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

The Croats have proclaimed an independent republic of Croatia and named a ministry, says a dispatch to Rome Tuesday from Bari, an Italian sea coast town on the Adriatic. M. Reditch was named as president.

The civil ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Sally Beecher, niece of Hugh C. Wallace of Tacoma, Wash., ex-American ambassador to France, and Count Jean Bertrand de Luppe, took place in Paris Wednesday afternoon.

Tears came to the eyes of "Uncle Joe" Cannon in the house Monday as members, referring to his 86th birthday, told of the regret occasioned in congress by his retirement next March.

Two hundred residents of West Dallas, Texas, abandoned their homes Tuesday and took refuge on near-by hillsides from the waters of the rapidly rising Trinity river, which had reached a stage of 40.9 feet.

The senate went on an eight-hour basis Tuesday in its struggle with the tariff bill, and word was sent around by the republican leaders that there would be night sessions also. The plan is for the senate to meet at 11 A. M. and remain in session until 10 or 11 P. M.

The oldest living apple tree in the west and possibly the oldest in the United States, now 96 years old, is in full bloom again. This old tree is in the lower part of Vancouver barracks. A wire fence has been built around it to keep out persons who might clip off limbs for souvenirs.

Constance Talmadge, motion picture actress, filed in the superior court at Los Angeles Tuesday a suit for divorce from John J. Tialoglou, "a native of Turkey, a subject of Greece and a cigarette manufacturer of New York," according to the complaint. She charges "cruel and inhuman treatment."

Twenty-eight thoroughbreds valued at about $250,000 were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the racing stable owned by ex-Senator Johnson N. Camden and J. C. Milan, prominent breeder, at the Lexington race track Tuesday night. The fire is believed to have been caused by lightning.

What are believed to be fragments of a mastodon's bones have been unearthed by oil drillers in Gray County, according to reports at Wichita Falls, Tex. The fragments were found imbedded in dry sand and are said to be large enough to indicate they were part of a skeleton of a pre-historic monster.

Plans for "Chicago's City Temple," as the colossal structure to be erected by the Methodist faith in the heart of the city's great loop is called, go on apace. This unusual downtown place of worship will be built on the ruins of the old First Methodist Episcopal church, wrecking of which will begin soon, it is announced.

In a detailed statement concerning the prosecution of war fraud cases, prepared at the request of the president and transmitted Tuesday to the house, Attorney General Daugherty declared that examinations so far completed disclosed in each instance "sufficient indication that a crime has been committed to warrant submitting them to a grand jury."

With the announced purpose of "giving the motor busses some real competition," the Great Northern railway has purchased four gasoline motor cars, one or more of which will be put into operation on its branch lines out of Spokane, Wash., it is announced The cars have each a capacity of 45 passengers, he said, and trailers being built will have a capacity of 60 passengers additional.

In urging adoption of the senate resolution calling for an investigation of the alleged political activities of the motion picture industry, Rev. S. Patterson Todd of Milwaukee, Wis., declared Tuesday before a senate judiciary sub-committee having the resolution in charge, that congress should regulate the motion picture industry, which he described as the third largest in the country.

U. S. REJECTS INVITATION

Part in New Economic Conference at The Hague, Declined.

Washington, D. C.—The state department made public Monday night the text of a message to Ambassador Child at Genoa declining the invitation to participate in the new European economic conference at The Hague.

"This government," the American communication said, "is unable to conclude that it can helpfully participate in the meeting at The Hague, as this would appear to be the continuance under a different nomenclature of the Genoa conference and destined to encounter the same difficulties if the attitude disclosed in the Russian memorandum of May 11 remains unchanged.

"The inescapable and ultimate question," the American note said, "would appear to be the restoration of productivity in Russia, the essential conditions of which are still to be secured and must in the nature of things be provided within Russia herself."

