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.

Henry Berenger, the newly appointed French ambassador to the United surtax rate to 25 per cent. It was re-States, will leave for his new post

American ambassador to Spain, was ist, New York, to make the maximum given a touching sendoff when he left Madrid for Paris on his way home.

The condition of the Japanese em peror, who became ill Sunday with fainting spells, was reported improved Monday. His physicians were observing his condition closely.

The Sunday Times "understands" that the Mussolini government, in full cent on the remainder. agreement with the Italian crown, into proclaim Italy an empire.

A new Egyptian law promvigated prohibits the planting of more than one-third the arable lands with cotton in 1926. The penalty for infringement is a fine or imprisonment, or

The Reichrat composed of repre sentatives of the various German states, has approved the budget for 1926. The budget balances at 7,500, 000,000 marks, 600,000,000 of which will be expended for reparations.

The budget bureau was charged in the house Saturday by Representative soviet government. Byrns of Tennessee with giving the public "the false impression" that government expenditures "are decreasing collection of crown jewels at approxito a greater extent than is actually the mately \$250,000,000. These include the

The death is announced at Paris of Sir Paul Vinografdoff, corpus professor of jurisprudence, Oxford university since 1903. Recently the University of Paris conferred a high degree him. He was born at Kostroma Russia, in 1854.

Appointment of Colonel William Mitchell, under sentence of five years suspension from his army rank, pay the Kerr Navigation company New and duties, as police commissioner of York; the estate of ex-Vice-President was aimed at the British monopoly New York city was proposed Sunday Fairbanks, William Randolph Hearst, controlling crude rubber prices Friday to Mayor-elect Walker by Representative Bloom, democrat, New York.

Ten new operating records were esling the largest freight traffic that has ume of testimony made public Monday investigation into the situation by the ever been offered to them by the through the senate investigating com- house commerce committee. shippers. A report embodying the records is to be submitted to a meeting of the board of directors of the American Railway association in Chicago.

Net food exports of the United States for the crop year 1925-26 prob He recited that H. F. Kerr and A. E. protect the public. ably will fall to a figure below the an- Klegg, British citizens, had organized nual average for the five years imme- companies to take over interned Ger- made current by Mr. Hoover who has tober amount to \$923,882.94, which diately preceding the war and may man ships and that in selling their charged that for this year alone \$666. represents a gain of 1,682,605.4 gallons approach the low mark of 1913-14, holdings to the Harriman Steamship 000,000 will be unfairly obtained from of gasoline and 2,856,2 gallons of diswhen imports of foodstuffs almost interests an effort was made to es American rubber users through the tillates sold and of \$50,549.55 in revequaled exports, says a statement by cape American government taxes. the department of agriculture.

- Children apparently are becoming slightly less inclined to criminality in L. Rogers, retired, General Pershing's States. the United States. A research under-chief quartermaster in the American taking just embarked on by the chil- expeditionary forces, died in his apartminors under 18 years of age, were been ill for a long time. General increase the membership of the intercommitted to jails, penitentiaries or Rogers suffered from heart disease state commerce commission by one or other places of penal detention in the and came here several months ago for two commissioners, now pending in various counties Monday for service. you are paid to carry them out. first six months of 1923, while the treatment by specialists. He lived in congress, has the approval of Presitotal for the full year of 1910 was 10, seclusion because of his serious con- dent Coolidge.

Secretary Davis is preparing to read army if the Mitchell court-martial verdict fails to make a sufficient impres sion on officers involved as a disciplinary object lesson. He is reported by officers familiar with his-views as even if drastic measures are neces-

* Included disclosure that a file of gov- ribs over the heart. ernment records in the Mayflower hotel liquor case had been stolen from prohibition headquarters and an announcement by dry leaders that counmint here Saturday completed the new onslaught by the wets. The drys pieces.

Support Amendments Lose,

Washington, D. C .- The sweeping reluctions in income taxes proposed in the revenue bill were approved Monday by the house.

