

# WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

## COMPILED FOR YOU

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

William Archer, the noted dramatic critic and author, died in London Saturday.

R. Q. Merrick, prohibition divisional chief for New York and northern New Jersey, said New Year's eve raids would be "bigger and better than ever."

Three aged patients of the Illinois state insane hospital, three miles east of Alton, were burned to death early Sunday when a frame farmhouse was destroyed by fire.

Expenditures of approximately \$41,500,000 will be made by the North American company for expansion of its public utility properties throughout the United States in 1925.

More than 60 persons were killed, upward of half a hundred were injured and 15 others were missing as the result of an unusual number of accidents in Chicago Christmas eve and Christmas day.

Stacy, 12, and Clark, 10, sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Swanson, living a mile below Santa Clara on river loop No. 2, five miles north of Eugene were drowned in a small lake at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Construction of five hospitals for the world war veterans, completion of one and purchase of another will be undertaken shortly by the veterans' bureau with funds recently made available by congress. A national training school for the blind also will be built.

Contracts for construction of a 232-bed hospital at San Fernando, Cal., to cost approximately \$1,000,000, have been awarded by Director Hines of the veterans' bureau. The North Pacific Construction company of Los Angeles obtained the general construction contract on its bid of \$755,900.

The zero weather had moderated over the middle west Sunday night with the approach of a light fall of snow. Utah reported zero and Colorado was warmed up to an average of three above zero, except in the mountains and on the plains, where sub-zero weather still prevailed.

The whining of an Alredale dog, unable to bark because of an automobile accident which left it crippled, awoke the J. W. Stuart family in Galesburg, Ill., early Sunday and saved the lives of five persons who escaped in night clothes when their home burned. The thermometer showed 18 below zero at that time.

Four more bodies were found Saturday in the muck from the dam that broke Wednesday night and flooded the lower sections of Saltville, Va., bringing the known death list to 13. Seven persons still are missing. The bodies found were those of children ranging in age from three to ten years. Three were from one family.

Ultra microbes, organisms so small that they are invisible with the strongest microscopes, which presumably live as parasites in disease bacteria, have been isolated in experiments at the University of Minnesota, in a fluid so deadly that one drop will annihilate the most highly developed culture of disease bacteria, it has been announced.

Thrown onto the pilot of the Knickerbocker special, fast Big Four passenger train, after the train had crashed into an automobile in which she was riding and injured three members of her family, one fatally, at a crossing in Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Kenneth Clark, 18, had a wild 12-mile ride Saturday night until she fell from the train into a ditch near Oaklandon, Ind.

Ice several feet thick was encountered in the Columbia river by the steamer Rose City, which left Portland early Sunday en route to the sea, according to a radio message Sunday night. The message indicated that ice conditions in the Columbia had become worse due to the break-up of floes in consequence of the milder weather and these were declared to be jamming the river between Portland and Astoria.

Longview.—A cut of 1,015,826 board feet was made in two eight-hour shifts at the west fir unit of the Long-Bell manufacturing plants here one day this week, according to Roy F. Morse, manager.

## MILLIONS FOR WAR ON WETS

House Takes Action for Prohibition Enforcement.

Washington, D. C.—Provision in the treasury postoffice appropriation bill for expenditure of \$11,000,000 for prohibition enforcement during the coming fiscal year was approved Monday by the house.

No effort was made to alter the amount, which is \$341,770 less than the amount available this year, but \$783,120 more than the budget estimates.

The house also approved, without amendment, an allotment of \$20,597,836 for coast guard activities, part of which would be available for curbing run-running. This amount is \$11,753,706 more than the total appropriated for this year.

A halt, in the name of economy, to the ever-increasing activities of the federal government was urged from both sides of the house during general debate on the appropriation bill carrying \$760,000,000 for the postoffice and treasury department.

Chairman Madden of the appropriations committee said he hoped for further tax reduction, but that the action of congress would in large measure determine whether it would be possible.

Representative Byrnes of Tennessee, ranking democrat on the committee, declared that, without questioning the sincerity of President Coolidge in his efforts for economy, he was convinced there had been no such great reductions in the cost of government operations as the public had been led to believe. He insisted that the figures failed to show a material net reduction in the original peace-time cost of government.

Political appointments to federal offices except in a few cases would be prohibited under a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Couzens, republican, Michigan.

Use of political influence in the appointment and promotion of federal employes would be made a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of \$1000 or six months in jail, or both.

