

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.

Mrs. Frank B. Kellogg, wife of the new American ambassador, was the guest of honor at a luncheon Wednesday given by the American Women's club and attended by 259 American and British women.

Mrs. Warren G. Harding, widow of the late President Harding, is to become an associate editor of the Marion Star and plans to write over her own signature for the newspaper which her husband conducted for 35 years.

Brick and tile manufacturers of Oregon and Washington are planning to cooperate with the Common Brick Manufacturers' Association of America in a programme of advertising and promotion of brick and tile in various construction uses.

In the presence of law enforcement officers of the government, the senate Teapot Dome investigating committee took steps Tuesday to call again before it Albert B. Fall, ex-secretary of the interior, and Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of naval oil reserves in Wyoming.

The smelling of breaths to determine varying degrees of drunkenness is no part of the business of the doctors, internes and nurses employed in Seattle's city emergency hospital, according to the rule laid down by Dr. Hiram M. Read, city health commissioner.

Moved by the increasing acuteness of the economic situation in the central west, President Coolidge Wednesday sent to congress a special message outlining steps for relief and quickened efforts of the federal government to prevent further bank failures in that section.

Miss Madeleine Traverso of New York, motion picture actress, has won a verdict of \$85,473 against Herbert Lyon Smith, wealthy oil and coal man, in her suit based on an alleged default of a contract by which he was to star her in a film corporation to bear her name. She sued for \$222,500.

Eight Salem (Or.) churches have voted adversely to a proposal to invite William A. (Billy) Sunday, the noted evangelist, to come to Salem in June to conduct a series of meetings. Only 19 churches, it was said, voted favorably to the movement. A half-dozen churches were yet to cast their votes.

Ramsay Macdonald, who took office Tuesday as England's first labor premier, gave tacit notice to the country and his colleagues that he expected to give the British people a business-like administration and would look for punctuality on the part of his associates in reporting for duty each day.

Joint state hearing with the interstate commerce commission has been set for March 1, in the federal court room in Yakima, Wash., by the department of public works, in the matter of the new interstate and intrastate rates on northwestern roads on fruit and vegetables shipped from the Watanabe and Yakima valley districts.

A wage increase of approximately 5 per cent has been agreed upon for 15,000 engineers and firemen of the New York Central lines. Engineers, firemen, hostlers and hostler-helpers receive the following increases: Passenger service, 24 cents a 100 miles; freight service, 26 cents a 100 miles; yard and hostler service, 32 cents a day.

Removal of snarls in the relation of Japanese residents of America with Japan, preparatory to further diplomatic discussions between the two countries, was the object of a bill introduced in the house of peers Tuesday by the cabinet revising the nationality law to the extent of withdrawing Japanese citizenship from Japanese acquiring any other nationality.

Nikolai Lenin, Russia's great bolshevik leader, died suddenly Monday night at his country villa in the village of Gorky, 20 miles from Moscow. The public announcement of the premier's death was withheld until the all-Russian soviet congress met Tuesday morning and only that night did the wires carry to all corners of the soviet federation word of the event, which even Lenin's political opponents declare saddens the nation.

SMALL SALARY TAXES CUT

House Ways and Means Committee Acts—All Under \$5000 Affected.

Washington, D. C.—Income taxpayers got their first slice of the proposed tax relief Monday when the house ways and means committee adopted the recommendation of Secretary Mellon to allow a special 25 per cent reduction in the tax on incomes which are "earned."

All taxable incomes under \$5000 were defined as "earned" for purposes of this reduction, while \$20,000 was set as the maximum amount of incomes on which the reduction could be taken.

Treasury estimates show that about 13,000,000 taxpayers have incomes of less than \$5000 and automatically could deduct from their tax when computed 25 per cent of its total. Thus, a married man with two children, who now pays a tax of \$28 on an income of \$4000 would pay only \$21, this figure not taking into account any normal income tax reductions—a proposition still before the committee.

Disposition of this section of the bill cleared the way with the exception of some odds and ends to be taken up for consideration by the committee of income rates themselves, including the surtaxes, the main point at issue in the tax revision programme.

Some members have declared for writing a republican income rate schedule, while others wish to work out the rates in full committee. Democrats, however, have declared they will stand solidly for their party proposal of a reduction in surtaxes to a 44 per cent maximum instead of 25 per cent, as suggested by Secretary Mellon. The house republican steering committee also discussed the tax situation, but reached no conclusion.

