

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.

Viscount Gray of Fallodon has retired from the liberal leadership of the house of lords for personal reasons. It is announced Tuesday.

Chicago will have the 1925 convention of the Knights of Pythias, winning over Los Angeles, \$5 to \$3. A resolution to establish a magazine to serve the entire membership of 300,000 was adopted.

A severe rain storm in the eastern part of Iowa late Monday and Tuesday resulted in the loss of three lives, drowning of hundreds of cattle and horses, thousands of dollars' crop damage and flooded homes and farm lands.

The house rivers and harbors commission was called Tuesday to hear arguments of a delegation from Stockton, Cal., seeking government aid to deepen the river channel from nine to 24 feet with a minimum width of 300 feet.

Reduction of rediscount rates was authorized Tuesday for the intermediate credit banks by the federal farm loan board. The new rate to financial institutions is 5 per cent and to co-operative marketing associations 4 1/2 per cent.

Miss Lucy Page Gaston, nationally known reformer and foe of cigarettes, died in a sanitarium in Chicago Wednesday. Her health failed several months ago after she was injured in a street-car accident, and a malignant growth in her throat developed.

After September 1 there will be no more rural mailcarriers driving horses out of Eugene. On that date motor route C will be established, taking over the work of three of the present carriers, and one postoffice, that at Fox Hollow, will be discontinued.

E. Clifford Norman of Oakland, Cal., who was stricken seven months ago with sleeping sickness and who has slept about three months, remaining only partially conscious for a further period, was pronounced cured Wednesday and discharged from a hospital.

The Brazilian federal troops operating in the southwestern part of Sao Paulo state, near the Parana border, are continuing their pursuit of the rebels. The latter have been obliged to evacuate Piraju, according to official advices from La Nacion's correspondent at Santos.

Rioting of a near serious nature Wednesday broke out between pro-fascist and anti-fascist workmen employed by an American moving picture company which is making a film production of "Ben Hur" a few miles from Rome. Carbiners were summoned to quell the disturbance.

Unusual shows of devotion between animals have been capped by a Jersey cow belonging to N. J. Bevin, farmer living seven miles west of St. Helena, Ore. The cow has a calf three or four months old, but in addition to this offspring returned from pasture a few days ago with a 3-week-old buck in tow.

Disorderly conduct and fighting were the charges placed against United States Senator Dial and John J. McMahan, state insurance commissioner, who is opposing the senator for renomination and the two were arrested Wednesday after a personal encounter at a campaign meeting in Gaffney, S. C.

L. M. Karaghan, Russian ambassador to China, has refused to accept the conditions imposed by the United States minister to China relative to the delivery of the Russian legation to M. Karakhan. The legation, since the passing of the czarist regime, has been in the hands of the diplomatic corps in Peking.

Adoption of a carefully planned policy for colonization of irrigation projects to be constructed in the future was urged by Dr. Elwood Mead, commissioner of reclamation, in a special report he submitted to Secretary Work Wednesday upon his return from a 9000-mile inspection trip in the west. Dr. Mead visited projects in Utah, Nevada, California, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming and Nebraska.

ITALIAN AVIATOR RESCUED

U. S. Vessel Finds World Flier Whose Plane Drifts 100 Miles.

On Board U. S. S. Richmond, off Greenland.—The United States cruiser Richmond, after being tossed about on the bleak north Atlantic ocean for 52 hours, and after hope had been given up for the safety of Lieutenant Locatelli, the Italian aviator, and his three companions, picked up the marooned men from their damaged plane shortly before midnight Sunday.

All members of the party were well, but were exhausted from the trying ordeal through which they had passed. Locatelli's plane was damaged beyond repair, and it was destroyed by fire on request of its pilot. The cruiser, with Locatelli and his companions on board, is proceeding toward Labrador to re-enter the naval patrol for the continuation of the flight of Lieutenants Lowell H. Smith and Erik Nelson from Iqvitut to Labrador.

Locatelli, who started from Iceland for Greenland last Thursday with Lieutenants Smith and Nelson, was forced down by motor trouble at 2 P. M. Thursday. After repairs had been made to the plane Locatelli was unable to make a take-off from the water. The plane drifted from a point near the Labrador coast 100 miles to where it was found 125 miles due east of Cape Farewell, the southernmost tip of Greenland.

The discovery of the damaged plane was due to Signalman Willis Pinkston, who, from the bridge of the Richmond, caught sight of green flares sent up from the plane.

WOMAN GOVERNOR OF TEXAS PROBABLE

Fort Worth, Tex.—Texas stands a chance of having the first woman governor in the history of the United States. Mrs. Miriam Ferguson, wife of the ex-governor, who was impeached, has received the democratic nomination, which heretofore has meant election in Texas.

She received the nomination by one of the largest majorities ever received by a gubernatorial candidate in Texas. According to the official returns Mrs. Ferguson, out of an \$50,000 total vote, led her opponent, Felix Robertson of Dallas, by more than 50,000.

Mrs. Ferguson's nomination probably means the passing of the Ku Klux Klan as a dominating factor in Texas politics.

Robertson built his campaign on a strictly klan platform and in his addresses admitted he was endorsed and was being supported by the Ku Klux Klan. On the other hand, Mrs. Ferguson, whose campaign was conducted by her husband, ex-Governor James Ferguson, conducted a strong fight against the klan and one of her promises to the voters of Texas was that she would use the power of her office as governor to drive the klan from Texas.

The nomination of Mrs. Ferguson was the outcome of a series of circumstances. In 1917 James Ferguson was impeached as governor of Texas. He was charged with misappropriation and misapplication of state funds, also with the acceptance of a bribe, presumably from the liquor interests, which at that time were conducting a strong fight against prohibition in Texas.

