

# 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.

Four robbers Tuesday held up two messengers of the Municipal bank and escaped with \$50,000. The robbery occurred in the Flatbush section of Brooklyn.

Authority would be given states to tax national banks under a bill passed Tuesday by the senate as a substitute for a similar house bill. The measure now goes to conference.

The Iowa house has adopted unanimously the joint resolution calling for an amendment to the Iowa constitution which would permit women to become members of the state legislature.

Upward of 450 men of the American forces in Germany have been married with permission since January, 1922. At that time there was about 10,000 American troops in the occupation zone.

An order received in Essen from the central government in Berlin forbids the canal employees in the occupied territory to tow any coal barges seized by the French or to open sluices for their passage.

Captain Harry C. Drayton of Mitchell field, flew Monday from Pine Valley field, near Camden, N. J., to Mitchell field, 110 miles, in 42 minutes. Officers at Mitchell field claim this to be a record service flight.

In a vain effort to save H. I. Tibbets, aged 41, a miner at the Morning mine at Mullan, Idaho, Walter Lee Lynch, 28, and Edward Zieh, 25, miners, lost their lives Tuesday in a fire that raged through the Morning mine.

The militia department store in the house office building in Washington, D. C., through which members heretofore were able to buy poker chips and almost anything they wanted out of the allotment for stationery, went on the rocks Monday.

Parts of the eyeball of a 6-month-old pig recently were grafted on a human eye by Dr. Edward B. Morgan of Patterson, N. J., and three assistants in an effort to restore sight to Albert Lemanowicz, 18, of Lynchhurst, blinded in a Fourth of July fireworks explosion.

A fund of \$5000, the gift of William Wrigley Jr., a Chicago business man, was made Tuesday to finance an expedition from Yerkes observatory, Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, to Santa Catalina island, California, to observe the total eclipse of the sun, visible September 10.

Sun Yat-Sen, ex-president of the southern republic of China, has announced that he would leave next Saturday for Canton, his former capital. Both foreign and Chinese interests have been urging him to go there to restore order. His adherents took the city from Pekin nationalists last Wednesday.

Premier Kato, replying to an interpellation by Viscount Kato, leader of the Kenseikai, or opposition, party, declared that while no formal negotiations had occurred "there is an understanding between America, Great Britain and Japan regarding steps to be taken" if the other powers fail to ratify the Washington conference agreements.

The total apportioned benevolences of the Methodist Episcopal church increased from \$2,282,625 in 1912 to \$13,907,745 in 1922, or 509 per cent, according to the report of Dr. R. J. Wade, corresponding secretary of the committee on conservation and advance, read before 200 leading Methodists of the country in conference in Chicago Monday. "The per capita giving of our membership last year for all church purposes," the report said, "was \$22.40."

Between 60 and 70 drug addicts confined in the county jail in San Jose, Cal., early Sunday night gave vent to their dissatisfaction with jail fare in a noisy outburst audible for several blocks. Cell doors and bars were shaken and every article at their disposal was used to swell the din, which attracted a crowd of almost 1000 to the jail doors. The fire department was finally called out and the prisoners threatened with having their cells flooded before the uproar ceased.

## SLAV TO AID TURK IS REPORT

Secret Military Alliance Declared Made—Lausanne Faces Split.

Belgrade.—The government newspaper Tribuna said Monday that Foreign Minister Tchitcherin of Russia and Ismet Pasha have made a secret agreement at Lausanne, by which Russia and Turkey will give each other military support in the near east in case hostilities are resumed. The agreement, which is said to have been accepted by both the soviet and Turkish governments, stipulates that Russia will send several divisions into Mesopotamia should the British and the Turks take up arms.

The newspaper also asserted that under the terms of a special arrangement made at Lausanne between Russia and Bulgaria, Russian troops may be sent into western Thrace across Bulgarian territory.

Turkey agrees not to conclude any agreement at Lausanne without the previous consent of Russia, the Tribuna added.

Lausanne.—The spokesman of the Russian delegation at the conference here characterized as an invention a Belgrade report that Turkey and Russia would give each other mutual military support in the event of a resumption of hostilities in the near east.

M. Stancicoff, the Bulgarian minister to Great Britain, also declared untrue the report that Bulgaria and Russia had reached an agreement under which Russian troops would be permitted to cross Bulgaria into western Thrace as an aid to Turkey, should hostilities be resumed.

## GUARD OF 250,000 URGED FOR NATION

Washington, D. C. — A minimum peace time strength of 250,000 men for the national guard was recommended Saturday in a report of a committee of national guard and general staff officers who have been studying the problem for more than a year and which was approved by Secretary Weeks. The plan outlined by the committee was based on an efficient organization of 18 infantry and four cavalry divisions, and would mean a reduction from present authorized paper strength of the national guard, which is 435,000 men.

