

# 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.

President Coolidge by proclamation Tuesday restored the rights of American citizenship to all deserters from the army and navy during the three-year period between the armistice and the formal ending of the world war.

Slipping in from the high seas under cover of a heavy fog, 21 vessels, headed by the British steam yacht *Istar*, Wednesday dropped anchor along rum row in New York, to dispose of 160,000 cases of liquor—\$8,000,000 worth.

Three hundred persons were burned to death, suffocated or died in panics as a result of a fire which swept the important town of Chertan, 40 miles east of Tsinan, Shantung province, last Friday. Seven hundred others were injured.

Those who visit Tijuana, the Mexican resort across the boundary line, 14 miles from San Diego, Cal., will have to return to United States soil before 9 P. M. hereafter or remain in Mexico overnight, according to announcement made at the American customs office.

Robert C. Shipman, world war veteran and homesteader living two miles south of Grants Pass, Or., was knocked down and killed by a ferocious bear while feeding his hogs at noon Wednesday. Mr. Shipman was bit on the leg, his femoral artery severed and death was due to loss of blood.

John H. Dunbar, attorney-general of Washington state, and T. J. L. Kennedy, corporation counsel of Seattle, will appear in the United States supreme court April 14 to oppose an appeal of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company and the Home Telephone company. It was announced Tuesday.

King George sees in the good understanding between Great Britain and the United States "the best guarantee for the future peace of the world." This declaration was sent Wednesday to President Coolidge at the request of the king by Sir Esmé Howard and marked the presentation of the new ambassador's credentials to the American chief executive.

On recommendation of the grand jury, Judge Wilson in Hood River, Or., Tuesday omitted assessment of a fine against R. C. Goodman, ex-high school manual training teacher, who pleaded guilty to contributing to the delinquency of Kenneth Coover, a 16-year-old boy, by inciting him to complicity in thefts of automobile accessories. Judge Wilson sentenced Goodman to 20 days in jail.

President Coolidge is in entire accord with the desire to assist the farmers of the northwest and those of the country generally through the present period of depression, it was stated officially Tuesday, but has arrived at no decision as to the form such aid should take. Officials of the department of agriculture are expected to submit recommendations to the president upon the various legislative proposals now assuming shape in congress.

The Philippines' plea for immediate independence was dealt a stinging blow Wednesday by President Coolidge. The president, in a letter to Manuel Roxas, head of the Philippine independence mission, declared flatly the administration did not believe the time had come to grant independence to the Filipino people and asserted that grievances against Governor-General Wood were unjustified and, like the independence appeal, were unsupported by a considerable portion of the island's population.

The tax reduction bill passed by the house will have to be remodeled to provide for \$100,000,000 more revenue. Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee announced Wednesday night on the eve of consideration of the measure by that committee. Basing his calculations on estimates reported this week by the treasury department that the house bill would cut off \$445,000,000 in revenue in the calendar year 1925. Mr. Smoot said this would fall by \$100,000,000 to provide funds for the working expenses of the government alone, exclusive of a soldier bonus bill or other pending extra appropriation measures.

## INCOME TAX CUT DELAYED

First Payment March 15 to Be Unchanged—Later Action Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The movement to obtain immediate action on the proposed 25 per cent reduction in income taxes payable this year was revived in the house Monday, but as quickly turned down. Republican leaders decided that action could not be obtained on a resolution before March 15, when first installments are due.

Republican members of the ways and means committee, meeting with Representative Longworth, party leader, agreed, however, that if the revenue bill, already passed by the house and containing this provision, meets with any delay in enactment, a separate resolution to make the cut effective before June 15 would be pressed.

The action again places in the hands of the senate the problem of tax reduction and the senate finance committee in its consideration of the revenue bill will take up the section which provides for the cut in 1923 income taxes.

Most of the administrative sections of the bill were gone over without change by the committee. Upon winding up these details of the measure the various tax schedules will be taken up. Secretary Mellon will be asked to present estimates on the amount of revenue necessary to be raised and his opinion on the rates required to obtain such revenue. Chairman Smoot has expressed the opinion that the bill as passed by the house falls by \$100,000,000 of raising sufficient revenue and had declared many of the tax rates will have to be raised.

If the provision to make the 25 per cent reduction on 1923 taxes effective is finally agreed to as carried in the revenue bill, deductions in taxes due in the other three installments will be allowed to make up for the full payments made March 15.

