

U. S. A. Wet Nurse. Time For American Policy. Ten Baby States. Wise Japan.

WEATHER: Fair tonight and tomorrow; change in temperature not much; lowest temperature tonight, 34 degrees. Temperature at 8 a. m., 25 degrees; normal temperature for January 30 for last 30 years, 33 degrees.

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THE STRANGE CASE OF THE BAKERY CHILDREN

Extraordinary Conditions Which Are Being Developed in the Court Investigation of Treatment of Orphan Children in Greer's Bakery

Division of Colonies Would Wreck League of Nations

By ARTHUR BRISBANE. (Copyright, 1919.) The country has reason to thank God that when Hughes was beaten in California, Hiram Johnson carried the State and landed in the Senate by 300,000 majority. The country needs somebody to talk at Washington, as Senator Johnson is talking now, with the Government of the country across the ocean. Senator Johnson says: "It is time for an American policy." He refuses to join his Republican colleague, Lodge, in upholding a system that would make this country wet nurse for ten new little nations in Europe. At least ninety-nine out of a hundred ordinary everyday Americans will thank Hiram Johnson for this vigorous statement, made in the Senate yesterday: "I will not subscribe to this doctrine. I will not for one instant concede that it is the duty of the (U. S. A.) republic to maintain order in a Jugo-Slav of Czech-Slav state, in Albania or Montenegro, in Roumania or Armenia, in Syria, Palestine, Poland, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Courland, Lithuania, or Ukraina, I am opposed to American boys policing Europe and quelling riots in every European nation's back yard."

Hiram Johnson's hair is not nice and curly like Senator Lodge's. He hasn't Mr. Lodge's Machiavellian statesman look nor "I come from Boston" manner. Hiram Johnson is shaped and looks more like a piece of the Rocky Mountains, about as wide as he is high, but he knows how the American people feel.

And if Mr. Lodge and other Republican gentlemen are not careful, they will have Hiram Johnson on the road to the Republican Presidential nomination in 1920 and on the road to election also.

The people of the United States are looking for somebody interested in the United States, talking for the United States, and representing the United States.

While the United States, and United States soldiers conscripted to fight Germany, are asked to play wet nurse to a collection of baby nations in Europe the intelligent Japanese are planning to collect various islands in the Pacific, and this is said to be "vexing the American delegates."

China also is vexed by the superior diplomatic ability of the Japanese. Dr. Koo, Chinese minister to the United States, says that while Japan offers to give up certain Chinese lands, Japan plans to hold the railroads in those lands, which, as Dr. Koo puts it, would give "Japan a strong hold on China."

We must give our earnest, able friends the Japanese the credit for intelligence and common-sense patriotism. They are not wet nursing Ukraina, Syria or Finland. They are collecting things for Japan. The more credit to their statement.

At the same time, Bernard Shaw, certainly one of the ablest and best informed minds in Great Britain, claims our attention with this statement:

"The destruction of Germany's prestige has left the British Empire in the position formerly held by her defeated foe, namely, that of the most dangerous and dreaded imperial power left in the world. And, as America has helped to place her there, it is now necessary to go carefully into America's position in the matter."

One of the most important American delegates at the peace conference said to this writer before he left: "The end of the war sees only two great powers left, England and America. The question to be decided is, which shall be THE great power?"

Let us hope that our representatives in Europe are doing all they can do with due regard for brotherly love, "hands across the sea," and "one common language" to see to it that this country turns out to be THE most powerful.

Certainly we shall not be that, if we waste energy making ourselves maid of all work for Europe, wet nurse, dry nurse, day nurse, and night nurse for all the little countries that Europe would bring into existence as convenient buffers, leaving it to the United States to look after them.

There must be, as Hiram Johnson suggests, some limit to that kind of nonsense. The United States has not gone quite crazy.

PRESIDENT'S FIRM STAND CONFUSES HIS OPPONENTS

By ROBERT J. BENDER. (Copyright, 1919, by United Press.)

PARIS, Jan. 30.—America's participation in the peace settlement may depend on the decision reached regarding disposition of the German colonies, it was intimated today.