The new rates provide for a cut in the maximum surtax from 40 to 20 per cent and for reductions in all the normal taxes.

Overwhelming support of the nonpartisan bill drafted by the ways and reans committee developed during the FINAL VOTE 390 TO 25 first day of consideration of amendments by the house. Half a dozen proposed changes were swept aside, many More Difficult Part of Measure's Legwithout the necessity even of a record

The most serious fight came on the proposal of Representative Rainey of Illinois, a democratic member of the committee, to increase the maximum jected after a sharp three hours' dehad rejected, 266 to 54, an amendment reduction bill. Alexander P. Moore, the retiring by Representative La Guardia, social-

surtax rate 30 per cent. Other amendments were turned lown in rapid order and with little show of partisan division.

The normal income tax schedule approved provides for a reduction from to 11/2 per cent on the dirst \$4000 taxable income, from 4 to 3 per cent on the next \$4000 and from 6 to 5 per

Other provisions of the bill, increascredit for "earned income" may be

LATE CZAR'S JEWELS

WORTH \$250,000,000-Late Czar's Jewels Worth \$250,000,000. Moscow. - Representatives of the United States in connection with the Dutch jewelry firms appear to be manifesting much interest in some of cent. these articles and one of their repre-

experts place the value of the entire feated, 267 to 147. great imperial crown, made in the time of Catherine II, weighing five pounds and containing 4000 carats of the rarest diamonds, valued at \$52,000,000, and the imperial gold scepter, containing the world famous Orloff diamond of 189 carats, valued at \$30,000,000. after dark and its passage less than school will be opened at the beginning Orloff at the feet of Catherine I.

Washington, D. C .- The tax cases of mittee.

Manson, counsel for the committee,

dition.

ington and saw service with General of the United States is, in the presithe riot act to certain elements in the Funston in Mexico in 1914 and with dent's opinion, entitled to one more he would any other delinquent tax. General Pershing in Mexico in 1916.

Attack of Bull Fatal.

Albany, Or.-Manley W. Hodges, 50, being determined to bring complete a farmer living south of Albany, died said, before he died, that a strap on and killed himself. Koerner last night continued unabated Sunday with new mal was fastened broke and freed the a difficult combination of letters. ramifications adding fury to the con-bull. Although dehorned the bull rush- "I have a headache," she replied. troversy, and fresh incitements in ed the man, rolling him on the ground "I think I'll go and lie down." prospect. The Sunday developments and crushing his chest, breaking three A moment later as she was in the

Quarter Eagles Minted. Denver, Colo. - The United States

are preparing to counter the wet "lib- Coinage of the quarter eagles came 29. eralizing" moves with efforts to amend in response to the annual demand for It was announced Saturday from the total registrations for the corresthe Volstead act to tighten further the pieces as souvenirs and gifts, that date the price will be one franc ponding 11 months of 1924 and an in- and in an instant the two writhing its provisions respecting search of Frank S. Sheppard, superintendent of and 70 centimes a kilogram (about 3 crease of 22,220 over the total regis- men were seized and gagged. Only the mint, said.

HOUSE ADOPTS TAX CUT BILL \$325,000,000 IN TAXES PASSED

House Members.

islative Journey Ahead in Upper House.

Bearing the indorsement of Presi- of the legislature were burned. dent Coolidge as well as leaders of both parties in the house, the nonpartisan measure was directed to the legislative journey by a vote of 390 to

Almost-every member of the house was on the floor as the bill was called up for passage.

As the last of more than 50 pro-

His words of congratulations on the

For the second time during consider sentatives is negotiating with the ation of the bill the house divided al-

> vote, the large majority of proponents congress was ordered. sat silent, expressing their views occasionally merely with cries of "vote." The final vote was not reached until peace-time record in revenue legisla-

Rubber Inquiry Sought.