In addition to the infantry and cavalry divisions, the guard, under the plan submitted, would consist of 130 companies of harbor defense troops, 12 infantry regiments to be allotted, and other units necessary to a well-balanced force, such as tanks, anti-air forces and artillery units.

The committee recommended that the strength of the guard be apportioned so far as practicable among the states in proportion to the number of members of the house of representatives, and that provision should be made to maintain all organizations heretofore recognized and for the completion of organizations in process of formation.

### Tubercular Veterans to Benefit.

Tubercular war veterans of this district whose claims for compensation and hospitalization have been disallowed by the government, will benefit greatly by a new federal order calling for extension of proof period following separation from service and the formation of a district tuberculosis board to consider service connection of cases after observation in the hospital, according to an announcement made by L. C. Jesseph, northwest district manager of the United States veterans' bureau. Hundreds of ex-service men of the Pacific northwest will be directly affected by this measure and every tubercular case will be automatically reopened for consideration. Development of tuberculosis from war service is increasing rapidly, it was stated.

### Convention Dates Set.

Vancouver, Wash.—The 1923 convention of the Spanish war veterans of Washington and Alaska will be held in Vancouver July 19, 20 and 21. It was announced Monday by Fred Tempes of this city, state commander of the veterans. Vancouver was chosen as the 1923 convention city at the state meeting last year, but the dates were not selected. About 400 delegates are expected at the convention.

### \$30 Grows to \$2,000,000.

Muskogee, Okla.—Harry Hill, an electrical engineer, learned Monday that he was the sole heir to the estate of his uncle, John M. Hill, merchant of Nashville, Tenn. Hill said the estate was valued at approximately \$2,000,000. The estate grew, Hill asserted, from a stock investment of \$30 in 1874. Dividends had been reinvested and all proved successful.

## TURK AND ALLIES DRIFT FAR APART

Near East Conference Faces Failure at Lausanne.

BRITISH STILL HOPE

Leaders Lay Plans to Prevent Breakdown of Gathering; Kemalists Demand Sovereignty.

Lausanne.—The Turks and the allies have drifted so far apart that Lausanne Sunday was confronted with the probability that the near eastern conference would adjourn without reaching an agreement, according to practically all the delegations.

The British were clinging to the hope that the Turks would sign, but they stood alone. Ambassador Child, by conferring with Ismet Pasha and Lord Curzon, was said to be contributing his bit to saving the conference from collapse. The French premier telegraphed to Mustapha Kemal Pasha at Angora, counseling moderation in the interest of Turkey and for the good of all Europe.

The conference leaders laid plans to prevent what the world must call a rupture of the conference. If France is beset with the Ruhr problem, Italy is also deep in internal questions of great importance and Italy, like France, wants no more war in the near east.

Marquis di Garroni, head of the Italian delegation, spent most of the day frantically seeking to prevent new complications and to induce Turkey and England to come to an agreement, for this long struggle at Lausanne is essentially a battle between Turkey and England. Ismet Pasha said that he wanted peace, but that his people demand an honorable peace which will recognize and sanctify the sovereign rights of Turkey.

Efforts will be made to induce Turkey on Wednesday, when the allied treaty is officially presented, to accept certain essential parts of that treaty in principle. The conference will then be temporarily adjourned and experts of each delegation will be left in Lausanne, thus never losing official touch with each other.

In the meantime an endeavor will be made through regular diplomatic channels to attain an accord, and later the plenipotentiaries could return to Lausanne and sign it.

In this diplomatic effort France is regarded as in an especially favorable position because of her accord with Angora, which practically removes her from a state of war with Turkey. Italy will not hear of a rupture, which threatens resumption of the war, and stands ready to urge alterations in the ultimatum program of the allies.

### Mr. Daugherty Better.

Washington, D. C. — Considerable improvement in the condition of Attorney-General Daugherty, who has been suffering from a severe cold, was reported Sunday by Brigadier-General C. E. Sawyer, the White House physician, who is attending him. Mr. Daugherty is confined to his room, a high blood pressure which is not regarded as alarming, having disappeared, and it probably will be some days before he returns to his duties.

### Poison Expert Is Dead.

Chicago.—Dr. Walter Stanley Haines, nationally-known chemist and toxicologist and a lecturer at Rush Medical college, died here Saturday at the age of 72 years. Since 1876 Dr. Haines had occupied the chair of chemistry, toxicology and materia medica at the Rush school. Through his expert testimony in poison cases he gained a wide reputation throughout the country as a toxicologist.

### Big Fraud Frustrated.

Cleveland, O.—What is believed by secret service agents to be an attempt to flood the country with counterfeit war savings stamps was frustrated here Saturday. A man who was in the act of cashing \$600 of these stamps in a bank was arrested.



## The MARDI GRAS MYSTERY

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### "UPON MY HONOR!"

