

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.

Damage estimated close to one million dollars was done by a fire at the Whiting, Ind., plant of the Standard Oil company of Indiana, Tuesday afternoon.

One child was fatally burned, two others were reported by hospital physicians to be dying and their parents severely burned in Seattle Tuesday night following an explosion of coal oil in a stove.

The popularity of Vancouver as a green is evidently on the increase, as 273 more marriage licenses were issued in 1923 than in 1922. Every month in the year showed an increase over the corresponding month last year.

Worried because he was unable to thaw out the tank of his private water system, Luther Martin, 69, residing at 540 Van Buren street, Eugene, Or., swallowed a quantity of an antiseptic poison Tuesday morning and died at the Eugene hospital.

Although gold and silver production in Alaska declined in value, the mineral wealth was increased from \$19,566,365 in 1922 to \$20,300,000 in 1923, according to the annual report of Alfred H. Brooks, chief Alaskan geologist, now in preparation.

Amid shouts from the deputies and the galleries of "Long live the republic! Down with the king!" Greece's revolutionary government was turned over to the newly elected national assembly Wednesday by Colonel Plastiras, head of the revolutionary committee.

In 10-below-zero weather firemen fought one of the most destructive fires in recent years in Winnipeg, which started Tuesday night in the Teese & Persso wholesale grocery warehouse. Early estimates placed the loss at more than \$500,000. The origin of the fire was undetermined.

In renewing his demand for a congressional investigation of the administration of General Wood as governor-general of the Philippines, Representative Frear, republican, Wisconsin, declared Wednesday that such an inquiry also would cover the stock market transactions of Lieutenant Osborne Wood, the governor's son.

The prince of Wales, who will leave May 2 on a trip to South Africa, is expected to visit all the principal centers south of the Zambezi river. He will engage in a shooting expedition in northern Rhodesia before he leaves Africa for home. He will be absent from England about four months. The prince will travel on one of the regular liners.

The Turkish parliamentary commission at Ankara, which has been considering new family laws, has decided to recommend the prohibition of polygamy, a Constantinople dispatch declares. If this recommendation is approved, nobody will be allowed to take a second wife without "urgent need" and the wife of the erring husband will be entitled to a divorce.

Merchant ships to the number of 5046 passed through the Panama canal during the year 1923, figures available Wednesday show. They paid approximately \$22,961,000 in tolls. The record in both number of ships and aggregate tolls for the first calendar year, which ended July 1, already has been broken and new marks now have been set for the calendar year's traffic.

Texas state officers Tuesday were holding a warrant charging violation of the state game laws against Irvin Cobb, New York writer, said to be on a hunting trip in Texas. The warrant charges that two years ago Cobb secured a hunting license under the name of J. R. Davis and that he obtained a \$2 resident license when he should have had a \$15 non-resident license.

A committee of prominent London clergymen and eminent medical authorities appointed by the archbishop of Canterbury after the Lambert conference in 1920 to study the relationship of religion and healing has made a report in which it is understood to have stated that "no sick person must look to a clergyman to do what is a physician's or a surgeon's duty to do." The report is to be published shortly.

BOK PLAN FOR PEACE OUT

U. S. Entry Into World Court Is Proposed—League Partially Indorsed.

New York.—The American Peace Award Sunday night announced that plan number 1463 had been adjudged the best of 22,165 entered in competition for the \$100,000 offered by Edward W. Bok, Philadelphia publicist, for the best practical plan by which the United States might co-operate with other nations to prevent war.

In its essence this plan proposes first that the United States immediately should enter the permanent court of international justice, indorsed by the late President Harding, and, second, without becoming a member of the league of nations as at present constituted, should offer to co-operate with the league, under certain conditions, as a body of mutual counsel.

The identity of the author is unknown to the jury of award and policy committee, except one delegated member. The authorship will not be disclosed until a nation-wide referendum has been taken to determine whether the plan meets with the support of Americans. This probably will not be until early next month.

Fifty thousand dollars is awarded the winner immediately. The rest of the prize goes to him if the country gives the plan its support.

The plan, in brief, as officially submitted to the public by the policy committee, follows:

"1. That the United States shall immediately enter the permanent court of international justice, under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

"2. That without becoming a member of the league of nations as at present constituted, the United States shall offer to extend its present co-operation with the league and participate in the work of the league as a body of mutual counsel under conditions which are:

"(a) Substitute moral force and public opinion for the military and economic force originally implied in articles 19 and 16.

