

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.

Las Rosas mine near Mexico City caved in Saturday morning while a full gang of men was working, burying all in the mine.

Latest returns from the elections held in Australia last Saturday strengthen the position of the government of Premier Bruce.

The \$300,000,000 tax reduction bill being written by the house ways and means committee will be kept on its record-breaking course for speed under a program charted Saturday by Chairman Green.

Grace Elliott, 17, cashier at a theater, died after drinking poison in Seattle Friday night. Following a scolding over low grades, Harriet Hall, 12, high school girl, took poison. She was resuscitated.

Complete separation of the fleet corporation from the shipping board is recommended by H. G. Dalton of Cleveland, O., in his report to President Coolidge on the situation involving the two agencies.

Seeking an opening to escape from the circle of French troops, the main force of Druses under Zeid Atrash, Sultan Atrash's brother, attacked Rasbelya Saturday night. They were repulsed both times with heavy losses.

Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, failed Sunday to show the continued improvement which had been noted since his recovery from the severe attacks of last Wednesday. His condition, however, was not described as radically changed.

Mrs. Katherine Thompson Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Thompson of Wilmington, Friday was granted a divorce decree nisi from her husband, Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor-General Wood of the Philippines. The later was not in court and did not make a contest.

Building construction for the first 10 months of 1925 has exceeded the total of 1924, and broken records in most sections of the country, but there is still a scarcity of suitable housing for persons of average means, says a dispatch from Chicago.

Chancellor Luther of Germany told the party leaders Friday that the government would resign after the Locarno pact signing ceremony in London December 1, and that a new cabinet would be formed in sympathy with the Locarno policies and obligations.

Growing discontent with Premier Painleve's financial proposals for France, even among the government's supporters, finally brought about his fall Saturday, less than a month after he had reconstituted his ministry to meet the wishes of the radical groups in the chamber of deputies.

The Haitian steamer Ville des Cayes, reported sunk in the Caribbean sea, was found 17 miles east of Pilon bay by the American steamer Brazos Friday and taken to Pilon. The passengers and crew were suffering from lack of water and food, but no casualties were reported. The engines of the steamer were disabled.

Held jointly with Mrs. Pearl Baynes, his wife's cousin, pending investigation into a fire in which his two children and Mrs. Baynes' young son were burned to death, Levi Lucas of Hinton, W. Va., Sunday blamed "neighborhood gossip" for their arrest. The couple was arrested following the burning Saturday of the Lucas home.

Protests by Utah and Arizona shippers against proposed freight rate increases were heard Friday by the interstate commerce commission at its adjourned hearing in San Francisco. The hearings are in pursuance of the congressional order for an investigation of industrial conditions in the west, the result of which is expected to guide the commission in whatever action it may take on the application of 74 western carriers for a 5 per cent rate increase on a varied assortment of commodities moving east and on certain westbound commodities.

Another Traffic Rule. When turning a corner at high speed see that you are traveling on the wrong side of the road. The repair men have to live.—Miami Tribune.

RESEARCH MONEY NEEDED

Smithsonian Institution Appeals to People for \$10,000,000.

Washington, D. C. — For the first time since its foundation nearly 80 years ago, the Smithsonian institution, whose valuable contributions to science heretofore have been financed from its endowment and by special gifts, will carry an appeal direct to the American people for \$10,000,000 to enable it to undertake many new major projects and to continue its publications.

Announcement of the institution's plans was made Monday night by its board of regents, which said the money would be added to an endowment that has not only doubled since 1846, when the Smithsonian institution was organized under a trust fund of \$550,000 willed to the United States in 1826 by James Smithson, an English scientist, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

The board asserted that the institution's annual income of \$65,000 had been inadequate for years, and that since the war particularly the rise in costs had materially cut down its activities, causing suspension of some publications such as the "Contributions to Knowledge" series, curtailment of others to a third of what they were, and restriction of such essential researches as that of Dr. Charles G. Abbot into solar radiation and the influence of the sun on the weather.

Sixteen major research projects were said by the board to have been held up because of a lack of funds. Some of these, the announcement declared, "would lead to an increased food supply from the sea, others will furnish data whereby the hardwoods, the fruits, the food, drug, oil and cordage plants of the Philippines will become increasingly available, while a third group will provide formulae to assist the engineer in solving the increasingly complex problems which face him."

