HAPPENINGS OF **CURRENT WEEK**

Everywhere.

PUT IN CONCISE FORM

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

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

the youngest drummer boys in the ratification of all of them. Civil war, died in Chicago, Sunday

Christmas day brought the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. their home in Seattle, Wash, surrounded by their 21 children and orities solely on that account. grandchildren

A dispatch from Manila says thirteen natives were killed and nearly a the town of Opon, Cebu province, on

Fifteen Protestant denominations in pose to carry them through. in Chicago Saturday.

Leading newspapers of Kabul, capihave made a sudden and unprovoked expand their facilities. attack on the Afghan post of Darkbad,

Due probably to increased activities in women's sports, the average size of women's hosiery has increased in the past five years and the demand for the small sizes is being eliminated, A. W. Frazer, official of a hosiery concern in Newark, N. J. said recently.

injured near Fort Worth, Texas Sun-trator in the dispute. day when two locomotives crashed on

prises various agricultural organiza- date for the plebiscite. tions having membership lists totaling 700,000.

Negotiations between the "big four"

chain of evolution linking man to an will cause revival of the fad. ape-like ancestor was a real or false line, a controversy which has divided scence since 1891, has at last been ment to this effect was made by Dr. paleontology at Princeton university.

agreed upon. A bill to create such for a naval air station. a commission to supervise disposal of surplus agricultural products will be introduced soon in congress and it

feated Thursday by that of Marshal east. Chang Tso-Lin, and his wife, were captured while hiding in a cellar and that the captors cut off Kuo's legs and his wife's arms then shot and killed governor of Chihli province, was re- a decree. them both. Afterward, Kuo and his ported in a dispatch to the Daily Mail wife were decapitated. Marshal Chang as having repused the forces of Feng order their heads placed on the grave Yu-Hsiang in a new battle on the of one of his favorite generals who Yangstun front Friday. had been executed by Kuo.

Father Nugent, 87, Dies. Des Moines.-Father J. F. Nugent, 87, for the past 43 years pastor of the Visitation parish here, died Saturday. admirer of William Jennings Bryan. | borers near Tokio.

Funding Settlements to Stand Regard-

less of Acts of Lawmakers.

Washington, D. C .- Foreign powers which have negotiated funding settlements here will be permitted to con-Bits of Best News Items From tinue their financing in this country, President, Secretary Jardine state prohibition director. Peterson regardless of what action congress may take on the agreements, it was declared Monday at the treasury.

> Officials see no reason for penaliz by refusal of loans in this country after they have entered into an agree ment here upon apparent good faith.

This amplification of the administration's policy with respect to foresign loans was given in response to inquiries prompted by the slow progress being made toward ratification of the funding agreement in congress. The congressional situation has led some observers to believe that rejecttion of several of the settlements was broadened to provide for some maa possibility, but it may be said that Robert Henry Hendershott, one of the treasury is confident of ultimate

at the age of 76. He enlisted when foreign nations which have entered President Coolidge and Secretary Jar-10 years old and served throughout into funding agreements have acted dine have reached the conclusion that for tuberculosis, but seven were found Clarence D. Bagley, who celebrated at thought was proper, there should be taken to afford relief. no action by the administrative auth-

congress is all that is needed to make hundred injured in a fire which dethem operative. Secretary Mellon restroyed a moving picture theater in
gravia the early approval of the settlewould enable the producers to at least star junior bull calf in the United stroyed a moving picture theater in gards the early approval of the settle- would enable the producers to at least ments by the foreign governments as get the cost of production. evidence of the sincerity of their pur-

Chicago reported a membership in Informal advices have been received day, after the president had conferred on a home in the mountains near there crease of 32,946 in 627 churches, it ed from various quarters abroad in with Secretary Jardine, which was the last week when he was called upon was disclosed by the Methodist Epis- dicating that large loans will be culmination of a series of conferences to ride horseback 12 miles through copal year book, which was received sought in the United States during between the two, it was disclosed that the late winter and early spring. Some the administration was prepared to smallpox in one family. Twenty-two ing operations for government ac- ing the sale of surplus crops in the vaccinated by the doctor. ority for reports that Russian troops from industrial interests purposing to mission as a directing agency.

