

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.

Chris Baumhauser, a yard foreman at the Hecla mine at Burke, Idaho, plunged 900 feet down a shaft to his death Monday.

The daily average of tolls paid for use of the Panama canal from February 1 to 15 is announced as \$73,684, exceeding the average for any month with the exception of December, 1914.

Signing of the treaty worked out between the Washington and Ottawa governments for the suppression of illicit liquor traffic along the Canadian border has been temporarily delayed in order that a minor change in the draft sent by the Canadian authorities may be made.

French francs Tuesday dropped to a new record low level at 4.25 cents, a decline of 12 points from Saturday's closing price. The fall was apparently based on the difficulties of the French government in forwarding its fiscal programme.

"A high treasury official" admitted to him that treasury department estimates of an ex-service men's bonus were "juggled" to fool the public. Colonel Thomas Miller, alien property custodian, asserted in an address Sunday at a bonus mass meeting.

Aided by a group of republicans, most of them insurgents, house democrats Tuesday eliminated from the revenue bill the Mellon income tax rates. By a vote of 223 to 196 a schedule advanced by Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, was substituted.

More than 10,000 Japanese, at a mass meeting in Tokio Sunday, adopted resolutions demanding at once the resignation of members of the Kiyoura ministry, then paraded the streets, passing before the Peers' club. Police reserves were called out but the demonstration was orderly.

Ratification of the German commercial treaty as now drawn was opposed Tuesday before the senate foreign relations committee by E. F. Plummer, vice-chairman of the shipping board, who said the most favored nation's clause seriously hampers efforts to rebuild the American merchant marine.

Two sharks caught in the waters of Palm Beach, Fla., Saturday, have caused no little consternation among the bathers who flock to that fashionable strip of sand and water every day at noon. Neither fish was a man-eater, but both were capable of causing considerable damage to the human anatomy.

Described by New York police as a "girl with the financial wizardry of a Ponzi or a Lindsay," Miss Helen Beckett, a stockbroker, was imprisoned Tuesday on complaint of socially prominent patrons of a Fifth-avenue corset shop that she had defrauded them of \$50,000. She was charged with forgery.

Members of the government's special oil counsel, Owen J. Roberts and Atlee Pomerene, Tuesday received from President Coolidge their instructions and their commissions, established their headquarters, and announced that no time would be lost in undertaking diligently and urgently legal proceedings, both criminal and civil.

Clothes worn by Abraham Lincoln when he was assassinated in Ford's theater, Washington, by John Wilkes Booth, Tuesday were sold at public auction in Philadelphia for \$6500. They consisted of an old black suit, the collar stained with the life blood of the martyred president, the trousers wrinkled; a badly torn overcoat and a faded silk stock.

Hudson Maxim of Lake Hopatcong, N. J., famous inventor, who has declared that under the 18th amendment tea and coffee are to be regarded as intoxicating and traffic in them prohibited, announced Tuesday he had retained Elmer King, a lawyer of this city, to bring friendly suit against a well-known hotel in Newark to test the validity of the amendment. He said he was entirely in earnest in bringing the action.

LET TARIFF STAND--MILLERS

Disturbance of Present Relationship
Would Aid Canadians.

Washington, D. C.—Flour milling interests argued before the tariff commission Monday for maintenance of the present tariff relationship between wheat, flour and wheat products. They were unable, however, to produce production costs of wheat feeds desired by the commission and adjournment was taken until Tuesday, when the commission expects to conclude the hearings on the costs of wheat, flour and feed production in connection with the application for a tariff increase on wheat requested by the wheat council of the United States.

The millers testified that Canadian millers were able to put down a barrel of flour in New York, after paying a duty of \$1.53, for seven cents less than it costs American millers to place flour on the New York market.

They pointed out that if the wheat duty were increased 50 per cent and a corresponding increase were not placed on flour, Canadian millers would be able to undersell American millers in New York markets to the extent of 77 cents a barrel.

