

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.

Four Kalamazoo, Mich., high school students are dead as a result of an automobile being struck by a Michigan Central train late Sunday.

Four men were killed when the roof of the Tivoli cafe in Jaurez, Mexico, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, crashed Saturday afternoon.

Cursio Suckert, editor of the fascist paper Conquista, in Rome, and Pietro Nenni, director of the Avanza, fought a duel Saturday. Nenni was twice wounded in the 10th assault, but the duellists parted unreconciled.

One of the most attractive homes in the south, situated in Laurel, Miss., has been offered by the local chamber of commerce to President Coolidge for a "winter White House," in the event he makes his proposed trip south this winter.

Farmers of the northwest are enjoying more prosperity. President Coolidge was advised Saturday by Representative Smith, republican, Idaho, who said they felt their condition had been greatly improved by the tariff law.

The Turk's headgear of yesterday is being made into foot-warmers. The Red Crescent, which corresponds to the American Red Cross, is collecting thousands of discarded fezies. They are having them made into bed slippers for the poor and sick.

An advance Christmas present for mail carriers and most other postal employees came from Postmaster-General New Sunday in the form of an announcement that no deliveries of ordinary mail would be made on Christmas day.

The house ways and means committee, plunging ahead with consideration of the vital provisions of the new revenue bill it is preparing has decided among other things to recommend repeal of the provision of the present act allowing publication of income tax returns.

At Bellevue zoological gardens in Manchester, England, Sunday a woman keeper, Mrs. Ambert, entered a section of the tiger's den to clean it, but forgot to close the trap door shutting off the section containing the tiger. The beast pounced upon her and killed her with one blow of its paw.

District Judge Bonner, of Des Moines, who has declined to marry approximately 100 couples since January 1, announced last night that he will no longer perform marriage ceremonies in the courtroom. In explaining his stand, he declared marriages should be contracted under religious influence.

Dispatches to the foreign office in Tokio by Japanese consuls in a number of Chinese cities declare that there is prospect that a major engagement between the armies of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin and General Feng Yuhsiang may begin soon in the vicinity of Pekin. Considerable fighting has already taken place at Shantung.

Wounds of the world war remain and while the great armies which grounded their guns seven years ago have been demobilized there is a constant need to mobilize the spirit of peace. President Coolidge declared Saturday in an appeal for support of the annual membership enrollment of the American Red Cross, beginning Armistice day.

That a differential in freight rates exist in favor of the shippers in the territory comprising Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and the district generally known as the western trunk-line territory, amounting to 14 per cent lower than for the rest of the western United States, was the declaration of Archibald B. Roosevelt in a statement made public in Spokane, Wash., Sunday.

Ability of deputy collectors of internal revenue working out of the Portland office to look behind income and miscellaneous tax returns swelled Uncle Sam's receipts from those sources by \$1,630,298 during the fiscal year which ended June 30, last. This figure is included in a report prepared for the house ways and means committee, now considering the new revenue bill, by Alexander W. Gregg, solicitor for the internal revenue bureau.

VOTES TO CUT AUTO TAXES

Repeal of Various Other Levies Proposed by Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Substantial reductions in automobile taxes and repeal of many of the miscellaneous excise levies were tentatively agreed upon Monday by the house ways and means committee in its preparation of a tax reduction bill.

With only \$100,000,000 of the prospective \$300,000,000 treasury surplus left to apportion in reduction among these taxes, the committee struck a snag in attempting to comply with the numerous appeals for relief.

None of the tentative changes in rates agreed upon was announced by Chairman Green pending final disposition of all the rates in the group, but a reduction in the levy of automobile passenger cars from 5 to 3 per cent and repeal of the taxes on automobile trucks and accessories were understood to have been approved.

Tentative repeal of the following taxes also was reported.

Cameras and lenses, photographic films and plates, jewelry, firearms (except pistols) and shells, art works, yachts and motor boats and some occupational taxes such as those applying on cotton and grain exchange brokers.

Reductions in the levies on alcohol and cigars also were favored in the temporary program. The former would be cut in half, from \$2.20 a proof gallon to \$1.10. The taxes on admissions and dues were not taken up.

Changes thus approved would account for more than the \$100,000,000 available for tax reductions in the excise group, if the \$300,000,000 limit set by the treasury and tentatively accepted by the committee, is to be rigidly observed.

On this point, however, considerable difference of opinion has developed and Chairman Green declared that he did not think the government would face a deficit next year if the total reduction should amount to \$350,000,000. Other committee members expressed the opinion that a reduction close to this figure would be decided upon.

Pussyfoot Scents Plot.

Chicago.—William E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, international temperance lecturer, says a European plot against the American prohibition law is forming to be launched at a gathering of wet advocates at Washington, D. C., next January 16. Johnson's information was given out by Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, one of the principal speakers at the Anti-Saloon league convention here.

