

# 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.

Two women and three children, all members of the same family, were killed in a fire that swept through three Brooklyn apartment houses late Wednesday.

The execution of Gee John and Hughie Sling by the administering of lethal gas was fixed by Judge Walsh in the district court of Mineral county at Hawthorne, Nev., Wednesday, for Friday, February 8.

The health of ex-Premier Venizelos of Greece, who was taken ill early this week, is continuing to improve. He was able to resume his conferences Tuesday with the political leaders, including the royalists.

A Spanish royal decree was issued Tuesday dissolving the chamber of deputies and dismissing the elective members of the senate. Under the decree life senators are deprived of their parliamentary immunity.

Details of the round-the-world flight of United States army aviators, starting from Seattle April 2, were made public Monday by Major Henry H. Arnold, commander of Rockwell field, and Lieutenant Virgil Hines, post adjutant.

Announcement was made in the federal court in Memphis, Tenn., Tuesday that the suit for \$1,000,000 filed by the American Trust company of Nashville, Tenn., against the Piggly Wiggly corporation had been settled by compromise and that the suit would be withdrawn.

An official bulletin says the acuteness of the malady of Leon Trotsky, the Russian soviet war minister, which resulted from an attack of influenza and from which he had suffered since November 5, makes it desirable that he immediately cease work and take absolute rest in a milder climate.

Right of Presbyterian clergymen to exercise liberty of thought and teaching is maintained in an affirmation signed by 150 Presbyterian ministers in all parts of the United States, issued Wednesday by a committee headed by the Rev. Murray Shipley Howland of the Buffalo, N. Y., Presbyterian church.

The United States has determined no longer to be a dumping ground for undesirable aliens, Representative Vail of Colorado, member of the house committee on immigration, told the Women's National Republican club Tuesday. He said restriction of immigration was favored by every member of the committee.

Mrs. Henry Lange, 75, of Meriden, Conn., has been discharged as cured from the Meriden hospital after watching the surgeons remove half her stomach and cut a large growth from her intestines while she was under the influence of local anaesthetics only. The operation took two hours, during which Mrs. Lange conversed with the surgeons.

Ira Sparks of Peru, Ind., who arrived in Honolulu a year ago from San Francisco in a packing box, having consigned himself as "freight en route to the orient," Wednesday sailed for the far east in a 23-foot dory. He announced that he was bound for the Holy Land to "seek the true word of God." A crowd estimated at 1500 witnessed his departure.

Two men were killed and a woman was injured Wednesday during a clash between officers and citizens and a band of outlaws in the Florida Everglades, 26 miles north of West Palm Beach. The officers, using machine guns, opened fire on the outlaws' camp about 2 A. M. The fight raged all day and posse of several hundred citizens and officers are searching the swamp lands for escaped members of the band, known as the "Ashley gang."

An alligator seized and swallowed a man named League while he was bathing in Five-Mile creek, near Cardwell, North Queensland, Wednesday. The party was bathing in a deep pool when the alligator, which was 13 feet long, seized League before the eyes of his companions and sank with him beneath the water. The party searched the banks, found the monster and shot it. They dragged the body ashore and cut it open, recovering League's body.

## EXPERTS GERMANY'S CASE

Dawes Puts Real Life Into Reparation Session.

Paris.—Brigadier-General Charles G. Dawes, U. S. A., chairman of the first committee of experts appointed by the reparation commission to consider the resources and capacity of Germany looking to a solution of the reparations problem, delivered a straightforward, hard-hitting speech at the opening of that body here Monday.

He declared he could speak neither for the government of the United States nor for the American people, but as an individual. After reviewing the situation from the standpoint of an American business man, he made an earnest plea for common sense and practical co-operation among the nations, so that Germany's productiveness could be restored to her that she might meet her obligations.

With characteristic forcefulness General Dawes denounced "the incessant misrepresentations and intolerable interjections of those foul and carrion-loving vultures—the nationalistic demagogues of all countries—who would exploit their pitiful personalities out of a common misfortune."

The American plan, as briefly outlined by the chairman, consists of stabilization of German currency and balancing the German budget, and, he declared: "As the economic processes of Germany under a stable currency and with a balanced budget are revived there will be demonstrated the capacity of Germany to pay. Let us first help Germany to get well."

"The experts got off to a breezy start." This expresses the general sentiment in reparations and diplomatic circles of the beginning of the work of the experts.

General Dawes' "legendary energy," as M. Barthou put it, seemed to send a draft of fresh air throughout reparations headquarters, which had not appeared to shelter so much activity before since the commission was organized.

