

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.

General Lord Rawlinson, commandant-in-chief of the British forces in India, died in Delhi Friday night.

The elections held throughout Germany Sunday in the first popular balloting for the president of the republic, failed to elect, no candidate having the required majority.

Possibility of a far-reaching controversy in the Washington, D. C., building trades was indicated Friday when the Master Masons' association decided to lock out the stone cutters' union.

Acting Secretary of the Interior Flinney has remanded to local land officials in Montana the cases of 300 homesteaders on 50,000 acres in the former Fort Peck Indian reservation, who were granted an extension of 20 months by congress to complete payments.

The Mexican government will have a surplus of 75,000,000 pesos next August, with which to inaugurate a national bank issue, says Excelsior, quoting President Calles. Eighteen million pesos, the president says, now is held in treasury paper.

Discovery of a sacred island containing ruins of the ancient Maya Indian civilization in Lake Catemaco in the Mexican state of Vera Cruz has been made by the archaeological exploring expedition of the department of American research of Tulane university.

Red with a flood of wine, the irrigation ditch near the Arkelian Rothman and Kellerman winery Saturday began carrying away 76,000 gallons. Federal agents were still dumping it into the ditch Monday. This was the heaviest destruction of wine in the history of the state.

Colonel Charles R. Forbes, ex-director of the United States veterans' bureau, was stricken suddenly with paralysis Friday night at the home of his sister, Mrs. Harry Judkins, in the Brighton district in Boston. He was reported in a serious condition at a local hospital.

Two men early Sunday held up Express Messenger Young on a outbound New York Central train between Chicago and Laporte, Ind., looted the safe, dropped off the train at Laporte and escaped toward Chicago in an automobile. Estimates of the value of the express packages stolen varied from \$700 to \$10,000.

Russian refugees are finding a warm welcome in Canada and already nearly 2000 have entered the dominion and are settling on the prairie farms. Settlements are being created by the railroad lines, towns laid out, schools built and land apportioned on easy terms for those who have been accustomed to farming in Russia.

Senator Wheeler of Montana, independent vice-president candidate last fall; Edwin S. Booth, ex-solicitor for the interior department, and Gordon Campbell, a Montana oil operator, were charged in an indictment returned by a grand jury Friday with conspiracy to obtain illegal use and possession of government oil land.

Valuable archaeological discoveries in the form of oriental gold coins and a seal of a Persian monarch, either of King Artaxerxes I, who reigned 465-424 B. C., or Artaxerxes III, who was monarch from 359-338 B. C., have been brought to light by scientists in a supply of material packed away and forgotten in storerooms and vaults of Russian museums.

Another installment of Italy's paper money, which is on the program for destruction, was burned Sunday in the presence of Finance Minister De Stefanii, Nicola Pavoncelli, president of the Bank of Italy and a large number of government officials. The amount burned was 320,000,000 lire. Last Wednesday 100,000,000 lire in bank notes were destroyed in a bonfire.

From 12 to 17 million dollars, estimates show, will be paid back by the government to various oil companies in the United States as the result of a decision of Judge Pollock of the United States district court filed in federal court in Wichita, Kan., Friday. The decision was on a test case brought by the Derby Oil company to recover \$6590.18 in transportation taxes paid in 1919.

TO CURB TRAFFIC IN ARMS

U. S. to Be Represented Officially at Gathering at Geneva May 14.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Kellogg conferred Monday with Secretaries Weeks, Wilbur and Hoover in preparation for the coming international conference in Geneva on traffic in arms, in which the United States government will be represented officially.

The cabinet members met in Mr. Kellogg's office for the initial discussion of the attitude to be taken by the American delegation to the conference.

The conference will be held May 14, under the auspices of the league of nations, and acceptance by the United States of the invitation to participate followed extensive correspondence in which it was pointed out that the Washington government was under certain constitutional limitations as to its powers over the manufacture of arms within its jurisdiction and could join only in the negotiation of conventions to restrict arms traffic.

