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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.

In the business district in Seattle Tuesday, a robber entered a candy store, held up a woman clerk and obtained \$10 from the cash register.

Legislation for regulation of the meatpacking industry, long before congress, finally was made ready Tuesday for approval by the president.

The state department was informed Tuesday by its representatives at Riga and Reval that Americans who have been incarcerated at Moscow were on the way to the frontier Monday.

The Russian public so far is apparently ignorant that the question of the release of American prisoners is involved in famine relief, as Moscow newspapers received at Riga made no mention of the notes of Secretaries Hoover and Hughes.

The fancy silk shirt, sporty sock and loud, expensive cravats are doomed to give way to cotton hosiery and plain knitted goods, because men are slashing their clothing bills, Chicago haberdashers told the board of review when questioned about their personal property taxes.

The four big railroad brotherhoods in Canada announced Tuesday they would jointly contest the 12 per cent wage cut, which has been put into effect on the Canadian railroads. They have applied to the government for a board of conciliation and a ten-day conference in Montreal.

Lemons came down from a little price aviation trip Tuesday when, in the commission-house district in San Francisco, they were quoted at from \$3.50 to \$6 a box, wholesale. This is a drop of \$1 for the best grade and \$1.50 for the common grades. In the past few weeks the price soared to \$10 a box.

Reductions of approximately \$600,000,000 in taxes and \$520,000,000 in government expenditures this fiscal year were agreed upon at a conference between President Harding, Secretary Mellon and republican leaders of the house of representatives, including members of the ways and means committee.

Federal agencies will co-operate with state officials in a fight to eradicate Rocky mountain spotted fever in Montana, it was announced Tuesday by the public health service. The situation has been under discussion between Surgeon-General Cumming and W. F. Cogswell, secretary of the Montana board of health.

Republicans of the senate privileges and elections committee voted Senator Newberry, republican, Michigan, whose election in 1918 was contested by Henry Ford, democratic nominee, a clear title to his seat. Democratic committee members all voted in opposition, and the long-contested case goes to the senate for final decision. The committee vote was 3 to 4.

Dayton, Ohio, traffic policemen rubbed their eyes Saturday when a miniature automobile sailed past all semaphores. There wasn't a soul in it. It was a driverless radio automobile from McCook field, controlled by a radio in a car 100 feet behind it. The automobile itself contained no wireless and is said to be the first of its kind publicly exhibited by the radio air service.

New York was introduced Monday to the postage meter, a machine which makes every man his own stamp printer and does away with the necessity of sticking them on. The National City bank has the first one exhibited. The machine, recently approved by the postoffice department, prints on the letters a little square about the size of a stamp, in which appears the words "U. S. Postage-Paid 2c."

Len Small, governor of Illinois, after resisting arrest on indictments charging embezzlement and conspiracy for three weeks on the plea of executive immunity, or that "the king can do no wrong," as stated by his counsel Tuesday, finally submitted to Sheriff Meester after the latter had besieged the state capitol with deputies for several hours. The governor protested his arrest until the last, charging persecution and asserting his innocence.

TAX MEASURE UP TO HOUSE

Reductions to Aggregate \$350,000,000—Decision Due Soon.

Washington, D. C.—The administration tax revision bill was laid before the house of representatives Monday after the republican membership of that body in conference had changed it so as to make repeal of the excess profits tax and the income surtax rates in excess of 32 per cent effective next January 1 instead of last January 1.

This change, on the basis of previous treasury estimates, would result in the corporations and individuals with large incomes paying to the government in the next calendar year something like \$200,000,000 more than they would have paid had the administration plan of making the repeals retroactive prevailed.

Total tax reductions for this fiscal year under the bill as revised were estimated by some majority members of the ways and means committee at \$350,000,000, as against approximately \$450,000,000, planned by committee republicans, and the total tax yield at about \$3,200,000. As a result of the changes made by the republican conference, majority committee members further amended the bill before its presentation in the house so as to make the corporation income tax 12 1/2 per cent after next January 1 instead of 15 per cent, as originally planned, and the manufacturers' tax on cereal beverages 6 cents a gallon instead of 12 cents.

