OF CURRENT WEEK

Daily News Items.

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

The New York board of aldermen Wednesday adopted an ordinace prohibiting the scaling of skyscraper walls by "human flies." The vote was 53

The Golden Gate, an engraving taken from Coulter's oil painting of on the coast. Burial will be in the was widened Saturday to include all the entrance to San Francisco bay, will City View cemetery. adorn the new 20-cent stamp to be put in use by the postoffice department.

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Union Pacific Railroad company in Salt Lake City Wednesday, Heber J. Grant of Salt Lake City, president of the Mormon church, was elected to the board of directors.

Secretary Weeks and members of the senate and house committees on military appropriations and territories. will sall April 17 on the transport Grant from New York for Porto Rico, Panama and the west coast.

Howard Carter, co-discover with the late Earl of Carnarvon of the tomb of day. Tutankhaman, has been taken ill. Lady

heavily armed men two miles north of kale and roots. The fall grain is lookand whisky valued at between \$25,000 crop. and \$30,000 hauled away in automobile

Literary and trade journals in New York have announced formation of the Publishers' Cooperative associa tion, the first of its kind in the United States, to combat "the almost prohibitive cost of manufacture of periodicals in New York city."

"Our way of worshiping our God is fasting," say representatives of 12 in the next few days there will be 100 agent of the department of justice of the 20 Pueblo Indian villages of New Mexico, in a memorial to Indian Sheriff Bower. During the first three invited several brokers to present Commissioner Burke, protesting against his recent order to the Indians against tribal dancing.

A H. Penfield, former cashier of the Springfield (O.) National bank, who pleaded guilty to seven of 12 way, between Bend and the California glad to assist the government in any counts in an indictment charging emiline, which had been obstructed by way that he could. The brokers were bezzlement of the bank's funds, was snow for several months, has been not asked to bring any of their recsentenced to serve 21 years in the opened for traffic, according to in- ords. federal prison at Atlanta by Federal formation received at the offices of Judge Hickenlooper Tuesday.

There are 95,592 illiterates in California who cannot write their names in any language, Mrs. Anna M. Godfrev. educational representative in California, Nevada and Arizona of the United States department of labor, told a convention of southern and central California club women Tuesday.

A drugstore and bakery in South San Antonio, Texas, were wrecked and several persons had a narrow escape from death Wednesday when seven 12-inch bombs accidentally jarred loose from airplanes flying overhead, fell over the business district. The bombs were "duds," and did not explode.

For the first time in its 258 years of existence the London Gazette, the ing required subjects during the vacagovernment's official paper, was prevented Tuesday from making one of are listed for the summer school perits two weekly appearances. The in- iod. terruption was caused by trouble among the trade union men in the office where the journal is printed.

Railroad traffic volume, which has set new records in successive weeks this year, touched a still higher mark, on the basis of returns compiled by the car service division of the American Railway association, during the week ending March 31, when 938,725 cars were loaded with revenue freight.

Stuyvesant Fish, 72, veteran financier and railroad man of New York, dropped dead Tuesday of heart disease as he entered the National Park bank to attend a directors' meeting. He was chatting with Richard Delafield, chairman of the board, when he was stricken. He collapsed in the would bring the total collections up to

The readiness of the Americans onaged in the recalled Chester concession motor vehicles had been provided with to invest large sums of money in the 1923 license plates when the offices the World, ex-Premier Lloyd George development of Turkey by building of the secretary of state closed here will visit the United States and Canrailroads, ports and cities, is arousing Saturday night. During 1922 the total ada next September and deliver widespread comment in the French registration was 137,000. Based on the speeches in New York, Chicago, Washnewspapers, with the suggestion that average applications for the first three ington. Montreal and Toronto. With French investment and concession in months of this year, the 1923 registra- the exception of Lord Balfour, Lloyd terests be protected at the resumed tion probably will aggregate 145,000, George will be the first of England's

IN BRIEF.

