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## EVENTS OF 1923 PASS IN REVIEW

Happenings at Home and Abroad  
During the Twelve Months  
That Have Just Closed.

### PRESIDENT HARDING'S DEATH

**Futile Attempts to Settle German Reparations Problem—France Occupies the Ruhr—Turkey's Diplomatic Triumph—Terrible Earthquake in Japan—American Prosperity and Politics.**

By **EDWARD W. PICKARD**  
With the exception of Germany, ruined by her own acts, and Japan, shattered by the forces of nature, all the world was better off at the close of 1923 than at its beginning. This is especially true of the United States, Italy, Finland, Czechoslovakia, Turkey, and probably Russia, though the information coming from the land of the soviets has been so colored that it was difficult to determine true conditions there.

Economic recovery of the world was retarded, as it was during the previous twelve months, by failure to settle the matter of the German reparations and by the steady decline of Germany toward the point of absolute collapse. The occupation of the Ruhr by France and the resulting disputes with Great Britain brought on repeated crises each of which seemed to threaten the final disruption of the entente cordiale.

Several proposals for commissions to determine Germany's capacity to pay were made, but each of them required the participation of the United States and each time the American government found unacceptable the restrictions insisted upon by Premier Poincare of France. As the year drew toward its close, however, the reparations commission was preparing to appoint two committees of experts to help work out the problem, and President Coolidge approved of the appointment of Americans on these committees.

Turkey gained power and prestige through the Lausanne peace conference and the resulting treaties with the allies and with the United States. Late in the year she added herself to the list of republics with Mustafa Kemal Pasha as her first president. Under the leadership of General Primo Rivera and other army officers and aristocrats, there was a house-cleaning in Spain that resulted in the turning out of the crowd of politicians that had for years been battering on the spoils of misgovernment. The so-called democratic government was overthrown and a dictatorial council substituted.

President Harding's death in San Francisco threw all the United States—and indeed all the civilized world—into heartfelt mourning. Vice President Calvin Coolidge, succeeding to the chief magistracy, carried on in general the policies of his predecessor. Mr. Harding had been considered the certain nominee of the Republican party in 1924, and his demise threw open the lists and made the political contest intensely interesting.

### INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

German reparations and complications resulting from the failure to pay them occupied much of the attention of European diplomats. Early in January the allied premiers held a futile conference in Paris, and France prepared for separate action to collect from Germany. About the same time Secretary Hughes announced the United States would not consider Berlin's proposal for a four-power European peace pact and also informally advised France not to occupy the Ruhr. France, however, was determined, and the reparations commission gave her the opening by declaring Germany in willful default in coal deliveries. Germany formally protesting and Great Britain not approving, the French on January 11 began the occupation of the Ruhr, seizing its most important cities one after another. President Harding expressed his disapproval by recalling the American troops from Germany. Chancellor Cuno, with the support of the reichstag, declared a "moral war" of passive resistance and ordered all state employees not to obey the French. The mine owners and later the industrial magnates fell in with this program and for months the French were balked in their efforts to get any considerable revenue from the region. They seized customs, bank funds and railways, and arrested many industrial leaders and officials, but the passive resistance was not broken until late in September. The occupation was assisted actively by Belgium and passively by Italy. Great Britain, though she did not actually hamper the French, gave them no help.

On May 2 Germany made a new reparations offer of \$7,500,000,000.

### BARTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wilson and little daughter are guests of Mrs. Wilson's father and brother, Fred McCracken.

F. J. Devine of Lexington, Ore., was a Barton visitor Tuesday and Wednesday.

Miss Hazel Gibson, who is attending the Benson Polytechnic school is spending the Christmas vacation with her father and brother, Harvey and Franklin Gibson.

Miss Alice Hansen went to Portland, Saturday, and will spend her vacation there and at Sherwood and Salem.

Miss Alice Hansen of the Barton school and Miss Linea Young of the N. Logan school, with their pupils, gave very enjoyable Christmas programs at their schools, Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Stone and children are visiting relatives in Portland, where Mrs. Stone and little daughter are ill.

A. M. Clagaard has been making his home at Barton for several days and driving to a sawmill near Estacada where he is installing the machinery.

Miss Rose Wilson of Portland visited her brother Ernest and family last week.

Edith Ferrel, who is attending a business college in Portland, is spending the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ferrel.

Portland visitors Monday were Harvey Gibson, Milburn Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. C. Christensen and daughter Martha and son Emil, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Giffnut were passengers to Gresham, Monday.