The bill proposes repeal of all of the transportation taxes effective next January 1, increased exemptions to heads of families and married men having incomes of less than \$5000, decreases in the levies on candy, sporting goods, furs and art and art works; the substitution of manufacturers' taxes for the so-called nuisance and luxury levies, and other changes, details of which have been given in previous Associated Press dispatches.

Additional revisions include exemption from taxation of the salaries of the president of the United States and the judges of the supreme and inferior federal courts and also amounts received by individuals as compensation, family allotments and allowances under provisions of the war risk insurance and vocational rehabilitation acts.

Farmers' Rights Avowed.

Washington, D. C.—American producers must "oppose any effort on the part of the interests to place farm products on the tariff free list," said a telegram sent Monday by five senators from western states to the Southern Tariff association, meeting at Greensboro, N. C. The telegram was signed by Senators Gooding, Idaho; McNary, Oregon; Capper, Kansas; Johnson, California, and Nicholson, Colorado, and said it must be made clear to leaders of both political parties "that agriculture and its affiliated industries are entitled to the same consideration as the manufacturers."

Mexico's Case Debated.

Washington, D. C.—Advisability of recognition of the Obregon government in Mexico was debated in the senate Monday. Senator King, democrat, Utah, declared that no such step should be taken while American rights in Mexico were ignored, and Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, asserted that if any state had suffered at the hands of Mexico it was Arizona, whose legislature had unanimously petitioned for recognition.

Juarez, Mexico.—The chamber of commerce has received a telegram from the state department saying that Alberto Pani, secretary of state, would pass through here on his way to Washington, D. C. The message also said the secretary was going as a personal representative of President Obregon on business for the government, which was being kept secret.

Stabilized Exchange Aim.

Washington, D. C.—Assembly of an international congress of financiers at Washington—possibly coincident with the disarmament conference in November—to discuss stabilization of foreign exchange is under consideration at the treasury, officials said Monday. The purpose would be to evolve a program which, by stabilizing exchange rates, would pave the way for a revival of confidence between the different nations of the world.

Train Wrecker Curious.

Des Moines, Ia.—"I have always wanted to wreck a train just to see how the cars would pile up," was the startling confession of Frank Walters, 16-year-old boy, now in the county jail, charged with attempting to wreck a Rock Island passenger train.

ALLIES MAY LIFT LID ON RHINELAND

End of Economic Barrier Put Up to Germany.

PAYMENTS IS FACTOR

Question of Occupation of Right Bank of Rhine to Come Up Again at Next Meeting.

Paris.—The lifting of the economic barrier of the Rhineland on September 15, providing Germany pays up the amount she undertook to pay under the London ultimatum and agrees to remove the boycott against French goods, was decided upon at the final session of the allied supreme council Saturday.

It was decided, however, to maintain the occupation of Ruhrort, Duisburg and Dusseldorf until the next meeting of the council, which it was understood will be held previous to the Washington disarmament conference.

At that time Premier Briand consented that the question of the occupation of the right bank of the Rhine should be reconsidered.

The decisions were reached after M. Briand, as president of the council, replied to attacks made by Lord Curzon, the British foreign secretary, and Sir Robert Stevenson Horne, chancellor of the British exchequer, against what was termed the present expensive system of administering the treaty, especially as concerning occupation of the Ruhr region.

This, Lord Curzon said, "is very costly; also irritating to German national sentiment and pride." The chancellor of the British exchequer argued that continuation of the present system impoverished everyone of the interested powers and that means ought to be examined for reducing the cost, as the high expense meant less reparations.

Ambassador Harvey took a more active part in the three hours' meeting of the council than at any session since the deliberations were started, being asked for his opinion or taking part in the discussion of practically every question brought up, as America was directly interested, especially in the Russian and Austrian situations.

At this session the council decided upon the makeup of the international famine relief commission, which will deal with the famine situation in Russia. This commission will not be merely inter-allied, but Sweden, Denmark, Norway and other neutral countries will be asked to join. The nucleus will be formed by the entente countries and the United States, each to appoint three delegates.