Canadian flour was selling in London a week ago for the equivalent of \$5.50 a barrel, one miller testified, stating that an equal grade of that flour could not be produced in Minneapolis for that amount. The Canadian millers, it was stated, have crowded American flour off the British and continental markets and are making inroads in the American export flour trade in the West Indies through their ability to sell at lower prices, and with the aid of preferential tariffs granted by British colonies. Only the American trade and such markets as they could develop in South and Central America, together with the orient, were left to the American millers.

Greek Government in Discard.

London.—The Greek government headed by Premier Kafandaris has fallen, according to an Athens dispatch to the Daily Express.

The government's defeat, it is said, is the consequence of its refusal to accede to the demands of the extremists for establishment of a republic before a plebiscite was taken.

The fall of the government came as a surprise, as it was thought up to the last that the extremists would be defeated.

Athens.—At a meeting Monday afternoon between ex-Premier Venizelos and ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs Rousses, with General Othonaios, representing the army, it was agreed that the downfall of the dynasty should be proclaimed in the assembly, but conditionally upon confirmation of this decision by a plebiscite.

British Dock Strike Settled.

London.—The dock strike, lasting ten days, was settled quickly Monday, when delegates met in conference. Acceptance of terms was almost unanimous, only two minor points having objected.

A feature of the strike, which involved many thousands of men, was complete absence of disorder, although the strike extended over all parts of the kingdom, and dockers generally are regarded as a somewhat unruly class of workers.

The government is expected to announce immediately the chairman of the commission to inquire into de-casualization, and as the employers have agreed to the principle of maintenance for men who are idle during a part of the week owing to the peculiar exigencies of dock labor, it may be supposed that some remedy for this grievance will be found speedily.

Billiardist Wins Suit.

New York.—William F. Hoppe, world's champion billiardist, was given a verdict Monday by a jury in supreme court sustaining the charges he preferred against his wife, Alice Beatrice Hoppe, in his suit for absolute divorce. The jury found that Mrs. Hoppe was guilty of misconduct last November with a salesman. Justice O'Malley, who heard the case, is expected to soon make known the disposition of the Hoppe children.

Fireman Is Suffocated.

New Orleans.—Jules Pujol, assistant fire chief, was suffocated when trapped in the warehouse of the Marks-Isaacs company Canal street department store, which was destroyed by fire Saturday.

Five other firemen, two of whom may die, were hurt by falling walls. Preliminary estimates placed the loss at \$50,000.

Still Explosion Fatal.

San Francisco.—William Miller, 72, was fatally injured in the explosion of a still at his home here Saturday. He died a few hours later at a hospital.

The still was operated by a kerosene burner, which is supposed to have gotten out of order.

Happenings of Importance to Folks of the Northwest

War Veterans Need Jobs.

Seattle.—With 592 world war veterans of this district completing vocational training during the first six months of this year, L. C. Jesseph, Pacific northwest manager of the United States veterans' bureau, earnestly requests active co-operation of local employers in the matter of furnishing employment opportunities for these men who have successfully overcome vocational handicaps due to war injuries.

Of the total number of training completions, 257 are being rehabilitated in trades and industries, 96 along commercial lines, 88 in professions and 151 in agriculture, according to Mr. Jesseph. Special appeal is made to have employers place bookkeepers, accountants, watch repairmen, shoe-makers and auto mechanics, a large percentage of the rehabilitations being in these occupations.

"One hundred and twenty-eight ex-service men of this district will complete their training courses during the month of March," said Mr. Jesseph, "it is essential that they be provided with suitable employment immediately upon their rehabilitation under the jurisdiction of the veterans' bureau. It should be kept in mind that the war disabilities suffered by these men do not hinder them in the carrying out of their newly chosen occupations. A large percentage of the men have had training on the job. Much interest has been shown in the bureau's rehabilitation and employment program by employers of this district in the past and further co-operation is looked for in order that the task of restoring these ex-service people to economic usefulness may be properly completed."

Mr. Jesseph stated that on January 1, 1924, there were 65,000 ex-service men and women in vocational training in the United States. More than 49,000 others had completed their training courses and many of these are now earning more than they did before the war. President Coolidge, governors of a dozen states and numerous national civic organizations have called upon the citizens of this country to join actively in the solution of this employment problem.

