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.

The village of Whatworth, Que., 16 miles from Riviere de Loup, was wiped out Monday by forest fires.

A general wage increase of 3 to 5 cents an hour for skilled mechanics and reclassification of mechanics work are announced by the Southern Pacific lines at Houston, Texas Tues-

Two thousand members of the bench and bar heard Secretary of State Hughes plead for America's entrance into the world court Tuesday night at the Kent centennial celebration at Columbia university.

Eugene Meurer, millionaire paper manufacturere of Muskegon, Okla., has married Miss Margaret Wasserman, the conditions laid down by the inter-"his \$40,000 cook," whose especially prepared dishes Meurer repeatedly declared meant "life itself" to him.

Woodrow Wilson was serenaded at his S-street home Wednesday by a Shriber patrol from Greenville, S. C., notice of intention to appeal to the to foreign lines and will even require which sang "Dixie" under his window and then at his request followed it with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

President Harding will make 14 addresses en route to the Pacific coast five coast cities after returning from Alaska, according to an official announcement of the executive's itinerary late Tuesday at the White House.

Increases in wages ranging from 1 to 3% cents an hour and from \$6.84 to \$10 a month, effective May 16 and aggregating approximately \$458,800 annually, have been granted to 8330 employes of the Northern Pacific railroad's maintenance of way depart- 30 TRAINS CAUGHT

Newspaper reports to the effect that Sir Auckland Geddes was retiring from the position of British ambassador to the United States was characterized as entirely unfounded by Ronald Mc-Neill, under secretary of foreign affairs, in the house of commons Mon- Pennsylvania railroad were routed out congress.

Awarded \$50,000, the amount she asked from Dr. Karl Connell for breach of promise, Miss Violet Johnstone of Brooklyn, arrived in New York Wednesday from Omaha, where the suit was tried. The case probably will be appealed, the doctor's attor- shed and several caught fire before regulations through the public health neys said.

The state department announced late Wednesday it had received a gers waiting to board outgoing trains and ask congress when it convenes cablegram from Jacob Gould Schur- until they were ordered from the build- to remove the ban against foreign man, American minister at Pekin, ing by the firemen. which said "there was no definite indication of how long it would be before Americans and others still held by Chinese bandits are released."

The United States air service dirigible TC-1 was destroyed by fire shortly after it moored at Wilbur Wright smoke, was taken to a hospital. A field at 6 P. M. in Dayton, O., Wed- number of firemen also have been nesday. The ship, the largest of its overcome. kind in this country, was destroyed during a severe electrical storm. It came to Dayton from Scott field, Ill- and 16th streets. Scores of men with morrow. It expressed the hope that inois, on a test flight.

Sofia.-Profiteers will be subject to public beatings with lashes, confiscation of their property and permanent disbarment from business under a bill submitted to the Sobranje (national assembly) Wednesday. This is the governments' answer to the many complaints that the cost of living has been unnecessarily increased by specu-

Army efficiency requires that attention be given to religious matters, Genchurchmen and welfare workers, calltary training has in it certain elements of moral instruction, General Pershing lapse. said, but he added that "religion contains the secret of the impetus toward clean living."

Authoritative denial was given Wednesday to Moscow newspaper reports alleging Brifish interference in soviet Asia. It was declared that the British silt. She was surprised when an eight & Quincy railroad notified the railgoverment had never made any agreement with the Emir of Turkestan in- pipe. The system worked well for made an agreement with its mainvolving a protectorate of that region an hour and again stopped. A wrench tenance of way employes affecting 10. and that the statement in the Moscow papers relative to an alleged British promise to finance and arm anti-soviet trout. It measured 18 inches and \$10 a month and 1 cent an hour to

by Court of Appeals.

St. Paul. - Approval of the interstate commerce commission's action in authorizing the Southern Pacific Brief Resume Most Important raffroad to acquire control of the Cen- U. S. Government Gratified by tral Pacific road was announced Mon day by the United States circuit court of appeals.

> Walter H. Sanborn, senior judge of the court, announced that the court NEW RULES IN EFFECT had concluded that the interstate commerce commission had the author ity to authorize and approve the control by lease and stock ownership of the Central Pacific railroad by the Southern Pacific company."