## House Votes Sale of Plant to Ford.

Washington, D. C.—Henry Ford's offer for Muscle Shoals, pending before congress for more than two years, was approved Monday by the house.

By a vote of 227 to 142 the McKenzie bill, which would authorize acceptance of Ford's bid, was passed and sent to the senate, where there is uncertainty as to what action, if any, will be taken on it at this session.

Continuously before the house for a week, the McKenzie measure was approved virtually in the form in which it was reported by the military committee, which had been informed by Mr. Ford that he would take over the government's nitrate and power project on the Tennessee river under the terms embodied in the bill.

To the last, advocates of the Ford offer resisted attempts to modify the proposed contract. Amendment after amendment, aimed at the heart of the bill, was thrown out by decisive vote, and as passed the measure carried less than half a dozen changes, all of minor importance which proponents of the bill were willing to accept.

Under terms of the bill, Ford will have the right to lease for 100 years dams 2 and 3 at Muscle Shoals, and adjacent power stations.

## Franc Drops to New Low Level

Paris.—The French franc sank to a new low level Monday after a temporary sharp improvement during the day, attributed to the government's announcement that there should be no further loans or inflation to justify pessimism regarding French finances. The franc was worth 3.54 cents, the dollar being quoted at 28.13 and the pound at 119.80 when curb-trading stopped.

## Baby Believed Tiniest.

Chicago.—Henry Ganze Jr., probably is the tiniest baby in the world. He weighs only 12 ounces and stretches himself out to a bare eight inches. Henry was born Saturday to Mrs. Henry Ganze of Melrose park. "The boy is so small he can rest easily in a cigar box," the father said. The father is 24 and the mother 20.

## Moral Sentiment First.

Science . . . necessitates a faith commensurate with the grander orbits and universal laws which it discloses. Yet it does not surprise the moral sentiment. That was older, and awaited expectant these larger insights.—Emerson.

## How Men Judge.

Men usually judge of the prudence of a man by the result, and are very apt to say that the successful man has had much forethought, and the unsuccessful has shown great want of it.

# CUT IN 1924 LEVY STAYS IN TAX BILL

House Leaders Agree Not to Form Separate Measure.

## FEAR COOLIDGE VETO

Democrats Declare Move Is First Step in Plan for Wreck of Proposed Law.

Washington, D. C.—The provision for a 25 per cent reduction in income taxes payable this year will rest on the fortunes of the revenue bill, house leaders reaching a tentative agreement Saturday not to remove it from the revenue measure and seek its immediate enactment in a separate resolution.

Advocates of the latter plan, including Representative Tilson, Connecticut, a republican member of the ways and means committee, admitted it would be almost impossible to get such a resolution through by March 15, when first installments on income taxes are due. The treasury department had asked this in an effort to avoid the necessity of making refunds on these payments, and President Coolidge endorsed the proposal.

The proposition was opposed by many members of both parties, democrats declaring it was the first step by the administration leading to a presidential veto of the revenue bill, the new rates of which will apply first to taxes payable next year.

Meanwhile the senate finance committee reached the first important section in its consideration of the revenue bill—the estate taxes.

The rates of these taxes were raised by the house over the opposition of republican organization members and strong sentiment developed in the finance committee to revise the entire section with a view, however, to raising the same amount of revenue as provided by the house.

Chairman Smoot said considerable favor developed toward making the tax apply to beneficiaries of estates rather than to the estates of the decedents before division.

This would make it in the form of an inheritance tax and would require general revision of the rates.

The \$50,000 exemption allowed in the estate tax necessarily would be cut down, Mr. Smoot said, and perhaps most of the rates raised.

Pending study of the income tax schedules, definite lines on the expected fight over them have not been drawn. Senate democrats, however, have indicated a desire to stand for the Garner income tax rates, proposed by the house democrats as a substitute for the Mellon schedule. They once were placed on the bill in the house, but the Longworth compromise rates later were substituted. Likewise, republican organization leaders, including Senator Watson of Indiana, had said they would seek to replace the substitute rates with the Mellon rates, although admitting slight possibility of keeping these schedules in the bill for a vote in the senate.