Chile Appeal Received.

Washington, D. C .- Secretary Kellogg summoned the Peruvian and Chilean ambassadors to the state department late Monday to notify them peal from the Tacna-Arica pleblscitary dine just before he left and it is un-Four trainmen were killed and two shing, to President Coolidge as arbi- tary, who has come direct from the

the Fort Worth & Denver railway. A ed to furnish the arbitrator certain that state that the administration switch engine, backing east, plowed documents, including speeches by sympathized with their difficulties the state tax commission. This was into a westbound freight train which their commissioners and remarks be- and was prepared to support some was leaving this city for Wichita Falls. fore the commission at Arica. The measure for handing the surplus crops The National board of farm organ-appeal to the arbitrator grew out of provided it did not put the government fixations announced Sunday night that objections by the Chileans to the in a business and fix farm prices. its annual midwinter meeting would course of the plebiscitary commission be held February 1, 2 and 3. The with respect to the promulgation of PARLEY ON RUBBER board, which was formed in 1917, com- voting regulations and the fixing of a

trains service brotherhoods and rail- a Boston vogue, has gone the way of cussed at the proposed league of naways of the country will be started in silk hats, double-breasted frock coats, tions international economics conferthe peak scale which was cut by a canes only for display purposes. Those mas observance.

Hawaiian Plan Adopted.

project in the administration's farm \$700,000 for waterfront development tion, retaliatory steps against high 000, with \$8000 insurance.

Entry Denied Captain.

New York .- A special board of in-

Feng Reported Routed.

serious losses.

Nippon Laborers Clash.

IN FARMERS' RELIEF

Agree on Plan.

Administration Prepared to Indorse Conservative Legislation to Dispose of Surplus Crops.

chinery for handling surplus crops.

Just what form this new aid will

Tremendous pressure has been prought to bear recently on the admin-Most of the agreements have been istration by the congressional farm ratified by the foreign governments bloc and western agricultural leaders are jointly interested with the Billiand similar action by the American to create a federal commission with wack farm of San Paulo, Cal., had powers to direct the disposition of

Heretofore the White House has been silent on the subject, but Saturof them will be in the form of refund- indorse conservative legislation foster- children in the school district were count, while a larger number will come export trade with a government com

The issue was brought to a head a of marketing the surplus corn crop.

Representative Dickinson, republicipals and their representatives. formally of the receipt of Chile's ap- can, lows, talked with Secreary Jarommission, headed by General Per- derstood that the agricultural secre-The ambassadors also were request- representative to tell the farmers of from the state tax levied recently by

Washington, D. C .- Suggestion in

consideration of world supply and dis- second or third time, tribution of raw materials generally.

Whether the Washington adminisrelief program has virtually been and further expenditures, now or later, rubber prices already have been outlined by Secretary Hoover.

Turkish Women Benefit.

Women will now stand the same become thicker. chances as men for winning a divorce suit. In the past only about one wo-London.—General Liching-Ling, civil man in a thousand was able to gain

Feng, who heads the national peo-cently for criticism of the air defense countles as equalized by the county ple's army, was said to have suffered of the country, says in a letter to the boards of equalization, while \$155,653,-Tokio.-One hundred-casualties, in- tection to the country." "It is my in- commission. The assessment roll for He was one of the most widely known cluding several killed, were reported tention to stay with this until there last year was \$1,058,880,736.61, of priests and Chautauqua lecturers in to have occurred in a gun battle Mon- is established a defense system that which \$910,425,790.32 was the summary the middle west and was a friend and day. The battle occurred between la- will constitute a real protection to of the various counties and \$148,454, the country," he added.

STATE NEWS :

Salem -A. N. Peterson of Silverton and J. R. Patton of Salem, Saturday were arrested by William Levens, is charged with selling and Patton with transporting liquor. Bail was fixed at \$500.

