

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.

Sergeant Aaron Kaplan of the department of criminal investigation of the American forces in Germany is suffering from a gunshot wound in the left elbow, inflicted during a May day demonstration.

Husband and wife served on the same jury in the state circuit court for Linn county, Oregon, Tuesday. It was the first time such an event had occurred in Oregon and probably the circumstance is without a parallel anywhere.

In an appeal to "friends of prohibition enforcement," the Anti-Saloon League urges defeat at forthcoming primaries and election of all candidates for the senate and house of representatives who favor modification of the Volstead law.

The American Bible society has announced that President and Mrs. Harding had become life members of the organization. They joined at the request of a 68-year old woman member, who said she had campaigned and voted for the president.

A 19-year-old youth was slain by a 16-year-old fellow camper near Jamaica, L. I., Sunday, as the climax of a rifle duel in which the two had stalked each other from behind trees. The fight started in a quarrel over the spilling of a can of soup.

Agreement by both General Wu Pei Fu and General Chang Tso-Lin, rival Chinese leaders, to exclude Peking and Tien Tsin from the field of military operations was announced in an official dispatch received by the Chinese Legation in Washington Tuesday from the Peking government.

Both houses of the Icelandic congress have, by large majorities, passed a bill authorizing the government of Iceland to exempt wine containing no more than 21 per cent alcohol from the prohibition law, according to a cablegram received in Washington Tuesday by the Danish legation.

Leon Trotzky, the soviet war minister, addressing the Moscow garrison at the May day review in Red Square, at which the red oath was taken by all the soldiers, declared that the allies at Genoa desired conditions to which Russia would never yield; therefore, he asked the troops to be prepared.

The conference representing both sides of the Irish republican army re-assembled Tuesday in Dublin, and arranged to make representations at the session of the Dail Eireann relative to bringing about unity in the army and a peace settlement in Ireland. An appeal was made to all ranks to act in a spirit of conciliation.

Reports that Harry M. Daugherty, now attorney-general, had received a fee of \$25,000 from Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, for obtaining Morse's release in 1912 from the Atlanta federal penitentiary, were repeated in the senate Tuesday by Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, and denied by friends of the present attorney-general.

About 65 per cent of the seed grain that was sent into the Russian famine areas was distributed in time to be sown, the central famine committee announced recently. More than 80 per cent of the 23,000,000 poods (about \$28,000,000 pounds) of grain from Russian sources arrived in time, while only 22 per cent of the 8,500,000 poods from abroad arrived. In some districts 100 per cent of the amount needed was supplied.

Cheering crowds, whose tribute visibly affected them, acclaimed Chief Justice Taft and associate justices of the United States supreme court who went to Philadelphia Tuesday, where the first sessions of that tribunal were held in 1791. Sitting in the same chairs that John Jay, first chief justice, and fellow members of the court occupied, Chief Justice Taft and Justices Pitney and Clarke heard recounted reminiscences of those first sessions, when there were no cheering crowds. The occasion was the rededication of the building in Independence square occupied by the United States supreme court as first constituted, and the observation of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the supreme court of Pennsylvania.

DEFEATED TROOPS IN ROUT

Chang's Vanquished Forces Are Half-Starved, Says U. S. Minister.

Washington, D. C.—Scenes of complete rout among the defeated troops of General Chang in China were described in a report to the state department from American Minister Schurman at Peking. He declared that until Monday 21 trains packed with retreating troops had passed through Tientsin and that railroad traffic in that section had been greatly congested because of the efforts of the defeated forces to escape.

The soldiers of the routed army were said by the American minister to be completely "out of control." Many of them, he added, appeared "half starved." Upon representations from the Chinese foreign office the diplomatic council at Peking released \$300,000 in customs revenue to feed stranded Feng-Tien troops.

The minister also reported that although there was no intimation of General Wu's next move, both Peking and Tientsin appeared to be out of danger with conditions returning to normal.

The American marines, sent as reinforcements to Peking and Tientsin, were said in the dispatch to have been a "valuable factor in military protection, especially in Tientsin."

United States Veteran's Bureau.

Men who were drafted into war service and then rejected for physical reasons are eligible for entrance into national homes for disabled soldiers provided they are in needy circumstances and unable to work, according to L. C. Jessep, northwest district manager of the United States Veterans' Bureau. The home for disabled veterans housing former service men from this district is located near Los Angeles.

In many cases of this kind, claims for government compensation have been disallowed because no aggravation of disability was shown in the short period at camp, sometimes but two or three days. The length of time, served, has no bearing upon the veteran's eligibility to enter the government institution, according to instructions received at the district office.

