

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.

Wisconsin's most severe storm in years Wednesday, has taken a heavy toll in property and life. Property loss will run into millions of dollars and eight deaths are traceable to the storm.

Crops worth several million dollars were destroyed by a hail storm or series of storms which Tuesday night swept from northern Stutsman county east into Minnesota. The storm struck portions of seven North Dakota counties, reports said.

Commercial damage in Sao Paulo, Brazil, as a result of the recent fighting there is estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000, the department of commerce is advised by Trade Commissioner Connell. One-tenth of the damage was to machinery.

Sterling in New York went to another 1924 high record at \$4.44 1/2 at the opening of Tuesday's foreign exchange market. The rate later slipped back to \$4.44 1/4, about a half-cent above Saturday's close. French francs moved up about three points to 5.31 cents.

A typhoon Wednesday swept the south of Japan, including the islands of Kiushiu and Formosa. The railways everywhere are interrupted and the telephone and telegraph lines of Kiushiu are paralyzed. A flood is reported at Taihoku, capital at Formosa.

The republican national committee has before it for consideration, President Coolidge let it be known Wednesday, the question of establishing a regional headquarters at Minneapolis as the base for an intensive campaign in the middle western states.

Mrs. N. M. Piton, a nurse in hospitals in Victoria, B. C. for the last five years, Tuesday was made legatee to \$500,000. This sum, she is informed, was left her by F. C. Craycroft, a sheepman at Sydney, Australia. Mr. Craycroft was an uncle of Mrs. Piton.

Warren W. Ayers, a toolmaker who declares that he engineered the deal whereby the stock owned by John and Horace Dodge was sold to the Ford interests in 1919 for \$25,000,000, filed suit Tuesday in the Wayne circuit court against the Ford Motor company for \$500,000.

An act passed by the Alaska legislature in 1923 defining the fish and game regulations and limits was declared unconstitutional by the United States circuit court of appeals in San Francisco Tuesday on the ground that it sought to alter or nullify certain acts of congress on the same subject.

William C. Pelky, chairman of the republican state central committee; John T. Toomey of Johnson and William (Toots) Murray of Boston were indicted by the grand jury in Providence, R. I. Monday night. They were charged with conspiracy in connection with the explosion of a "gas bomb" in the state senate on July 19.

Proposed new schedules to establish joint through rates on cedar lumber and shingles from north Pacific coast points to southern destinations are ordered suspended by the interstate commerce commission from August 5 to December 3. The proposed new rates would be generally higher than the existing combination rates.

Switzerland is preparing a national expedition which will attempt to ascend Mount Everest where the English failed. The leader of the Swiss team, scheduled to start in 1925, is a well-known Swiss alpinist, who already has had experience in the Himalaya mountains. His assistants will be some of Switzerland's best climbers, none over 35 years old.

The inter-allied conference of the Dawes plan Tuesday officially changed its name to "international conference," when German representatives, headed by Chancellor Marx, took places at the foot of the big table in the ambassadors' room of the foreign office. This was the first appearance of German plenipotentiaries at a full dress European conference since that held in Genoa.

DAVIS TO FIGHT FOR TRUTH

Bourbon Rallying Cry Is Sounded in Acceptance Speech.

Goff Plaza, Clarksburg, W. Va.—John W. Davis opened his campaign for the presidency of the United States Monday night in a veritable torrent of rain, a rain that soaked the thousands of persons who had journeyed from many cities to witness the formal ceremonies to notify the candidate of his selection as the standard-bearer of the democratic party.

Undaunted by the weather, Mr. Davis stood under an umbrella held by a friend and launched a bitter attack upon the republican party, declaring it had shaken public confidence to "its very foundation." And the great throng gathered to listen to his speech, only a few of whom were able to provide a makeshift shelter from the storm with newspapers and other non-waterproof materials, stayed on despite the rain. They listened to Mr. Davis denounce the republicans for having "exhibited a deeper and more widespread corruption than any that this generation of Americans has been called upon to witness."

