

# WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Eight deaths in eastern Pennsylvania were attributed to the flood. Five others occurred at Kitzmiller, Md., when an entire family was swept down the Potomac river.

Senator Hale, republican, Maine, announced Monday that he had been informed through the state department that the British government had agreed to modify its embargo on American livestock caused by the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease in California.

Secretary Wilbur was advised Tuesday that Paymaster Ervine R. Brown of Coronado, Cal., has been reported missing from the destroyer Somers and an examination of his accounts has disclosed a shortage of about \$120,000.

Eight masked men who opened fire on a money car of the Bank of Hochelaga, in Montreal, Que., Tuesday, escaped with \$142,288 after one of their number and a bank employe had been killed and another bank employe slightly wounded.

Authorities are looking for the thief who stole five tombstones from the rear of the court house at El Centro, Cal. The stones were shipped to El Centro by the war department to be used as markers on the graves of world war veterans.

The death toll of the tornado that struck Shawnee, Okla., Friday remained at eight Tuesday, with three persons suffering from serious injuries. The loss is estimated at \$750,000. Between 165 and 175 homes were damaged or destroyed.

More than 100,000 persons are walking, it was estimated by Scranton, Pa., authorities, as a result of the strike of 600 employes of the Scranton Railway company. The company's lines between Forest City and Duryea, including Scranton, were tied up.

A weapon partly like a shotgun and partly like a pistol has been adopted by the Standard Oil company to combat robbers in Seattle. It was announced Tuesday. Bank messengers and carriers of payrolls are expected to use the weapon here, it was said.

Only one negro family remained Tuesday in Dixie, a settlement on the outskirts of Baton Rouge, La., where Sheriff Day was shot and killed Saturday and where nine houses and one church were burned Sunday. The negro population of approximately 500 disappeared when a report was received that all of the settlement would be burned.

John Ellis, the official hangman of Great Britain, has resigned his job, but has not given any reason. For 23 years he has held the position, and dozens of criminals, notorious and otherwise, passed through his hands to their doom, among whom were Crippen, Roger Casement and Edith Thompson, the last woman executed in England.

Deaths in Toledo, Ohio, since Sunday from drinking denatured alcohol mounted to 12 late Tuesday, when Charles O'Donnell, 45, Buffalo, N. Y., died at municipal hospital. O'Donnell's death was the fifth today. Seven men died Sunday and Monday. Half a dozen were in hospitals suffering from alcohol poisoning. Physicians expect two to die.

General Erich Ludendorff, master strategist of the German army in the world war, has been acquitted of the charge of treason for the part he played in the "beer garden" revolt at Munich last November. It was a popular verdict and in anticipation of it great masses of flowers had been placed in front of the former German first quartermaster-general and one of his co-defendants, Adolph Hitler.

Assurance that the tax reduction bill would be passed this session and prediction that the soldier bonus bill would be enacted into law before congress adjourns was made Tuesday by Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee, as leaders of both parties and President Coolidge centered attention on the legislative program. Senator Smoot told the senate the tax bill probably would be ready for a report to the floor by Saturday.

## SHIPPERS LOSE RATE CASE

U. S. Supreme Court Decides Against Western Firms.

Washington, D. C.—Shippers charged higher rates for short hauls than the published rates for longer hauls on the same railroad and in the same direction can only recover such actual damages as they can prove, the supreme court held Monday.

In an opinion by Justice McReynolds, it declared the fact that the rate for the longer haul was lower than the rate for the shorter haul would not of itself establish which of the two was the unreasonable rate.

The question reached the court in four cases. Three came from the Pacific coast, being brought against the Portland Seed company and A. J. Parrington, who won in the lower courts. The fourth case came from Minnesota.

In all the cases the evidence showed that the railroads had in effect, without the permission of the interstate commerce commission, rates which were higher for a short than for a long haul. The shippers' essential charge was "that the carrier demanded and received greater compensation for transporting freight for a shorter distance than its published rate for transporting like property for a longer distance over the same route and in the same direction."

