

# 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.

The federal government has thrown up its hands in the case of Major Alexander P. Cronkhite, who was killed under mysterious circumstances at Camp Lewis, Washington, in 1918, and will prosecute the matter no further.

One man died and six were reported to be in a serious condition from heat prostration suffered in cantaloupe fields near Calexico, Cal., last week, when the apex of a heat wave was reached with a temperature of 116 degrees.

"Two million children were prevented by American women from entering the world last year," Bishop Sigismund Waitz, the former spiritual teacher of Emperor Charles, told a big clerical and monarchistic gathering in Vienna recently.

There was widespread property damage but no loss of life in the recent typhoon that swept the Philippine islands, according to reports coming in from different provinces. Roads, bridges and lines of communication suffered most.

The 700 Russian refugees who recently arrived at Shanghai from Vladivostok, via Gensan, Korea, will not be permitted to come to the Philippines, as were their compatriots, who recently left Manila for the United States, according to a statement by Governor-General Wood.

Robert Crozier Scott, playwright and scenario writer, was found dead in his room in Los Angeles Wednesday, his throat having been cut. The police pronounced it a case of suicide and said they found papers in the room showing that Scott's wife had filed a suit for divorce.

The Italian cabinet has decided to abolish the ministries of industry, public works and commerce, replacing them with a single portfolio of national economy, says a Rome dispatch. The correspondent says it is hoped the consolidation will effect a saving of several million lire yearly.

Ferdinand Kutz of Chicago had never seen a parrot and when a large green bird spoke to him from a tree, he thought evil spirits were about, so hastened in the house for his gun and shot the green "devil." Mrs. Bertha Fluzge, owner of the escaped parrot, had him fined \$5 and costs.

Jack Dempsey, the man killer from Manassa, is a man killer no longer. He retained his world's championship against Tommy Gibbons, the St. Paul challenger at Shelby, Mont., Wednesday afternoon, but it was by the unsatisfactory margin of a referee's decision at the end of the 15th round.

Notwithstanding the unexpected improvement in the financial condition of the treasury, Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, who will be the new chairman of the senate finance committee, said Tuesday that he does not believe that any general downward revision of taxes is justified in the next session of congress.

When a pressing machine in a tailor shop blazed up suddenly an employe picked up a bucket of gasoline, believing it to be water, poured the oil on the machine and started a fire which virtually wiped out Orangefield, Texas, a village in the Orange oil field. Thirteen buildings were consumed. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Testimony tending to show that the whipping given Martin Tabert, North Dakota youth was "within the law," was introduced by the defense Tuesday in the trial of Thomas Walter Higginbotham, former convict whipping boss at Lake City, Fla., charged with the murder of Tabert. The state is contending Tabert died after being struck 75 to 119 times by Higginbotham.

Babies in New York city have a better chance than those in a larger number of smaller cities, the American Child Health association declares. Cities in the 250,000 class with the lowest rates of infant mortality according to the report are: Seattle, Portland, Or., and Minneapolis. The cities in the same class with the highest rates are Buffalo, N.Y., and Boston.

## FRANCE APPROVES TREATIES

Two Pacts to Date Passed on by Chamber—Others Delayed.

Washington, D. C.—Action of the French chamber of deputies in voting ratification of the four-power pact treaty, coupled with the favorable vote last week on the naval pact, caused gratification in official circles here Monday, although some regret was evidenced at the forecast that the three other Washington treaties would not be put through at once.

The five treaties negotiated at the arms conference are independent documents, but to a certain degree they were designed to supplement each other and to extend the effectiveness of the general plan contemplated by the conference for removing probable causes of war. Although there will be no barrier to putting into effect the naval treaty and the Pacific pact, even though French ratification of the other treaties is delayed, the result of that delay may be to develop a somewhat peculiar situation.

The Chinese treaties, one dealing with customs matters in China and the other with political questions there, were worked out as a very vital element in the project of assuring peace in the Pacific. It was through these pacts that the conference delegates hoped to iron out causes of international friction in China and to make less likely clashes of interest in the far east that might lead to war.

This aspect of the situation is regarded as of importance at this time in view of the disturbed conditions in China, where the power of the central government has been greatly weakened and bandit outrages have become numerous. It is felt that proclamation of the Washington treaties might have some effect toward stabilizing the situation.