The state department's communication said the American government "has always been ready" to join other governments in an inquiry by experts into the economic situation in Russia and the necessary remedy. Such an inquiry, it was added, could deal appropriately "with the economic prerequisites" for restoration of Russian production, without which a sound basis for credits would be lacking.

In conclusion the American communication renewed the offer to give serious attention to any "proposals issuing from a Genoa conference or any later conference," but added that the suggestions for the meeting at The Hague, in view of the Russian memorandum of May 11, lacked "the definiteness which would make possible the concurrence of this government in the proposed plan."

DISABLED VETERNS GET MATERIAL AID

Project training or giving disabled war veterans a start on their own land, a new way of rehabilitation, is proving very popular among former service men and women this spring and promises to be the most successful means of making injured veterans economically independent, according to L. C. Jesseph, northwest district manager of the Veterans' Bureau.

A total of more than 200 veterans have already taken up work on their own projects. Over 600 of the 3300 trainees in this district are training to follow agricultural pursuits, it was announced. Compensation of $80 to $100 a month paid project trainees assists them materially in paying for their land and establishing themselves on small farms. Training of this kind is especially fitted for middle-aged people, veterans with little education and men with large families.

The new hospital for tubercular veterans of the Pacific Northwest was opened at Walla Walla, Wash., May 10. Instructions have been received at Seattle district office that 50 veterans be hospitalized at the Walla Walla institution before June 1. Veterans of Portland first objected to having their tubercular patients removed to Walla Walla but this matter has been settled to the satisfaction of all concerned and Portland veterans suffering from the disease will soon be transferred to Walla Walla.

Official announcement was made that the veterans' hospitals of the northwest district, including Cushman at Tacoma, Portland No. 77 and the Boise hospital, have been transferred from the U. S. Public Health department to the Veterans' Bureau.

White Swans Fly North.

Portland.—A flock of white swans flying low along the river northward at Waverley golf course Sunday afternoon presented a sight that was much admired by players at the club. The birds were scarcely 200 feet above the river, said one who saw them, and their white feathers shining in the sun made a striking picture.

White swans are said to be very rare in the vicinity of Portland. Sunday's flock, easily counted, numbered 55. The birds flew like geese, in the form of an arrow, and their appearance in the sky was regarded as complete assurance of the passing of winter.

Beauty Aids Enrage Dad.

Chicago.—Bobbed hair and rouge were so hateful to Joseph Tagliari that when his 17-year-old daughter expressed a desire to adopt them as beauty aids he broke her nose and blackened her eye. "What is your idea of a perfect daughter?" "One who never goes to shows or amusements, but stays at home and does the work," he replied. "I don't agree with you," said the judge as he imposed a $100 fine.

FRANCE PLEADS FOR U. S. PARTICIPATION

Appeal Made Through American Ambassador.

GENOA IN DEADLOCK

French, With America Represented, Would Agree to Russia's Presence on Commission.

Genoa.—France has appealed to the United States to participate in the proposed international commission to investigate the Russian situation. The American ambassador, Richard Washburn Child, informed the Associated Press Sunday night that such a proposal had been submitted to him by the French delegation.

The ambassador understood that the French proposal suggests that the United States, if the invitation is accepted, would have a dominant voice in the action of the commission, but would not be bound by her acceptance to any decision of the commission which she did not approve. If the United States accepts, France would agree to the Russians being represented in the commission.

Premier Lloyd George and M. Barthou were in private conference for two hours, apparently without reaching an agreement for solving the Anglo-French deadlock on the plans to continue the discussion of the Russian problem. The sub-commission on Russian affairs also met and argued for more than three hours without definite results.

After the meeting of the sub-commission Sir Edward Grigg, secretary to the British prime minister, said there had been progress but gave no definite explanation of its nature. The French and British delegations, he asserted, were well on the road to an agreement but nothing definite was reached. Accounts of the meeting by members of other delegations, however, give little indication that a compromise is any nearer.

The Russians have announced that they will not accept any plan excluding them from the discussions. On one thing all the delegations agree—the inviting powers, the little entente and the Baltic entente as well as the neutrals—namely, that somehow the United States must be induced to participate in the mixed commission.

