

The Coward's Dream. Americans Will Learn. Pretty Bubble, Good-Bye.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

Asquith says in England: I regard with bewilderment and apprehension the part this country is playing in Russia. I sincerely hope that the attempt to commit us further in Russia will be successfully resisted.

Many Americans say the same thing concerning Russia and this country, but little attention is paid to them.

The United States, or some of its newly created geniuses of statesmanship, seem to have been badly bitten by the bug of world dominion and regulation.

Those that are running the United States as a farmer runs his Ford, just as he damn pleases, will find that a republic is supposed to be at least partially based on self-government.

Secret treaties and gentlemen's agreements with heaven knows how many countries, Americans kept in Siberia to oblige Japan, other Americans to be sent over whenever needed "because England, with her vast empire to look after must not be called upon to stop trouble at her very doors."

Everything turns out well in the end. All the men, money and nonsense will not be too much to pay, if Americans can be forced to take intelligent interest in their Government and know something about it, as citizens of other nations do.

Mr. Taft says the "Dear Mr. Hays" and "Dear Will" letters were given out without consent or knowledge. Another iridescent bubble bursts. There will be no "Wilson-Taft" or "Taft-Wilson" Presidential ticket after all.

Bernard Shaw contributes a new condensed thought in these words: "Security is a coward's dream."

Heine said something that sounds like it in his "Freak, du Besser Traum, meaning Freedom, the wicked dream." Heine was in despair because Americans tarred and feathered a white clergyman who permitted his daughter to marry a negro.

Observe that Shaw, who says that he can write better than Shakespeare, frequently finds in Shakespeare, as above, just the word he wants.

To young men and women of intelligence (and old ones, too): Do you read every Sunday the serious articles that are published on the inside pages of the New York American?

Perching has received and will cherish a beautiful plate engraved with his words, uttered at the tomb of Lafayette, "Lafayette, we are here."

WEATHER: Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; probably thunder showers late this afternoon. Temperature at 8 a. m. 50 degrees. Normal temperature for July 28 for the last thirty years 77 degrees.

PARENT'S RANSOM BOY FROM BANDITS UPON ADVICE OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT

STOCK SALE BY W. R. & E. MAY END IN CAR MERGER

That \$2,750,000 of common stock of the Washington Railway and Electric company soon to be put on the market in Washington may yet prove the vehicle that will help solve the traction situation in the District by bringing about a merger of the two street railway lines.

There have never before been so many conferences among street railway men, bankers and others as just at this minute, and it all relates to the question uppermost in public mind—how can the two companies be brought together under one head so that Washington may be rid of the problem of how to deal in fares and otherwise with two distinctly separate companies widely apart as to financial and physical conditions?

Big Voting Strength. That block of common stock is a formidable affair in any merger, because it represents big voting strength, a strength that has virtually controlled the organization of the W. R. & E. for some years.

No Date Fixed for Sale. The bankers who hold this stock as collateral for loans made to the old Washington Utilities Company have very shrewdly fixed no date for sale. They had reason to believe that street railway interest and organizers might get busy along the lines of organizing it if they could bring about a merger.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON TWO NOMINEES. Favorable reports were ordered today by the Senate Judiciary Committee on the following nominations:

Robert N. Miller, Louisville, Ky., to be solicitor of internal revenue; J. Parks Worley, Bluff City, Tenn., to be United States marshal eastern district of Tennessee.

ican people would add: "But, dear Lafayette, we do not intend to stay here forever, or to return every five minutes, whenever the whistle blows. We live in America and have business there. When you finished your job across the water, dear Lafayette, you went home and stayed home. You even kept quiet while Napoleon was junking the liberty that you admired. We were glad to lend a hand, as you were, and glad to pay back with compound interest. Now we are done."

WILLIAMS SUPPORTED BY TESTIMONY OF UNTERMYER

Samuel Untermyer, a New York attorney, who was counsel for Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo in the civil suit brought by the Riggs National Bank, proved an important witness in support of John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency today before the Senate Banking and Currency Committee.

Not only did he refute testimony given by Frank J. Hogan, counsel of the Riggs National Bank, but he firmly substantiated Mr. Williams' denial that he represented the Comptroller in a proposition to Hogan for renewal of the Riggs charter on the condition that the bank officers resign.