The penalty would apply to senators, representatives, members of state legislative bodies, state officials and officers of all national political organizations. Violation by public officials would constitute a cause for removal from office.

### Fliers to be Rewarded.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Weeks approved Monday a plan for reward of the army world fliers which would advance Captain Lowell H. Smith 1000 files on the promotion list and Lieutenants Wade, Nelson and Arnold 500 files each.

Sergeants Henry H. Ogden and John Harding, who hold reserve corps commissions as second lieutenants, would be appointed officers in the regular army in their reserve corps grades.

All members of the flight squadron would receive distinguished service medals and would be permitted to accept the decorations offered by foreign governments.

The plan was drawn up at the war department at the request of President Coolidge, to whom it was submitted by the war secretary.

### 5000 Rabbits Killed.

Pendleton, Or.—The jackrabbit population in Harris Canyon district, west of Echo, was diminished by 5000 in three big drives Sunday. About 200 people from Umatilla and Morrow counties participated. They formed in line and marched down the canyon, driving the rabbits into a corral. Motion pictures of the drive were taken and one of the camera men who placed his camera on the snow in the corral to close-up views had his machine knocked over twice by the surging animals.

### College Changes Name.

Durham, N. C.—The board of trustees of Trinity college voted Monday to change the name of the college to Duke university. By this action the college is assured \$6,000,000 for building purposes and in addition an endowment of \$12,500,000. James B. Duke, a tobacco magnate, stipulated that if Trinity college did not change its name to Duke university a new university of that name should be established.

### Potato Probe Ordered.

Washington, D. C.—A message directing Ambassador Kellogg to ascertain and report the facts concerning the promulgation by the British government of the embargo against importation of American potatoes into England and Wales was dispatched late Monday by Secretary Hughes. The embargo became effective December 23.

## FRANCE WANTS TO POOL ALL DEBTS

Statement Makes Plea for Special Treatment.

## REPUDIATION DENIED

Distribution of War Expenses in Proportion to National Wealth Is Suggested.

Paris.—France's war debts to America and Great Britain, amounting close to 31,000,000,000 gold francs, are not listed as liabilities of the French treasury as shown in a balance sheet issued by the French ministry of finance Saturday.

Nor are the amounts due France from other countries for war and post-war advances, amounting to about 15,000,000,000 gold francs, included in the assets. The inventory was issued "for non-party purposes" with the view of creating confidence by a clear breast of the facts, as the document said.

On the other hand, 103,000,000,000 paper francs, as the capitalization of the French share in the Dawes plan annuities, are included in the assets.

Although the figures were omitted, inter-allied debts were freely discussed. Finance Minister Clementel, renewed the French thesis that these debts form part of the general allied resources pooled in war time. He figured that a strict equity would seem to demand a general addition to war expenses and their distribution among the allies in proportion to the wealth, without taking into account special undertakings imposed by monetary necessities.

The finance minister insisted that France, therefore, was entitled to special treatment. He remarked in the inventory that the use of French soil as a battlefield saved the allies much blood and money. He also averred that America and Great Britain pocketed duties on profits made by British and American firms which fulfilled French war-time orders. He suggested that the amount of these duties should be deducted from the French debt.

M. Clementel concluded his statement by declaring that France had no intention of repudiating her debts, but that she was convinced an appeal to conscience and the sentiments of justice of the allies would not be in vain.

### Mayor's Removal Asked.

Seattle, Wash.—Charles L. Maxfield, secretary of the University Young Men's Christian association Saturday asked the city council to impeach Mayor Brown because of alleged vice conditions existing in Seattle.

"I believe that you must share with other citizens deep humiliation because of conditions that exist in our city with regard to gambling, robbery, bootlegging and graft," Mr. Maxfield said in his letter to the council, and asked that body to remove Mayor Brown and appoint another man in his place.

### Break in Strike Likely.

Scranton, Pa.—Union leaders said Saturday night that the first break in the strike of 11,000 Pennsylvania and Hillside Coal & Iron company mine workers had taken place at the Underwood colliery of the company, near Throop. As a result of a vote taken by the Underwood strikers it was said at least 800 of the 1200 employes would return. According to statements issued after the meeting of the strikers, 828 miners voted to resume work, while eight dissented.