France is still unwilling to have Russians sit with the mixed commission discussing Russian finances, but suggestions have been made that a special commission of Russian experts be formed which may be called in by the mixed commission when it desires information.

Again the Russians declare they will not accept any such plan, as that would not be dealing with them on an equality basis, and it is difficult for the delegations to find any plan appealing to both the French and British and yet not offensive to the Russians.

QUEEN OF RUMANIA MAY VISIT AMERICA SOON

Bucharest.—Queen Marie of Rumania may forego her coronation this fall, in order to visit the United States. Since the signing of the armistice, the queen has been planning to go to the United States, but pressing affairs in her own country and the expenses of the long land and ocean journey have deterred her. Now invitations from friends and petitions from women's clubs and civic societies are pouring in on her so fast that she finds it difficult to resist them.

While the queen has not received an official invitation from President Harding, it is known that the American government would welcome and entertain her. The Rumanian government, however, would prefer that the queen receive a formal invitation from the White House in order that there might be no mistake concerning her status. Marie has not yet set any date for her departure, but her friends are urging her to postpone her coronation with King Ferdinand which is set to take place in Transylvania, and start for New York, after she has fulfilled a few European court engagements.

Lincoln Nominator Dead.

Spokane, Wash.—One of Lincoln's nominators, John W. Souther, formerly of Corvallis, Or., died here Sunday, 87 years old.

He was a delegate from Oregon to the national republican convention in Baltimore in 1864, when Lincoln was nominated for a second term, according to his daughter, with whom he had made his home here for 23 years. He was one of the first to open a drug store in the northwest.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Cottage Grove.—The prediction is being freely made that more money will be spent this year in development of property in the Bohemia gold mining district, out from here, than has been spent in ten years past.

Salem.—There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents in the week ending May 11, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission. The victim was J. P. Adams, timber worker of Myrtle Point.

Astoria.—By a deed filed for record Friday the Yerrek Logging company sells to the Inman-Poulsen Lumber company of Portland 320 acres of timber land in the southeast part of Clatsop county, the consideration being $95,000.

Bend.—New assurance of the returning prosperity was given Saturday in the monthly report of the home service section of the Bend Red Cross chapter, which showed that no new applications for civilian relief had been received in more than 30 days.

Elgin.—A black bear weighing about 400 pounds and measuring 6 feet 3 inches, was shot by Frank Hallgrath on the west side of the foothills west of town. The skin he brought in, but he was compelled to leave most of the meat, being unable to carry it to town.

Eugene. — Injunction proceedings against the Lane county court are threatened by a number of residents of Cottage Grove if the court proceeds to expend any more money from the market road fund on the Pacific highway, according to word received by the court from Cottage Grove Friday.

Salem.—Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, has returned here from Pendleton and other eastern Oregon cities where he passed a few days investigating livestock conditions. Dr. Lytle said the sheep raisers of the eastern Oregon country are optimistic and are looking ahead to a prosperous season.

Salem.—Teachers in any district where the schools are closed because of contagious disease must be paid salaries in compliance with their contracts, according to a legal opinion given by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. The opinion was sought by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of schools.

Monmouth.—The Davis & Weber mill near Airlie started operations Tuesday after being closed for several months. The mill has a 40,000-foot capacity and employs from 18 to 20 men in the woods. The company has experienced difficulty in obtaining loggers. The wages paid are $3.50 and $4 a day.

Salem.—The world war veterans' state aid commission, at a meeting here Saturday, authorized the issuance of ten warrants covering loan applications aggregating $25,300. The commission also approved 468 applications for cash bonuses totaling $170,000, and 73 applications for loans amounting to $176,700.

Salem.—The state irrigation securities commission Friday certified to bonds in the amount of $20,000 for the Wallowa valley improvement district No. 1. Bonds in the amount of $125,000 previously were certified for this district. The project includes approximately 9000 acres of land and is located in Wallowa county.

