WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Washington, was nominated and con- nature. firmed Monday as ambassador to Peru.

Four negroes, a grandmother, daughter, and two grandsons, perished in a Brooklyn tenement fire Monday, bring- in mind. President Harding, in makweek end of the winter.

day wrecked a ward of the Manhattan state hospital for the insane on Ward island, New York, killing 23 patients and three male attendants, was made

Polish forces have invaded Lithuania and attacked the Lithuanian troops, according to a dispatch from Kovno, issued by the Lithuanian legation in Paris. The dispatch added that dozens of persons were killed and hundreds wounded.

The bill of Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, providing for government advances of \$1,065,000 to the fire was reported favorably Tuesday by the senate finance committee.

Liberty bonds, stocks, corporation securities and other valuables totaling more than \$200,000 were in the registered mail stolen a week ago from the First National bank automobile by bandits, who shot and killed the negro chauffeur, Sam McGee, it was announced Tuesday.

Rinda Lad's Lady, a Jersey cow, owned by Sam J. McKee of Indepen- in foreign bottoms. Because of the dence, Oregon, died last week. She international aspects of the matter, won the grand championship at the Mr. Harding, like President Wilson, international livestock show last fall. has up to the present time refused to She was valued at more than \$5000. Mr. McKee carried an insurance of

The French senate, almost without discussion, Tuesday voted the bill already passed by the chamber authorterm treasury bonds to the amount present year. The bonds must be repaid within 10 years.

were placed under arrest by deputy sheriffs in a downtown restaurant during the noon hour Wednesday and a fourth man later was named in a war rant charging violation of that section of the state anti-cigarette law which prohibits smoking in public places.

Appropriations of \$36,347,000 for the year were provided under an agree- precedent. ment on the annual army bill reached late Monday by the senate and house conferees. The amount is about \$4,-000 000 less than provided by the senate and \$3,000,000 more than those of

The Western Union Telegraph company has distributed to 35,000 of its 54,000 employes \$1,775,000, representing 50 per cent of its 1922 earnings on its investment in excess of \$11,500,one. The award is equal to 47% per cent of each employe's salary for the month of July, 1922. Messenger boys received a flat payment of \$17.50 each.

Chicago .- A reduction of from \$80,-000,000 to \$90,000,000 in current liabilities was shown in the first state ment since the recent refinancing of Armour and company and its subsidiaries. The statement just made public was signed by F. Edson White, who succeeded J. Ogden Armour as president of the company. It covered the fiscal year ending December 31, 1922.

An appeal to employers of the Pacific northwest to hire rehabilitated war veterans when vacancies occur or new jobs are created is being made by the Seattle district office of the United States Veterans' bureau and ernor asserted. branch offices at Portland, Tacoma Spokane and Pocatello. Several hundred ex-service men taking vocational training under the direction of the government are scheduled to complete their courses this spring and an earnest effort is being made by the employment service of the bureau to line up jobs for these men to step into upon heavy timber with which the whole \$9.99. Friday an advance of 40 cents their graduation, it was announced.

MAY ACT WITHOUT CONGRESS I

Harding Makes No Statement, But Quick Sale of Vessels Probable.

Washington, D. C .- The administration shipping bill was kept alive in the senate Monday by further debate, Brief Resume Most Important but executive officials, recognizing the end to be near, began formulation of plans for dealing with the government's war impelled merchant marine venture without the aid of the legisla-

Chairman Lasker of the shipping board conferred with President Harding, then met with the other members of the board and afterward announced that the policy of the administration would be worked out and made public before the end of the week. He declined to give any indication of the Miles Poindexter, who will retire plans under consideration beyond say March 4 as United States senator from ing they were of a "startlingly novel"

Hopeful until last week that the shipping bill would be enacted, administration officials have given no indication of what alternative they have ing to 51 the total of fire fatalities in ling his final appeal for passage of the declared participation in the tribunal Greater New York during the coldest legislation in course of his address to offered an opportunity through which congress February 7 on the British Investigation into the ruins and debt settlement, said that if the legiscause of the disastrous fire which Sun. lative branch refused to approve the shipping bill or submit an alternative "the executive branch of the government may proceed as best it can to end the losses in liquidation and humiliation."