\$336,236,000 CUT IN FINAL TAX BILL

Washington, D. C.—A revenue bill slashing the annual federal tax burden by an amount placed by the treasury at \$336,236,000 was completed Monday by the house ways and means committee.

Drafted on a non-partisan basis, the measure was unanimously approved by the committee, which directed Chairman Green to report to the house on the opening day of congress December 7.

The committee felt justified in exceeding the \$300,000,000 reduction limit, which it had set because of the estimates that the treasury surplus for the current fiscal year probably would reach \$300,000,000 instead of \$290,000,000, the original figure.

Effects on the reduced tax rates carried by the bill will be felt immediately upon its enactment. Virtually every taxpayer will be benefitted by the measure. Income taxes alone would be cut by \$193,575,000 under the committee program, and the revised rates will be effective on incomes of this calendar year.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA OF ENGLAND IS DEAD

Sandringham, England.—England's "fairy queen" is dead. Stricken with heart disease Thursday morning, almost on the eve of her 81st birthday, Queen Mother Alexandra died at 5:25 o'clock in the afternoon, with her son, King George V, Queen Mary and sorrowing members of the royal family at her bedside.

Thus died the radiantly beautiful Danish princess who captivated England 62 years ago when she came to be the bride of the then prince of Wales, and who held the empire's love and reverence through three generations as the princess of Wales, as Edward VII's queen, and then as the queen mother.

Bryn Mawr Girls Smoke.

Philadelphia.—Bryn Mawr college Monday abrogated an old rule against students' smoking and set aside one room in each dormitory for the use of those girls who desire to indulge in the practice.

This action was taken at the request of the Self Government association in response to a petition presented to Marion Edwards Parks, president of the college, last week.

Soviet Remains Aloof.

Moscow.—Soviet Russia firmly intends in the future, as in the past, to stand aloof from the league of nations and similar organizations. Acting Foreign Minister Litvinoff declared Monday in a carefully prepared official statement.

The Locarno security treaties will not alter the soviet foreign policy he said.

Limit in Belief.

Blobs.—"That poor fish Sillicus is the most credulous fellow I ever knew." Sillicus—"Yes, sometimes I actually think he believes in himself."

COMMITTEE FAVORS TAX INVESTIGATION

New Probe Body With Wide Powers Proposed.

SIMPLER LAW IS AIM

Contemplated Group to Include Senators, Representatives and Outside Experts.

Washington, D. C.—Widespread powers of investigation of the administration of the income and other federal internal taxes would be given a select committee under terms of the revenue bill being prepared by the house ways and means committee.

While the select committee, approved on motion of Representative Treadway, republican of Massachusetts, and urged by Professor Adams of Yale university, would be directed to seek simplification of the law, it also would be authorized to investigate and recommend improvements in its administration.

An exhaustive investigation already has been conducted into the administration of the internal revenue bureau by a special senate committee and a report is now being written by Chairman Couzens, republican, of Michigan.

Proposing many changes in the law as a result of the investigation, Senator Couzens has declared he will seek their adoption at the coming session. The committee which the house members would appoint, however, would not be required to report until January 1, 1927.

This committee would be composed of 15 members named by the president and would include five members of the house, five members of the senate and five outside experts. It would serve without pay.

Chairman Green expects the ways and means committee to complete its draft of the tax reduction bill early next week in plenty of time for its presentation to the house when congress convenes December 7.

Coolidge For Dry Law.

Washington, D. C.—All violations of the prohibition law, however small, should be prosecuted, in the opinion of President Coolidge, although he believes that special stress should be placed upon cases where convictions will close up large sources of supplies. The president feels that prohibition violations are being prosecuted by federal authorities as rapidly and thoroughly as the existing legal machinery permits, and recognizes that prosecutions serving to abolish supply sources do much to reduce minor prohibition cases, which have been clogging court dockets.

Tax Cut Retroactive.

Washington, D. C.—The government will lose between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 through the retroactive cut in inheritance taxes voted by the house ways and means committee, it was estimated by Chairman Green, who opposed the slash.

The committee voted to nullify the increased inheritance tax rates provided in the 1924 revenue act by making the lower rates in the 1921 law effective on all inheritances up to the time of enactment of the bill the committee is preparing; which reduced this schedule to a 20 per cent maximum.

Gang Loots Postoffice.