DOMINION STATUS OFFERED IRELAND

London.—Official light on the status of the Irish negotiations was given by the government for the first time Saturday in the form of a letter written by General Jan C. Smuts, the South African premier, to Eamonn de Valera, the Irish republican leader. "This letter, which was dated August 4, revealed that Premier Lloyd George offered 26 Sinn Fein counties complete dominion status, subject to certain strategic safeguards. It was also known by the text of the letter that Sir James Craig, the Ulster premier, has refused to negotiate with Mr. de Valera, and that Ulster is standing firm for retaining her present government.

Fire Stirrs Wild Beasts.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Fire at the Selig motion-picture studios on Mission road Saturday threatened serious loss for an hour or more, but was finally controlled with loss estimated at \$20,000, exclusive of the value of one completed unreleased feature, which the management said was worth a large sum. The Selig studios have a large collection of animals which were in enclosures nearby. Until the fire was controlled panic reigned in the neighborhood, as the collection included scores of lions, tigers and other wild animals.

Millions Won in Suit.

Chicago.—Edward W. Morrison, 52, known for years as the "millionaire millionaire," Saturday won his long battle to prove his right to real estate valued at from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000 left by his father, Captain James M. Morrison. After years of litigation, Judge Stough affirmed Morrison's rights to the property. Control of the property was taken from Morrison several years ago and the aged man was left in poverty.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Heppner.—Fire starting from a threshing engine spread into the wheat field at John Pieper's farm near Lexington Thursday and destroyed 50 acres of fine wheat entailing a loss of around \$2000.

Salem.—The Spoudemeyer band of Portland will furnish music at this year's state fair, according to announcement made Saturday. This band played in Salem during last year's fair and gave satisfaction.

Salem.—It was announced here Saturday that a Salem physician had been assured of approximately three-fourths of a grain of radium. The cost of the portion is approximately \$6000. Radium is now used in the treatment of cancer and similar diseases.

Halsey.—J. A. McWilliams, while attempting to move an extension ladder in painting the W. H. McMahan residence Saturday, was struck across the forehead by the ladder, which broke both arm bones. He happened to be lucky enough to carry a little accident insurance.

Salem.—Polk county will have a larger tonnage of dried prunes this year than Marion county, and Yamhill more than Polk, according to the estimates of the United States bureau of markets. The report was prepared by F. L. Kent, statistician for the market and crop department.

Scappoose.—At a special election held here Saturday to vote on the acceptance or rejection of the proposed charter for the city, a section providing for \$30,000 bond issue for a water system was carried by vote of 85 for, 38 against. The city has a voting population of about 147.

Salem.—The state of Oregon has power to assess and collect taxes on a stock of merchandise owned and kept by a trader doing business on an Indian reservation, according to L. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. The opinion was asked by Bert C. Boynton, district attorney of Jefferson county.

Salem.—Marion county farmers this year will harvest approximately 20 bushels of wheat to the acre, while Polk county ranchers will harvest 21 bushels from the same acreage, according to reports received from F. L. Kent, statistician with the bureau of markets and crop estimates, with offices in Portland.

Medford.—At the receivers' sale of the Oregon Gas & Electric company's plant, held here Saturday, the property was bought by the Anglo-California Trust company of San Francisco for \$55,555.50. The bondholders were represented by Thomas D. Patch, receiver, and the trust company by its vice-president and cashier, Louis Suter.

Salem.—The first gun in the campaign to organize the non-partisan league in Oregon was fired at Unionville, Yamhill county, Friday night. The meeting was addressed by H. H. Steillard, national organizer for the league, and a number of persons were signed up. Meetings in other sections of Marion county are now being arranged.

Prineville.—Crook county is scheduled to have a livestock meeting September 8 and 9. The first day's meeting will be held in Prineville and the second day at Powell Butte. Topics under discussion will be "Newer Methods of Fattening Steers," and "Feeds for Wintering Cattle." Several of the foremost authorities on stock industry will speak.

Albany.—More rattlesnakes have been killed in Linn county this summer than in any single summer for many years. Some have been killed near Plainville, some near Brownsville, several in the Calapooia valley between Brownsville, Crawfordville and Holley, and three were slaughtered at a county rock crusher in the Charity glange neighborhood east of Harrisburg.