Definite announcement has been made by Manager Jessep that the new hospital for tuberculous veterans of the northwest district will begin to accept patients the latter part of this month. Formal opening of the institution, which cost the government approximately \$500,000, will be held June 4. The first unit of the hospital will have 250 beds. On the basis of 182 estimates for every 200 patients the Walla Walla institution will have a hospital staff numbering 227 doctors, nurses and other employees.

Elaborate programs have been planned for veterans' hospitals throughout the northwest for National Hospital Day, May 12. Cushman at Tacoma, Port Townsend hospital, U. S. Veterans' hospital at Boise and the government hospital at Portland are among those who will celebrate. More than 900 bedridden veterans will feast on "eats" furnished in most instances by veterans' organizations and their women's auxiliaries.

Legation Is Threatened.

Sofia, Bulgaria.—A threat to blow up the American legation here unless the United States brings about the release of Sacco and Vanzetti, communists, under conviction for murder in Massachusetts, has been received at the legation.

The threat was contained in an article in an anarchist newspaper which, enclosed in a red wrapper, was sent to the American minister, Charles S. Wilson.

14 Prisoners Wounded.

Columbia, S. C.—Fourteen prisoners were wounded, two possibly fatally, Monday, when 150 inmates of the South Carolina penitentiary revolted against the authority of the guards.

The chair factory building, where the uprising occurred, was set on fire but the recalcitrants were subdued and the blaze extinguished speedily.

Church Campaign Begun.

Hot Springs, Ark.—A nation-wide campaign to place religious teaching in all the public schools, colleges and universities of America was launched here Saturday night. This campaign was included in the anniversary programme of the board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church south by Bishops James Cannon Jr. of Birmingham and E. D. Moseley of Tulsa, Okla.

Detroit.—Seven men, declared by federal officers to have obtained hundreds of thousands of dollars for bolshevik propaganda, through a conspiracy to raise \$5 federal reserve notes to higher denominations, were arrested here Saturday. The arrests were the result of an investigation by the secret service that began nearly a year ago.

GOVERNMENT COSTS CUT \$1,600,000,000

Huge Savings Accomplished by Harding Administration

BUDGET REPORT OUT

Reduction in Routine Operation Is Nearly Billion; Overlapping of Departments Eliminated.

Washington, D. C.—The expenditures of the government for the fiscal year 1922 have been reduced more than \$1,600,000,000 from the 1921 figures. The reduction in the ordinary expenditures for the operation of the routine business of the government, generally subject to executive control, as compared with 1921, will be in the neighborhood of \$907,000,000.

These facts are shown in a report made public by Charles G. Dawes, director of the bureau of budget, and asked by President Harding on the economies effected in the cost of government.

The report was issued also in response to a resolution adopted by the house asking for information showing in what way savings were effected.

It is stated that the essential cause of the economies and improvements in administration which have been effected during the present fiscal year in the conduct of the routine business of the government has been the assumption by President Harding of his full responsibilities as head of the business organization of the government. Some of the agencies for the transmission for executive pressure, plan and policy have been established upon the advice of Director Dawes, and the president has used the budget bureau itself among his other agencies for the imposition of executive policy.

"The bureau of the budget is an impersonal, impartial and non-partisan business agent," says the report. "In this particular report where its estimates may become a basis of contention in an approaching political contest, its figures should be conservative and meet the test of examination, not only in the present but in the future when existing partisan differences are forgotten and the record for impartiality and nonpartisanship of the budget bureau is considered in retrospect by the unprejudiced mind of the governmental economist and student. Out of total estimated expenditures of \$3,922,372,030 for the year 1922, the director classifies only \$1,765,875,672 as being generally subject to executive control in the operation of the routine business of government. These figures compare with actual expenditures under the same categories in 1921 of \$2,673,435,079.77, segregated out of a total annual expenditure for 1921 of \$5,538,040,689.30.

"The reduction in the ordinary expenditures of the operation of the routine business of government generally subject to executive control in 1922 as compared with 1921 will be, therefore, in the neighborhood of \$907,500,000. As against this enormous total reduction the estimate of economies and savings incident to the new imposition of executive control over governmental expenditures in 1922 is estimated at the lesser sum of \$250,134,835.03.

"The director feels reasonably assured that this estimate of economies and savings attributable to the new system is an underestimate, but that if an error has been made in this regard the savings and economies are still so large as to vindicate it, and will at the same time emphasize the indispensable policy of the budget bureau to have its estimates conformable to the principles of business conservatism."

All Children Are Fed.