The supreme need of the time, said the nominee, is to bring back to the people confidence in their government.

Having thus sounded the rallying cry of democracy's hosts in the battle ahead, Mr. Davis with vigor and force presented the program to which he pledged himself if given the mandate of the American people.

He promised as the chief feature of this program an honest, impartial and just government; tax and tariff revision; farm aid; co-operation "officially" with all legitimate endeavors to lessen the prospect of war; economy in government, conservation of all the nation's natural resources and strict enforcement of the prohibition as well as all other laws.

Turning to the subject of religious freedom, which was the basis of a sharp fight in the New York convention that named him as the party candidate, Mr. Davis did not mention the K. K. K. by name, but was emphatic in his declaration of opposition to any challenge, organized or unorganized, under whatever name or in whatever character it might appear, of the constitutional guarantees of religious freedom.

The delivery of his acceptance address marked the culmination of a day of intense activity for the candidate. For several hours he received incoming delegations who visited his old homestead in Lee avenue, attended a meeting of the democratic national committee, was the honor guest at a dinner tendered that committee and the notification committee and later reviewed a parade.

Japan Floats Big Loan.

New York.—Flotation of a \$22,000,000 loan for the Industrial Bank of Japan, Ltd., was announced Monday by the National City company. The issue, which bears the unconditional guarantee of the imperial Japanese government, takes the form of three-year 6 per cent debenture notes. These will be sold by the National City company at a price of 99 1/2, to yield more than 6.25 per cent. This is the third loan handled by American bankers.

Gasoline Probe Starts.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Testimony that gasoline filling station agents for numerous oil companies call at the stations of the Standard Oil company of Indiana each morning to determine the price at which to sell gasoline was given Monday by several filling station owners at the first hearing of the Missouri investigation of the oil industry.

Sterling Jumps Again.

New York.—Agreement on the Dawes program at the reparations conference Monday sent demand sterling up 3 1/4 cents to a new high record for the year at \$4.56 1/4.

French francs advanced 18 points to 5.71 cents. Belgian francs advanced 11 points to 5.21 cents and Dutch guilders touched a new high at 39.10 cents.

Court Short of Funds.

Manila.—Court martial trying 209 Filipino scouts on charges of mutiny was forced to adjourn Monday on account of lack of funds with which to pay the official stenographer. Before adjournment the court overruled a defense motion for acquittal.

Six Miners Die in Fight.

Willburton, Okla.—Six men were killed in a fight among miners at the Bull Hill coal mine at Hughes, 15 miles east of here, according to reports reaching here late Monday night. Deputies immediately left here for the scene.

Canadian Crop Short.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's wheat crop this year was estimated at 282,042,000 bushels Monday by the dominion bureau of statistics. The final estimate of last year's wheat crop was 474,195,000.

FRANCE AND ITALY TO ASK MORATORIUM

Congress Is Expected to Oppose Debt Terms.

WANT LOW INTEREST

Result of Pending Negotiations to Await Election Before Submission to President.

Washington, D. C.—Opposition may be encountered in congress to the scheme for funding the French and Italian debts to the United States on a somewhat more favorable basis than the British agreement.

The proposed plan, as reported to have been discussed informally by American officials with representatives of the French and Italian governments during the past month, cannot be made effective without the sanction of congress. The consent of congress to the British debt funding arrangement was given rather grudgingly and any further concessions to other governments may call forth new opposition.

Congress has already balked on several occasions over the granting of authority for the funding of foreign debts on terms favorable to the debtors.

The original legislation proposed by the treasury giving the secretary of the treasury broad authority to enter into funding arrangements was rejected by congress and the bill finally enacted vested limited power in the hands of the world war foreign debt commission. Under this law the commission with the approval of the president was given authority to accept bonds of debtor nations in exchange for the demand obligations and accrued interest thereon. The commission, however, was limited to taking bonds running not more than 25 years and carrying interest at not less than 4 1/2 per cent.