For a somewhat different reason the delay over the submarine and gas warfare treaty is a cause of regret to officials here. It had been hoped at the time of the Washington conference that the doctrines laid down in that treaty as binding upon the signatories could be extended without delay to all other nations, adding a new chapter to international law. That world progress cannot go forward, however, until the treaty has been ratified.

The submarine provisions of the treaty probably are of greater importance to Great Britain than to the other signatories because of her geographical situation. It is to be recalled that the British delegations at the conference sought to outlaw submarines entirely. The Root resolutions embodied in the submarine and gas warfare treaty were written for the purpose of finding a compromise ground in which naval opinion of all the powers could combine.

### Hippopotamus Is Killed.

Cincinnati.—The person who threw the tennis ball into the cage of "Zeekoe," gigantic hippopotamus at the zoo, caused the death of that animal, famous as the largest specimen of its kind in captivity in America. This fact was revealed at a post mortem. The tennis ball was found wedged in the huge beast's stomach, where it formed a fatal obstruction.

The animal, which weighed about 2½ tons, was valued at \$5000, but was considered as being worth many times that sum as an attraction at the zoo. "Zeekoe's" life was impaired on previous occasions by some thoughtless visitor permitting him to swallow a woman's mesh handbag. In addition to the tennis ball, a number of pennies also were revealed in the stomach.

### Fight Promoter Closes His Bank.

Great Falls, Mont.—The Stanton Trust & Savings bank of Great Falls, of which George H. Stanton, one of the men who assisted in financing the Dempsey-Gibbons fight at Shelby July 4, is president, closed its doors Monday morning at 11 o'clock when it was unable to liquidate its obligations at the local clearing house. The closing was voluntary, and State Superintendent of Banks Skelton arrived here to take charge.

Mr. Stanton stated after the bank closed that the bank was solvent, but that it was impossible to procure money to meet the concern's obligations.

The bank's statement, issued in response to a former call on June 30, showed resources of \$1,174,428, with deposits of approximately \$600,000.

### 1300 Bottles Seized.

Honolulu.—Customs officers here announced Monday they had seized approximately 1300 bottles of liquor from ships docked here since the United States supreme court's ruling applying to liquor on foreign ships became effective.

Of the amounts seized, 900 bottles were taken from the steamer Makura, 300 from the Korea Maru, 150 from the Eeto Maru and 36 from the President Pie.

## MINUTE MEN FORM TO ENFORCE LAWS

Patriotic Body Is Headed by General Dawes.

20,000 NOW BELONG

Non-Partisan Group of Public-Spirited Citizens to Weed Out All Religious Prejudices.

Chicago.—Born of a patriotic idea a little more than two months ago, the Minute Men of the Constitution, a non-partisan organization of public-spirited citizens, working in the interest of good government and the upholding of American principles and traditions, has grown with remarkable rapidity in Illinois and is spreading to adjacent states.

Care is taken to examine the standing and records of all applicants for membership, but more than 20,000 persons are now enrolled in northern Illinois. In the course of a year it is believed the membership in this state will exceed 100,000, a compact, brainy, driving force that must be taken into consideration in campaigns and at all times. Sponsors of the organization declare it will become a powerful national body in the course of five years.

The election of men to congress and other positions of trust who are in sympathy with American traditions, ethics and principles and who have the nerve to stand for these things.

The right of men to engage in collective bargaining and the equal right of any and every man to work and support his family, free of interference by other men.

The rigid suppression of anarchy in any form or color, from the blood-red Russian bolshevik to the pale pink parlor socialist.

Strict enforcement for all laws that make for the general good of the public; the bringing about of a general respect for law and order, and the disciplining of foreign and native agitators who teach disregard for everything Americans stand for.

The weeding out of all religious prejudice and persecutions because of religious beliefs.

Brigadier-General Charles Dawes of "Hell an' Maria" fame, and who stood the looting, wasteful departments at Washington on their heads, is the originator and head of the Minute Men.

## BOSS IS MURDERER SAYS FLORIDA JURY

Lake City, Fla.—Thomas Walter Higginbotham was late Saturday found guilty of the murder of Martin Tabert of North Dakota in the second degree by a jury here. The jury was out one hour and 20 minutes.

Higginbotham was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment. He was released on \$10,000 bond pending hearing of appeal.

The former convict-whipping boss was accused of having caused the death of Tabert as the result of a beating administered while the North Dakotan was serving a term in the Putnam Lumber company convict-leased camp. The trial consumed 13 days.