> This conclusion, in effect approving provisions of the transportation act of 1920, is declared of far-reachng importance, in that it tends to uphold the present railroad consolidation the attitude taken toward compliance plan covered by the act.

> There will be no opinion filed now but counsel for the department of justice and for the Southern Pacific were notified to present arguments here on maritime nations that vessels flying the form the court's decree shall take. their flags will carry only enough Appeal to the supreme court still is open to the government.

> The court which, in addition to Judge Sanborn, includes Judges Wil- limit and that they will return "dry" liam S. Kenyon, Fort Dodge, Ia., and in this respect have been favorably Robert S. Lewis, Denver, has before received. The position of these counit the proposed decree of the railroad tries accords with views repeatedly excompany, permitting the control under state commerce commission.

> will move acceptance of this form for regulations by important lines. the decree and the government will have an opportunity to suggest such the regulations are rigid and that supreme court.

The court's decree will be under the mandate of the supreme court, issued October 17, 1922, directing the circuit court of appeals to enter a final decree on his Alaskan trip and will speak in requiring the Southern Pacific to di- tries, Great Britain and other nations a decree entered carrying out the terms of this decision.

The supreme court had held the Southern Pacific control of the Central ternative but to obey strictly the de-Pacific as in restraint of competition cision of the supreme court and adand in violation of the Sherman anti- minister it as the law of the land. trust act, and the government sought vest itself of any control of the Central Pacific company.

Philadelphia, - Passengers occupy ing sleeping cars in the train shed at the Broad Street station of the been emphasized, rests entirely with of their berths early Monday by a fire. The shed burst into flames in two or three places. Five alarms were sounded summoning all the fire fight- until it meets next December. Mean-

they could be moved to safety. Great

The blaze started shortly after 1 A. M. An hour later the entire train shed was in flames and the baggage room, just outside the waiting room on the second floor, also was burning. One passenger, overcome by the

The fire spread to the mail room, under the train shed, between 15th sentation to the British cabinet totrucks worked to remove the mail but Great Britain would join France and the blaze drove them out.

The flames spread westward, away from the station proper which is located opposite the city hall, one of the largest municipal buildings in the her allies a solution of the reparations world. Entrance to the station for question, provided the discussion trains is on an elevated structure keeps within the limits of the French from the Schuylkill river, approximate- proposals of January. ly eight blocks. Under the tracks for about three blocks are express stations and mall room.

brought to the scene. Hundreds of erty by a storm that broke over this eral Pershing said Wednesday at the streams of water were poured on the city at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, opening session of the conference with flames which shot high into the air. More than six inches of water fell Fire Chief Davis said that he feared in less than an hour and a half, the ed by the war department. All mill- the roof, of metal and glass and cov- weather bureau announced. All of the ering nearly a city block, would col-

> Hood River, Or.-Monday a valve in about 20 miles from this city in any a pressure irrigation system in the direction. garden of Mrs. W. L. Smith falled to work. The valve was unscrewed, Mrs. Smith supposing it was clogged by inch mountain trout shot from the road labor board Saturday that it had was again applied and this time Mrs. 000 men. The agreement grants fore Smith discovered a large rainbow men increases in wages of from \$4 to weighed 31% pounds.

RAIL MERGER IS APPROVED FOREIGN NATIONS Southern-Central Pacific Union Upheld OBEY LIQUOR LAW

Favorable Attitude.

Congress May Be Asked to Remove Ban Against Foreign Ships Carrying Beverages.

Washington, D. C.-With the ship liquor regulations effective Sunday, government officials are gratified at with the rules by foreign nations.

Announcements coming from Great Britain, France and other important liquor to meet requirements for beverage up to the American three-mile pressed by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that he did not anticipate dif-Counsel for the railroad on Monday ficulty regarding observance of the

It is recognized by officials that amendments as it wishes, or may serve they will be a source of inconvenience suspension of domestic laws of such nations as France and Spain calling for adequate supplies of wines for beverage purposes for ships' crews at all times. Protests from these counwere conceded to be natural.

