

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 bill carrying a general program of road building in national parks has been placed in the hands of Representative Sinnott as chairman of the house public lands committee for introduction.

President Coolidge was asked Tuesday by a delegation representing Minnesota, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, to order modification by the department of agriculture of the existing wheat grades.

It was learned unofficially in Manila Tuesday afternoon that six destroyers from the American Asiatic fleet have been ordered to proceed at once to Hongkong in connection with the situation at Canton and vicinity.

L. S. Swenson, the American minister at Christiania, has received a telegram from Captain Roald Amundsen, in which the explorer congratulates the American navy on its decision to explore the north polar quadrant.

Funeral services Thursday morning for Lord Shaughnessy, chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific railway, were in the nature of a national event. The services were held at St. Patrick's church and interment in Cote des Neiges cemetery in Montreal.

The Canadian minister of marine and fisheries has been authorized to issue licenses to United States fishing vessels on the Pacific coast of Canada, which will permit them, during 1924, to enter British Columbia ports with certain privileges they have not had heretofore.

Two large crevices are emitting 2,000,000 cubic feet of molten lava every hour from the Kilauea volcano, said a wireless message received by the department of the interior from Thomas Bales, superintendent of the Hawaii national park, in which the volcano is located.

After two days of argument the board of arbitration of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues in Chicago Tuesday night voted to recognize Harry A. Williams, formerly a Los Angeles sports writer, as the legally elected president of the Pacific Coast league.

Formal presentation of the Nobel prize awards was made at Stockholm Monday in the presence of the king, the cabinet, the foreign diplomats and representatives of scientific organizations. Four recipients, including William Butler Yeats, winner of the literature prize, received their awards in person.

Five hundred dollars was set aside by Mrs. Clementine Reinsner, who died at her home in Eugene a few days ago, for the care of her peoodle dog during its lifetime, according to her will, admitted to probate yesterday. The executor of the will is directed to retain this amount and expend not more than \$5 a month for the dog's care.

President Coolidge formally opened the way Tuesday to co-operation by American economic experts in the double inquiry proposed by the reparations commission into Germany's financial situation. A formal White House statement said the Washington government would "view with favor the acceptance by American experts of an invitation to sit upon the inquiry committees."

One person was dead and several others were recovering from injuries Monday as the result of accidents attributed to the high winds which swept Los Angeles and vicinity, uprooting trees, unroofing houses, wrecking store fronts and demolishing fences and signs. No accurate estimate of property damage was available, but the loss was believed to have run into thousands of dollars.

The approximate location of the population center of Oregon is 24.6 miles southeast of Marquam, Clackamas county, according to statistics made public Tuesday by the federal census bureau. The movement of the center from 1910 to 1920 was 4.2 miles in a direct line from point to point, while the direction of the movement was 4.0 miles northward and 1.1 miles eastward, the bureau's figures showed.

RUSSIA SEEKS RECOGNITION

Soviet Appears Hopeful of Receiving Answer to Communication.

Washington, D. C.—A note from the Russian foreign office making a new bid for recognition of the soviet government by the United States reached the White House Monday and was referred to the state department for consideration. The only comment made in official circles was that the communication, like all others filed with the Washington government, would be studied carefully before a decision was announced. It was added that any decision would be made in the light of the well-understood views of officials here as to the necessity of complete guarantees of stability and orderly government in Russia.

Moscow.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherine's note asking resumption of friendly relations between Russia and America present the first instance of a member of the soviet government directly addressing the president of the United States. Once, in 1921, the soviet central executive committee sent a communication to the American congress, but previous communications from M. Tchitcherine, Litvinoff and other members of the government have been sent to the secretary of state.

It appears that the Moscow government is really hopeful of receiving an answer to the present offer. President Coolidge's reference to Russia in his message to congress, while not altogether pleasing to the bolsheviks, was considered in official circles here as a step forward. M. Tchitcherine's note is understood to mean exactly what it says, that "the soviet government is ready to do all in its power so far as the dignity and interests of its country permit to bring about a friendship with the United States."

How far Russia is ready to go in this direction in the case of her claim against the United States for the American intervention in Siberia and the Archangel region is not clear, but from unofficial sources it appears that the question of debts would not be considered greatly important in the event negotiations were brought about. It is recalled that Karl Radek, in an article in the official Pravda last year, said Russia was ready to "buy" American recognition.