W. L. Summers has returned from Long Beach, Wash., where he has been for several weeks.

The Misses Esther and Mabel Erdman of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Irving and little son of Boring, spent Christmas at the D. L. Erdman home.

The Sunday callers at the Forman home were Dr. H. H. Hughes of Gresham, James Smith and son Walter of Eagle Creek, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pesznecker of Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wallace and family, and Mrs. S. E. Robinson spent Christmas in Portland.

M. A. Nelson took a load of hogs to Portland one day last week.

Miss Evelyn J. Walker of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a trained nurse who has taken care of George Forman, left Monday for Portland. Mr. Forman is very slowly recovering and is able to sit up a little each day.

### Discuss Local Topics

A group of people of Estacada have met regularly every week for the purpose of discussing social problems. Such topics as a Living Wage, Proper Living Conditions, and Public Health have been considered. In each case the discussion has centered around local conditions and therefore been of practical value to all who attended. The aim is to have all groups and all interests in the community represented and to have a free expression of opinion from each. The next meeting will be held at the Methodist church, Thursday, January 3, at 7:30 p. m. At that time Public Amusement will be discussed. The discussion will be followed by entertainment and refreshments. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Starr and little son, of Molalla, are guests of Mrs. Starr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Sarver.

### LOCAL ITEMS

For Watch Work see A. N. Johnson. 5-10-1f

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stephens were county seat visitors today.

Phil Marquam ate his Christmas dinner with relatives in Portland.

Miss Irene Saling is another of the O. A. C. students home for the holidays.

Harry Reid of Portland spent Christmas with his father W. R. Reid of Garfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Smith are taking a Christmas holiday with relatives at Roseburg.

The P. L. & P. Co. had a crew working here yesterday, putting in new poles and wires.

Mrs. Margaret Kilgore and little daughter Alice spent Christmas Day at Willamette.

Miss Francis Hassell, who is teaching at Wapinitia in Wasco county is home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bartholomew entertained a family party of 25 for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Marshall entertained at dinner Christmas, the Rev. B. F. and Mrs. Clay.

Mr. and Mrs. Upton H. Gibbs were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Morgan of Sellwood.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Lawrence took dinner with their son Sylvester Lawrence and his wife of Springwater, Christmas.

**BORN**—At Currinsville, December 17, 1923, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith. Dr. G. F. Midford was in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gates had as Christmas guests, the brother of the former, Theodore Gates and his family, of Portland.

Among those who are attending the O. A. C. from Estacada, and are home for the holidays, are Miss Pauline Rose, Clyde Kimmel and George Harkenrider.

Neil Weir son of the Rev. V. A. Weir of Springwater, returned home for the holidays, Saturday afternoon, from Portland, where he is attending the Benson High school.

Mrs. Upton A. Upton and son are here from Pendleton, where she is teaching school, to spend the holidays with her husband. Her sister, Mrs. L. S. Dobson, accompanied her as far as Portland.

Eugene Good from Gladstone was over Saturday afternoon and called at this office. We knew each other years ago in La Grande, where his father was a well-known hotel man.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price and family of Carson, Wash., arrived Christmas to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dyke man. The two ladies are sisters.

Mrs. Lena Underwood with her son Lester, spent Christmas Day with her nephew, George Walthers, who is at the Good Samaritan hospital.

The Misses Gertrude, Anna, and Ruth Dillon entertained on Christmas their brothers, W. W. and Lee Dillon of Portland, with their families. Altogether they numbered fifteen.

Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Morgan besides their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Harry Morgan, and their little granddaughter, had as Christmas guests, Mrs. Morgan's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Williams of Gresham.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sparks had a houseful for Christmas, as they entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Morrow, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Micheltree, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow and Walter Morrow, all of Portland.

### SPRINGWATER NEWS

Mr. and Mr. Wm. Still and children went to Portland Monday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Masson and Mrs. Boyce. They returned home Tuesday.

Mrs. S. N. Kilgore has been enjoying a visit with her brother, Emil Schradieck from Manila, P. I., who arrived last Thursday. He leaves today for a visit with his mother in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Shibley had a family reunion on Tuesday.

J. Neitzling of Columbia Falls, Montana, visited with his sister, Mrs. W. Wallens, one day last week.

### A Shameful Attack

A malicious, mendacious article purporting to be an interview with an Estacada man, was published in last Sunday's Oregon City's Enterprise. It was directed against Co. Supt Vedder for the stand he took at the school meeting last week. As a reply will be made, further comment is withheld for the present.