Washington, D. C .- Another blow lation room for contagious diseases. publisher; the General Motors com- when Representative Tilson, Connecti-

rubber supplied to American consumdeclared there was evidence "in this ers, through a British monopoly and tion. record of considerable fraud and many asked the committe to recommend a attempts to defraud the government." course of action for the government to state from the sale of 9,443,333.4 gal- sign.

workings of the monopoly which he enue to be realized from such sales ing in the supply of essential raw ma-Philadelphia.—Major-General Harry terials to industry in the United

Larger Body Favored.

Washington, D. C .- A proposal to

The committee now has a member-General Rogers was born in Wash- ship of 11, and the southern quarter upon the judgment docket. The shercommissioner. The new appointee, if

Puzzle Causes Tragedy.

New York, N. Y .- Angered because

without speaking.

Paris Bread Prices Up.

cents a pound).

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Klamath Falls.-With the developnent of a new case of spinal menin gitis here late Sunday, Dr. Fred H. Record in Legislation Set by Goddard, mayor, announced a special session of the city council, at which time the epidemic will be considered The two other recent cases continued to show improvement.

> La Grande.-The movement to ob ain a union high school for seven dis tricts centering at Imbler, Or., which met with a setback at the polls be cause of a technicality, is growing and boosters for the institution are confident that the school will become a reality in a short time.

Salem.-Members of the state board of control spent Tuesday night at Washington, D. C .- A \$325,000,000 Moro, Sherman county, where they Christmas gift to federal taxpayers, were honor guests at a banquet at useful throughout the year, was voted which the notes securing loans made bate, 196 to 117. Previously the house Friday by the house in passing the tax to farmers there under the wheat seed relief act enacted at the 1925 sasion

> Salem.-Instead of the state having a deficit of approximately \$480,000 on January 1, 1927, as estimated by Sam senate for the more difficult part of its A. Kozer, secretary of state, at the ime of adopting the tax levy for 1926. there will be a surplus of \$7980.82, according to a statement issued here Saturday by Governor Pierce.

Salem.-Louis Lachmund of Salem posed amendments to the bill was to whom was bequeathed property agmowed down by the usual overwhelm- greating \$250,000 by the will of the tends in the course of the coming year ing from \$10,000 to \$20,000 the amount ing majority, Representative Tilson of late C. A. McLaughlin of Independof income on which the 25 per cent Connecticut, the republican leader, ence, was a lifelong friend of the Mr. congratulated the house on "establish- McLaughlin's, according to announce taken, were approved without debate. ing a new record of promptness in the ment made here Saturday. Mr. Mcconsideration of an important meas- Laughlin died recently while en route to Europe.

Baker.-Some of the highest ore on-partisan manner in which the bill values discovered in Baker county had been acted upon had hardly died, have been recorded here last week. soviet government will soon visit the however, when Representative Rainey. Further assays of copper ore in the democrat, Illinois, moved to recom- Balm creek tunnel of the Mother Lode sale of certain surplus articles from mit to committee with instructions to property show continuance of the high the old imperial collection of jewels. cut the income and inheritance rate gold values found by the first assays. maximum from 20 per cent to 25 per Two assays gave a return of \$12 gold and \$8.40 silver.

Cottage Grove.-The Lane County most on party lines, 133 democrats Hoo Hoo club, at a meeting held Fri-Appraisals just completed by foreign voting for the motion, which was de day night in Eugene, went on record as strongly opposing the suggestion of Previously some of those who op- Secretary Work of the interior departposed the bill expressed in short ment, that wagon road grant lands be speeches their dissatisfaction with it, withdrawn from sale. The drawing of at the door spoke. but as leaders pressed forward for a a strong resolution to be forwarded to

Monmouth.-An infirmary in conwhich was laid as a gift by Count two weeks after introduction set a of the new term January 4.. Four rooms of an eight-room house are being rented for this purpose and will provide accommodations for seven leaned against the wall facing them. students. This will include one iso-