The meeting Monday was held in preparation for the appointment by the president of the American delegation after a series of informal inquiries had been made at various capitols by the state department to learn what other governments expected to discuss at the conference.

The arms traffic conference is an outgrowth of the original treaty of St. Germain, drawn up in 1919 under the terms of the treaty of Versailles. The Washington government found it impossible to accept the treaty of St. Germain because it involved conflicts with American constitutional provisions and also because it would have prevented the sale of arms to friendly powers.

The subsequent correspondence with the secretary-general of the league of nations, conducted through the legation at Berne, pointed out, however, that the Washington government had itself adopted a strict policy regarding sale of surplus military stores and had discouraged shipment of war material from the United States to troubled areas of the world.

Indian Uplift Planned.

Washington, D. C.—The American Red Cross, with the approval and cooperation of the bureau of Indian affairs, will launch an experiment looking to the modernization of Indian life through a campaign of education in the Indian schools. Two reservations, the Tongue River reservation in Montana and the Zuni reservation in New Mexico, have been chosen for the experiments.

Under the plan the Red Cross will undertake to supplement the regular school work on the two reservations by providing practical demonstrations in home-making and hygienic living applicable to Indian homes and by impressing upon the Indian children the desire for good homes. A public nurse and a home economics worker will be assigned to each reservation to undertake the demonstration.

Darling Has Relapse.

Des Moines.—A physician's bulletin early Monday night said that the condition of J. N. Darling, the cartoonist, was "critical." Earlier in the day a report said Mr. Darling suffered "such a relapse over the week end that recovery practically has been abandoned." He submitted to a minor operation for years on account of the question of sufficient revenues.

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Vessels Crash in Bay.

San Francisco.—The Standard Oil tanker Captain A. F. Lucas collided with the three-masted schooner Maewana, owned by the Alaska Codfish company, in San Francisco bay, near Goat Island, Monday during a wind-storm. Little damage was apparent, as the vessels were pulled away by tugs.

Crater Lake Snow Deep.

Medford, Or.—Official report received Monday from Crater national park was that there are 16 feet 3 inches of snow at the rim of Crater lake and 11 feet at Anna Spring camp. It was still snowing at the park. Not only is this more snow than has been at the park for years at this time, but it is solidly packed down.

Income Tax Told Void.

Jackson, Miss.—The Mississippi state income tax law was declared unconstitutional by Judge Wilson of the New county circuit court, news received here late Monday said. The decision was rendered in a test case brought by the Gulf, Mobile & Northern railroad.

New Ford Plane Flies.

Detroit.—The "Maiden Dearborn," the first airplane built at the new Ford air port, successfully completed its first test flight Friday, circling the field at the airport. It was piloted by Eddie Hamilton.

RAILWAY BUILDING IN OREGON URGED

Commission Hears Claim of
Central Section.

RAILROADS OBJECT

Southern Pacific Plans Abandonment
of Properties Rather Than
New Construction.

Washington, D. C.—Findings as to proposed railroad extensions in central Oregon made by an examiner for the interstate commerce commission in a tentative report rendered several months ago were the subject of sharp contentions before the commission Friday. The chief contenders were the public service commission of Oregon, the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads, and representatives of several communities throughout the state.

Ben C. Dey of Portland, attorney for the Southern Pacific, brought some solemn looks from the members of the commission and listeners by stating that aside from the completion of the Natron cut-off one of the chief problems to be considered by his road was the abandonment of some of its short lines in western Oregon rather than the construction of others. Bus competition, he said, had become so destructive of business on several lines that the Southern Pacific had been seriously considering petitioning the federal commission for permission to vacate stretches of its property.

The examiner's report was the result of hearings held in a proceeding brought by the Oregon public service commission to force the Union Pacific to build a cross-state line from Crane, Or., to Odell on the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific which is now building. Certain other north and south lines also were proposed along with the extension of common user privileges to others.