Deaths Laid to Neglect.

Chicago.—Thousands of fatal automobile accidents result from neglect of automobiles, George Frank Lord of New York told the Society of Automotive Engineers and the National Automobile chamber of commerce at a service-engineering meeting here Monday.

"One of the most extravagant habits of American people is the carelessness with which they treat their automobiles."

Police Bar Charleston.

Oakland, Cal. — Chief of Police James T. Drew has issued an order barring the Charleston dance from public dancehalls in Oakland.

The order was issued on recommendation of Mrs. Anna Ryan, city dancehall supervisor, who claims that the Charleston, as danced in Oakland dancehalls, is indecent. Mrs. Ryan said, however, that the Charleston, if properly executed, is not indecent.

Chang Troops in Flight.

Tsingtao, China.—The troops of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin are in general retreat in consequence of the arrival at Hsuehchow of the forces of Yeh Wei-Chun, the governor of Honan province, who is an ally of General Wu Pei-Fu, head of the movement in the Yangtze region against Chang Tso-Lin.

The Honan troops are reported to be advancing rapidly and to be near Tsinan, where it is said there is panic.

Malady Ravages Ducks.

Astoria, Or.—Deputy Game Warden Smith of Seaside has warned duck hunters against eating any ducks which they are not certain were brought down by their guns, following the finding Saturday and Sunday of about 100 dead ducks along the Clatsop plains region. One flock of about 24 sprigs were found on a small area in the sand near Sunset beach. They were not marked and appeared to be in good condition.

Shots Miss Army Ship.

Portland, Me.—Coast guard boat CG-151 opened fire Monday on a suspected rum runner, which proved to be an army steamer loaded with two tons of explosive powder. Two one-pound shells passed close to the army craft before its signals were recognized.

NEW STOCK RATES WON BY NORTHWEST

Oregon and Idaho Shippers
Will Benefit.

REDUCTIONS ARE BIG

Proposed Increase by Short Line Also
Denied by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C.—Stock shippers of Oregon and Idaho Saturday won relief from the interstate commerce commission in response to their complaint against existing interstate rates to the North Portland, Tacoma and Seattle markets, and proposed increased rates on cattle and sheep from Oregon Short line points in eastern Idaho and southwestern Montana.

The commission found the existing freight rates unreasonable and prescribed a proper basis of rate making for the future. The proposed increases were held not justified and the schedules outlining them were ordered canceled. Reparations on past shipments, however, were denied.

The Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon, Northwestern Livestock Shippers' Traffic league and Portland Livestock exchange were linked together in the original complaint, with Arthur M. Geary of Portland representing them as counsel.

Their contentions were also supported by the Cattle and Horse Growers' Association of Idaho, Idaho Wool Growers' association as intervenors.

The rate reductions which will be effected under the new scale prescribed by the commission on a distance basis is expected to cut present rates \$8 and \$9 a car for hauls up to 350 miles, \$10 to \$15 a car up to 450 miles, and smaller amounts on the longer hauls, which appear to be the least benefited. The new rates range from \$53 a car on a haul of 90 to 100 miles by the shortest workable route to \$156.50 a car on a haul of 975 to 1000 miles.

Other prescribed rates are based on those for cattle as follows: On sheep and goats, in single-deck cars, 90 per cent of the car rate on cattle; on hogs in single-deck cars, 90 per cent; on hogs or calves in double-deck cars or mixed double-deck carloads of sheep, hogs or calves 125 per cent of the rates on cattle for like distances.

The commission also specified maximum differentials on shipments to Tacoma and Seattle over those to North Portland as follows: On cattle in carloads and on sheep or goats in double-deck cars, \$20 a car from points west of Umatilla; \$18 a car from points east of Umatilla as far as and including Pendleton; \$15 a car from points east of Pendleton to and including Huntington; \$12 a car from points east of Huntington to and including Nampa, Idaho; \$10 a car from points east of Nampa to and including Shoshone, Idaho; \$8 a car from points east of Shoshone.

Cabinet Members Out.

Ottawa.—The members of the liberal cabinet of W. L. MacKenzie King, who were defeated in last week's parliamentary elections, with the exception of George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, handed their resignations to the premier Saturday and they were accepted.

Premier King announced that parliament would meet December 10, provided legal requirements could be met. As to his own intentions, he promised an announcement tomorrow.

Coolidge Favors Court.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge is hopeful that congress will act favorably at its coming session on a resolution providing for American adherence to the world court.

His views on the court as set forth in his two messages to congress and in his Memorial day address this year are unchanged and he is not entertaining any proposal which might alter or compromise his stand for ratification of the protocol with reservations.

Mistletoe Called Pest.

