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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.

Investigation of the Dallas (Texas) office of the veterans' bureau has been ordered as a result of charges of inefficiency made by Representative Rayburn, democrat, Texas.

A children's hospital, said to be the largest in the world, has just been opened at Alexandropol, in the southern Caucasus. It is under the direction of Dr. R. T. Uhlis of Fitchburg, Mass., and has been financed entirely with funds sent from America by the Near East relief.

Flying at an average speed of 130 miles an hour through three storms, a seaplane, carrying a total load of 1600 pounds, Tuesday made a flight from Palm Beach, Fla., to New York, a distance of 1210 miles, in 9 hours 56 minutes.

Payment of \$19,872,500 by Great Britain as the second installment of the debt of \$123,000,000 created by that government's purchase of silver during the war was reported to the treasury Monday by the federal reserve bank.

Denver's first public school building, completed April 2, 1873, at a cost of \$51,619, was destroyed Tuesday by a fire which swept the Lindquist building and spread to the Club building, doing property damage estimated at \$200,000.

Joseph Woenndle, former Austrian consul at Portland, will retain his American citizenship. Suit argued in federal court a month ago to declare him an alien, failed recently when Judge Bean decided in favor of the accused man.

Cancellation of all contracts for the showing of films in which Roscoe (Patty) Arbuckle appears, was announced Tuesday night by Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture producers' association. This action, he said, affected nearly 10,000 contracts.

Approval of 84 advances for agricultural and livestock purposes aggregating \$2,722,000, was announced Tuesday by the War Finance corporation. Distribution of the loans included: Oregon, \$1,000,000; California, \$1,311,000; Montana, \$18,000; Washington, \$12,000; and Wyoming \$21,000.

The allied reparations commission, it was announced Tuesday, has asked J. P. Morgan & Co. to accept membership on the financial sub-commission, which will convene in Paris in a fortnight. The meeting will consider the possibility of floating an international loan for Germany.

Terrific storms sweeping eastward across the country, which in some parts of the central states became tornadoes, resulted in at least 32 persons killed, 20 missing, 320 injured and several millions of dollars' damage to property, according to reports Tuesday night from the stricken areas.

There is still plenty of room in Japan for the Japanese and there is no necessity of their emigrating to California, Joseph A. Garry, secretary of the Japanese exclusion league of the 4th annual grand parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West in Oakland Monday.

An excess of receipts over government expenditures of about \$47,000,000 as compared with a deficit of about \$24,000,000, indicated in the budget submitted in December, is apparent from the latest revised estimates for the fiscal year 1922, Secretary Mellon informed Senator McCumber, republican, North Dakota, chairman of the senate committee, in a letter made public Tuesday night at the treasury.

Seattle's total of warrant and bonded indebtedness at the close of the year 1921 was in excess of \$61,000,000 according to the annual report of the city controller. The report shows \$27,667,400 of utility bonds outstanding, \$16,354,400 of general bonded indebtedness and \$17,592,011 of warrant indebtedness. The item of interest on Seattle's debt paid during 1921 was \$2,519,858.12, and while the city during the year paid off \$443,000 of its general bonds and \$185,000 of revenue bonds, a total of \$628,000, it issued in new bonds \$6,383,900.

SOVIET THREATENS MEETING

Wiping Out of All War Debts Is Demanded at Genoa.

Genoa.—Another new twist in the Russian tangle again has caused indignation in conference circles. Seemingly the Russian delegates have developed a new set of proposals. It is understood that at the meeting of the experts on the Russian question Monday afternoon the soviet delegates argued for the complete wiping out of the war debts and also relinquishment of all arrears in interest on pre-war debts.

Simultaneously they asked for assurances that the powers would grant loans sufficient to enable Russia to reorganize her national life.

As the soviet had previously given the allies to understand that a scaling down of the war debts would be accepted, the demand of the delegates for a protocol cancelling these debts caused a great surprise to the representatives of the powers, who reported to the chiefs of their respective delegations that the trend of the meeting with the bolsheviks indicated the possibility of insuperable difficulties in coming to some arrangement with the soviet.

The Russian request for extensive loans caused dissatisfaction because it is recognized that it would be extremely difficult to guarantee credits to Russia without some reasonable assurance that they would be handled by a truly responsible Russian government.

