

Burning a Living Man. What Helps Misery? Blood From a Stone. Cremation Cheats Ghouls.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE (Copyright, 1921.)

How do human beings feel when they burn a negro at the stake, as they did two days ago, according to news from Memphis?

What are the emotions of the crowd as they watch a man twist and burn, hear his screams, and his horrible begging for mercy? The fact is that the mob, at a burning, are not human beings at all, but as Professor Shaler shows, in his book on the mob, they are wolves with the spirit of the pack, and nothing else.

Kind-hearted ladies and gentlemen sat down to a meal consisting of the bark of trees, potato tops, chaff, corn cobs, leaves, and twigs. Upon that food fifteen million starving Chinese are now "living," and they have no other.

The starvation banquet was planned to stimulate charity, and probably did.

But, fortunately, it is not necessary that a man should starve to make him sympathize with the starving, or that he should be ignorant to sympathize with the ignorant, or poor to help the poor.

The world's best work has been done by those that never felt the misery they relieved. Educated men, not ignorant men, have demanded and obtained free education for the poor. Slave-holders freed their slaves before any Government did it.

The Illinois free employment bureau says there are 356 unemployed men for every "open job" in the State. That is a matter to be looked into, very earnestly, by those that have anything to lose through social discontent.

You may smile at discontent based on theory, and disregard "the power of socialists." But look out for discontent, bred in misery, among men willing to work. It is dangerous. Americans know too much to remain hungry for long. See to them.

The allies are busy now, figuring out how much blood can be extracted from a stone, or how much money can be got out of Germany. In 1870, when Germany won, Bismarck took back from France, Alsace-Lorraine, which France had previously taken from Germany, and one thousand million dollars.

This time Germany is beaten, Alsace and Lorraine are taken back once more, with a lot of other territory, ships, mines, colonies, gold, coin, locomotives, freight cars, etc. The French suggest that Germany pay in addition one hundred thousand million dollars in gold marks. It is also suggested that twelve thousand million gold marks be paid this year.

The English suggest, more sensibly, that they take all that Germany has, instead of wasting time trying to take what she hasn't got. It is likely that Germany will agree to pay something like forty billion gold marks, spread out over a number of years, with great interest. Even that will be difficult.

Seven men were driven from the grave of Senator Kean of New Jersey, just as they had reached a concrete lining, in their effort to steal the body.

Cremation would stop body snatching. Passed through the fire, and sent up into the air, all except a few ashes, the body would be beyond stealing. It is foolish to fear that cremation, now, might interfere with resurrection later. The Power that can collect the body from the worms and the dust of the earth can collect it from the air.

New efforts to settle the temperance question in Quebec interest this country, for after ten or twenty years of bootleg whiskey we may be looking for some new plan.

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POLICE ORDERED TO SEIZE ALCOHOL 'TONICS'

BERGDOLL AIRS FLIGHT DETAILS

Arch-Slacker, in High Good Humor, Laughs Over Hoax in Eluding Guards.

By FRANK R. MASON, (Copyright, 1921, by the International News Service.)

EBERBACH, Baden, Jan. 28.—Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire American draft dodger, who escaped from the military authorities in Philadelphia, led the police of the world a merry chase for months, and then bobbed up in Germany, today gave the first detailed account of exactly how he made his get-away.

Leaving Philadelphia by motor car, he drove first to Baltimore, thence to Gettysburg, Pa., Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Columbus, Dayton, Indianapolis, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Vincent, Minn., and on to the Canadian border.

INQUIRING how he might get a drink, he succeeded in learning how to get across the Canadian border without running into custom officials. Bergdoll and his chauffeur were able to get their machine across into Canada, and were compelled to abandon it. They then made their way to Winnipeg, partly by automobile and partly by foot.

After much difficulty, involving a wait of several weeks, they succeeded in inducing a steamship company to obtain passports for them to England. Two steamship companies turned them down, saying they had to get the third company to comply with their request. Once the passports were in their hands they had an easy time returning to Germany via England.

Bergdoll today declared that arrangements were made to buy his freedom for \$100,000 after he had been sentenced to five years imprisonment by an American court-martial for desertion from the United States army.

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GERMAN HIGH OFFICIALS GUARD HERR BERGDOLL

BERLIN, Jan. 28.—The foreign office has begun an investigation in the German Empire, and has ordered Neaf, of Baltimore, and Frank Zimmer, of Denver—to some Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, rich American draft dodger, and the affair regarding his flight by a military court sitting at Governors Island for desertion.

