

HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Bits of Best News Items From
Everywhere.

PUT IN CONCISE FORM

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

Vancouver, B. C. breweries supplying the government liquor stores and beer parlors with beer are to be called upon on the carpet soon to tell the government why the beer is of such poor quality.

Two dead, 18 injured and property damage to the extent of nearly half a million dollars was the toll of a tornado that dipped at Yazoo City, Miss. Friday. More than 100 were made homeless.

Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, renowned Baptist clergyman, of Philadelphia, founder and president of Temple university, lecturer, author and philanthropist, died early Sunday after a long illness.

Further need of road improvement in national parks to meet the requirements of increased travel was emphasized in the annual report of the national park service, made public Saturday by Secretary Work.

An itinerant horse trader and his three children were found dead in their covered wagon at their camp near Whitehall, Ill., Sunday. Death was due to asphyxiation, caused by an oil stove left burning in the tightly closed wagon.

The steamer Airedale went ashore at Couder's island in the St. Lawrence river Saturday night and is likely to be a total loss. Her forepeak and No. 1 tank are flooded, she is in an exposed position and the annual freeze-up is approaching.

The French senate late Friday night adopted the government's measure calling for financial inflation and increased taxation, 205 votes to 26. As the senate made no modification in the bill as adopted by the chamber of deputies, it now becomes law.

John W. Garver of Buffalo, N. Y., has gone to Florida to investigate and gather data concerning Florida land offerings to investors throughout the country as the representative of 45 better business bureaus of the United States, the New York bureau announced.

Years of study and comparative obscurity on the vaudeville and concert stage came to a triumphant fruition Saturday when Carmella Ponselle, daughter of an ice dealer in Meriden, Conn., took her sixth curtain call from a Metropolitan opera house audience in New York.

A fair settlement of the differences existing between a number of western stockmen and the forest service will not be difficult, announced William M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, in referring to recent criticisms of grazing fees and other features of range administration on the national forests.

All of the 20 miners trapped by fire in the Fairview mine near Nederland, Colo., Friday and a dozen or more rescue workmen who were overcome in the main tunnel were safe at 1:30 Sunday morning, according to mine officials, who said they thought all of the men had been rescued at that time.

The situation of the regular army is "extremely critical," Secretary Davis of the war department informed President Coolidge Saturday in his annual report. "If the national defense act is to be carried into execution," he said, "the statement of the existing situation, as outlined herein, must be given serious consideration by the people."

Increased effort to prevent loss of life among mothers was urged by Grace Abbott, chief of the United States children's bureau, in her annual report made public Monday, in which she declared that the United States "has a maternal mortality rate higher than that of any other country for which we have statistics, with the single exception of Chile."

Discovery of white pine blister rust by plant pathologists of the department of agriculture on both wild and cultivated currants in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, bringing the rust infection within 175 miles of the great sugar pine forests of southern Oregon and northern California, will probably result in an agricultural quarantine applying to at least the western portion of Oregon, it was announced Saturday.

69TH CONGRESS CONVENES

Both Branches Organize for Long Session—Longworth Is Speaker.

Washington, D. C.—Amid colorful and turbulent scenes in the house and utter calm in the senate, the 69th congress put under way Monday its first and long session.

A small group of insurgents started the fireworks in the house, but despite their opposition and that of the democrats the republican majority rolled up with the Coolidge landslide of 1924 moved on to victory in every test of strength.

Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, republican ex-floor leader, was elected speaker in a three-cornered race in which the democrats supported F. J. Garrett of Tennessee, their floor chief, and the insurgents cast their ballots for Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin. The vote was: Longworth, 229; Garrett, 173; Cooper, 13. Five voted present.

Formal announcement of the election of Mr. Longworth was greeted with applause, and when the new speaker was escorted into the chamber on the arm of Representative Garrett he was given an ovation in which both the house membership and the crowded galleries joined.

With the organization preliminaries over, the next test of strength was on a proposal of the republican leaders to amend the rules so as to make more difficult the discharge of a committee from consideration of legislation referred to it. Here again the republicans won, but by a narrow margin, the vote being 208 to 196. Several of the regulars joined with the insurgents and democrats in opposing the amendment.

The scene in the senate was a sharp contrast to that in the house. The program mapped out by the republican leaders was carried through with no semblance of debate, and the session lasted only 25 minutes. Three new senators—La Follette of Wisconsin, Robinson of Indiana and Williams of Missouri—were sworn in, and organization was completed with the election of Edwin P. Thayer of Indianapolis as secretary of the senate.