At the same time, it is pointed out, the treasury department had no al-To do otherwise, it is maintained, actually would involve violation by treasury officials of their oath of office and lay them open to impeachment. It was stated that they had nothing to do with the making of the law and are not seeking to pass one way or the IN FLAMING SHED other upon its merits or its effect in international relations. Nor, it was added, did the supreme court have any authority other than interpreting the law. Making of the law, it has

Consequently, it is pointed out, if any relief is to come to foreign shipping interests, the source of appeal is congress, which cannot be taken ing forces in the center of the city, while it will be the purpose of the Approximately 30 trains were in the treasury department to enforce its the simple consciousness that the office. It has been suggested, though chosen. A man and a woman were not plainly stated, that the treasury opposite, with their little boy between not plainly stated, that the treasury excitement prevailed among passen- department may take the initiative ships carrying liquor for beverage purposes. It is reported that the possibility of such a proposal has been one reason why foreign lines have indicated their purpose to comply strictly with the regulations,

Poincare's Note Sent.

Paris.-Premier Poincare's note on the subject of German reparations was delivered in London Sunday for pre-Belgium in telling Germany that passive resistance in the Ruhr must cease.

It says if Germany complies, France will be disposed to consider with

Georgia Has Big Storm.

Macon, Ga.-Damage estimated at All fire apparatus in the city was \$1,000,000 was caused to Macon propstorm sewers of the city were overloaded. Many of them gave way.

The storm was local, extending

Wage Agreement Made.

Chicago,-The Chicago, Burlington

MISS LULU BETT

"MY WEDDED WIFE"

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SYNOPSIS.—General factotum in the house of her sister Ina, wife of Herbert Deacon, in the small town of Warbleton, Lolu Bett leads a dull, cramped existence, with which she is constantly at enmity, though apperently satisfied with her lot. Bobby Larkin, recently graduated high-achool youth, is secretly enamored of Deacon's elder daughter, Diana. The family is excited over the news of an approaching visit from Deacon's brother Ninian, whom he had not seen for many years. Unexpectedly, Ninian arrives. Thus he becomes acquainted with Lolu first and understands her position in the house. To Lulu, Ninian is a much-traveled man of the world, and even the slight interest which he takes in her is appreciated, because it is something new in her life. At an outing which the family takes, Ninian and Lulu become confidential. He expresses his disapproval of her treatment as a sort of dependent in the Deacon home. Diana and Bobby, in the course of "soft nothings," discuss the possibility of eloping and "surprising the whole school." Lulu has awakened to pleasant possibilities concerning Ninian's intentions toward herself.

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July. When, on a warm evening a fortnight later, Lulu descended the stairs dressed for her incredible trip to the city, she wore the white waist which she had often thought they would "use" for her if she died. And really, the waist looked as if it had been planned for the purpose, and its wide, upstanding platted lace at throat and wrist made her neck look thinner, her forearm sharp and veined. Her hair she had "crimped" and parted in the middle, puffed high-it was so that hair had been worn in Lulu's girthood. "Well!" said Ina, when she saw this coiffure, and frankly examined it, head well back, tongue meditatively tensing at her lower lip.

For travel Lulu was again wearing

Ina's linen duster-the old one, Ninian appeared, in a sack coatand his diamond. His distinctly convex face, its thick, rosy flesh, thick mouth and cleft chin gave Lulu once more that bold sense of looking-not at him, for then she was shy and averted her eyes-but at his photograph at which she could gaze as much as she would. She looked up at him openly, fell in step beside him. Was he not taking her to the city? Ina and Dwight themselves were go ing because she, Lulu, had brought about this party.

"Act as good as you look, Lulle," Mrs. Bett called after them. She gave no instructions to Ina, who was married and able to shine in her conduct, It seemed.

Dwight was cross. On the way to the station he might have been heard to take it up again, whatever it was, and his Ina unmistakably said: "Well, now, don't keep it going all the way there"; and turned back to the others with some elaborate comment about the dust, thus cutting off her so-called lord from his legitimate retort. A mean advantage.

The city was two hours distant, and they were to spend the night. On the train, in the double seat, Ninian beside her among the bags, Lulu sat in people all knew that she too had been them. Lulu felt this woman's superiority of experience over her own. and smiled at her from a world of fellowship. But the woman lifted her eyebrows and stared and turned away, with slow and insolent winking.