Mount Angel.—About 500 persons attended the Community club dance at the cannery Thursday, the occasion being the formal opening of the new cannery. The floor of the warehouse, measuring 56 by 100 feet, was none too large for the crowd. The Mount Angel band and Darby orchestra gave the music for the occasion.

Stayton.—Articles of incorporation were filed Tuesday with the state corporation department for the new Stayton canning company. The incorporators are John Dozier, J. W. Mayo, George Keech, George A. Smith and Henry Fangman. J. W. Mayo has been appointed purchasing and selling agent of the corporation.

Bend.—Increase of general prosperity in Bend is more noticeable this month than at any time during the past year. Following the issuance of the semi-monthly payroll this week merchants report that the condition of their credit books is much more satisfactory than for many months, and that customers are paying their bills more readily.

Brownsville. — Smart youngsters who touched off the big blast that shook the town on the night of April 22, may have had considerable fun out of it, but that does not repair the damage occasioned by the big noise at the Howe chicken farm, adjacent to the hill where the blast was fired. It developed last week that the chicks in 1000 eggs which should have hatched were all killed by the concussion.

The Shadow of the Sheltering Pines

A New Romance of the Storm Country

By GRACE MILLER WHITE

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CHAPTER XV—Continued.

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"A minute, mater," he said softly. "Just a minute! I've seen Tony Devon's father. There! Now sit down, old lady, while I tell you something. Ry says the only way is to kidnap her bodily and force her to marry the man he promised her to," the boy explained. "What do you think of that?"

"Paul would kill him," gasped Mrs. Curtis, her eyes taking on an expression of fear.

"He won't have a chance if Devon works out his present scheme," replied Reggie, "but you and Kathie have to help us."

In the terror that overtook her, Mrs. Curtis shook her head.

"I don't want anything to do with it," she objected, wobbling in tears. "We'd lose our home. Paul and John would turn us out. They've threatened to many a time!"

"Well, when I assure you our beloved cousins won't know anything about it, not even after it's over, won't you try to help us?" queried the

"Ry Says the Only Way Is to Kidnap Her Bodily."

young man. "Now, if it goes through all right, you catch Cousin John on the rebound, and Kathie'd be sure to rope in Phil."

"What joy that would be!" ejaculated Mrs. Curtis. "What about it?"

Then Reggie told her, in very low tones, the plan they had concocted.

"You talk it over with Kathie," he advised, lighting a cigarette, "and you'll have to see Devon about the money."

"I'll get it for him if I have to sell my jewels and Kathie's too," promised the woman, her eyes sparkling in anticipation. "I'll go and tell her right away."

Meanwhile, all unconscious that Uriah Devon had been released from prison and was conspiring against her, Tonnibel Devon was entering heart and soul into the Salvation Army work with Philip. Each evening she went with him to headquarters where her fresh, young voice and her kindliness drew many a poor soul for comfort and courage.

One week after Reginald Curtis had confided his secret to his mother, and she had told it over again in whispers to Katherine, at an hour when the Pendlehaven brothers were absent, Uriah Devon came quietly to the house. Reggie met him and took him immediately to Mrs. Curtis' room.

Uriah paused embarrassedly before her, made a curt bow and twisted his cap between his fingers.

"Sit down, Ry," invited Reggie. "Now tell my mother how you are going to carry this thing out."

Uriah sat on the edge of a chair.

"I ain't goin' to do anything, or tell what I'm goin' to do, till I get the money," he said crispiy. "I've got to have five thousand dollars first."

"Five thousand dollars, old lady," grinned Reggie, turning to his mother. "You'll have to cough up. . . . Now, for God's sake, don't cry! Dig!"

"I'll need the whole five thousand to get 'er away, and to keep 'er after I get 'er. She'd come streakin' back if I don't rope 'er up.'