The shippers contended that under the long and short haul clause the lower published rate became the maximum which the carrier could charge, notwithstanding the higher published rate, and that any amount collected above the rate for the long haul amounted to an illegal action, recoverable without other proof of actual damage and without regard to the intrinsic reasonableness of either rate.

Pointing out that the shippers had not asked an injunction against illegal rates, the court said that it was "an effort to secure something itself (themselves) without proof of pecuniary loss consequent upon the unlawful act."

Congress has not given any indication, the court said, of an intent "that persons not injured might nevertheless recover what would really be a penalty, in addition to the penalty payable to the government."

### Indians Are Thrifty.

Washington, D. C.—Chief Eagle Call of the Glacier National Park reservation is one of the progressive members of his tribe who has helped make the Blackfeet famed with the Indian department here as the most thrifty farmers of their race.

These Indians cultivated so much wheat on their lands that the United States government built them a mill to grind their flour. The Blackfeet are self-supporting and no longer accept rations from Uncle Sam's hands. Oil has made some tribes rich and Uncle Sam has endowed others for their lands, but the Blackfeet are the only Indians that really have "lifted" themselves by their own moxasin thongs the Indian records show.

### New Appetizer Found.

St. Louis.—Ethyl gasoline, a recently-discovered product of the General Motors corporation, will not only eliminate all "knock" from high-compression motors, but serves as an excellent appetizer for those who handle it, according to Thomas Midgely Jr., vice-president of the corporation, who addressed members of the National Petroleum Marketers' association at the first day's session of their four-day convention here Monday.

Persons handling the fluid, Midgely pointed out, after a preliminary period of lassitude and depression developed great appetites and often gain in weight from 25 to 35 pounds.

### Langley Is Indicted.

Covington, Ky.—John W. Langley, Kentucky representative in congress, was indicted by a federal grand jury here late Monday on three counts, charging conspiracy to withdraw, sell and transport whiskey. The indictment also named M. E. Huth and W. B. Carry of Canton, O., and Albert J. Slater, Hiram W. Brenner and William F. Lipschultz, Philadelphia, the latter three prohibition officials of Pennsylvania.

### Spokane Deposits Grow.

Spokane, Wash.—An increase in deposits of nearly \$3,000,000 is shown by Spokane banks during the last 12 months, according to figures made public here Monday in connection with the call of the controller of the currency. Total deposits in local banks March 31 were \$52,572,716; cash due from other banks, \$11,048,145; loans and discounts, \$41,323,582; surplus and undivided profits, \$2,156,209.

### Radio Monopoly Is Hit.

Washington, D. C.—A bill designed to prevent a monopoly of radio communication was passed Monday by the senate. It declares the air to be the "inalienable possession of the people" and prohibits licenses extending more than two years.

## SENATE IS TO GET REVENUE BILL SOON

Tax on Radio, Mah Jongg Sets Only New Levy.

## MAKE OTHER CHANGES

Practically All Rate Schedules Have Been Agreed Upon—Soldiers' Bonus in Limelight.

Washington, D. C.—A last minute attack on the revenue bill in an all-day session of the senate finance committee Saturday brought changes in the taxes on radio sets, jewelry and estates, and postponed a report of the measure to the senate until next week.

The 10 per cent radio tax was made applicable to all sets and parts without exemption after the committee earlier in the day had voted to increase from \$15 to \$50 the minimum price of a set on which the tax would be levied.

This and the 10 per cent tax on mah jongg sets costing more than \$5 are the only new taxes carried by the bill. The taxes are levied on the manufacturer. The radio tax, Chairman Smoot declared, would not result in an increase in the price of the sets and parts to consumers.

Just which parts would be taxed, however, would be left to the jurisdiction of the internal revenue bureau as in the case of the tax on automobile parts, Mr. Smoot said. He figured the tax would net about \$10,000,000, pointing out, however, that no accurate estimates were available.

Practically all of the rate schedules now have been agreed upon, Mr. Smoot said.

Chairman Smoot said the soldier bonus bill passed by the house would be taken up by the committee. Little time would be necessary for disposition of this measure, he added, and several republican members predicted the bonus bill would be given precedence over the tax bill on the floor of the senate.

