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HE IS FAITHFUL THAT PROMISED—"Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto His People Israel, according to all that He promised; there hath not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised by the hands of Moses, His servant." 1 Kings 8:26.

Italy's going to tax bachelors. More injustice. What bachelors need is sympathy.

"How in the world do all these people make a living?" people from little towns are always asking when they visit big cities. Evidently by selling real estate to each other.

If the location of the new normal school is announced next Monday we suggest that doctors prepare for the worst in cadleton and lay in an extra supply of heart stimulants.

We hear expressions of wonder at the audacity of communities, already in possession of large state institutions, asking for another. It's not so surprising, after all. A taste of anything extremely delicious often results in an insatiable appetite.

Something like a billion greeting cards are expected to change hands in the next ten days. Every kind of card will be in the mail, from the simplest little printed affair at two or three cents to hand-painted or individually designed cards and etchings of famous paintings, selling as high as \$50 each. It makes a lot of extra work for the postman—but it also provides a lot of extra cheer for the rest of us. It is a happy means of expressing regard and friendliness at the season of the year when sincere sentiment is most becoming.

### "RESEARCH" LAW EXAMS

The comprehensive examination has reached candidates for admission to the bar in Ohio. It is called a "research test" and is such a surprising innovation that many of the law graduates confronted with it for the first time are nervous. This test gets away from the old method of asking a lot of questions to which certain answers must be fitted. It marks an attempt to minimize "book learning" about law and to emphasize understanding and ability.

All the candidates at a recent bar examination at Columbus, were told to go to the library and select some book on law, or some specific legal question. After looking it over a given length of time they were then to "brief it," just as they would prepare a brief for a case in court. The theory of such a test is that it shows better than the answering of a few questions the candidate's grasp of law and his ability to marshal certain facts in their proper legal relationship.

This sort of test has been making great headway in American schools and colleges in recent years. There is a swing away from rote-learning toward the cultivation of intelligence, judgment, ability to think. It is an evidence of genuine progress in education.

### BIG WATERWAYS FIRST

Speaking of inland waterway development in his message to congress, President Coolidge said:

"If the country will be content to be moderate and patient, and permit improvements to be made they will do the greatest general good, rather than insisting on expenditures at this time on secondary projects, our internal waterways can be made a success. If proposed legislation results in a gross manifestation of local jealousies and selfishness, this program cannot be carried out. Ultimately we can take care of extensions, but our first effort should be confined to the main arteries."

This is obviously a sane and logical policy, if internal waterways are to be developed into such a transportation system as they are capable of becoming, supplementing and rounding out the national railroad system and stimulating the latter by offering some wholesome competition.

Unfortunately it is not the way waterway development has been carried on in the past. Usually the opposite procedure has been followed. Isolated local projects have been urged, outlying branches have been attended to before the main arteries, local and sectional rivalries have been allowed to divert attention from the main issue. Local appropriations have been preferred to basic expenditures for the good of the whole public. Log-rolling and pork-barrel methods have crowded out sound engineering and statesmanship.

It is time to reverse the process and do the big things first, realizing that the extensions will then follow as a matter of course. Coolidge's economy complex can be counted on to see that the policy becomes effective.

## Edward W. Browning Faces Another Suit—"Cinderella" Seeks \$500,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—Mary Louise Spas, the original "Cinderella girl" in the life of Edward W. Browning, has joined the real estate dealer's estranged child-wife Peaches Heenan Browning, in demanding a goodly portion of his wealth.

Mary Louise, pretty daughter of Bohemian immigrants, is suing for \$500,000. She charges Browning attempted assault when she was his legally adopted ward, and that he threatened her and her parents after the adoption was annulled.

A pseudo-Christmas card salesman waited in Browning's office an hour yesterday to see him, but the card he showed the real estate dealer was a summons.

### Browning Indignant

Browning, who on Jan. 24 is to defend a separation suit brought by Peaches, called the new action "more highway robbery."

"It's the courts that let women get away with blackmail," he added. "They give the woman whatever she wants. Something ought to be done to protect a man in public life from attacks like this." Miss Spas was adopted to act

as a companion to Browning's other adopted daughter, 11-year-old Dorothy Sunshine Browning. An attack in Browning's apartment at Kew Gardens in Queens, she asserted, caused her to become so hysterical and despondent that she drank poison.

### Tells of Threats

Afterward, she declared, Browning showed her a pistol and threatened to kill her and himself if she revealed what had happened to the district attorney. After the adoption had been annulled, she avers, Browning forced her to go to a hotel and sign papers, the nature of which she did not know.

Mary Louise was adopted August 4 and the adoption was annulled a week after because she misrepresented her age. She claims that she told Browning she was 29, but he forced her to sign papers in which her age was given as 16. The annulment was due to action by the authorities.

Mary Louise was selected by Browning as his "Cinderella girl" from hundreds of photographs and personal applicants. Browning is paying \$300 a week alimony and \$3,500 counsel fees in the separation suit of Peaches.