"(b) Safeguard the Monroe doctrine.

"(c) Accept the fact that the United States will assume no obligations under the treaty of Versailles except by act of congress.

"(d) Propose that membership in the league shall be opened to all nations.

"(e) Provide for the continuing development of international law."

Elihu Root was chairman of the jury of award. Serving with him were James Guthrie Harbord, Edward M. Huse, Ellen Fitz Pendleton, Roscoe Pound, William Allen White and Brand Whitlock.

Sales to Rebels Halted.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge took further steps to aid the Obregon government in Mexico Monday, signing a proclamation which imposed an immediate embargo on any shipments of war munitions to that country except with the specific approval of the government. A fine of \$10,000 or two years' imprisonment or both may be imposed upon convicted violators of the embargo.

Action was taken by the president on recommendation of Secretary Hughes. No formal statement accompanied the text of the proclamation when it was made public at the state department.

So far as known, however, the Washington government has no exact information as to intended sales of arms in the United States to Mexican rebel factions beyond the inquiry through the department of justice received from the De la Huerta agent in New Orleans concerning purchase and assembly in New Orleans for shipment to the rebel forces of arms and ammunition.

Farmer Beauty Suicide.

New York.—The body of Mrs. June Diamond Brown, one-time beauty and wife of Dudley P. Brown, reputedly wealthy New Yorker, has been in the morgue unclaimed since Christmas day, it was learned Tuesday. Mrs. Brown, who before her marriage was June Diamond Waters of Edwardsville, Ill., died after she had taken poison Christmas eve. If the body remains unclaimed it will be buried in the potter's field.

Dog Faithful in Death.

Marshfield, Or.—The loyalty of a dog to its mate as well as to its master was demonstrated here when an automobile ran down and killed one of a pair of canines Saturday night at Millington. Passers-by took the body of the dead dog to the side of the road and the mate has stayed with it constantly since. A stage driver reported the incident, after having fed the animal, having seen its constancy for nearly two days.

DEMOCRATS PLAN DEEP CUT IN TAXES

Substitute for Secretary Mellon's Bill Offered.

EXEMPTION IS HIGHER

Two Per Cent Rate on \$5000 and Under Proposed—Loss in Revenue Held Not Great.

Washington, D. C.—A substitute proposal for the Mellon tax revision plan was made public Sunday by Representative Garner of Texas, on behalf of himself and the other democrats on the house ways and means committee. The "high spots" are:

Fix normal income tax rates at 2 per cent on amounts of \$5000 and under, instead of 3 per cent under \$4000, as Mr. Mellon proposes, and of 4 per cent under existing law; 4 per cent from \$5000 to \$10,000 instead of 5 per cent above \$4000, as recommended by Mr. Mellon, and of 3 per cent under existing law; 6 per cent on all amounts in excess of \$10,000 instead of 8 per cent under existing law.

Start the surtax graduation at 1 per cent on incomes from \$12,000 to \$14,000 instead of \$10,000 to \$12,000 as proposed by Mr. Mellon and \$6000 to \$8000 under existing law. The rate would increase progressively to a maximum of 44 per cent on incomes of \$92,000 and more, as compared with the Mellon proposal for a maximum of 25 per cent on incomes in excess of \$100,000, and the present maximum of 50 per cent on incomes of more than \$200,000.

Increase the exemption of the head of a family from \$2500 to \$3000 and for a single person from \$1000 to \$2000. The Mellon plan would continue the present exemptions.

Fix the deduction allowed on earned incomes at 33 1/2 per cent instead of 25 per cent as recommended by the treasury secretary, and broaden the provision so as to include farmers owning and personally operating their farms and merchants and tradesmen who combine capital and personal service for the purpose of earning income.

Representative Garner, in a formal statement outlining the minority's programme, made this reference to the so-called nuisance taxes:

"There was no reason to single out one or two of the miscellaneous or nuisance taxes as Secretary Mellon did and propose their repeal without at the same time carefully analyzing the entire mass of these taxes, including those on automobile trucks, jewelry, candy, stamps on notes, etc., and offering the maximum of relief."