Salem.—One of the outstanding features of the Oregon state fair this year will be the displays of the boys' and girls' clubs. Interest in these industrial contests has grown yearly during the six seasons that they have been held, and with the increased premium fund through the classifying of stock projects this year, it was anticipated that the big educational building on the state fair ground in Salem will house an exhibit the like of which has not heretofore been made. The club work is directed from the state department of education, co-operating with the Oregon Agricultural college and the United States department of agriculture. J. E. Calavan, industrial field worker, has just returned to Salem from a trip which included several counties, and which was taken to arouse interest among the juveniles in the coming state fair. The counties included in the itinerary were: Polk, Yamhill, Washington, Columbia, Clatsop, Jackson and Klamath.

Naval Blimp Makes a Forced and Lucky Landing



San Diego officials were recently the guests of the officers of the naval air station on a flying tour over the city, when the rudder of their big Blimp, the B-3, collapsed. Lieut. Gordon McDonald, the pilot, kept his machine going, although he knew not whether, and changed to drift low, over this soft-looking spot—the high school lawn, and settled on it.

Many Served by Weather Bureau

Activities of Forecasting Department Cover Many Features That Are Little Known.

OF GREAT VALUE TO SHIPPING

Services Specifically Beneficial to Agriculture—Timely Warnings for Forestry—Aids Efficiency of Forest Fire Fighters.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

It is quite probable that the weather bureau of the United States department of Agriculture is performing services unknown to you, of which you might be availing yourself with profit. The daily weather forecast appearing in the corner of the morning and evening paper is but one of many services. If you do not know of the others it will be worth while to read about them, particularly if you are a farmer, truck gardener, stockman, planter, or dealer in perishable products, for the weather bureau makes the effect of the weather on these businesses its constant concern. The daily "prophecies" are among the oldest features of the service, but other forecasts have been added from time to time, so that the list now contains many surprises to the average reader.

Day-to-day forecasts are issued 36 to 48 hours in advance. These relate to the general weather, temperature, and wind conditions for the various state units. The forecasts are issued at approximately 9:30 a. m. and 9 p. m. The first of these is given general distribution through the display of weather and temperature flags, the telephone, printed cards, and bulletins, and the afternoon press; the second is distributed mainly through the various press associations for appearance in the morning newspaper.

Indicate Weather for Week Ahead.

Weekly forecasts are issued Saturday of each week for larger areas than the day-to-day forecasts, and set forth the expected general conditions of the weather for that period in advance. These are disseminated largely through the press, but also through mailed cards and bulletins.

Local forecasts are issued daily by the officials of the more important weather bureau stations for their respective regions. These include a statement as to the probable weather, temperature, and wind, and during the winter months, the probable minimum temperature.

Warnings of violent and severe storm conditions at sea are given in the interest of navigation of the coastal waters, the Caribbean sea, the Gulf of Mexico, the Great Lakes, and the region around the Hawaiian Islands. The advices cover also storm conditions of only moderate intensity.

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for localities in which the operation of small craft is involved. On the occasion of violent storms on the Great Lakes or Gulf no means is spared to spread the advices and warnings as far in advance as possible. Warnings are broadcasted by wireless to ships afloat.

River and flood warnings: This service is of great value to the commercial, industrial and agricultural interests in whatever regions are inundated. It always is effective in saving vast amounts of property, and in some cases great saving of life also results.

Valuable Aid to Food Shippers.

Shippers' forecasts: During the winter particularly this service is of special benefit to those concerned in the movement of perishable products. Commission merchants, shippers and agents handling commodities of this character are advised in advance of temperatures detrimental to perishable products and to which shipments in particular directions are likely to be exposed. This enables railroad men and others interested to properly protect shipments by heating or icing cars, and in other ways to mitigate the losses and claims which would result from damage in shipment.

The foregoing important services of the bureau bear only indirectly upon the agricultural welfare of the nation. The services listed below, however, are specifically beneficial to agriculture.

