

# WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

## Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

### UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

#### Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

The mining town, You Bet, Cal., is swept by fire.

British railway trainmen hold out for 10 shillings advance in pay.

The allies continue to tighten the lines around Combes, one of the most important points on the western front.

Four men are dead and a score of others narrowly escaped from a fire which swept the Salvation Army Industrial building at Detroit.

Returns from Thursday's elections in British Columbia, indicated that women have been given the right to vote and that prohibition has been adopted.

A fishing bark from Alaska, to San Francisco, carrying 200 persons and the season's salmon pack, is reported disabled 25 miles south of the Golden Gate, and is drifting toward the rocks.

The steamship congress, en route from San Francisco to Seattle, caught fire 30 miles off the Southern Oregon coast Wednesday, but landed her 432 passengers at North Bend without mishap to them.

The Turkish government consents to shipment of relief supplies from the United States to famine sufferers in Syria. The action reverses the previous attitude of Turkish officials who had refused two urgent pleas by the department for the privilege to make shipments.

A wireless dispatch from Rome says that at the general council of the central powers at the headquarters of the German emperor, an offensive campaign in the Balkans was mapped out. Germany will send 200,000 men and Austria 100,000 for this purpose, says the report.

To the high cost of living is now added the high cost of being barbered. On and after an early date it will cost half a dollar for a haircut in San Francisco. The Barber Shop Proprietors' association, at a meeting held recently decided to raise from 35 cents to the higher figure the price of haircutting.

A number of young society men of Chihuahua City have been sentenced by Acting Governor Trevino to serve as street sweepers for 90 days. They were found guilty of disturbing the night's rest of the household of the father of Governor Ignacio Enriquez while serenading the town after a dance.

"Mary," the big circus elephant which killed her trainer at Kingsport, Tenn., recently, was hanged at Erwin. A railroad derrick car was used in the execution. The animal was forced to the tracks by other elephants, heavy chains were tied around her neck and she was hoisted in the air. She was valued at \$20,000 by her owners.

Maine Republicans elect entire state and national ticket Monday.

Greece is expected to enter the war soon on the side of the allies.

The Southern Pacific is furnishing 50 freight cars daily to relieve the car shortage in Oregon.

Men who have been on strike at Chisholm, Minn., for the past three months, returned to the mines Wednesday. Mine officials are prepared to start full crews at all properties, and all former strikers are quoted as declaring the iron ore strike is over.

Withdrawal of about 140,564 acres of land from the Monterey National Forest, California, to be opened for settlement, is announced by the Interior department. The lands are in San Benito, Monterey and Fresno counties and are said to be valuable chiefly for grazing, though scattered tracts have some agricultural value.

Dealers in Klamath Falls, Or., ship 88 fine horses to New York for the French government.

Surface cars in many sections of New York City, are stopped by the strike and the situation has become serious.

The number of cases of infantile paralysis reported in the New York department of health Wednesday was smaller than on any previous day since June 26. The deaths were only nine, which is the lowest since July 5.

According to reports from Rudolph M. Anderson, member of the Stefansson exploring party, the latter has discovered new land bearing copper deposits. Colorado's first snow of the season fell at Leadville Wednesday, according to reports to the weather bureau. The snow began Tuesday night and amounted to nearly one inch.

The Belgische Dagblad announces that the German authorities have seized \$30,000,000, which had been placed in the coffers of the Belgian National bank, in consequence of the suspension of the moratorium.

Henry Ford, the millionaire auto manufacturer, spent a few hours in Portland Monday, where he inspected the local plant.

Resolutions requesting that all Kansas City high schools girls be required to wear uniforms will be presented to the board of education at its next meeting.

Mrs. Mary Brundage, 75 years old, widow of the late Superior Judge Ben Brundage, a pioneer of Kern county, California, has registered as freshman in the Kern County High school and will study the Spanish language.

## ENGLAND'S WAR JUGGERNAUTS ARE BUILT BY AMERICAN FIRM

Washington, D. C.—The British "tanks," the armored motor cars used in recent assaults on German trenches in Northern France so successfully as to attract world-wide attention, were built for the most part in Peoria, Ill., in the form of caterpillar tractors, designed many years before the war began, to meet some of the difficult problems of modern farming.