Inasmuch as the president has declared one of the prime purposes of the bill to be to get the government out of the shipping business, it was generally believed that the administration's policy contemplated quick and thorough liquidation. Members of congress conversant with shipping board affairs suggested that the administration, through invocation of such indirect aids as are contained in city of Astoria, Or., to replace munici- the merchant marine act of 1920, might pal improvements lost in the recent endeavor to make operation of vessels under the American flag attractive enough to provide a sale for the government-owned tonnage.

Mr. Lasker and Chairman Jones of the senate commerce committee have urged the president to carry out section 34 of the merchant marine act, directing abrogation of some 20 commercial treaties with leading foreign nations prohibiting use by the United States of discriminatory duties against products brought to the United States carry out the direction.

Norway Receives Cash.

Washington, D. C .- Payment of \$12,-239,852.47, the amount of the award rendered last October by the tribunal be taken to involve any legal relaizing the government to issue short of arbitration which passed on the tion on the part of the United States claims growing out of the seizure dure to the league of nations or the asof 13,000,000,000 francs during the ling the war of Norwegian ships, was sumption of any obligations by the made to Norway late Monday by the United States under the covenant of United States.

Coincident with the payment, Secre- 1 of the treaty of Versailles, the American government as possess- the election of judges or deputy judges war department for the next fiscal ing an authoritative character as a of the permanent court of international

85 Dropped By Baptists.

Chattanooga, Tenn.-At the annual church conference of the Baptist tabernacle, a leading church, Sunday 85 members had fellowship withdrawn from them. About two years ago the tabernacle withdrew from 298 members, making 383 members dropped from its rolls within the last two years. The conference was called by the board of deacons and its chairman, J. W. Massey, stated that the deacons presented for discipline.

Chicago, Ill.-John M. Parker, governor of Louisiana, principal speaker meetings known as the "all nations settled here 37 years ago. rally" held under the auspices of the American Unity League in opposition to the Ku Klux Klan, bade his hearers Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt. The Petrograd, said a dispatch to the Ex-

Pharach's Tomb Closed.

Luxor, Egypt.—Tutankhamen's tomb was finally closed to visitors Sunday afternoon. Several hundreds of persons have inspected the tomb since the inner chamber was opened. Car day's increase, 25 cents a hundred penters are busy sawing lengths of shaft will be filled.

U. S. MEMBERSHIP IN COURT IS ASKED

Message From President Harding Surprises Congress.

RESERVATIONS ASKED

Obligation Under League of Nations Would Be Disclaimed-Plan Long Considered.

Washington, D. C. - Conditional American membership in the international court set up by the league of nations, was proposed Saturday by President Harding. In a message to the senate asking that it advise and consent to such a step, the president the United States could demonstrate its willingness to aid in preserving world stability without in any manner assuming "any legal relation to the

Four reservations, the first of which would specifically disclaim any obligations under the league, were suggested by Mr. Harding as necessary conditions to membership in the court. The others would give this government a voice in selecting the judges of the basic regulations and would provide the expenses of the tribunal are to be paid out of the American treasury.

Although there had been intimations that American participation in the court was favored in administration quarters, the president's message came as a complete surprise to sena tors generally, and all indications pointed to a delay in senate action on the recommendation until the session of congress which meets in December.

Among the leaders of the "irreconcilables" of the league of nations fight, in particular, there were predictions that nothing would be done until time had been given for mature reflection and comparative debate. A special meeting of the foreign relations committee was called to meet Tuesday to take up the president's proposal, but there seemed to be no hope that final action would be possible in the four days remaining thereafter before the present congress goes out of existence.

The text of the reservations recom mended is as follows:

1. That such adhesions shall not the league of nations constituting part

Norwegian Minister Bryn for trans- permitted to participate through repremission to the Norwegian government, sentatives designated for the purpose declared that while the United States and upon an equality with the other supported the principle of arbitration, states members, respectively of the it felt obliged to make certain reser- council and assembly of the league of vations to the tribunal's action, as nations in any and all proceedings of the award could not be regarded by either the council or the assembly for justice, or for the filling of vacancies.

3. That the United States will pay a fair share of the expenses of the court as determined and appropriated from time to time by the congress of the United States.