3............ Salem.-The state building program for the year 1923 was launched at a meeting of the state board of control ly \$300,000 is involved in the program.

Albany.-After a trip of appraise ments in the vicinity of Albany, Leban on and Brownsville, Governor Pierce YOU stated that the state stands to lose heavily on some of the securities of fered for state loans.

> crop of wheat in Umatilla county have been signed between some companies and local growers, the stipulated price for August 31 delivery being \$1 a bushel, the same figure as that of last sea-

Salem.—The death of Judge Webster Holmes of Tillamook came as a severe shock to his many friends in Salem and vicinity, where he lived for a number of years prior to locating

Tillamook.-Sheriff Aschim has collected \$341,490.47 on the 1922 tax rolls. The entire amount of taxes to be collected this year amounts to \$820. 169.36. In addition to the above during the collection of taxes \$1097.50 was paid in on the 1921 tax rolls and \$6473.07 on previous tax rolls.

Salem.-Because more than 5000 invitations have been issued for the Shrine ceremonial to be held in Salem, May 5, and the fact that most of the

Gaston. - The continued good Carnaryon is delaying her return to weather is allowing the farmers to England in consequence, says an Ex- finish their spring seeding, except on change Telegraph dispatch from Cairo. the low bottom lands. Many of them Santa Fe northbound freight train have finished their grain and are busy No. 48 was held up by a band of with their soiling crops, such as corn, Morton, Ill., Tuesday night and alcohol ing fine and propects are for a good

> Albany.-Bids on seven miles of road work between Mill City and Lyons will be opened by the county court of this county April 30. The work will be to grade, surface and drain the seven-mile section connecting those towns. Later the road may be extended through Jordan and Scio to Albany.

by dancing and singing, praying and Marion county take out licenses with- names without their permission, an or more prosecutions, according to visited the floor of the exchange and months of 1922 more than 2500 dog themselves at the office of United licenses were issued to Marion county. States District Attorney Hayward while thus far this year only 500 ll- Monday morning. One of the brokcenses have been sent out.

the highway commission here Saturday. The highway was reported as not good, but passable,

Hood River.-Householders of Hood River were busy throughout the week, line railroads entering the city or apco-operating with the Hood River Women's club in a home beautiful week. At the instigation of the women, lawns were refurbished, vacant lots turned into gardens, litter cleaned up and houses painted. Boy Scouts aided the women in the work.

record enrollment is expected. Courses will be offered for students wishing to make up collegiate work missed or to tion period. Many outside activities

started work on the Lost Lake high- United States. way between the national forest boundary and the bridge over the west fork ing master, married Mathilde McCorof Hood river at its confluence with mick of Chicago last week and inthe lake branch. Spring in the high- tends to become a naturalized Amerland forests, according to W. A. Langille, who is in charge of the highway work, is a month in advance of last

the tax collections made by the county treasurer amounted to \$305,-232.94, and there were numerous re-Burrell Graves, deputy sheriff in charge of tax collections, estimated nt least \$375,000.

Salem. - Approximately 124,000 the secretary of state said.

WORLD HAPPENINGS STATE NEWS FEDERAL INQUIRY IN SUGAR WIDENED

Brief Resume Most Important to be held here Monday. Approximate- Dealings Throughout Entire Period Under Fire.

SEEK BUYERS' NAMES

Pendleton.-Contracts for the 1923 Brokers Lending Every Assistance to Agents, Although Their Purpose Is Not Wholly Clear.

> New York.-The government's investigation of the high price of sugar, which had been centered upon the transaction of the New York coffee and sugar exchange during February, transactions in sugar in the period be tween January 1-and April 1, 1923.