Calls Williams Fearless. Mr. Untermyer furthermore told the committee that Congress would make a great mistake in abolishing the office of Comptroller of the Currency. He characterized Mr. Williams as absolutely "fearless" in conducting his office, and told the committee that he regarded Mr. Williams as one of the best comptrollers the Government ever had.

Not only did Mr. Williams perform a great public service by breaking up the stock brokerage business conducted by the Riggs National Bank, Mr. Untermyer said, but the comptroller rendered a particular service to the country by compelling national banks to pay interest to the Government on Government deposits.

SEES SOUP KITCHEN DAYS NEAR AT HAND. Early and drastic action to curb the profiteer and speculator must be taken by Congress or steps should be taken to make appropriation and get the machinery in motion to have soup kitchens all over the country next winter.

Right of Revolution. Discussing the effect of Article X on the right of submerged peoples to win their freedom, Walsh declared that the right of revolution is guaranteed by the article, and not denied, as charged by league opponents.

OIL IS STRUCK BY BORERS. IN DERBYSHIRE, ENGLAND. Oil has been struck at the Ironville boring in Derbyshire, England, according to a report to the Department of Commerce today.

VETERAN OF 3 WARS DIES AT 102. CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 28.—After serving in the United States army during three wars (Indian, Mexican and civil), James M. Johnson, 102 years old, formerly a United States marshal in Kentucky and later a Government pension agent, is dead here.

PLEADS GUILTY TO KILLING HER BABY; GETS ONE YEAR. PITTSFIELD, Mass., July 28.—Mrs. Gladys C. Dunn, wife of Allan C. Dunn, on trial here for the murder of her three-year-old son, Allan, Jr., was sentenced to one year in the Berkshire county house of correction today, when she unexpectedly pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter.

ERIN'S HOPE IS IN LEAGUE, SAYS WALSH. Charging the British government with "barbarous oppression of the Irish," Senator Walsh of Montana, in a speech to the Senate today, declared Ireland's hope of freedom lies in the league of nations.

Nothing to Hide. Denial is made by the Japanese envoys that they are responsible for the secrecy attending the decision, saying that there is nothing to hide. The Japanese resent the suspicions aroused in America and insist that they are ready to return Shantung to China as soon as possible and will arrange a transfer if China will consent to negotiate.

VOTE TO RETAIN 8,000 OFFICERS. The Senate today passed a bill introduced by Senator Wadsworth of New York to allow the War Department to retain 8,000 emergency officers during the present fiscal year. The bill limits the total officer personnel to 18,000.

SHIP STRIKE END EXPECTED TONIGHT. NEW YORK, July 28.—Many of the steamships tied up for almost three weeks by the strike of marine workers may sail by tonight as the result of agreements expected to be reached between the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association and the steamship owners today.

NATION-WIDE FLIGHT BY NC-4 IS PLANNED. Plans for a nation-wide flight of the navy seaplane NC-4, which plazed the trans-Atlantic air trail, are being prepared at the Navy Department by Commander Read, pilot of the plane, it was learned today.

Keeping Up With The Times A FACT A DAY. The Times owes explanation to about a thousand of the purchasers of yesterday's Sunday evening issue. There weren't enough of the color magazine section to supply the demand.

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JAPANESE TO KEEP SILENT ON SHANTUNG TRANSACTION. PARIS, July 28.—The Japanese peace delegates announced today that they will not make public the minutes of the peace conference referring to the Shantung peninsula decision unless ordered to do so by the Tokyo government.

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PRESIDENT IS DUE TO MAKE NEXT MOVE IN LEAGUE FIGHT. The Senate's eyes were on the White House today, in expectation that the next important move in the treaty fight will be made there. Whether it will be a statement regarding the President's attitude on reservations, an explanation regarding Shantung, or a reply to his Senate critics on the withholding of the French treaty, the President's next move will be the signal for renewed Senate activity.

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'MADE IN GERMANY' THERMOMETER AT WHITE HOUSE. Trade relations have apparently been resumed between the White House and Germany, although President Wilson is not believed to be responsible.

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AMERICAN BOY RELEASED ON PAYMENT OF 1,500 PESOS. Phillip Thompson, fourteen-year-old American boy, kidnaped by Mexican bandits, thirty miles from Mexico City, has been released upon payment of the 1,500 pesos demanded, the State Department was advised today.

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