Salem.-The Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., which was organized here recenting foreign-nations or their citizens BILL TO HELP EXPORT is with capital stock of \$640,000, will be erected early next year, despite the fact a number of Canadians who originally agreed to take some of the stock have withdrawn from the corporation.

> Estacada.-Five granges of eastern Clackamas county will hold a joint public installation of officers January 2 at the Estacada park pavilion. Mrs. Washington, D. C .- The administra- Thomas Millar will be installing oftion's farm relief program will be ficer. Governor Pierce and several state grange officers are expected to be present.

Baker.-A remarkable record among the dairy herds of Baker county was The treasury recognizes that the take has not been determined but both revealed here Saturday when it was reportde that out of 1155 cows tested in good faith and it feels that if con- surplus crops present one of the dom- to be tubercular. These were slaughgress refuses to accept the terms inating problems of agriculture and tered. Of the total number tested, which the American debt commission that some governmental step must be 1113 are grade stock and 35 purebred.

Mount Angel.-Berning brothers re ceived word that Berylwood Price De Kol, a junior bull calf in which they been selected by the National Hol-

'went back" 20 years in making a call snow and elect to treat five cases of

Baker. - Announcement has been made by officers of the Idaho Copper few hours before the departure for corporation of the acquisition of con-Des Moines of the lowa congressional trol of the Iron Dyke Copper company delegation, members of which were mine and mill located on the Snake invited to attend a meeting there of river at Homestead, Baker county. The farmers and bankers to discuss means announcement states that the cash terms have been accepted by the prin-

Salem .- During 1926 there will be paid into the Oregon treasury in motor vehicle fees and gasoline taxes approximately \$9,000,000, or nearly twice. White House, authorized the Iowa as much money as will be derived Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state.

Salem .- The Kansas City Women's club, with headquarters in Forest Grove and capital stock of \$1000, has been incorporated by Mrs. Nellie Ogles-AT GENEVA LIKELY by, Mrs. Elsie Eslinger, Mrs. Lora Hamilton, Mrs. Minnie Lewis and Mrs. press dispatches from Geneva that the Stella Waldron. Notice of dissolution British rubber monopoly, which has was filled by V. A. Crum of Portland Boston, Mass.—Cane carrying, once evoked great concern here, be dis-

Baker.—Out of 44 parties married in Chicago shortly after the first of the round cuffs and mutton chop whisk- ence, with America participating, is Baker county in the last three months, year, union officials said Sunday. The ers. A canvass of haberdasheries has waiting interested Washington offi- 21 of the couples had been previously unions are asking increases to restore disclosed that most of them have cials at the conclusion of the Christ- married, a compilation from the county records shows. The 88 persons 12 per cent decrease in 1921 by order who look back mournfully at the days The rubber situation, in which con- have been married a total of 127 times, of the United States railroad labor when callers from Beacon Hill were gress already has ordered an investi- averaging a little less than 1.5 times never without their canes admit that gation, would, under the Geneva sug- for each person. One person married Whether the principal link in the nothing short of a social revolution gestion, be a phase of the conference's for the fourth time, many for the

Washington, D. C .- The house naval tration would agree to the proposal tents of the Boardman Trading comsettled in favor of the evolutionary committee has adopted the program and the added opinion that this coun- pany's store at Boardman, owned by principle, at least, to the satisfaction for development of the Hawaiian de- try might be asked to sit with the J. C. Cobb, were destroyed Friday of Princeton scientists. Announce- fenses submitted by a sub-committee, league's council number two, an ad- morning by a fire that started from an The sub-committee recommended visory-political body, or would prefer oil stove explosion. F. C. Dillingham, W. B. Scott, professor of geology and immediate expenditure of \$2,218,000 to pursue an independent course, re- manager of the store, barely escaped for Pearl harbor, \$1,000,000 to be used mains problematical. In addition to the burning building. The stock is Inclusion of an export commission in improving its channel to the sea, the ordered congressional investiga-

