

Weather

Tonight and Friday, fair; moderate northwesterly winds.

Temperature Last 24 Hours Maximum, 59. Minimum, 42. Today noon, 52.

On the Issue of Americanism There Can Be No Compromise

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AS IT SEEMS TO ME

DANA SLEETH

WHO I have been a radical, often times a crank, and one, all my life, and the I have usually considered that the mere possession of a million dollars proved its possessor more or less of a crook, still I am not wholly wild, nor do I blame society and a bad economic system for my own lack of diligence, laziness, improvidence and casualness; and that is what I am in 1920 radicals do.

Years have brought me wisdom; not conservatism, but a broad-mindedness that gives me an insight into the true reasons for failure, and, looking back over the years, I know that the sole and only reason I am not worth an independent fortune today is because I couldn't see beyond the end of my nose; because I did not understand the primary laws of business and of thrift; just as but one business man in fifty really understands the principles of business, or the average family usually does not know what true, sane economy is.

HAVE a vast contempt for the average professional officeholder. I have no illusions about the sort of efficiency we usually get from our government, and I am not in love with our present economic order, but I am man enough frankly to admit that the chief causes of my failure to acquire more money than I should ever need have been within myself.

And I am not fool enough to believe that had I been a more successful I would have been any better off; nor that, had Tammany ruled the land for 20 years, would I have been any poorer. Nor do I believe that were the wealth of the nation to be divided among all of us tomorrow, given to all on an equal basis, that in ten years the average family would be a whit better off, or have more comfort or cash than it has today.

IT IS not that I have been especially unthrifty, or that I have not been diligent on the job, or that I have not saved a certain percentage of my money. I am a fair, average worker, an average professional man, who likes to consider himself of the "upper middle class," and to surround himself with certain adornments, comforts and luxuries. But, looking back over the years, I can see where I place and there a crossroad; where, if I had been gifted with vision, with more experience, with a better knowledge of men, with an understanding of what raw money can do, I could have assured my economic independence, and more.

And so could the majority of men of my acquaintance, the only exceptional one does so.

WHAT I am getting at is this: We have fallen into the habit of cursing the government, our political parties, our officials, our Big Business system, and our out-throat commercial methods for the failure of the individual. We have passed the buck, instead of digging ourselves out. We have not been the master of our fate, and have waited for a social revolution to bring us easy prosperity. No social revolution, no band of gods, no new governmental schemes will ever assure any man independence, and no political party can bless us with brains, experience or understanding.

The rules of successful business, the laws of economic independence, the path of prosperity—these are easy to know, they are definite, they are proven. A few men through their heads to acquire them in their youth. Most men do not. A system of public education that would implant in the boys the simple laws of good business; a system that would start the youth out in a definite trade, business, profession, with the road clearly posted ahead of him—that would insure the old-age independence of every man who is not a fool, a coward or a sloth, and for these there is never any hope.

QUEST our educational system today have even a conception of such a service? How can it have, when to be a school teacher is to confess your inability to earn a living wage? If our schools had \$25,000-a-year principals, men who could secure such a salary in trade, in a profession, who could earn such an amount in business, our graduates would be something different from what they are.

Not that I advocate paying the average school superintendent \$25,000. A man usually gets what he is worth, and merely boosting salaries does not boost the average.

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SPEAKS FOR FIRST TIME IN 28 YEARS AS MIRACLE CURES

15 HOMES IN PATH OF FIRE

DRY SQUAD MEN FIRED BY WARREN

Collier Suspended and His Staff Sent to Beats

Lieut. E. C. Collier, former czar of the dry squad, Thursday began a 10-day vacation without pay after the completion of which he will himself take his duties Thursday morning.

His entire squad has been assigned to beats. Lieut. J. J. Haag, newly appointed dry squad head, immediately named members of a new squad upon assuming his duties Thursday morning.

That is dry squad property at present," quoth Lieut. Collier. "We shall see," promptly responded McGill. Whereupon he repaired to the quarters of Chief Warren.

Effective at once Lieut. E. C. Collier, in charge of the dry squad, is hereby directed to turn over the keys and all property belonging to the city and all property held in evidence to Lieut. J. J. Haag, and to take receipt for the same.

It is further directed that Lieut. E. C. Collier be hereby suspended for a period of 10 days without pay for disobeying general order No. 29 issued by myself which reads: Effective May 11, 1920, all property seized by any member of this department and held as evidence, except intoxicating liquor, must be immediately turned over to the property clerk, taking a receipt for the same.