Frost warnings and special frost service, alfalfa warnings, etc.: It has been conclusively demonstrated that the damages by spring frosts in the horticultural sections of the country can be greatly mitigated, or even prevented entirely, by proper methods of artificially heating the orchards. The weather bureau undertakes to tell the orchardist when frosts are coming, what the probable minimum temperature will be, and even to specify the time to light the orchard fires and to perform other operations. A like service is extended to trucking interests, sugar-cane growers, and many other agricultural interests which may be benefited by forewarnings of early or late frosts and of atmospheric conditions detrimental to them.

Timely Warnings for Stockmen.

Advices of weather conditions favoring the cutting and harvesting of alfalfa, and operations of like kind, is another specific service in the interest of agriculture. Cattle region service: This is a service operated during the summer season especially. Authentic information is disseminated concerning weather, especially precipitation conditions over the stock ranges and stock-raising districts of the West, enabling stockmen to determine the best distribution of their cattle in the grazing districts and the places where grazing is most plentiful.

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Eats Eggs Taken From Snake; Has Weird Dreams

Winchester, Va.—E. W. Knee, prominent churchman and merchant of Marlboro, Va., was "dead sure" he saw snakes while he slept, and he is not yet entirely convinced he didn't.

Mrs. Knee had an encounter with a six-foot black snake while she was gathering eggs late in the afternoon. The snake was coiled up under a hen, and Mrs. Knee touched the serpent when she reached in to get the eggs the hen had laid.

After the snake had been killed an egg came out of its mouth, being the egg the hen had laid while sitting on the snake. Mrs. Knee, it was said, laid the egg aside, but Mr. Knee got it by mistake, boiled it and ate it. "During the night he had terrible dreams, neighbors said, all caused by eating the egg."

The weather bureau advises the stock-raising interests of the approach and severity of cold waves, storms and atmospheric conditions injurious to cattle. With ample warning in advance, the weak stock can be brought to shelter, and enormous losses prevented.

Fire weather service: The studies of the foresters and weather bureau employees have resulted in supplying a service on the part of the weather bureau to the national and state organizations which is helpful in the prevention and control of forest fires. Its advices to forest-fire fighting agencies promote the most effective distribution of fire prevention and suppression agencies.

Weather and crop bulletins: The object of this bulletin, issued weekly, is to get the fullest possible information to the agricultural interests as to the weather conditions week by week. The effect of the weather on crop conditions is also mentioned. The bulletin is issued at a great many outlying stations, and also at Washington.

Highway weather service: This service, which is of a general character, was inaugurated in a limited way as an outgrowth of war conditions. It consists of adding to the forecast messages and bulletins issued by the bureau at a number of its stations, advices as to the conditions of the principal highways of travel. This information is of interest to large numbers of highway users, but owing to limited funds the service is not extensive.

Any person or concern desiring to secure the benefit of one or more of these services should send a request to the weather bureau, Washington, D. C., stating as specifically as possible the use that he will make of the information asked or the character of the interests that will be served thereby.

COHENS LEAD IN NEW YORK

More Men in War Service by That Name than Any Other in City—Smiths Lead in State.

New York.—The Cohens led New York's fighting forces in the World war. The war record bureau of the state bonus commission has found that more soldiers and sailors of that name than any other were in the service from the metropolis.

The Smiths, however, are ahead in the entire state. The bonus commission estimates that about 5,000 of them wore the uniform of the United States while the Hindenburg line was being smashed.

In the state the Cohens numbered 2,500. There were 2,400 Millers, 2,000 Sullivans and 1,800 Joneses.

New York Home Building Booms.

New York.—New York city's home building campaign has passed the \$100,000,000 mark since the tax exemption ordinance went into effect, according to Harry Curran, president of the borough of Manhattan.

Since February 25 plans have been filed and construction begun for dwellings to house 20,897 families, as compared with buildings, costing \$37,143,000, to house 6,694 families during the same period last year.

Taft Taking Oath as Chief Justice



Ex-President William Howard Taft taking the oath of office which made him chief justice of the United States. The simple ceremony took place in the office of Attorney General Daugherty, the oath being administered by Chief Justice Hoehling of the District Supreme court.