"Can he keep them up to it?" was a question asked repeatedly around the buildings, when it became known that General Dawes would propose that his colleagues work night and day until they got somewhere with the inquiry. Other members of the delegation were heartily with General Dawes in the desire to make as short work as possible of their task, but some of them are rather frightened at the idea of three sessions daily. The general has conceded a point by agreeing that the night meetings should be merely informal personal exchanges of views among the members.

The impression made by General Dawes' speech was in every way favorable, inside and outside of reparation circles, excepting in extreme nationalist quarters, where his reference to "nationalistic demagogues" caused some slight emotion.

One of the British delegates said, "The impression was most favorable; the beginning of the discussions augurs well."

Colonel James A. Logan, American unofficial observer on the reparation commission, expressed himself to the same effect, while M. Barthou, president of the commission, declared that the committee could not have got to work under better auspices.

### Root in Surgeon's Care.

New York.—Elihu Root, ex-secretary of state, Monday underwent what was described as a successful operation at the New York hospital. The nature of the operation was withheld by the physicians, who simply said that Mr. Root was resting comfortably. Later it was learned that the operation was for removal of a stone in the kidney. It was said Mr. Root would be at the hospital for two or three weeks.

### Warmers Cause Death.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Two old plowshares, heated and placed in her bed for foot warmers, ignited bed clothing and resulted in the death of Nellie Moody, Klamath Indian woman, 82, who died here Monday. The aged woman was rescued from the flames apparently without injury other than partial strangulation from smoke, but immediately contracted pneumonia, which proved fatal.

### Body Found Mutilated.

Huffman, Ohio.—The body of Mrs. Katherine Mohler, 70, who disappeared several weeks ago, was found in an abandoned cistern at her home, one mile south of here, Sunday. The head, legs and arms had been severed and were found with the torso. William Mohler, 78, husband of the dead woman, was arrested.

### Farmer Admits Killing.

Lima, O.—William Mohler, 78, wealthy farmer, late Monday confessed he had killed his wife, Mrs. Katherine Mohler, 68, dismembered her body and hid it in an abandoned cistern two weeks ago. Mohler confessed after 26 hours of third degree.

## ALIEN FUNDS' USE IN BUSINESS URGED

\$180,000,000 Cash on Deposit Available.

## CUSTODIAN REPORTS

Revival of Commerce With ex-Enemy Countries and Profit by Government Held Possible.

Washington, D. C.—Creation of a federal agency to utilize in productive enterprise the enemy funds on deposit in the treasury to the credit of the alien property custodian was proposed in the annual report of Colonel Thomas W. Miller, the custodian, made public Sunday.

Colonel Miller suggested that two ends would be served by returning the funds to active enterprise—revival of business and commercial relations with the former enemy countries, and the reaping of profits by the federal corporation which, if desired, could be applied to settlement of claims which later might be adjudicated by the mixed claims commission.

"There is approximately \$180,000,000 of cash on deposit in the United States treasury to the credit of the alien property custodian, which sum will increase as the liquidation policy is carried out," Colonel Miller said.

"It is suggested that a plan be considered whereby that portion of the remaining alien property represented by cash in the treasury may be utilized in reviving trade and the commercial relations which formerly existed between this country and the former enemy powers.

"To all intents and purposes this sum represents available capital removed from the channels of trade and should be put to a useful purpose. Such a governmental agency, similar to the War Finance corporation, having a capital of several hundred million dollars, would be capable of earning enough on this sum to not only settle American claims, when they are finally adjudicated, but return in full the property or its equivalent to the former enemies when the affairs of the alien property office are finally terminated.

"There are a number of enemy corporations whose assets were seized and liquidated by this office which would thereby be encouraged to resume business in this country."

Colonel Miller said there were two divergent schools of thought with reference to disposition of the alien property. One side, he said, would utilize immediately the private property of our former enemies for the payment of the debts of the former enemy governments when they are adjudicated by the mixed claims commission. The other would return immediately all property seized under the trading with the enemy act. He did not comment on the merits of either programme, but reiterated that some use should be made of the idle funds which had been withdrawn from active business.

## FARM LOAN BOARD TO ISSUE BONDS

Washington, D. C.—The federal farm loan board, preparing to meet the late winter and spring demand for money expected to be made on the federal loan banks, announced Saturday that it would issue \$60,000,000 in federal farm loan bonds.