President Wilson believes the league of nations—the principle of which was unanimously adopted only last Saturday—will be given its deathblow if the allies now insist on dividing Germany's former colonial possessions like so much loot. The league of nations was one of the principal ideals for which the United States entered the war.

Would "Divide Spoils."

Some of the allies appear to favor carrying out the world-old custom of "division of the spoils" before the League of Nations begins to function—which may account for the unexpected introduction of territorial problems at this time.

But the President wants to have the league become effective first so it can take care of such questions as internationalization of Germany's captured islands and colonies. He

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U. S. TO DISCHARGE 350,000 IN 15 DAYS

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Demobilization of British forces will be completed by March 1 if strikes and weather conditions do not interfere.

Demobilization of soldiers in this country, booked for immediate discharge, will be complete in the next fifteen days, according to official information today.

It was figured that only about 300,000 soldiers in United States camps now remain to be discharged at once. From 350,000 to 400,000 others will be required to remain in service some time longer to take care of such duties as board of control, demobilization, hospital work, and such problems requiring some months' further duty.

SALE—AUTOMOBILES

FULLMAN—Touring, 1917; Bosch dual ignition system; paint, tires, lighting and starting first-class; buying larger car, sell for \$450. Main 7471. (Reg. 1917.)

SOLD HIS CAR

This ad ran two days in The Times and sold the car. For quick results phone Miss Reid, Times Used Car Bureau.

MAIN 5260.

ANOTHER GIRL IS ATTACKED; POLICE NOW SEEK 2 MEN

With another woman attacked early today by a man who dealt her two blows on the head with a hammer, the police search for the "Madman of the Northwest" has broadened and now two men are being sought for attacks on women in Washington. The police say the man who made the attack today is not the "Madman of the Northwest."

The woman attacked this morning is Miss Katherine Darr, twenty-three years old, a telephone operator at Union Station, who lives at 805 Maryland avenue northeast. She was on her way to work when a negro left the shadows of trees near Second and F streets northeast, and struck her with a hammer.

Motive Is Mystery.

The motive for the attack on the young woman is a mystery. The man asked no questions. He leaped at her as she passed at 5:30 o'clock on her way to Union Station. The two blows he inflicted did not render the girl unconscious, and she screamed for aid. Her assailant fled, disappearing before two soldiers came to her rescue.

The police have thrown out a dragnet for his capture. One suspect has been arrested by the police of the Ninth precinct. He was captured soon after the attack on the young telephone operator passing in the vicinity of the scene of the attack. He protests his innocence, declaring he was on his way to work.

Two others, arrested as suspects, have been released.

There are two other developments that stand out today in the city-wide

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DANIELS DEFENDS BUYING OF RADIOS

Answering Congressman Mann, Secretary of the Navy Daniels today insisted he acted rightly in buying Marconi ship-to-shore wireless stations.

Mann has held Daniels should be impeached for this purchase, made without special authorization from Congress.