Except for their armor, their machine guns and their crews, thousands like them are in use today in the United States in plowing, digging ditches and other labor less heroic than war. M. M. Baker, vice president of the Holt Manufacturing company, explained here that it was machines made by his company at its Peoria plant that had hurled German trenches, walked through forests and crawled over shell craters in the face of intense gun fire.

"We have sold about 1000 caterpillar tractors to the British government," said Mr. Baker. "We have had nothing to do with putting armor on them or placing machine guns, but some of our men at Aldershot, England, recently were notified that the British government intended to armor some of the tractors and use them for work other than the usual towing of big guns."

"Germany had some of these tractors before the war began, and although I do not just understand how it occurred, I believe she may have got others since then. We have sent some to France and some to Russia. So far as I know up until the recent appearance of the motor cars the tractors were used only to tow big guns. I understand that Germany had about 40 of them in this work before Liege early in the war, and recent photographs show that the British are using some of them now for the same purpose."

"It is true," said Mr. Baker, "that these tractors can go ahead over almost anything or through almost anything. They can straddle a trench, go through a swamp, roll over logs, or climb through shell craters like a car or juggernaut. It looks uncanny to see them crawl along the ground just like a huge caterpillar. In a thick forest, if they encountered trees they could not brush out of the way, they could easily be used to uproot them and clear their own paths."

Mr. Baker said the tractors sent to England weigh about 18,000 pounds each, develop 120-horsepower and are built of steel. The caterpillar feature he explained, is of the utmost importance. Speaking broadly, the tractor crawls on two belts with corrugated surfaces on either side of the body.

## Girls Escape From Industrial School as Dinner Bell Rings

Salem, Ore.—Twelve or more girls, inmates of the State Industrial school, escaped from the institution Sunday night and at a late hour eight or more were still at large.

The girls who escaped, according to the police, dashed away from the school while seated on the porch at dinner time. Ringing of the bell brought the girls to their feet, but instead of entering the dining hall 12 or 15 of them dashed from the porch and scattered in all directions before the eyes of the amazed employees. Mrs. Hopkins, matron at the school, had made no check of the girls and just how many escaped was a question.

General Mills is Dead.  
Washington, D. C.—Major General Albert L. Mills, chief of the bureau of military affairs, and holder of the army medal of honor for bravery under fire, builder of the new West Point and former president of the army war college, died here Monday after 15 hours' illness from pneumonia. Apparently he was in the best of health when he left his desk at the War department last Saturday, and so sudden was his death that many of his fellow officers refused to believe first reports that he was dead.

Holding of Cars Probed.  
Lincoln, Neb.—Asserting that the activeness of car shortage has created an emergency, the Nebraska State Railway commission has issued an order directing all roads doing business in the state to appear September 25 and show cause why a new rule for the return of cars to the delivering road within a reasonable time, either under load or empty, has not been observed. This step was taken on account of reports that some railroads are not living up to an agreement entered into last February for return of cars.

Trains Collide in Fog.  
Pueblo, Colo.—Three men were killed and three injured Monday when two extra freight trains on the Missouri Pacific railroad collided head-on near Stuart, Colo. The dead are: Roy Scott, Ernest Holley, freeman, and William Isbester, an engineer, all of this city. The trains collided in a heavy fog that obscured the signals, it was declared. Two cars loaded with gasoline blew up and the wreckage was set on fire. Telegraph wires were torn down by the heaped-up cars and wire communication stalled several hours.

Peaceful Unions Upheld.  
Denver.—The right of organized or unorganized bodies of persons peacefully to persuade their fellow workers to join a union was upheld by the United States Court of Appeals here in a decision handed down in a case from a lower court in Western Arkansas. The court, however, denounces lawless methods of attempting to bring about organization and sustained judgment against Arkansas miners who are alleged to have beaten a mine foreman.

Apple Crop Short.  
Washington, D. C.—The department of Agriculture estimates this year's apple crop at 67,679,000 barrels of three bushels each, as compared with 76,670,000 barrels last year. The crop is larger than last year in the Pacific Coast states, the department says, but smaller in practically all the interior states.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### \$500,000 Plant is Sold.

Marshfield.—Although the transaction took place May 31, 1916, the sale of the pulp mill and its site in the center of the Coos Bay Lumber company holdings became known only recently. The property was sold to William W. Gurley, of Coos county, Illinois, and the deal showed a nominal price, although the property was worth more than \$500,000.