The death of Tabert finally resulted in an investigation of the whole convict-leasing system and its abolishment by the Florida legislature. That body also prohibited corporal punishment. Before the Florida legislature convened the senate of North Dakota adopted a memorial asking the Florida lawmakers to investigate the death of Tabert.

### Aeronauts Yet Missing.

Cleveland, O.—The flying boat Nina of the Aero Marine Airways Company, Inc., returned here Sunday after a six-hour search of the Canadian and American shores of Lake Erie in a fruitless effort to find some trace of Lieutenants L. J. Roth and T. B. Null, lost when the naval balloon A-6698 fell into Lake Erie Friday after leaving Indianapolis Wednesday in the national elimination air race.

### Portland Office Fifth.

Washington, D. C.—Portland ranked fifth among the leading postoffices of the country in the percentage of gain for postal business last month as compared with June, 1922. Its percentage of gain, the postoffice department announced Saturday, was 14.88. Seattle ranked eighth, with a gain of 12.33 per cent.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Silverton.—The four L organization at Silverton has already begun plans for a large Labor day celebration to be held at Silverton.

Crater Lake.—Crater Lake National park opened Sunday, July 1, with over 70 guests registered at the lodge and 327 at the park entrance.

Eugene.—The Willamette highway between Goshen and Lowell has been closed to through traffic on account of grading operations, according to announcement of the engineer in charge.

Reedsport.—The Umpqua Mills & Timber company mill, which has been under construction for the past two months, will be operating about August 1, according to Robert Archley, superintendent.

Salem.—An increase in the volume of business handled in the corporation department during the last three months of \$23,713.51 over the corresponding months last year was reported by the department.

Mill City.—Effective July 4, the Hammond Lumber company raised to minimum wages of common labor in their mill here from \$3.40 to \$3.80 per day, falling in line with other mills in the northwest. A few good men are needed here.

Baker.—A discovery of free gold ore has been made on the Brooklyn quartz property on Snake river. The property belongs to A. P. Callahan, and the ore is said to assay \$15 a ton across two feet of the ledge. This is the first free gold ever found on the Brooklyn property. Mr. Callahan has been developing it for copper.

Salem.—The California state public service commission has been asked by the Oregon commission to be its proxy at the hearing of the interstate commerce commission on the subject of Pullman car surcharges to be held in San Francisco July 10. The Oregon commission is unable to send a representative at that time.

Roseburg.—The rainfall experienced in the Umpqua valley during Friday and Saturday has done little damage. It will prove of much value as it is followed by warm weather. The rain has not been heavy enough to do any great amount of damage to hay, although it will produce some discoloration. Fruit has been benefited greatly.

La Grande.—Before winter sets in, La Grande, now considered one of the most beautiful cities east of Portland, in the state of Oregon, will be a veritable city of paving. Construction has begun on the first improvement district to be paved, with the installation of concrete sidewalks and curbing in connection. This section embraces several streets.

Salem.—The state fair board members believe that this year's fair will be the greatest in the history of the state, Fred Currey, secretary of the board, said Saturday. Preparations are being made with this prediction in mind. Reports from the entire north-west say the people this year are taking more interest in fairs than for several years.

La Grande.—Marie Shaw, 16, Union, was injured, dying one hour later, when an automobile in which she was returning to Hot Lake from a dance, alleged to have been driven at a speed of 50 miles per hour, was wrecked. Three other occupants of the car were slightly injured. Sidney Turner of Union, the driver, is facing a charge of manslaughter.

Portland.—Construction of a sawmill of 20,000 to 40,000 feet capacity will start at once near Oak Ridge in the Cascade national forest, according to Colonel George H. Kelly, successful bidder for the 685,000,000 feet of timber just marketed by the government in that section. Colonel Kelly has gone to superintendent operations. A party of engineers is to leave immediately for the scene.

Moro.—The 30 hours' fairly continuous rainfall here, beginning Thursday night about 6, gave a total precipitation of 1.28 inches, according to the federal experiment station. It cannot be termed a storm as it was a gentle persistent downpour with practically no wind. Wheat north of Wasco and for a short distance south of that city is damaged, but to what extent is hard to estimate.

Pendleton.—Seven plots of wheat in the Umatilla county wheat nursery have been harvested by Fred Bennion, county agent in charge of the nursery. The seven plots are chiefly smut-resistant wheats, being tried under field conditions by the state. One variety is Florence, the earliest ripening wheat known. Two of the varieties are selections made by D. E. Stephens of Moro experiment station from hybrids developed by Dr. E. G. Gaines of Pullman. The early wheats ripened two weeks ahead of hybrid No. 128, which is planted in the field alongside the nursery.

