

# 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.

A very light and almost invisible fall of snow in Chicago Monday was the third latest snowfall in more than half a century, the weather bureau said. The temperature early was 45.

Four women were killed and six other persons were injured by a tornado which struck near Springtown, Okla., late Tuesday night, according to reports over crippled wires.

An earthquake shock Tuesday wrecked a building at Port De Paix, Haiti, killing three persons and injuring several others. A church steeple was demolished and the garrison barracks were badly damaged.

The resolution to change the name of Mount Rainier to Mount Tacoma will not be considered at this session of congress, Chairman Sinnott of the house public lands committee informed Representatives of the Tacoma chamber of commerce Tuesday.

Police at Hanna City, Ill., Tuesday night arrested Norma Anderson, who, with her 2-year-old baby in her arms, held up and robbed the A. C. Steenburg bank, obtaining \$1500 in cash. All of the money was recovered when the Anderson woman was taken into custody.

A permit for a \$1,000,000 temple which is to be erected by the Seattle aerie, No. 1, Fraternal Order of Eagles here, was issued Tuesday. Officers of the lodge announced that work of raising buildings on a site preparatory to construction would commence next month.

Arguments on the first of three motions filed by the defense occupied the initial session Tuesday of the trial board of the Protestant Episcopal church, summoned to Cleveland, O., to pass on charges that Right Rev. William Montgomery Brown, ex-bishop of Arkansas, uttered doctrines not held by the church.

Still maimed and in the shadow of a devastating series of tornadoes of less than a month ago, rural Alabama and Mississippi late Tuesday again were stricken by a second storm visitation, and at a late hour were taking toll of their dead and injured and the unestimated thousands of dollars' damage done to farms and homes and buildings.

Four policemen, a democratic politician, an ex-prohibition agent and 32 alleged beer makers and runners, including John Torrio and Deau O'Banion, were indicted by the federal grand jury Tuesday on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. The indictments were returned in court as a result of a recent raid on the Sieben brewery in Chicago, Ill.

Permitting their mother to have them only at feeding time and then taking them under her wing the rest of the time, a Rhode Island hen in Janesville, Wis., has adopted three 10-day-old kittens. The body, owned by Julius Granke, guards the Maltese kittens jealously, drives off Mrs. Tabby whenever she comes near and keeps all intruding chickens at a distance.

The majority of American schools are lost to God and the gospel and today are the seats of unsound teaching and the prolific mothers of modernist preachers, all because Satan, working with his tramp card, is ever busy, was the assertion made in Milwaukee, Wis., late Tuesday by Rev. W. B. Riley, Minneapolis, before the Baptist Bible union, a fundamentalist organization.

Nine persons were indicted Tuesday by the grand jury at Portland as the climax of the county bridge probe. Three former county commissioners, Charles S. Rudeen, J. H. Rankin and Dow V. Walker, were charged with malfeasance in office in one indictment, and five contractors, officers of the three companies awarded the trans-Willamette bridge jobs April 1, were named in another indictment, the charge being conspiracy in submitting a collusive bid on the work, thereby defeating free competition on a public contract.

### A Sad Error.

The lives of many are ruined by the fatal delusion that the more one possesses the more one enjoys.—Boston Evening Transcript.

## TAX-CUT MEASURE SIGNED

President Says Bill Lacks Economic Reform—Small Incomes Benefit.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge Monday signed the tax reduction bill, but declaring it unsatisfactory, announced he would bend all his energies to obtain enactment of a better measure at the next session of congress.

"The bill, which decreases tax rates in most instances to the lowest levels since 1917 and which was the basis of the hottest legislative fight of the present session of congress, was declared by the president in a 2500-word statement issued incident with his approval of the measure to represent merely 'tax reduction, not tax reform.'"

"The bill does not represent a sound permanent tax policy and in its passage has been subject to unfortunate influence which ought not to control fiscal questions," the executive said. "Still, in spite of its obvious defects, its advantages as a temporary relief and a temporary adjustment of business conditions, in view of the uncertainty of a better law within a reasonable time, leads me to believe that the best interests of the country would be subserved if this bill became a law."

"A correction of its defects may be left to the next session of the congress. I trust a bill less political and more truly economic may be passed at that time. To that end I shall bend all my energies."