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Good News For Government Employees

The \$240 bonus for Government employees will be restored to the legislative appropriation bill by the Senate. Definite assurance to this effect was given by Senators Warren and Smoot today. A subcommittee now has the legislative bill under consideration. Senator Warren is chairman of the general committee and according to officers of the Federal Employees Union his word is sufficient to settle the bonus question in the Senate.

Titled Baby, Strapped In Bed and Caged By D. C. Mother, Seized

Armed with a writ from Judge Kathryn Sellers, of the Juvenile Court, officers of the United States Marshal's office forced an entrance into 2413 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, this afternoon, and took possession of three-year-old "Lord Banff," who was placed in the custody of the Board of Children's Guardians.

Charges of criminal neglect of the child were made by several women familiar with the case. When the officers and Mrs. Edna K. Bushie, probation agent, sought to enter the place, Lady Banff denied that the child was in the house. A search of the place revealed that the child was strapped to a bed on the third floor.

MISTAKEN FOR KIDNAPERS. When a detective took possession of the child, Lady Banff sought to prevent it, and it took the combined efforts of four men to control her. She declared they were trying to kidnap her son.

Lady Banff was permitted to remain at her home and no charge was preferred. Charges of criminal neglect of the child were made by several women familiar with the case.

According to testimony of the women, Mrs. Ogilvie, described in the writ as alias Lady Banff, kept the child in a room double locked and barred, and strapped in a bed over which she fastened a small cage.

The child was left without attention in the cage from 10:30 in the morning until the mother returned at 5 or 6 o'clock at night, according to the allegations.

According to the charges made by the women, the child resembles an animal that has been caged. The room is said to be without ventilation, and the child is extremely backward. Although past three years of age, he is unable to articulate only the most childish sounds.

The charges were preferred by Mrs. Myrtle Martin, of 2305 Washington circle; Miss Grace Thompson, 715 D street northeast, and several other women who had become interested in the case. Mrs. Martin said she recognized the child when she saw him at one time with "Lady Ogilvie," and her suspicions became aroused.

She investigated and found the child was living under improper conditions. "Lord Ogilvie," who died about three years ago, figured in the newspapers at that time. For some reason his wife refused to bury him. The health officials were finally forced to take his dead body from the house by force.

According to the woman, her husband was Lord Ogilvie, Earl of Banff, Scotland, and possessor of an estate of more than \$100,000,000 in the "old country." The child who is alleged to have been mistreated by his mother is the elder, by three hours of twins, she says. The other brother, who his mother says is "Viscount Dechert," is said to be at present living with a wealthy uncle in Kentucky.

The mother is said to be afraid someone has designs on her son's life in order to get possession of the "valuable estate in Scotland." The writ issued by Judge Sellers orders the child to be placed in charge of the board of children's guardians.

By HARRY L. ROGERS, International News Service. When the new Secretary of State assumes office on March 4 he will find on his desk the resignations of the Under Secretary of State and three assistant secretaries, ten ambassadors, and approximately twenty-five ministers.

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MINGO JURORS FACE GRILLING

Those Already Chosen at Miners' Trial to Be Quizzed on Union Sentiment.

By S. D. WEYER, International News Service. WILLIAMSON, W. Va., Jan. 28.—With the issue clearly defined as involving the industrial warfare which has been raging between the United Mine Workers of America and the West Virginia coal operators, the third day of the Matewan "trigger trial" opened in the circuit court before Judge Robert D. Bailey this morning on a new basis.

JURORS ARE GRILLED. The union question having been injected into the case with dramatic suddenness just before adjournment yesterday, and counsel for the defense having admitted being employed by the miners' union, the whole aspect of the trial has changed overnight and both sides prepared to work along new lines, starting from the promise that union members cannot sit on the jury.

Another odious day of impaneling a jury was ahead. Six men have been tentatively accepted, but another grilling is ahead of them before they are accepted by both sides, which is now on trial does not involve all of the two dozen accused Matewan men, but only twenty-one who are charged with the murder of Alfred Felts. Ezra Frey was not indicted on the charge and the indictments against Isaac Brewer and Fred Webb were nolle prossed.