SYNOPSIS.—During the height of the New Orleans carnival season Jachin Fell, wealthy though somewhat mysterious citizen, and Dr. Anstey, are discussing a series of robberies by an individual known as the Midnight Masquer, who, invariably attired as an aviator, has long defied the police. Joseph Maillard, wealthy banker, is giving a ball that night, at which the Masquer has threatened to appear and rob the guests. Fell and Anstey, on their way to the affair, meet a girl dressed as Columbine, seemingly known to Fell, but masked, who accompanies them to the ball. Lucie Ledanois, recently the ward of her uncle, Joseph Maillard, is the Columbine. At the ball, Bob Maillard, son of the banker, again proposes to her and is refused. He offers to buy some of her property. A Franciscan monk interests her. He turns out to be Prince Gramont. In his library Joseph Maillard and a group of his friends are held up and robbed by the Midnight Masquer. Lucie Ledanois, the last of an old family, is in straitened circumstances. Joseph Maillard's handling of her funds has been unfortunate. Fell is an old friend of her parents and deeply interested in the girl. Henry Gramont, really the Prince de Gramont, is enamored of Lucie. Lucie talks with Fell about her affairs and the Masked Masquer. Gramont's chauffeur, Hammond, sergeant in the A. E. F., lives with him. He was the original Midnight Masquer, and Gramont had assumed the role. Where Hammond had been a robber for financial gain, Gramont, of course, is not. He arranges to return the "loot" to those whom he has robbed. Gramont and Hammond put the jewels and money in individual packages to be returned the next day. An explanation is included in each. Ben Cachere, an individual of unsavory character, appears to be associated with Jachin Fell. He has a recent interview with one Memphis Izzy Gumbert, notorious influential crook, in which there is significant reference to a mysterious "boss." Lucie summons Gramont to her home.

### CHAPTER VII—Continued.

For a moment Gramont found himself unable to speak. He was thunderstruck by the sight of those unmistakable boxes. A glance at the calm features of the girl showed him that there was nothing to be concealed from her, even had he wished it. He was further stunned by this realization. He could not understand how the packages had come here. Recovering his voice with an effort, he managed to break the heavy silence.

"Well? I suppose you know what is in those parcels?" She nodded. "Yes. One of them was opened, and the note inside was discovered. Of course, it gave a general explanation. Will you sit down, please? I think that we had better talk it over quietly and calmly."

Gramont obeyed, and dropped into a chair.

He was absurdly conscious of his own confusion. How had Lucie come into the affair? This staggered him above all else. Was she behind the theft of the loot? It must be. How long had she suspected him, then? He had thought Jachin Fell the sole danger point—he had never dreamed that this gray-eyed Athene could be tracing down the Masquer! He tried to visualize the situation more clearly and his brain whirled. He knew, of course, that she was fairly intimate with Fell, but he was not aware of any particular connection—

He glanced up at her suddenly, and surprised a glint of laughter in her eyes as she watched him.

"You seem to be rather astonished," she observed.

"I am." Gramont drew a deep breath. "You—do you know that those boxes were taken from my car?"

She nodded again. "Certainly. They were brought to me."

"Then you had someone on my trail?" Gramont flushed a little as he put the question to her.

"No. I have been chosen to settle affairs with you, that is all. It has been learned from the note in the opened box that you were not criminal in what you did."

She leaned forward, her deep eyes searching him with a steady scrutiny.

"Tell me, Henry Gramont, what mad impulse brought you to all this? Was it a silly, boyish effort to be romantic—was it a mere outburst of bravado? It was not for the sake of robbery, as the note explained very clearly. But why, then? Why? There must have been a definite reason in your mind. You would not have taken such dangerous chances unless you had something to gain!"

Gramont nodded slightly. A slight smile touched his lips. "You're not going to send me to prison, I trust?"

"I ought to." The girl broke into a laugh. "Why, I can hardly get believe that it was really you who were

guilty of those things! It mortified me, it stunned me—until I realized the truth from the note. Even the fact that you did not do it for criminal ends does not relieve the sheer folly of the act. Why did you do it? Come, tell me the truth!"

Gramont shrugged. "The truth? Well, my chauffeur, Hammond, was the original Masquer. I caught him in the act—you remember I told you about him? After taking him into my employ, I became the Masquer."

"Why did you do it?" persisted the girl.

"Call it bravado, my dear Lucie. Call it anything you like—I can't lie to you! I had a motive, and I refuse to admit what it was; that's all."

"Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" "Not particularly." He smiled. "I had a good end in view, and I accomplished it. Now that I'm all through, now that I've finished playing my little game, you happened to discover it."

"I think you've been very silly," she said with a disconcerting calmness. He regarded her for a moment, steadily. "And you have displayed a fearful lack of judgment!"

