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.

More wheat was exported from the Columbia river during December, 1923, than from all of the other ports in the United States combined.

Sergeant C. E. Conrad, Kelly field, at San Antonio, Tex., broke the world's record altitude parachute jump Wednesday. He leaped from 21,500 feet.

Twenty-seven Mexican convicts, some of them serving terms for murder, escaped from the Blue Ridge prison farm, 18 miles from Houston, Tex. The escape was staged between 10 and 11 o'clock Wednesday night.

Ex-Field Marshal Ludendorf, Adolph Hitler, leader of the Bavarian fascisti, and seven other defendants were placed on trial for their connection with the "putsch" of last November. All of the defendants except one are charged with high treason.

Believed to be of the Neolithic period, or later stone age, a boat 11 feet long and three feet wide, hollowed out of the trunk of an oak tree, has been found in the mud at Elmley Ferry marshes, near Sittingbourne, Kent, England. It is estimated by experts to be 5000 years old.

Congress laid aside legislative business Wednesday to pay tribute to the memory of Warren G. Harding. The house and senate joined in a memorial service, held in the house chamber, with Secretary Hughes as the only speaker and President Coolidge, his cabinet, supreme court justices and foreign diplomats in attendance.

Mayor Brown and Alfred H. Lundin were nominated as mayoralty candidates in the primary election held in Seattle, Wash., Tuesday, according to complete returns from all of the city's 294 precincts. Mayor Brown polled a plurality of 4551 votes over Lundin. The unofficial returns tabulated from the 294 precincts gave: Brown, 27,592; Landin, 23,041; Erickson, 17,344.

A chemical discovery said to be one of the most important of the 20th century has just been made at the Fixed Nitrogen Research laboratory at Washington, Professor Arthur B. Lamb of Harvard announced Tuesday night. The discovery is a net catalyst which will bring about the permanent union of hydrogen and nitrogen atoms and will yield 14 per cent of ammonia, Professor Lamb said.

Purther slashes in operating expenses have been determined upon by President Palmer of the emergency fleet corporation. On top of the reduction of \$18,000 in the salaries of the corporation's four vice-presidents, a similar sum will be saved through elimination of the position of managing director of United States lines, made vacant Wednesday by the resignation of William J. Love.

Serious interference with telegra phie and radio communication is predicted by Dr. David Todd, professor emeritus of Amherst college, in a statement in which he announced the discovery of a new outbreak of "sun spots." The area affected, according to Dr. Todd, is about 9000 miles in diameter. He believes the outbreak to be the beginning of a "sun spot period," with auroral displays and cousequent difficulty in electric and radio transmission.

President Donnelly of the Northern the pending attack on the road's land grants as "an attempt through some probably in May. form of congressional action to circumvent the decisions of the courts." President Coolidge has asked Chairman Lenroot of the senate public lands committee to look into the situation under which the interior department, unless action is taken, will soon be called upon to turn over to the railroad 3.900,000 acres of public lands. some of it including forest reserves.

The students' millenium - the day when there will be no exams—is coming on apace, in the view of educators Speakers before the annual convention of the department of superintendence, National Education association, in Chicago, Tuesday ruled out the periodic examination "and all its moral hazards" as unsound, unscientific and "generally meaningless." For the examination mark, It seems, has been proved by years of testing by educational psychologists to have absolutely no fixed relation to mental capacity or intellectual ability.

Senate to Investigate in Forbes Case-Conference Is Held.

Washington, D. C .- Evidence that 'two members of congress" improperly accepted money, laid before the Chicago grand jury that indicted Charles R. Forbes, will be inquired into by the senate veterans' commit-

A telegram was sent Monday night to the district attorney at Chicago requesting that he advise the committee is to this evidence, and asking whether it indicated sufficient connection with the veterans' bureau to come within the committee's jurisdiction.

The action followed a conference between President Coolidge and Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee, at which the grand jury's report was discussed. Whether immediate action also is to be taken by the executive branch of the government upon matters discussed in the report other than the indictments handed down was not disclosed after the conference.

The special report of the grand jury announced that other sensational developments involving alleged graft had been developed before it in the course of the inquiry which led to the indictment of Forbes. These developments were not pursued, the grand jury reported, because they were not acres of land in the Hermiston diswithin its jurisdiction.

The jury stated that the developments included speculation by one or more officials of the government, in- Hermiston conducted the purchase for volving the use of official information. the payment of certain sums of money to two members of congress and that money was collected by certain persons, not attorneys, for obtaining permits for intoxicating liquor.

