

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.

A sanguinary battle was reported to be in progress since Tuesday at Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, within a league of the Uruguayan border, between rebels and Brazilian regular troops.

A new island has emerged near the Idu group, according to the Eastern News Agency, but the report that the province of Oshima in the southern end of the island of Hokkaido had been submerged is declared to be untrue.

Great Britain will not abandon her right to reparations or her claims to the debts which other nations owe her, the Earl of Birkenhead, lord high chancellor in the Lloyd George cabinet, declared in an address in Montreal Tuesday.

The United States government, under President Coolidge as under President Harding, will await evidence of the existence of a government in Russia in accord with American standards before granting diplomatic recognition to that country.

The delegates of war veterans' associations, representing seven allied countries, at their fourth annual congress in Brussels, adopted a resolution Tuesday endorsing the occupation of the Ruhr as a legal means to obtain reparations under the Versailles treaty.

William C. Van Fleet, judge of the United States district court in San Francisco, died in his home Monday after a brief illness. Death was preceded by two days of semi-consciousness following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered while he was at dinner Friday night.

All members of the American embassy staff at Tokio are safe. Ambassador Woods advised the state department Tuesday in the first message received from him since the earthquake that none of the embassy staff was injured, although all of the embassy buildings were destroyed.

With the Red Cross appealing for a relief fund of \$5,000,000 and all executive agencies of the government devoted to organizing emergency aid in the far east, America has fairly embarked Tuesday upon a stupendous undertaking of catering the millions of victims of the catastrophe in Japan.

The entire rice crop of California is being held for Japanese relief and there will be no profiteering during the emergency period, according to an announcement made by Harry M. Creech, attorney for the Rice Growers' association of California, which controls practically the entire rice crop.

Cable orders from Kobe, Japan, for approximately 500,000,000 feet of lumber for use in the rebuilding of Yokohama, Tokio and other Japanese cities laid waste by earthquake and fire were received in San Francisco Tuesday, according to statements made by representatives of steamships and northern Pacific mills.

Colonel Stephen E. Low of St. Louis, member of the Red Cross and attached to the near east relief at Corfu, reports that altogether there were 20 killed by the Italian bombardment prior to the occupation of the island. Among them were 16 children, most of them killed by shrapnel which was fired among a crowd of Red Cross orphanage children bathing in the sea.

After extensive questioning the Sacramento police Monday released Hugo F. Bur, said to be a Belgian painter, who was taken into custody last Saturday in connection with the disappearance of "The Entombment of Christ," a masterpiece by Guido Reni, from the E. R. Crocker art gallery here. The officers declared they were convinced that Bur knew nothing of the theft of the painting.

Under the emergency commandeering act now in operation in Japan, food, building materials, medicaments and vehicles, as well as human labor and services, may be commandeered. Prefectural governors are authorized to issue commandeering orders for goods at a price based on the average market prices. Failure of compliance will be punished by a heavy fine or three years' imprisonment.

SUN ECLIPSE FILMED IN FOG

Two Savants Succeed While Others Fail—Conditions Unfavorable.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Almost perfect photographs of the sun's corona during the total eclipse were made by a party headed by Professor James Worthing of London, a fellow of the American Society for the Advancement of Science, and Dr. Alfred E. Burton, professor emeritus of astronomy in the Massachusetts Institute of technology, in lower Lompoc valley, 60 miles north of here. The photographs are believed to be virtually the only satisfactory ones made Monday, owing to unfavorable weather conditions.

Professor Worthing said that he had developed four negatives of the number taken and that the result would be among the best ever made of the corona accompanying a total eclipse.

The instrument was a specially built celostat with three mirrors feeding light to four cameras of 17, 14, 9 and 5-foot focal.

Foggy conditions and haze from a forest fire burning in the Santa Barbara national forest prevented successful results at any other point in the Santa Barbara district, although many attempts were made to obtain photographs at various places in the totality zone in the county.

The period of greatest obscurity at the Lompoc valley observation station was 2½ minutes.

Los Angeles.—Scientific observation of Monday's eclipse of the sun generally failed, according to reports received here, except possibly in the case of naval aviators who flew above the clouds and fog at San Diego and took photographs of the phenomenon.

Clouds or fog obscured the view at the time of totality at all points from Santa Barbara, Cal., to Ensenada, Mexico, where scientists had made preparations to study the eclipse. These points included Avalon, on Santa Catalina island; San Clemente island, San Diego, Mount Wilson and Point Loma.

Scientists who came from all parts of the world and who had worked months on their plans took their defeat gracefully.

CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN JAPAN IS DENIED

Tokio.—Reports of a threatened epidemic of cholera in the region devastated by the earthquake are unfounded, according to the authorities.

Sharp earthquake shocks again Sunday night aroused considerable nervousness but did not interfere with the work of reconstruction, which the end of the first week of Japan's disaster shows to be well under way.

Sixty thousand bodies had been recovered in Tokio and Yokohama up to and including Monday and the police estimate that 500,000 persons have been treated for wounds and sickness as a result of the earthquake. A landing party from the flagship Huron of the United States Asiatic fleet buried the dead from the American naval hospital at Yokohama.

All available ships are removing the refugees from the devastated cities. The refugees, made more eager to leave by their fear of an epidemic, were crowding all the docks waiting for places on the boats. The American destroyers are taking refugees of all nationalities from Tokio to the liners at Yokohama.

The authorities have established public latrines over Tokio and Yokohama and are cleaning up all deposits of filth and rubbish.

Treasury Wants Cash.

Washington, D. C.—After remaining out of the money market three months the treasury Monday announced a new issue of certificates of indebtedness, aggregating \$200,000,000 and maturing six months from September 15. The notes will bear 4½ per cent interest. The announcement of the September financing programme also contained the declaration that no further fiscal operations are contemplated by the government before December 15, when maturing certificates of indebtedness will require new borrowings.

Woman, 110, Still Spry.

Chicago.—Anna Russo, who has celebrated her 110th birthday, is a great-grandmother, but she danced and frolicked about Monday, to the envy of women not half her age. All the women in her family, which is Sicilian, have lived to be very old, but the men die young. Mrs. Russo's husband died when he was 55. Her three daughters, the youngest of whom is 60, are still spry and all of them are grandmothers to 20 or more.

NAVAL DISASTER COSTS 23 LIVES

List of U. S. Destroyers Is Increased to Seven.

MEN SINK IN BUNKS

All Fatalities on Vessel Which Upset Two Minutes After Grounding—Cuba Reported Sunk.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Seven United States navy destroyers and the Pacific Mail liner Cuba were wrecked Saturday night, the naval craft off Arguello light, 75 miles north of Santa Barbara, and the steamer on a reef off the southeast end of San Miguel island, 35 miles off this port.

Twenty-five sailors lost their lives in the naval disaster and all destroyers involved were reported total losses.

The Cuba was said to have sunk during the night, but all passengers and members of her crew were believed to have been landed at Los Angeles by the naval destroyer Reno or to be on the way to San Francisco aboard the Standard Oil tanker W. S. Miller, with the exception of Captain C. J. Holland, the purser, the steward and eight seamen who remained aboard to guard a shipment of \$2,500,000 in silver bullion.

Dense fog was the cause of the disaster. The destroyers Chauncey, Woodbury, Fuller, S. P. Lee, Nicholas, Young and Delphy were all beached within a few minutes of one another, according to naval officers.

The flotilla of which the wrecked craft formed a part was in command of Captain Edward Watson, commanding officer of the Delphy. The dead were all trapped in their bunks on the Young when the vessel struck and were drowned when the craft capsized within two minutes after she had struck.

More than 500 men were rescued from the wrecked destroyers, which were reported to be pounding to pieces on the rocks, total losses. Of the survivors, 15 of the seriously injured were brought to the Santa Barbara county hospital here.

One hundred others were cut and bruised in their swim to safety over the jagged rocks.

The destroyers were traveling in formation at 20 knots an hour in a heavy sea and dense fog when the leading vessel crashed.

Carried ahead by a strong tide, the others piled on the beach in succession. Lying in line along the shore, at intervals of 250 feet, the boats were slowly breaking up. One of them, the Chauncey, was resting high on the rocks.

Air Mail Test Planned.

Washington, D. C.—Plans for a test lasting probably a month to determine the feasibility of permanent establishment of a 24-hour coast-to-coast air mail service are under consideration by postoffice department officials.

Postmaster-General New said Sunday that the possibility of such service had been demonstrated during the recent experiment, but that before recommendations were made by the postoffice department to congress it had been virtually decided that a trial of one month should be made to ascertain whether there was sufficient demand for such service. He indicated that the month's test would be made before bad weather sets in this fall.

Claims Treaties Signed.

Washington, D. C.—Two conventions providing machinery for the adjustment of claims between the United States and Mexico were signed Saturday. When ratified by the United States senate and the Mexican congress, the conventions will lead to the creation of commissions and the payment of claims aggregating millions of dollars for damages sustained in the last half century.

Peak Changed By Quake.