"Honest and equitable peace-time taxation is the goal of the democratic party," Mr. Garner said. "The foregoing proposals are in pursuance of this policy. Resting upon sound economics, we believe that they do full and equal justice to taxpayers large and small, individual and corporate, and avoid the extreme view of any class.

"We ask an unbiased comparison of the democratic tax proposals with the Mellon proposals and with full confidence invite the deliberate judgment of taxpayers and of all the people."

Mr. Garner said the democrats would give wholehearted support to "many good features" of the Mellon programme, particularly the provisions aimed at more efficient administration of the revenue law and to close up avenues of tax evasion. He added, "the general idea of readjusting downward of normal rates and surtax rates, in many instances, together with reduced rates on income derived from personal service, is excellent."

Japanese Crew Saved.

Cordova, Alaska.—Thirty members of the crew of the Japanese freighter Kyosei Maru were taken from the disabled vessel approximately 2500 miles off the coast of Washington at 7 A. M. Saturday by the President McKinley and the craft then was apparently abandoned to sink. The derelict still was floating, according to wireless reports received here from the President McKinley, which is proceeding to Yokohama.

Men Adrift Four Months.

Providence, R. I.—After being adrift at sea in a disabled schooner four months, during which time four of their companions died of beriberi, Frank Correira and John Lazaro have arrived here from Clarra, Brazil. The three-masted schooner William H. Draper, on which they sailed from here December 13, 1922, for the Cape de Verde islands, was wrecked at the Brazilian port.

WHEN I SHALL DIE

By GRACE E. HALL

OH, MAKE me not an ugly thing in death!

Let me be beautiful in that last sleep; Place 'round my head red roses, that their breath

May give perfume; and let my firm lips keep Their color, though a stranger's hand apply

The carmine—and I'll bless him for the lie.

Oh, make me not an ugly thing that day, For I have worshiped beauty, and have wept

In silence, many a time, along life's way

When beauty's spell has swiftly o'er me swept: A baby's dimpled hand—a curl of hair—

A woman's face—a sunset in the West—

The lithe form of a man—a painting rare—

Each woke a keen response within my breast; Flowers—and stars—and dawn—and river's flow—

Muse—and e'en old age that was benign—

All—all—have yielded joy and warmth and glow, And made impressions on this soul of mine.

God, let me not remain to fade and die, A withered, ugly thing among the flowers,

But catch my breath away, in passing by, And halt me ere I lose my splendid powers;

And you who wait, bring roses for my hair, And let sweet music banish every tear,

For I have worshiped beauty everywhere, And I would have it present at my bier.

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THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"MISTER"

AT A time when men were generally called by their Christian names or surnames only, the word "Mister" was applied as a sort of title to those who had learned a trade or "mystery"—persons who were looked upon as being of a higher rank than common laborers or farmhands. As time passed, the necessity for the male equivalent of "mistress" was more and more recognized—at first by the use of the word "master," and later, by the growing popularity of "Mister."

Then, by one of those strange quirks which frequently occur in the growths of languages, "Mister" caused "Mistress" to be corrupted or elided into "Missis" and finally, the two of them were shortened to the recognized abbreviations "Mr." and "Mrs." Incidentally, the feminine form of "Mister" is one of the curiosities of the English language, since, as Walker says, "to pronounce it as it is written in full—'Mistress'—or even as it has been contracted into 'Missis' appears quaint and pedantic. One has to stur it and inject a 's' sound."

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CARRIAGE AND MOTIONS OF THE HANDS

WHEN you encounter a person who enters the room with his arms hanging at his sides, but with the fists tightly closed, you have the person of determination, either natural or stimulated by temporary excitement. In the latter case the fist will be firmly clenched with the nails pressing into the palm.

Sometimes you will observe a person who carries the left arm gracefully at the side, with the right forearm vertically held, the wrist in a graceful curve, and the fingers of the right hand held thus: The fingers of Saturn and Apollo, the two middle fingers, close together and curved, the fingers of Jupiter and Mercury apart from the others. You may discern in such the artistic temperament and qualities. This pose of the hand is found not often in men, but frequently in women. It occurs most frequently among persons of education and refined taste.

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Two Rugs Valued at \$50,000 Stolen.

Two silk Oriental rugs valued at \$50,000 were stolen from the home of Frank R. Carpenter of Cleveland while the family was spending the week-end out of the city. Silverware and other valuables were not taken by the thieves.