

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.

After a delay extending over 20 years the senate Thursday took up the treaty recognizing Cuban sovereignty over the Isle of Pines under an agreement calling for final action at this session.

A vote of confidence in Premier Mussolini, which implies approval of the basic principles of the electoral bill now pending, was given Friday by the chamber of deputies. The vote was 303 to 33.

Jack Dempsey, world's heavyweight champion, has quit the ring, he announced Friday simultaneously with the giving out of the announcement of his engagement to Estelle Taylor, movie actress.

Two men held up Claus Seltz, assistant cashier of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, in Seattle, Saturday, and obtained \$8000 in cash and \$12,000 in checks which he was going to deposit in a bank.

Tentative plans for a strike among the 60,000 miners of district 1, United Mine Workers of America, to commence Wednesday, were approved Saturday night. Action was taken at a meeting of the general grievance committee of the district.

Products valued at \$55,355,161 were manufactured by the optical industry in the biennial census year 1923, the commerce department announced Sunday, placing the increase over the 1921 output at 25 per cent. Of the total \$51,450,742 was in lenses, spectacles and similar goods.

Captain Benjamin J. Leavitt of Philadelphia has broken all records for deep-sea salvage in recovering the \$600,000 cargo of copper that had lain since 1869 with the wreck of the British frigate Cape Horn off the coast of Chile, said messages received in New York Thursday from the salvage ship Blakely.

Changes in President Coolidge's official family, following closely one upon the other, brought Friday the announcement of the resignation of C. Bascom Slemph of Virginia as secretary to the president, and the selection of Everett Sanders, a member of the house from Indiana, as Mr. Slemph's successor.

One man was killed and five were imprisoned and are believed to be dead as a result of an explosion late Friday in Diamond mine No. 1, near Providence, in Webster county, according to reports received in Henderson, Ky. A "windy shot" is said to have caused the explosion. The mine is operated by Palmer Brothers and works a force of 125 men.

Herbert Hoover, who two years ago declined the interior secretaryship from the hands of President Harding, has refused an offer of the agricultural department portfolio from President Coolidge. Mr. Hoover intends to remain in the cabinet but prefers to stay at the head of the commerce department rather than direct the activities of the department of agriculture.

A line of demarcation as to unemployment, running between industries carried on under shelter and those carried on out of doors, was disclosed in the mid-January survey of conditions made by the United States employment service. In nearly all parts of the country factory and mine employment was on the increase, while construction work was said to have lessened demand for workers.

Although the Southern Pacific budget for 1925 has not been completed, Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee, estimated Saturday that the expenditures for material and supplies would total \$70,000,000, as he prepared to start on an inspection trip of his road. Throughout the year the Southern Pacific will proceed with its improvement programme, which includes the rehabilitation of old lines to the extent of about \$15,000,000; \$4,500,000 to complete double tracking of the mountain division by next fall; \$14,000,000 for the new line through Phoenix, Ariz., in connection with the El Paso & Southwestern merger; and more work on the \$14,000,000 Klamath Falls-Eugene line.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Eugene.—The Portland-Oswego Cement company soon will erect a warehouse here, 60x100 feet, and make this city its distributing point for this section of the state, according to an announcement by L. W. Newlands, manager of the company, who was here Saturday.

Salem.—The hearing involving the allocation of water rights on the Columbia river, which had been set for January 19, has been postponed until January 26, according to announcement made at the office of the state engineer Saturday. The hearing will be held at Boise.

Tillamook.—The Gilbert Mercantile company store located on the highway at Beaver, about 16 miles from here, was entered by robbers some time during Saturday night, the safe blown and \$100 in cash, some jewelry and checks stolen. The latter were valueless to the robbers.

Pendleton.—In six of the 12 towns or cities in Umatilla county city taxes will be less in 1925 than they were in 1924, according to the lists of levies arranged by R. O. Hawks, county assessor. Five towns have increased their levies and that of Adams remains unchanged at 10 mills.

Hillsboro.—A lock which failed to work properly made it possible for six prisoners to escape from the Hillsboro jail Saturday morning. There were: Frank Mozrig, Joe Fuller, Peter Hemmer, E. C. Scott, T. R. Calder and Ed Swarthout. All but two had been before the court.

Mill City.—J. B. Patrick of Detroit, while hunting several days ago near Detroit, had the luck to bag one of the largest lynxes ever seen in this territory. The cat was tamed by Mr. Patrick's two little bear dogs, and when brought to earth was found to measure 52 inches in length.