The allied chiefs frankly expressed their opinion that an arrangement with the soviet will be extremely difficult unless the Russian delegates show a reasonable attitude. Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, the chairman of the commission, said he could not discuss the matter further if the soviet adopted such an impossible attitude, and therefore must refer the situation to the respective governments of the allies.

The experts adjourned sine die because of what they termed the excessive Russian demands, which proposed also that the powers accept non-restitution of the private property of foreigners.

The Russian delegates declare that the terms they were willing to grant were conditional first, on the recognition of their government, and, second, receipt of a loan from foreign countries, in addition to cancellation of arrears in interest on the pre-war debts themselves.

Age of World Uncertain.

Philadelphia.—How old the world is was tentatively answered at the closing session of the American Philosophical society Sunday. Some differences existed because of the methods of calculation, but the estimate placed the age at between 8,000,000 and 1,700,000,000 years. The answer of Professor T. C. Chamberlain of the University of Chicago was between 70,000,000 and 150,000,000 years. He arrived at his conclusion, he said, by working with the methods of a geologist and presented readings from formation of the sea of various geologists.

Many Arrests Ordered.

Manchester, Ky.—The arrest of every person more than 12 years old in the Mill Creek neighborhood of Clay county has been ordered by Circuit Judge Johnson in an effort to break up lawlessness which culminated last week in the ambushing of county officers who went into the district to arrest moonshiners. Two hundred warrants were issued and orders were given to confiscate any rifles and large caliber pistols.

Air Firemen Predicted.

New York.—Fifty years hence, in New York, fire engines mounted on helicopters will hover over blazes and extinguish them with gases; alarms will be sounded by radio and rescues will be made from airships. This future means of fire fighting was predicted by Fire Chief John Kenon, speaking at a dinner given Saturday night in celebration of the 35th anniversary of his entry into the fire department.

Guard Excludes Ku Klux.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—A general order, directed specifically against the Ku Klux Klan and declaring that there is no room in the Oklahoma national guard for any officer or man who owes an allegiance to any power, secret organization or society that might become arrayed against the United States or the state of Oklahoma and its laws, was issued here Saturday by Governor Robertson and made public.

Huron Rushed to China.

Manila, P. I.—The flagship Huron of the Asiatic Squadron received rush orders Monday to sail for China, because of the disturbed conditions there.

1920 STATE COSTS RISE ENORMOUSLY

Oregon's Per Capita Expense Is \$26.74.

CENSUS REPORT OUT

U. S. Accountants Give Revenue as \$10,845,614 for Fiscal Period Ending September 30.

Washington, D. C.—The bureau of census announced that the cost of government for the state of Oregon for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1920, amounted to \$21,021,269, which was a per capita cost of \$26.74. In 1917 the per capita cost was \$23.82 and in 1914, \$24.40, the totals for these years being \$4,379,639 and \$4,597,670, respectively. The per capita costs for 1920 consisted of expenses of general departments, \$8.47; payments for interest, 66 cents; and for outlays, \$17.60.

The total revenue receipts in 1920 were \$10,845,614, or \$13.79 per capita. For the fiscal year the per capita excess of governmental costs over revenue receipts was, therefore, \$12.95.

Property and special taxes constituted the greater part of the revenue in a majority of states. In Oregon they represented 38.5 per cent for 1920, 64.6 per cent for 1917, and 74.2 per cent for 1914.

There was a decrease of 15.4 per cent in the amount of property and special taxes collected from 1914 to 1917, and an increase of 46.3 per cent from 1917 to 1920. The per capita property and special taxes for three specified years were \$5.30, \$3.79 and \$4.70, respectively.

Earnings of general departments, or compensation for services rendered by state officials, represented 7.1 per cent of the total revenue for 1920, 10.6 per cent for 1917 and 5.8 per cent for 1914. Business and non-business licenses, which in previous years included receipts from liquor licenses, constituted 30.4 per cent of the total revenue for 1920, 11.1 per cent for 1917 and 7.4 per cent for 1914. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies, while those from non-business licenses comprise taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges.

The net indebtedness (funded and floating debt less sinking fund assets) of Oregon was \$20.57 per capita for 1920, 66 cents for 1917 and nothing for 1914.