The soviet government is represented as believing that, now more than ever, there is paramount necessity for some stability in Russo-American relations. Russian co-operatives are said to be operating in the United States, and it is further reported that a syndicate recently was formed there to finance the shipment of American cotton to this country.

Singular People Found.

New York.—Discovery of a tribe whose people he believed to have antedated the ancient Egyptians was reported Monday to the National Foreign Trade council by John Giffen Culbertson, a manufacturer of Wichita Falls, Tex., on his return from a South American tour of a year and a half.

These people, known as the Machigina, speak a language very similar in construction to English, he reported, and they worship trees in the tradition that their ancestors escaped extinction in the biblical flood by climbing trees. The tribes live near the headwaters of the Amazon, where Mr. Culbertson said he had invaded forests never before penetrated by white men.

Throne Offered Yankee.

Rome.—A member of the Albanian mission in Rome said Monday that a certain American millionaire has just been offered the throne of Albania, in succession to Prince William of Wied, in the hope that he can put the country on a sound financial basis. It is understood that Harry F. Sinclair, the American oil man, is the prospective king of Albania. Several of Mr. Sinclair's confidential agents passed through Rome en route to Tirana last week. They are under the close surveillance of the political police of several European countries.

Negro Shoots Two Men.

Pendleton, Or.—Pete Ganis and Harry Zographos are in St. Anthony's hospital with bullet holes in their abdomens, and officers were looking for a negro named E. Groopie, who is suspected of having shot the two men in the railroad yard at Rieth early Monday morning. The wounded men declared that their injuries were inflicted as a result of an accident and that the negro did not know his gun was loaded.

Borah Not Candidate.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Borah of Idaho "is not a candidate for the presidential nomination of any party," he said Sunday in discussing a prediction of Frank E. Johnesse at Boise, Idaho, that he would soon announce his candidacy for president on the progressive ticket. Johnesse predicted that Borah would be in the race in 99 days.

AMNESTY GIVEN WAR PRISONERS

Thirty-one Remaining Violators Freed by Coolidge.

COMMITTEE ADVISES

Move Declared Favored by Majority of Members—Report of Investigators Not Revealed.

Washington, D. C.—The plea for amnesty which has been presented repeatedly to three national administrations was granted finally Saturday by President Coolidge in commuting the sentences of all remaining imprisoned violators of war laws.

The action of the president will bring about the release before Christmas of 31 men now serving sentences in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for violation of the espionage act. Two of these men were convicted at Kansas City in 1919, along with 24 other alleged members of the I. W. W.; nine of them were convicted in Chicago, together with William D. ("Big Bill") Haywood, general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., and the others were found guilty in Sacramento in 1919.

Mr. Coolidge acted upon receipt of a recommendation for amnesty from the special committee he appointed several weeks ago to make a disinterested study of the question of clemency for war-law violators. This committee was composed of Newton D. Baker, secretary of war during the war period; Major-General James G. Harbord, who served overseas as head of the service of supplies of the American army, and Bishop Charles H. Brent of the Episcopal church, who was chief of the army chaplain service during the war.

The report of the special committee was not made public, but the White House announcement of the president's action said a majority of committee members favored amnesty.

The announcement was made in the following statement:

"It is announced today that the president and Attorney-General Daugherty, after conferring together and considering the joint report prepared by Newton D. Baker, Bishop Charles H. Brent and General J. G. Harbord, upon war-time prisoners, have decided to adopt and follow the majority recommendation of the committee, and accordingly the president today, in conformity with the recommendation of the attorney-general, has commuted the sentences of all the remaining war-time prisoners convicted at Chicago, Kansas City and Sacramento to the terms already served.

"Warrants of commutation are being prepared, and as soon as signed by the president will be sent to the wardens with instructions to release the prisoners."

City Has \$800,000 Fire.

Charlotte, N. C.—Damage estimated at from \$500,000 to \$800,000 was done here Sunday night by a fire discovered at 8 o'clock in the East Trade street mercantile section.

At least one man, a negro, whose name could not be learned, was injured in the blaze. The negro failed to heed a warning to leave the warehouse of the Smith-Wadsworth company on North College street and was struck by a falling wall. There were reports that a number of other persons had been injured or killed by falling walls but these could not be verified.

\$150,000 Bribe Refused.

