

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.

The engagement of Miss Margaret Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas S. Watson of San Francisco, and Herbert Hoover Jr., was announced Tuesday.

President Coolidge does not feel that an extra session of congress was made necessary by the failure of the senate to pass the deficiency appropriation bill.

Isaburo Yoshida, formerly counselor of the legation at Peking, has been named counselor of the embassy at Washington, the Japanese foreign office announced Saturday.

General Archibald Jack, general manager of the United Railways of Havana, the employees of which are on strike, was shot and wounded late Monday as he left his office in the central station.

Second Lieutenant Harold D. Hall and Corporal Ralph W. Lehman of the marine corps were killed Tuesday in an airplane accident in Stafford county, Virginia. Hall was from Crockett, Tex. Lehman was from Mayodan, N. C.

The Rome chamber of deputies Saturday by a vote of 361 to 167 adopted a resolution expressing full confidence in the government of Premier Mussolini "for the work it has accomplished and in its program for the future." The speech from the throne was also approved.

Belief that the peak of the agitation in Japan against American enactment of an immigration law barring Japanese had passed, was expressed in well informed circles in Tokio, Monday. The active phase of the agitation, it was agreed, cannot continue more than two or three weeks.

The house of delegates of the American Medical association in convention in Chicago, Tuesday adopted a resolution calling for the repeal of "those sections of the national prohibition act which interfere with the proper relations between the physician and his patient in prescribing alcohol medicinally."

The first of a dozen or more investigations to be conducted during the recess of congress opened in Washington, D. C. Tuesday with the resumption of hearings by the house committee investigating the shipping board. There will be practically no let-up in the committee's deliberations during the entire summer and fall.

Plans for expenditure during 1925 of \$4,500,000 for new construction and repairs on the Great Northern railroad between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific coast were announced in Spokane Tuesday by Ralph Budd, president of the railroad. He said it would include rebuilding of the Columbia river bridge at Wenatchee at a cost of \$1,000,000.

Immediate conversion of an initial group of 12 shipping board cargo vessels to Diesel-propelled types is planned by the board whose experts have been studying for several months a program which eventually will involve an expenditure of \$25,000,000, authorized by congress for this purpose. President Coolidge has signed the bill providing the means.

Nine persons are reported to have been killed and a score of houses washed away in Mercer and McDowell counties, West Virginia, Monday by a flood following a heavy rain storm that reached the proportions of a cloudburst. Sections of Norfolk and Western railroad branch lines and sidetracks to a number of mining operations were washed out.

Following the unanimous passage of an emergency resolution presented by the New York delegation to the General Federation of Women's clubs' 17th biennial convention in Los Angeles, Cal., Monday, telegrams were sent to chairman of all political conventions urging them to include in their platforms a plank indorsing America's adherence to the world court and further urging all parties to provide for all possible co-operation with other nations for world peace.

EXPECT VALUATION REPORTS

Commerce Body Likely to Act This Summer on Railroad Values.

Washington, D. C. — Valuation reports fixing the final values of important railway systems of the United States are expected to be issued by the interstate commerce commission this summer. The valuation work has progressed to the stage where a number of reports on large systems may be completed in the next few months.

The field work of the bureau of valuation, involving investigations made in the field by engineers, land appraisers and accountants, has been practically completed.

Records of the bureau of valuation show that the underlying reports which are made the basis for tentative final valuations have been completed as to approximately 95 per cent of the total steam railway mileage in the country.

Tentative valuation reports have been completed as to 22 per cent of the mileage.

Valuation of railroads began in 1913, when congress made an initial appropriation of \$100,000. In that year the commission had 31 employees in its bureau of valuation and expended \$10,372.91 for valuation work.

By 1915 the expenditures had increased to \$2,183,296, and the number of employees had increased to 1291. Expenditures and the number of employees increased until 1919, when expenditures totaled \$3,560,098 and the number of employees totaled 1530.

In 1920 expenditures decreased to \$2,989,021 and the number of employees dropped to 990. The following year the expenditures were \$2,733,000 and the number of employees 926. In 1922 expenditures further decreased to \$1,595,000 and the number of employees declined to 585. At present the bureau of valuation has approximately 250 employees and congress has authorized an appropriation of \$647,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1925.