For the past two weeks, it was learned on good authority, agents of the department of justice have been examining the February transactions of several of the largest brokers and dealers in sugar, paying particular attention to the names and addresses of buyers of large sugar contracts. The nauiry has been carried on quietly and was known only to the firms concerned and their customers, whose permis sion was asked, in most cases, before prune blossoms will have disappeared their names were disclosed to the govbefore May 6, observance of Blossom ernment agents. The greatest secrecy day probably will be abandoned this has been observed by the government year. This was announced here Satur- and no clew to the nature or scope of the investigation had been obtained until today.

Saturay the inquiry was broadened to include all transactions in sugar in the first quarter of 1923 and the entire list of brokers of the New York coffee and sugar exchange received letters from David A. L'Esperance. special assistant to Attorney General Daugherty, requesting detailed information of all transactions during that period as promptly as possible.

The letters also expressed the desire of the government's investigators to have the names and addresses of the customers of the firms addressed. There was no hint of compulsion in the

While the sugar brokers were discussing the business ethics involved Salem.-Unless owners of dogs in in a disclosure of their customers' ers, M. R. Mayer, said that he would Salem.—The Dailes-California high- accept the invitation and would be

Traffic Is Enormous.

New York,-The total passenger traffic in and out of New York city during 1922 was figured at 315,724,803 by the transit commission. The trunk proaching it from the New Jersey side of the river carried a both-way traffic of 227.301.338

The McAdoo tubes, connecting Man hattan and Jersey, transported 37,291,-763, and the passengers on ferries, exclusive of those between the boroughs Corvallis.—The summer session of and also excluding railroad passengers the college will open June 18, and a delivered to destination in this manner, reached 51.131.702.

Geneva .- Mr. and Mrs. Max Oser shorten the time of residence by carry- have bought a large farm near Yverdon, at the southwest end of Lake Neuchapel in the Canton of Vaud Switzerland. They will spend six months of the year on the farm and Hood River.-A crew of 20 men has the remainder of their time in the

Oser, who was formerly a Swiss rid-

Pay Rises Announced.

Baltimore.-Pay increases of 121/2 St. Helens.-Up to last Friday night per cent for all employes on a wage basis, were announced Sunday by the sheriff's office and turned over to the Baltimore Copper Smelting & Rolling company, Canton. The increase is coincident with an expansion of promittances not yet checked up which ductive facilities expected to provide work for between 400 and 500 men. About 1400 men are affected by the increase, which becomes effective

> London.-According to the News of premiers to cross the Atlantic.

Wednesday.

The Mardi Gras Mystery

By H. BEDFORD-JONES CHAPTER XV

When the Heavens Fall.

The chief of police entered the office of Jachin Fell, high in the Malson Blanche building, at eight o'clock on Friday evening. Mr. Fell glanced up at him in surprise.

"Hello, chief! What's up?" The officer gazed at him in astonish-

"What's up? Why, I came around to

Jashin Fell smiled whimslcally. "To see me? Well, chief, that's good of you; sit down and have a cigar, eh? What's the matter? You look rather taken aback."

see you, of course!'

"I am," said the other, bluntly.

"Didn't you expect me?"
"No," said Jachin Fell, halting suddenly in the act of reaching for a eignr, and turning his keen gaze upon the chief. "Expect you? No!"

"It's darned queer, then! That chap Gramont called me up about ten minutes ago and said to get around here as quick as I could make it, that you wanted to see me."
"Gramont!" Jachin Fell frowned.

"Where's Ben Chacherre? Haven't you found him yet?" "Nary a sign of him, chief."

The door opened, and Henry Gramont appeared, his right hand bandaged and in a sling.

"Good evening, gentlemen!" he said, smiling. "Here's Gramont, now!" exclaimed

Fell. "Did you call the chief over here-" "I sure did." and Gramont came forward. "I wanted to see you two gen-

tlemen together, and so arranged it. Miss Ledanois is to be here at nine, The little man nodded his eyes in-

tent upon Gramont. He noticed the bandaged arm.