Ninian had a boyish pride in his knowledge of places to eat in many of the tribe to a deer-run in a strange wood. Ninlan took his party to a downtown cafe, then popular among business and newspaper men. The place was below the sidewalk, was reached by a dozen marble steps, and the odor of its griddle-cakes took the air of the street. Ninian made great show of selecting a table, changed once, called the waiter "my man" and rubbed soft hands on "What do you say? Shall it be lobster?" He ordered the dinner, instructing the waiter with painstaking gruffness.

"Not that they can touch your cook ing here, Miss Lulu," he said, settling himself to wait, and crumbling a

Dwight, expanding a bit in the aura of the food, observed that Lulu was a regular chef, that was what Lulu was. He still would not look at his wife, who now remarked:

"Sheff, Dwightle. Not cheff." This was a mean alvantage, which he pretended not to hear-another

"Ina." said Lulu, "your hat's fust a little mite-no, over the other way." "Was there anything to prevent your speaking of that before?" Ina inquired acidly.

"I started to and then somebody always said something," said Lulu humbly. Nothing could so much as cloud

Lulu's hour. She was proof against any shadow. Say, but you look tremendous to-

night," Dwight observed to her. Understanding perfectly that this was said to tease his wife. Lulu vet flushed with pleasure. She saw two women watching, and she thought: "They're feeling sorry for Inn-no-body talking to her." She laughed at everything that the men said. She passionntely wanted to talk herself. How many folks keep going past," he said, many times.

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At length, having noted the details of all the clothes in range, Ina's isolation palled upon her and she set to take Ninian's attention. She therefore talked with him about himself.

"Curious you've never married, Nin," she said.

"Don't say it like that," he begged. "I might yet."

Ina laughed enjoyably. "Yes, you might!" she met this.

"She wants everybody to get married, but she wishes I hadn't," Dwight threw in with exceeding ran-

They developed this theme exhaus tively. Dwight usually speaking in the third person and always with his shoulder turned a bit from his wife. It was inconceivable, the gusto with which they proceeded. Ina had assumed for the purpose an air distrait, casual, attentive to the scene about them. But gradually her cheeks began to burn.

"She'll cry," Lulu thought in alarm, and said at random: "Ina, that bat is so pretty-ever so much prettier than the old one." But Ina said frostily that she never saw anything the matter with the old one.

"Let us talk," said Ninian low, to Lulu. "Then they'll simmer down. He went on, in an undertone, about nothing in particular. Lulu hardly heard what he said, it was so pleasant to have him talking to her in this confidential fashion; and she was pleasantly aware that his manner was open to misinterpretation.

In the nick of time the lobster was served.

Dinner and the play-the show, as Ninian called it. This show "Peter Pan," chosen by Ninian because the seats cost the most of those at any theater. It was almost indecent to see how Dwight Herbert, the immortal soul, had warmed and melt-ed at these contacts. By the time that all was over, and they were at the hotel for supper, such was his pleasurable excitation that he was once more playful, teasing, once more the irrepressible. But now his Ina was to be won back, made it evident that she was not one lightly to overlook, and a fine firmness sat upon the little doubling chin.

They discussed the play. Not one of them had understood the story.



Why Not Say the Wedding Service?"

The dog-kennel part-wasn't that the queerest thing? Nothing to do with the rest of the play.

"I was for the pirates. The one with the hook-he was my style," said Dwight. "Well, there it is again," Ina cried,

"They didn't belong to the real play, either." "Oh, well," Ninian said, "they have

to put in parts, I suppose, to catch everybody. Instead of a song and dance, they do that " "And I didn't understand," said Ina.

why they all clapped when the principal character ran down front said something to the audience that time. But they all did." Ninian thought this might have

been out of compliment. Ina wished fessed that the last part was so pretty that she herself would not look; and into Ina's eyes came their loveliest

Lulu sat there, hearing the talk about the play. "Why couldn't I have said that?" she thought as the others spoke. All that they said seemed to her apropos, but she could think of nothing to add. The evening had been to her a light from beaven-how could she find anything to say? She sat in a daze of happiness, her mind hardly operative, her look moving from one to another. At last Ninian looked at her.

"Sure you liked it, Miss Lulu?" "Oh, yes! I think they all took their parts real well." It was not enough. She looked at

them appealingly, knowing that she had not said enough.