The area includes a five-acre tract, and gives Mr. Gurley a water frontage on Isthmus inlet of 625 feet.

The Smith-Powers railroad runs along the waterfront, but this is considered an asset to the plant, since it furnishes railroad connection for the mill if it should be made over into a manufacturing plant.

Since the purchase the machinery in the pulp mill was sold to a Canadian paper company, which has a plant at Ocean Falls, B. C., and the steamer Northland is now shipping one cargo of the machinery for delivery at that point. No information can be obtained relative to the uses Mr. Gurley intends putting the dismantled mill and its site.

### Right of Way is Given.

Klamath Falls.—The committee consisting of Wilson S. Wiley, chairman; Bert E. Withrow and K. E. Bradbury, having in charge the obtaining of the necessary right of way for the proposed Robert E. Strahorn railroad eastward from this city, report that they are meeting with splendid success. They realize that the citizens of Klamath county are determined to see teams and scrapers at work in this vicinity this fall.

The committee reports that everywhere the people are showing a keen enthusiasm for the enterprise and a fine public spirit by readily donating right of way for the road. As an example to Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Gautier, residing a few miles east of this city, who donated right of way across their little ranch of 50 acres and wished they had more to give.

### Polk Will Hold Fair.

Dallas.—The Polk County fair will be held in Dallas the latter part of this month. Much enthusiasm is being manifested and all sections are vying with each other to make the annual affair a big success. There will be many more exhibitors, with more diversified exhibits. Special amusement features are being planned. In addition to the presence of a carnival company and music by various musical organizations of the county, many special events for which special prizes have been offered will be staged. During one day of the fair an aeroplane flight will be attempted.

Pullets Mature Early.  
Cottage Grove.—William Hands & Son have some White Leghorn pullets that are adding to the reputation of Cottage Grove. All of them started laying at between four and five months of age. One bird in particular started laying at the age of four months and 20 days and when six months old had laid 35 eggs. Trap nests are used, so that the record is accurate. The ancestors of these pullets for 10 years back have been trap-nested, so that a strong laying strain has been developed.

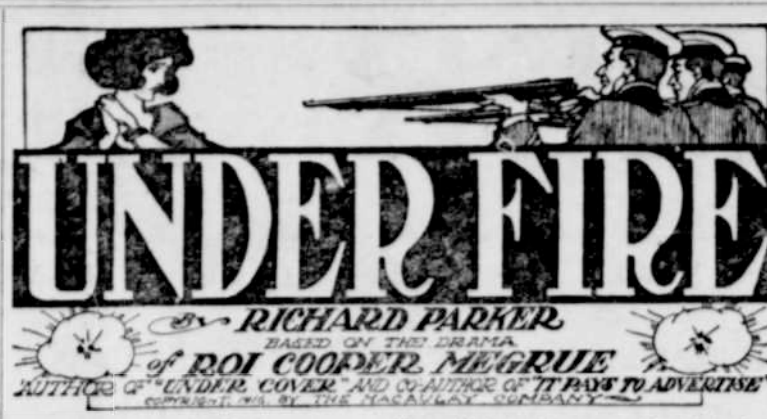
Lane Flax to Be Spun.  
Eugene.—Lane county flax will be spun into thread at the Coos County Fair, beginning next Wednesday, according to an announcement made by the fair board. An experienced operator of the spinning wheel will have charge of this feature of the exhibit. Samples of flax straw and the fiber at the various stages of development will be shown, together with flax from all parts of the world, so that visitors at the fair may compare the Oregon product with that of countries where flax growing is an established industry.

Telephone Earnings Big.  
Salem.—The annual report of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for the year ending June 30, 1916, filed with the Oregon Public Service commission, shows that the company's total revenues in Oregon were \$2,162,298.41, and that the total expenses were \$1,674,011.54. For the entire system the company's net income was \$2,187,284.43. Dividends totaling \$1,920,000 were paid. The system's total operating revenues were \$10,477,308.84, and the total operating expenses were \$13,850,062.51.