sown wheat, which has been a matter of considerable gravity to wheat ranchers all fall, due to the lack of normal Constantinople. - A clause in the rainfall, is gradually improving, and promises to have the support of Presi- quiry at Ellis island Monday denied new Turkish civil code puts an end if winter weather is normal the stand dent Coolidge and the western sen- Captain Sydney H. Fortune, ex-officer to one of the bitterest phases of we will be satisfactory, according to growators and representatives who have of the British army, admission to the men's subjection. . . the right of a ers. Some wheat that was seeded been criticizing the plans for agricul- United States. "Moral grounds," bas- man to divorce his wife at will and early in the fall laid in the ground for ed on his divorce in 1918, were given with no trial. Henceforth divorce will from eight to ten weeks before germ-A special dispatch to Asahi from as the cause of exclusion. Captain be granted only by decree of the inating, but the rains of the past two Mukden says that General Kuo Sung. Fortune was formerly a member of courts and only for such causes as in- weeks have brought it up, and stands Ling, who fled after his army was de the Graves commission in the near sanity, desertion and unfaithfulness, that were thin for several weeks have

Salem. - The assessment roll for Oregon for 1925, on which tax levies for 1926 will be based, is \$1,084,537,-618,91, or an increase of \$25,656,882.30, when compared with the roll for last year. Of the total of \$1,084,537,618.91, Tallahassee, Fla.-Colonel William the amount of \$929,483,911.20 repre-Mitchell, who was court martialed re-sents the summary of the various Florida Morning State that he plans 707.71 is the total assessed property to continue his fight for a defense of public service corporations as equalsystem "that will constitute a real pro- ized and apportioned by the state tax 946.29 the utility figures.

The BLACK GANG

SCOTLAND YARD

SYNOPSIS.—To a gathering of anarchists in Barking, London suburb, Zaboleff, foreign agitator, tells of the operations of a body of men who have become a menace to their activities. says they are masked and wear long black cloaks and are acting without the law. He is inter-rupted by the men he is describ-ing (the Black Gang), who break up the meeting, sentencing some of the participants to condign punishment and carrying away others. A memorandum found on Zaboleff gives an address in Hoxton, which the leader of the attacking party considers of importance. the meeting, sentencing some

CHAPTER II

In Which Scotland Yard Sits Up and Takes Notice

Sir Bryan Johnstone, director of criminal investigation, leaned back in his chair and stared at the celling with a frown. His hands were thrust deep into his trousers pockets; his long legs were stretched out to their full extent under the big roll-top desk in front of him. He was puzzled, and the report lying on the desk in front of him was the reason.

For perhaps ten minutes he re mained motionless, then he leaned forward and touched an electric bell. A girl secretary came quickly into the

"Miss Forbes," said Sir Bryan, "I wish you would find out if Chief Inspector McIver is in the building. If so I would like to see him at once; if not, see that he gets the message as soon as he comes in."

The door closed behind the girl, and after a moment or two the man rose from his desk and began to pace up and down the room with long, even strides. Every now and then he would stop and stare at some print on the wall, but it was the blank stare of a man whose mind is engrossed in other

His eyes came round to the desk once more, the desk on which the report was lying. It was Inspector Mc-Iver's report-hence his instructions to the secretary. It was the report on strange matter which had taken place the previous night, and after a while Sir Bryan picked up the typed sheets and glanced through them again. And he was still standing by the desk, idly turning over the pages when the secretary came into

"Chief Inspector McIver is here, Sir

Bryan," she announced. "Tell him to come in, Miss Forbes," A square-jawed, rugged Scotsman, the state tax commission. This was McIver looked the type to whom Holy asked Sir Bryan. Writ was Holy Writ only in so far as it could be proved. He was short and thick-set, and his physical strength

was proverbial. "What the dickens is all this about, McIver?" sald Sir Bryan with a smile, when the door had shut behind the

"I wish I knew myself, sir," turned the other seriously. "I've never been so completely defeated in my