Washington, D. C.—If the department of agriculture has its way, kissing opportunities under the Christmas mistletoe will be abolished. The department doesn't object to the kissing, but to the mistletoe, which is regarded as a dangerous forest pest.

A drive has been started against mistletoe in the national forests and within ten years the department hopes to exterminate the plant.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Marshfield.—A 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kittson of East Side obtained matches Friday morning and set his clothes on fire. He was so badly burned he died a few hours later at the Smedbery sanitarium.

Klamath Falls.—Ralph Morrow, 4, was in a local hospital Saturday suffering from a bullet wound sustained earlier in the day when a 22-caliber cartridge exploded when he struck it with a hammer. The bullet struck the boy in the right cheek.

Salem.—Material increases in the assessments of the Portland Electric Power company, the California-Oregon Power company and a number of other large corporations operating in the state of Oregon was urged by Governor Pierce in a statement issued here Saturday.

Mount Angel.—An attempted robbery of the Mount Angel creamery was frustrated Friday night when a burglar alarm attached to the cold storage room door sounded and frightened two men away. They were seen fleeing from the creamery in an automobile and a truck.

Cascade Locks.—Mrs. Vera Woodard, assistant postmistress in the local office, was attacked Saturday night by a rat as she stepped into a dark room and turned on the light. She was bitten on the leg. Her screams brought her pet Alredale to her rescue. The dog killed the rat.

Bend.—Although September was a banner month in building operations, October went it one better, a survey of the past month's record has disclosed. In October 55 building permits were issued, nearly two for each day, for a total value of \$55,417. The September record was 47 permits, totaling \$53,005.

Salem.—A bear is not a game animal and may be killed in counties other than Jackson, Josephine and Klamath at any time of the year. In Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties the season for killing bear is closed during November. The opinion was requested by E. F. Averill, state game warden.

Gold Beach.—What was declared by County Game and Fish Warden Adams to be the first conviction for illegal fishing in Gold Beach occurred when a jury in Justice Starr's court Friday night brought in a verdict of guilty against Robert Miller, a well-known resident. The verdict asked extreme leniency.

Cascade Locks.—Chauncey Price, a merchant of Carson, Wash., and several associates have closed a deal with the Wind River Lumber company for operation of a new sawmill at camp 8 on Wind river. Several million feet of logs have been purchased from the Wind river company in the area swept by fire last summer.

Pendleton.—During the season of 1925, Pendleton's municipally owned camp grounds accommodated approximately 24,360 visitors, according to an estimate by Thomas Fitzgerald, city recorder. He based his estimate on the cash receipts received as payment of the fees charged by the city for use of the park's privileges.

Mill City.—Wednesday 1,200,000 chinook salmon eggs were shipped from the Breitenbush racks to the Santiam hatchery at Mehama. Approximately 5,000,000 eggs remain at Breitenbush. From the South Santiam racks 1,750,000 eggs have been sent to the Bonneville hatchery and 600,000 will be shipped in a few days to the Deschutes hatchery.

Monmouth.—The J. M. Meyers farm three miles south of Monmouth, consisting of 184 acres of farm land, has been sold to Theodore Meyers, a Florida capitalist, consideration being \$24,000. Mr. Meyers, who has a large stock farm in Iowa, plans to establish another here. With the outlook for farming brighter several large sales are expected in this vicinity.

Baker.—A shipment of machinery for the Lucky Strike mine, located on Ruby creek about one mile south of the old Red Boy mine in Franite district, has arrived. The machinery consists of an air compressor and two small Diesel engines to be used in prospecting, with a 15-ton capacity mill that is in process of construction and which will be ready for operation shortly.

Quincy.—The high price of red clover seed, which has been fixed at 28 cents, fails to cheer the growers, owing to the fact that there is little seed in the country in spite of the very large acreage given up to it. In some cases in this vicinity the yield was about half, and in others insufficient seed appeared in the husks to pay for hulling it. Hundreds of acres of clover was burned in the field here after it was cut, placed in windrows and thrashing begun, when it was discovered that weed seed was the chief product.

SCHOOL DAYS



YOUR Last Name

IS IT POLK?

SIX of the Presidents of the United States have been of Scotch-Irish origin. There have been three pure Scotch, one Welsh and two Dutch. The rest as far as paternal ancestry goes have been English.

James K. Polk was one of the six Scotch-Irish. He was born in Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, one of the ten children of a farmer whose ancestors had come to this country in the Eighteenth century. It is no wonder that we look in books of the surnames of the British Isles for Polk. The fact is that the ancestral name of the eleventh President of the United States was not Polk at all, but Pollock. Pollock and Pollock are said to have been given first to a native of Poland and to prove this authorities cite the fact that Shakespeare, in the opening scene of the first act of Hamlet, uses the word in this way.