Only one question had threatened to disturb the calm of the opening session and that was smoothed out just before the gavel fell. This was whether there should be immediate discussion of the right of Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota, to a senate seat as the appointee of Governor Sorlie. Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject referred to committee.

Washington State Costs Rise.

Washington, D. C.—State governmental expense in Washington increased in 1924, but not sufficiently to exceed revenues, which were approximately \$3,400,000 in excess of all expenditures, the commerce department reported Monday. Payments for maintenance and operation of state departments for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1924, totaled \$19,050,928, or \$13.13 per capita, as compared with per capita of \$12.87 in 1923 and \$5.28 in 1917.

Steamer Believed Lost.

Key West, Fla.—Virtually all hope has been abandoned for the finding of the steamer Cotopaxi which left Charleston November 29, bound for Havana with a cargo of coal, and which has not been heard from since last Tuesday when S. O. S. signals were received from the vessel, it was revealed here after an exhaustive search from Norfolk to Cuba by coast guard vessels. It is believed the steamer fell a victim to the tropical storm.

President Loses Coat.

Garret, Ind.—Lost—a heavy gray overcoat with a green striped lining and initials "C. C." on the outside of the inside pocket. Last seen of the garment was at room 517 Sherman hotel, Chicago, Ill. Reward to finder. Address Calvin Coolidge, 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

On another occasion while he was vice-president he lost an overcoat at the Y. M. C. A. in Atlanta, Ga.

Boiler Explodes; Two Die.

Elkton, Md.—The engineer and fireman of local No. 49, Baltimore & Ohio railroad, were killed Monday night when the boiler of their locomotive exploded. The accident happened as the train passed Childs station, four miles north of here.

National Gems.

According to old philosophy a particular talismanic gem is allotted to each country in the world. Thus England has the diamond, France the ruby, Germany the hematite, Ireland the emerald, Italy the sardonyx, Japan the jade, China the pearl, Spain the turquoise and America the tourmaline.

Red Sea Sand Fogs.

Sandstorms on the Red Sea are sometimes so dense that a boat traveling 60 miles from shore has to stop and blow the fog siren every minute.

JARDINE OUTLINES POLICY ON GRAZING

Value of Foliage Advocated as
Basis for Fees.

CAREFUL STUDY PLAN

Protection for Steady Users of Forest
Ranges as Well as for New
Settlers Favored.

Washington, D. C.—Continuance of the departmental policy of basing grazing fees in national forests upon the value of the forage was advocated Saturday by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine in the first public statement of his position toward demands of western stockmen for a reduction in the existing rate of assessment, which will be the subject of legislation proposed this winter by the senate public lands committee, of which Senator Stanfield of Oregon is chairman.

Secretary Jardine qualified his advocacy of forage value as the proper fee basis with the reservation that any resulting increase in the rates should be adjusted liberally to economic conditions in the livestock industry.

He cited the agricultural department's announcement that in no event will grazing fees be increased before 1927 and the check on appraisals now being made by Dan B. Casement as a double assurance that the problem will be carefully studied before any further action is taken.

"The fees for grazing on the national forests now average 12 cents a month for a cow and 3 cents a month for a sheep, and bring into the federal treasury more than \$2,000,000 annually," said Secretary Jardine's statement. "The present commercial value of the forage is considerably more than this figure. On the other hand, if the fees were based upon the cost of administration only, as many stockmen have suggested, the rates would be cut to one-third of what they are now."

The secretary also believes that congress should settle the grazing fee policy at this session, granting his department necessary latitude for determining specific rates applicable to thousands of grazing allotments in the national forests with widely varying range and market conditions. The waiver of grazing fees in the southwest because of draught was approved and its further extension suggested.

World Court Boosted.

Chicago.—The most urgent question before the nations of the world is the establishment of universal peace, ex-Governor Sweet of Colorado declared before the Chicago forum Sunday. His address was in reply to a recent address here by Senator Borah against American adhesion to the world court. "As the war was hastened to a victorious end because of our participation," he said, "so I believe America can do more than any other nation to establish world peace."

Man Eats 43 Pancakes.

Groton, S. D.—Judges of the pancake eating contest held here Saturday night awarded the title to W. P. G. Myers, who ate 43 regulation-sized flap-jacks. His appetite unappeased, Myers ate a ring and a half of bologna to complete his repast. C. S. Carter, first announced as winner, ate 51 pancakes, but his cakes were three inches in diameter, as compared with the regulation five-inch cake. Twenty-four hundred pancakes were flipped.