"I'll get the money for you tomorrow," sighed Mrs. Curtis, wiping her eyes, "and you mustn't come here when my cousins are home." She relapsed into silence and then added: "I warn you against—against Philip MacCauley too."

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Mrs. Curtis had been all eyes and ears for even the slightest happening in the Pendlehaven home, since she had almost stripped her jewel-box and Katherine's to get the money Tony's father demanded. Now she had it tucked away, ready to deliver it, but as the time went by and she had no chance to send for Uriah to come for his daughter, she began to give up hope that the house would ever be rid of the presence which was a constant thorn in her flesh. But it does seem that sooner or later Fate plays the lucky cards into the hands of the undeserving, and so it happened in the case of the conspirators against Tonnibel Devon. Like all things waited for, the opportunity came one day while the family was at dinner.

Philip MacCauley entered in great excitement.

"You look as if you had swallowed the sun, my dear lad," smiled Doctor Paul.

"I've got to go away," flushed the boy, laughing, "and I won't go alone." He gazed meaningly at Tonnibel. "Pardon my rushing in this way, but—but I want Tony to go with me."

Mrs. Curtis flashed him a dark look. He rarely paid her, or her frowning daughter, any attention nowadays, so he did not notice that a pallor settled on Katherine's face, or that her fork fell from her limp fingers to the plate The mother saw her daughter's mental distress, however, and studied the young man's face, groaning to herself. He had grown so manly and handsome in the past two years, and he was the one person she desired for her son-in-law. He was rich, too, which only added to his attractiveness.

"You might explain a little more, my boy," Doctor John spoke up in a deep voice.

An embarrassed laugh fell from Philip's lips.

"There isn't any secret about it," he answered. "I'm going abroad for the Salvation Army for a year, longer perhaps, and it would be too much to ask me to go all by myself."

Lines appeared between Doctor Paul's brows. At last the day had come when he must give up the girl who had taken a rare place among those he held dearest. He noticed with a quick sigh that Tony's eyes deepened softly, and her red lips were parted in a smile.

"It'll hurry up our marriage a little," Philip continued, "but—but—"

The sound of a chair scraping back from the table broke off his statement.

"Then we'll adjourn and talk it over," remarked Doctor John. "You ask a mighty big thing, Phil, when you demand our little girl without more warning."

"Little girl," sneered Mrs. Curtis, after the four had left the dining room. It happened, much to her surprise, that Doctor John sought her out within the hour.

"Those children have won Paul and me over, Sarah," he said a little grimly. "They're going to be married a week from today. It won't be much trouble to prepare the house, will it? You needn't make a fuss. It'll be very quiet. Tony can buy everything she needs in New York on her honeymoon."

In the rage that overtook her, Mrs. Curtis wished the speaker dead at her feet.

"The house isn't mine, Cousin John," she said maliciously, "but, of course, I'll do what I can, although Katherine isn't at all well. I fear the child is going to be ill."

Doctor John found Katherine with her eyes dull and heavy, prescribed for her, and, before leaving the room, announced:

"Paul and I are going over to Syracuse tomorrow afternoon to make a few purchases, but we'll be back on the night train. Stay in bed, Kathie, until morning, and you'll be all right."

The moment he had disappeared, Katherine sprang up.

"Tomorrow they're going away! You heard, you heard, mother?" she cried. "Now then, where's Reggie?"

"Darling," advised Mrs. Curtis, moved to tears by her daughter's distress, "I have a premonition! We'd better not interfere at all. Oh, child, if you could only get your mind off that boy! He isn't worthy of a love like yours. We've got a nice home—"

"Nice home!" hurled back Katherine, wildly. "Nice home! Look what she's got! Just think of her and then of me! Oh, God, that such misery could be in the world! I'll never forgive you, mamma, if you don't keep your promise to me."

"Don't say that, darling, don't," groaned Mrs. Curtis. "I'll see your brother, and who knows," she brightened and smiled through her tears; "who knows but what that horrid girl will be gone by tomorrow night?"

CHAPTER XVI.