Sir Bryan waved him to a chair and sat down at the desk. "I've read your report," he said, still smiling, "and frankly, McIver, if

it had been anyone but you, I should



Wish You Would Find Out If Chief Inspector Molver Is in the Building."

far too well for that. Look here"he pushed a box of cigarettes across he's forthcoming. And . . the table-"take a cigarette and let's

hear about it." "Well, sir," began McIver, "this is briefly what took place. At ten o'clock last night as we had arranged, we completely surrounded the suspected and when I arrived at about nine-thir- dow. ty with Sergeant Andrews and half-aat least eight men were inside, and that Zaboleff was one of them. He had been shadowed the whole way house. So I posted my men and crept | flogged."

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forward to investigate myself. There was a little chink in the wooden shutters of one of the downstairs rooms through which the light was streaming. I took a glimpse through, and found that everything was just as had been reported to me. There were eight of them there, and an unpleasantlooking bunch they were, too. Zaboleff I saw at the head of the table, and standing next to him was that man Waldock who runs two or three of the worst of the Red papers. There

wish I'd brought a few more men." McIver smiled ruefully. "It was about the last coherent wish I remem-And," he went on seriously, "what I'm going to tell you now, sir, may seem extraordinary and what one would expect in detective fiction, but as sure as I am sitting in this chair, it is what actually took place. Some where from close to, there came the sound of an owl hooting. At the same moment I distinctly heard the noise of what seemed like a scuffle, and a stifled curse. And then, and this is what beats me, sir." McIver pounded a huge fist into an equally huge paim. "I was picked up from behind as if I

was also Flash Jim, and I began to

Involuntarily Sir Bryan smiled. "You make a good substantial in-

ant, McIver." "Exactly, sir," grunted the inspector. "If a man had suggested such a thing to me yesterday I'd have laughed in his face. But the fact remains that I was picked up just like a child in arms, and doped, sir, doped. Me-at my time of life. They chloroformed me, and that was the last I saw of Zaboleff or the rest of the gang."

The inspector leaned forward and stared at his chief. "You've heard the rumors, sir," he vent on after a moment, "the same as

"Perhaps," said Sir Bryan quietly But go on, McIver. I'd like to hear

what's on your mind." "It's the Black Gang, sir," said the inspector, leaning forward impressively.

"There have been rumors going round, rumors which our men have heard here and there for the past two once or twice I've wondered. Now I'm a comer sure—especially after what Flash Jim said. That gang is no rumor, it's solid

"Have you any information as to

"None for certain, sir; until this moment I wasn't certain of its exist- Hugh affably. "I gathered from the have been quite a number of sudden disappearances. We haven't troubled officially, we haven't been asked to. Hardly likely when one realizes who the people are who have disappeared." | my own eyes; an outrage; a blot upon "All conjecture, McIver," said Sir this fair land of ours." Bryan. "They may be lying doggo, or

they'll turn up elsewhere." "They may be, sir," answered Mc-Iver doggedly. "But take the complete disappearance of Granger a fortnight ago. He's one of the worst of the Red men, and we know he hasn't left the country. Where is he? His wife, I happen to know, is crazy with anxlety, so it don't look like a put-up job. Take that extraordinary case of the Pole who was found lashed to the rallings in Whitehall with one-half of his beard and hair shaved off and the motto 'Portrait of a Bolshevist' painted on his forehead. Well, I don't need to tell you, sir, that that particular Pole, Strambowski, was undoubtedly a messenger between-well, we know who between and what the message was. And then take last night."

Well, what about last night?" "For the first time this gang has ome into direct contact with us." "Always assuming the fact of its ex-

"Exactly, sir," answered McIver. "Well, they've got Zaboleff and they've got Waldock, and they laid eight of us out to cool. I guess they're not to be sneezed at."

With a thoughtful look on his face Sir Bryan rose and strolled over to the window. Though not prepared to go quite as far as McIver, there were certainly some peculiar elements in the situation-elements which he, as head of a big public department, could not officially allow for an instant, however much it might amuse him as a private individual.