The jury also said it had information indicating that the files of one department were turned over to persons having no official connection with the department and that money was accepted by persons who were not attorneys, to obtain clemency for prisoners, these persons basing their.

REVENUE IS REDUCED ABOUT \$446,000,000

Washington, D. C .- The tax bill as passed by the house will produce \$446,-000,000 less revenue than the existing tured and he lived only 25 minutes law, in the opinion of the treasury actuaries.

It would produce \$113,000,000 more, the treasury figures indicate, than the Garner democratic plan.

The treasury surplus under the pres ent rates, according to present estimates, will be only \$323,000,000, so that the house bill if finally enacted, would result in a deficit of \$123,000,

Losses in revenue under the bill as passed by the house are estimated to be \$130,000,000 in normal income taxes, \$150,000,000 in surtaxes, \$90,-000,000 in earned income and \$126,-000,000 in miscellaneous taxes. These pian would have resulted, according to \$85,000,000 in earned income and \$126,-000,000 in miscellaneous taxes.

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Parcel Post Is Probed.

Washington, D. C .- The postoffice department is conducting an inquiry into its parcel post business. Assist ant Postmaster Ceneral Stewart announced, to determine whether that service cannot be so reorganized as to bear the cost of increased salaries for postal employes.

Mr. Stewart appeared before a joint senate and house committee which is considering a salary bill, but said the department would be unable to formu-Pacific railway Tuesday denounced late recommendations until a report on the parcel post inquiry was in hand

Tax Refunds Are Huge.

Washington, D. C .- Refunds on tax payments totaling \$123,992,829.94 were made by the treasury in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, according to a report by the department. The refunds, made to 263,320 persons, cov ered payments for several years and were made on account of "illegal or erroneously collected taxes." The report showed 10,152 persons had re ceived more than \$1000 each in re imbursements.

has been cut more than \$4,800,000,000 in the four and a half years since the great war indebtedness was at its freed from marriage ties with Brick peak, August 31, 1919. Figures made Jim, who had chased her on a horse public Monday by the treasury show and beat her over the head. Mrs that at the opening of business Saturday the national debt was \$21,781,966, an interpreter, since she speaks only 852. It has been reduced \$933,000,000 | the Klamath language. Judge Leavitt in the last year.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Governor Neff of Texas has issued a proclamation placing an embargo on importation of livestock from California and prohibiting importation from Oregon, Arizona and Nevada except after proper inspection

Klamath Falls. -- Construction will start soon at Klamath Falls on a new sawmill with a capacity of 70,000 feet per day, to be located in the outskirts of the city near the juncture of the Strahorn and Southern Pacific rail-

Astoria.-The body of a boy baby about one day old was found near Eughy station Monday by Joseph J. Saul of this city. He notified C. O. Botts and H. N. Boyd of the Crossett Western Timber company, who reported the case to Coroner Hughes.

Salem. - Governor Pierce, who a week ago underwent an operation for the removal of his gall bladder at a local hospital, probably will be recovered sufficiently to return to his home late this week. This was announced by the aftending physicians.

Pendleton.-Purchase of 75,000 as paragus plants with which to plant 15 trict has been closed with a Walla Walla dealer, according to Fred Bennion, county agent. Otto Heinl of a committee of west end growers.

Pendleton.-Fire of unknown origin practically destroyed a house and contents on Beauregard street occupied by L. C. Graham Sunday morning at 3 o'clock. The fire was not discovered until it had made considerable headway. Mr. and Mrs. Graham and their children were absent on a visit with relatives in Walla Walla.

Hillsboro.-The Oregon state drirymen elected the following officers at their annual convention here Friday: efforts upon their intimacy with of C. L. Mulkey, McMinnville, president; C. W. Laughlin of Astoria, first vicepresident; H. W. Cooley of Jefferson, second vice-president; P. M. Brandt of Corvallis, secretary-treasurer; Horace Addis of Portland, assistant secretary

> Bend.-Earl Denny, 30, stepped off cliff near Terre Bonne late Saturday night, falling 35 feet and suffering fatal injuries. His skull was fracafter the accident. Denny is thought to be from Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Coroner Niswonger began efforts to find his friends or relatives in that city.

Salem,-The Willamette valley loganberry crop for the year 1924 will be approximately 70 per cent of normal, according to officials of the Drager Fruit company. In some parts of the valley the entire loganberry acreage was destroyed by the frost, while in other sections the crop will be 100 per cent. The average loss will be 30 per cent, officials said.