DELAIED BY WRECK. A happy man on the defendant's bench today was B. R. Page, the only negro among the accused. He was absent when the case was called Wednesday and his \$10,000 bond was declared forfeited. Today he was informed that the forfeiture had been set aside. He had given a valid excuse. He was delayed by a train wreck when returning from a hospital where he had taken his sick wife.

Growing signs of trouble, as feudists and foemen of bygone days gathered in the Mingo County Courthouse, resulted yesterday in a judicial order that sent to jail for the first time since their arrest Sid Hatfield and the other defendants. Judge Bailey, with Col. Henry Hall, commander of Federal troops, by his side, issued the order that jailed the mountaineers.

The fight on union men occupying seats in the jury box arose with the calling of Julius Perry, with Attorney Combs for the defense, said. "The court cannot prevent a man from serving on this jury because he is a union man."

Counsel for the defense admitted they were engaged by the miners' union to aid the defense and Judge Bailey ruled the union men ineligible.

B. & O. LAYS OFF 7,700; 2,700 AT BALTIMORE. BALTIMORE, Jan. 28.—Tools were laid away last night by 2,700 men in the Mt. Clare shops, who with about 5,000 employees on other parts of the system, were laid off for an indefinite period with the virtual closing down of all the Baltimore and Ohio railroad repair shops.

The layoff became effective in accordance with the announcement of railroad officials last Saturday.

HERE'S LUCK

LUCK is rolling out of bed at Big Ben's first stroke and beating the Boss to work.

LUCK is having such an interest in one's work that leaving it at night is a hardship, and returning to it in the morning is a joy.

LUCK is learning to run the Boss' business better than he can, and playing the right card.

LUCK is sleeping with one eye open and working without blinking.

LUCK is knowing how to get right—and where and when.

List of Tonics Put Under Ban By Prohibition Director

The list of so-called tonics which Thomas E. Stone, supervising prohibition director, has submitted to Major Gessford with a request for assistance in getting them off the Washington market, follows along with the names of their manufacturers, the places of manufacture, and the alcoholic content disclosed by an analysis by the Bureau of Technology of the Treasury Department:

Table listing various tonics such as Anti-Koff, Mfr. Gen'l Distributing Co., Blackstone's Vino Tonic, Grand Royal Crown Wine of Pepsin, etc., with their respective manufacturers and locations.

NESSFORD TO ASSIST DRYS

Will Move Against Wholesale Distributors of Substitutes For Whiskey.

17 PRODUCTS UNDER BAN Sold Extensively in Delicatessens and Saloons—Chemists Rule Them as 'Beverages.'

Washington is going dry tomorrow. Although prohibition is supposed to have stalked throughout the land for more than a year, it has been evaded, first, by bootleggers, and, finally by respectable manufacturers of tonics, who saw a wonderful market for their wares among persons using them as a substitute for whiskey.

Thomas E. Stone, supervising Federal prohibition agent for the Ohio-Maryland district, which includes the District of Columbia, today asked the aid of Major Harry L. Gessford, superintendent of police, for assistance in taking from the market "these preparations which are being sold on the market extensively and in violation of the national prohibition act."

ASKS NAMES OF TONICS. Major Gessford recently announced that he was only too willing to get them from the market if the prohibition officials would give him the names of the preparations which had been tested by the chemists of the Internal Revenue Bureau and found to be fit for beverage purposes.

In his letter to Major Gessford Stone gave him the names of seventeen products and their manufacturers which are being sold in Washington in large quantities by near-beer saloons, fruit stands, soda water fountains, and delicatessens.

The tonics contain from 15.6 per cent of alcohol to 92.20. They include the names of preparations which are being sold extensively in the city.

SELLS 100 CASES WEEKLY. One near-beer saloon in the business section of the Capital is reported to be selling more than 100 cases of one special brand a week, and could sell more if able to obtain it.

In addition to ruling these products off the market, the Prohibition Commissioner backed Stone up to the extent of cutting from the market all whiskey. An order was sent out from the Treasury Department yesterday to all Federal prohibition directors amending the prohibition regulations so that no whiskey can be sold.

'NICKY' TO BE TRIED AGAIN ON MARCH 14

Justice Guild Assigns Date for Retrial of Alleged Bond Theft Cases.

Complying with a request by District Attorney John E. Laskey, Justice Guild presiding in Criminal Court No. 1 today set March 14 as the date for the retrial of Jules (Nicky) Arstein, Nick Cohn, Norman Bowles, David W. Sullivan and Wilen W. Easterday, indicted for bringing alleged stolen securities into the District.