Governor Ferguson was brought to trial before the state senate and pronounced guilty by a large majority and as a result his impeachment was ordered.

Mud Buries Railroad.

Redding, Cal.—A torrent of mud from a glacial disturbance on Mount Shasta continues to pour down Ash creek and over adjacent territory eight miles long and one-half mile wide, burying a railroad, highways and bridges in its path. The mud flow has darkened streams and has made the Sacramento river muddy for several miles. McCloud is having a hard fight to maintain its water supply.

Grapevine Feeds Apple.

Scio, Or.—A freak of nature, an apple growing on a grapevine, was discovered in the orchard of W. H. Bartlett Tuesday. The apple had fallen from the tree into the grape vine below and in some manner a twig of the vine twined around the stem of the apple and nurtured it. The apple is now full grown and ripe.

Famous Humorist Dead.

New York.—Charles B. Lewis, 82, well known as a humorist under his pen name of "M. Quad," is dead at his home in Brooklyn. Among the humorous characters he created were Mr. and Mrs. Bowser, Brother Gardner of the Lime Kiln club, and the Arizona Kicker.

RAILROAD MERGERS MAKING PROGRESS

Consolidations Made Without Waiting Law.

GET STOCK CONTROL

Systems Are Grouping Themselves While Federal Commission Works on Plans.

Washington, D. C.—Despite the fact that the interstate commerce commission has not announced its plans for consolidation of the railroads into a limited number of systems and consolidations are forbidden until that plan has been announced, substantial progress has been made in consolidating the railroads since the transportation act was passed in 1920.

These consolidations have been and are being effected under a provision of the transportation act authorizing the commission to permit one railroad to acquire control of another either under a lease or by the purchase of stock or in any other manner not involving the consolidation of such carriers into a single system for ownership and operation.

Under this part of the law, the majority of the commission has authorized a number of railroads to acquire control of other railroads. It has done so over the protest of Commissioner Eastman of Massachusetts, who holds that a number of the control cases involved nothing short of consolidation of the railroads.

The consolidation provisions of the law provide that consolidations must be in harmony with the complete plan of consolidation required to be promulgated by the commission "as soon as practicable." The plan not having been issued, Commissioner Eastman holds, what practically are consolidations under the guise of "acquisition of control" are not lawful.

Farm Income Too Low.

Washington, D. C.—American agriculture, since the slump of 1920, has not yielded a commercial interest return on its invested capital or a fair wage for the average farm operator and his family. This conclusion reached by agricultural department experts, probably will be one of the first to be placed before President Coolidge's proposed agricultural relief commission here.

Other conclusions arrived at by the departmental experts, who recently completed a series of studies of farm income, also are expected to serve as a basis of data for the committee which the president, in his acceptance speech, said would be appointed for the purpose of helping agriculture to a basis of economic equality.

This information gathered by the experts shows that the low point of the agricultural depression was touched in 1920-21, with some improvement the following year. In the last two years the improvement has been quite noticeable, and the department asserts indications are that it will continue.

As a means of gauging how the agricultural depression has affected farm standards of living in the four years since 1919-20, the department points out that in this period wholesale prices of all commodities declined 25 to 30 per cent, retail prices of 22 food articles 30 to 25 per cent, while the farmer's income declined as much as 60 to 72 per cent.

Span Pageant Planned.

Hood River, Or.—November 11, Armistice day, is the tentative date set for dedication of the Waukoma interstate bridge over the Columbia here. Chambers of commerce of Spokane, Seattle, Portland, Yakima and numerous smaller cities will join with Hood River chamber in the ceremonies. It is proposed to present a water pageant, depicting significant Columbia history from the time of Lewis and Clarke to the present.

Oil Tank Fires Street.

Jamestown, N. D.—Three persons were injured, one probably fatally, and heavy damage done when an 8000-gallon tank of kerosene exploded late Saturday and sent a river of flaming oil down one street. Residences in the vicinity of an oil-filling station were burned.

Three Die in Family Feud.

Tulsa, Okla.—Three men were killed and one was wounded Sunday afternoon on a public highway, 21 miles east of Tulsa, in a fight which climaxed a family feud. The trouble started over an argument between children.

Hope Hampton



This is the very latest picture of handsome Hope Hampton, the "movie" star. However, she is not posing for a "movie" shot—just as a fashion model—for she is wearing one of the latest "scarab" hats—in turquoise blue and brown, which she brought over from Europe recently—so the fashion note says.

The Why of Superstitions
By H. IRVING KING

REVENGE ON BACKBITERS

IF YOU have reason to believe that people are slandering you bite the corner of your apron and the backbiters will bite their tongues. This is for women. Another way, applicable to both sexes, is to pinch your ear and the person who is "talking about you" will bite his tongue. These charms work, of course, by sympathetic magic—like causes like. Your apron is a substitute of the slanderous tongue of your traducer: you bite it and the slanderer, by reason of the magic sympathy set up, responds by doing actually what you have done immitatively. Pinching the ear is a good simulation of biting the tongue and reacts upon the backbiter in the desired manner. It is, moreover an especially appropriate act of simulation in such cases because of the connection between tingling ears and "people talking about you"—a superstition which has already been dealt with in this series. These superstitions are widespread as are all the superstitions connected with sympathetic magic. It is worthy of note that while the doctrine of sympathetic magic was one of the earliest results of the efforts of primitive man to establish a relation between cause and effect so a belief in that same magic is the most universal of superstitions today.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

OBJECTIVES

SOME folks would go To Tokyo, And some to far Peru; Some to Berlin, or old Peking, And some to Timbuctoo.

Some travelers seek The Arctic bleak, And others quaint Japan, And some there be Who think Faerie The fairest goal of man—

And I admit There's much in it— I, too, rejoice to roam, But I opine These feet of mine Are happiest set for—HOME!

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