

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.

Work was resumed on Tutankhamen's tomb Wednesday morning after the customary break for the weekly market day, which also this time happened to be Christmas.

An avalanche Wednesday carried away a cottage between Roseland and Beaufort, France, 30 miles northeast of Chambéry, killing nine of the 11 occupants of the building.

James Nippert, 23, University of Cincinnati football player, died Tuesday of blood poisoning which resulted from a slight cut in the leg suffered in a football game Thanksgiving day.

Heavy snow storms and avalanches are reported from several points in Switzerland. One man was killed and several cattle destroyed in the collapse of stables in Ringgenberg, in the Bernese oberland.

Cloé de Merode, French motion picture actress, has lost her suit for 100,000 francs against the owners of the film "Pescocock Alley," which she charged injured her reputation by burlesquing incidents in her career.

Seventeen persons are known to have perished Wednesday night in a fire which destroyed a part of one of the frame structures of the Chicago state hospital for the insane at Dunning, on the northwest edge of Chicago.

The ministry for Jewish affairs in Lithuania is to be discontinued, the national assembly having rejected the bill providing for its financial maintenance. The ministry for the affairs of the white Russian population was accorded similar treatment.

Religious and civic organizations will be asked to join with officials of the Presbyterian church in a congress to be held at Washington February 13 and 14, to plan a campaign for national legislation to bring all motion picture exhibitions under federal control.

Three New York persons, two of them women more than 60 years old, were dead, two were in a critical condition and more than a score of others were in hospitals Tuesday night as a result of drinking poisonous Christmas liquor. Some of the victims were in a serious condition.

Production of meat this year was the greatest in history, exceeding last year's figures by 1,500,000,000 pounds, according to estimates by the Institute of American Meat Packers. A big jump in pork production was largely responsible for the increase, 10,000,000 more hogs being bought by the packers than in 1922.

If the American people approve the plans selected by the jury of the \$100,000 American peace award created by Edward W. Bok, Mr. Bok will take a second step toward the advancement of world peace with a far wider scope and intent and an award larger and more important in every respect, he announces in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly.

The veritable queen of the bootleggers will arrive in New York shortly from Nassau, capital of the Bahamas and capital also of the West Indies bootlegging trade. She is coming to invest some of her wealth in Fifth avenue finery and to "do" Broadway as she has always longed to do it, but, according to her few intimates in Nassau, her chief desire is marrying with "the right man" and a suburban cottage, for which she would gladly forego the adventure and large income of her present post.

Lieutenant Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor-General Leonard Wood of the Philippines, who is reported to have accumulated a fortune of between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in Wall street, received the information on which he acted through a Wall street "tipster" service, which sent him nightly cablegrams and for which he is reported to have paid \$1000 a month, including cable charges. According to the New York Times, the war department investigated the young officer's transactions and found no cause for censure.

Realistic.

In a school essay a child wrote that a thrush said, "Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Hewitt" so often and so clearly in their village that at last Mrs. Hewitt came to her door and said "Yes?"

U. S. ARMS TO GO TO MEXICO

Time and Place of Delivery Kept Secret—Airlanes Included.

Washington, D. C.—Details of the contemplated sale of surplus army war materials to the Mexican government occupied war department officials Sunday and it was indicated that orders to depot commanders from which the rifles and other equipment are to be taken will go forward within a day or two.

Final decision to grant the request of the Obregon government and make the sale direct by the Washington government was not reached until Saturday, although the request is understood to have been before administration officials practically all of last week. Although there has been no indication that the proposal was the subject of extended discussion at the cabinet meetings on last Tuesday and Friday, it is unlikely that President Coolidge reached the decision to depart from the policy of the Harding administration in relation to the sale of surplus arms without laying the matter before his advisor.

Presumably no publicity will be given by the Washington government to the time or place where any of the supplies are to be turned over to Mexican forces. Reasons of military prudence would require the Mexican officials to conceal the route by which the arms are to be taken into Mexico, so far as that is possible. The deliveries, however, will be made from the depots of the Eighth Army corps area.

Difficulties of the Obregon government in transporting military supplies to the active front between Vera Cruz and Mexico City are increased by the fact that the rebel stronghold at Vera Cruz closest to the federal forces requires the sea route of delivery.