In nearly all states the property subject to the general property tax varies in the reported basis of assessment, though in most instances the law requires that property be assessed at full market value. For this reason the best measure of cost to the property owner is the per capita tax levy. The per capita levy for Oregon for 1920 was \$5.58.

Road Jobs Approved.
San Francisco.—California road and highway projects, calling for an appropriation of \$1,465,000 from the federal government, have been approved by the secretary of agriculture, and work on the projects will begin "in the near future," it was announced Friday by Paul G. Redington, district forester here. The approved projects include a trip of 10 miles extending south from the Oregon line on Crescent City-Grant Pass highway, \$200,000.

Cold Light Is Produced.

Princeton, N. J.—Professor E. Newton Harvey, after eight years of experimental work with luminous bodied insects, has discovered the means through which cold light may be produced, it is announced at the university. A form of light giving a continuous glow, like that in bodies of the insects, has been developed by the professor. He is making an effort to intensify and perfect the light so that it will be of practical use.

Tick Bite Causes Fever.

Canyon City, Or.—Spotted fever is quite prevalent in Grant county at the present time. This is what is generally known as tick fever and is caused by the bite of an infected tick. Among those afflicted are Mr. Rock Wilson, Mrs. Gus Berry, Poe Adamson and Mr. Cummings, all of the Mount Vernon district.

Pair of Twins Fourth.

Omaha, Neb.—Mrs. Frank Golda, 35, of near La Platte, Neb., is the mother of triplets and four pairs of twins, all born since 1909. The latest addition to her family came Friday morning with the arrival of twin girls born at the home of a friend in Omaha.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Grants Pass.—The Grants Pass auto park was opened for tourists this week. A pay schedule has been adopted and the money received will be expended on the park. A number of conveniences have been added, such as wash racks for automobiles, hot-water heaters and better accommodations.

Clatskanie.—The California Packing corporation is entering negotiations with farmers of this district to purchase between 100 and 200 acres of cumber for this season's pack. If it is possible to arrange the contracts, between \$30,000 and \$50,000 will be expended here in the purchase of raw materials alone.

Salem.—J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway department, announced Saturday that he had practically completed the task of assembling the testimony to be offered in the case brought by the Warren Brothers company to collect royalties for alleged patented pavement laid by Oskar Huber, a state contractor.

Salem.—Uniform safety appliances for the protection of travelers on the state highways in the northwest was the topic discussed at a meeting of representatives of the public service commissions of the states of Washington, California and Oregon held at Olympia Friday, according to Fred A. Williams, member of the Oregon commission, who returned here Sunday.

Salem.—The Oregon public service commission Sunday received a telegram from the interstate commerce commission at Washington indicating that the federal body will take no action with relation to the proposed abandonment of 29 miles of the Oregon Trunk railroad in Deschutes canyon until the reconstitutors have been given an opportunity to be heard.

Medford.—The state automobile license law was declared constitutional Saturday by Circuit Judge Calkins in the test case brought by Tom Merriam of this city and, according to B. F. Lindas, counsel for Merriam, the case now will be taken to the state supreme court. Judge Calkins merely gave a verbal opinion. His written opinion will be handed down in a few days.

Prineville.—The Oregon land settlement commission has received for the state farm near Prineville 800 little chickens. These were brought in by Professor Scudder, who stayed a couple of days in order to see that they were properly settled. It is the intention of the state farm according to the manager, to keep about 400 hens and next year it will raise 400 small chickens.

Eugene.—Frank E. Dunn, for 44 years in the drygoods business in Eugene, Saturday announced that he will retire from business within a few weeks. He said he will build a home on the upper McKenzie river, above Blue river, and reside there hereafter. Mr. Dunn is the son of P. B. Dunn, one of the early-day merchants of Eugene. The store has been in the family for 70 years.

Clatskanie.—A modern hotel with steam heat, hot and cold water in every room and a number of rooms with bath, will be ready for use in Clatskanie by June 15, according to an announcement of the Magruder-Campbell Building, Inc. The company proposes to spend between \$20,000 and \$25,000 in finishing and equipping the rooms and lobby accommodations in the building occupied by its garage.