At the expiration of the suspension Lieut. Collier will report to Capt. M. T. Powers, of Ballard precinct, for assignment.

Two towns in Idaho to wed peace plan Saturday

Line, Blocks Long, Forms at Dawn

Hundreds Wait for Hours Before Box Office Opens at the Met. Seek Chance to Hear Galli-Curci



As those in "watchful waiting" appeared just before the box office opened this morning for the seat sale for the Galli-Curci concert at the Met. Above—A section of the line, more than a block away from the ticket cage, on Seneca st. Below, left—Miss Viola Gussenburger, who came in all the way from Kent before breakfast, only to find she couldn't get within 150 yards of the box office; there were so many ahead of her.

Right—Mrs. V. R. Richardson, who sent her husband into line at 8 o'clock, and relieved him at 9, at a post just a block from the Met entrance. Like many others, she spent the long hours reading.

LONG before the first ray of dawn came streaking out of the east this morning, Mrs. Charles McGillicuddy, of the Sheridan apartments, arose, snatched a bit of breakfast and hurried out to the Metropolitan theatre, where Galli-Curci sings Monday-night.

"For once," she told Mr. McAlister, with satisfaction, "I'm going to be first at the box office and get my choice of seats."

"To-o-hum-m-m-I wouldn't," said her husband, "get up at this unmentionable hour for all the concert singers in the world." And turned over and went to sleep.

And when Mrs. McAlister reached the box office, she discerned, in the half-light, a tiny figure huddled shivering in a corner. She poked it. It moved.

"Who are you?" she inquired. "I am," the figure mumbled feebly.

FLAMES AT KENMORE SPREADING

Fight All Night in Futile Effort to Hold Conflagration

Battling to save their homes from brush fires raging over a 1,000-acre area at Kenmore, close to the northern outskirts of the city, 15 volunteers, reinforced by scores of firemen, were fighting desperately at noon today.

Whipped by a strong breeze, the flames were reported spreading, despite the valiant efforts of the firemen. Besides the 15 homes in the path of the fire are large tracts of standing timber.

Inhabitants were reported moving their household goods to safer ground near Lake Forest park during the night, when the wind died down and, with the aid of 25 firefighters rushed out from the city, the men already on the ground believed they had the flames controlled.

About 7 a. m. however, the wind whipped up, and the tired crew were forced again into action.

STARTED LAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON The first started at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday and for more than 40 hours has resisted every effort to subdue it. Should the wind increase there is said to be little hope of saving more than 15 homes in that locality.

Workmen clearing land for the Admiralty Logging company set the fire, preliminary to blowing out stumps. The blaze swept beyond control, gaining rapidly. Several homes were saved by backfires, but approximately 15 homes are in the path of the conflagration.

BRIDEGROOM IS HELD IN JAIL Charged With Forging Signature

WORKMEN HERE, FAVORING OPEN SHOP, WROTE IT

No Attempts Made to Hold Up Rodgers' Plans for Reopening Skinner & Eddy Yard No. 2

The Associated Industries did not sponsor the letter to Judge E. H. Gary, of the steel trust, asking his support in an effort to keep David Rodgers from opening an unionized shipyard in Seattle.

That was made clear today noon when—following a disclaimer from the Associated Industries—the writer of the letter sent a copy of it to The Star.

The writer is H. E. Luby, a salaried employee of the "American Association of Craftsmen and Workmen." He formerly was employment manager for the Waterfront Employers' association. He has lived in Seattle 20 years. He lives with his wife and three children at 3311 S. W. CREDIT ON RESPONSIBILITY IS ENTIRELY OURS.

Luby said: "The credit and responsibility for the letter belongs entirely to the American Association of Craftsmen and Workmen, an organization of some 3,000 American citizens, who defend the right of every American to work, regardless of whether or not he is a union member."

"The letter was not written with any wish or intention of preventing Mr. Rodgers from engaging in the shipbuilding business, but in the hope that influence could be brought to bear upon him to allow equal opportunity for all American citizens to obtain employment in his yard when it opened. Similar letters were sent to others whom we thought might have influence with Mr. Rodgers."

NO THOUGHT OF BLOCKING HIS FINANCING "There was no thought of blocking him in the financing of his project, or in obtaining material. The letter was written on the solicitation of the shipyard, and signed by me personally. This association, composed entirely of workmen, stands unalterably for the open shop, and the advancement of industry. We made no effort to block Rodgers in his efforts to revive shipbuilding, as the opening of a shipyard is as much in our interest as in the interest of the rest of the community."