New York.—Child feeding in the American relief administration in Russia has been extended until it now reaches practically every needy child in the famine area, said a cablegram received at American relief headquarters Saturday.

In the Orenburg district alone, the message said, the administration is feeding 225,164 children in 1468 kitchens, operating in 1509 villages and 245 institutions.

Omaha, Neb.—Two masked robbers who told their victims they once were in a church choir, sang the hymn which includes the words, "We will come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves," as they held up and robbed nine persons, including a number of women, in a drug store here Saturday night. They escaped with loot amounting to more than \$300.

The Shadow of the Sheltering Pines

A New Romance of the Storm Country

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CHAPTER XIV.

A Will Is Changed.

The two years that had passed since Tony Devon had entered the Pendlehaven home, the greater part of which she had spent in school, had brought about many changes. Paul Pendlehaven had taken his place among the world's workers, but this does not say that he did not still long for the child who had gone from his life eighteen years before.

Mrs. Curtis was no nearer giving Cousin John to Katherine as a father than she ever had been, and Ithaca had caught no sight of Reginald Brown since he had fled from it with the notion that he might follow Uriah Devon behind the prison bars. Philip had carried on his wonderful work, living in the joyous letters he received from Tony and spending his spare time in answering them.

One morning Tony came to Paul Pendlehaven, smiling and blushing girlishly, and he motioned her to a little stool at his feet.

"Darling," he began in a moved tone, "I sent for you because I've come to perhaps the most important decision of my whole life."

Tony glanced up at him wonderingly. He appeared solemnly sober and looked as if he hadn't slept.

"If it affects me, Cousin Paul, it can't be greater than the one you made over two years ago when you took poor little me into your home," she asserted.

His hand fell lovingly upon her curly head as though in benediction.

They both lapsed into a long silence, the girl's dreamy eyes fixed on space, and the man gazing at her shining head.

"Tony," he ejaculated at length. There was something in his voice as he pronounced her name that dispelled her reverie instantly.

"Yes," she breathed. "Yes, what is it?"

Pendlehaven cleared his throat.

"I would never have believed that anyone could have wormed her way into my heart as you have," he told her. "How would—how would you like me for your father?"

Tony tried to speak but, seeing he had something else to add, waited expectantly.

"Once, as you know," went on the doctor, "I had a little girl of my own, but the years have been so long and so many since she was taken away, I feel I shan't have her again in this world."

Tony's dark head drooped against his knee in silent sympathy.

"Could you think of me as your father, dear?" he said after an emotional silence.

"I'm not fit for that," sighed Tony. "No, no, not that. I come from people who are not your kind, Cousin Paul. You know that! Everybody does! Then I'm not so good as you think I am. First of all I haven't always told you the truth."

"So my brother told me," remarked Doctor Paul. "Long ago he took me into his confidence about the poison in my medicine. I've watched you for two years, Tony, and it seems to me that I know every secret of your soul. I'm sure you love me, dear child. I'm going to adopt you legally for my daughter. After this I'm your father, and I give warning to my Captain MacCauley that if he tries to take you from me, he's going to have some fight on his hands. From now on, I'm not Cousin Paul. I am—what?"

"My father," gulped Tony. "It seems as if I couldn't stand so much happiness. And if you're my father, that makes Cousin John—"

"Your uncle," laughed a voice from the door. "So Paul has told you, has he, little girl? Well, Tony, you wouldn't have slept a wink one night if you'd heard our argument about you. You spent several hours wrangling which of us should adopt you. I said I should because I saw you first, and Paul—"

"Has the prior right because you saved me, Tony," interrupted Paul. "Now I think the family had better know of our changed arrangements."

Paul Pendlehaven acted as spokesman when Mrs. Curtis and her daughter, Katherine, had been summoned to the library. He told them very gravely that as his will now stood, his brother, John, and his cousin, Sarah, were the beneficiaries of it. Mrs. Curtis smiled at him and arranged the lace ruffles around her neck.

"You've always been most generous, Paul dear," she whispered.

"But now," went on the doctor, paying no heed to the lady's remark, "our household's going to have a mistress."

Katherine lifted her chin from the palm of her hand, and Mrs. Curtis straightened up. Were her ambitions going to be realized after all? Was it Paul who was going to put her in her rightful place? The smile broadened on her lips, and she sank back with a happy sigh. She had to admit Cousin Paul looked very handsome, yes, even handsomer than Cousin John. What a fool she had been not to have caught him sooner.

"The woman you put at the head of your home will be most fortunate and happy, dear Paul," she murmured.

"I hope so," returned Pendlehaven, and Doctor John pulled at the corners of his mouth to keep back a malicious grin.