"Silly! Well—perhaps. What are you going to do with those boxes?" "I'll put them in the mail. I'm going downtown for luncheon, and will do it then. They'll be delivered this afternoon."

He nodded. "I had meant to have them delivered tomorrow; it makes no difference. You're the boss. It will give the good people a little more reason for jubilation tonight, eh?"

A sudden laugh broke upon his lips. "I'm beginning to see the humor of it, Lucie—and I know who put you next to me. It was Jachin Fell, the old fox! I suspected that he was on my

trail, and I thought that he had managed the theft of those boxes. In fact, I was preparing to give him a big surprise this afternoon. But tell me, Lucie—are you angry?"

She looked at him steadily for a space, then a swift smile leaped to her lips and she extended a pardoning hand. Her gesture and words were impulsive, sincere.

"Angry? No. I think you've some good reason behind it all, which you won't confide to me. I can read you pretty clearly, Henry Gramont; I think I can understand some things in you. You're no weakling, no romantic, filibustering crackbrain. And I like you because you won't lie to me. You've a motive and you refuse to tell it—very well! I'll be just as frank and say that I'm not a bit angry. So, that's settled!"

"Now what was the big surprise that you just mentioned you were going to give poor Mr. Fell this afternoon?" Gramont's eyes twinkled. "You remember that I thought he suspected me of being the Masquer? Well, I was going to him to propose that we enter business together."

"Oh! As bandits?"

"No, as oil promoters. I'm out of Maillard's company, or shall be out of it soon. The minute I'm out, I'll be free to go into business for myself. It

circulated about it. Sir Walter Scott wrote from London that "there was a madman proposing to light London with what do you think?—why, with smoke." Sir Humphry Davy is also credited with giving the opinion that it would be as easy to bring down a bit of the moon to light London as to succeed in doing so with gas.—London Tit-Bits.

"No—oil is no woman's game, unless she can well afford to lose. I imagine that you cannot, Lucie."

"You're right, I can't put in any money. I'm land poor. Unless I were to sell that Bayou Terrebonne land—it's an old farm, abandoned since before father died—"

"Don't sell it!" he exclaimed, quickly. "Don't consider any dealings with it until I have looked it over, will you?"

"Since you ask it, no. If there's gas near by, there must be oil."

"Who knows?" he shrugged. "No one can predict oil."

"Then you still mean to go to Jachin Fell with your scheme?"

Gramont nodded. "Yes. See here, Lucie—it's about noon! Suppose you come along and lunch with me at the Louisiana, if you've no engagement. We can put those boxes in the mail en route, and after luncheon I'll try and get hold of Fell."

She put her head on one side and studied him reflectively.

"You're sure you'll not kidnap me or anything like that? It's risky to become a friend of hardened criminals, even if one is trying to uplift them."

"Good! You'll come?"

"If you can give me ten minutes—"

"My dear Lucie, you are the most charming object in New Orleans at this minute! Why attempt to make yourself still more attractive? Gliding the lily is an impossible task."

"Well, wait for me. Is your car here? Good! I want to see Hammond's face when he sees us carrying out those boxes."

Laughing, the girl started toward the stairs. At the doorway she paused.

"One thing, M. le prince! Do you solemnly promise, upon your honor, that the Midnight Masquer is dead forever?"

"Upon my honor!" said Gramont, seriously. "The farce is ended, Lucie."

"All right, I'll be right down. Smoke if you like—"

In her own room upstairs Lucie closed the door and sat down before her dressing table. She made no move toward the array of toilet articles, however. Instead, she took a desk telephone from the table, and called a number. In a moment she received a response.

"Uncle Jachin!" she exclaimed. "Yes—it's just as we thought; it's all a joke. No, it was not a joke, either, because he had some motive behind it, but he won't tell me what it was. I'm terribly glad that you opened one of those boxes and found the letter—if you had gone to the police it would have been perfectly dreadful—"

"I never go to the police," said Jachin Fell with his dry chuckle. "You are quite satisfied that there is nothing serious in the affair, then?"

"Absolutely! He told me that he had accomplished his purpose, whatever it was, and that it's all ended. He just gave me his word that the Masquer was dead forever. Now, aren't you glad that you confided in me?"

"Very," said Jachin Fell. "Very glad, indeed!"

"Now you're laughing at me—never mind! We're going to lunch downtown, and we'll mail those boxes on the way, by parcels post. Is that all right?"

"Quite all right, my dear. Did your gown come for tonight?"

"It's to come this afternoon."

"I don't care to have you offer any reflections on my actions, Maillard," said Gramont, evenly.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

STREETS "LIT BY SMOKE."

It was on January 28, 1907, that Pall Mall was lit by gas—the first street in any city in the world to adopt the new illuminant. The cartoonists of the period drew pictures which represented people choked by the fumes of the new illuminant, and all manner of ridiculous stories were