

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.

Vice-President Dawes was importuned Saturday by the No Tobacco league to make a new year's resolution to refrain from the use of tobacco.

Robert Henry Hendershott, one of the youngest drummer boys in the Civil war, died in Chicago, Sunday at the age of 74. He enlisted when 10 years old and served throughout the war.

Christmas day brought the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence D. Bagley, who celebrated at their home in Seattle, Wash., surrounded by their 21 children and grandchildren.

A dispatch from Manila says thirteen natives were killed and nearly a hundred injured in a fire which destroyed a moving picture theater in the town of Opon, Cebu province, on Christmas eve.

Fifteen Protestant denominations in Chicago reported a membership increase of 32,946 in 627 churches, it was disclosed by the Methodist Episcopal year book, which was received in Chicago Saturday.

The condition of Dowager Queen Margherita of Italy has considerably improved. The bulletin issued by the attending physicians says that the pleurisy from which she has been suffering has "sensibly ameliorated."

A new protein food made from beef serum, which has the characteristics of and can be used as a substitute for the white of eggs, has been developed by Professor J. W. M. Bunker in the biological laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Four trainmen were killed and two injured near Fort Worth, Texas Sunday when two locomotives crashed on the Fort Worth & Denver railway. A switch engine, backing east, plowed into a westbound freight train which was leaving this city for Wichita Falls.

The National board of farm organizations announced Sunday night that its annual midwinter meeting would be held February 1, 2 and 3. The board, which was formed in 1917, comprises various agricultural organizations having membership lists totaling 700,000.

Negotiations between the "big four" trains service brotherhoods and railroads of the country will be started in Chicago shortly after the first of the year, union officials said Sunday. The unions are asking increases to restore the peak scale which was cut by a 12 per cent decrease in 1921 by order of the United States railroad labor board.

Whether the principal link in the chain of evolution linking man to an ape-like ancestor was a real or false line, a controversy which has divided science since 1891, has at last been settled in favor of the evolutionary principle, at least, to the satisfaction of Princeton scientists. Announcement to this effect was made by Dr. W. B. Scott, professor of geology and paleontology at Princeton university.

Inclusion of an export commission project in the administration's farm relief program has virtually been agreed upon. A bill to create such a commission to supervise disposal of surplus agricultural products will be introduced soon in congress and it promises to have the support of President Coolidge and the western senators and representatives who have been criticizing the plans for agricultural relief.

A special dispatch to Asahi from Mukden says that General Kuo Sung-Ling, who fled after his army was defeated Thursday by that of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, and his wife, were captured while hiding in a cellar and that the captors cut off Kuo's legs and his wife's arms then shot and killed them both. Afterward, Kuo and his wife were decapitated. Marshal Chang order their heads placed on the grave of one of his favorite generals who had been executed by Kuo.

Father Nugent, 87, Dies.
Des Moines.—Father J. F. Nugent, 87, for the past 43 years pastor of the Visitation parish here, died Saturday. He was one of the most widely known priests and Chautauqua lecturers in the middle west and was a friend and admirer of William Jennings Bryan.

FARMERS ALLEGE DISPARITY

Ask Investigation of Wheat Prices in
Big Bend Country.

Washington, D. C.—Investigation of reports that wheat growers in the Inland Empire region of Oregon, Washington and Idaho were receiving from 15 to 20 cents per bushel lower than the prices prevailing on the Chicago market, was asked of the department of justice bureau of markets of the department agriculture and federal trade commission Monday by Representative John W. Summers, republican, of Walla Walla.

Summers announced receipt of several letters from farmers in the Big Bend country declaring the price of wheat for export at Portland and Seattle had been on a parity with that at Chicago early in the fall but had begun to decline about six weeks ago and at the time of writing was considerably below the Chicago level.

A similar investigation initiated by Summers in 1923 and undertaken by the department of justice resulted in return of wheat prices in the Inland Empire section to a parity with those at Chicago, discounting freight rates to the export markets, he stated.

The Walla Walla representative did not charge a conspiracy between exporters and millers, but said that he believed "an arrangement" between coast wheat buyers might be responsible for the market decline in the Pacific northwest. The department of justice will probably order its operations at Seattle and Portland to look into the situation.

SIGNS OF BREAKDOWN SEND PERSHING HOME

Washington, D. C.—Alarming symptoms of failing health may compel General John J. Pershing to surrender his work as president of the Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission, set up in President Coolidge's arbitral award in the dispute over these provinces between Chile and Peru, and return to the United States within the next month.

Abnormal blood pressure, which has developed since the ex-commander of the American expeditionary forces undertook his difficult task at Arica, is known to have prompted his personal physician, Major Glenn I. Jones of the army medical corps, to recommend his return to this country not later than January 15.