Salem.-Approximately 10,000 state same taxes as carried in the Garner income tax returns, representing pay- hand to the merrymakers. ments of \$40,000, have been r the treasury, in losses from existing at the offices of the income tax colamounts of \$227,000,000 in normal in- lecting department here, according to come taxes, \$171,000,000 in surtaxes, announcement made Saturday by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. Fisher estimated that not less than Provisions of both the Garner plan 75,000 returns will be filed with the department by March 31. Of the 10.would bring \$50,000,000 more into the 000 returns received up until Friday night 4400 were classified as taxable, while 5600 were non-taxable.

> Pendleton.-Plans are being made to test every milk cow in Umatilla county this year to insure that the present low rate of tuberculosis is not permitted to show an increase, according to Fred Bennion, county agent. The tests conducted in 1923 of 440 herds consisting of 2837 head, showed 13 reactors and eight suspects. Dr. G. W. Overhause of the bureau of animal husbandry, stationed at La Grande, will conduct the tests in Umatilla county, which are to begin about

> St. Helens.-With the departure of the steamer Multnomah Friday night lumber shipments from St. Helens for the week amounted to about 3,000,000 feet, all shipments being for California ports. The steamer E. H. Meyer, which departed Wednesday afternoon for San Pedro, was laden with 1,016,-600 feet of lumber, and the steamer Celilo which left Thursday night carried a 975,000-foot cargo of lumber and piling for San Pedro and San Diego. The steamer also had a fair passenger list.

Klamath Falls.—Before a full gallery of Indians the marital difficulties of Sarah Jim and Brick Jim, fullblooded Klamath Indians, were aired Washington, D. C .- The public debt in the circuit court here Friday in a contested divorce case, in which Sarah Jim attempted to show she could be Jim's testimony was taken through denied the divorce.

CAPTAIN SAZARAC

CHAPTER VIII-Continued.

"The wind is capital-although making English turn we shall have to oull-haul, doubtiess. But who can pursue save one of the steamboatsand by the time the uproar goes that far-Bien !- what of it?"

"A shot from an eighteen-pounder and the tenkettle will hesitate," growled Gorgio. "All is ready-waiting Monsieur de Almonaster's word for the river signal."

The swarthy-skinned marketmen laughed; their roving glances went from the idle croops at the stalls to the load of cabbages under which there protruded one rusty cutlass hilt which Gorgio now frowningly pushed back. Then he was on with his droning cry about the dark streets of the Vieux Carre.

Meantime, at the Ball d'Orleans, the fun was rising fast. The door, the deep-set windows, the low galleries about the hall, were filled with onlookers; while to the strains of a waltz from Les Amours du Diable sensuous women and flery-tempered men whirled in giddy mazes. Frowned on by the aristocracy, and taboo with the haughty ladies of the Vieux Carre, yet few there were of the young fashionables who would not steal, now and then, to the revel. There arose the quarrels that led to the duellos out under the Oaks; there, on an instant, the scene might change from laughing, and men rush together in affray; or two of the hot-tempered dons of the old Spanish or French regime, or some restless Kentuckians. down-river, would exhange the cards that meant rapiers or pistois at sunrise.

The young Count de Almonaster was in a chaffing coterie at the vestibule. The town had been agog with this story about him today.

"Ho, Raoul!" cried De Marigny, where is your new house guest?"

"Yes-Raoul, the proud, entertaining this gallant Saz-a-rac! Better you had counted the family silver ere you put him to bed! They say Lafitte put out from your bospitality to the Barataria swamps-and at once a lady disappears from her hotel!"

"I am just back from a search myself. It was a shabby trick, but-The laughing gallants crowded "Lafirte turns up, and at once Louisiana is in an uproar! The British consul fumes, and Colonel Carr denounces. His lady may well be in the tropics within a week!"

"Bah!" shouted the Chevelier de Montrieul, "here is Alderman Dominique, who was once buccaneer himself! I say, we are unworthy gal-lants! Under the Spanish governors we would all be out seeking to rescue the lady ourselves, rather than leave such romance to the authorities.

De Marigny twigged Raoul's laced cuff : "Come, we have a new beauty. shall introduce you for one of the new contre-danses Anglais."

"I." retorted Raoul reservedly, "do not dance here, as you know."
"Why so haughty? A round, and

we are all off to the Scraphine. Raoul started. This would never do: the conspirators must seize the clipper before the party assembled on her decks. He was relieved to see Captain Bossiere-aiready chosen to command-come on smiling, waving a

We shall make a long pight on the Seraphine and discuss affairs. Monsteur Dominique, I am glad you are with us! And Monsieur de Almonaster, who has been won over at last

to support the Napoleon expedition!" Many curious and admiring eyes, were leveled on the tall, bronzed young man who followed to the bar. Old Dominique winked again at him. A buzz of talk ran around concerning these two who surely must know something about Lafitte which they chose not to disclose to the authorities.