Tillamook.—The Fairview factory will be used as a butter plant, according to decision of the directors of the Tillamook County Creamery association at a meeting Wednesday. After deciding definitely to make whey cream into butter, the proposition of the Fairview people was accepted.

Ontario.—Having been elected to the position of county librarian for Wasco county, Miss Nina Moran, who has occupied a similar position for Malheur county the last two years, has tendered her resignation to the local library board. She leaves here January 31 for The Dalles to take over her new position.

Eugene.—The big mill of the Western Lumber company at Westfir, on the Oakridge branch of the Southern Pacific, will open some time in February, according to George H. Kelly, head of the company, who was here Saturday. The machinery is tried out every day and the finishing touches put on the plant.

Tillamook.—The annual report of John Aschim, county sheriff and tax collector, shows that \$869,847.22 was collected in taxes on the current roll. Delinquent taxes collected on the 1923 roll amounted to \$8969.42, which, the sheriff states, is better than the ordinary collection. The total collection amounted to \$951,316.64.

Dallas.—John C. Young, an American-born Chinese, received judgment for \$1350 damages in circuit court this week against August Bauch, constable and garage owner at New Grand Ronde. Young, who resides near Sherwood, but who has a farm near Grand Ronde, sued for \$10,000 for alleged assault and false arrest.

Prineville.—Members of Crook county post No. 29, American Legion, are enthusiastic over the prospect for a banner convention of the American Legion of Oregon here June 25 to 27, inclusive. The Crook County Sportsmen's association has agreed to supply a regular buckaroo breakfast to the delegates on the open range at an early hour.

Personal income returns were filed with the United States bureau of internal revenue in 1922 by 61,879 Oregon taxpayers who reported total net income of \$161,226,232. The total tax paid was \$4,239,739. While the number filing returns in 1922 was not so large as 1921 by 929, the net income reported for 1922 exceeded the preceding year by \$1,651,593.

Roseburg.—A. S. Coen, who recently came to Roseburg from Monrovia, Cal., and who purchased and is operating a sawmill on Sugar Pine mountain, 18 miles west of the city, has purchased a full block of industrial property adjoining the Southern Pacific tracks, and has announced that he would erect a planing mill, box factory and lumber yard as soon as weather permitted.

A Quick-Eyed Quality. Men of cold passions have quick eyes.—Hawthorne.

DEBT IN 10 YEARS MAKES RAPID GAIN

Nation's Figures Multiply 7 Times, Report Shows

OREGON STATE LEADS

Increase of 39 Millions in Bond Issues Is Noted Between 1912 and 1922.

Washington, D. C.—The public debt of the United States, including that of the federal government and all of its subdivisions, multiplied nearly seven times between 1912 and 1922, it was shown Saturday in census bureau figures. At the end of December, 1922, the total was \$30,845,626,000 while at the same period in 1912 it was but \$4,850,460,000.

While the greatest increase appeared in the federal debt, because of the war, the debt increase of states was nearly three-fold and that of municipalities and other sub-divisions doubled.

The federal government in 1912 owed \$1,028,564,000, while in 1922 it owed \$22,155,886,000. The total of state indebtedness in 1912 was \$345,942,000, while in 1922 it was \$935,544,000. Other civil divisions owed \$3,375,954,000 in 1912 and \$7,754,196,000 in 1922.

All the figures represented net debt, the bureau explained, sinking fund and cash assets in possession of the indebted units of government having been subtracted from the total of their obligations outstanding.

The debt total in 1922 made the per capita obligation of each citizen of the United States, adult or child, \$283.70. In 1912 the indebtedness per capita was \$49.97. Apportioning out the items of per capita indebtedness, the report said that in 1922 the federal government's obligations were responsible for \$203.78 of the total, the debt of states for \$8.64 and the debt of the municipal subdivisions to \$71.32.

The greatest proportionate debt increase was in the state accounts of Oregon, where the increase of \$39,952,000 in bond issues represented 129,495.8 per cent. The next greatest percentage increase was in the debt of drainage districts and other municipal subdivisions of Florida, which amounted to 12,498.3 per cent.

The report held that the citizen of the District of Columbia bore the lightest burden of the public debt, other than national. The figure was 36 cents. The citizen of Oregon was at the other end of the scale and had a per capita debt of \$170.69. The New Yorker was next, with a total of \$158.15, while the Californian owed \$142.81.

Opposes Arms Parley Now.

Washington, D. C.—Conditions in Europe still preclude any move by the United States toward another arms conference, in the opinion of President Coolidge.