In the Balance.

Reginald Brown and Uriah Devon were seated in close conference along the path that led to the Dirty Mary. Reginald had rehearsed all he had learned from his mother.

"Unless we do it tonight, Ry," said he, "it's all up. What do you say?"

Uriah broke off a blade of grass and drew it with a squeak through his crooked teeth.

"We'll get the kid," he snarled.

"Mother's awful worried, though," Reggie continued, "but I told her, 'No risk no gain,' and I'd go a long ways on the road of risk to get Tonnifel Devon."

"Well, we'll get 'er," monotoned Uriah, with a far-away look in his bloodshot eyes.

"After I'm married to her," took up the boy, "you'll tell me who she is, eh?"

"Yes," replied Uriah. "I'm goin' down to the scow now. Good-by, and be sure to tell your mother to put up the sign we spoke of if everything's clear for me to butt in."

Edith Devon looked up from the boat deck as her husband approached. He sat down on the bench beside her, a grizzly smile on his face.

"Ede," he asked, "seen any change in me lately?"

"Yes, I have," she returned. "You ain't boozin' haf so much, and you've been kinder and better-hearted to me."

"Mebbe it's because I've got religion," Uriah explained. "Religion makes a man repent of all his cussed acts. I'm sorry now, Ede, for the way I've treated you and the kid."

He couldn't have uttered words more welcome to Edith Devon. For the first time in years, she leaned her head against him. It took some effort on the man's part not to shove her away.

"And matters have took a mighty big change in the last two days," he continued. "Ede, I know, for years you been worryin' your life out about Tony. I fixed it up."

Mrs. Devon was on her feet almost before the last words fell from her husband's lips.

"How fixed it up, Riah?" she gasped.

"Now don't get panicky if I tell you something," Uriah cautioned her, slyly, "but I went to Pendlehaven and told him I copped the kid, and not you, and I says: 'Mr. Pendlehaven, you've had 'er for two years, and she's your brat. Now keep 'er!'"

Edith fell back on the bench as if the man had dealt her a blow.

"The kid's awful fond of you," he continued impressively, "and I up and told 'er you was livin', and tonight you're goin' to see 'er.

"She's goin' to get married to a rich young feller," he went on. "Ain't you glad, Ede?"

Wasn't she glad! No words could express Edith's feelings at that moment. How many times her heart had ached for a sight of the pretty child she'd had so many years.

"Didn't Pendlehaven say nothin' about sending us up for it?" she asked timidly.

"Not a thing," retorted Uriah. "Not by a d—d sight, he didn't! He was too glad to know Tony was his, to make any fuss. Anyhow, she wouldn't let 'im. Why, my God! That little kid kissed me!"

Edith exclaimed in delight.

"I've told you more'n once, Uriah," she said, leaning against him again, "Tony'd like you if you'd let 'er. When we goin' to see 'er, Ry?"

"Oh, after a while," said he. "After supper! She's awful busy gettin' ready for a swell blowout. Lord, but she's pretty!"

"She always was that," answered Edith, and she fell into a deep revery.

Unobserved by his wife, Uriah Devon made ready to leave the Dirty Mary for some weeks. So absorbed was Edith in her thoughts that she paid no heed to her husband's sly actions. He knew they would not dare to return to the boat with Tony until after she had been forced to marry Reginald Brown. Uriah would gladly have abandoned his wife forever, but in making his plans, had foreseen that, if they met with much opposition from Tonnibel, the woman, under his threats, could handle her. At nine o'clock they started for Ithaca, Uriah carrying a small black bag, and in his pocket his revolver.

It Took Some Effort on the Man's Part Not to Shove Her Away.

They entered Pendlehaven place through the service gate, and, when they passed the garage, the man noticed with satisfaction that Reginald's automobile was standing ready for use. Close to the mansion, he placed his wife out of sight under a rose bush.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Paradoxical.

"John has such a queer antipathy."

"How so?"

"He has rooted dislike to potted plants."