Valuation of the railroads was started in 1913 with the general expectation that it would be completed in about three years. The magnitude of the undertaking was not realized at that time. The work is now in its tenth year and it is estimated that two or three more years will elapse before final valuations have been made on all the railways of the country, although officials directly in charge of the work decline to give an estimate at this time as to just how much longer it will be before final valuation reports have been completed.

When the reports have been issued the final values found will have to be brought up to date, the final values being fixed as of June 30, 1915, 1916 or 1917.

Many of the final values fixed by the commission will be contested in the courts by the railroads and litigation will delay the final establishment of value as a basis for rate making.

Japanese Seek Entry.

Seattle, Wash. — Immigration inspectors examining 238 Japanese who arrived here Monday aboard the Admiral oriental liner President McKinley with passports from Japan, found scores who claimed long years of residence in this country could not speak a word of English, according to officers of the immigration station.

Advices received by the department in Seattle asserted that 2700 Japanese will seek entrance to the United States through this port before July 1, when the Japanese exclusion act becomes effective. Dozens of brides and bridegrooms were among the passengers.

Warship Hits; Floated.

Norfolk, Va. — The battleship West Virginia, which went aground soon after leaving Hampton roads for France Monday, was pulled off the mud bank, where she had held fast at high water and proceeded to Lynn Haven roads to anchor for minor repairs.

Mine sweepers and tugs pulled the ship free. Aboard were members of the navy contingent of the American Olympic team, whose departure has now been delayed through the cracking of a condenser head and the losing of a tower when the West Virginia struck in a dredge channel.

Stolen "Treasure" Lead.

Reno, Nev. — Six bars of bullion, stolen last Friday from a railroad at Gerlach, Washoe county, Nevada, and supposed to be worth \$6000, were really 97 per cent lead, according to a dispatch received from a special agent by Chief Kirkley of the Reno police. One man, under arrest here, confessed the theft of the "treasure" and it was being searched for in San Francisco, Sacramento and other places. The value of the bars is \$60.

St. Paul, Minn. — Magnus Johnson, Minnesota's "dirt farmer" senator, was renominated on the farmer-labor ticket by an overwhelming plurality in Monday's statewide primary, returns available at 10:30 P. M. showed. He defeated two opponents.

COOLIDGE AND DAWES CHOSEN

Republican National Convention Comes to End. Lowden Declines to Run.

Convention Hall, Cleveland, O. — President Coolidge was nominated Thursday by the republican national convention in a proceeding which was actually a ratification meeting.

Only dissenting votes from Wisconsin and North Dakota prevented the president's nomination by acclamation and making it unanimous.

Nominated by his personal friend, Dr. Marion Leroy Burton, president of the University of Michigan, the president received solid blocks of votes from all the states on the final rollcall except from those mentioned.

Before the first and only rollcall was half completed the story of his victory had been told, as state by state the votes of solid delegations from east, west, north and south were thrown to his support.

Lowden, ex-governor of Illinois, and he had refused to accept the place. The convention was later adjourned.

President Coolidge's nomination was accomplished with only a ripple of dissent from Wisconsin and North Dakota, but the nomination of his running mate came only after the convention had once chosen Lowden and had been forced by his declination to choose another—the "Hell-and-Maria" general.

After a short race with Herbert Hoover, who came into the balloting after the declination of Lowden, Dawes galloped off with the nomination.

Motions to make it unanimous and by acclamation were disturbed only by the dissent from Wisconsin and North Dakota.

In a brief and spectacular fight in which William Butler, President Coolidge's campaign manager, had said to Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, "It

CALVIN COOLIDGE



CHARLES G. DAWES

Convention Hall, Cleveland, O. — Charles G. Dawes of Illinois, the "Hell-and-Maria" general, was nominated for the vice-presidency by the republican national convention Thursday night after it once had nominated Frank O.

must be Hoover," and Senator Reed had replied, "I can't be done, it must be Dawes," the Dawes supporters, after the declination of ex-Governor Lowden of Illinois, marshaled their forces and put the general across for the nomination.

48 MEN KILLED BY SHIP BLAST

San Pedro, Cal. — Two premature explosions killed three officers and 45 men of the battleship Mississippi Thursday and injured a score of others, and the menace of death still hounded the crippled dreadnaught as she left her dead and injured behind and headed out to sea to protect harbor life and shipping from the peril of a third and imminently expected blast.