The original members of the commission were Secretary of the Treasury Mellon as chairman; Secretary of State Hughes, Secretary of Commerce Hoover, Senator Smoot republican, Utah; and Representative Burton, republican, Ohio.

Demands for democratic representation led to an amendment of the law authorizing the appointment of three democrats. The present democratic members are Edward N. Hurley of Chicago, war time chairman of the shipping board; Representative Crisp, Georgia, and ex-Representative Olney, Massachusetts.

The commission found that it was impossible to make any funding arrangements on the basis prescribed by congress. When an agreement was reached by the commission with Great Britain for the funding of principal and accumulated interest totaling \$4,600,000,000 over a 62-year period and with interest at 3 per cent until 1932 and 3 1/2 per cent thereafter, it was necessary to obtain the specific approval of congress. The bill granting this approval encountered opposition but with the support of the administration it finally went through.

Later a similar measure approving funding arrangements with Finland on the same basis as the British agreement was approved with less difficulty.

Ancient Bones Dug Up.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Bones of extinct animals, including those of the horse, dog and pig family believed to have roamed Kern county hills some 2,000,000 years ago, have been found near the Poole creek station by W. H. W. Kew, geologist, who has been making a study of geological formations. The geologist stated that he believed the bones to be those of the pliocene age. He has sent them to the University of California.

Church Raps Evolution.

Oakland, Cal.—Resolutions denouncing the teaching of the doctrine of evolution were adopted by the biennial conference of the Seventh-Day Adventists of California, which closed here Sunday. The resolutions declared the doctrine of evolution to be "diametrically opposed to the very fundamentals of Christianity."

72 in Mine Death List.

Tokio.—The death list in the Iriyama coal mine in Fukushima province, where a gas explosion Saturday evening entombed native workers, had reached 72 Sunday. Fifty-six bodies have been recovered.



VAIN RED ROSE

ONE morning in a garden there was a little dewdrop that wanted to get away from the sun's hot breath that it might stay in the garden all day, so it nestled close to a beautiful red rose and whispered: "Hide me, beautiful rose, in the soft petals of your lovely gown."

The rose was very vain and thought only of her own beauty, so she told little dewdrop to creep close inside and nestle in her heart, for she wanted to keep it until moonlight flooded the garden when her lover, the nightingale, would come to sing to her his love song.

Away down deep in her heart crept little dewdrop, thinking that red rose must love it to let it rest in her heart



Carried it to Another Rose.

and that when night came it would shine on one of the beautiful red petals of the rose and they would be the most admired of all the garden folks.

But it did not know the cold, vain heart of the beautiful rose and all day long she kept dewdrop from peeping once into the garden, as it longed to do, for fear of losing the jewel she wished to adorn her beauty at night.

By and by when the moonlight crept into the garden making it almost like day the big red rose opened and told dewdrop to rest upon one of her soft petals.

"Tonight I shall be the loveliest rose in the garden, for I can see that

none of my sisters wears a jewel. How fortunate you are, little dewdrop, to have me near you!"

Just then the sweet tones of the nightingale's love song filled the garden and red rose swayed a little in the breeze that the jewels might sparkle in the moonlight and make her more beautiful in the eyes of her lover.

When the nightingale flew closer and told the vain rose she was indeed the most beautiful rose in the garden she tossed her proud head and down tumbled the poor little dewdrop to the ground.

"Now see what you have done!" said the angry rose. "After I sheltered you all day you repay my kindness in this way." Never a word did she ask about the poor little dewdrop that lay trembling on the ground below.

"Rose, dear rose," cried the dewdrop, "do bend over and help me to rest again on your soft cheek!"

"Bend over, indeed," replied the rose. "Why, you foolish thing, I might break my evening by tumbling off and you expect me to help you."

"But don't you love me, Rose, dear?" asked the dewdrop, who had been all day close to her heart and had grown to love her deeply.

"Love you!" exclaimed the vain rose. "Why, you silly little drop, I only saved you from the sun that you might make me more beautiful at night when the nightingale came to sing to me."