Bend Payroll \$100,000.  
Bend.—More than \$85,000 was distributed here this week among the employees of the two big sawmills on account of the August payrolls. Of this amount \$57,000 is the share of the Shevlin-Hixon company and \$28,000 that of the Brooks-Seaman company. As soon as the second Shevlin mill begins operation and the factories are operating at their full capacity, the company payroll will be about \$71,500 a month. It is estimated that the total monthly payroll for the town is well over \$100,000.

Grain is Not Damaged.  
Albany.—That despite the recent rains, grain in this county is not badly damaged is the opinion of farmers. The rains have colored the oats but the general opinion is that no material injury has been caused thus far. The rain, however, has delayed threshing operations and much clear weather is needed to enable the harvesting of the grain not yet threshed. It is estimated that only about half of the grain has been threshed.

Forest Loss is Slight.  
Salem.—Forest fire losses this year bid fair to touch the mark set in 1912, which is a low record. In that year the damage amounted to but \$460. There has been but one serious fire this season, says State Forester Elliott, and that occurred in a Washington logging camp and was not strictly a forest fire.



## UNDERFIRE

RICHARD PARKER  
BASED ON THE DRAMA  
"OF BOI COOPER MEGRUE"  
NOTHING BUT UNDER COVER AND UNDER THE GUN TO ADVERTISE  
SYNOPSIS.

George Wagstaff, daughter of Sir George, of the British admiralty, hints at a liaison between her governess, Ethel Willoughby, and Henry Streetman, Ethel's lover. Henry Streetman calls on Ethel and while waiting for her talks to Brewster, Sir George's butler, who is a German spy, about his failure to get admiralty papers in Sir George's possession. He promises to get them for the butler's quarters. Streetman, the German spy, and Brewster talk, the latter is discussing the possibility of war. When Ethel appears he tries to force her to get from Sir George knowledge of the sailing orders to the British fleet. Though she believes him a French instead of a German spy, she refuses to be threatened. She begs him to announce their secret marriage, as George is suspicious but he puts her off. Sir George and his lover, Guy Falconer, tease Sir George. Brewster makes an awkward attempt to talk politics.

You can imagine, perhaps, the sort of fun that would be kicked up by the entrance of a breezy, slangy, talkative, well-informed American newspaper reporter into a typical high-class English tea party, and of his effect upon a situation exceedingly tense—when he plunges into a discussion of possible war which the party has been trying to avoid. Read about Charlie Brown of New York in this installment.

Streetman, the German spy, Sir George Wagstaff, British naval official, Ethel Willoughby, secret wife of Streetman, and others are having tea at the Wagstaff home. The party is discussing a play.

### CHAPTER IV—Continued.

"You really ought to see the play. Sir George's irrepressible Guy remarked. He was always ready to back up George in any devilry such might embark upon.

"Yes! It deals with our next war," that young lady added.

"As if a plaything knew anything of that!" her father scoffed.

"It's horribly insulting to us Britons," Mrs. Falconer remarked.

"Drives in a lot of home truths and gives us English a fearful ragging!" Guy added cheerfully.

Sir George looked at him somewhat suspiciously.

"Who wrote it? Bernard Shaw?" he inquired. And there was much reproof in his tone. To him, Shaw was like a red rag to a bull.

"I don't know who wrote it," George said carelessly. "I never can remember the beast's names."

"It seemed to me to present a very striking picture of what may very truly happen," Henry Streetman intervened.

Mrs. Falconer turned to him in astonishment. She did not think that anyone in his senses could have taken that silly play seriously.

"You don't mean you really believe there is going to be war right over there on the continent?" she exclaimed.

"I do, rather! And I fancy Sir George agrees with me—don't you, Sir George?" he determinedly asked.

"He's the wisest man that I've ever met," Sir George said. "I've not succeeded in forcing Sir George's hand, but would at least give him a run for his money."

"Really, sir, I should prefer not to discuss that matter," he said once more.

George laughed gaily.

"When father puts on his mantle of dignity like that, it means serious business," she observed. And there was a deal of truth in her statement, frivolous as she seemed. But George was no fool. She had not lived with her father close upon eighteen years for nothing. She knew unerringly how to interpret his every manner.

"But why should there be war, even if an Austrian duke did get killed by some Serbian or other?" Mrs. Falconer asked. "Of course I've only seen the headlines," she hastened to add, to disclaim any such plebeian pastime as the reading of newspapers.

