

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.

Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg, wife of the new American ambassador, was the guest of honor at a luncheon Wednesday given by the American Women's club and attended by 250 American and British women.

Mrs. Warren G. Harding, widow of the late President Harding, is to become an associate editor of the Marion Star and plans to write over her own signature for the newspaper which her husband conducted for 35 years.

Brick and tile manufacturers of Oregon and Washington are planning to co-operate with the Common Brick Manufacturers' Association of America in a programme of advertising and promotion of brick and tile in various construction uses.

In the presence of law enforcement officers of the government, the senate Teapot Dome investigating committee took steps Tuesday to call again before it Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior, and Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of naval oil reserves in Wyoming.

The smelling of breaths to determine varying degrees of drunkenness is no part of the business of the doctors, internes and nurses employed in Seattle's city emergency hospital, according to the rule laid down by Dr. Hiram M. Read, city health commissioner.

Moved by the increasing acuteness of the economic situation in the central west, President Coolidge Wednesday sent to congress a special message outlining steps for relief and quickened efforts of the federal government to prevent further bank failures in that section.

Miss Madeleine Traverser of New York, motion picture actress, has won a verdict of \$85,473 against Herbert Lyon Smith, wealthy oil and coal man, in her suit based on an alleged default of a contract by which he was to star her in a film corporation to bear her name. She sued for \$222,500.

Eight Salem (Or.) churches have voted adversely to a proposal to invite William A. (Billy) Sunday, the noted evangelist, to come to Salem in June to conduct a series of meetings. Only 10 churches, it was said, voted favorably to the movement. A half-dozen churches were yet to cast their votes.

Ramsay Macdonald, who took office Tuesday as England's first labor premier, gave tacit notice to the country and his colleagues that he expected to give the British people a business-like administration and would look for punctuality on the part of his associates in reporting for duty each day.

Joint state hearing with the interstate commerce commission has been set for March 1, in the federal court room in Yakima, Wash., by the department of public works, in the matter of the new interstate and intrastate rates on northwestern roads on fruit and vegetables shipped from the Wenatchee and Yakima valley districts.

A wage increase of approximately 5 per cent has been agreed upon for 15,000 engineers and firemen of the New York Central lines. Engineers, firemen, hostlers and hostler-helpers receive the following increases: Passenger service, 24 cents a 100 miles; freight service, 26 cents a 100 miles; yard and hostler service, 32 cents a day.

Removal of snarls in the relation of Japanese residents of America with Japan, preparatory to further diplomatic discussions between the two countries, was the object of a bill introduced in the house of peers Tuesday by the cabinet revising the nationality law to the extent of withdrawing Japanese citizenship from Japanese acquiring any other nationality.

Nikolai Lenin, Russia's great bolshevik leader, died suddenly Monday night at his country villa in the village of Gorky, 20 miles from Moscow. The public announcement of the premier's death was withheld until the all-Russian soviet congress met Tuesday morning and only that night did the wires carry to all corners of the soviet federation word of the event, which even Lenin's political opponents declare saddens the nation.

SMALL SALARY TAXES CUT

House Ways and Means Committee
Acts—All Under \$5000 Affected.

Washington, D. C.—Income taxpayers got their first slice of the proposed tax relief Monday when the house ways and means committee adopted the recommendation of Secretary Mellon to allow a special 25 per cent reduction in the tax on incomes which are "earned."

All taxable incomes under \$5000 were defined as "earned" for purposes of this reduction, while \$20,000 was set as the maximum amount of incomes on which the reduction could be taken.

Treasury estimates show that about 13,000,000 taxpayers have incomes of less than \$5000 and automatically could deduct from their tax when computed 25 per cent of its total. Thus, a married man with two children, who now pays a tax of \$28 on an income of \$4000 would pay only \$21, this figure not taking into account any normal income tax reductions—a proposition still before the committee.

Disposition of this section of the bill cleared the way with the exception of some odds and ends to be taken up for consideration by the committee of income rates themselves, including the surtaxes, the main point at issue in the tax revision programme.

Some members have declared for writing a republican income rate schedule, while others wish to work out the rates in full committee. Democrats, however, have declared they will stand solidly for their party proposal of a reduction in surtaxes to a 44 per cent maximum instead of 25 per cent, as suggested by Secretary Mellon. The house republican steering committee also discussed the tax situation, but reached no conclusion.

Before taking up the earned income provision, the committee definitely rejected Secretary Mellon's proposal to prohibit husbands and wives in the eight community property law states from dividing their incomes for purposes of taxation. Chairman Green had submitted a substitute proposal, the original already having been defeated, to prohibit this division when the incomes were derived from wages or salaries alone. Representatives Garner, democrat, Texas, and Hadley, republican, Washington, led the fight against this section.

