

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.

John Wanamaker, internationally famous merchant and ex-postmaster-general, died at his home in Philadelphia Tuesday. He was 85 years old.

Children of aliens would be granted citizenship upon the naturalization of either parent under a bill introduced by Representative Cable, republican, of Ohio.

Mrs. Irene Osgood, novelist and playwright, died at her home in Northampton, England, Tuesday after a month's illness. She was born in the United States and retained her American citizenship.

Mason Mitchell of New York, American consul on the island of Malta, was shot and wounded Tuesday near Laracca. His assailant escaped but pursuit was taken up. Mr. Mitchell was taken to a physician for treatment.

Narcotics valued at \$50,000 and the names and addresses of about 1000 persons said by the police to be selling agents and addicts, were seized early Tuesday by Deputy Police Commissioner Simon and a force of agents in New York.

A verdict for the defendant was returned at 6:08 Tuesday night in the suit for damages instituted by Miss Frances Birkhead, stenographer, against Governor Lee M. Russell of Mississippi, for damages based on charges of seduction and other allegations.

Wage boards at the various navy-yards and stations throughout the country were instructed Tuesday by the navy department to reconsider their recommendations made recently on wage scales for employes the coming year. The recommendations are for increases.

A loan of \$10,000,000 from the government to the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad was authorized by the interstate commerce commission. The authorization is for a loan to run until March 1, 1930, and will enable the company to meet maturing indebtedness of a like amount which the government now holds against the road.

Surrounded by friends of France and his own land, Georges Clemenceau Tuesday night came to the end of his "peace mission" and took leave of the United States. He appeared in the grand ball room of the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, before 1300 members of the American committee for devastated France. Immediately after he had spoken he motored to the steamer Paris on which he departed for home.

Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet, announced Tuesday that his law partnership with the ex-president would terminate December 31 at the expiration of their co-partnership. The announcement was made from the local offices of Wilson & Colby. Beyond saying that the ex-president "is turning his energies once more to subjects which have long invited him," Mr. Colby made no statement as to Mr. Wilson's plans for the future.

In a spectacular hold-up in the main lobby of the livestock exchange building in Kansas City late Tuesday, three unmasked bandits obtained \$96,000 and shot Thomas F. A. Henry, credit manager of the Drovers National bank. Henry is expected to recover. He was in charge of a detail of five men sent by the bank to get the money at a postoffice sub-station in the exchange building. They received the money in five packages. Joined by Jack Kelley, house detective, they started back to the bank.

Federal relief for Astoria, Ore., in the shape of a \$2,000,000 appropriation for the immediate rebuilding of streets, sewers and viaducts was asked Tuesday in a telegram sent President Harding and the Oregon congressional delegation by the general relief committee. Unless the city receives immediate government aid, it was pointed out, the city government will cease to function and bankruptcy of the people will result. That the situation is critical was the plea made in the telegram.

VETERANS MAY REINSTATE

Rights of Ex-Soldiers to Insurance Is Guaranteed by Congress.

It will be news to many World War veterans to learn that the United States Veterans' Bureau has inaugurated a reinstatement campaign for the benefit of those who, either through misunderstanding or inability to meet premium payments, have permitted their term (war time) insurance to lapse.

Director Forbes announces that no matter how long a time has passed since the last premium was paid, an ex-service man may easily renew his term (war time) insurance contract if he is in good health, or if he is disabled provided the disability from which he is suffering is due to service and is not of a total and permanent nature. Veterans will be particularly interested in learning that they may reinstate \$1000 or any higher amount, in multiples of \$500, of the amount of insurance they carried while in the service. It will also be of interest to the public to know that over 500,000 of the men who applied for insurance during the war have continued their policy in force and that these ex-service men and women are carrying insurance protection amounting to the enormous sum of over three billion dollars (\$3,000,000,000).

The reinstatement requirements have been made most liberal; in fact, if an ex-soldier is in good health it is only necessary for him to furnish medical proof of that fact, and pay two monthly premiums on the amount of term insurance to be reinstated. Physicians have been appointed in all of the branch offices of the bureau where ex-service men can secure the necessary medical examination without cost. Detailed information may be obtained by writing to the U. S. Veterans' Bureau, Washington, D. C., but in the interest of accurate identification and promptness, the person writing should be sure to give his full name, rank and organization when in the service and if possible, his serial number.