"Believe that assassination there is much of international politics and diplomacy," Sir George explained. "In fact, it's rather a long story."

"Then, father, don't tell it!" his sarcastic daughter bantered. Her plea, however, was entirely superfluous. Sir George had not the slightest intention of committing such an indiscretion. But Guy Falconer was ready enough to air his opinions.

"Oh, it's not just Austria and Serbia!" he said confidently. "The trouble is that Germany is patting Austria on the back, and whispering, 'Don't give in, old lady! And Russia is saying, 'Secbia, old girl, you're dead right. We'll back you up. And there you are!'"

"George—you're not having any tea," Ethel observed.

"Oh! I don't want any. If I did, I'd ask for it," Miss Wagstaff said.

"Tea, mother?" Guy inquired of his dotting parent. Their discussion of the subject uppermost in the minds of all had driven even the important matter of tea completely out of his mind.

"None for me, thanks!" Mrs. Falconer replied. "I've quite outgrown tea—ever since I came back from the States." The others looked agast at her astounding confession. To the enlightening Britishers, a remark borders close upon lese majeste. And then Brewster announced another caller.

"Mr. Charles Brown!" he pronounced in his best manner—a somewhat supercilious statement, perhaps, because all of Brewster's manners were of the best.

CHAPTER V.  
Mr. Brown of New York. In another moment's slight, wily man, well along in the thirties, came

"Then tell us about the war! We're very ignorant. We only read the headlines," she said. "Father won't talk. It'd be a breach of something or other."

"Do tell us your opinion, Mr. Brown?" Ethel urged. "We're all so very interested."

"I suppose I can talk where Sir George can't—and I do love to talk," Brown admitted. No one knew his pet falling any better than himself.

"Silent Charlie—that's what they call him!" Guy informed the others delightedly.

"You don't mind, Sir George?" The American turned inquiringly to Sir George Wagstaff.

"Naturally not!" the older man assented good-naturedly. "As you said, this is only a private tea party."

"Then please do!" George insisted. "If you don't, Guy will!" She dearly loved to rag her devoted admirer.

"Away!" Brown declaimed in mock satisfaction at being able to scatter his opinions broadcast. "Well, I'll tell you. While most of you Londoners have been wondering whether the Irish are going to start a civil war, or whether Gumbot Smith did foul Carpendale, I've been digging up some inside dope, and, believe me, there's going to be a merry old bust-up. Russia, I know, is mobilizing; and so is Germany."

"But can Russia, with her internal conditions, afford to fight?" Streetman asked him.

"I don't know whether she can afford to or not," Charlie Brown said. "But I believe she is going to."

"I take it you are not particularly informed on Russia," Streetman retorted, somewhat acidly.

"Oh, yes I am!" the undaunted Yankee replied. "I know it's awfully cold there, and that they drink vodka, and have revolutions, and send their prisoners to Siberia, and apart from that I'm pretty darned sure Russia's going to fight." Words habitually dished from Charlie Brown's mouth without the slightest effort. It is so with bores. But Mr. Brown was far from being a bore. What saved him was the fact that he always said something well worth listening to.

Guy Falconer did not allow the conversation to interrupt his ministry to the inner man. He stepped up to Ethel's table and took a sandwich off a plate. But before he regained himself with it he paused long enough to say: "You know, I think Charlie's right."

"Go on, Mr. Brown!" George said, impatient at the interruption.

"Don't you think Germany can defeat both France and Russia?" Streetman demanded.

"Maybe—maybe!" Charlie Brown said. "But with England on their side—"

Streetman did not wait for him to finish.

"England, with a civil war in Ulster on her hands, wouldn't dare—" he began heatedly.

And then Mr. Brown interrupted him. He had not the slightest intention of being browbeaten by anybody. And there was a vague antagonism in Streetman's manner toward him that roused him mightily.

"Civil war!" he exclaimed. "Why, if England has a scrap with Germany, that Ulster trouble will stop in ten minutes; and every Irishman that goes to the front will lick three Germans—maybe four. I've seen the Irish mix things up in New York."

Streetman subsided, for the moment, beneath that avalanche of words.

"And you think Germany is quite prepared to face those odds?" Ethel Willoughby asked the American.