Colonel Jay J. Morrow, American member of the boundary commission established by President Coolidge to aid in settling the dispute, also may sail for the United States soon.

Heart Ills Kill 176,671

Washington, D. C.—Heart disease took a toll of 176,671 lives during 1924, causing nearly twice as many deaths as were attributed to any one of the other leading diseases, including pneumonia, tuberculosis, cancer or nephritis, the department of commerce reported Monday.

A total of 1,753,990 deaths in the country's death registration area, comprising 39 states, the District of Columbia and 18 cities in non-registration states, established a death rate of 11.9 for 1924 population as compared with 12.3 in 1923, 11.8 in 1922 and 11.6 in 1921.

The decrease in the rate from influenza, from 44.7 for 100,000 population in 1923 to 19.6 in 1924, and from pneumonia of all forms, from 109 to 98.4, accounts for nearly three-fourths of the decrease in the rate from all causes, it was pointed out in the report. Some of the other causes for which the rate decreased are measles, diphtheria, diarrhoea and enteritis and tuberculosis in all forms.

Capital's Smithy Dead.

Washington, D. C.—Washington's village blacksmith is dead. Back in the days when the national capital was little more than a village John Hartman, who reached an age believed to be 105, started shoeing horses, and during his 70 years of playing that trade he became known to many prominent persons, who took their fine carriages and horses to him. He had been ill five years in a hospital when he died Christmas day.

100 Drinkers Stranded.

El Paso, Texas.—More than 100 El Pasoans who crossed the Rio Grande Thursday night to celebrate Christmas eve in Juarez unhampered by the 18th amendment failed to reach the international boundary bridge by the 9 o'clock closing hour and were stranded in the Mexican city.

Officials said the law couldn't be stayed for those wanting "just one more."

\$100,000 Gems Stolen.

New York.—Unset diamonds valued at \$100,000 were stolen Sunday when four men invaded the lower east side jewelry store of Henry Goldberg. The robbers beat the proprietor unconscious, intimidated four successive customers, and escaped in an automobile.

GOVERNMENT TO AID IN FARMERS' RELIEF

President, Secretary Jardine
Agree on Plan.

BILL TO HELP EXPORT

Administration Prepared to Indorse
Conservative Legislation to Dis-
pose of Surplus Crops.

Washington, D. C.—The administration's farm relief program will be broadened to provide for some machinery for handling surplus crops.

Just what form this new aid will take has not been determined but both President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine have reached the conclusion that surplus crops present one of the dominating problems of agriculture and that some governmental step must be taken to afford relief.

Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear recently on the administration by the congressional farm bloc and western agricultural leaders to create a federal commission with powers to direct the disposition of surplus farm crops in a way which would enable the producers to at least get the cost of production.

Heretofore the White House has been silent on the subject, but Saturday, after the president had conferred with Secretary Jardine, which was the culmination of a series of conferences between the two, it was disclosed that the administration was prepared to indorse conservative legislation fostering the sale of surplus crops in the export trade with a government commission as a directing agency.

The issue was brought to a head a few hours before the departure for Des Moines of the Iowa congressional delegation, members of which were invited to attend a meeting there of farmers and bankers to discuss means of marketing the surplus corn crop.

Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, talked with Secretary Jardine just before he left and it is understood that the agricultural secretary, who has come direct from the White House, authorized the Iowa representative to tell the farmers of that state that the administration sympathized with their difficulties and was prepared to support some measure for handling the surplus crops provided it did not put the government in a business and fix farm prices.

PARLEY ON RUBBER

AT GENEVA LIKELY

Washington, D. C.—Suggestion in press dispatches from Geneva that the British rubber monopoly, which has evoked great concern here, be discussed at the proposed league of nations international economics conference, with America participating, is waiting interested Washington officials at the conclusion of the Christmas observance.

The rubber situation, in which congress already has ordered an investigation, would, under the Geneva suggestion, be a phase of the conference's consideration of world supply and distribution of raw materials generally.

Whether the Washington administration would agree to the proposal and the added opinion that this country might be asked to sit with the league's council number two, an advisory-political body, or would prefer to pursue an independent course, remains problematical. In addition to the ordered congressional investigation, retaliatory steps against high rubber prices already have been outlined by Secretary Hoover.

Turkish Women Benefit.

Constantinople.—A clause in the new Turkish civil code puts an end to one of the bitterest phases of women's subjection. . . the right of a man to divorce his wife at will and with no trial. Henceforth divorce will be granted only by decree of the courts and only for such causes as insanity, desertion and unfaithfulness. Women will now stand the same chances as men for winning a divorce suit. In the past only about one woman in a thousand was able to gain a decree.

Mitchell Not to Quit.