\$200,000 TAKEN IN RAID ON MINT

Denver, Colo. — Masked bandits shortly after 10:40 o'clock Monday morning shot and killed Charles Linton, guard of the Denver branch of the Kansas City federal reserve bank, stole \$200,000 in currency and escaped after waging a gun fight with armed guards on duty at the United States mint. Every peace officer in Colorado is combing the highways leading from Denver in a search for the outlaws. The money was being transferred from the mint to a delivery truck of the reserve bank standing at the curb and was in 50 packages of \$4000 each. All of the money was in \$5 denomination.

Police expected to be aided in their search for the escaped bandits by the fact that one, apparently the leader, was shot seriously if not mortally by a government guard on duty at the mint as the bandit turned to fire a volley at the guards as the car sped away from the scene of the holdup.

An automobile carrying seven men, two wearing masks and one drooping over the edge of the machine, bleeding profusely, was reported to police as having been seen speeding northward out of the city shortly after the robbery. Denver police unhesitatingly declared the robbery the most sensational daylight holdup ever executed in Colorado.

All patrolmen and detectives of the local police department were armed with riot guns and were being assisted in the search by the county and federal authorities.

The disregard of the bandits for human life marked the robbery, according to police, as one of the most determined in police annals. With sawed-off shotguns, two of the bandits bombarded the front door of the mint as they leaped from the automobile. Fifty government employes summoned by an alarm bell seized shotguns and rushed to the doors or windows of the mint, shooting at the holdup men, who returned the fire and at the same time calmly proceeded to load the 50 packages of currency into their own car.

Fusillades of shots ripped through buildings across the street and spat against granite walls as the guards and bandits exchanged shots.

Alcohol Deaths Grow

Chicago.—Deaths directly traceable to alcoholism and poisonous "hooch" have increased more than 100 per cent in Chicago since the ratification of the Volstead act, according to figures compiled at the psychopathic hospital. Prior to the enactment of the Volstead act the number of alcoholic deaths averaged seven or eight yearly at the psychopathic hospital, but 22 have died from the effects of bad booze in the first 9 months of the present year.

EUROPE MUST MEND WAYS, SAYS BORAH

Aid Opposed Unless Allies Cut Military Expenses.

COURSE UNDECIDED

Administration Foresees Difficulty in Helping With Prospect Opposition by Congress.

Washington, D. C.—A statement issued Sunday night by Senator William E. Borah makes clear that the contingent of irreconcilable senators whose views Mr. Borah represents will oppose American governmental participation in the efforts to adjust the German reparations question unless the European allied nations materially change their present attitude toward Germany.

More than that—Mr. Borah would have the allies put their own house in order before anything toward saving Europe from chaos is attempted. In fact, he holds that these things—which involve reduction of land forces and other measures—must be done before any basis can be established for the return of Europe to normal economic and political conditions.

The Borah statement is further evidence of the extreme difficulties which confront the United States government in its desire to be of assistance in the current European situation. Without the support of congress, at least its moral support, the government's good intentions are immeasurably embarrassed at a time when there appears to be a hope that the influence of the United States may be exerted in the interest of a European settlement. That this influence is very great is conceded by officials acquainted with the present state of allied opinion, but beyond that hint they are unwilling to suggest how that influence may be exerted.

According to the official view the existing endeavor to adjust the reparations problem on permanent basis will be seriously hampered by too much discussion and speculation in the American press. The fear is expressed that the hopes of statesmen and people of the countries affected will be raised to such a height by the reports of expected action from Washington that there is bound to be a dangerous reaction among them, no matter what the outcome of the existing activities.

The most that appears to be possible to say is that at this time the government is feeling its way with the idea that some opportunity may be presented which will give it a chance to be of real assistance to Europe. Nothing has yet appeared to justify a statement that the steps Washington is taking have progressed beyond the stage of informal conversations and inquiries.

Food Prices Advance.

Washington, D. C.—Both retail and wholesale food prices increased 2 per cent or more during November, according to figures made public by the department of labor. Notwithstanding the increase, the department said there was a decrease of 5 per cent for the year ending November 15 in retail food prices, while wholesale food prices increased about 1½ per cent during the year.