De Marigny shouted good-humoredly to Raoul:

"We are discussing the flag, Monsieur! A flag for the Seraphine! La Barre insists it will not be good taste to fly the American colors now, with England and the United States at peace. Under what flag, Captain Bossiere, do we put to sea?"

Good Captain Bossiere pulled his whiskers and beamed on the laughing "That is to be settled. Also, tonight, who is to be second in command "

"And third!" "And fourth!"

"And," bawled another youth, "I

trust to be at least a midshipman!" The finshed and merry Creole blades gathered closer. The costllest champagnes were spilling over bar and ables. Under the glitter of the crystal lamps, where the press was deepest. Captain Bossiere perspired and tried, in vain, to address them. From this haughing melee Dominique, the alderman, velvet-clad and rotund, found way and came to De Almonaster's side.

"And tonight," he muttered, "I wantder about, a respectable official of the city-and the sea is calling. As to Jenn," he said with pointed abruptness, "what do you know, Monsieur?"

The young aristocrat could not be sure of how much the city conspirators had imparted to the complacent Dominique. He therefore shrugged indifferently: "The old for is on familiar trails, Monsieur Dominique-do you know of any reason for absenting

"Eb?" queried the alderman darkly, Then, a hand on his shoulder. Jarvis, the portrait painter of the Vieux Carre,

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for once cleanly arrayed in velvet, beruffled stock and a high bat! Jarvis, incredibly sober. Nodding to Alderman Dominique, he drew Raoul aside.

The fools found I was right, eh? A lady stolen from our streets-and this Sazarac of the packets is my oid captain." He smiled with some twitching pathos about his nervous lips. "Jean-and my lady. Ah, one might have guessed!" He stopped abruptly,

"What is it, Jarvis?" Raoul stared at him. Plainly, he knew nothing of Mademoiselle Lestron's disappearance upon the English bark, tonight slowly eating a way out of the Belize pass to the open Gulf.

"Sober." muttered the lester. "That is it. I have vowed to keep soher for her sake from half-past eleven to quite one o'clock . . . It was about the hour of the camellia. Ab-to a staircase fellow in the moonlight!"

His friend laughed curiously, but without understanding. "Every night" -continued Jarvis-"half-past eleven to one. It is a disastrous intermission. however. I have to arrange all my hours, both at the studio and the grog shops. Romance should keep better hours." He sighed: "Love has come like a flame to my darkness. Monsleur! I-who would have laid my dull head as a stone among the other cobbles for her footstep-and asked nothing! She has gone . . they whisper, willingly, perhaps, with him. Ah, to play the part of Sazarac-one hour!"

"What are you driving at?" queried

"This Sazarac-" muttered Jarvis. "I regret he was not himself. I would have had an affair at the Oaks. Can you imagine me, soher, well-arrayed



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and speared through the stomach be cause of a woman? I cannot. On secand thought, of course not. The time. Monsieur-'

"The time-" De Almonaster started, shot a suspicious glance at the town's jester. But Jarvis was not, apparently, in the conspiracy.

"To put aside my romance and resure my bottle. D-n!-not yet midnight" He turned impatiently and gnawed his cuff. "Jean has taken my lady- Eh, well! One's friend is one's friend!"

Raoul watched the mountehanit's drawn, hungry face at the end of the crowded bar. Then he wandered to the street vestibule. The time for the attack must be approaching. where along the west bank of the Mississippl, but a few miles above, the Baratarians must be gathered for the embarkation and the silent drift downstream. Now that he had time to think soberly of it. Raoul's mind stumbled over the uncertainties of the und venture. He knew that, about the city. two score of adventurers had armed and awalted secretly to ald the men of Johannes and Nez Coupe from the deep swamp. Selzing the unguarded ship at her moorings, even with the revel about her, would not be difficult. It was the next step when an unfavoring wind might leave the Seraphine helpless and adrift in the lower reaches of the river.

De Almonaster watched the faces of his familiars about the ballroom. He had been chaffed enough for his entertainment of the mysterious Sazarac out of the West. But even now the heedless youth were forgetting it. The affair Lafitte was being left to the authorities. The British Colonel Carr had already been courteously relected from the gentlemen's company; the gentry, while most of them had but the merest bearsay about what the missing gamester, Sazarac, might have Intended concerning Mademolselle Lestron, could not endure Carr's Infamous jest at Maspero's gamingroom. They believed, indeed, that the lady had fled of her own accord with the adventurer of the river packet, whom rumor said was Jean Lafitre. Eh, blen! It was not the first affair of women for Lafitte . . . there was the old story of the governor's lady when the Grand Terre chieftain was at his power.