### Coast Robber Captured.

Chicago.—William Ryan, 25, alias William Smith, was arrested here Sunday with his 18-year-old wife, Martha Glaser Smith, and confessed that he took part in the theft of \$17,700 in currency and \$60,000 in bonds from messengers of the Pacific Gas & Electric company of San Francisco, December 4. Ryan disclosed the entire story of the robbery to police officers, naming two San Francisco men as his companions.

### Death Rate Gain Shown.

Washington, D. C.—Slight increase in the death rate of mothers from childbirth or puerperal causes in 1923 over 1922 was announced Sunday by the department of commerce. For the ten states and the District of Columbia which constitute the so-called "birth registration area" the death rate from puerperal causes in 1923 was 6.4 per 1000 live births, as compared with 6.2 in 1922 and 6.1 in 1921.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Cascade Locks.—According to records kept by Sheriff Edlek of Hood River county, the number of foreign automobiles registered in this county for the past year was 410.

Salem.—The Oregon public service commission has requested permission to intervene in the courts in the case involving express rates in various sections of the United States.

Albany.—Pupils of the Scio high school who live in the country will receive \$4 a month from the school board with which to pay for their transportation to the school this winter.

Salem.—The city of Toledo, Lincoln county, has filed with the state engineer here application covering the appropriation of water from an unnamed branch of Mill creek for municipal purposes. The cost was estimated at \$25,000.

Salem.—T. B. Kay, state treasurer-elect, did not violate the corrupt practices act in connection with his expenditures during the recent campaign, according to a legal opinion given here Saturday by John H. Carson, district attorney.

Halfway.—Some 50 youthful trappers will be on duty in Pine Valley during the holidays and considerable rivalry is present among the organization to obtain the greatest number of hides. Nearly all boys in the local high school earn their spare money in this enterprise.

Salem.—Despite that only three days remained to obtain motor vehicle licenses for 1925 in compliance with the laws, less than 23,000 of an estimated 192,500 to be issued for the next 12 months' period, had been applied for last Saturday at the offices of the secretary of state.

Forest Grove.—Fire at Roy, seven miles north of here, at 2:30 o'clock Saturday destroyed the general merchandise store of J. A. Moore, the postoffice adjoining and the passenger station of the Pacific Railroad & Navigation company. The loss on the store and postoffice was estimated at \$20,000, with no insurance.

Pendleton.—Surety bonds given by Raymond T. Cookingham, sheriff-elect, and Charles E. Graham, county recorder-elect, have been accepted by the county court. The sheriff-elect's bonds were in the sum of \$60,000, \$10,000 given for him as sheriff and \$50,000 as tax collector. Mr. Graham's bond as recorder was \$2000.

Salem.—The Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers, with headquarters in Portland, has petitioned the Oregon public service commission to use influence with the interstate commerce commission to the end that transit privileges may be included in the proposed joint freight rate on wool shipped from Oregon points to Boston.

North Bend.—Manager Bock of the Stout Lumber company mills here announces that he will add a night crew to Mill B, beginning January 1. This will furnish employment to about 75 additional men who have been idle for some time and who make their homes here. Mill A will continue to operate with only the day crew as at present.

Dallas.—The warehouse on the farm of W. M. Elliott, two miles south of Dallas, was destroyed by fire which started from an oil stove used to keep stored fruit from freezing. Eight hundred boxes of apples and more than 1000 empty prune boxes were consumed with the building. Mr. Elliott's loss will be about \$2000, with \$200 insurance.

Marshfield.—The port of Umpqua, which includes Reedsport, the only operating lumber town on the lower Umpqua river, reports 1924 business somewhat less than for 1923. About 70,000,000 feet will have been shipped from the port by the end of the year, estimates show. These shipments include rough, planed and finished lumber products.

Salem.—Planting a variety of trees and shrubbery along the state highways and preserving these now matured or in process of maturity, were recommended to Governor Pierce in a report prepared by a special committee appointed by the state highway commission to develop plans for the preservation of Oregon's scenic beauties. The report was filed here Saturday.

Hood River.—Wood Incom, a 16-months-old prize-winning Hereford bull from Lea-Mead farm, Nashville, Tenn., arrived Sunday at the Odell country place of Rev. Billy Sunday. The bull was the gift of Luke Lea Jr., son of Senator Luke Lea of Tennessee, to the evangelist. The Hereford was a blue ribbon winner at various southern livestock shows and fairs last fall.