As compared with 1913 retail food prices in November were given as 46 per cent higher in Chicago and Pittsburgh, 44 per cent in Dallas and San Francisco, 42 per cent in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Los Angeles and Minneapolis, 39 per cent in Omaha and Seattle, and 35 per cent in Louisville and Portland, Or.

Infant Mortality Low.

New York.—One square mile on the lower east side, where 500,000 persons live, shows one of the lowest infant mortality rates in the world, Dr. Royal S. Copeland, United States senator-elect, declared in an address here. In this crowded area, Dr. Copeland said, among every 1000 children born 50 die in the first year of life. In contrast, he said, in the upper Fifth avenue district 100 of every 1000 children die the first year.

Ship's Passengers Safe.

St. Johns, N. F.—One hundred and twenty passengers of the steamer Prospero, which ran aground on Small Island, near Green's pond, on the east coast of Newfoundland Saturday night, were safely landed Sunday morning. The vessel, which is owned by the Newfoundland government, was refloated later with Nos. 1 and 2 holds damaged.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—The Silverton Pig club, which was sponsored by the Coolidge & McClaine bank of that city, closed the year 1922 with a record not equalled by any similar club in Oregon, according to William Baillie, rural school supervisor for Marion county.

Salem.—Roy Ritner, acting governor; Sam A. Kozler, secretary of state, and other state officials Sunday inspected the state home for the feeble minded preparatory to considering the budget of estimated expenditures of that institution for the years 1923 and 1924.

Hood River.—The annual meeting of the county court and budget committee will be held Thursday, when a final budget for the coming year will be adopted. It is anticipated that a heavy fight will be made to cut down on items that appear in the tentative budget.

Mill City.—J. S. Flatland of the state bank at Drain has sold his interest in the Mill City state bank to W. W. Allen and D. B. Hill. This transfer puts the ownership of the bank in local hands with W. W. Allen president, D. B. Hill cashier and L. L. Linn assistant cashier.

Eugene.—Oregon will be represented by 300 cases of canned goods at an exhibit to be shown at the annual convention of the National Canners' association at Atlantic City, N. J., January 22 to 26, according to J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, who is chairman of the fruit section of the national body.

Ashland.—Six new tracks are nearing completion at the Southern Pacific roundhouse here, at an estimated expense of \$40,000.

Ashland.—Elmo Neil, about 36 years of age and a well-known rancher and stockman of this vicinity, dropped dead at his home near here while preparing to come to the city Saturday night. He had been working in the cold all day and had just eaten and taken a bath. Death occurred while he was in the act of tying his shoes.

Junction City.—A meeting of merchants and growers and others interested in the growth of Junction City was held here Friday evening to hear the outline of a plan by the directors of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association for enlarging the capacity of the Junction City cannery and the erection of a new concrete and tile warehouse.

Mill City.—The heavy snow fall has caused the Hammond Lumber company to suspend their logging operations at camp 14. The camp at Detroit, Or., is still sending out a trainload of logs daily, it being located in lower altitudes. Although Mill City is located 35 miles east of Albany in the Cascade mountains there is less snow here than at Albany or Salem.

Salem.—The Housewives' council, with headquarters in Portland, has been incorporated by Josephine Othus, Mrs. E. M. Simonton and Mrs. A. L. Morris. Articles were filed in the state corporation department here Saturday. G. C. Frisbie, W. C. Palmer and Marvin K. Holland have incorporated the Duluth-Oregon Lumber company. The capital stock is \$100,000 and headquarters will be in Portland.

Salem.—Forest fires in Oregon during the year 1922, not including territory within the boundaries of the national forests, covered 178,530 acres, according to the annual report just completed by Frank Elliott, state forester. Standing timber was killed to the extent of 222,265 million board feet, of which 152,696 million board feet may be salvaged. The loss of this timber, not including that subject to salvage, aggregates \$167,577.

Eugene.—One of the most outstanding contributions to science yet made by a University of Oregon man that admits of practical use in the Pacific northwest and elsewhere became public Saturday in the announcement that O. F. Stafford, head of the university chemistry department, has perfected a process for utilizing waste wood to obtain a superior grade of charcoal and wood distillation products used in a number of basic industries.

Astoria.—The problem of preventing itinerant merchants from crowding the city with stocks of goods before the local dealers who were burned out have an opportunity to establish new locations, and at the same time make room for any legitimate enterprises, faces the city council. As a means of solving it an ordinance is now in force requiring every person or firm desiring to engage in business to obtain a license from the city.