The nightingale had ceased his singing and had heard what the vain rose said, so he flew down to the dewdrop and lifted it in his bill and carried it to another rose more fragrant than the red rose but not so beautiful.

Into the very heart of the pale pink rose the nightingale dropped the dewdrop. "Here you will find sweetness that will be worthy of your love," said the nightingale. "Here will I come each night and sing my love song, for the red rose has no heart for love. It is filled with vanity."

For her vanity and cruel treatment of little dewdrop the proud red beauty not only lost her jewel but her lover.

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Have You This Habit?
By Margaret Morison

MANNERS

THE professor was waiting for his long-distance call. Meanwhile he was getting in on other connections.

"Give me Main 3162 right away. I have exactly a minute to spend on this, and I don't wish to be kept waiting," came a high-pitched, nervous voice.

"Main 3162," answered Central imperturbably.

"No, no! You've made a mistake! That isn't the right number at all! I said Main 3261."

"Main 3261," repeated Central, her measured tones calm and courteous. "I beg your pardon."

"Give me the manager!" screamed the one in a hurry. "That's twice you've gotten it wrong. 3162, 3162 is what I've kept asking you for. And I told you I was in a hurry."

"The manager," agreed Central unfurled.

"Is this the manager?" the professor heard next. "I've been trying for half an hour to get Main 3261. Central pays no attention to what I say. This is the worst exchange in the city. And I'm in a hurry. I told Central I was in a hurry. I want Main 3162!"

Then the professor's call came through and he left to take the subway downtown marveling at telephone technique in the face of public pig-ness.

There was a rush in the subway. Ahead of him was a lady of uncertain years with yellow, yellow hair, and a very tight skirt. The train had come in on a curve and there was a wide gap to step across. Mildred walked with her head in the air.

"Watch your step! Watch your step! WATCH YOUR STEP!" The cry just saved her from going square through to the track below.

She turned with a withering glance to the guard.

"What is your number? Such impertinence! What is your number, I say?"

"Four-seven-six, lady. Watch your step!"

The last the professor saw of her she had squeezed into a seat ahead of a foreign woman carrying a little baby, whom the same guard was helping aboard.

On the train, as he thought over the day, it was the public about whom the professor felt pessimistic. It seemed to him that those who serve the public have, on the whole, acquired the habit of professional courtesy, while the manners of some of the public themselves sometimes are for private use only.

HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?
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The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRDING KING

THE EMPTY CRADLE

Rock the cradle empty
Children will be plenty.

THIS rhyme, slightly changed in the wording in various localities, is common all over the United States and Canada. It indicates superstition which is based purely upon the sympathetic magic of our primitive ancestors—that branch of sympathetic magic known as homeopathic—like producing like.

The custom of rocking an empty cradle in order to increase the population has its counterpart in the customs of savage tribes existing in a primitive state all over the world today—which indicates that we are a trifle primitive as yet ourselves. In some sections while it is admitted that rocking the empty cradle will produce "babies a-plenty," it is also believed that if there is already a baby in the family the rocking of its empty cradle will work it mischief. Some say it will kill the child. This is because it was believed by primitive man that a baby's soul was, as yet, very closely connected with its body and great care must be taken that it be not charmed out of it.

The idea of the transmigration of souls—sometimes faintly indicated, sometimes definitely expressed—appears to have existed in the various conceptions of primitive man regarding the mysteries by which he was surrounded and confronted. Now rocking the empty cradle in an attempt to conjure a soul to take human form might conjure away the loosely attached soul of the existing body. So don't rock the cradle for more babies until the existing one has grown too old to use a cradle.

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A LINE O' CHEER
By John Kendrick Bangs.

A RULER

I DO not care how small I be,
How insignificantly wee,
I'm going to fill my place as well

As though within my little shell
There lay a Universe, and I
The Ruler of the spacious sky
Flung all about, that when the day

Shall dawn when I must pass
away
I shall have put the job well
through

That on this earth was mine
to do.
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Right
"Who's boss in your home, you or your wife?"

"Neither—we have a cook."

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