"Yes. Have you been hurt?" "Slightly." Gramont brought up a chair across the desk from Fell, and sat down. He put his left hand in his pocket and brought forth a document which he handed to the chief of police. "Cast your eye over that, chief, and say nothing. You're here to listen for the present. Here's something to cover your case, Mr. Fell."

Gramont produced his automatic from the pocket of his coat, and laid it on the desk before him. There was a moment of startled silence. The officer, looking over the paper which Gramont had handed him, seemed to find it of sudden, intense interest.

"What means all this mystery and melodramatic action, Gramont?" manded Jachin Fell, a slight sneer in his eyes, his voice quite toneless.

"It means," said Gramont, regarding him steadily, "that you're under arrest. I went out to the Gumberts place on Bayou Terrebonne this morning, ar-Memphis Izzy Gumberts and four other men engaged in operating a lottery, and also arrested two mechanicians who were engaged in working on stolen cars. We took in, further, a gentleman by the name of Dick Hearne; a lesser member of the gang, who is now engaged in dictating a confession. Just a moment, chief I prefer to do the talking at present." Gramont smiled into the steady, unfaltering eyes of Fell.

"You are next on the program," he said, evenly. "We know that you are parted, grinning. at the head of an organized gang, which is not only operating a lottery through this and adjacent states, but also is conducting an immense business in stolen automobiles. Thererore-

"Just one minute, please," said Jachin Fell. "Do you forget, Mr. Gramont, the affair of the Midnight Masquer? You are a very zealous citzen, I have no doubt, but-"

"I was about to add," struck in Gramont, "that your pleasant friend Ben Chacherre is charged with the murder of the sheriff of Terrebonne parish, in which I have clear evidence against him, having been present at the scene of the crime. He is also charged with the murder of Joseph Maillard-

"My beavens!" said Fell, staring. "I never dreamed that Chacherre-

"Perhaps you didn't." Gramont shrugged his shoulders. "Neither did anyone else. I imagine that Ben learned of this room and drinking party, and rightly decided that be could make a rich haul off a small crowd of drunken young sports. He had the costume stolen from my car, us you know; also the automatic missing from the automatic when we found it in Ben's possession; and you remember the Masquer fired twice at the time Maillard was killed." Fell's keen eyes sparkled angrily.

"You're a very zealous citizen, young man," he said, softly, "I see that you've been hurt. I trust your little game did not result in casualties?"

Gramont nodded, "Charile the Goog went west. He was desperate, I fancy; at all events he got me in the arm, and I had to shoot him. Memphis lazy hardly justified his tremendous reputation, for he yielded like a lamb."

"So you killed the Goog, eh?" said Fell, "Very zealous, Mr. Gramont! And I suppose that the exigencies of the case justified you, a private citizen, in carrying arms and using them? aided you in this marvelous affair?"

"A number of friends from my post of the American Legion," said Gramont, evenly, "Ah! This organization is going in

for politics, then?" "Not for politics, Fell; for justice.

I deputized them to assist me.' "Deputized!" repeated Fell, slowly.

see, this lottery business has been going on for a year or more. Some time ago, before I came to New Orleans, the governor of this state appointed me a special officer to investigate the matter. There is my commission, which the chief has been reading. It gives me a good deal of power, Fell; quite enough power to gather in you and your bunch."

"Certainly." Gramont smiled. "You

The chief of police looked very uneasily from Gramont to Jachin Fell, and back again. Fell sat erect in his chair, staring at Gramont.

"You were the original Midnight Masquer," said Fell in his toncless voice. At this direct charge, and at Gramont's assent, the chief started in

"Yes. One reason was that I suspected some one in society, some one high up in New Orleans, to be connected with the gang; but I never dreamed that you were the man, Fell. I rather suspected young Maillard, I am now glad to say that I was entirely wrong. You were the big boss, Fell, and you're going to serve time for it."

Fell glanced at the chief, who cleared his throat as if about to speak. At this moment, however, a sharp knock sounded at the door.