Before taking up the earned income provision, the committee definitely rejected Secretary Mellon's proposal to prohibit husbands and wives in the eight community property law states from dividing their incomes for purposes of taxation. Chairman Green had submitted a substitute proposal, the original already having been defeated, to prohibit this division when the incomes were derived from wages or salaries alone. Representatives Garner, democrat, Texas, and Hadley, republican, Washington, led the fight against this section.

Secretary Mellon's recommendation for special reduction in the taxes on earned incomes provided for the 25 per cent rate to apply on such incomes of any amount and defined earned incomes as that received from wages, salaries and professional services. Representative Garner, author of the democratic tax plan, accepted the earned income proposal in his plan but suggested a reduction of 33 1/2 per cent. The 25 per cent rate, however, will stand in committee, Chairman Green said, because no amendment was offered to change it.

On earned incomes above \$5000 the definition of Mr. Mellon also will hold. Mr. Garner moved to define "earned income" as "reasonable compensation or allowance for personal service where income is derived from combined personal service and capital in the prosecution by unincorporated persons of agriculture or other businesses." This was defeated by a strict party vote.

Home Wrecked; 15 Dead.

Pawtucket, R. I.—An explosion which shook the countryside for 20 miles around, wrecked a two-family house at Cumberland Hill, Manville, Monday and in the ruins were found 15 bodies. Many of the victims, in the opinion of the medical examiner, were asphyxiated before the explosion, which resulted from the igniting of illuminating gas and was made more severe by the detonation of some dynamite stored in the cellar.

One entire family, the head of another family and a young woman boarder were killed. They were Adelaide Hamel, his wife and their six sons and five daughters ranging in age from 2 to 21 years; Michael Cunway and Miss Apolline Dancour.

Wild West Stuff to Go.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Shooting the lights out at Klamath county dances has got to cease, according to Sheriff Low, who opened an official crusade against the abuse Monday with the arrest of Frank Morgan and Bill Brown of Bly, on the upper Sprague, accused of being drunk in a public place and carrying concealed weapons. "A few jolts of this panther milk and these young frontiersmen think they are wolves," explained the sheriff.

Sterling Exchange Up.

New York.—Improved prospects for the settlement of the British railway strike contributed to a sharp rise in sterling exchange Monday, the demand rate mounting 2 1/2 cents to \$4.25 1/2. The franc gained 10 points at 4.61 1/2 cents as a measure designed to sustain Paris exchange came to a test vote in the chamber of deputies. Other European exchanges, with the exception of Denmark, advanced in sympathy.

COOLIDGE ACTS TO SIFT OIL CASE

Will Select Special Counsel to Proceed in Courts.

WILL PUNISH GUILTY

Both Political Parties to Be Represented—Cancellation of Leases to Be Considered.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has decided to employ special counsel drawn from both the republican and democratic parties to proceed with court action as a result of evidence adduced at the senate committee hearings on the leasing of naval oil leases.

In a statement issued at midnight Saturday the president declared that "counsel will be instructed to prosecute these cases in the courts so that if there is any guilt it will be punished; if there is any civil liability it will be enforced; if there is any fraud it will be revealed, and if there are any contracts which are illegal they will be cancelled."

The president determined upon this course after being advised by the department of justice that it was in accordance with precedents. Explaining that the justice department had been observing the evidence unfolded in the senate committee, the executive in his statement asserted that "every law will be enforced and every right of the people and the government will be protected."

White House officials, in making public the statement, said that the special counsel would be appointed just as soon as selections could be made.

The formal announcement follows: "It is not for the president to determine criminal guilt or render judgment in several causes. That is the function of the courts. It is not for him to pre-judge. I shall do neither. But when facts are revealed to me that require action for the purpose of insuring the enforcement of either civil or criminal liability, such action will be taken. This is the province of the executive."

"Acting under my direction, the department of justice has been observing the course of the evidence which has been revealed at the hearings conducted by the senatorial committee investigating certain oil leases made on naval reserves, which I believe warrants action for the purpose of enforcing the law and protecting the rights of the public. This is confirmed by reports made to me from the committee. If there has been any crime, it must be prosecuted. If there has been any property of the United States illegally transferred or leased, it must be recovered."

"I feel the public is entitled to know that in the conduct of such actions no one is shielded for any party, political or other reasons. As I understand, men are involved who belong to both political parties and, having been advised by the department of justice that it is in accord with former precedents, I propose to employ special counsel of high rank, drawn from both political parties."