The Washington government consequently is making no further move toward the calling of such a conference.

The White House Saturday authorized a flat denial of published stories that an arms conference would be called early in the spring.

Mr. Coolidge still feels that the United States should await the outcome of the move made by the league of nations to bring about limitation of armaments, and should do nothing in the matter until the success or failure of that move is developed.

\$260 Buys Trolley Line.

Grass Valley, Cal.—Three and seven-tenths miles of right of way and a car barn site of the defunct Nevada County Traction company were sold here at a commissioner's sale Saturday for \$260, the purchase being made by a local attorney. The coaches, trolley, rails and all equipment of the line were bid in by N. Davidson of Stockton for \$5100.

The sale was held to satisfy a judgment of nearly \$70,000 held by the Mercantile Trust company of San Francisco, representing the bondholders of the concern. The line has not been operated for more than a year.

Boat Upsets; 4 Drown.

Cotter, Ark.—Four persons were drowned when an overloaded rowboat was upset in White river Saturday. It was learned here Sunday. Three others in the boat were rescued. The dead are Rush Shew and his brother, Tom Shew, Miss Billings and G. W. Hawkins, Alva Johnson, a member of the party rescued James Shew and Miss Georgia Bearden. None of the bodies of the four who were drowned has been recovered.

The Appleton Family

Mr. Lysander John Appleton
Mrs. Lysander John Appleton
Miss Daysey Mayme Appleton
Master Chauncey Devere Appleton

MRS. LYSANDER JOHN APPLETON discovers many things that puzzle the physicians. "I bent over too far in stretching the carpet," she will say; or "I reached up too high in cleaning a pantry shelf, and something in me snapped, and I haven't been well since." Something is always snapping like this, according to Mrs. Appleton, leaving the impression that her insides are always snapping like firecrackers.

Lysander John Appleton once believed that if he bought enough rockers, he wouldn't have to give up his when company came, but though he filled the house, he still hasn't enough. He abandoned that ambition and is now trying to get so many beds in the house that he will not have to sleep on the parlor lounge when company comes. This ambition is the only one Lysander John Appleton has left.

Mrs. Lysander John Appleton talks a great deal to callers about her ailments. It is related that the preacher called once to ask about her husband's soul, and all he could find out from Mrs. Appleton was the condition of her liver.

It has never dawned upon his mother and sister that the reason Chauncey Devere Appleton always pulls out the chair that has a weak leg, and breaks it down before company, is that he isn't allowed in the parlor often enough to become acquainted with its short-comings and infirmities.

Though a great deal of money has been spent on Daysey Mayme's voice, she can't throw it further than a block in calling Chauncey Devere home in



the evenings, while a girl who lives next door, and who knows nothing about scales except the kind found on a fish, can throw her voice six blocks. (Copyright by George Matthew Adams.)

Your Last Name

IS IT HACKETT?

HACKETT is found in England as well as in this country and as an English surname it is undoubtedly a corruption of Harcourt, a French town. Thus the first to be called Hackett in England may have been a resident of Harcourt, France.

But the founder of the Hackett family here was not of English or French origin. He was native of Holland and came to this country over a hundred and twenty-five years ago. He married a daughter of Rev. Abraham Keteltas, a New York clergyman. Their son was James Henry Hackett, born in New York in 1800. After graduating from Columbia college he married Katherine Sugg, an actress, and for several years led a successful career as a merchant. Financial reverses came, however, and at his wife's suggestion he went on the stage. Both he and Mrs. Hackett acted successfully for many years. Their son was James Keteltas Hackett, born in 1860, whose middle name was that of his paternal grandmother.

Button—One very good authority says that this is a form of Bouton, meaning boot. Others say that the surname Bouton is derived through mispronunciation from Burton or Burtenton, places in England.

Bowles—This name, it is agreed, is derived from Bonelles, a place in Normandy. One of the early members of the family wrote his name Hugh de Boeles.

Champness—This name, which has the variation Champneys, found in this country and England, is derived from Champagne and indicated one who came from that section of France (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

HIS LITTLE JOKE

Fly (in background): You seem to be stuck.

Fly (in front): I am. I thought this was a well, and I'm stuck the drinks.

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The SANDMAN STORY

THE LISTENERS

ONE cold winter's morning, when the snow had been on the ground in the woods so long that all the wood folks were getting pretty hungry, little Bunny Rabbit and his brother, Nibbly, ran out of their house dressed in their warm fur coats.