## SENATORS IN UPROAR OVER APPOINTMENT

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Senator Smith has made no statement since the five-word comment on his election in November, expressing gratitude to the voters. He took cognizance however, later in his fall campaign, of objections to acceptance of \$125,000 in his behalf during the primary campaign from Samuel Insull, utilities, magnate and \$45,000 from two other utility chiefs, and declared that such contributions to his primary war chest were no more reprehensible than contributions to a republican presidential campaign by beneficiaries of a protective tariff.

### PINCHOT ATTACKS VARE

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 16 (AP)—Characterizing U. S. Senator-Elect William S. Vare as a "dangerous symptom of a disease which sorely afflicts Pennsylvania—dishonesty in politics," Governor Pinchot has called upon the farmers to "fire the first shot for a new revolution" in the state. Asserting that his election was "partly bought and partly stolen," the governor told the Pennsylvania state grange last night that Vare had grown to be "what he could not have attained in any other way—a figure of nation-wide meaning and importance."

Republican leaders in the senate from republican states and moderate leaders from democratic states, the governor continued, "have no hesitation whatsoever in expressing in their private conversation their conviction that Vare will never serve as a senator in the U. S. senate from Pennsylvania."

### AND THEY DID!

SEATTLE, Dec. 16 (AP)—After pausing and glancing at a window sign reading "Strike while the iron is hot," two men carrying pistols and wearing handkerchiefs in front of their faces, entered a savings and loan institution here today, took \$200 from employees and departed.

## Today in Washington

Congress meets at noon. Alien property bill is taken up by the house.

Felt-Doherty trial reconvenes to await jury's report.

Treasury-postoffice supply bill and rivers and harbors measure are before senate.

## Germany Making War Weapons In Russia, Is Word

BERLIN, Dec. 15 (AP)—Berlin broke loose in the recheck today when Philipp Scheidemann, head of the social democrats, attacked Minister Gessler, charged that a secret fund existed in the budget for the manufacture and hoarding of arms and airplanes in Russia.

The exportation of war material by Germany was one of the stumbling blocks of an agreement on the cessation of inter-allied military control of the railways as set up under the Versailles treaty.

The allied council of ambassadors sitting in Paris, was dissatisfied with the assurances given by Germany regarding such exports and also regarding the fortification of Koenigsberg and other places on the eastern frontier.

The foreign ministers of the leading powers, meeting after last week's session of the league of nations council, decided that inter-allied control should recommence Jan. 31, to be succeeded by league investigation of Germany's armaments whenever that should be considered necessary.

The matters of exportation of arms and fortification were left for diplomatic negotiations primarily through the ambassadors' council. If not solved in this manner, they are to be submitted to the league council.

## PLEDGE SOUGHT BY REPUBLICANS

House Insurgents Not Welcomed Back as Cordially as in Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 (AP)—Unlike their colleagues in the senate administration republicans in the house have refused to let by-gones be bygones and take the republican insurgent groups back into the party fold without some kind of guarantee of party regularity.

Because of this attitude, Representative John M. Nelson of Wisconsin, leader of house insurgents, has informed house leaders that he would not accept the chairmanship of the house pensions committee for which post he is in line by virtue of long service.

Nelson's case was the first business before the republican committee on committees today and his withdrawal left the way open for Representative Swoope, of Pennsylvania, to receive the chairmanship, left vacant through the death of Representative Fuller, of Illinois.

Representative Tilson, of Connecticut, the republican house leader, favored forgetting the past activities of the insurgents and accepting them as regular republicans, but other members of the committee on committees demanded that party regularity must be promised by Nelson in the future.

## Teachers' Exams Under Way Here

Teachers' examinations are taking place at County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre's office today with seven applicants present.

Yesterday morning the examination in United States history and writing was given, and music and drawing was scheduled, but no one appeared for these exams. In the afternoon examinations in physiology, reading and composition were given.

This morning exams in arithmetic and psychology were given and this afternoon grammar, geography and American literature are scheduled.

## Airmail Pilot Is Hurt at Ashland

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 16 (AP)—Pat Patterson, airmail pilot, sustained serious injuries this noon when his plane fell into a field near Ashland, 12 miles south of here, wrecking the plane. The pilot had just taken off from the Medford air port for San Francisco. The cause of the accident is as yet unknown. One report, that two planes collided, was denied by airport attaches.

Patterson was rushed to a hospital in this city.

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Ex-service men's applications will be given preference. The lands comprise approximately 25,000 acres classified as agricultural, and about 7,000 acres originally classified as timber, which are now designated as "out-over" with no cash payment required.

The Portland land office today had not yet received the order but was expecting it in the mail. Full information will be given to ex-service men and others interested.

## Ex-Net Champion Commits Suicide

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (AP)—William A. Larned, former national tennis champion, committed suicide by shooting in his room today at the Knickerbocker club in Fifth avenue.

A nervous breakdown that Larned had been suffering from for the past two years was believed to have caused his act.

His last appearance in a tennis match was at Forest Hills, in 1922 during the metropolitan championship play.

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