"Come!" called Gramout. A man entered. It was one of Gramont's deputies, who harmened also to be a reporter from one of the morning papers of the city. He carried several sheets of paper which he laid before Gramont. He glanced at Fell, who of greeting, then returned his attention

"Ah!" said the latter with satisfaction, as he examined the papers, "So Hearne has given up everything, has he? Does this confession implicate Mr. Fell, here?"

"Well, rather," drawled the other, cheerfully. "And see here, cap! There are two more of us in the crowd and we've arranged to split the story. We'd like to rush the stuff to our papers the

minute you give the word, because-"
"I know." Gramont returned the papers that bore the confession of Hearne. "You've made copies of this, of course? All right. Shoot the stuff in to your papers right away, if you wish.

Fell raised a hand to check the

"One moment, please!" he said, his eyes boring into the newspaper man. Will you also take a message from me to the editor of your newspaper-and see that It goes to the others as well?"

"If Mr. Gramont permits, yes." "Go ahead," sald Gramont, wondering what Fell would try now. He

"Then," pursued Fell, evenly, "you will kindly inform the editors of your papers that, in case my name appears in connection with this matter, I shall immediately institute suit for libel. No matter what Mr. Gramont may say or do, I assure you fully that no publicity is going to attach to me in this matter, Neither, I may add, am I going to be arrested. That is all, sir."

Gramont smiled, "Take the message if you see fit, by all means," he said. "You may also take my carelessly. fullest assurance that within twenty minutes you will observe Mr. Fell safely in jail. That's all."

The newspaper man saluted and de-

Gramont leaned forward, the harsh lines of his face spelling determination as he looked at Jachin Fell. "So you won't be arrested, eh? Let's

see. I know that this gang of yours has influence running up into high places, and that this influence has power. That is why I was appointed to investigate this lottery game secretly, and in my own way. also, I brought the chief of police here tonight."

He turned to the perturbed officer, and spoke coldly. "Now, chief, you've seen my author-

lty, you've heard my charges, and you know they will be proved up to the hilt. Are you willing to arrest Jachin Fell, or not?

The chief cleared his throat. "Why, Mr. Gramont," he observed, nervously, "about the rest of the gang, we'll take care of 'em, sure! But it's

different with Mr. Fell, here. He's a friend of the senator-"Different, h-II!" snapped Gramont, angrily, "He's a criminal no matter who his friends may be, and I

have the proof of it!" "Well, that may be so," admitted the chief of police. "But this thing is goin' to raise a h-1 of a scandal, aft up and down the state! You know that as well as I do. Now, if I was

Gramont smiled bitterly. "Perhaps you would chief. In fact. I don't doubt that you would. But you are not me. Now, as a duly-appointed officer acting under authority of the governor of the state, I call upon you to arrest this criminal, and I make you duly responsible for his safe-keeping.

Do you dare refuse?" The chief hesitated. He looked at Fell for help, but none came. Fell seemed to be rather amused by the

Gramont leaned back in his chair. The purpling features of the chief were streaming with perspiration; the man was in a frightful dilemma, and his plight was pitiable. At this instant Jachin Fell interposed.

"Let me speak, please," he sald, gently. "My dear Mr. Gramont, it has just occurred to me that there may be

"I'm not compromising." snapped Gramont.

"Certainly not; I speak of our mutual friend here," and Fell indicated the chief with a bland gesture. "I believe that Judge Forester of this city is at present consulting with the governor at Baton Rouge on political matters. With them, also, is Senator Flaxman, who has come from Washington on the same errand. Now, it would be a very simple matter to end all this anxiety. Suppose that you call up the governor on long distance, from this telephone, and get his assurance that I am not to be arrested. Then you'll be convinced."

Gramont laughed with deep anger. "You gangsters are all alike!" he said, turning to the desk telephone, You think that because you have planted your slimy tentucles in high places you can do anything with absoiute impunity. But the governor of this state is not in your clutches.