Socialist Has 14 Bills.

Washington, D. C.—Representative La Guardia, socialist, New York, announced Sunday that he would introduce 14 bills and resolutions in the house, including one "for the purpose of outlawing war and to establish permanent peace."

Another is for making provision for parents to visit the graves of sons killed and buried in Europe.

Storm Takes Two Lives.

St. Paul, Minn.—Clearing skies and moderating temperature Sunday forecast relief from the first blast of winter in the northwest. Railroad and bus transportation was returning to normal after minor delays experienced Saturday.

Two deaths have been reported in St. Paul as the result of the storm.

Sausage Muffs Appear.

London, England.—Sausage muffs, long and round, have made their appearance in large numbers in the fashionable streets of London.

Many of them are made of the same cloth as the costume and are banded at the end with furs. They are equipped with pockets.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Baker.—Additional equipment has been installed by the Daddy Lode Copper company of Baker, operating properties on Goose creek in the big copper belt. Compressors and drills have been sent to the mine.

Vale.—Facing absolute necessity of making a \$36,000 cut in the proposed Malheur county budget, it was stated at a meeting of taxpayers with the county court, Thursday, that the office of county farm agent would have to be closed.

Falls City.—Following the usual custom a community Christmas tree and program will be given in Victory hall, with committees from all local churches, the parent-teacher association and the commercial club working together.

Albany.—Several Linn county farmers have been duped recently by a poultry buyer who gives bad checks as payment for his purchases of fowls. The man travels about the county buying all kinds of poultry and giving the spurious checks as payment.

La Grande.—The best tax collection in years in Union county are reported by Amos Helm, in charge. He declares that the figures here will compare favorably with any county east of the Cascades. Union county has 5 1/2 per cent delinquent to Baker's 12 per cent.

McMinnville.—Frank Rager, accused of cutting down 228 3-year-old prune trees in the orchard of E. R. Worth, six miles west of Carlton, Or., was placed in jail here Sunday night after being arrested in a lodging house in Portland. He will have a preliminary hearing.

Albany.—One of the most unusual incidents on record in this county occurred in the circuit here Friday afternoon when Judge Kelly granted a divorce to Mrs. Minnie Christon from John W. Christon and to her daughter Ruth Knochenmus from Walter C. Knochenmus.

Salem.—Organization of the commission created at the last session of the legislature to study and recommend changes in the courses in the high schools of the state was perfected here Saturday through the election of Dr. George H. Alden of Willamette university as chairman.

Pendleton.—A father and son, Joe and Fred Williams, were fined \$75 each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice of the peace Thursday, on charges of unlawful possession of liquor. The two were arrested by state and county officers near Echo with about two gallons of moonshine in their possession.

Klamath Falls.—No new cases of spinal meningitis were reported by health authorities Saturday as a result of the outbreak in the Pelican city school, although a suspected case was brought to a local hospital from Bonanza, 30 miles distant. Health authorities do not believe there will be a general epidemic.

Bend.—Improvement of that part of the central Oregon highway between Bend and Burns will be urged by a delegation from Harney and Deschutes counties at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland December 8. Harney county voters recently approved a \$200,000 bond issue for improvement of roads in that county.

Pendleton.—Two or three carloads of wild horses recently rounded up on the Tony Vey land on the lower part of Butter creek will be sold to the Portland company which has just started operations whereby the carcasses of wild horses are to be converted into glue, fertilizer and other similar products, if the company wants to buy.

La Grande.—Thirty farmers of the Grand Ronde valley, who have conducted yield tests of hard federation and federation wheat this year, believe that the latter type is preferable when plenty of moisture is available. In each case where hard federation outyielded the other, moisture was not adequate to furnish a fair test, it is said. The tests will be conducted during 1926.

Eugene.—The Eugene Door and Woodware company, with a capital stock of \$75,000, has been incorporated here to operate the plant of the Far West Manufacturing company. The latter company sold out a few weeks ago to C. McC. Johnson, sash and door manufacturer of Reedsport, who has taken over the Eugene plant. He is head of the new company.

Prineville.—Seventy-five head of purebred Hereford cows have been purchased from the famous herd of Wetherford Bros. of Dayton, Wash., by Max Wurzweller and Arthur Wurzweller, who operate several large ranches in central Oregon. Many blue ribbons have been won by this herd at livestock shows over the middle west and northwest. The new cattle will be kept at the Wurzweller ranch at Sisters.