The legislation as approved by the president reduces the taxes of almost every federal taxpayer and cuts down the federal revenues by an amount estimated at \$351,000,000 for the next fiscal year. This reduction, however, will not result in any deficit, according to treasury experts.

The principal effect of the new law will not be felt until next year, the 60 per cent reductions in income taxes being made applicable to incomes of this year, but payable in 1925. Immediate relief, however, is granted every income taxpayer, as a 25 per cent decrease is ordered in the case of income taxes for the current year and now due. Persons who are paying this year's income taxes on the installment plan may cut their second payment, due June 15, by one-half and their other two installments by one-fourth each. Those who already have paid their income taxes in full will get a refund without applying for it.

Another effect that soon will be appreciable is the provision of the new law repealing within 30 days many excise taxes such as those on telegraph and telephone messages, soft drinks, candy, carpets, rugs, trunks and theater admissions of 50 cents or less.

The revision of the income tax rates effected under the new law brings a cut in all such levies. This amounts to 50 per cent reduction on incomes of \$5000 and under. On amounts above that the normal rate is cut from 8 to 6 per cent, while the surtax rates are revised on a similar basis.

The new surtax schedule starts with 1 per cent on \$10,000 and graduates up to 40 per cent on \$500,000 and over.

A new feature written into the legislation at the recommendation of Secretary Mellon, who initiated the move for tax revision last September, provides for an additional reduction of 25 per cent on earned incomes up to \$10,000 with all incomes of \$5000 and under classed as earned.

Approval was given by the president to the measure exactly one week to the hour from the time he received it after almost unanimous final action by the house and senate. The president acted after study of a lengthy report made on the bill by the treasury department and after several conferences with Secretary Mellon, to whose original plan for tax revision he had given his support and indorsement.

### Man Is Heavily Insured.

New York.—The most heavily insured man in this country—if not in any land—is Rodman Wanamaker. He carries life insurance policies aggregating \$5,000,000, according to an announcement by the Association of Life Underwriters of Philadelphia.

Wanamaker, son of the late department store multi-millionaire, John Wanamaker, who heads the list of 65 American business men, each of whom carries more than \$1,000,000 life insurance, has just taken out another policy for \$1,500,000, which brings his total up to \$5,000,000.

### Power Boat Blown Up.

Port Orchard, Wash.—Walter Harris, owner of the Georgia, a vessel plying between this port and the Bremerton navy-yard, was missing Monday and believed dead from an explosion completely wrecking his boat and causing slight damage to nearby buildings. The boat was berthed at the main dock here and Captain Harris was the only person aboard, so far as known. It was believed the explosion took place while repairing the engine.

## FIRE IN SCHOOL COSTS 22 LIVES

20 Others in Precarious Condition in Hospital.

## YOUNG AND OLD BURN

3-Story California Structure Is Called Fire-Trap—Nurses From Hospital Make Rescues.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Ashes of the Hope development school for sub-normal children at Playa Del Rey, 15 miles from here, on the ocean beach, Sunday yielded the burned bodies of 22 persons as the result of a fire last night. Twenty others, inmates of the school, are in a precarious condition at St. Catherine's hospital in Santa Monica, a few miles away. The holocaust victims ranged in years from 4 to 48.

The three-story structure, reclaimed from the abandoned building of an old cafe in the deserted pleasure resort town of many years ago, was declared by investigators to have been a fire trap isolated from any protection. All that remains of it is a brick chimney and twisted iron pipes and ashes.

About 40 girls were housed within the private institution when flames burst out at 8:30 Saturday night. In addition there were in the old building the matron, Mrs. J. C. Thomas, and Wilfred Ringer, 14-year-old adopted son of the proprietor, Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs. The matron and the boy perished.

A family of beach picnickers observed the flames and sounded the alarm. Before the fire apparatus could arrive from Venice, the nearest town, the building was a mass of uncontrollable flames.

One of the first rescue squads to arrive was a staff of nurses from St. Catherine's hospital in Santa Monica. They were instrumental in rescuing 18 children, all of whom were suffering from fumes and whose lives were in the balance. Six firemen were treated for minor injuries.

## JAPANESE CHARGE TREATY VIOLATION

Washington, D. C.—Japan's "solemn protest" against the exclusion section of the new immigration law was formally presented to Secretary Hughes Saturday by Ambassador Hanihara, and was made public at the state department without comment.