"He's a man, by heaven! I have his asurance that he'll prosecute to the limit whoever is behind this criminal gang-and he keeps his word! Don't think that if your friend the senator is with him, you will be saved. I'll call him, if only to show the chief, here, that influence is not going to count in this game."

Gramont took down the receiver, called long distance, and put in a hurried call for the executive mansion, asking for the governor in person.

"So you think that he's immune from influence, do you?" Jachin Fell smiled patronizingly and lighted a fresh eigar. The chief of police was mopping his

"My dear Gramont, you exhibit a youthful confidence in human nature! Let me topple your clay-footed idol from its pedestal in a hurry. Mention to the governor that you have me under arrest, and that I have asked him to speak with Judge Forester and Senrecognized him and exchanged a nod ator Flaxman before confirming the arrest. I'll wager you five hundred dol-

The telephone rang sharply. Taunted almost beyond endurance, Gramont seized the instrument and made answer. In a moment he had the governor on the wire. His gaze went exultantly to Fell.

"Governor, this is Henry Gramont speaking," he said. I've just succeeded in my work, as I wired you this afternoon-no, hold on a minute! This is important.

"The head of the entire gang is a man here in New Orleans by the name of Jachin Fell. Yes, Fell. I find it very hard to get him arrested. Fell boasts that his influence is superior to any that I can bring to bear. He asks that you speak with Judge Forester and Senator Flaxman before confirming the arrest, and boasts that you will order me to keep my hands off.

"Speak with them, governor! If they're in the gang, too, don't you You confirm this arrest, and I'll put Fell behind the bars if I have to turn all New Orleans inside out. Go ahead! I know you can't be reached by any of these crooks-I'm merely calling Fell's bluff. We have the chief of police here, and he's sweating. Eh? Sure. Take as long

as you like, governor." He smiled grimly at Jachin Fell as he waited. Two minutes passed—three—four. Then he heard the voice of the governor again,

Yes? "Don't arrest him, Gramont,"

"What?" Gramont gasped. "Don't touch him, I said! Get in all the others, no matter who they are, but leave Fell alone-'

"You d-d coward!" shouted Grathe way you keep your promises, is it? And I thought you were above all influences - real American! h-l of a governor-oh, I don't want to hear any more from you."

He jerked up the receiver. There was a moment of dead silence in the room. The chief mopped his brow, in evident relief. Jackin Fell sat back in his chair and scrutinized Gramont with his thin-lipped smile, Gramont sat helpless, wrung by cha-

grin, rage and impotency. There was nothing he could say, nothing he could do. The man behind him had falled The entire power of the state, which had been behind him, had falled him. There was no higher power to which he could appeal, except the power of the federal government. His head jerked up sharply.

"Fell, I've got evidence on you, and I've got the evidence to put this lottery business into federal hands. Boys!

At his shout the door opened and two of his men entered. Gramont looked at the chief. (TO BE CONTINUED)

Wall-Paper Collecting. The hobby of collecting wall paper had a distinguished ploneer in Sir Walter Scott, who in one of his letters narrates his delight in a gift which came to him when he was adorning Abbotsford. quandary as to an appropriate wall decoration for his "with-drawing room," which, with the library, was to be the most distinguished chamber in the mansion. Tapestry can to too grent a price, and as for ordinary designed wall-papers, they were lacking in distinction. But a friend who had solourned for long in the East, and had brought home a collection of oriental objects, found among them a number of rolls of gilt Chinese paper, adorned with dragons and other reptiles of the imagination. He offered the rolls to Sir Walter, who saw in the design the very thing that suited. The paper stands today almost as fresh as when it was put up in the "Wizard's" baronial hall.

Faith That Sticks, Many people seem to have jost faith in everybody except the fellow who promises to make them rich aulck.-Toledo Blade.