The extradition proceedings of Bowles and Cohn which was on the calendar for today was postponed until April 15 and Winfield D. Williams, a Government witness in the case who was arrested a few weeks ago at the request of the New York authorities was released. District Attorney Laskey stating there was no charge against him in New York.

FORD REOPENS PLANT WITH 'PICKED MEN' ON 25 P. C. BASIS

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 28.—The Ford Motor Company's Highland Park plant has been reopened. Foremen, millwrights, steamfitters, and many hands of departments were called back to work today. By Monday the plant will be operating on a 25 per cent basis and will gradually increase production. Officials declared that the first jobs will go to picked men of the organization, who are being called by card. Normally the Highland Park plant employs 49,000 men.

ALLY COUNCIL NEAR BREAK UP

Lloyd George to Quit Unless France Modifies German Indemnity Demands.

By NEWTON C. PARKE, International News Service.

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Premier Lloyd George has tendered an ultimatum to the French that he will withdraw from the inter-allied conference and return to London unless the French change their views on German indemnity before tomorrow, it was learned from authoritative sources this afternoon.

An absolute deadlock confronted the conference when the committee which was appointed at Premier Lloyd George's suggestion met this morning to attempt to solve the reparations problem.

When the committee met the following probabilities were in the air: 1.—The whole question of indemnity might have to be adjourned to a future conference, or, 2.—Premier Briand, of France, smothered by Anglo-Belgian opposition to the French claims, might be forced to resign.

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HARDING QUILTS PALM BEACH

President-Elect Off for Miami. Hays Dwindles as Possibility for Cabinet.

By JACK ROYLE, International News Service.

PALM BEACH, Fla., Jan. 28.—President-elect Harding left here early today for Miami. Lights, music, and festivities failed to lure the next President from the house boat Victoria after nightfall. He attended the dinner given by Harry M. Daugherty at the Everglades Club, but the only outsider present was William B. Thompson, secretary of the Ways and Means Committee of the Republican national committee.

McCORMICK ABSENT. Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois was invited to this dinner, but did not attend. Senator McCormick, in conversation with newspaper men during the day, indicated he had acquired far different views from those advanced to the President-elect by his immediate advisers. He indicated that he had acquired a new angle on international affairs, but believed his views should not be pressed upon the next Administration at this time.

Senator Leonard Replogle met the Harding party with his speed boat outside Palm Beach and escorted them to the docks. Replogle was a host at dinner of a part of the Harding party last night.

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RAIL RATE CUT DUE BY MARCH

CHICAGO, Jan. 28.—Rail chiefs of the leading transportation systems of the country convened behind closed doors here today to discuss the precarious financial situation which they assert has crippled the railroads because of increased operating expenses and decreased business.

PREDICT DROP IN RATES. Two definite moves to remedy the situation are certain to be discussed, according to men well informed regarding happenings in railroad circles. The first is a plan to reduce wages of employees. The second contemplates a reduction in freight and passenger rates to stimulate traffic.

Reduction was made today that a sharp drop in passenger and freight tariffs would be announced before March 1.

Rail executives refused to discuss this phase of their problem, but observers of the trend of railroad affairs declared such an announcement more than probable.

ATTERBURY IS CHAIRMAN. The following railway executives were in attendance at today's conference: W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the P. & W., chairman; W. G. Beiler, president, Central railroad of New Jersey; H. E. Byram, president, Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul; W. B. Maher, president, Norfolk and Western; C. E. Markham, president, Illinois Central, and W. R. Scott, president, Southern Pacific.

Heads of several of the railroads have denied that they planned to ask the United States Railway Wage Board for general wage reductions, but they freely admitted that the railroads "want wages reduced."

SUNDAY BLUE LAW BILL DEFEATED IN TENNESSEE. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 28.—The State Senate yesterday, by a vote of 25 to 2, killed the pending Sunday blue law bill, which prohibited Sunday newspapers and trains, as well as Sunday amusements.

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President Wilson, it was stated today, has all along taken this view and has given proof of this fact by selecting many Republicans for important consular and diplomatic posts. According to reports from friends of President-elect Harding, he also subscribes to this policy within certain limits at least, and it is believed that he will make but few changes in the minor posts of the department.

In other departments there will likewise be many resignations tendered along with that of the Cabinet member at the head. The list includes (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)