Mobile, Ala.—The charge that "fixers" representing the liquor traffic, gambling, slot machines and other forms of law violations in the city of Mobile had offered him \$150,000 as bribe money to "slow up the work of his office" was made in a public statement issued Sunday night by Federal District Attorney Aubrey Boyles.

The statement was given out following closely upon the adjournment of the federal grand jury late Saturday night, which returned 17 indictments as a result of the recent exposures here by agents of the United States government.

Monroe Doctrine Is Hit.

New York.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt told the foreign policy association that the political parties endorsed the Monroe doctrine because neither fathered it and both liked antiques. "There are more entangling things in the Monroe doctrine," she declared, "than George Washington ever dreamed of. To say the doctrine is right and true because all Americans believe in it is wrong, because South Americans do not believe in it."

Clovers Brought Her Luck

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"Did you ever feel," said pretty Sally Hawkins at Mrs. Kline's boarding house breakfast table one Monday morning, "just as if something extraordinarily nice were going to happen?" She addressed no one in particular. Miss Mapes, school teacher, smiled an unpleasant smile on one side of her face.

Mr. Hodge looked with a grin from between shovelfuls of breakfast and said: "There you go, always getting off some of that Pollyanna business."

"I've often noticed," sighed the indolent widow across from Sally, "that when I had that feeling of exhilaration something unusually atrocious happened." But Frank Lawrence—Doctor Lawrence, as the widow always called him, or Professor Lawrence, as he was to Mrs. Kline, who kept the boarding house—looked up the table at Sally with a rather long and searching glance so that the widow thought he was looking for the salt, or sugar, or something.

"Can't I pass you something?" she asked.

"No—no, thank you," stammered Frank Lawrence, and then to Sally: "I hope that something as pleasant as you expect will happen."

So Sally started out toward a better residence section, where she served as visiting governess in the home of Mr. Garfield, one of the town's millionaires. To cut off a block or so of her walk she always made a diagonal cut through a vacant lot a few houses from the boarding house. She was walking along thinking of nothing in particular when she let her eyes drop and there by the path at her feet she spied a four-leaf clover—not one, but many of them. And then as she stooped to see the plant from which they sprang she realized that she had found a clump of clover from which dozens of four-leaf clovers grew. Sally was no more superstitious than most intelligent persons, but somehow this bunch of four-leaf clovers that crossed her path that morning when she felt that good luck was imminent fired her imagination.

She could not leave them. She would not pull them off the plant. If she left them now to return for them later some one else might find them or she herself might not be able to find the exact locality where they grew. She looked about in the vacant lot for something with which to dig. There was a piece of old tin which served in Sally's eager hands to dig the clover plant from the ground.

Sally's next steps were quick ones back to the boarding house. In digging up the clovers Sally had cut her finger with the tin—not seriously but enough so that she had to hold her handkerchief closely about it to stay the blood. Then as she was hurrying through the open field she caught her frock on a bit of brush and made an awkward tear in the front of her one and only suit skirt.

She hurried back with the clover. She didn't want it to die and she couldn't take it to the Garfields. Hurrying to her room she set the plant in a jardiniere, sprinkled it with water, then changed her suit to the new frock she hadn't intended to wear for every day, and bandaged her cut finger.

Hurriedly she again started out for work gleefully enough. She had found the lucky clover plant. Something new surely was going to happen. And something did happen. Mrs. Garfield, never a pleasant person to work for, met Sally in the hall with affectingly arched eyebrows, indicating her amazement at Sally's tardiness.

"It was especially imperative for you to be here on time this morning," said Mrs. Garfield. "I had wished to leave home early, but I could not go leaving the children with servants—the other servants—"

"But I was delayed," protested Sally, stopping short. She could never admit to Mrs. Garfield that she had gone to all that trouble to dig up a little lucky clover plant. "I tore my skirt and cut my finger. I had to go back to change." Sally was quite sure that Mrs. Garfield really had no plans to leave early. She knew she had merely taken this occasion as an excuse to vent a naturally ill-natured disposition.

"So under the circumstances," said Mrs. Garfield, "I'm afraid I'll hardly need your services. I had expected to give you a week's notice, but you have proved yourself so indifferent, Miss Hawkins, that I really see no reason why I should be more considerate to you than you have been to me."

"But the children—" protested Sally. "They expect me. We get along so well. I am very fond of them and we've started so many things together."