Employers in sympathy with actual and complete rehabilitation of world war veterans should write to the district office of the veterans' bureau at Seattle, it was urged.

Big Area Awaits Water.

Seattle.—Washington's present cultivated area can be increased at least 10 times by use of the present water supply in irrigation, according to a statement made by E. C. McClelland, civil engineer and irrigation expert, who is in the city prior to discussing with state officials his method of developing agricultural resources through a minimum water supply.

"Superior returns can be secured in agriculture by using less water on land," he stated. "Thus, the irrigated acreage of the state can be greatly increased, even with the present supply of water."

Canada Has Advantage.

Washington, D. C.—The tariff commission will hold its final hearing on wheat and flour costs this week and shortly thereafter will make a report on which President Coolidge will determine whether to proclaim an increase in the tariff duty.

The total cost of milling and marketing hard spring wheat flour, as determined by experts of the tariff commission, is \$0.5898 per hundred pounds in the United States and \$0.4803 in Canada.

Seattle Man Ax Victim.

Seattle.—Joshua Mumme, 78 years old, was found near death with three ax wounds on his head outside his burning home north of this city Friday, and a search was begun for his wife, 75. Mumme, talking incoherently in a hospital here, said that the house was attacked by robbers in the night. The fire that destroyed the house attracted neighbors, who expressed the conviction that Mrs. Mumme was not in the building.

Nile Temple, Ancient Arabic Order.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, of Seattle, Washington, has the reputation of being the most traveled temple in the jurisdiction, having traveled more than 90,000 miles on various pilgrimages.

Duty and Vice.

Duty, like vice, is often a creature of unpleasant men, but unlike vice, improves on acquaintance which isn't followed by regrets.

African Land Crabs.

African land crabs, which spend their early life in salt water, have periscopic eyes, and leg pads on which to wipe them.

Cheese Output Is Sold.

Tillamook.—Practically all of the 1923 production of Tillamook county cheese has now been sold, according to a report from the office of Carl Haberlach, secretary of the Tillamook County Creamery association. There is a small amount left in storage in Los Angeles and San Francisco, and probably one car all told in Tillamook county.

Most of the factories in the county are now making the largest part of the curd into loaf cheese, for which there seems to be an insistent demand.

The low price of feed and the high price of cheese please dairymen and has made feeding more profitable and general than ever before.

Blast Reveals Money.

Oregon City.—While engaged in blasting stumps on their land between Aurora and Wilsonville recently, Naef brothers, prosperous farmers, found in the wreckage of one big stump a \$10 gold piece and two silver dollars. A careful search failed to reveal any more money, but it is believed some at least was destroyed in the blast.

There is a general impression that the money was a part of the loot stolen from the Aurora bank. As a result of the find and acting on the theory that the money was not all put in one place, stump blowing will be a favorite pastime here for a while.

State Sales Are Record.

Olympia.—Two state land office sale records were broken by proceeds of the sale of Tuesday, February 5, when receipts of \$577,256.45 for timber alone shattered all former timber sale records, and the total receipts of \$608,361.49 established a new mark also, states Land Commissioner Savidge.

Besides the timber, which brought slightly in excess of appraised value, uplands sold brought in \$14,871.55 and tidelands \$16,233.49.

From this sale approximately \$600,000 will be turned in to the state permanent school fund to begin earning interest which may be applied on current school expense.

Peak Committee Named.

Seattle.—A sub-committee of the United States senate committee on public lands has been appointed to deal with a resolution offered by Clarence C. Dill of Washington to substitute "Tacoma" for "Rainier" in the names of Mount Rainier, Mount Rainier national park and Rainier forest reserve, according to a Washington dispatch. On the sub-committee were named Irvin L. Lenroot, Wisconsin; Peter Norbeck, South Dakota; Ralph H. Cameron, New Mexico, and Alva B. Adams, Colorado.

The dispatch said that Representative John F. Miller of this city had asked the sub-committee to hear him in opposition to a change.