The sun was warm and they did not mind the snow. Besides, they had eaten a good breakfast of stewed turnips and other things that prudent Mrs. Rabbit had canned for the winter days.

"Let's run over to old Mr. Fox's house and listen to what he and his wife are talking about," said Bunny.



Two Frightened Little Rabbits Hopped Away Under Bushes.

"They are sure to be saying something they will not want us to hear. And then we will laugh some day when we see them and call out what we have heard them saying."

"But some day they might catch us," said Nibbly. "That wouldn't be very funny if they did."

"Oh, they would not hurt us," said Bunny. "They'd rather have chicken and duck for dinner than anything else."

Now, it happened that Mr. Fox and his wife were very hungry that morning and were eating the very last of some turkey they had had the night before for dinner. "I can't get out of the woods today to get any poultry,"

Mr. Fox was telling his wife when Bunny and Nibbly crept up to the door to listen.

"Well, there is something right in the woods we could eat," replied Mrs. Fox. "I'd rather have turkey or chicken but when I am hungry I don't mind rabbit stew."

"Rabbit stew!" exclaimed Mr. Fox. "That is the very dish for a cold day like this, and I am sure I can find a few onions when I find a pair of nice rabbits."

"We can have fried rabbit, too," said Mrs. Fox. "And a baked one would go badly. I do believe I could eat one this minute if I had it."

"So could I," said Mr. Fox, "and as soon as I finish eating this turkey bone I'll run around and get two young rabbits I know about; perhaps more, but two anyway."

"Bunny and Nibbly would be good in a stew," said Mrs. Fox, "and I will put the pot right on this minute and have it ready when you bring them back. I do hope they have eaten a lot this winter so that they will be nice and plump."

All this time the long ears of the listeners were sticking right up straight and their eyes were growing big and frightened looking, while their noses trembled so they could hardly breathe.

By the time Mrs. Fox got out the pot two frightened, little rabbits hopped away under bushes and anything that would hide them and made their way home to tell what they had heard.

"I guess they will keep away from here for a while," laughed Mr. Fox as he and his wife peeked out the window at the flying little rabbits. "They will learn a lesson, too, that listeners never hear any good of themselves."

"If I had not happened to see them we might have been talking about something we would not want them to hear."

"That is right," said Mr. Fox. "And we won't have rabbit stew for dinner, after all, for this minute I am certain those youngsters are hidden so far back in their home that it would take a week to dig them out. We'll have turkey soup out of the bones left from breakfast."

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The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRDING KING

OBSTRUCTED CRESCENT

IT IS a general superstition throughout Europe and the United States that if you see the new moon through trees or shrubbery you will have trouble all that month. In some parts of the country they have a rhyme which goes:

See the new moon through a glass
See sorrow while it lasts.

That is, you will have bad luck for a month. The reason is easy enough to see. The new moon, the crescent, is the favorite form and symbol of the moon-goddess; call her Isis, Artemis, Diana or what you will. From the moon-goddess in her crescent form emanate the beneficent influences which mean good luck and prosperity.

Now, if when you first see the new moon in the sky, first half the crescent goddess in the monthly beginning of her manifestation, there interposes between you and her the boughs of trees or the branches of bushes, or the barrier of glass it is evidently a sign that while that moon lasts—for that month, in short—you are cut off from the beneficent influences of the goddess. Consequently sorrow and bad luck. This is the survival of a very ancient idea and in this connection it may be well to quote the words of William Wells Newell with regard to survivals.

"The modern survival exhibits those fundamental conceptions out of which grew the complicated rites and elaborate mythologies of ancient religions. In this manner, as from a height of observation, we are able to look back beyond recorded history and to trace the principles of historic development. So may be elucidated problems which neither metaphysical nor historical research has proved adequate to expound. Comparative study of folk-lore has placed in our hands a key which ingenious theorists, proceeding with the imperfect knowledge of antiquity which can be gathered from books, have lacked and for want of which they have wandered in hopeless error."

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They could vision the sunlight through the darkest clouds. They refused to falter in their course though often worn and hungry. They locked arms with faith and faith never forsok them, giving them strength, cheer and courage as they pressed forward.

Trials and discouragements, of which there were many, were brushed aside, never being permitted to cool their ardor or weaken their spirit. In the final hour of their struggles they stood with joyous hearts among the victorious, beckoning you to follow!

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Fast Colors

"Are those colors fast?" asked the woman at the cheap dress goods counter. "They are the swiftest ever, madam," replied the truthful clerk. "After they once get started they run so fast you couldn't catch them with a racing automobile."

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