McMinnville.-A committee from the city council is considering a \$50,000 right?" pany and the W. G. Skelly company, cut, republican floor leader, after a city bond issue for the support to new an oil concern of Tulsa, Okla., were conference with Secretary Hoover, in buildings at Linfield college, which tablished by railroads in 1925 in hand- among those reviewed in another vol- troduced a resolution calling for an has just begun a campaign for \$500,-000 for equipment. The committee is first looking into the legality of the The resolution charged that extor- proposed issue and if the bond issue In presenting the Kerr case, L. C. tionate profits were being taken in the is found possible on this score, the committee will lay plans for an elec-

Salem.-Motor fuel taxes due the lons of gasoline and 423,317.6 gallons Mr. Tilson repeated figures first of distillates during the month of Oc- brought up to him, where they stood I found that the police did, too." said was only one of several operat- for October, 1925, over the correspond-

Salem.-Warrants which are a lien against real and personal property for though it may seem, have so far had the collection of delinquent income rants shall be filed by the sheriff with the county clerks and later entered

Ontario.-Under the terms of a will authorized, probably would be a demo- prepared in 1923 by Harry W. Jones. the masked men returned. formerly of this city, who died in Portland November 26. Acacia lodge of this of them. "We helped them on their city is to receive \$5000 to be used for way." the construction of a Masonic temple. team work back to the whole service, late Saturday of injuries received his bride of 17 months would not help Ontario's city cemetery is also named when attacked by a Jersey bull him solve a crossword puzzle, Theo- as a beneficiary to the extent of re-Hodges was alone at the time and dore Koerner seriously wounded her ceiving the earnings from \$5000 to be The riot of words over prohibition the end of a pole to which the ani- asked Mrs. Koerner for help in solving once a year the Protestant churches pered in his ear. used in improvements, providing that he came up to the leader and whisof the city take a collection for a like purpose.

Salem.-Registration of motor vehi-trade, you swine. It is well that we bedroom Koerner appeared and fired cles in Oregon for the month of No- have come provided with the necesvember totaled 3479, of which 252 were sary implement for such a case. Fetch trucks and 3227 passenger cars. The the cat." total registrations for the 11 months Paris, France.—The people of Paris of 1925 was 214,849, of which 197,903 ter moves would be made against the minting of \$1.000,000 in \$2.50 gold will have to pay the highest price were passenger cars. This shows an yet charged for bread after December increase of 1176 over the registrations for November, 1924, and of 23,399 over trations for the year 1924.

BY CYRIL MCNEILE SAPPER

BLACKS AND REDS

SYNOPSIS.-To a gathering of anarchists in Barking, London suburb, Zaboleff, foreign agita suburb. Zaboleff, foreign agita-tor, tells of the operations of a body of men who have become a menace to their activities. He says they are masked and wear long black cloaks and are acting without the law.

CHAPTER I-Continued

In the doorway-stood a huge man overed from head to foot in black. In each hand he held a revolver, with which he covered the eight occupants during the second or two which it took for half a dozen similarly disguised men to file past him, and take up their positions round the walls. And Waldock, a little more educated than the remainder of his friends, found himself thinking of old tales of the Spanish inquisition and the doges of Venice even as he huddled a little nearer to the table.

"Stand by the table all of you." It was the man at the door who spoke in a curiously deep voice, and like sheep they obeyed him-all save Flash Jim. For that worthy, crook though he was, was not without physical courage. The police he knew better than to play the fool with, but these were not the police.

"Wot the-" he snarled, and got no farther. Something hit him behind the head, a thousand stars danced before his eyes, and with a strangled grunt he crashed forward on his face. For a moment or two there was silence, and then once again the man

"Arrange the specimens in a row." In a second the seven remaining men were marshaled in a line, while behind them stood six motionless nection with the Oregon Normal black figures. And then the big man walked slowly down in front of them. spoke no word until he reached the end of the line, and then, his inspection concluded, he stepped back and

"A nauseating collection," he remarked thoughtfully. "A loathsome brood. What are the three undersized and shivering insects on the

"Those are three of my clerks." said Waldock with an assumption of

"In good time you will," answered the deep voice. "Three of your clerks, are they; imbued with your rotten ideas, I suppose, and yearning to follow in father's footsteps? Have we anything particular against them?"