## SCHOOL DAYS



Something to Think About  
By F. A. WALKER

### IMPERFECTIONS

SO THINKING, the dogmatic young man or woman sullenly forth to show the staid, sober elders at the head of large industries how to do things in a modern way. Being fanatics, these young folk have no fear. They are sure of their ground, positive, too, that they can support their own unworthiness and march to victory with flying colors. The young man with a literary bent will tell the old editor how to run a newspaper to please everybody and get a million subscribers within a year.

He has given a great deal of thought to the subject and knows there is not a single flaw anywhere in his self-discovered theory. The editor removes his glasses and gasps. But he understands himself as he understands his newspaper.

He begs to be excused from the humiliating explanation of the fact, readjusts his tortoise-shell, settles down again to his work and chuckles good-naturedly as he beholds the swagger youth being shown the way out by a copy boy.

The impudent young man or woman who has never painted fine pictures or carved statues of merit, will tell you that he or she knows all about art.

There are swarms of the perfect in imperfection, preying every day in the great cities upon the salt and staff of life.

Like Mary's doll, or Willie's Teddy bear, they are stuffed with sawdust, whirling in the great maelstrom of hard knocks from which there is no escape except by noble work with hands that are unafraid.

But the worst phase of this situation is that there is a new crop being grown every season, for which there seems to be no visible demand.

(© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Reflections of a Bachelor Girl  
By HELEN ROWLAND

NOWADAYS when a man actually says, "I love you," a woman doesn't know whether to accept it as a jest—or a "gesture."

Just about this time of year a wife stops speaking of her husband's lassitude as "brain-fag," and begins calling it by its right name, when he drops the rake and sidles toward the fireplace.

The most pathetic sight on earth is that of a middle-aged married man who has suddenly been seized with the hallucination that he is the romantic ideal of every sixteen-year-old debutante he meets.

Among the men whom a woman has loved there are many degrees of difference; but a man mentally lurches all his past loves together like radishes and tucks them away en masse in the refrigerator of his memory.

Before he selects a motorcar a man spends two or three months looking them over; but he will decide on a wife in two or three minutes after he has met her—and then spend the rest of his life "looking 'em over."

Every flirtation is a fascinating experiment in the laboratory of love, in which the foolish carelessly play with combustibles.

Some people take their culture so seriously that it seems almost like a vulgar display of refinement.

(© by Helen Rowland.)

## Mother's Cook Book

"I sometimes think that never blows so fast The Horse, as where some buried Caesar bled; That every Hyacinth the Garden weeps Drieth in her lap from some once lovely Head."

### WHAT TO EAT

TASTY biscuits which may be used for tea or breakfast are:

Tea Biscuits.  
Sift a pint of flour with four teaspoonsful of baking powder, one teaspoonful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Rub into it with the fingers four tablespoonsful of butter, mixing it thoroughly. Add enough rich milk or half milk and half cream to make a rather soft dough. Roll out to one-fourth of an inch in thickness, cut into rounds two and one-half inches in diameter. Bake in a hot oven for ten to fifteen minutes. Brush over the tops with milk shortly before taking from the oven. Serve cut in halves.

Cauliflower With Cheese Sauce.  
Soften four tablespoonsful of butter and stir into it four tablespoonsful of flour mixed with one teaspoonful of salt, one-half teaspoonful of pepper, a dash of cayenne, one-fourth teaspoonful of celery seed. When these are mixed add one-third at a time two cupfuls of chicken or veal stock and stir over the heat until it comes to a boil. Add one-half cupful of grated hard cheese, stir until melted and pour this over a head of boiled cauliflower. Garnish with minced parsley. A head of cabbage may be served in the same way, cutting out the hard center before cooking. Serve on a chop plate and cut into pie-shaped pieces to serve.

Spring Salad.  
Take two or three fresh young carrots, put through the meat grinder or chop with a knife in a chopping bowl, add a green onion or two also finely minced, a stalk of celery, and a half-dozen minced nuts. Mix with enough good, highly-seasoned salad dressing to moisten and heap on crisp leaves of tender lettuce. This salad with a piece of good bread and a generous spreading of sweet butter will make a meal sufficiently satisfying. The addition of a drink, such as cocoa or milk, will add several hundred calories of food value to the menu.

Nellie Maxwell  
(© 1924, Western Newspaper Union)

## The Young Lady Across the Way



The young lady across the way says she doesn't wonder, after what he did to Carpenter, that Jack Dempsey can't get anybody to wrestle with him.

(© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)