The house provision opening tax returns to inspection by congressional committees was broadened by elimination of a previous restriction voted by the finance committee, making it possible for the committees to make public "any relevant or useful information" obtained in inspection of the tax returns. The committee had previously voted to allow congressional committees to make public only the names, addresses, amount of tax paid and amount of refunds given of the taxpayers whose returns were inspected.

Secretary Mellon's proposal to cut out the house amendment increasing the estate tax in favor of the present rates were agreed to definitely. The committee had planned to keep the present rates but apply them to different brackets so that \$12,000,000 additional revenue would be raised, the same as would have been gained under the house amendment.

It also was decided to limit articles exempt from the 5 per cent jewelry tax to those selling for less than \$25 rather than those selling for \$40 or less, as voted by the house. Musical instruments, eye glasses and spectacles, which were exempted by the house from any tax under this section, again were made subject to the levy and articles used in religious services were exempt entirely.

Changes made in the bill will not alter materially the estimate that it will fall by about \$50,000,000 of raising sufficient revenue to meet estimated expenditures of the government next year, Chairman Smoot said. He has predicted, however, that such a deficit would be wiped out by an increase in revenue over that estimated by the treasury.

### Belgian Steamer Sinks.

Antwerp.—The American steamer West Inskip, a 5500-ton freighter from Baltimore and Norfolk, March 20, for Rotterdam and Antwerp, collided in the river Scheldt Saturday with the Belgian steamer Sierre Grande of 2291 gross tons, the Belgian vessel being so badly damaged that she sank in the channel. Her crew was saved.

The damage to the American vessel has not been reported.

### Not Consistent.

Bashful Boy—"Sir, Jane and I have decided that our happiness is the biggest thing in the world." Father—"You change your mind so often—just yesterday you wanted to marry her!" —Laltesar.



Handsome Evelyn Brent, the "movie" star, who recently starred in fifteen pictures made in England, is not an English girl. She was born in Tampa. She began her screen career as an extra in a prominent production. Being a talented young woman she was soon given leads.

## Reflections of a Bachelor Girl

By HELEN ROWLAND

MARRIAGE is the ultimate proof that "it is better to fib a little than to be unhappy much," and most women that it is better to be deceived half the time than to be lonely all of the time.

The flavor of the lipstick is becoming almost as necessary to a kiss as the boudoir scene to a popular comedy.

When a bald-headed man refuses to employ a bobbed-haired girl, can't you just picture Adam swallowing the last morsel of the apple, and then gravely reproving Eve for having taken the first teeny bite?

A man may risk his life for a woman, for the sake of a fight; but, when he gives up his personal comfort or one of his pet habits for her, it is purely for love's sake!

Lots of marriages last until death, simply because two persons decide that it is easier to stick together and suffer than to get a divorce and run the risk of marrying unhappily all over again.

A woman is like a flower: to a poet, something to rhapsodize over; to a scientist, something to dissect; to the average man, just something to take home and leave around the house.

The kiss of today is the hope of yesterday, the regret of tomorrow, and the flattering memory of all the days after.

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PLAYING SAFE.  
"How much shall we sue him for in that breach of promise suit, \$20,000?"  
"No. You had better make it \$10,000. He might change his mind."

## The Romance of Words

"CRAVAT"

WHILE the English or Anglo-Saxon "necktie" is far more generally used in this country than the French "cravat," the latter has a history more striking than could be attributed to the combination of the two mono-syllabic words "neck" and "tie."

The cravat is so-called from a famous French regiment of light horse, named "The Royal Cravates," because they were attired in the fashion of an Austrian province who made up a large portion of the Austrian army. In 1638, the French regiment bearing this name was in uniform in imitation of the Croatian troops, precisely as the Zouaves of a later day took their name and their uniform from a savage tribe in South Africa—and when the neckties worn by these troops became fashionable in civil as well as in military life, the name of the regiment was given to the tie. The regiment has long since disappeared from the roster of the French army, but the name persists, even in English, as a reminder of the Austrian troops who first wore this style of neck adornment.

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