province, once one of the most fertile regions in the country. It is said to be the worst famine in the history of China, the deaths numbering many thousands and fully 30,000,000 persons being in distress. Suicides and "mercy slayings" are everyday incidents.

Officials said the situation primarily was a result of Communist incursions during the last two years in which the reds overran and pillaged the land.

WHAT American newspaper publishers think of the actions of the Black lobby committee was expressed forcibly and unequivocally in resolutions adopted by their national association at its annual meeting in New York. The committee was accused of having violated the first, fourth and fifth amendments to the Constitution by its seizures of private communications, and the publishers recommended that all victims of the committee's acts seek civil damages and demand the "prosecution of all involved in the odious affair under the criminal statutes of the United States."

OTTORINO RESPIGHI, one of the most famous of modern Italian composers, died in Rome at the age of fifty-six of heart disease following blood poisoning. His passing is cause for deep mourning among music lovers everywhere.

what
Irvin S. Cobb
thinks
about:

Pensions for Veterans.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Merely another little prophecy by old Doctor Cobb, the amateur soothsayer, who never said a sooth he's surer of than this one:

Agitation for a blanket pension to cover all World war veterans, regardless of ratings or physical condition, will start as soon as those late-war billions are distributed. At first some veterans' organization will oppose it—not for long, though. At first congress will be lukewarm. Then it'll see a great light, and this new pension act—one that will be to all previous pension acts what a whale is to tadpoles—will be passed.

At least the veterans have the argument of patriotic service on their side. And isn't it true that to nearly all of us has come a new conception of the national figurehead? No longer is it square-jawed, self-dependent Yankee Doodle. It's a generous, jolly smiling Santa Claus bringing free checks for everybody; that is, free until the taxpayers start paying the bill.

Defying the Almighty. FOLLOWING the example set some years ago by a certain famous personage, a cock-sure infidel made a speech lately, defying God to smite him dead on the spot. It seemed, first off, a very sound idea, but nothing happened, so the gentleman took this for proof there was no God and went his way rejoicing.

Some look on this as blasphemy, but, granted that every man is entitled to speak his opinion on religion, I'd call it pure gall. Think of inviting the Almighty to suspend the entire cosmic scheme while forging a thunderbolt to abolish one solitary copycat of an amateur Ajax. Would you call out the standing army of the United States to kill a cockroach?

Lady Killers.

IT HAS been in print so often you must know it by heart, yourself: At sight of her recreant gentleman friend, the poor bruised butterfly felt a great sense of her wrongs—the wretch wanted to go back to his wife or something equally dastardly—and the next thing she knew she was holding a smoking automatic that accidentally happened to be in her handbag along with some lipstick and a recipe for fudge; and he was dead then the prosecutor's chance of convicting her for the killing. But just prior to that "everything went black before her eyes." There's one detail which never varies—that going-black-before-the-eyes business.

It was in the case they tried recently in New York. It's in this latest case at Chicago. 'Tis a sore affliction, always marked by total lapse of memory and frequently coupled with temporary insanity, but it's certainly fine for marksmanship. The lady scores a perfect bull's-eye, invariably. I wish I could go blind to order that way. I'd be the best quail-shot that ever came out of Kentucky, instead of the worst.

Brawls in Hollywood.

NATURALLY, I have hot southern blood, which seems to be the hottest there is, although down home I never noticed it. But up north, if trouble impended, people would speak of my hot southern blood when all the time I thought I was having a nervous chill.

Being thus all hot-blooded up, I adore fighting. If somebody else does it. Since our movie heroes always stage their combats in some utterly secluded spot, such as a cafe or a night club, I hurry hither and yon hoping to be present when an embittered star satisfies his honor by bouncing a special order of sweetbreads under glass with mushrooms—twenty minutes, 90 cents—off some rival's classic profile.

But it's hard enough for me to get in touch with a waiter, let alone a good plate-tossing contest. Today the war correspondents report two brisk battles on the Hollywood front, and I'm absent, as usual.

In the main bout, both gladiators were script writers, proverbially a tigerish breed. Believe it or not, a Mr. Riskin tangled with a Mr. Riskin, the presumption being that one of the gentlemen regarded the other as a typographical error.

English Reds Again.

SOMETHING printed here recently about the way the English handle their reds and pinks wrote giving further details.

"Would seem that over there all public servants, including, notably, state-paid school teachers, must swear to uphold the crown, which means they cannot preach communism to their pupils without violating a solemn oath and, if caught so doing, they lose their official heads instantly. Moreover, no avowed or suspected agent of the Soviets may use the radio to preach the overthrow of the existing government in favor of the Russian plan.

In other words—forgive the pun, please—Britain never shall be Slava. But, on the other hand, Americans always will be suckers!



Irvin S. Cobb

OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Wood ashes make an excellent fertilizer for shrubbery and rose bushes, also for dahlias, peonies and delphinium. Scatter ashes over soil. It makes it sweet and has a tendency to loosen it.

A simple Russian dressing is made by adding two tablespoons of chili sauce and two tablespoons of finely chopped green peppers to one cup of mayonnaise.

Purchase seldom used spices in small packages, as it is more economical since spices lose some of their flavor when exposed to the air.

Paper baking cups make excellent caps for milk bottles. Press edges down firmly to fit mouth of bottle.

Sweep rugs the way of the pile. Brushing against the grain tends to brush dust in instead of out.

Powdered borax added to the water when washing fine white flannels helps to keep them soft.

The tough skin that forms on top of a cornstarch pudding may be prevented if a piece of oiled paper is placed over pudding when set away to cool.

If the table silver is placed in hot soapsuds immediately after being used, and dried with a soft, clean cloth, much of the work of polishing will be saved.

When you are basting roast beef, a tablespoon of brown or white sugar added to the gravy improves the flavor and color.

Paint stains that are dry and old may be removed from cotton or woolen goods with chloroform. First cover amply with olive oil.

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