The bonds will be offered through federal land banks, national farm loan associations and other distributors at 100½ with accrued interest from January 1, the date of issue. Maturity of the debentures will be fixed at 20 years with the callable privilege after January 1, 1934. They will bear 4½ per cent interest.

"The 12 federal land banks," said Commissioner Cooper of the farm loan board, "have, during the last year, increased their capital to \$43,597,320 and their assets to \$876,232,007. With this continued growth and continued evidence of their solidarity, it is anticipated that the present offering of securities will be promptly absorbed."

### Chinese Cabinet Filled.

Pekin.—Tsao Kun, president of China, has issued a mandate, accepting en bloc the resignations of the old cabinet, which was in office when he was elected. The reconstructed cabinet was made possible when the low house of parliament formally approved the appointment of Sun Pao-Chi, after several months of political maneuvering. Approval of the house was not needed for the other members of the cabinet.

## ALL THE WAY

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

LET us find our joy today,  
Not await tomorrow.  
There is little, anyway,  
In the joy we borrow,  
There is joy around us here,  
Very lovely, very near;  
Looking far ahead, my boy,  
You may miss a lot of joy.

Let us find our joy around,  
Not on yonder mountains;  
Near us now I hear the sound  
Of the crystal fountains.  
What the road a fellow goes,  
You will always find a rose,  
Ev'ry season, ev'ry hour,  
Has its fruit or has its flow'r.

Let us find our joy—we can  
Yesterday forgetting,  
For we never find it, man,  
Yesterday regretting.  
What is done, my lad, is done,  
But today another sun  
Makes the sky as blue again  
As the sky was ever then.

In the present, not the past,  
Let us do our living;  
Heaven we shall find at last  
Giving and forgiving.  
Not ahead and not behind  
Let us look, and we shall find  
Joy is always all today,  
All around us all the way.  
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## Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

### OUT OF DARKNESS

TO THINK rightly is to sharpen perception and season judgment. He or she who is always blundering, getting in trouble with employers and friends, never remembers important events accurately, is in constant danger of failure.

As the mind directs so goes the body. The shambling, irresponsible creature, misguided by a rusty mind is much like a vessel at sea which has unshipped its rudder. He may be towed to port by a friendly lawser, or sent to the bottom by an opposing storm.

To make sure of your destination, keep your mind on the splendid things you would like to accomplish. Ponder them at every opportunity. The thoughts to which you cling hourly are transforming you into an earnest, useful person, or a man or woman of no account.

If you want friends, be friendly. Cultivate the right mental attitude towards others and all will be well.

Take a contrary stand, let the rust accumulate, exhibit cowardice, distrust, disloyalty, irritability, habitual moroseness, and nothing can save you from wreckage.

Lay hold of the great, potential forces of the universe and move along with them. Resolve to become a part of them.

Keep your mind bright by rubbing it against minds that are brighter, more capable, more alert than yours. Open the door to industry instead of idleness, to faith instead of brooding, to progress instead of doubt, and you never will lack the energy with which to press forward and take your place among those who are making the world pleasanter and better.

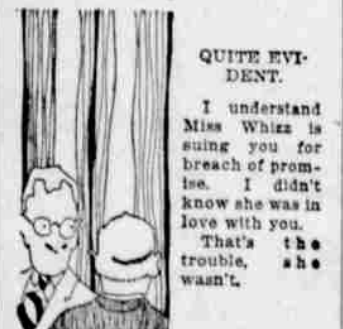
Be frank, good natured and cheerful. Grip your load, whatever it may be, and pull with all your might. Have no fear of failure—no fear of anything or anybody but yourself.

Be patient and persevering. Put jealousy and hate in a weighted bag and throw them overboard. They will wreck the stoutest ship and blight the fondest ambition.

Be not disturbed about rivalry, except the rivalry existing between your good, and evil self.

It is only the mortal who overcomes himself who has the power to uplift humanity and lead others from darkness to light; capable at all times to measure strength with the mental Goliaths, and equipped to hold his own in the sternest strife when storms beat hardest against him.

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### QUITE EVIDENT.

I understand Miss Whizzer is suing you for breach of promise. I didn't know she was in love with you. That's the trouble, she wasn't.

### Use of Gas.

There are in the United States 7,000,000 cooking appliances, 1,000,000 water heaters, 1,300,000 space or room heaters and 8,900,000 incandescent burners furnished with gas service.

### Partly So.

Quizzer—How did Flyter come through that airplane accident? Calm and collected, I presume.

Whizzer—He's calm, all right, and they're collecting him now.

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