"We must find Zaboleff and Waldock," he said curtly, without turning "Waldock, at any rate, has round. friends who will make a noise unless

But his further remarks were interrupted by the entrance of his secretary with a note.

"For the inspector, Sir Bryan," she said, and McIver after a glance at his chief, opened the envelope. For a house on the outskirts of Barking. I while he studied the letter in silence, had had a couple of good men on duty | then with an enigmatic smile he rose there lying concealed the whole day, and handed it to the man by the win-

"No answer, thank you. Miss dozen others, they reported to me that Forbes," he said, and when they were once more alone, he began rubbing his hands together softly-a sure sign of being excited. "Curtis and Samuel down from Limehouse with another Bauer, both flogged nearly to death man, and both the watchers were and found in a slum off Whitechapel. positive that he had not left the The note said two of 'em had been

we were at Barking last night?" "They were, sir," answered the in-

"And their line?" queried the chief. "White slave traffic of the worst type," said Mclver. "They generally drug the girls with cocaine or some dope first. What do you say to my

theory now, sir?" "It's another point in its favor, Me-Iver." conceded Sir Bryan cautiously; "but it still wants a lot more proof. And, anyway, whether you're right or not, we can't allow it to continue. We shall be having questions asked in

parliament." McIver nodded portentously. "If I can't lay my hands on a man who can lift me up like a baby and dope me, may I never have another case. Like a baby, sir. Me-'

He opened his hands out helplessly, and this time Sir Bryan laughed outright, only to turn with a quick frown as the door leading to the secretary's office was flung open to admit a man.



"Has Someone Stolen the Gold Fish?" Queried Sir Bryan With Mild Sar-

scandalized Miss Forbes hovering like a canary eating bird-seed in the backmenths. I've heard 'em myself; and ground; then he turned to the new-

"Confound it, Hugh," he cried. "I'm

Hugh Drummond grinned all over what their activities have been, as- of mutton he smote Sir Bryan in the suming for a moment it is the truth?" back, to the outraged amazement of

Inspector McIver. "You priceless old bean," boomed ence. But now-looking back-there female bird punching the what-not outside that the great brain was heaving-but, my dear old lad, I have come to report a crime. A crime which I positively saw committed with

> He sank heavily into a chair and selected a cigurette. He was a vast individual with one of those phenomenally ugly faces which is rendered utterly pleasant by the extraordinary charm of its owner's expression. No human being had ever been known to be angry with Hugh for long. He was either moved to laughter by the perennial twinkle in the big man's blue eyes, or he was stunned by a playful blow on the chest from a fist which rivaled a steam hammer. Of brain he apparently possessed a minimum; of muscle he possessed about five ordi-

nary men's share. And yet unlike so many powerful nen his quickness on his feet was astounding-as many a good heavyweight boxer had found to his cost. In the days of his youth Hugh Drummond -known more familiarly to his intimates as Bulldog-had been able to do the hundred in a shade over ten seconds. And though the mere thought of such a perfomance now would have caused him to break out into a cold sweat, he was still quite capable of a turn of speed which many a lighter-

built man would have envied. Between him and Sir Bryan Johnstone existed one of those friendships which are founded on totally dissimilar tastes. At school, for some inscrutable reason, the quiet scholarship of the elder boy had appealed to the kid of fourteen who was even then a mass of brawn. Their friendship started then, and it never died, though their ways lay many poles apart. To Johnstone a well-deserved knighthood and a high position in the land: to Drummond as much money as he wanted and a life of sport.

"Has someone stolen the goldfish?" queried Sir Bryan with mild sarcasm,

Well, with Scotland Yard on the job, the three-handed war ought to be lively-and then

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Roads to Failure

Two battered old wrecks were altting on a beach in the common, when one remarked: "I'm a man who never took advice from anybody." "Shake, brother," said the other, "I'm a man who followed everybody's advice."-Merchants Record.