Eugene.—Field work in the district covered by the Western Lane County Fire Patrol association has started for the season. A 2-cent assessment was voted by the association for fire patrol and improvement purposes. Included in the improvements planned will be the opening of nearly all of the old roads, county and private, to enable the patrol automobiles to reach the remote parts of the district and quickly extinguish fires.

Clatskanie.—The Clatskanie cheese factory has distributed approximately \$50,000 among the farmers and dairymen of Clatskanie and vicinity within the past year and is turning out a brand of cheese that sells with any in the coast market. W. A. Hall, local business man, who is chiefly responsible for the financing of the cheese factory, states that last year \$46,372.06 was received from the sale of cheese and \$1750 from by-products.

Salem.—Eighteen separate pamphlets will be necessary to place before the voters of Oregon the statements of the various candidates for office at the primary elections, according to an announcement made by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. The first of these pamphlets have been printed and will be placed in the mails within the next few days. This installment of pamphlets will cover Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Sherman, Willamette and Wheeler counties.



A New Romance of the Storm Country

CHAPTER XII.—Continued.

"You mean just drunk, don't you? Didn't you try to do what I told you to?"

The boy nodded and shivered again. "I sure did, but—"

"But what?" cried Devon.

"I put the stuff in the medicine all right, but something happened." Reggie's voice was low and wavering as he finished the statement.

"What happened?" repeated Devon hoarsely. "Don't sit there like a d-d fool and look as if you'd swallowed a live eel."

"I was going to slip back from the window sill to the tree," faltered Reggie, "and Tony's ghost rose up before me and shoved me clean off the ledge and down to the ground!"

Uriah's eyes almost protruded from his head. Then a slow smile ran around his lips.

"Rats!" he ejaculated huskily. "Rats, you fool! There ain't such things as ghosts."

"Yes, there is, Devon," insisted Reggie, in a dreary monotone. "I've seen one! I've seen Tony, I say, and many a time she's come so close to my eyes I could have touched her. If she could have been touched. The fall made me sick. I've been in bed ever since."

"And your cousin's still alive, eh?" Uriah's voice had a snarl in it.

"Still alive," muttered Reggie.

"What you goin' to do about it now?" demanded Devon. "Try it again!"

Brown shook his head.

"No, not yet, Uriah," he muttered. "Not just yet. I can't."

"You got to get me a lot of money some way," Devon came in with. "I've got to get out of this country, or I'll be hooked to jail if those Syracuse folks find me. You'd better be getting home and back to bed. Best take a stiff swing, too, to settle your nerves."

He watched the tall thin boy walk slowly away in deep meditation. Then he laughed and went below to the cabin.

Almost a week after Reggie's futile attempt to poison his Cousin Paul, Tony Devon was sitting in her room, reading, when a servant appeared and told her some one wanted to see her downstairs. Her heart bounded with delight, for she was sure Philip had come again and had sent for her. She rushed to the glass, caught a glimpse of her rosy face, pushed back a few stray curls and went downstairs to the drawing room.

As she stepped inside, she came to a sudden terrified halt. Her father was seated in a large chair and his eyes, red and swollen, were centered upon her. Then he smiled, that wicked smile that always widened his thick lips when he had succeeded in some evil thing.

"Hello, Tony," he chuckled. "You've made a fine nest for yourself, huh?"

Tony only stared at him. She felt suffocated by his sudden appearance.

"I came to talk to you, kid," he said, the words coming out of his mouth as if he always argued bad for the person addressed. "Sit down."

Tonnie sat, not because he told her to, but because she couldn't stand on her trembling legs.

"You don't appear to be very tickled to see your old dad," he threw at her, a frown wrinkling his face. "Get up and come over here." His wicked eyes seemed to be swallowing her whole.

In fact, as Tony looked at her, she herself believed this beautiful creature was the Tony who, he thought, had been drowned in the lake. He felt a new sensation within him as his gaze took in every line of the lovely figure.

"Come over here," he said once more, "and tell me how you got out of the lake that night. Did you swim ashore?"

Tonnie shook her head.

"I'm not going to tell you anything," she murmured almost inaudibly.

"Well, keep it to yourself, then," snapped Uriah. "When I get you back to the 'Dirty Mary' I know ways which'll bring out of you what I want to know. So get your things and come along home."

her in a voice low-pitched and stern. "If your father thinks—"

"I'm goin' to have my girl," gritted Uriah.