P. W. Ellis, assistant attorney-general of Oregon, opening the arguments on behalf of the Oregon commission, approved that part of the examiner's report which recommended that the Union Pacific railroad be required to construct a line from Bend by way of Odell to Lakeview. He took exception, however, to the doubt expressed by the examiner regarding the financial feasibility of the proposed cross-state line from Crane to Odell. The examiner held that the public necessity for this line existed, but expressed doubt as to the location, and declined to recommend an order for its construction on account of the question of sufficient revenues.

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Peru Rejects Award.

Washington, D. C.—The Washington Post, in a copyrighted article, said Sunday that Peru has officially notified the United States that President Coolidge's arbitral award in the Tacna-Arica dispute between Peru and Chile is not acceptable and will not be carried out by Peru unless specified demands by Peru are complied with.

The demands, six in number, the article says, are incorporated in a note sent to the state department by the Peruvian foreign office.

50-Cent Dispute Fatal.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—A quarrel over an alleged debt of 50 cents culminated in a fatal fight Friday between two Mexican prisoners at the Utah state prison here, where both were serving terms for robbery.

Armed with a razor blade, J. A. Sanchez stabbed and killed Ruben Flores, but not until after he had been severely cut with a scissors blade used by the other man as a dueling weapon.

Turks Demand Change.

Constantinople.—The Turkish government has addressed a note to the powers asserting that it cannot agree to a continuance of foreign embassies in Constantinople. It demands the transfer of the embassies to Angora, in Asiatic Turkey, the present seat of the government. The declaration asserts that the government is prepared to offer sufficient embassy sites in Angora.

Mill City.

Mill City.—Two high school boys caused a near panic in one of the school rooms several days ago when they brought a couple of harmless water snakes into the room in a paper bag, turning the reptiles loose when no one was looking. A girl glimpsed the snakes marching up the aisle toward the teacher's desk. She shrieked and jumped on top of her desk, and the teacher and the other girl students did likewise, remaining there until the snakes were captured and thrown out.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—There were five fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents in the week ending March 26, according to a report issued Saturday by the state industrial accident commission.

Oregon City.—The annual spring salmon run has commenced here. Several large fish have been caught by local sportsmen and fishermen predict that the run of salmon will be in full swing in a few weeks.

Bend.—Tentative dates for the homemakers' institute, the first of its kind to be held in central Oregon, are July 7, 8, 9 and 10, it is announced by W. T. McDonald, county agriculturist, in Bend Saturday from Redmond.

Salem.—The work of collecting the unpaid part of the state income tax for the year 1924, based on incomes for 1923, will get under way Monday, according to announcement made here Saturday by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner.

Portland.—Residents of Multnomah, Capitol Hill and Ryan Place brought a long fight for a new water system to a close Saturday in a bond election in which an issue of \$95,000 with which to start the work was approved by a vote of 408 to 134.

Mallorca.—Plans for the new Union high school building have been completed and the contract will soon be awarded. Construction will begin as soon as weather conditions are favorable. The school will be a modern two-story fireproof building.

Salem.—Collection of the unpaid part of the state income tax for 1924, based on incomes for 1923, will get under way early next week, according to announcement by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. He estimated that the unpaid portion of the tax would exceed \$600,000.

Mill City.—In compliance with a proposal made here Friday night by D. M. Sanson, head of Canadian and New England linen mills, local citizens will start a drive within the next few days in an effort to raise approximately \$550,000 for the establishment of a linen plant in this vicinity.

Corvallis.—The Corvallis Elks voted Thursday night to erect a new temple 100 by 100 and three stories in height at the corner of Fourth and Monroe, opposite the new hotel. Lee Thomas, architect for the memorial building, is working on the plans which include lodge rooms and a gymnasium. The first floor will be occupied by business concerns.

Ashland.—The Upper Valley Improvement league has been formed by about 40 landowners in the Bellevue district, south of this city, for the purpose of greater development of that section. Irrigation facilities for the Bellevue district have recently been completed and the landowners are planning on making the area a highly developed garden truck and intensive farming section.

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