"Not intentionally," he replied. "The Germans have got everything down so pat in theory that nothing can stop them; but God help 'em if their theories don't work." There was no mistaking where Brown's sympathies lay.

For, though he had not by words expressed his real feelings in the matter at issue, there was a fervent ring in his voice that sufficiently betrayed his sentiments.

Meanwhile Henry Streetman regarded him with extreme disfavor. Perhaps for the moment, among all those enemies, he momentarily forgot that his interests required that he should by no means appear to hold any opinions that one might not expect in the most insular of the English.

"It seems a pity," he said, "but Germany is the only nation in the world that is really absolutely ready. She is the only nation that can risk a war with any chance of victory."

His companion looked at him in astonishment. And Sir George Wagstaff even was stirred out of the attitude of apathy that he was wont to assume.

"You talk strangely, sir, for an Englishman," he told Streetman. But his manifest reproof seemed lost upon that gentleman.

"My nationality does not blind me to the facts," the spy said hastily.

"I admire the Germans in lots of ways," Charlie Brown continued, in what was really only a futile effort to appear neutral. "At all the arts and sciences they're wonderful. And it's a damn thing they've got a great military machine."

"The most marvelous in the world!" Streetman agreed with him heartily.

Charlie Brown set his empty teacup on the table.

"You're dead right there!" he assented. "Why, back in New York I knew a waiter at Luchow's—bully German place!—who was telling me one day how George had everything doped out. If war came he'd chase back to his home town—go to his armory, and in his locker, number 254, he'd find his uniform, his shoes, his gun properly oiled, some of that dried pea soup, fresh water in his canteen; they've been putting fresh water in those canteens every day for two years past. In fact, everything a soldier needs would be there waiting for him. Then he'd march down to the station and in a couple of hours he and hundreds of thousands like him would be off to the front. . . . Now, you've got to hand it to a country that's got it all planned out like that."

"By George, you have!" said Guy Falconer. He had listened, like the others, with increasing wonder as the American told his story.

"If England were only prepared, too, along similar lines—" Ethel Willoughby said. She did not finish her remark. There was no need of that; for the vain wish was lay behind her

words was only too evident to them all.

"But she isn't prepared—not the least bit—is she, Sir George?" Charlie Brown turned to the member of the British admiralty as a man who could easily back up his statement in an authoritative fashion.

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But the trouble is, she guesses wrong. Diplomatically, ever since old George W. Bismarck died, she's never been right. And just now, she's guessing she can lick France, Russia and England with the rest of the world thrown in."

"And perhaps she's right," Henry Streetman could not refrain from adding.

### CHAPTER VI.

#### One of England's Sons.

Charlie Brown lighted his cigarette in silence, while he digested Streetman's amazing statement.

Brown, as you see, is unusually shrewd and quick of apprehension. Does it occur to you that he suspects Streetman and takes this method of drawing him out?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

### PROPER DIVISION OF TIME

Sleep and Work and Pleasure Should All Be Given Their Proportions in Order.

Generally speaking, a man sixty years old has slept twenty years, played twenty years and worked twenty years. That is to say, he has divided each day of his life as follows: Eight hours for sleep, eight hours for pleasure and recreation and eight hours for work.

Of course, there are exceptions to this rule, but the man who violates this division of his day for any considerable length of time in the end likely will pay the piper. If he sleeps too much, he's a dope. If he plays too much, he vegetates and disqualifies himself for work. If he works too much he breaks down.

Only a third of one's life seems a small proportion to devote to work. It would seem that a man could not accomplish much who devotes two-thirds of his life to sleep and recreation, and some men do not accomplish much, but that is because they do not make the most of their working hours.

The secret of successful accomplishment in the day's work—the secret of success in your life's work, lies in industry. While you are working, work. —Boston Post.

### A Stumped Detective.

Erna Haskins, constable of a New England village, had an exalted opinion of his ability as a detective. He also read everything he could find on the career of Sherlock Holmes, until he had imagined that he had thereby acquired wonderful deductive ability.

"Now, gentlemen," said Erna on one occasion to his assistants in a particular case, "we have traced these clues—the footprints of the horse and the footprints of the man right up here to this stump. From the stump on there's only the footprints of the horse. Now, gentlemen, the question is what has become of the man?"

Colorado uses more than 2,000,000 electrical horsepower every day to run its industries.