Shanghai.—A Nippon Denpa news agency dispatch from Osaka states that the summit of Mount Fuji, apparently as a result of the earthquake, has undergone a most noticeable change, the peak now appearing much flatter than formerly. It was also stated that all the Toki colleges were destroyed, with the exception of Waseda and Keio universities.

Washington, D. C.—The dog family line at the White House will not be broken despite the change in administration. Laddie Boy will be succeeded by his half-brother as the White House dog.



Uncommon Sense — By — JOHN BLAKE

NEGLECTED GENIUS

ONE of the best-known of modern poets, ill and destitute after a lifetime of toil, announces cheerfully that he is emphatically not a neglected genius.

True, he has no money, but it was not money that he worked for. His fame is perhaps not as great as his talent merited, but he did not work for fame. He worked for the joy of working, and that was enough.

He looks back upon life feeling that it brought him all that he could ask. Genius is not neglected any more than diamonds are neglected, and for the same reason. This man, had he chosen, could now be comfortably supplied with money.

We believe that he should have been. Every man owes it to himself to gain independence, and money means independence. Our poet's celebrity could have been coined into enough cash to ease his old age, but if he preferred to neglect his opportunities it is nobody's business but his own.

It is his absence of bitterness that is worth heeding. He has discovered, what every other man should discover, that no earnest effort is wasted. He has learned that people are only too ready to recognize genius when they find it, and to reward it when they recognize it.

Indeed, so keen is the hunt for genius that hundreds of near-genuses grow prosperous in America as soon as they betray the least sign of talent. Publishers and producers hunt for men who can write. Great corporations send out scouts for men with executive or engineering ability that is beyond the common order.

No musician who is really gifted ever falls of an audience. And even industrious mediocrity will sometimes be mistaken for genius and have riches thrust upon it.

Cast the fear that you may be a neglected genius from among your worries. If you are a genius somebody will find it out, and you will have to hire an office boy to keep people from invading your privacy.

Even if you are not a genius you are likely to be mistaken for one. But that will not harm you unless you make the mistake yourself. Be careful not to do that, for it will be fatal.

Today's Luxurious Travel.

Ten thousand flowering plants and ferns of various kinds are required every year for the public rooms of the liner Majestic. A heated greenhouse is provided on the upper deck, from which renewals are drawn during a voyage, and a trained gardener is a permanent member of the ship's staff.

LUELLA SAYS

LOTS OF FOLKS GET THE REPUTATION FOR BEING AWFUL PATIENT, WHEN THEY'RE JUST TOO DROGGONE LAZY TO BE ANYTHING ELSE!



PERFECT DAYS ALWAYS

By GRACE E. HALL

THERE isn't a day in the whole round year That isn't a perfect day; Measured and tried and painted with gold, It glides on its destined way; It is one of the gems that is given you— A pearl in life's necklace rare, And it hasn't a scar and it hasn't a mar— Unless you have made it there.

The sun cannot shine every day of your life, But the soft clouds have their place; If all of the hours were a glitter and shine, You would weary in each day's race; For the eyes must behold and the soul must feel The peace of these quiet days, That soften the light and refresh our sight, After the burning rays.

There is beauty abundant for every need In every day of the year; If you cannot see it, you're blind indeed, For beauty is ever near; Whatever your lot, you may freely share In the paintings of earth and sky; They are wondrous in worth and there's never a death Of charm—for the seeing eye.

Struggled Hard for Life. Strange evidence was given by the house surgeon at a Barrow (Eng.) hospital at the inquest of an eight-year-old boy. The boy died from lockjaw caused by falling and cutting his wrist on a tin. The surgeon said he died three times. He stopped breathing twice and animation was restored twice. The third time he stopped breathing it was final.

THE ROMANCE OF WORDS — "PORK-BARREL"

WHEN, in the midst of a congressional discussion upon some measure which entails the expenditure of large sums of money in different parts of the country—for example, the rivers and harbors bill—one member will denounce the bill as a "poorly disguised pork-barrel," the meaning is at once apparent to anyone familiar with American parliamentary slang, for it has come to be the accepted equivalent of an attempt to secure public money for private or semi-private purposes. A "pork-barrel" measure, therefore, is one which would enrich certain districts at the expense of the public treasury, either by providing for costly improvements or by spending money unnecessarily.

To find the genesis of the phrase we have to go back to the earlier days of the republic, when the majority of the citizens were farmers who, during the winter, were forced to live on salt pork. If their supply was adequate and their barrels well filled, they said they had no need to worry about a long, hard winter—the pork-barrel would take care of them. In a similar, but more metaphorical sense, they now look to their congressmen to take care of them by securing at least a portion of the "pork-barrel" legislation, which will lead to profits on labor, land and supplies.

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