There was no answer from the Instantly the three terrified clerks were seized from behind and trembling and shaking in every limb.

worms." With an effort they pulled themselves together; a ray of hope was dawning in their minds-perhaps they were going to be let off easy. "My friends and I do not like you or your type. You meet in secret places and in your slimy minds you concoct foul schemes which, incredible more than a fair measure of success is your first and last warning. Another time you will be treated differently. Get out of here. And see you don't

The door closed behind them and the sound as of a boot being used with skill and strength, and cries of pain; then the door reopened and

"They have gone," announced one

"Good," said the leader. "Let us continue the inspection. What are these two?" A man from behind stepped for-

ward and examined them slowly; then "Is that so?" A new and terrible note had crept into the deep voice. "My friends and I do not like your

In silence one of the men left the room, and as his full meaning came home to the two Jews they flung themselves groveling on the floor, screaming for mercy.

their rolling eyes and trembling hands that made him send you over." showed the terror they felt as they "I refuse to say," said the other.

dragged themselves on their knees towards the impassive leader. "The cat for cases of this sort is

used legally," he remarked. "We mere-

ly anticipate the law." With a fresh outburst of moans the two watched the door open and the inexorable black figure come in, holding in his hand a short stick from which nine lashes hung down.

is the punishment for their method of his head. "Number 4-the usual." livelihood. Five and six-take charge. After you have finished remove them in Number 3 car, and drop them in London.

Struggling Impotently, they were led away, and the leader passed on to the remaining two men.

"So, Zaboleff, you came after all. Unwise, surely, in view of the police?" "Who are you?" muttered Zaboleff, his lips trembling.

"A specimen hunter," said the other suavely. "I am making a collection of people like you. The police of our country are unduly kind to your



Covered From Head to Foot in

unless I had intervened. But I couldn't let them have you; you're such a very choice specimen. I don't think somehow that you've worked this little flying visit of yours very well. Of course I knew about it, but I must confess I was surprised when "What do you mean?" demanded the

other hoarsely. "I mean that when we arrived here we found to our surprise that the police had forestalled us. Popular house, this, tonight."

"The police!" muttered Waldock dazedly. "Even so-led by no less a person-

ompletely surrounded the house, and in his voice. necessitated a slight change in my

"Ah! Where indeed. Let us trust at any rate in comfort." "By heaven!" said Zaboleff, taking a step forward. "As I asked you

"And as I told you before, Zaboleff, a collector of specimens. Some I keep; some I let go-as you have already seen."

"And what are you going to do with me?" "Keep you. Up to date you are the cream of my collection."

said the other dazedly.

"Are you working with the police?"

"Until tonight we have not clashed. Even tonight, well, I think we are working towards the same end. And do you know what that end is, Zaboleff?" The deep voice grew a little sterner. "It is the utter, final overthrow of you and all that you stand for. To achieve that object we shall show no mercy. Even as you are known more than you fear the police; already, the first few tricks are ours. But you still hold the nce, Zaboleff-

The order came out sharp and clear, cease to be the cream of my collection. This leader of yours-it was

"You needn't; It is obvious. And now that you are caught-he will come simself. Perhaps not at once -but he will come. And then . . . But we waste time. The money, Zaboleff."