## Homestead Areas Open.

Washington, D. C.—Opening to homestead entry of 323,000 acres in five western states—the largest area to be set aside for that purpose in a year—was announced Saturday by the interior department. Dates for filings will be announced later. The areas include 119,70 acres in Carbon and Phillips counties, Mont.; 63,000 acres in Lander and Pershing counties, Nev.; 30,950 acres in Lake county, Oregon.

## Senator Greene Better.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Greene of Vermont, who was shot in the head several weeks ago during an encounter between a prohibition enforcement party and suspected bootleggers, was able Sunday to leave his bed for the first time. Paralysis, which developed in his left side, it is said, has steadily subsided.

## Baby Boy Found Slain.

Seattle, Wash.—The body of a baby boy was found Saturday on a municipal bathing beach of this city. Police expressed belief that the baby had been murdered. Deputy coroner Harry W. Johnson declared that the body had been in the water several days and that the child had been between two and twelve weeks old.

White Salmon.—A colony of beavers is creating havoc among the trees in the Columbia river district at Ringen, causing damage to property by felled trees.

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Pendleton.—Coyotes are so numerous in the vicinity of Combs canyon that it is necessary to drive all sheep, both young and old, into sheds at night, according to Earl Tulloch.

Salem.—The state irrigation securities commission, at a meeting held here Monday, will pass on the Jordan valley irrigation district, which has filed application for approval of a contract entered into between the district and the proposed builders of the project.

Salem.—Mrs. Walter Pierce, wife of Oregon's executive, was reported in a serious condition Saturday by physicians. Mrs. Pierce has been suffering from an ailment for several years and recently has spent much time in a Portland hospital under the care of a specialist. She is now at home here.

Salem.—Weider Brothers, owners of two laundries in Salem, have announced their intention to establish another laundry here at a cost of approximately \$72,000. Work on the new plant will start within the next month. The lot on which the laundry will be established was purchased at a cost of \$12,000.

Baker.—Mrs. Homer Carnes fell unconscious Friday while driving her automobile after bringing the car to a complete stop and died several hours later in a local hospital. Mrs. Carnes was found by her husband, a breeder of thoroughbred Jersey cattle of this district, who was following her, driving a hay wagon.

Seaside.—Plans for a novel lifesaving method to provide for the rescue of bathers in danger in the surf off the local bathing beach have been presented to the city council and local business men during the past week by representatives of J. H. Rankin, Portland aviator, and the Hitt Fireworks company of Seattle.

Salem.—A breakfast honoring secretaries and advisers and a sermon by Rev. Ward Willis Long, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, featured the final session of the annual state convention of high school girls reserves which closed here Sunday. More than 150 girls from various sections of Oregon and Washington attended the convention.

Salem.—Fresh fruit growers of the Salem district who are members of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association, voted to remain in the association. The action was taken at a meeting attended by more than 125 of the growers. Independent growers were given permission to handle their own produce under certain conditions outlined by the management.

Salem.—Governor Pierce, who two weeks ago underwent an operation at a local hospital, left the institution Sunday. Physicians said his recovery had been rapid and that his present condition is very satisfactory. The governor announced today that he will spend most of tomorrow in his office attending a meeting of the state bonus commission and the state securities commission.

Seaside.—Paving contracts for the covering of portions of the Seaside-Cannon Beach road were let Saturday by the Clatsop county commissioners to J. H. Tillman, contractor of this city. The first award covers the paving of the stretch on this route from Broadway to the city limits, and the second contract the paving of the stretch between Elk Creek bridge and the Ecola stores.

Salem.—Petitions have been filed with the county school superintendent here asking for the formation of a union high school district at Woodburn to include 14 smaller school districts of northern Marion county and southern Clackamas county. This high school district previously was organized more than two years ago, but the proceedings were subsequently declared to be illegal by the courts.

Salem.—During the past week the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association has sold approximately 12 carloads of prunes, according to announcement made here Sunday. Included in these sales were 25,000 boxes of prunes weighing 25 pounds each to a chain-store syndicate in the east. There remains to be sold approximately 1,250,000 pounds of prunes of the 1923 crop, the association reported.

Madras.—The county court at its session Friday offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and detention of H. C. Topping, formerly sheriff of Jefferson county, who has defaulted in the amount of \$2016.95. Topping departed from Madras for Portland December 10 and has not been in this county since. At the same session the county court made claim upon the American Surety company of New York for the amount of \$2016.95. This is the total of the amount believed to be Topping's shortage, according to Auditor Crandall.

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