"Then you have the law at your hand to use, Mr. Devon," returned the doctor, "and you, Sarah, I'll ask you to attend to your own affairs after this."

"But, Cousin John," argued Mrs. Curtis, "she's the man's own child. Surely he has a right to—"

A sound of a bell pealing through the house cut off her words. Then came heavy footsteps in the hall. Before anyone could figure on the cause of this commotion, the door burst open and several uniformed men came in. When Uriah Devon caught sight of them, he made a dash for the window, but two heavy officers were on him before he was half way across the room. It took but a few minutes for the officials to explain to Doctor Pendlehaven that they had been trailing Devon for a long time, that he was wanted for a crime in Syracuse.

When they were leading him out unmanacled and deeply enraged, he turned on Tonnie.

"I'll get even with you, miz," he snapped at her, his eyes full of hate, "and I'll get even with you too, mister." He threw the last half of his sentence at Doctor John, whose only reply was a shrug of his shoulders.

During the struggle between the detectives and Uriah, Mrs. Curtis had clutched at Pendlehaven's neck, but he had cast her off without ceremony. Now the three were alone, Tonnie, palpitating and fearful, Mrs. Curtis, sobbing on the floor, and Doctor John, looking at her sternly.

"Sarah," he said haughtily, "I saw the disgraceful way you were pulling this child's hair when I came in, and at last, much as I dislike doing it, I must ask you to leave my house."

"Leave?" Mrs. Curtis screamed. "Where would I go? I haven't a place in the world but this!"

A careless gesture from Doctor John told Tonnie that that fact didn't interest him. She slipped her hand into his. Lifting eyes that were troubled and dark-circled, she begged: "Let 'er stay, Cousin John. Mebbe she didn't know my daddy would have killed me if he'd got me back to the 'Dirty Mary.'"

Pendlehaven put his arm around her, and with a ring of fierceness in his voice, said:

"There, Sarah, there's pity for you. If you stay, it's because Tony Devon pleads for you, not because I have any sense of duty toward you. I hope you feel properly grateful."

The doctor strode to the door, opened it and motioned for her to be gone. Then, stepping aside, he clattered away, her sobs swelling even after the door was closed.

For a few moments Tony Devon wept silently in John Pendlehaven's arms.

"Oh, it's awful to have daddy taken away to jail," she moaned. "but he won't be good, he just won't!"

"You're much better off to have him away, little girl," soothed Pendlehaven.

CHAPTER XIII.

Good for Evil.

That night for dinner, five people sat about the Pendlehaven table. Reggie, pale and miserable-looking, sat next to his mother, and Philip MacCauley was opposite Doctor John. Katherine, silent and morose, was at her own place. She had heard her mother's version of the afternoon's happening in amazement and anger, and it only added to her discontent to hear Cousin John tell the tale to Philip.

"Sarah thinks," went on the doctor, "that we should have timely given her up without a word to—to that brute!"

"I can't see how you can keep a man's child from him, Cousin John," excused Mrs. Curtis, a dull red mounting to each high cheekbone.

Pendlehaven laughed.

"She wouldn't be much use to him in prison, my dear Sarah," was his answer.

"What're you talking about?" demanded Reggie, turning red-rimmed eyes on his mother.

"Your Cousin John insists on keeping the daughter of a man named Devon in the house here when her father wants her home," she replied.

Reggie's face grew a misty gray.

"Devon," he repeated mechanically. "I didn't know we had any such girl here!"

"She's always with Cousin Paul," remarked Katherine, with a sidelong glance at Philip. "It does seem satisfactory, though, to know who she is. Mother says she comes of common stock."

MacCauley's face grew dark, and Pendlehaven cast a glance of anger at his young cousin.

"Both Kathie and I," began Mrs. Curtis. "Why, Reggie, my darling, I never saw you look so sick in my life!"

"Aw, cut it!" growled the boy, unsteadily. "Tell me what became of the girl's father."

"He's going to jail for a nice long res," interjected Pendlehaven. "It seems he was nixed up in a theft in Syracuse."

Reginald got up from the table. "I don't want anything more to eat," he growled, as his mother started to remonstrate with him. "I'm going to bed."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Where the Speed Is.

More Advice.

If you think you are bright, keep it dark.—Boston Evening Transcript.