

CHICKENS' CENSOR  
MAILS IN ENGLAND

Britisher Declares System is Joke and May Become Peril

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—"Sees Peril for England in Present Censorship." Under the foregoing heading, the New York Evening Mail, which is served by the Associated Press, today carried the following article:

"A well-known Englishman, who arrived here today on a Government mission, said that, while the position of the Allies in the neutral mail controversy was unassailable in many respects, censorship in England was becoming a national joke, but might soon become a national peril."

"He spoke of mail and press censorship as 'a gross folly and rampant idiosyncrasy.' 'England's demand for mail is great,' he said, 'but the work of censoring the mail has been left for the most part in the hands of women and girls, many of whom entered the work with no more aptitude for it than what they may have gained as typists or from the ribbon counter. Few of them, so far as I could learn, even had the advantage of having previously done secretarial work of some sort.'"

"I visited one office in London where virtually the entire staff is made up of girls. They were of the type known as 'chickens' in New York. They seem to be having the time of their lives opening and reading other people's letters. I noticed that the ones that interested them the most were those which contained sentimental passages or scandal of some sort."

"That these youngsters could have recognized anything of national value, even if it had been set forth in the simplest terms, seemed a matter of course to me. 'I believe that ninety per cent of the letters read by these censors might be passed on to their destinations unopened for all the good the reading would do to the Government. It is a fact that the ones which raised the most discussion and are passed on to be read by officials higher up are communications which have to do with romantic love affairs and divorce cases.'"

Penrose Predicts Victory  
Says Tide Has Set in Strongly for Republican Candidate

Reports received at the headquarters of the Republican national committee confirm previous predictions of the election of Hughes, according to a statement made today by Senator Penrose.

"The tide has set in strongly for the Republican ticket," said Senator Penrose, "and I have no doubt that the voting on November 7 will show a decisive victory for Hughes and Fairbanks."

Methodists Dedicate New Church  
LANCASTER, Oct. 16.—The congregation of St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, organized in 1848, is now occupying its second home, a stone edifice at South Queen and German streets, costing \$40,000. The dedication exercises were conducted this morning by the Rev. Joseph E. Geneser, the sermon being delivered by Bishop Joseph P. Ferry, of Philadelphia.

Police Court Chronicle  
In order to be happy Pat Conn has to be alone. There are times, in fact, that he cannot get along even with himself.

Today's Marriage Licenses  
John J. McCarthy, 5125 Cedar st., and Marie O'Brien, 2820 Olive st.

PUBLIC LEDGER EDITORIAL  
PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Robert Webster Jones, of Pittsburgh, Gets \$500 for Best Article on Hughes—Ernest F. Boddington, Philadelphia, Receives \$500 as Leader in Wilson Contest

The winners of the Public Ledger \$2000 Editorial Prize Contest are announced today. The subjects were "Why Charles E. Hughes Should Be Elected" and "Why Woodrow Wilson Should Be Re-elected."

The Republican winners are: First prize, \$500—Robert Webster Jones, chief editorial writer, Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

The Democratic winners are: First prize, \$500—Ernest F. Boddington, editorial staff, Philadelphia North American.

Second prize, \$300—Philip Payne, editorial writer, the Minneapolis Journal.

Third prize, \$200—James Walden Johnson, member of editorial staff, New York Age, Republican weekly issued in the colored race. First choice for first prize, who failed to qualify. E. Webster Evans, of Chicago, Ill.

Second prize, \$300—Frederic Perry Noble, editorial writer, Spokesman Review, Spokane, Wash.

Third prize, \$200—Benjamin Boissau Bohdt, editor Long Branch (N. J.) Daily Record.

The awards were made by a committee chosen under the auspices of the Republican national committee and by Henry Jones Ford and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise for the Democrats.

The Republican Judges read 329 articles and the Democrats 459.

FEDERAL LOAN BOARD  
SEEKS BANKING SITES

Jersey Farmers Tell of Interest Rates and Hear New System's Benefits

TRUSTON, N. J., Oct. 16.—The Federal Loan Board, created under the rural credits law, opened a hearing this morning in the Federal Building, attended by many New Jersey farmers and representatives of farm organizations, for the purpose of determining the boundaries of the twelve Federal loan bank districts.

Charles E. Lobdell, of Kansas, a member of the board, said the Federal legislation would not make the shiftless man prosperous, but would enable the industrious farmer to solve the problem of credit and thus make easier his farm proprietorship, his prosperity more certain and his life more comfortable. He also said there was nothing intricate or abstruse in the rural credits law.

It is merely applying to the farmer as nearly as may be applied the mutual building and loan association plan which has built thousands of town homes all over the country," he explained.

Herbert Quick, another member of the board, told the farmers that the new farm loan act will make for the agricultural prosperity of the country and bring about direct or indirect benefits to all farmers of the United States.

Many farmers now struggling along, said Captain W. H. A. Smlin, of the board, would be put on their feet by the rural credits system, which would, he said, enable them to purchase fertilizer and other essentials necessary to make their farms pay profits and which they are now unable to get.

TROOPER'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL  
Henry Chicone Killed Himself When Cleaning Pistol, Officer Tells Family

Details of the death of Henry Chicone, 1107 Christian street, the Sixth United States Cavalry trooper killed at Presidio, Tex., have been received by his adopted father, Angelo Offredo, 1107 Christian street, from Lieutenant George S. Andrew, commanding Chicone's troop.