Superior, Wis.—Robbers early Saturday looted the postoffice here of nearly \$75,000 in stamps and \$125 in cash, after binding members of the family of C. J. McGill, assistant postmaster, and forcing him to yield keys and combination of the vault.

The robbers went to the McGill home, bound several members of the family, waited for others to return, secured them and then forced from McGill the combination of the safe and compelled him to turn over keys to the building and inner compartments of the safe.

Man, Pinned, Saws Tree.

Moscow, Idaho.—Unusual fortune was demonstrated here Friday, when George Showalter, 72, suffered a severely crushed leg as the result of being caught by a falling tree.

Mr. Showalter, pinned beneath the tree, managed to reach a saw that was lying nearby and sawed himself clear from the fallen tree. He then crawled some distance, summoned aid and was taken to the home of his brother.

Where Napoleon Rested.

The capital of the island of St. Helena is known as Jamestown, and is strongly fortified.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Oregon City.—"Batch," the 20-year-old cat owned by Mrs. Mary Charles, is dead. His death occurred a few days ago.

Tillamook.—The salary of the county dairy and food commissioner, now \$175 a month, was ordered by the county court to be reduced to \$1 a month beginning December 1. The county clerk was ordered to advise the commissioner of the new order.

Salem.—Corn sweepstakes at the annual Marion-Polk county corn show which opened here Thursday were awarded to Woodburn, according to announcement made by the judges.

Quincy.—Two crates of celery, grown on the celebrated Lake Labish beaver dam lands of this section were expressed Saturday to Washington, D. C., one to President Coolidge and the other to Senator Charles L. McNary, whose tables they will grace on Thanksgiving day.

Klamath Falls.—One of the largest wildcats ever seen in Klamath county was accidentally killed on the Ashland-Klamath highway early Friday morning when it was run down by an autoist from Corvallis who was en route here. The animal was blinded by the autoist's headlights.

Baker.—L. P. King of Portland, owner of the Rainbow mine, is at the mine preparing for its reopening. He is planning a drift west from the deep shaft and at the 290-foot level. The Rainbow was a big producer for several years when the United States Metal company had control.

Newport.—The ocean, which had been lashing the Oregon coast for eight days, smoothed down until it was the appearance of a lake last Saturday. It is very unusual at this time of the year to see the Yaquina bar smooth enough for the smallest vessel to come in or go out.

Baker.—The Missouri Flat grange started Monday on a new grange hall. The structure will be one story high, 32 by 72 feet. An effort will be made to finish it this winter. Wendt brothers have donated a one-acre site for a period of 99 years. Cash donations will be sought among grange members.

Quincy.—Since the beginning of the pumpkin season two large trucks have been hauling the seeds from the cannery at Salem to Albany, where they are cleaned and sent to Russia by the ship, where they are used as food by the Russians, who eat them as Americans eat peanuts in this country.

Eugene.—A daring unmasked man entered a cafe here at 10 o'clock Saturday night, picked up the cash register, containing about \$50, and carried it to a waiting automobile. Before patrons and employes could recover, the auto, bearing license number 17255, was speeding north on the highway.

Harrisburg.—A contract for 4146 feet of sewer and drain pipe was let by the city council to Morris Marquis of Eugene at \$4890. The engineer's estimate for these three drainage projects was \$5400. Thirteen bids were received, the highest \$5730.49. Work will begin in ten days and must be completed by March 1.

Hood River.—The apple growers' association has announced that a first distribution on the 1925 apple tonnage will be made about December 15. It will be the earliest distribution forwarded to members since early days of co-operative marketing. The total of the distribution on apples and pears will approximate \$500,000.

Klamath Falls.—A recruise of an additional 100,000 acres of Klamath timber land is recommended by the county budget committee, it is shown in a report submitted to the county court Saturday. The cost of operating the county for next year is estimated at \$446,524, as against the budget allowance of \$459,399 for the present year.

Marshfield.—The Myrtle Point bank has filed a mortgage for \$25,000 on white cedar logs belonging to George A. Loud, who was killed in an automobile accident near Marshfield. The mortgage covers all logs cut and in the middle fork of the Coquille, the Coquille river and all logs cut by the Loud estate and while the mortgage is in effect.

Eugene.—All important road intersections throughout Lane county will be marked and the distances to the different towns and communities given on guide boards, according to announcement by J. E. Shelton, district director of the Oregon Motor association. The work is expected to be done by the association early next year in co-operation with the Lane county court.