"I have no money," he snarled. "You lie, Zaboleff. You lie clumsity. You have quite a lot of money brought over for Waldock so that he might carry on the good work after you had sailed tomorrow, Quick, please; time

With a curse Zaboleff produced small canvas bag and held it out. The other took it and glanced in-

"I see," he said gravely. "Pearls and precious stones. Belonging once, I suppose, to a murdered gentlewoman whose only crime was that she, through no action of her own, was born in a different sphere to you. And, you reptile"—his voice rose a little-"you would do that here." Zaboleff shrank back, and the other

aughed contemptuously. "Search him-and Waldock too." Two men stepped forward quickly. "Nothing more," they said after a while. "Except this piece of paper." There was a sudden movement on Zaboleff's part-instantly suppressed,

but not quite soon enough. "Injudicious," said the leader quiet-"Memory is better. An address, see-No. 5 Green street; Hoxton, "Heavens!" gasped Waldock, start- A salubrious neighborhood, with which ing forward. "What are you going to I am but indifferently acquainted. Ah! I see my violent friend has recovered." "Flog them to within an inch of He glanced at Flash Jim, who was sittheir lives," said the deep voice. "It ting up dazedly, rubbing the back of

> There was a slight struggle, and Flash Jim lay back pencefully un-conscious, while in faint smell of. chloroform filled the room.

"And now I think we will go. A most successful evening." "What are you going to do with me, you scoundrel?" spluttered Waldock. "I warn you that I have influential friends, who-who will ask questions in-in parliament if you do anything to me; who will go to Scotland Yard."

"I can assure you, Mr. Waldock, that I will make it my personal bustness to see that their natural curiosity breed, although they would not have is gratified," answered the leader been kind to you tonight, Zaboleff, suavely. "But for the present I fear the three filthy rags you edit will have to be content with the office boy as their guiding light. And I venture

to think they will not suffer." He made a sudden sign, and before they realized what was happening the two men were caught from behind and gagged. The next instant they were rushed through the door, followed by Flash Jim. For a moment or two the eyes of the leader wandered round the now empty room taking in every detail; then he stepped forward and blew out the two candles. The door closed gently behind him, and a couple of minutes later two cars stole quietly away from the broken-down gate along the cart track. was not until the lending car turned carefully into the main road

that anyone spoke. "Deuced awkward, the police being

there." The big man who was driving grunted thoughtfully.

"Perhaps," he returned. "Perhaps not. Anyway, the more the merrier. Flash Jim all right?" "Sleeping like a child," answered the

other, peering into the body of the For about ten miles they drove on to silence: then at a main cross-roads the car pulled up and the blg man The second car was just got out. behind, and for a few moments there was a whispered conversation between him and the other driver. He glanced at Zaboleff and Waldock, who appeared to be peacefully sleeping on

the back seat, and smiled grimly. "Good night, old man. Report as usual."

"Right," answered the driver. "So

long." The second car swung tight-handed and started northwards, while the leader stood watching the vanishing tail lamp. Then he returned to his own sent, and soon the first beginnings of outer London were reached. And it was as they reached Whitechapel that the leader spoke again age than inspector McIver. They had with a note of suppressed excitement

"We're worrying 'em; we're worry-Otherwise they'd "Where are they now?" cried Wal- never have sent Zaboleff. He was too big a man to risk, considering the po-

"It's the police that I am consider ing," said his companion. .The big man laughed. "Leave that to me, old man; leave

that entirely to me."

First blood for the Blacks! and a pretty good job. And so delightfully mysterious, as well

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Absurdity of Man

Really, when it comes to glory there is no limit to the absurdity of man. A man will glory in a disease, a vice, the wealth of an ancestor when he is himself poor or the poverty of an ancestor when he is himself rich; the street in which he lives; the color of working in the dark-so are we. Al- his hair, of his eyes; the possession ready you are frightened; already we of something which he picked up in have proved that you fear the un- the street-even the abuse of some one more potorious than himself. Men will glory in anything, just as the famine-struck will ent anything. Such or shall we say the king of trumps? is the appetite for glory. And why And when we catch him you will is it there? I say uguin, to make men achieve, to make them write bad verse, build hideous houses, put up impossiwhat Petrovitch told him, I suppose, b.e monuments, pass bad laws, and in general destroy their kind,-Hillare Belloc in the New Statesman,