"You could hear everything they said," she added. "It was-" she dwindled to silence.

Dwight Herbert savored his rarebit with a great show of long wrinkled

"Excellent sauces they make hereexcellent," he said, with the frown of an epicure. "A tiny wee bit more Athabasca," he added, and they all laughed and told him that Athabasca was a lake, of course. Of course he meant tabasco, Ina said. Their entertainment and their talk was of this sort, for an hour.

"Well, now," said Dwight Herbert when it was finished, "somebody dance on the table."

"Dwightle!" "Got to amuse ourselves somehow.

Come, liven up. They'll begin to read the funeral service over us.' "Why not say the wedding service?"

asked Ninian. In the mention of wedlock there

was always something stimulating to Dwight, something of overwhelming humor. He shouted a derisive en-

dorsement of this proposal.
"I shouldn't object," said Ninian.
"Should you, Miss Lulu?"

Lulu now burned the slow red of her torture. They were all looking at her. She made an anguished effort

to defend herself. "I don't know it," she said, "so I can't say it."

Ninian leaned toward her.

"I, Ninian, take thee, Lulu, to be my wedded wife," he pronounced. "That's the way it goes!"

"Lulu daren't say it!" cried Dwight, He laughed so loudly that those at the near tables turned. And, from the fastness of her wifehood and motherhood Ina laughed. Really, it was ridiculous to think of Lulu that Ninian laughed, too. "Course she

don't dare say it," he challenged. From within Lulu, that strange Lulu, that other Lulu who sometimes

fought her battles, suddenly spoke "I, Lulu, take thee, Ninian, to be my wedded husband."

"You will?" Ninian cried. "I will," she said, laughing tremulously, to prove that she, too, could join in, could be as merry as the rest. "And I will. There, by Jove, now have we entertained you, or haven't we?" Ninian laughed and pounded his

soft fist on the table. "Oh, say, honestly!" Ina was shocked. "I don't think you ought to-holy things-what's the matter,

Dwightle?" Dwight Herbert Deacon's eyes were

staring and his face was scarlet,
"Say, by George," he said, "a civil wedding is binding in this state."

"A civil wedding? Oh, well-" Ninian dismissed it.

"But I," said Dwight, "happen to be a magistrate." They looked at one another foolishly. Dwight sprang up with the in-determinate idea of inquiring something of some one, circled about and returned. Ina had taken his chair and sat clasping Lulu's hand. Ninian

continued to laugh. "I never saw one done so offhand," sald Dwight. "But what you've said is all you have to say according to law. And there don't have to be witnesses . . . say!" he said, and sat down again.

Above that shroud-like plaited lace, the veins of Lulu's throat showed dark as she swallowed, cleared her throat,

swallowed again, "Don't you let Dwight scare you,"

"Scare me!" cried Ninian, "Why, I think it's a good job done, if you ask

Lulu's eyes flew to his face. As he laughed, he was looking at her, and now he nodded and shut and opened his eyes several times very fast. Their points of light flickered. With a pang of wonder which pierced her and left her shaken, Lulu looked. His eyes continued to meet her own. It was exactly like looking at his photograph. Dwight had recovered his authentic

"Oh, well," he said, "we can inquire at our leisure. If it is necessary, I should say we can have it set aside quietly up here in the city-no one'll

"Set aside nothing!" said Ninian. "I'd like to see it stand." "Are you serious. Nin?"

"Sure I'm serious." Ina jerked gently at her sister's "Lulu! You hear him? What you

going to say to that?" Lulu shook her head. "He isn't in earnest." she said "I am in earnest-hope to die" Nin.

ian declared. He was on two legs of his chair and was slightly tilting, so that the effect of his earnestness was impaired. But he was obviously in earnest.

They were looking at Lulu again, And now she looked at Ninian, and there was something terrible in that look which tried to ask him, alone,

Dwight exploded. "There was a fellow I know there in the theater," he cried. "I'll get him on the line. He could tell me if there's any way-

"I don't know what to make of Lulu's letters. They are so-

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Has Had Long Vacation. One of the national standard weights of the United States has not been used for actual weighing since it was received from the international bureau in 1889.