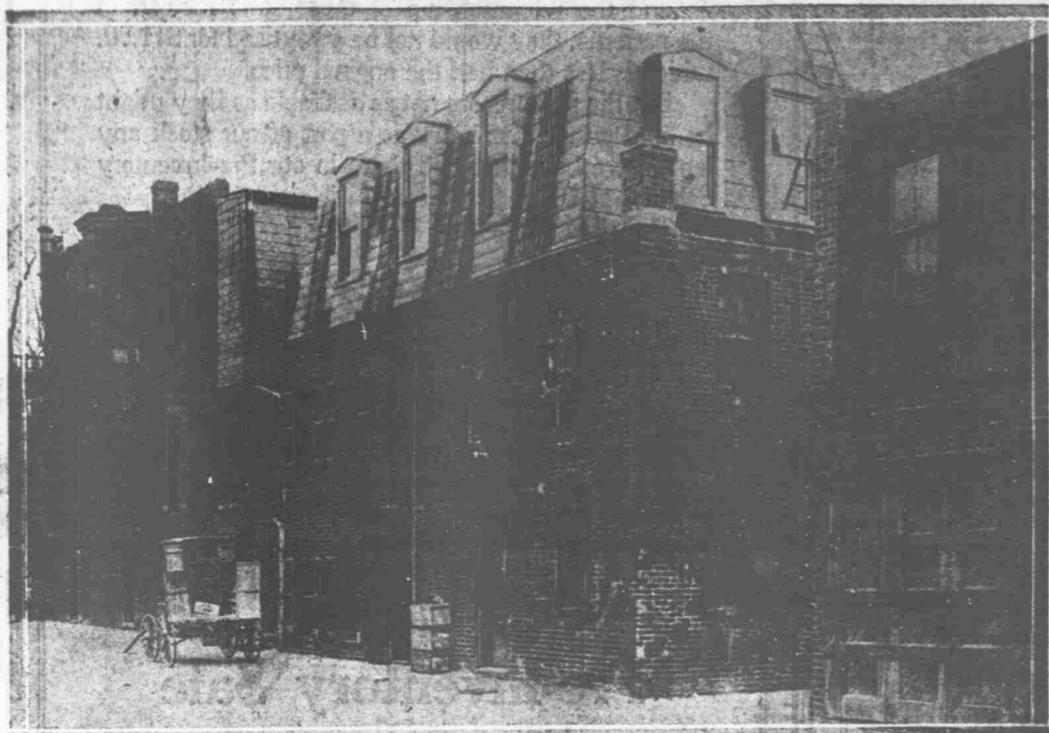
Daniels replied to the press that his wireless extension appropriation was used, and that his judgment and that of other Navy chiefs was that the purchase was necessary and proper.

Daniels believed that Mann was confused as to the circumstances. The ship-to-shore stations were purchased previous to the time when Daniels asked Congress to create a Government wireless monopoly.

BOSTON BRAVES SOLD.

BOSTON, Jan. 30.—The Boston Braves were sold today to George Washington Grant, moving picture man of London and Paris. The club was sold for cash, the amount not being announced. George Stallings will remain manager.

The Buildings Where the Greer Bakery Is Conducted



"The Annex" at the rear of the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Greer, 116 Twelfth street northeast, from which the police have removed eight orphan children. For nearly twenty years the Greers have operated a bakery in the basement and during that time scores of or-

phan children have come and gone. The Greers are now answering an attachment in Juvenile Court, which charges that "children entrusted to their care do not get proper supervision and are subjected to vicious and immoral associations, practices and indignities."

HARDWORKED, WHIPPED, AND POORLY FED, SAY ORPHANS

"Take us away. Please take us away. We hate them. Oh, how we hate them."

It was a piteous wail that police investigators, one of them a woman, heard as they walked down the alley by the side of the home of William A. Greer, 116 Twelfth street northeast.

"They clapped their hands and threw kisses at the investigators and repeatedly asked them to take them away," says the sworn statement of one of the police women who made an investigation some weeks ago of living conditions afforded the eight little orphans at work in the Greer bakery which the Greers operate in the rear of their home.

Children Are Removed.

The investigators looked up and saw three little girls leaning from a window on the third floor of an annex to the Greer home. The annex has been an orphan's dormitory for nearly twenty years.

"They extended their arms beseechingly to us and begged us to take them away," Mrs. Mina C. Van Winkle, one of the policewomen, told The Times. "It was a sight to make anyone's heart ache."

This was one of the circumstances that led to the removal from the Greer home of eight children—six boys and two girls.

The police began action against Mr. and Mrs. Greer, charging violation of the child labor law and failing to provide a suitable home for destitute children.

The attachment issued by the police for the children is to have them turned over to the jurisdiction of the Board of Children's Guardians.

Five Counts Against Greers. There are five counts against the Greers as custodians. They are:

First—Children entrusted to their care are being exploited by the labor of such children; being used and perverted for financial and other benefits to the advantage of said custodians; that the bakery establishment conducted by said custodians is detrimental to the physical, mental, moral and financial welfare of the children.