Tallahassee, Fla.—Colonel William Mitchell, who was court-martialed recently for criticism of the air defense of the country, says in a letter to the Florida Morning State that he plans to continue his fight for a defense system "that will constitute a real protection to the country." "It is my intention to stay with this until there is established a defense system that will constitute a real protection to the country," he added.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Haines.—Peter McGovern, deputy game warden, recently arrested Paul Harbenson, who resides four miles west of here, for illegal possession of elk antlers and hide. His hearing will be held in Baker.

The Dalles.—Edward C. Pease, for many years in business activities here, Saturday received word that he had been named a director of the branch federal reserve bank for Oregon, which also has jurisdiction over five counties in Washington.

Salem.—It was reported Sunday that sufficient money had been paid in by the stockholders to purchase a site for the linen mill and start building operations. Other assessments will be levied against the stockholders as funds are required for development purposes.

Salem.—Suit to test the so-called motor vehicle registration law, now in operation in Oregon, probably will be filed in the circuit court here soon, according to information received from Eugene. It was said that a Eugene attorney is preparing papers in the case.

Salem.—William H. Harcombe of Dallas, Or., was appointed by Governor Pierce Saturday district attorney of Polk county, effective January 1, to succeed Joseph Helgeson, who resigned recently to enter the United States district attorney's office in Portland.

Salem.—There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending December 24, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission Saturday. The victims were Dean L. Stanley, Algoma, night yard foreman, and Nathan W. Beckett, Portland, laborer.

Salem.—The Pacific Telephone company has taken over the Tillamook County Mutual Telephone company, with headquarters at Tillamook, according to announcement made at the offices of the public service commission Saturday. The order of consolidation will become effective as of January 2, 1926.

Salem.—Marion Alsman, 23, was in a hospital here Sunday suffering from a partly severed arm and other injuries sustained late Saturday night when an automobile in which he was riding crashed into a telephone pole a few miles west of Salem. Russell Lehman, who was at the wheel of the machine, escaped with a few scratches and bruises.

Albany.—Two automobiles and occupants took a ferryboat ride down the Willamette river several miles Friday when the cable on the ferry at Irish Bend broke, hit the ferryman in the eye and knocked him unconscious. Small boats were used to land the women and children passengers, and a launch from Peoria went up and towed the ferry down to Peoria, where it was tied up.

Bend.—Mandamus proceedings to force a recall election for Bend's city administration will be opposed with all available legal argument, it was indicated Saturday by Louis Bennett, city recorder, against whom the mandamus petition was filed Thursday. An alternative writ, granted by T. E. J. Duffy, circuit judge, gave Bennett until December 31 to show cause why he should not call an election.

Eugene.—Howard Merriam of Goshen was elected president of Lane county horticultural society at its annual meeting at the Eugene chamber of commerce Saturday. F. B. Chase of Springfield was elected vice-president. R. E. Corum of Eugene secretary-treasurer and George A. Dorris, of Springfield, C. E. Stewart, Cottage Grove, and M. H. Harlow, Eugene, were chosen on the executive committee.

Pendleton.—Fragments of the helium gas bag, the inclosing gray silk bag and a small piece of the aluminum frame of the giant dirigible Shenandoah that was wrecked September 3 are on display in the windows of a local store. The souvenirs were obtained by Rev. J. M. Cornelson, missionary to the Indians on the Umatilla reservation, while he was doing field work in Ohio during the fall for the national board of missions of the Presbyterian church.

Pendleton.—The names of six women were included in the venire which has been drawn by the sheriff and the county clerk to serve on trial juries in the January term of circuit court. The term will get under way January 11, and Judge Wilson of The Dalles is expected to be here to preside. The women whose names were drawn include Mrs. J. W. Witherell, Maude Reeder, Mrs. Willard Bond, Julia J. Sanders, Bessie Munsell and Ruth Booher.

SCHOOL DAYS



A LULL IN THE
CONVERSATION

NOT JUST TODAY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

NOT just today I wish you joy,
And happiness, and cheer,
But on the next day, and the next,
And so through all the year.
For life is long, the road is far,
And many little bumps there are,
And yet I hope a silver thread
Runs all through all the days ahead.

Not just today I hope that friends
Will gather round your fire,
But all the year I wish you love
And all that you desire.
May every little walk you take
Meet merry hearts, and hands to
shake,
And friends to greet you now and
then
At night when you come home again.

Not just today I wish you peace,
And certainty, and song;
I wish you all a friend can wish
Today and all along.
Let New Year's day remind us of
The folks around us we can love,
Of things to do, and things to say,
Through all the year—not just to-
day.

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR

WHAT kind of person shall I be
next year?

Put that question to yourself; ask
it seriously, repeatedly and with the
determination of giving it an intelligent,
workable answer.