4. That the statute for the permanent court of international justice adjoined to the protocol shall not be amended without the consent of the United States.

Light Brigade Man Dies.

London, Ont .- Thomas A. Shaw, said were also working on another list of to be the last survivor of the famous about an equal number, and if the Light Brigade that charged to destrucmembers could not be won back to tion on a Russian battery at Balaklava the church their names also would be in 1854, died Sunday in Victoria hospital, a victim of broughitis. He was 91 years old. In the charge of the famed Six Hundred Shaw was wounded. He was tendered by Florence Nightingale and said he carried that memory as at the opening session of a week of his most cherished possession. He

Petrograd Has Riots.

London.-Serious disturbances are adhere to the advice of Washington, reported among the unemployed in advice of these men had been east change Telegraph from Copenhagen. aside by the Ku Klux Klan, the gov- Red troops who were trying to quell disorders were received with shouts of "we had rather be shot down than starve to death."

Sugar Still Going Up.

Salt Lake City.-Sugar prices went up again in Salt Lake City. Saturpounds, made the price to jobbers was registered.

The Mardi Gras Mystery

CHAPTER IX-Continued.

"It can't be possible!" he muttered bending farther over, "Such a thing happens too rarely-

His heart pounded violently; excitement sent the blood rushing to his brain in blinding swiris. He was gripped by the gold fever that comes upon a man when he makes the astounding discovery of untold wealth lying at his feet, passed over and disregarded by other and less-discerning men for days and years!

It was oil, no question about it. An extremely slight quantity, true; so slight a quantity that there was no film on the water, no discernible taste to the water. Gramont brought it to his mouth and rose, shaking his head.

Where did it come from? It had no connection with the gas bubbles-at least, it did not come from the dome of water and gas. How long he stood there staring Gramont did not know. His brain was afire with the possibilities. At length he stirred into action and started up the bayou bank, from time to time halting to search the water below him to make sure that he could still discern the faint irides-

He followed it rod by rod, and found that it rapidly increased in strength. It must come from some very tiny surface seepage close at hand, that was lost in the bayou almost as rapidly as it came from the earthdepths. Only accidentally would a man see it-not unless he were search ing the water close to the bank, and even then only by the grace of chance. Suddenly Gramont saw that he had

lost the sign. He halted. No, not lost, either! Just ahead of him was a patch of reeds, and a recourt and in making changes in its cession of the shore. He advanced again. Inside the reeds he found the that congress determine what part of oily smear, still so faint that he could only detect it at certain angles, Glancing up, he could see a fence at a little distance, evidently the boundary fence of the Ledanois land; the bushes and trees thinned out here, and on ahead was cleared ground, He saw, through the bushes, glimpses of buildings,

Violent disappointment seized him. Was he to lose this discovery, after Was he to find that the seepage came from ground belonging to some one else? No-he stepped back hastily, barely in time to avoid stumbling into a tiny trickle of water, a rivulet that ran down into the bayon, a tributary so insignificant that it was invisible ten feet distant! And on the surface a faint iridescence,

Excitement rising anew within him, Gramont turned and followed this rivulet, his eyes aflame with eagerness. It led him for twenty feet, and ceased abruptly, in a bubbling spring that welled from a patch of low tree-inclosed land, Gramont felt his feet sinking in grass, and saw that there was a dip in the ground hereabouts, a swampy little section all to itself. He picked a dry spot and lay down on his face, searching the water with his

Moment after moment he lay there, watching. Presently he found the slight trickle of oil again—a trickle so faint and slim that even here, on the surface of the tiny rivulet, it could be discerned only with great difficulty, A very thin seepage, concluded Granont; a thin oil, of course. So faint

It came from the Ledanois land, no doubt of it. What did that matter, though? His eyes widened with flaming thoughts as he gazed down at the slender thread of water. No matter at all where this came from-the main point was proven by it! There was oil here for the finding, oil down in the thousands of feet below, oil so thick and abundant that it forced itself up through the earth fissures to find an outlet!