Secretary Mellon's recommendation for special reduction in the taxes on earned incomes provided for the 25 per cent rate to apply on such incomes of any amount and defined earned incomes as that received from wages, salaries and professional services. Representative Garner, author of the democratic tax plan, accepted the earned income proposal in his plan but suggested a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent. The 25 per cent rate, however, will stand in committee, Chairman Green said, because no amendment was offered to change it.

On earned incomes above \$5000 the definition of Mr. Mellon also will hold. Mr. Garner moved to define "earned income" as "reasonable compensation or allowance for personal service where income is derived from combined personal service and capital in the prosecution by unincorporated persons of agriculture or other businesses." This was defeated by a strict party vote.

Home Wrecked; 15 Dead.

Pawtucket, R. I.—An explosion which shook the countryside for 20 miles around, wrecked a two-family house at Cumberland Hill, Manville, Monday and in the ruins were found 15 bodies. Many of the victims, in the opinion of the medical examiner, were asphyxiated before the explosion, which resulted from the igniting of illuminating gas and was made more severe by the detonation of some dynamite stored in the cellar.

One entire family, the head of another family and a young woman boarder were killed. They were Adelaide Hamel, his wife and their six sons and five daughters ranging in age from 2 to 21 years; Michael Conway and Miss Apolline Dancour.

Wild West Stuff to Go.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Shooting the lights out at Klamath county dances has got to cease, according to Sheriff Low, who opened an official crusade against the abuse Monday with the arrest of Frank Morgan and Bill Brown of Bly, on the upper Sprague, accused of being drunk in a public place and carrying concealed weapons. "A few jolts of this panther milk and these young frontiersmen think they are wolves," explained the sheriff.

Sterling Exchange Up.

New York.—Improved prospects for the settlement of the British railway strike contributed to a sharp rise in sterling exchange Monday, the demand rate mounting 2 1/2 cents to \$4.25 1/2. The franc gained 10 points at 4.61 1/2 cents as a measure designed to sustain Paris exchange came to a test vote in the chamber of deputies. Other European exchanges, with the exception of Denmark, advanced in sympathy.

COOLIDGE ACTS TO SIFT OIL CASE

Will Select Special Counsel to
Proceed in Courts.

WILL PUNISH GUILTY

Both Political Parties to Be Represented—Cancellation of Leases to Be Considered.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has decided to employ special counsel drawn from both the republican and democratic parties to proceed with court action as a result of evidence adduced at the senate committee hearings on the leasing of naval oil leases.

In a statement issued at midnight Saturday the president declared that "counsel will be instructed to prosecute these cases in the courts so that if there is any guilt it will be punished; if there is any civil liability it will be enforced; if there is any fraud it will be revealed, and if there are any contracts which are illegal they will be cancelled."

The president determined upon this course after being advised by the department of justice that it was in accordance with precedents. Explaining that the justice department had been observing the evidence unfolded in the senate committee, the executive in his statement asserted that "every law will be enforced and every right of the people and the government will be protected."

White House officials, in making public the statement, said that the special counsel would be appointed just as soon as selections could be made.

The formal announcement follows: "It is not for the president to determine criminal guilt or render judgment in several causes. That is the function of the courts. It is not for him to pre-judge. I shall do neither. But when facts are revealed to me that require action for the purpose of insuring the enforcement of either civil or criminal liability, such action will be taken. This is the province of the executive."

"Acting under my direction, the department of justice has been observing the course of the evidence which has been revealed at the hearings conducted by the senatorial committee investigating certain oil leases made on naval reserves, which I believe warrants action for the purpose of enforcing the law and protecting the rights of the public. This is confirmed by reports made to me from the committee. If there has been any crime, it must be prosecuted. If there has been any property of the United States illegally transferred or leased, it must be recovered."

"I feel the public is entitled to know that in the conduct of such actions no one is shielded for any party, political or other reasons. As I understand, men are involved who belong to both political parties and, having been advised by the department of justice that it is in accord with former precedents, I propose to employ special counsel of high rank, drawn from both political parties."

40 Miners Entombed.

Shantown, Pa.—Hope for the lives of some 40 miners, entombed late Saturday by an explosion in the Lancashire mine of the Barnes & Tucker Coal company here, was practically given up when rescue workers reported that the wrecked mine was dense with "black damp" and that water was rising rapidly in the underground passageways.

The fan house of the mine was wrecked by the terrific blast. The poison gas, the water, the lack of fresh air and a heavy fall of rock impeded the progress of volunteer rescue workers, who dug valiantly in an effort to reach the entombed men.

Lincoln's Friend Dead.