It can do you no harm even if you
fail to find a satisfactory reply.

When it comes up to you, don't
shrug your shoulders, look the other
way, or try to pass it by without a
friendly nod and a hearty handshake.
You have nothing to fear.

Ask it again; "What kind of person
shall I be next year?"

Every day you are undergoing a
physical and mental change.

You are improving or deteriorating.
Time is acting imperceptibly on
your bone and blood, on your sinew
and mind. You are gaining or losing.

Life today is a preparation for the
life of tomorrow, its new problems,
changing form between every sunrise
and sunset.

Present life is the pathway to future
life in the process of making,
with which you have much to do.

If you are going to be something
worth while in the years that lie
ahead, you would better begin today.

If you are cruel, vindictive, quarrel-
some, tyrannical and neglectful to-
day, the probabilities are that you
will be the same tomorrow.

If you shirk duty this morning, the
old gray-bearded timekeeper tomorrow
morning will mark you a "shirker"
without arching his brow or asking a
question.

The man or woman who cannot listen
to wise counsel without becoming
resentful or abusive, who cannot
weigh and decide questions in fair-
ness, is in a position where he or she
should stop and look ahead.

Tomorrow demands pay for yester-
day's follies.

Wranglers of today are likely to be
bigger wranglers tomorrow, exhibit-
ing more selfishness with a larger
stock of temper, turning their wrath
loose on any person within their
reach.

If in youth or in middle life, men
and women do not realize that they
are preparing for the future, they are
doomed to an isolated old age, too im-
potent to make a bid for sympathy or
success.

The secret of preparing for next
year is to live nobly today by casting
out selfishness, envy and spite, and
doing unto others as you would have
others do unto you.

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Mother's Cook Book

The highest reward that God gives
us for good work is the ability to do
better work.—Hubbard.

SEASONABLE FOODS

COOL evenings create the desire for
hot dishes; for the evening meal,
there is nothing more appetizing than
a good, hot, well-seasoned potato soup.
For the normal family who enjoys the
wholesome onion the following will be
a cherished recipe:

French Potato Soup.

Fry two or three medium-sized on-
ions in two full tablespoons of
butter for 15 minutes, without brown-
ing. Meanwhile cook three or four
medium-sized potatoes until tender,
add the boiling potato water to the
onions and cook them a little longer,
while mashing the potatoes, then add
them; mix well and add a quart of hot
milk, salt and pepper and another two
tablespoons of butter. Serve piping
hot with tiny cubes of bread browned
in butter.

Potato Rolls.

To one cupful of hot mashed potato
add one-half cupful of potato water,
and one cupful of scalded milk, three
tablespoons of sugar, one-fourth
cupful of butter or a mixture of but-
ter and other shortening, one egg and
a yeast cake dissolved in a little luke-
warm water; add flour to make a
batter which will stir well with a
spoon. Set to rise and when light
enough to knead add flour to mix and
knead (as little flour as possible). Put
to rise again and when light, cut
down, cover and rise again, then make
into finger rolls or place three small
balls of the dough in well-greased gem
pans; when very light bake in a quick
oven.

Peach Cup.

Take eight canned peaches, two eggs,
one-half cupful of milk, one and one-
half cupfuls of flour, three teaspoon-
fuls of baking powder, one-half tea-
spoonful of salt, and one teaspoonful
of butter. Mash two of the peaches
and add the beaten egg yolks of two
eggs, then the milk and the dry in-
gredients, and the butter melted. Pour
some of the mixture into a buttered
custard cup, add half a peach, cover
with batter, sprinkle the top with sug-
ar and bake in a moderate oven 20
minutes. Serve with whipped cream
or a hard sauce.

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WHEN I WAS TWENTY-ONE

BY JOSEPH KAYE

At Twenty-one: "Ding," the Celebrat-
ed Cartoonist, Studied to Be
a Doctor.

"THE less said about my position
and aspirations at the age of
twenty-one the better. I can't remem-
ber anything inspiring in that period
about my ambitions. I was then aim-
ing to become a doctor. I think it
was my twenty-first year that I be-
gan reporting on a newspaper in or-
der to make enough money to continue
my medical course, and a strange turn
of the wheel of fortune after I land-
ed in the newspaper office, switched
me over into another current and I
never have gotten back."—J. N. Ding
(J. N. Darling.)

TODAY: Jay Norwood Darling is
one of the most human of all political
cartoonists in the country. He draws
daily cartoons for a syndicate of news-
papers and cartoons for other publi-
cations and through these amusing
pen-and-ink creations he has influ-
enced political movements in no small
way. The distinctive quality about
"Ding's" work is that it is independ-
ent. He has his own opinions and he
expresses them, irrespective of which
political side the newspaper he serves
favors.

Darling is forty-eight years old.

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