Always Worth While.

An effort made for the happiness of others lifts us above ourselves.—Mrs. L. M. Child.

SCHOOL DAYS



Among the NOTABLES

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY

FRANCIS SCOTT KEY, born August 9, 1780, made himself immortal by writing the "Star Spangled Banner."

It happened that, in the War of 1812, towards its close in '14, the British invaded Washington. Some friends of Key's, who lived on a plantation nearby, were being held as prisoners and Key obtained the permission of President Madison to secure their release. With another man who had charge of the release and exchange of prisoners, he went out to the plantation and was courteously received by the British. They agreed to let the owners go, but said the entire party would have to stay over during an attack on Baltimore. Consequently, they were detained on board the frigate Surprise, part of the fleet firing on Fort Mchenry.

The battle raged during the night, a puny enough fight, as battles go nowadays, but was watched with anxiety by the Americans. From his place on the deck, Key could see the American flag flying in the glare of the guns. Then there was a lull, and only darkness and smoke, and he lost sight of it, and had to await the first rays of dawn to see whether the Stars and Stripes still floated. When he saw it again, in the first faint light, he was so overflowing with relief and exultation that he wrote the first part of his immortal poem on the back of an envelope. It was printed and sung by a Baltimore actor, that very day, they say, and swept through the country as the greatest song of the time.

Key was a lawyer, though he did publish a book of poems with this song included. He died in Baltimore in 1843, and since then several monuments have been erected—one in Frederick county where he was born.

THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way says it's interesting enough to go to the New York Stock Exchange once in a while, but she doesn't see why anybody wants to pay the prices they ask for a seat for the season.

Russian Press Writers

In a recent report of a bolshevist "congress of press workers," it was disclosed that there were, last year, "about 150,000 newspaper correspondents from the masses of workers and peasants," and that measures are to be taken to "equip this multitude of new writers for regular and systematic work on the press."

THIS KEEPS US TWENTY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A SHADOW will fall Across us all, There never yet was a year all summer, And men will win To an empty inn Where never a light will greet the corner. But the cloud will pass And we'll find the grass, And the spring will come with the buds returning. And we'll trudge along When the inn goes wrong Till we come to a house where the lights are burning.

The wind will blow From the north, you know, And the snow will drift, and the ice will gather. But the wind will bring To the south and swing Us clearer heavens and better weather Why, all we need Is to wait, indeed, And to smile a little, and pray a plenty. The days we scold Are what makes us old, And the days we hope are what keep us twenty!

Mother's Cook Book

It is better laughing than crying. However the world go by. Though the laughing be only lying. It is better laughing than crying. So laugh—it is well worth trying. Though a teardrop burn in the eye It is better laughing than crying. However the world go by! —Stockley Fisher.

FOR THE FAMILY TABLE

FEEDING the family is a very important business and one which every mother will do well to study. Simple food well prepared is much more wholesome for all ages than the rich foods and hearty meats so often considered necessary.

Panned Chicken.

Separate a chicken into pieces at the joints; set into a buttered baking pan, adding a bit of butter to each piece; pour in a cupful of boiling water or vegetable broth, add salt, cover closely and set to cook in a hot oven; let cook an hour and a half; baste the chicken once or twice and turn over the pieces when half-cooked. When done remove the chicken to a platter, surround with savory rice and serve with

Sauce for Panned Chicken.

Melt three tablespoonfuls of butter; in it cook three tablespoonfuls of flour and a scant half-teaspoonful of salt and a few dashes of pepper; when bubbling hot stir in three-fourths of a cupful of cream and the broth from the pan which should make a cupful or more. When boiling, strain into a bowl.

Raisin Pie.

Grate the rind and add the juice of two lemons and one orange, add one cupful of light brown sugar, two cupfuls of seeded raisins, one cupful of coarsely chopped walnuts, one and one-fourth cupfuls of water and bring to the boiling point; add four tablespoonfuls of flour blended with two of butter. Cook until the mixture is smooth, pour into a well-lined pastry plate, cover with a crust and bake for thirty minutes in a moderately hot oven until delicately browned.

For a family with a member or two who cannot eat sauerkraut, those who do not deny themselves a wholesome, tasty dish. Isn't it too bad that we cannot all sit down to such a dish as this?

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