Independence, Kan.—Major John Frederick Nolle, 95, personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at his home here. Major Nolle was a pioneer of the Oregon trail and later, in 1850, a gold seeker in California. He built the first courthouse at Salem, Or. He participated in seven battles of the civil war and was counted among the personal friends of many generals of the union army. He came to Kansas in 1889.

Arms Collected in London Tower.

The collection of arms and armor at the Tower of London contains about 6,000 examples from the Middle ages downwards.



STRANGER DOLL

"SHE is pretty, you cannot deny that," said Teddy Bear, "but never in my day have I seen a doll just like her and you all know that I have seen many come and go."

"Her dress is not quite the latest style," remarked Paper Doll, though it is something like my new gown. But then clothes are so expensive these days."

"But her hair, just look at her hair," said Rosetta, the French Doll. "Little tight curls all over her head that you must admit are far from the very latest style of dressing the hair nowadays. Why, you can see both of her ears."

Poor little Stranger Doll felt very uncomfortable for she knew what was the matter. She had been taken from a bureau drawer in an attic where she had lived many years. Her dress



"You Are Worth All the Dolls in the World."

had been smoothed out a bit, her curls pulled a little to make them stand up and then she was given to a little girl who had in her day known many dolls. She was old-fashioned. Stranger Doll knew that. Her head was made of wax and that was the reason she looked so strange to the playroom folk.

Then one night a terrible thing happened. Stranger Doll had been left close to the steam pipes and her pretty face melted and ran down on her ruffled silk dress.

"I knew she was terribly painted," said Rosetta. "Poor thing, her face is quite spoiled. I should not be a bit surprised if her hair was false as well, or at least that it is colored."

YOUR HAND

How to read your characteristics and tendencies—the capabilities or weaknesses that make for success or failure as shown in your palm.

CARRIAGE AND MOTIONS OF THE HANDS

WHEN a person carries the hands in front of the body, or slightly at the side, and moves them continually, or almost always, waving them about as though to keep them from touching anything, or to keep anything from touching them, it is a sign of a nature that is suspicious, looking about for traps, etc. In some subjects, to be judged by other characteristics, this is, of course, a good sign, since it denotes carefulness, watchfulness, and a desire to investigate matters before passing judgment upon them.

We sometimes encounter the subject who keeps the hands clasped in front, with the palms together. In very many cases it is a woman who carries the hands thus. She is calm and placid in temper, looking at life through the philosopher's spectacles. Such a person will let the hand be read in a quiet, unobtrusive manner, and is a good "subject." Of course, all of the other types that have been described will betray their mental and moral characteristics—to some extent, at least—by the manner in which they submit their hands to reading.

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Men You May Marry

By E. R. PEYSER
Has a Man Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: Collar stands out from his neck—the high nonturn over kind—the flat, ready-made (probably). Red carpet slippers are the most moving-like "movie" he would appreciate. "Had a hard day in the office," he tells you; "every one on earth came to see the boss and I had to stave 'em off—Such questioning makes me sick. There are so many fools in the world, awfully tiresome answering questions." Yet he is the kind who always brings you a few sweetmeats, wishes every time they might be better, but they never seem to improve in brand.

IN FACT

He himself never seems to improve. Prescription to His Bride: Inhale daily a vapor of stand pat patties. Love what he is, not what he isn't.

Absorb This: YOU CAN LEAD A MAN TO THE ALTAR, BUT HE DOESN'T ALWAYS ALTER. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRDING KING

DOGS AND HEALTH

IT IS a general superstition all over the United States that the health of children is improved by having them play with dogs; and in many localities it is believed that a sick child—or, as many say, even a grown person—can be cured by having a dog sleep in the bed with him. A publication of the American Folk-Lore society has the following instance:

"A few years ago a young man in Holyoke, Mass. (a common-sense person) had a child ill with dumb ague. By advice he got a pup and put it in the child's cradle. The dog broke out in sores and the child got well."

Here, again, we have that form of sympathetic magic known as the magic of contact—the ancient primitive belief. The dog sympathetically absorbs the disease of the patient by being brought into contact with him—draws it out, as it were.

As to the selection of a dog for the curative process, the dog was one of the three animals—the other two being the lion and the goat—sacred to Jove, Mercury (some say Mars) and Pan. To put a goat or a lion in a child's crib might be a trifle inconvenient, but the dog is easy. Thus in working the cure we not only get the benefit of sympathetic magic, but invoke the beneficent power of the great gods to whom the dog is sacred. (© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Improvement.

"Our boss," said the henna blond stenographer, "is polite. He never writes 'Please remit on a bill overdue.'"

"What's matter; 'frail o' hurlin' their feelin's?" asked the chewing gum expert.

"Nah; he's just naturally polite in his ways. 'Stead o' sayin' 'Please remit,' he lets me type on th' bottom: 'P. S.—R. S. V. P. P. D. Q.'"

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