The two wounds on Chicone's head, which caused his family to believe he had been murdered, were pistol wounds, a letter from Lieutenant Andrew said. Chicone was cleaning his pistol when it was discharged by accident. The funeral will be held tomorrow at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Tenth and Christian streets, with six members of Company M, First Pennsylvania Infantry, as pallbearers.

Farmers Unite to Protect Birds  
LANCASTER, Oct. 16.—With a view to providing a sanctuary for all kinds of birds, the owners of fourteen adjoining farms south and west of Mt. Joy have united in closing their lands to gunners.

CATTLE KING, ONCE POOR, DIES  
Man Who Laid \$20,000,000 Started Life as a Butcher's Boy

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—Henry Miller, one of California's notable men, who rose from butcher's boy to be known as the cattle king of the West and founder of the famous Miller and Lux properties, died here Saturday in his ninetieth year, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. J. Leroy Nicksel.

Miller lived in retirement with his daughter and had been confined to his bed two years. His estate is estimated to be worth \$18,000,000 to \$20,000,000.

ODD FELLOWS OPEN  
87TH ENCAMPMENT  
Annual Council of Patriarchs Militant Held Simultaneously in Chambersburg

CHAMBERSBURG, Oct. 16.—The eighty-seventh annual grand encampment of the Odd Fellows of Pennsylvania and the twenty-third annual council of the Patriarchs Militant began here on Sunday, when services were held in First United Brethren Church with a sermon by the Rev. Titus Alephack.

NOTED CIVIL ENGINEER DIES  
Virgil G. Bogue Built Northern Pacific Through Mountains

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—Virgil Gay Bogue, of New York, one of the foremost civil engineers in America, died on board the steamship Esperanza, of the Ward Line, on the way from Mexico to New York, according to a wireless message.

Swedish Statesman Dies  
STOCKHOLM, Oct. 16.—Count F. A. Taube, Swedish Minister to Germany since 1912 and at one time Minister of Foreign Affairs, is dead. The Count was paying a visit to Stockholm.

Ex-Senator Bradley's Funeral Today  
Funeral services for ex-State Senator William J. Bradley, who died last week following an operation, will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon in the Bradley home, 811 Copar street, Camden. The Rev. George W. Hemmingsway, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will officiate, and burial will be in Harleigh Cemetery.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

By ERNEST F. BODDINGTON  
Editorial Staff, Philadelphia North American

Winner of First Prize, \$500  
Woodrow Wilson should be re-elected because the people whom he has served owe him re-election. Moreover, they owe it to themselves to see that he is re-elected.

Four years ago Mr. Wilson, personally and through the platform of the Democratic party, made certain promises. He was elected to transmit promise into fulfillment. There is a simple method by which any voter not blinded by partisanship may ascertain whether the mandate given has been executed and whether the accomplishment has been worth while.

Our nation has been humiliated and weakened in the eyes of the world by President Wilson's failure to protect the lives and property of its citizens. Mr. Hughes declares: "I stand for the unflinching maintenance of all the rights of American citizens on land and sea."

Unable to dispute the record of a home policy definitely stated and resolutely followed, they focus their fury on the manner in which the foreign affairs of the country have been administered. Discussion, so-called, of the relations of the United States with Germany and with Mexico resolves itself into vituperative attacks on the President; abuse is substituted for argument.

For those who in some measure understand and appreciate the tenacity with which Woodrow Wilson clings to those principles on which this Republic was founded, there is satisfaction in the knowledge that during the present campaign considerable attention is being given to the Mexican situation. The President's conception of our duty toward a neighbor torn by revolution and struggling from the blindness of servitude to the light of liberty has been plainly stated. He believes that Mexico has the right to work out its own salvation.

It may be, as the Secretary of Commerce declared in a recent speech, that in a few short years the United States, with its material resources, its intelligence and organization, shall become the first among the world's great trading nations. "It is a consummation devoutly to be wished," as Mr. Taft said, "that commerce is mutual exchange of mutual benefit and not a species of industrial war. But what shall it profit America if, with material resources, intelligence and organization, the nation loses its soul newly reborn; if greed, special privilege, materialism grow and boastful return to replace unselfish service for all?"

Woodrow Wilson alone is not responsible for the spiritual awakening of the Republic. Political circles are not alone in feeling the stirrings after that righteousness which exalts nations. The churches have heard the call to social service, manufacturers have been stirred to activities which a few years ago they would have regarded as experiments in socialism. But the fact remains that like new movement in its many manifestations finds in Woodrow Wilson its typification and its embodiment. It is, as men of different political faiths unite in asserting, the next four years are likely to be years of supreme importance to the United States. It is necessary to the development of the nation that the office of the presidency be filled by one who has demonstrated that he is in touch with the spirit of the times.

ELOPERS DIE BY POISON

PADUCAH, Ky., Oct. 16.—Charles Brown, a married man, and Elma Cope, fourteen, with whom he eloped three weeks ago, were found dead here early today on the farm of the girl's father. They had taken their own lives by drinking a quantity of cyanide of potassium.

KILLS DAUGHTER'S SUITOR AND SELF  
CANTON, O., Oct. 16.—After courteously greeting Victor Roderick, nineteen-year-old suitor of his daughter, in his home, W. G. Britton, formerly a well-known baseball pitcher, shot the youth dead and then committed suicide.

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