"Instead of going down five or six thousand feet," he thought, exultantly, "we may have to go down only as many hundred. But first we must get an option or a lease on all the land roundabout-all we can secure! There will be a tremendous boom the minute this news breaks. If we get those options, we can sell them over again at a million per cent profit, and even if we don't strike oil in paying quantities, we'll regain the cost of our drilling! And to think of the years this has been here, waiting for some

abrupt crashing of feet among the bushes, an outbreak of voices, had sounded not far away-just the other side of the boundary fence. He was wakened from his dreams, and started to rise. Then he reluxed his muscles and lay quiet, astonishment seizing him: for he heard his own name mentioned in a voice that was strange to

CHAPTER X.

The voice was strange to Gramont, yet he had a vague recollection of having at some time heard it before. It was a faunty and impudent voice, very self-assured-yet it bore a the speaker had just come unaware upon the man whom he addressed

"Howdy, sheriff!" It said. "Didn't see syou in there-what you doin' so far away from Houma, eh?"

"Why, I've been looking over the place around here," responded another voice, which was thry and grim, "I know you, Ben Chacherre, and I think I'll take you along with me. Just come from New Orleans, did you?"

"Me? Take me?" The voice of Chacherre shrilled up suddenly in

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alarm, "Look here, sheriff, it wasn't me done it! It was Grament-There came silence. Not a sound broke the stillness of the late after-

Gramont, listening, lay bewildered and breathless. Ben Chacherre come here? Gramont knew nothing of any tie between Jachin Fell and Chacherre; he could only lie in the grass and wonder at the man's presence, What "place" was it that the sheriff of Houma had been looking over? And what was it that he, Gramont, was supposed to have done?

Confused and wondering, Gramont waited. And, as he waited, he caught a soft sound from the marshy ground beside him-a faint "plop" as though some object had fallen close by on the wet grass. At the moment he paid no heed to this sound, for again the uncanny silence had fallen.

Listening, Gramont fancied that he caught slow, stealthy footsteps amid the undergrowth, but derided the fancy as sheer imagination. His brain was busy with this new problem. Houma, he knew, was the seat of the parish or county. This Ben Chacherre appeared to have suddenly and unexpectedly encountered the sheriff, to his obvious alarm, and the sheriff had for some reason decided to arrest him; so much was clear,

Chacherre had nothing to do with the "place"-did that mean the adjacent property, or the Ledanols farm? In his puzzled bewilderment over this imbroglio Gramont for the moment quite forgot the trickle of oil at his feet.

But now the deep silence became happened? Surely, Ben Chacherre had not been arrested and taken away in such silence! Why had the voices so abruptly ceased? Vaguely uneasy, startled by the prolongation of that intense stillness, Gramont rose to his

feet and peered among the trees. The two speakers seemed to have departed; he could descry nobody in sight. A step to one side gave Gramont a view of the land adjoining the Ledanois place. This was cleared of all brush, and under some immense oaks to the far left he had a glimpse of a large summer cottage, boarded



An Abrupt Crashing of Feet Among the Bushes, an Outbreak of Voices, Had Sounded Not Far Away.

up and apparently deserted. Nearer at hand, however, he saw other buildings, and these drew his attention. He heard the throbbing pound of a motor at work, and as there was no power line along here, the place evidently had its own electrical plant. He scrutinized the scene before him appraisingly.

There were two large buildings here. One seemed to be a large barn, closed, the other was a long, low shed which was too large to be a garage. The door of this was open, and before the opening Gramont saw three men standing in talk; he recognized none of them. Two of the talkers were clad in greasy overalls, and Suddenly he started violently. An the third figure showed the flash of a collar. The sheriff, Ben Chacherre, and some other man, thought Gramont. He would not have known Chacherre had he encountered him face to face. To him, the man was a name only.

The mention of his own name by Chacherre impelled him to go forward and demand some explanation. Then it occurred to him that perhaps he had made a mistake; it would have been very easy, for he was not certain that Chacherre had referred to him. There could be other Gramonts, or other men whose name would have much the same sound in a Creole

"I'd better attend to my own business," thought Gramont, and turned away. He noticed that the motor had ceased its work, "Wonder what rich chap can be down here at his summer cottage this time of year? May be only a caretaker, though. I'd better give all my attention to this oil, and let other things alone."