### Community Club

The regular monthly meeting of the Community Club will be held in the lobby of the Estacada hotel tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. County Judge H. E. Cross will make an address on the road situation.

### State Grange Chaplain Passes

T. R. Sellwood of Milwaukie, and one of its oldest residents, died Wednesday morning. He was chaplain for years of the State Grange, and also a prominent Odd Fellow. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, presumably from the Episcopal Church of which he was a life long member.

### Attention Fruit Growers

The meeting of the Oregon Fruit Growers advertised for Friday January 4, has been postponed to Monday, January 7th.

### Is Your Name Written Here?

Those subscribing for this paper recently are: Max Sagner, James B. Linn, H. M. Duus, Ed Steinman, E. W. Bartlett, H. Swerner, Mrs. V. J. Hillyard, Mrs. Anna Mikulecky, S. J. Howe, John Stormer, Mrs. L. E. Marrs, A. H. Fraley, W. P. Ferrel, C. S. Allen.

Mr. and Thomas Yocum of Garfield, entertained at Christmas dinner, their daughter, Mrs. J. B. Jones, her husband and daughter of Portland, their sons Lloyd and Archie with their families, Mrs. E. T. Jones and W. R. Jones. Their daughter and family returned to Portland yesterday.

Attention is called to the ad of A. S. Masse who advertises his well known Old Scotch Liniment for rheumatism, and other remedies for which he is agent.

The Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Mort went to visit Mr. Mort's parents at Goldendale, Wash., yesterday.



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## QUIET OBSERVANCE ON CHRISTMAS DAY

The Christmas celebration began on Sunday with appropriate services in the local churches. For days previously the merchants were busy with their numerous customers who were loading up with presents and provisions for the great festival. The quantities of mail which daily arrived at the postoffice, were indicative that this year's celebration would be the record one it proved to be.

The night of Christmas eve was very stormy, with wind and rain, but a lull set in by morning. The day itself was quietly kept in town, as most people were celebrating at home or with their friends, as was proper, because Christmas Day is strictly a family day. Nearly every home was decorated with Christmas greens of fir, holly and mistletoe, and it was a pretty sight to see the wreaths hanging in the windows tied with scarlet streamers. This is an old and very pleasing custom, which with that of a family Christmas tree, should never be allowed to lapse. Unfortunately indeed are those who on this day have no children with whom "to gather around the Christmas tree." But for those who have, the years slip off them and they become children again themselves for the time being.

While the past year was not as good financially as some others, yet there was an abundance of gifts and good things for everyone. Certainly there was no instance of distress in town or any where around. But if there had been, and it became known, relief would have poured in from all sides.

At night the streets began to fill up with cars, which brought those from outside to attend the show at the Gem theatre and the Artisans' dance in the park pavilion. Altogether Christmas of 1923 was a day long to be remembered.

### MAY SUPPLANT MORSE CODE

**American Army Officer Said to Have Devised New Alphabet Superior to That in Use.**

A vista for the extension of communication by radio, land lines and cables has been opened with the announcement of the invention of a new universal alphabet by Maj. Gen. George O. Squier, the chief signal officer of the army.

The new alphabet, hailed as the greatest advance in the science of communication in many years, is 2.65 times faster than the international Morse code now universally used. It is designed to supplant the latter, which was invented eighty years ago. The Morse code, General Squier said, is entirely out of date and unsuited to telegraphy as known and practiced today.

The principle upon which the new alphabet is based is that the dots and dashes occupy equal lengths of time and no consecutive signals are of the same sign, and the limit of legibility for each letter of the alphabet is practically uniform.

General Squier's other lines of research have developed results of profound importance in a technical, non-spectacular way, and other nations have recognized his scientific eminence with a bundle of honors and decorations. He is a fellow of the Physical Society of London and a member of the Royal Institute of Great Britain, a Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and, at home, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, a Distinguished Service medalist and a frequent winner of the Franklin medal.—New York Herald.

### Prizes Slightly Mixed.

Free hair cuts for twelve months and a pint of "home brewed" on each visit was won by a young woman at a Wiltshire "tombola." A pair of silk stockings was won by a man.

Use for Russian Paper Money. Street hawkers in Geneva, Switzerland, are pushing their sales by wrapping customer's purchases in Russian paper money.