Coupled with the protest was the request of the Japanese government that the American government "take all possible and suitable measures" for removal of discrimination.

The communication declared international discriminations are particularly "unwelcome" when "based on race," and added that discrimination of that character is expressed in the exclusion statute.

The history of commercial agreements between the two countries, it was declared, showed that the Japanese government has sought to protect its nationals from "discriminatory immigration legislation in the United States," which position was "fully understood and appreciated by the American government."

"The Japanese government desires now to point out," said the note, "that the new legislation is in entire disregard of the spirit and circumstances that underlie the conclusion of the treaty (of 1911)."

It was added that the provisions of the new law "have made it impossible for Japan to continue the undertakings assumed under the gentlemen's agreement."

"The patient, loyal and scrupulous observance by Japan for more than 16 years of these self-denying regulations, in the interest of good relations between the two countries, now seems to have been wasted," the protest continued.

At the end Ambassador Hanihara appended the following paragraph: "I am instructed further to express the confidence that this communication will be received by the American government in the same spirit of friendliness and candor in which it is made."

### Americans Are Barred.

Berlin.—Citizens from countries which failed to recognize the soviet government of Russia will be refused a visa to enter Russia at any price and under any pretext, according to a new secret circular letter sent to the Russian consulates by the Russian commissariat of foreign affairs. The United States heads the list of countries whose citizens are barred. France, Spain, Bulgaria and China also are on the list.

## Lillian Gish



Popular Lillian Gish, the "movie" star, was born in Springfield, Ohio, and later moved to Massillon, Ohio, where she passed her childhood days with her sister, Dorothy. While still in her teens Lillian made her debut in a Bi-lasco production. While on a visit to the studio of a leading woman star she met a prominent producer and was given her first opportunity to enter the motion picture field, and her rise to stardom quickly followed.

## Have You This Habit?

By Margaret Morison

## APPRECIATION

THE most vivid remembrance of Adam Everyman's childhood was the melancholy occasion, the climax of many other such occasions, on which his mother, breaking down and weeping, had expressed the resentment of years of married life as she cried to his father, "If you only didn't always take things for granted!"

When Adam grew up he promised himself that at least he would never give his wife that cause for bitterness. So during his early married life he made a point of seeing and appreciating her efforts and sacrifices.

The years passed. When the eldest of their three children was fifteen, Adam realized that their actual income, though ample, was not equal to the income he had planned for this point when contemplating matrimony.

Then one evening he pursued what now was his custom, and retired immediately after dinner with his newspaper and his cigar to the room that was called his "den." Contrary to custom his wife followed him. Then he knew suddenly how much water had flowed under the bridge since they had been married. For to her new dress that she had made herself, and to the fact that this was the anniversary of their wedding—to all this he had been dully blind. He asked himself if a little appreciation might not help all round.

The next morning at the office Adam found his best salesman waiting for him. He made a point of mentioning an intelligent piece of business of the preceding month. The man looked pleased, but it was only later that Adam learned that this expression of appreciation had actually influenced the man not to accept the offer of a change from another firm. That same day Adam took pains to thank a customer for prompt payments, and the next morning a new order came in the mail. On another evening at home his small boy brought in a good report from school. When Adam put his pleasure into words his son looked surprised, but the next month there was a better report still. He became conscious above all of what life would have been to him without his home, and of the impossibility of his home without his wife's dull daily routine. After that there was no question of his appreciation, and with appreciation it seemed as if a miracle had happened—so stimulating and successful was his work, so happy and full of pleasant possibilities his family.

The cause of the war among nations and of friction among individuals is egoism, and Adam Everyman had discovered one of the habits that save from egoism—the habit of appreciation.

## HAVE YOU THIS HABIT?

(By Metropolitan Newspaper Service.)

## A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

## THE COMMON-GARDEN MAN

COMMON-GARDEN man is he? Well, that's just the sort for me. For the sweetest flowers I know in the Common Gardens grow—Common-Garden Violets, Common-Garden Mignonettes, Common-Garden Lilies fair, Common-Garden Roses rare—All are just as good to me As the Hot-House family. So when on the bustling street I rejoice amid the stress, Thinking on their Common-neck, (By McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

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