SCHOOL DAYS



WINTER MORNING

By WILL M. MAUPIN

WHEN the frost is on the fodder,
And a tingle in the air;
When the pumpkins have been gathered
And the corn is shucked with care;
When the grease is on the griddle
And the batter's in the crock,
Life's worth living winter mornings
When you rise at 6 o'clock.

When the cakes are on the griddle,
And the sirup's in the jug;
When the coffee has been settled,
And the fire is warm and snug;
When you smell the breakfast ready,
And you hear the "get up" knock,
There's a lot of joy in living,
Though you rise at 6 o'clock.

When the buckwheats reach the table,
Mountain high and piping hot;
When with sirup and with butter
They glide to the proper spot;
When you've eaten all you're able,
Full of "bucks" your wife has sent,
You can hike off to the office
Full of grub and sweet content.

Talk to me of pate de foie gras!
Talk of sauces, puddings, pies!
Talk of table d'hote and cuisine—
Not from me they'll get a prize.
Give to me the smoking buckwheats,
Stacked up high and piping hot;
Maple sirup, golden butter—
Ah, that hits the proper spot!
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MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER.

Has a Man Like This Proposed to You?

Symptoms: Been all over the world. It is all over him. Souvenirs in every pocket, has a relic, every sentence peppered with every language under the sun, talks like a Baedeker, yet you feel the hotels are his first love rather than the antiquities! He is great for little old U. S. A. and thinks he knows all diplomacy because he has sold goods to Europe. He is a bright chap, a well-off chap, but you get tired of travel. He has never had a home of his own and you stand for it from him.

IN FACT
He is Home-made but Home starved.

Prescription to His Bride:
Remember what his souvenirs remember. Never trouble travel, till travel troubles you.

Absorb This:
Travel Gone to the Head, Is a Dangerous Brew.
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Has Anyone Laughed At You Because

You cry at a sad play? Hasn't the strain of trying to keep back your tears spoiled many a good play for you, because some one with you giggled or remarked about your "softness," "chicken-heartedness," etc.?

Never you mind, the fellow that can weep is a bigger soul than the one who cannot. So be glad if you are in the class where sadness touches you. It means that life has really meant something to you, that beautiful things and beautiful ideas have done something for you. What sort of person would not cry when on the stage a child is seen dragged from its parents? If you don't cry then you are a little soul, if you do you are a real human being. If you weep alone your loneliness is the right kind.

SO
Your Get-away here is:
That you've done exactly what the writer of the play wanted you to do.
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Uncommon Sense

By JOHN BLAKE

KEEP YOUR PROMISE

IN BUSINESS the man whose rating among his associates is the highest is the man who keeps his promises. Promises to pay, of course, must be kept. If they are not there is no more credit for the gentleman who makes them.

But business is not all promises to pay. There are promises to enter into contracts; promises to have shipments ready at a certain time; promises to make business engagements.

And the man who is more prodigal of promises than he is of remembering to keep them soon is regarded with distrust and suspicion.

A man who has been immensely successful in the manufacturing business is regarded by his associates as "hard boiled" in the matter of promises.

It is almost impossible to get one out of him. But once his promise is given, performance is assured, even though the performance may mean a heavy financial loss to him.

He has discovered that it is just as profitable to him to keep his promises at par as it is to keep the stock of his concern at par.

You may not be in business, or connected with business, save in the capacity of a minor employee.

But you will find that the value of your promises is just as important to you as the value of your employer's promises are to him.

You will learn if you are observant that you are judged not by making promises but by keeping them. And if after many trials your promises are found to be good you will be trusted. When a man is trusted he has made an excellent start.

It is always well to consider the matter of a promise before you make it. This applies as much to a promise to take lunch at a certain time of a certain day as to fulfill an important business engagement.

If you make no promises that you are not reasonably sure to keep, you will come to regard your word as worth something. If your friends know that they will not need to call you up and remind you of a promise, your value will increase in their eyes.

The promise-breaker is a word-breaker, and word-breakers have no standing. Think well of your word, and you will keep your promises. And as soon as this is established the world will think well of you.
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A Swiss engineer named Durler has been appointed to direct the electrification of the state railways in Japan.