Raoul saw, in the barroom, a score of tossing glasses upraised to some speech that Bossiere had concluded.

"The Seraphine," a dozen voices shouted, "and to the unknown flag she

files!" The goblets clinked and broke; the air was a spray of crystal and champagne bubbles; then the laughing groups scattered. But about Captain

Rossiere flushed youths clamored on. "Devil take the dances! Monsieur Girod's banquet awaits us on the Seraphine. Let's finish the night there."

And a score of young men took up the cry. De Marigny came crowding to Raonl's side. "Come, there! Fellx, La Barre-all of you! You can dance on the decks-but no women, mind! This is a secret session of the Napoleon plot!"

"Yes, and you with us, De Almonaster! You are a third backer of the enterprise since you took over the baroness' interests."

De Almonaster started as the jesting groups closed about him. It was but eleven o'clock! The conspirators across the river would never dream that the gentlemen-adventurers would guit the ball so early! He began to protest as the youth streamed to the street. But one glance at the goldlaced hat of the Seraphine's commander now leading the way, and Raoul whirled back and to the courtyard where the servants awaited.

At his low hall his groom came watchfully. "Teton, the ball is breaking up! With all speed the word to the market!"

The octoroon vanished silently. Raoul turned back through the ballroom, his heart beating wildly. He wondered if any saw his perturbation. It was too late to warn the Baratarians that the plans had changed. Already, far across the rue Royale past the cathedral to the Place d'Armes, the aristocrats were trooping, unarmed, save for their swords of fashion, to encounter unsuspectingly the desperate renegades of Lafitte summoned again from their deep swamp refuges.

"Madness!" the young man mut-"They are ascending the gangway! The plot is lost! Sazarac will not dare lead his swamp bandits to face the gentlemen of the city already at their banquet seats!"

He lingered irresolutely and then went to the Plaza. If he could find one of the sples who had been all evening watching the course of events at the revel and passing the word, mouth to mouth, out to the upper levee so that the Baratarians across the river might be apprised, he could, even yet, ward off a disastrous fallure.

But nowhere did he find one whom he could trust as being in the conspiracy. The groups of idling market men had scattered from the stalls.

The crowd on the rue de la Levee. gathered to watch this outdoor revel of the gentlemen-adventurers of the Napoleon ship, was thickening. Along the roped path between these onlookers the gold hat of Captain Bossiere moved with the gallants cheering in his wake. The gay rosettes and lanterns festooning the ship's rigging reflected upon the yellow flood murmuring along her side.

"I must be seen with them," murmured De Almonaster. "It is a sorry joke. Sazarac dare not face this revel to selze a ship-no, not for all his

He found his place to the right of Commander Bossiere. De Marigny had started a song of the day among the flushed youths near him:

"Mo l'aimin vous Comme cochon aimin la boue!"

"Ah!" shouted one, catching sight of De Almonaster; and he translated the doggerel for a young American ensign; "'I love you as a little pig loves the mud!' It must be Raoul, seeing that he loves the Barataria swamps."

Raoul smiled; but his glance was out from the quarter-deck awnings to the yellow, silent flood of the mighty river. Big honest Commander Bossiere, a real seaman oddly out of place among the laughing youths, was unstendy from the toasts he had drunk.

"And there," cried La Barre, "comes another guest who must love the mud. seeing that he frequently rolls in it!"

The guests shouted as another belated one came unsteadly down the carpeted gangway to the deck. Jarvis, it was, the town's profligate, whose hour's tribute to his lady had turned to Bacchus promptly with the clock. The first bohemian of the French quarter raised his hand. In it was a staff with folded colors. And behind him marched six grim fellows in tarpaulin hats, red shirts and the new tight pants of the period, cutlassed and pistoled, who, without word, took position along the rail, and came to a salute as Jarvis bawled a mocking order.

The flushed aristocrats stared, then cheered, when the mummer pirates broke to hoarse song, a Creole air of

"Di tems M'aleu Lafitte. Ye te menin monde a la baguette—"

The guests seized it in glee. Another gibe at the smiling Count de Almonaster.

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Boots.

Father bought a pair of hip boots, in anticipation of the coming fishing season. The boots greatly interested Ann, his three-year-old daughter, so one day when mother and father were preparing for a journey downtown, and mother was putting on her Russian boots, Ann turned to father and

"Daddy, why don't you wear your