## SCHOOL DAYS



### Uncommon Sense

By JOHN BLAKE

#### YOUR LEISURE HOURS

LIKE a machine, you only rust while you are idle. Rest is necessary. Idleness is not.

Ideas come oftenest in your leisure hours. By making use of these hours, not only for rest and recreation, but for thought, you may make them the most valuable part of your life. This is particularly true of men who are employed upon tasks which require more attention than inventiveness.

There is much tedious work to be done in the world. Once the motions are learned there is nothing to do but follow them. Day after day it is the same thing over again, till the mind becomes numb and the heart sick with sheer weariness.

If you have this kind of a job, you will have to do most of your thinking in your hours of leisure. It is then that your brain, relieved of the strain of constant attention to a humdrum job, will be at its best.

It is then that you will have time to read—to think, to consider the future and what you mean to do in it.

Even the duller duties can be done better by a thoughtful man than by an unthinking one.

But if you are engaged on—we will say—a commonplace bookkeeping job, you will have no time to figure out better ways of working while you are bent over your desk with your pen in your hand.

Your attention will be wholly consumed by the labor. When the labor is done for the day—when you can look at it from a distance—you will begin to get more light on it.

Lucky is the man whose job is a constant incentive to thought. The engineer, the painter, the writer, can think as he works, and his mind grows with each day's task well done.

But such places in life are few. Most of us must do the daily grind as cheerfully as we can, and when the whistle blows or Sunday morning dawns, think how we are going to get a better job.

Recreation, exercise, both are necessary. Play is as useful as work.

But nowadays every man has more leisure than he needs for play. If he employs it intelligently it may become more important than all his working hours.

Be systematic about the use of your leisure. Read in it, study in it, think in it. And it is more than likely that the habit of thought you thus develop will carry you out of the rut to the threshold of fortune.

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### Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

#### NATURAL COMPULSION

FORTUNATE indeed is the man or woman who has succeeded by patient effort in overcoming his or her natural compulsion. We all have within our breast this compelling force, striving at every crucial moment of our life to obtain mastery over our intellect and reason.

In times of stress, when confronted by serious problems, or when passion takes sudden possession of us and temporarily dwarfs our sense of judgment, we become aware of our weakness—our inclination to be controlled by impulse rather than by well-weighted thought or clearly defined purpose.

To put it in everyday vernacular, we lose our heads and rush pell mell into the waiting arms of trouble, never thinking of the disastrous consequences that may follow.

Sometimes the brute instinct overcomes us, sweeps us away from our spiritual moorings and carries us out to sea.

When the weather clears we realize our predicament. We wish a thousand times that we had kept cool, been more circumspect in the choosing of words and the exhibition of an ugly disposition.

But being repentant never quite restores us to the old place we occupied in the estimation of our friends and associates.

The previous intimacies and confidences are broken beyond perfect restoration. They may be cemented together as are the severed pieces of a priceless vase, but the scars are sure to remain.

Reconciliations after quarrels fail to bring back the old faith in one another.

In spite of the manifestations of sorrow, the "makeup" kiss, or the forgiving handshake, there lingers in the heart a reserve which is seldom overcome.

The marks of the breaks are always visible to the eye of the soul; confidence and love are injured.

There is but one love on earth that passes through without being broken—the love that the noble mother bestows on her child. Dear intimacies survive till death because the natural compulsion of the mother is to love and to hold love in its divine perfection.

Compulsion of this exalted type is uplifting, dissimilar in every respect to the evil kind, which brings to all who unfortunately yield to it, nothing but disquietude and sorrowing.

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#### MEN YOU MAY MARRY

By E. R. PEYSER

Has any one like this proposed to you?

Symptoms: No conductor need tell him to "Watch his step." He looks as if he were always engaged in the gentle feat of tight rope walking. Seems afraid to take up too much room on the sidewalk. Walks as near the inside of the street as possible and always has his coat tightly buttoned and often on warm days turns up his collar. Awfully smiling, awfully shy. His sleeves seem to have a hate on his cuffs and slide up his arms. He is overpleasant and awfully good to animals.

IN FACT

He is always good to everybody—too good.

Prescription to his bride:

R A good nerve tonic daily.

Absorb This:

An ounce of dash is worth a pound in matrimony.

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