Phone Dismissal Error.

Washington, D. C.—Petitions for advance of the hearings on appeal of the Home and the Pacific Telegraph & Telephone companies in rate cases as recorded in the supreme court led to the discovery last Thursday that the announcement of the dismissal of these cases was erroneous.

The cases appeared upon the official list of the cases which had been dismissed and the verbal explanation was made in the clerk's office that the dismissal had been at the request of the telephone companies.

New Town to Spring Up.

Klamath Falls.—A new town will spring up at Odell lake within the next six weeks with a population of more than 1500 persons, according to the railroad contractors on the Eugene-Klamath line, who plan to establish camps at Odell where a small army of workers will be quartered probably for the next year. Tent houses and stores, with a few temporary buildings will make up this record mushroom town.

Committeemen Dodge Inquiry.

Walla Walla.—Frank M. Lowden Jr., chairman of the committee to investigate whether to ask for a grand jury to probe the office of Sheriff Springer, said that so far it had been impossible to get a meeting of the committee. Most of the members do not want to serve.

The Grand Lodge of Oregon is planning to establish at the University of Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college suitable Masonic club houses for the use of the students.

Must Have Been Jealous.

Mr. Jack—"Isn't that skirt-dancer a peach?" Mrs. Jack—"I should say she was more like brown sugar; very sweet, but coarse; a little off color, and decidedly unrefined."—Boston Transcript.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Falls City.—Eugene Starr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Starr of this city, leaves within a few days for Schenectady, N. Y., where he will enter the plant of the General Electric company to study and work.

Salem.—Judge Bingham, in a statement given out here, said he had discovered a decision of the United States supreme court which apparently releases all state judges in Oregon from paying the Oregon state income tax.

Salem.—Milton A. Miller of Portland, who is a candidate for United States senator at the democratic primary election next May, is appointed a member of the state textbook commission. He will succeed Harrison G. Platt, who has resigned because of ill health.

Albany.—The Albany Retail Merchants' association has adopted a resolution requiring all solicitors to obtain sanction from the association before soliciting for subscriptions is allowed. The officers and board of directors will act as a committee to pass on all solicitors.

Roseburg.—Roseburg business men will not subscribe the money necessary to drill a test well at the Roseburg Gas & Oil company holdings east of Roseburg. It was stated Saturday in a report made by a committee which has been investigating the project for two weeks.

Salem.—Robert Crawford, in charge of the flax industry at the Oregon state penitentiary, returned here Sunday from California where he spent two weeks investigating various kinds of hemp machinery. The flax plant at the prison is being reconstructed, and new machinery probably will be ordered within the next few weeks.

Astoria.—An illustration of the unprecedented number of royal winter chinook salmon in the Columbia river for this season of the year was furnished Saturday when the Vendsyssel Packing company received two tons of these choice fish and today it purchased over a ton, all caught by the few gillnetters who are operating.

Salem.—Salem, with the exception of Portland, spent more money for building work during January, 1924, than any other town or city in the state. Salem building permits in January, 1924, aggregated \$115,500, as against \$40,000 in January of last year. Eugene's building permits in January, 1924, totaled \$155,175 and Astoria's \$26,375.

Woodburn.—The board of directors of the Woodburn Fruit Co-operative association Saturday sold its 1924 pool of soft strawberries to Baker, Kelly & McLaughlin of San Francisco at 5 1/2 cents. There will be about 150 tons and they will be barreled in a warehouse, which the association will construct, employing 125 women during the busy season.

John Day.—One hundred men are reported at work on the highways leading out of John Day and Canyon City. Motorists will find the road-way better for summer travel. While the John Day highway remains closed, every effort is being made to improve the market roads and insure proper means for the heavy travel anticipated in the near future.

Hood River.—Checks aggregating \$70,000 were forwarded by the Apple Growers' association Saturday to its affiliated growers. The money represented distributions on fruits as follows: D'Anjou, Bosc and Buerro Easter pears, 50 cents a box; fancy Gravenstein apples, 25 cents a box, and the final distribution on all other varieties of pears.