MANN—This may be a surname of the nickname class. Mann was used very frequently in the sense of servant or retainer. Thus we speak of master and man. If there were two men named John, one retained by the other, they would have been spoken of as John Master and John Man. This is one explanation of the name Mann. In other cases it may be a local name derived from Le Mans, in France.

AYRE—This name is said to have had derivation from a word meaning heir.

LEWIS—This is one of the most usual of surnames derived from first names, and it is said that the frequency of it in Wales is due to the fact that it was used as an equivalent of the very popular Llewellyn.

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WHO SAID "Resignation is a daily suicide."

WHEN one gives up fighting and resigns himself to his fate, he has, to all intents and purposes, committed suicide. That is the sum and substance of the words quoted above, which came from the pen of the great French writer, Honore de Balzac.

Balzac, who is famous as the author of many novels which rank as classics, was born at Tours, France, in the year 1799. Before completing his twenty-fourth year he had published a number of novels under various noms de plume but none were attended by any great success. In the year 1829, he published his novel, "Le Dernier Chouan, a Tale of La Vendee." This was the first work to which he attached his name and the sensation which is aroused brought him fame.

A much greater degree of success attended the publication of Balzac's next work, "Physiologie de Mariage," which is noted for its piquant and caustic observations on human nature. All the works of Balzac are characterized by the close observation of human nature which is to be noted in this work. The genius of Balzac is marked by his distinct, although sometimes exaggerated, delineation of character.

Among the best-known works of this writer are, "Scenes de la Vie Parisienne," "Scenes de la Vie de Province," "Le Pere Goriot" and "Le Medecin de Campagne."

The last named work translated is "The Country Doctor," the publication of which brought Balzac into correspondence with the Countess Evelina de Hanksa. This woman is the "Polish Lady" to whom Balzac dedicated his "Modeste Mignon," written in 1844. Fifteen years later he was united in marriage with this same heroine of his literary work.

Balzac's death occurred in the year 1850.

(By George Matthew Adams.)

Mother's Cook Book

Who does not do some creative work with brain or hands, lives a mendicant, dies a pauper, and lies buried in the potter's field, no matter what mausoleum marks his tomb.—Dallas Lore Sharp.

A FEW PIES

PIE has been called the Great American Dessert for it is one of the most popular of all desserts.

There are any number of fillings which one may serve in a baked shell, cover with a meringue or whipped cream and serve. Such pastry, as it has but one crust, is better for anybody, as rich pastry is hard to digest.

Banana Pie.

Line a pie plate with pastry and bake for twelve minutes. Cream together one tablespoonful of butter and three-fourths of a cupful of sugar, add two egg yolks beaten slightly, one-third of a cupful of flour, three-fourths of a cupful of boiling water and cook in a double boiler until thickened. Cool and add a few drops of vanilla. Peel and slice three large bananas, putting a layer in the bottom of the pastry shell and covering with cream filling; spread another layer of the bananas and finish the top with cream. Cover with a meringue made of the two egg whites with four tablespoonfuls of sugar. Place in the oven until a delicate brown.

Apple Pie.

Some of the very best cooks prepare an apple pie with nothing but the apple as filling. The top crust is put on but not fluted. When baked the top crust is removed by cutting around the edges—lift it off and add sugar, nutmeg, butter, mix well and replace the top. Do this while the pie is still hot. The advantage of this method is that it saves all the juices—nothing boils out. Another way to insure the juices in a juicy pie is to add sugar, a bit of butter and seasoning, then when the under crust is dampened all around, place the top crust. Press down all around and wrap with a two or three-inch strip of muslin wrung from cold water. When the pie is removed from the oven peel off the cloth at once.

Nellie Maxwell
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AN ABBREVIATED STORY

SOMETHING NICE

"WELL, Aesop dear," said Mrs. Dumkopf, "what shall I get you for your birthday?"

"Oh, I don't know," reflected Mr. Dumkopf. "Let me see. I don't know. Um—I don't know."

"Would you like a nice calendar parer for slicing the months off calendars as they get used up? You always neglect to keep your calendars up to date, you know."

"That sounds useful," agreed Mr. Dumkopf.

"Or perhaps you'd rather have a nice Chinese back scratcher? You know how long your back is and how short your arms are."

"That would be a practical gift," assented Mr. Dumkopf.

"But then maybe you would prefer a nice pipe rack in case you ever get any pipes?"

"Er—all right. A Chinese pipe parer—er, I mean a short-arm calendar—er, that is to say—"

"Oh, Aesop, I've thought of the very thing! A nice beaded bag for me to carry when you take me out! Think how proud you'll be of me!"

"Sure! get me that—fine!" gasped Mr. Dumkopf, as he wiped his streaming brow, and Mrs. Dumkopf smiled victoriously and retired chuckling behind her embroidery.

(By George Matthew Adams.)