But Mrs. Garfield was obdurate and five minutes later Sally found herself making tracks for her boarding house home. She had lost her position without notice and without a dollar for compensation for her abrupt dismissal. The remainder of the morning Sally spent in mending her torn skirt and caring for her clover plant, which she put in a flowerpot from Mrs. Kline's back yard. The cut finger made progress rather slow in both these tasks. While she was busy with herself in the garden Mrs. Kline approached her.

"You're just the person I wanted to see," she began with a degree of good nature that boded an unpleasant errand. "You know when I let you have that room for twelve dollars a week I

did it only for the time. I said—didn't I?—that when I had a chance to rent it for more I'd have to do it. I am sure I must have said that. Well, anyway I've had an opportunity to let it go for fifteen. Of course if you feel you can pay that much—otherwise I'm sure I'll be sorry to see you leave, but business is business, isn't it, Miss Hawkins?"

Sally Hawkins said she supposed it was and asked for a day to think things over. Possibly she ought to tell Mrs. Kline, she reflected, that she had lost her position and that she wouldn't be able to stay. Still she'd have to live and she'd have to get another position. In the meantime she had about \$20 in the world to live on.

That afternoon Sally went the round of the agencies where she hoped to find word of another position as governess, tutor or private school teacher. Likewise she tried for positions in offices, but as she knew nothing of typewriting or shorthand she was unsuccessful. When she boarded a car to go home after her weary searching she passed the conductor's quarter.

He looked at her with scrutiny. "Sorry, miss," he said, "but this is plugged. I suppose you didn't know it?"

Arrived at the boarding house Sally found two letters on the hall table addressed to her. One was from the dyeing establishment where she had taken her one and only evening frock to be dyed rose color from white.

"We regret that the silk has gone to pieces in the dyeing," Sally read, "but, as you had this work done at your own risk, we assume no responsibility. Regretting that this has occurred and trusting that you will honor us with your patronage in the future," etc. The other was from her brother, away in college, asking her if he could borrow \$25. He'd return it fivefold as soon as he was through and had a chance to make his living.

Sally dragged rather weary feet up to her small bedroom. The first thing she saw was the clover plant, which seemed to be thriving in its new surroundings. Really, it was very remarkable. Sally looked at it and counted the leaves. There were twenty-one four-leafed clovers on the plant, four three-leafed clovers and a few with five leaves. Sally wondered if any one ever found a clover plant so extraordinary.

At dinner that night Sally must have shown something of the weariness and discouragement she felt.

"Well, did something extraordinarily nice happen to you today?" asked the widow. "You look terribly tired. You know you said you thought something nice was going to happen. Did it?"

"Why—why, I found a lucky clover plant," said Sally, not able to recall anything else of a pleasant nature that had happened that whole day.

"Have you had good luck?" asked the widow sharply.

"Not yet," said Sally.

"There you go again," said Mr. Hodge. "Always cheerful, ain't you?"

After dinner Sally looked again wistfully at the four-leaf clover plant. It had brought her the worst sort of bad luck all day. She wanted to get rid of it. She wondered whether anyone would want it. Then she suddenly thought herself of Frank Lawrence, whose room was on the floor below, and seizing her plant, she sped through the hall to knock at his door.

He opened the door and ushered her into the room he used as his study, where the table was strewn with books and papers. He was visibly embarrassed by her visit.

"I know you teach botany," said Sally, "and so I thought maybe you'd like to have this plant. It is extraordinary to have so many four-leafed clovers on one plant, isn't it?"

"Most extraordinary," said Dr. Frank Lawrence, not paying the least attention to the clover plant, but looking intently at the pretty girl before him. "Most extraordinary that you should appear when I was thinking so intently of you. I was wondering Miss Hawkins, in fact, I've often wondered if you'd ever care to go to the theater with me."

Sally said she would be delighted; in fact she wanted to go then—that night.

The next morning Sally appeared at the breakfast table with a smile even more cheerful than usual.

"Did you have any good luck?" asked the widow with sarcasm in her tone.

"The best luck in the world," said Sally, looking straight at Frank Lawrence. "And the interesting thing about it," she went on to explain, "is that the good luck that came couldn't possibly have come if I had not found that clover."

And two weeks later the boarders heard the amazing news from Mrs. Kline that both "Professor" Lawrence and Miss Hawkins had left—both left because they were going to get married.

"To whom?" queried the widow eagerly.

"Why, to each other, of course," said Mrs. Kline.

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