The first explosion occurred at 1 P. M. while the Mississippi was engaged in target practice off San Clemente island, 45 miles from here, spreading death among the 88 men in No. 2 turret. Officers said the premature blast might have been due to a sailor giving the signal for the electric flash igniting the charge in one of the turret's 14-inch rifles before the breech was properly closed, or it may have resulted from a "flare back" caused when a fresh charge was being loaded into the breech.

As the stricken ship reached the goal of its race for surgical assistance—the hospital ship Relief, just inside the breakwater here—a second blast rocked the vessel. The charge in the damaged turret's second 14-inch rifle exploded, hurling the steel projectile out to sea.

Embassy in Japan Acts on American Boycott

Tokio. — The boycott on American-made motion picture films, due to resentment because of the recently enacted exclusion of Japanese immigrants from America, has been brought to the attention of the Japanese government by the American embassy here.

The direct cause of the embassy's action was a complaint from representatives of the American film companies at Kobe, who reported that the boycott movement was progressing in western Japan and asked assistance in combating it.

At the same time the boycott here was breaking down. The police have announced that full protection will

be given any theater showing American films and have warned "patriots," as the most active supporters of the boycott term themselves, not to use intimidation as a weapon for gaining the assent of the theater owners to plans to bar American pictures.

The leading Tokio theaters plan to continue using the American films.

Tax Refund to Be Prompt.

Washington, D. C. — Taxpayers who paid the full amount of their income tax on March 15 will not have to wait until December for the refund of one-fourth of the amount, as seemed likely as the result of the failure of the deficiency appropriation bill in the recent session of congress.

Director of the Budget Lord has approved an arrangement by which the treasury will pay the refund out of another appropriation. The deficiency bill carried an appropriation of \$16,140,000 for refunds to those who paid the entire amount of their tax on March 15 in advance of the action of congress in the new tax law granting a 25 per cent cut on taxes on incomes of 1923. Congress in the annual treasury department appropriation bill appropriated \$105,000,000 for tax refunds in connection with the settlement of disputed tax cases. Under the arrangement which has now been made the treasury will draw upon the \$105,000,000 fund in refunding amounts due to taxpayers who paid in full on March 15.

Two Bombs Shake City.

Harrisburg, Ill. — Two dynamite bombs exploded early Sunday, shaking the entire city, and causing the partial destruction of two houses and breaking the windows of several other adjacent homes. No persons were injured by the explosions.

The bombs were thought to have been sent by persons opposing recent liquor raids in Saline county, Ill.

Isabel, S. D. — A tornado which struck Glad valley, in Ziebach county, west of here, late Saturday, caused probably a score of injuries. Property damage may run over \$100,000, according to word received here today.

Storm Leaves 12 Dead.

Johnson City, Tenn. — Twelve known dead, four seriously injured, more than a dozen houses, barns and mills demolished and thousands of acres of farm crops ruined, constitute the toll of the most disastrous cloudburst ever recalled in this section. It appeared to have its center near Hunter, on Little Stoney creek and Blue Springs creek, where a house, in which two families lived, went to pieces, taking nine lives.

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A modern town of 1000 people, is the county seat of Jackson county and is situated in the most fertile and productive portion of the famous Rogue River Valley—correctly termed the "Italy of America." The town is beautifully located in a cove at the base of magnificent pine-clad mountains and is surrounded by the finest irrigated alfalfa farms and fruit orchards in the entire country. The town is five miles west of Medford, a modern city of 8000 people, with which it is connected by a steam and electric railroad and splendid highway. The altitude of the town is 1568 feet and there are no extremes in heat or cold. The annual rainfall is about 25 inches — there being little or no snow in the valley. A more healthful place could not be found.

County Official Directory Jackson County Lawyers

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 Joint Representative—Chas F Hopkins, Roseburg.
 County Representatives—John H Carkin and Ralph Cowgill of Medford.
 Circuit Judge—C M Thomas.
 Pros. Attorney—Newton W. Borden.
 County Judge—G A Gardner.
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 Clerk—Chauncey Florey.
 Sheriff—C E Terrill.
 Assessor—J B Coleman.
 Treasurer—A C Walker.
 School Supt.—Susanne Homes Carter
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 Health Officer—Dr W P Holt.

City Directory
 Mayor—Emil Britt.
 Councilmen—Chester Wendt, Peter Fick, G W Godward and Frank Lindley
 Recorder and Justice of the Peace—J. L. Roe
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