SCHOOL DAYS



THE LOVELY RIVER

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THERE'S a lovely river
Flowing to the sea,
Though I know not where it flows,
What the end may be.
There are many rapids there,
But the flows are very fair
All along, and green the trees,
Bright the sun, and sweet the breeze.

There's a lovely river
(Men may call it Life),
Lovely, though it has its pain,
Though it has its strife.

There is joy in every pain,
Seldom loss without a gain.
Yes, whatever men may say,
Blossoms all along the way.

There's a lovely river—
I have found it so,
Though I know not where it ends,
Where its waters flow.
Though I know not where it ends,
All along it has its friends.
Has its friendships through its tears,
Growing deeper with the years.

Dear me, lovely river,
Downward to the sea,
Though I know not where you flow,
What the end may be.
I am sure a stream so good,
Flowing through so fair a wood,
Bears me to a wider strand,
To an even better land.
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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

SEEK THE BEST

IN THIS brief life of ours, of which we know but little compared with what there is yet to be learned, let us in earnestness and sincerity strive to seek the best.

While in our restricted world of time and space, of color and sound, of ignorance and hate, let us show ourselves capable of finding the good and choosing the best.

Let us seek the best in companions, irrespective of their good looks or their ability to dance or sing; let quality of heart and mind be given precedence over everything else.

Let us be liberal in sympathy, in kindness, in friendship, in loyalty and in charity, with malice toward none, and give to the deserving the best we can bestow, regardless of their race, creed or condition.

Let us read the best books, hear the best music, see the best in art, choose the best plays and seek to find in the unruly boy or girl his or her best quality and do our utmost to develop it into a shining gem of beauty.

The latter, perhaps, may be found the best thing we can do for humanity and ourselves, for any exertion we may put forth in this direction, we will find in our solitary hours of reflection a serene happiness which the combined wealth of nations cannot buy.

To the complaining, the critical, the envious, the proud and the obdurate, those hapless persons with ailing minds, give a warm smile and kindly greeting—the best of which you are capable, and observe from day to day how you are bringing into their pinched lives a gladness which even you may have thought impossible.

Making a habit of choosing the best, in a little while will be found of incalculable benefit to the man or woman who in real sincerity adopts it.

But this cannot be done without sacrifice.

Such work requires a spiritual firmness, an unselfish love and extreme patience, which as the years roll by develops a fine nobility of soul, recognized at a glance in a cheerful face and beaming eyes.
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Mother's Cook Book

After a day of cloud and wind and rain
Sometimes the setting sun breaks out
And touching all the fields—until they
Laugh and sing.
Then like a ruby from the horizon's
ring
Drops down into night.
—Longfellow.

GOOD THINGS TO EAT

WHEN making cake for everyday occasions the ordinary bread flour is the most economical. But for a fine-grained cake of delicate texture, pastry flour is the best.

Sponge Pound Cake.

Beat one-half cupful of butter to a cream, add the grated rind of a lemon and gradually beat in one-half cupful of sugar and the beaten yolks of four eggs, one cupful of flour sifted with a tablespoonful of cornstarch and a teaspoonful of baking powder; lastly fold in the stiffly beaten whites and bake in a loaf for thirty or forty minutes.

Ribbon Cake.

Cream a scant cupful of butter, add gradually two and one-third cupfuls of sugar, then add four eggs, one after another without previous beating. Sift four cupfuls of flour with four and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder; add to the first mixture alternately with one cupful of milk. Beat thoroughly. Bake two-thirds of the mixture in two layer tins. Add to the remainder one cupful of nut meats, one-half cupful each of cherries, citron and raisins, two tablespoonfuls of cocoa, two teaspoonfuls of molasses, one-half teaspoonful of cinnamon and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of cloves. When baked put the layers together with fruit jelly, cover with boiled frosting and decorate with halves of walnut meats.

Simple Dessert.

Butter slices of bread and place in a baking pan, cover with canned blueberries and let stand an hour, then bake until well heated through. Serve with cream and sugar. Other juicy fruit may be used for this pudding.

When a little left-over ham is at hand, put it through the meat grinder and add to scrambled eggs for a breakfast or luncheon dish.

Nellie Maxwell
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THE YOUNG LADY ACROSS THE WAY



The young lady across the way
says some people consider militarism
antisocial, but soldiers in uniform
were conspicuous at the finest parties
she ever attended in all her life.
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