"I'm going to adopt Tony Devon—" Doctor Paul had only time enough to make this statement when Mrs. Curtis jumped to her feet.

"You couldn't do that!" she cried. "That would be wicked, Paul, absolutely wicked! Oh God, don't do that!"

Without heeding in the slightest his cousin's bitter ejaculation, Paul Pendlehaven plucked up a box that lay at his elbow. With much ceremony he opened it and took out an exquisite pearl necklace.

CHAPTER XV.

The Last Card.

One day some weeks later, Reginald Brown walked rapidly along the boulevard past the row of squatter shacks. He had received word that Uriah Devon, released from prison, would anchor the Dirty Mary near the Hoghole in her accustomed place.

Devon was on deck when Brown ran up the gangplank.

"So you came, old top," was Uriah's greeting. "It's good you did; I want to know what's doin'."

A woman came to the door of the cabin and peered out. When she saw the newcomer, she scowled and went back.

"I thought you said she was dead," commented Reggie, with a wag of his head toward the spot where the woman had stood.

"Well, she ain't! Worse luck!" growled Uriah. "I told that to the kid to make her feel bad. Ede was willing to be dead for a while, anyhow. What's the news of Tony?"

"Oh, she's a lady now," answered Reggie, sarcastically. "The Pendlehavens have sent her to school ever since you went away. My mother tells me Paul Pendlehaven's going to adopt her. And what do you think else?" he demanded.

"I dunno," grunted the other. "Good God! Don't sit there tearin' me to pieces with curiosity. Fire ahead, and tell me."

"She's copped Phil MacCauley," returned Reginald; "Ithaca's snob of a Salvation Army captain, the fellow who threw me in the lake that day, and he's as rich as the Pendlehavens put together."

"Well, he won't get 'er," asserted Uriah, sharply. "I've told you the girl's rich too. Her father's got money to burn."

"A lot of good that'll do you, Ry," sneered Reggie. "She wouldn't look at the likes of you and Edith. You aren't in her class any more."

"Ain't I so?" queried Devon, grudgingly. "I reckon her hide ain't no tougher nor thicker'n it used to be. I'll thump 'er out of 'er once or twice; I'll show 'er what class she's in."

"You'll have to catch her before you beat her, won't you, Ry?" Reggie inquired tauntingly. "How're you going to get your hands on her? Tell me that, will you?"

"Yep, Mr. Mealy-mouth, I will," thrust back Devon. "We got to steal 'er." He clenched his heavy fist and swung it menacingly and suggestively. "What's left of 'er when I'm done with 'er 'll marry you all right. That over, I'll tell 'er who she is, providin' you promise to halve up the stuff with me."

"I did promise you once, didn't I?" asked Reggie, sulkily. "Of course, I will, but what's the use of dreaming? The Pendlehavens're too much for us. Now that Paul's well, he and John are a big team, and they worship the ground that girl walks on. You're biting off more'n you can chew, Ry. You aren't any too strong, you know. A prison record doesn't help any."

Uriah grunted and followed a ring of smoke with his frowning eyes.

"She's my girl," he said at length, "and I'm goin' to have 'er."

"I thought you said she wasn't," put in Reggie, suspiciously.

"Well, she don't know that, does she?" Devon retorted. "Nobody knows but you and Ede, besides me."

"She's a beauty," sighed Reggie, his voice lowered to a growl. "I'd marry her if she didn't have a cent."

"You don't need to make any such sacrifice, old horse," said Devon. "Your eyes will bung out of your head when you hear her name."

Reginald argued he should know who the girl was before he married her, but Uriah wouldn't give up his secret. Indeed, he unfolded to the prospective husband how he planned to capture Tonnibel, and sent Reggie away convinced, red hot to perform his part in the scheme. At last, he was to have the girl he wanted and money too.

The next morning Reggie approached his mother with an air of secrecy.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Insects Not Prohibitionists.

There are no prohibitionists among the insects, says a correspondent. Hundreds of wasps were recently observed among the fir trees of Keston lake crawling eagerly over spindle and sucking at drops of turpentine which form at this time of year. A vast humming came from the trees, reminiscent of the midsummer ring over the heated hay fields. Large flies and blue-bottles were also seen. In many cases the insects consumed so much of the firewater that they fell to the ground in a drunken stupor, or clung haphazardly to the trees. The wolf-spider chasing its prey through the grass like a dog was having a rich harvest. Other insects came to the bacchanalian repast. A species of aphid was much in evidence and also its keeper, the ant, busy milking it of its gathered liquor.