Pendleton.—The wholesale price of wool bags, as well as grain bags, has been gradually mounting upward during the past few weeks with prospects that it will continue, according to some of the sheepmen who buy in large quantities. A surplus of hay will be held by livestock men after the winter is over, due to the fact that comparatively little hay has been fed.

Salem.—Judge Bingham of the Marion county circuit court Saturday handed down an opinion in which he held that the Woodburn high school district was illegally organized. Organization, proceedings were attacked on the grounds that second and third-class school districts were included in the union high school district, which was not authorized under the law at the time of the election.

Pendleton.—With one of the most favorable winters for their business practically a matter of history, sheep men of the eastern part of the state have turned their attention to lambing and wool problems. The lamb crop has already arrived in sufficient numbers to assure at least a normal supply and the yield of wool probably will be better than it was last year, according to statements of a number of growers.

HOUSE BEATS TAX ON EXCESS PROFIT

Hot Fight Delays Final Vote
on Measure.

ESTATE LEVY COMING

Plan to Throw Out Democratic Schedule Is Complicated by Saturday's Developments.

Washington, D. C.—The revenue bill withstood successfully assaults in the house Saturday, the most determined attack in the form of an amendment proposing a restoration of the excess profits tax being defeated 157 to 74. A stubborn fight for the amendment, which would have re-enacted the law repealed in 1921 with slightly different rates, so prolonged consideration of the measure that leaders predicted a final vote on it could not now be expected before the latter part of next week.

Representative Fear, republican insurgent, Wisconsin, submitted the amendment and was supported in debate by Representative Oldfield, democrat, Arkansas. Democrats, however, divided on the question, only about half of those present voting with the republican insurgents for it.

The estate tax section was taken up but with another fight impending for increase of these rates, final consideration of it was put over until this week.

Plans of republican organization leaders for any attempt they contemplate to throw out the democratic income rate schedules in the bill when it comes up for a final vote were further complicated by a development which it was feared might lessen the probabilities of several insurgent republicans joining at that time with the party organization on the vote for a compromise between the Mellon and Garner plans.

Representative La Guardia, republican insurgent, New York, who had asked Secretary Mellon for his views on a compromise schedule providing for a 40 per cent surtax rate and a normal rate of 5 per cent on incomes above \$4000 instead of 6 per cent, as carried in the organization measure, was informed by the secretary that this plan would not provide sufficient revenue for a bonus. Mr. La Guardia, who voted for the democratic income rates, had been counted among those expected by the organization to support a compromise.

However, Mr. Mellon declared also that neither the Garner schedule now in the bill, the original Mellon rates, nor those including miscellaneous tax changes reported by the ways and means committee, would raise sufficient revenue for a bonus.

Meanwhile Mr. Longworth said negotiations had been held up on the fight against income schedules as a result of delay in consideration of the bill. Several minor amendments, none of which were passed, proposing to allow taxpayers more time in which to correct returns questioned by the treasury, were defeated in short skirmishes prior to the fight on the excess profits tax.

Navy Ruling Protested.

Washington, D. C.—Protest that the navy department had refused to permit circulation among its employees of a petition setting forth opposition to the tentative reclassification of federal workers, was embodied in a letter left at the White House Saturday by Loren H. Wittner, chairman of an organization known as the departmental protest classification committee.

Wittner asserted in his letter that the navy department by its refusal was violating the law and denying constitutional rights.

Indiana Mill Is Burned.

Evansville, Ind.—The plant of the Kelsay-Burns Milling company, formerly the Akin Erskine Milling company, one of the largest mills of its kind in the central states, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The loss will reach the half million dollar mark to the mill alone and the surrounding property within a three-block radius suffered an additional \$25,000 loss. Firemen fought the blaze for 3 hours before it was under control.

Four Men Burn In House.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Four men were burned to death in a fire which destroyed a three-family dwelling house at Etna, near here, early Sunday. Two other men escaped by jumping from a second story window. An overturned oil lamp was believed to have started the fire.