Second—That the children entrusted to their care are subjected to harsh and cruel treatment, chastisement, ill-treatment, and abuse detrimental to their mental, physical and moral welfare.

Third—That the children entrusted to their care are without proper and comfortable, helpful and sanitary living and sleeping quarters and conditions necessary for their physical, mental and moral welfare.

Fourth—That the children entrusted to their care do not receive the medical care and attention and educational advantages necessary for their mental, physical and moral welfare.

Fifth—That the children entrusted to their care do not get proper supervision, and are subjected to vicious and immoral associations, practices and indignities.

SET WEDDING DATE BEFORE WIFE DIED

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 30.—That Dr. Wilmer Amos Hadley fixed the date for his marriage to an army nurse at the Westhampton hospital even before his wife was murdered and thrown into the river near here was the positive statement today of the police.

A nation-wide search is now being made for the doctor, who is charged with doing away with his wife so he could marry the nurse, whom he thought to be wealthy in her own name.

The nurse claims, and letters from the doctor affirm, that the date for the wedding was fixed for April 30, next.

Letters May Find Him.

It was the doctor's prolific letter writing that may lead to his arrest. He wrote almost daily to the nurse after being released from the army medical corps. He gave many names and addresses that the police, with the aid of the nurse, are using in trailing him.

It was through these letters that the police located Hadley in Texas. The police in that State are now on the lookout for him.

It also became known today that several of the physicians at the hospital knew Dr. Hadley was married even while he was courting the nurse. There was also a strong rumor afloat that the nurse herself knew that he was married, but that he told her he was about to be divorced and that the papers would be signed before April 30, the day on which the alleged marriage was to take place.

Girl Whose Death Stirs N. Y. May Have Been Wife Of Millionaire Officer

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Was Miss Azelle Packwood, Red Cross nurse from the South, whose body was found Sunday on a ledge of the Palisades, the secret bride of Major Clarence Fahnestock, millionaire clubman, of New York, who died overseas last October?

This question is puzzling friends today as they aid in the investigation of the mystery surrounding the death of the handsome young Floridan.

Major Fahnestock's will, probated January 20, showed his estate to be worth about \$5,000,000. It was left to Mrs. Helen Campbell, a married sister, William Fahnestock, a brother, and the children of the late Gibson Fahnestock, of Washington, D. C. The Washington beneficiaries under the will are Mrs. Sylvanus Stokes, who was Miss Margaret Fahnestock, Snowden Fahnestock, and Gibson Fahnestock, jr.

No Hint of Marriage.

There is no intimation in the will that Major Fahnestock was married to Miss Packwood. He was divorced some years ago from his wife, who was Miss Marguerite Sawyer, daughter of Arthur V. Sawyer, of Boston.

Mrs. Fahnestock later married James Norman Hill, grandson of James J.



MISS AZELLE PACKWOOD (FAHNESTOCK) Whose body was found frozen in a ledge of the Jersey Palisades.

Hill, once president of the Northern Pacific railroad.

Mrs. Jeanne Cazeaux, 2105 Broadway, intimate friend of the dead woman for three years, has disclosed the fact that Major Fahnestock was frequently a visitor at Miss Packwood's home, and that his car had been seen before her door many times.

SWIFT SAYS FOOD PRICES WILL FALL

Testimony of packers before the Senate Agricultural Committee will not entitle them to immunity from prosecution on trust charges by the Department of Justice.

The committee in executive session reached this decision today.

Louis F. Swift waived immunity.

"Prices of foodstuffs have a downward trend," and if continued will cause the packers serious losses, of which "the consumer will reap the benefit," Louis F. Swift of Swift & Co. said in an interview today.

His Statement.

"The price of foodstuffs necessarily has been high during the war because of the vital needs of the world. I notice in the papers that the price of food shows a decrease. This, of course, will follow a cessation of hostilities and the opening of avenues of trade that have been practically closed by a lack of shipping.

"In my testimony before the Senate committee yesterday, I introduced a clipping to show the downward tendency. The packers have large stores of meat products on hand. These have been necessary because of the sudden, unexpected orders we received from the Food Administration from time to time. The raw material

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