He retraced his steps to the bayou bank and turned back toward the house. As he did so, Hammond ap-peared coming toward him, knife in

"I'm going to cut me a pole and land

a couple o' fish for supper," announced the chauffeur, grinning, things cleaned up fine, cap'n! You

won't know the old shack." "Good enough," said Gramont. "Here, step over this way! I want to

show you something." He led Hammond to the rivalet and pointed out the thin film of oil on the surface.

"There's our golden fortune, sergeant! Oil actually coming out of the ground! It doesn't happen very often, but it does happen and this is one of the times. I'll not bother to look around any farther.'

"Glory be!" said Hammond, staring at the rivulet. "Want to hit back for town?"

"No; we couldn't get back until some time tonight, and the roads aren't very good for night work. I'm going to get some leases around here -perhaps I can do it right away, and we'll start back in the morning. Go ahead and get your fish."

Regaining the house, he saw that Hammond had indeed cleaned up in great style, and had the main room looking clean as a pin, with a fire popning on the hearth. He did not pause here, but went to the car, got in, and started it. He drove back to the road and followed this toward town for a few rods, turning in at a large and very decent-looking farmhouse that he had observed while passing it on the way out

He found the owner, an intelligentappearing Creole, driving in some cows for milking, and was a little startled to realize that the atternoon was so late. When he addressed the farmer in French, he received a cordial reply, and discovered that this man owned the land across the road from the Ledanois place-that his farm, in fact, covered several hundred acres

"Who owns the land next to the Ledanois place?" inquired Gramont. "I sold that off my land a couple of

years ago," replied the other. "A man from New Orleans wanted it for a summer place-a business man there, Isidore Gumberts."

Gumberts-"Memphis Izzy" Gumberts! The name flashed to Gramont's mind, and brought the recollection of a conversation with Hammond. Why, Gumberts was the famous crook of whom Hammond had spoken.

"I saw the sheriff a while ago, heading up the road," observed the Creole. "Did you meet him?" Gramont shook his head, "No, but

I saw several men at the Gumberts place. Perhaps he was there-"Not there, I guess," and the farmer laughed. "Those fellows have rented the place from Gumberts, I hear; they're inventors, and quiet enough

men. You're a stranger here?" Gramont introduced himself as a friend of Miss Ledanois, and stated frankly that he was looking for oil and hoped to drill on her land.

"I'd like a lease option from you," he went on. "I don't want to buy your land at all; what I want is a right to drill for oil on it, in case any shows up on Miss Ledanois' land. It's all a gamble, you know. I'll give you a hundred dollars for the lease, and the usual eighth interest in any oil that's found. I've no lease blanks with me, but if you'll give me the option, a signed memorandum will be entirely sufficient."

The farmer regarded oil as a joke, and said so. The hundred dollars, however, and the prospective eighth interest, were sufficient to induce him to part with the option without any delay. He was only too glad to get the thing done with at once, and to pocket Gramont's money.

Gramont drove away, and was just coming to the Ledanois drive when he suddenly threw on the brakes and halted the car, listening. From somewhere ahead of him-the Gumberts place, he thought instantly-echoed a shot, and several faint shouts. Then sllence again.

Gramont paused, indecisive. The sheriff was making an arrest, he thought. A hundred possibilities flitted through his brain, suggested by the sinister combination of Memphis Izzy, known even to Hammond as a prince among crooks, with this secluded place leased by "inventors." Bootlegging? Counterfelting?

As he paused, thus, he suddenly started; he was certain that he had caught the tones of Hammond, as though in a sudden uplifted oath of anger. Gramont threw in his clutch and sent the car jumping forward-he remembered that he had left Hammond beside the rivulet, close to the Gumberts property. What had hap-

He came, after a moment of impatience, to an open gate whose drive ted to the Gumberts place. Before him, as he turned in, unfolded a startling scene. Three men, the same three whom he had seen from the bushes, were standing in front of the low shed; two of them held rifles, the third, one of the "inventors" in overalls, was winding a bandage about a bleeding hand. The two rifles were loosely leveled at Hammond, who stood in the center of the group with

his arms in the air.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

A hot-water bottle should never be really filled. If it is to be put in a bed to warm it have it only about three-quarters full.

Forty-six miles of shelving are required for the collection of 2,000,000 books in the British museum.