There have been no large outbreaks of revolutionary activity in northern Mexico, however, and presumably officials at Mexico City are satisfied that they can safely transport arms and ammunition from the border to the Mexican government storehouses in the capital.

Aid For Veterans Asked.

Washington, D. C.—Assistance in the task of finding jobs for rehabilitated former service men has been asked by President Coolidge in letters to the American Federation of Labor, the United States chamber of commerce and the chambers of commerce of the larger cities.

The president, in letters addressed to these organizations and made public by the veterans' bureau, declared that "while much has been achieved, especially by the United States veterans' bureau, in this very vital problem, there is still much to be accomplished for the approximately 70,000 who are still in training and who are to become ready for employment at the rate of about 5000 per month."

Invents New Microphone.

New York.—Perfection of an electric ultra-audible microphone, invented by Dr. Phillips Thomas, which, it is claimed, will permit scientists to record sound vibrations which now are too faint for the human ear to catch, was announced Saturday by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company.

In its experimental stage, according to S. M. Kintner, director of research for the Westinghouse company, the microphone has been used successfully to transmit by radio the highest notes of the voice and of musical instruments, which the ordinary transmitter and receiver reproduce as mere noise.

Mr. Kintner declared the device had been perfected and simplified to a point where it could be used by vessels at sea in picking up the warnings of fog horns or other sound warnings beyond the range of the human ear; in studying the finer sound vibrations of organs of the human body, such as the heart and the brain, and in the realm of the entomologist who has tried in vain to pick up sounds known to be made by tiny insects, but inaudible to humans.

Dauntless Is Wrecked.

Seattle, Wash.—Crewless and helpless in the grip of a 60-mile gale, the steamer Dauntless, owned and operated by the Puget Sound Freight line, broke loose from its moorings at Kingston, Bainbridge island, Saturday night, drifted across Puget sound and was pounded to pieces on the rocks at Meadow point, near the town of Richmond Beach, ten miles north of Seattle. The boat, valued at \$60,000, is a total loss.

Venezelos on Way Home.

Marseilles.—The Andros, a Greek steamer, flying the British flag, with M. Venezelos aboard, left Sunday for Greece, notwithstanding the bad weather prevailing. M. Venezelos, who is returning to his homeland in an endeavor to straighten out the political situation, went aboard Saturday night. He declined to see any persons but intimate friends.

TAX BILL FOLLOWS MELLON PROPOSALS

Seeks 25 Per Cent Exemption on "Earned Income."

PENALTIES LOWERED

Several Hundred Amendments to Existing Revenue Law Are Proposed.

Washington, D. C.—The complete text of the new tax bill was made public Friday by Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, which will meet again as soon as congress reassembles on January 3 to continue its study of the sweeping revisions proposed by the administration.

In all its features the bill follows the recommendations previously made public by Secretary Mellon. It proposes several hundred amendments of the existing revenue law, many of them of a highly technical nature and designed to put an end to tax evasions, and many others dealing with the changes advocated by Mr. Mellon in income and other tax schedules.

So far the bill has been the subject of only a preliminary study by the committee, which has made no attempt to reach decisions as to what, if any, changes it will make before the measure is reported to the house. It has been agreed, however, that the administrative provisions shall be passed upon first, before any attention is given to Mr. Mellon's proposals for changes in tax schedules.

One of the principal revisions provided in the bill is a reduction of surtax rates so that the surtax would begin at 1 per cent on net incomes from \$10,000 to \$12,000; would provide an additional 1 per cent for each additional \$2000 up to \$36,000; 1 per cent additional for the next \$4000; and would then add 1 per cent for each \$6000 up to a maximum of 25 per cent on incomes of \$100,000 or more.

Under the present law surtaxes begin at 1 per cent on net incomes between \$5000 and \$10,000 and scale upward to a maximum of 50 per cent on net incomes exceeding \$200,000. The new bill also provides that the normal tax on incomes shall be 3 per cent where it now is 4 per cent, and 6 per cent where it now is 8 per cent—a reduction which the treasury estimates will result in a loss of revenue of \$91,600,000 a year.

Provisions also is made in the bill that 25 per cent of "earned income" which is defined as wages, salaries and professional fees, shall be counted as exempt in computing tax returns. The greater part of this exemption is expected to fall to those having small incomes, which the result that the treasury expects a reduction of \$97,500,000 from this section alone.