ASSOCIATION CONTAINS FORMER UNION MEN The association which Luby represents maintains an office at 94 Spring st. It was organized last October, in Seattle. Some of its organizers say they are union members, or have been.

BLUEBEARD NOW PLANS ESCAPE

Bigamist Hopes to Start a Campaign for Freedom

LOS ANGELES, May 13.—That "Bluebeard" James P. Watson, super bigamist and confessed murderer of nine of his "wives" now under sentence of life imprisonment in San Quentin penitentiary, intends to start a campaign for freedom after he is taken to San Quentin, is the opinion expressed today by several officers who assisted in unearthing the numerous crimes to which the prisoner has confessed.

They declare Watson is making strenuous efforts to tie up his many bank accounts; money he is believed to have secured thru marrying wealthy women—and by being visited daily by alienists, admittedly hoping they will declare him insane in order that he may be transferred to an asylum.

Watson is being held in the county hospital here. The authorities fear he will be treated with violence if taken to the county jail, where he would ordinarily have been confined after being sentenced.

Watson has expressed a desire that he be given clerical work when he reaches San Quentin.

RUMOR RUSSIANS IN NEW REVOLT

Great Rebellion Reported Under Way in Moscow

LONDON, May 13.—Continued silence of the Moscow wireless station caused considerable speculation here today on what may be happening in the Russian Soviet capital.

An unconfirmed Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, quoting the newspaper Politiken, said private advices had been received that a great rebellion was under way in Moscow. There were many fires, the advices said.

Officials were inclined to give credence to this report because of the silence of the Moscow radio station. The last message was received here at 2:30 p. m. May 9, when a call, intended for all stations, was interrupted suddenly.

Report Soviet Is Started in Armenia

MOLECULE BUMP A NEW DANCE

MINNEAPOLIS, May 13.—The "molecule bump" threatens to become the new dance rage at the university.

Professor A. Zeleny said students should dance like molecules, which "bump and slide round each other, but never touch one another."

May Send Marines Into Batum Region

WASHINGTON, May 13.—The senate today adopted unanimously a resolution requesting the president "if not incompatible with public interest" to send a warship and marines to Batum for protection of American interests in Armenia.

HE PAYS \$800 FOR 71 CENTS

QUINCY, WASH., SEEKING RAIN

QUINCY, Wash., May 13.—Citizens here have deposited \$1,000 with a California "rain maker" who, in return, is guaranteeing three inches of rain right away quick.

SLEUTHS SCOUT MURDER THEORY

Find Body of Man in Lake Union

Another supposed suicide was revealed early today, when Mrs. J. H. Wilson, standing in the doorway of her home at 1317 Fairview ave., over a red-haired man floating towards her.

It was identified later as the body of Andrew Johnson, who formerly lived at 2610 Fifth ave. A card found in his pocket bore that name and address.

Mrs. Wilson summoned a neighbor, who towed the body ashore with a rowboat, and called the police and coroner.

Despite a fracture of the skull under a large bruise on the left temple that made it appear that the man had been bludgeoned, Detectives Sam Simundson and W. A. Fuller and Deputy Coroner W. H. Corson agreed it was a case of suicide.

Pawn tickets from the O. K. loan office, 119 Washington st., bear them out in the theory that Johnson, penniless and even his watch gone, ended his own life.

AUBURN STUDENTS INSPECT COURTS

Fifty-five students of the commercial law and civic class of the Auburn high school saw the wheels of justice grind out their daily grist in the King county courts Wednesday.

CITY TURNS SEARCHLIGHT ON JAPANESE OWNERSHIP

Jap owners of restaurants, hotels and other buildings subject to municipal inspection, who have been outmaneuvering their ownership behind American names, will be forced out into the open by the ordinance drawn up by Corporation Counsel Walter F. Meier Thursday.

MOTOR BIKE HITS CAR; RIDER HURT

Tony Schenert, 26, 206 29th ave. S., an employee of the Albers Bros. mill, while riding a motorcycle to work on Whatcom way near Skinner & Eddy's shipyard, collided Thursday with an automobile driven by Elmer Fellmet, 4446 52nd ave. S. W. Schenert was removed to the city hospital with general body bruises.

WATER SHUT OFF

WATER SHUT OFF, has been ordered in the part of Georgetown lying east of Railroad Tracts, supply from old Georgetown reservoir. Friday, May 14, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.