40 Miners Entombed.

Shanktown, Pa.—Hope for the lives of some 40 miners, entombed late Saturday by an explosion in the Lancashire mine of the Barnes & Tucker Coal company here, was practically given up when rescue workers reported that the wrecked mine was dense with "black damp" and that water was rising rapidly in the underground passageways.

The fan house of the mine was wrecked by the terrific blast. The poison gas, the water, the lack of fresh air and a heavy fall of rock impeded the progress of volunteer rescue workers, who dug valiantly in an effort to reach the entombed men.

Lincoln's Friend Dead.

Independence, Kan.—Major John Frederick Nolle, 95, personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at his home here. Major Nolle was a pioneer of the Oregon trail and later, in 1850, a gold seeker in California. He built the first courthouse at Salem, Or. He participated in seven battles of the civil war and was counted among the personal friends of many generals of the union army. He came to Kansas in 1869.

Arms Collected in London Tower.

The collection of arms and armor at the Tower of London contains about 6,000 examples from the Middle Ages downwards.

ALL BUT THE BRIDGES

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

THEY'VE built a road from Pickensville, They've graded up and dressed with gravel A better route to Ryan's mill, A good hard road for folks to travel, They've straightened out a lot of bends, They've fixed it fitter than a fiddle, They've got it finished at the ends— They've got it done, all but the middle.

You cannot use the road as yet, There's still a lot of work to follow; For here and there you cannot get Beyond a creek, or through a hollow, Yes, here and there a river flows, And you will see, when you have found it, There ain't no way nobody knows To get across it or around it.

Some people build their lives the same; They labor hard, make sure of riches, For gold and pleasure, friends of fame, Will help them over little ditches, And then some day they come upon A ragin' river, darkly flowin', And gold and fame and friends are gone, And floods are risin', winds are blowin'.

They build their lives without a God, Perhaps forget, may even doubt Him, When blue the sky, when green the sod, Get very well along without Him, And then the path dips down the vale, The way of life has left the ridges, And then they falter, then they fall— They build their road, all but the bridges.

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Mother's Cook Book

"A late lark twittered from the quiet skies: And from the west, Where the sun, his day's work ended, Lingers as in content, There falls on the old, gray city An influence luminous and serene, A shining peace."

SOME CASSEROLE DISHES

CASSEROLE cookery is especially popular with the busy housewife, for she may prepare a good dish for the first course and put it into the oven and know that in a few hours piping hot appetizing food will be ready to serve.

Hungarian Goulash.

Put three tablespoonfuls of fat, fried out of salt pork, into a frying pan with a sliced peeled onion; cook until brown. Remove the onion and put in a pound and a half of lean uncooked veal cut into small pieces. Stir and cook the meat until slightly brown, then reject the fat and place the meat into a casserole. Add about a pint of boiling water or broth, a teaspoonful of salt, a few dashes of pepper. Cover and place the casserole in the oven. Brown in hot fat in the frying pan a dozen balls cut from potatoes with a French cutter and a dozen small onions of the same size. As soon as the onions are well browned, add them to the casserole and when the meat has cooked an hour, add a teaspoonful of salt to the potato balls, two tablespoonfuls of flour mixed with cold water. Let cook about two hours. Serve from the casserole.

Veal Hearts.

Veal hearts properly cooked have a flavor much like venison. Fry four slices of bacon to a crisp, remove from the pan and add a small sliced onion; fry until brown. Trim four veal hearts, slice them, roll them in highly seasoned flour and fry in hot fat. Place the hearts in a hot casserole. Add to the fat in the pan one cupful of stock or water, a minced pimento, a teaspoonful of salt and one-half a bay leaf. Pour the mixture over the hearts and cook two hours. Just before serving add the slices of bacon.

Casseroles of Rice and Chicken.

Wash and boil one cupful of rice, drain in a colander. The rice should be tender but whole. Put a part of the rice in the bottom and around the sides of the casserole. Take one pint of cold cooked chicken and run it through the meat grinder. Mix it with three well-beaten eggs, three tablespoonfuls of bread crumbs, two tablespoonfuls each of chopped parsley and onion, a sprig of thyme with salt and pepper to taste. Mix thoroughly, add sufficient gravy or cream to make it quite moist. Mold the loaf to fit into the center of the casserole. Spread over the top the remainder of the rice, cover closely, and place in a moderate oven for an hour. Serve from the casserole with tomato sauce.

Nellie Maxwell

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