The bill proposes the outright repeal of the present taxes on telegrams, telephone and radio messages, theater admissions and of certain other nuisance taxes, including the levies on silver-plated flat silverware, pencils and fountain pens selling for not more than \$1, and clocks and watches selling for not more than \$5.

The administrative features of the bill include a provision for creating a board of tax appeals, composed of not less than seven nor more than 25 members, appointed for ten-year terms at salaries of \$10,000 each by the secretary of the treasury and without senate confirmation. The board would hear and determine cases involving the assessment of taxes, but both the government and the taxpayer would be privileged to appeal any decision to the courts.

Uncle Sam Gets Blame

Paris.—The United States was held chiefly responsible for present conditions in Europe by Paul Reynaud, speaking in the chamber of deputies Saturday during interpellations on the government's foreign policy.

M. Reynaud, referring to the inter-allied debts and their effect upon Europe, said:

"America weighs upon England's shoulders. England weighs on ours and we are a burden to Germany. This is a strangely impressive pyramid."

Volcano Belches Lava.

Hilo, T. H.—Superintendent Boies of the Hawaii national park telephoned from Volcano house this morning that the volcano Kilauea had shown unusual activity ever since dark last night.

At least 10 to 15 feet of lava, he said, has overflowed into the main pit of the crater, covering an area of about 40 acres, and a number of fountains of lava, were spurting from openings in the pit.

Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

BROKEN PURPOSES

THE very pleasurable ease with which many of us break our higher purposes and turn aside in feverish haste in the pursuit of some elusive object, does not argue well for our future content or prosperity.

The gray hairs that fringe our temples and the hard lines about our mouths bear intimate relationship to the pitiful job we have made in holding steadfast to a fixed course.

We humans, at least some millions of us, are fickle, impetuous and impatient, inclined upon the slightest provocation to change our minds over night, at a sudden veer of the golden weather-cock.

When we wake in the morning, we are not quite sure whether we are steering our craft toward the north star or heading it for the southern cross.

But we do know that the purpose of yesterday is gone. We have a new one which appeals directly to our lofty ambition, so much so, indeed, that we draw in our chin, puff out our breast and stride briskly down the street, forgetting in our elation to acknowledge the smiling nods and cheery good mornings of our friends.

By night our certitude has somewhat withered before the intense heat of cogitation, and we are filled with doubt.

For years and years we have gone around and around with the compass. But on this occasion everything is different. We cannot move.

Our great project, for which we have been husbanding our strength, is hidden somewhere in the mist, our sight is defective, our hands are unsteady and there is a tug at the heart that we cannot much longer endure.

Event has succeeded event, not as we expected, but as our solicitous friends have foretold. Our old smiling habit is gone. We are discouraged down in the depths.

The world goes on merrily. There is no tenderness in its heart. It cares not a whitling whether we sing or sigh, whether we are clothed in purple or in tatters and rags.

And some of the merriest are carrying a load in their souls, because they, too, have broken their purposes. But they refuse to yield to discouragement.

They have resolved to try again, and to keep on trying as fast as ever they fall, trusting not in themselves for sustaining strength, but in the higher power—being prodigals seeking their father's house!

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MOTHER

By GRACE E. HALL

IT SEEMS we scarcely knew her
In her many years on earth,
Nor realized, 'til she had gone,
Her wondrous woman's worth;
To much she gave, too freely tolled
For others, all the while,
Too much we blindly let her give—
Forgetting thanks or smile.

Now, looking back across the years,
Our hearts are wrung with pain,
Remembering the price she paid
That we—her own—might gain;
She placed no price upon her deeds,
Love prompted every one;
We simply knew she filled our needs—
Until her work was done.

Those toll-worn hands had never
meant
So much to us, until
Upon her quiet breast they lay,
So white and cold and still;
What service they had done for us
We never paused to say,
Until we missed their ministry—
When she had gone away.

The thin gray hair upon her brow
Was like a halo-light,
But we had never known it—
'Til she went away that night;
We longed to tell our love at last,
And how we held her dear,
But oh, the hour had glided past—
Our words she could not hear!

Heart-breaking tears! At last we saw
With vision clear and bright,
The beauties of that noble soul
Who went away that night;
With aching hearts we knew, too late,
There never was another
So fine and true the whole way
through
As she whom we called—Mother.
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Customer—The eggs didn't know when they were beaten.

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