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Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Five lives were lost when an automobile plunged through a fence on a bridge Saturday and fell 40 feet to the tracks of the Boston & Maine railroad at Lowell, Mass.

Approval has been given by President Coolidge and Secretary Wilbur for the observance of Navy day, October 27, the anniversary of the birth of the American navy and of the birth of Theodore Roosevelt.

Six men in an automobile, crowding a United States mail truck to the curb in San Francisco late Saturday, held up the truck driver, transferred eight pouches of air mail just received from the east and escaped into the traffic of Market street.

Unofficial tabulation of the recount to date in the Iowa senatorial election contest showed Saturday a net gain of 291 votes for Daniel F. Steck, democratic contestant, over the vote recorded for him by the state auditor.

Two men were killed and five injured, two seriously, early Saturday night, when a train of the H. W. Nelson Construction company at Fulton, Ky., including 57 cars, plunged through a trestle and crashed into a ravine.

A new university will be established at Kansas City, Mo., by the Methodist Episcopal church south and the Methodist Episcopal church, with the co-operation of the city chamber of commerce.

The capture of the Moroccan stronghold of Ameryou, about 25 miles southeast of Fez, by the French Saturday night at the point of the bayonet has created a stir among various native tribes said to be weakening in their allegiance to Abd-el-Krim.

The vote of Lee county, Iowa, where Daniel F. Steck, democrat, had a majority of about 4000 in last year's senatorial election, was protested Saturday before the senate committee recounting the ballots by supervisors for Senator Brookhart, republican.

A slight earth shock at 2:15 o'clock Saturday morning was reported to the Santa Fe train dispatcher's office in Los Angeles by the dispatcher at San Bernardino. Telephone operators and police headquarters at San Bernardino reported they had not felt the shock.

With early negotiations looking to the funding of the bulk of the remaining \$12,000,000,000 of foreign debts now a definite prospect, the American debt commission is ready to consider first the conditions of the payment of Belgium's share, amounting roundly to \$480,000,000.

The building boom which has been striving for three years to overcome the housing shortage which the war left throughout the country has not only succeeded in doing this, the department of labor believes, but has now verged to the point of overproduction and depression.

Mrs. Mary Frances Kern of Boston, who arrived in Seattle, Wash., Sunday night from Manila on the steamer President Grant, announced that she would attempt to raise \$5,000,000 in the United States to fight leprosy in the Philippines. She said she had the support of Governor-General Leonard Wood and the insular government.

John F. Cordray, veteran theatrical man in the Pacific northwest, died early Sunday morning at his home, 747 East Burnside street, Portland. Mr. Cordray had lapsed into unconsciousness from which he did not recover, following an attack which seized him at the Oaks park, of which he was manager, Saturday night.

Fire destroyed \$1,000,000 of building materials Sunday night in the two blocks of yards owned by the Harris Bros. company, Chicago. An alarm brought out the greater part of the city's apparatus and police reserves were necessary to hold back the 25,000 persons who gathered. Much of the loss was covered by insurance.

The bodies of 13 children between the ages of 9 and 14 who were drowned at noon Saturday at the bathing beach at Hardelet, a few miles south of Boulogne, France, when a great wave washed them out to sea, have been recovered and carried to the little chapel near the beach. Five other children who were on the shore still are missing.

There is more radium available in Portland for the treatment of cancer than in any other city in the northwest. As a result of this fact and because other adequate facilities are there for the purpose, a movement is being promoted by cancer specialists to make Portland a center for a cancer study laboratory by the building of a cancer hospital.

POSTAL DEFICIT \$37,149,000

Year's Figures Regarded as Step Backward—Postal Pay Bill Aids.

Washington, D. C.—A cash deficit of \$37,149,000 for the fiscal year of 1925, which closed last June 30, was announced Monday by the postoffice department after a preliminary compilation of receipts and expenditures made at the request of Postmaster-General Now.

The department ordinarily returns a deficit, but officials have been trying for several years to effect economies which would make postal service self-supporting. They regard this year's figures as a step backward, since last year's deficit was only \$24,000,000.

Preliminary figures for the year, which are subject to some readjustments, place estimated receipts at \$600,600,000 and obligations and expenditures at \$649,771,000, leaving an operating deficit of \$48,771,000, from which is deducted \$11,622,000 for outstanding liabilities and for civil service retirement transfer.

"The amount of the deficit for the fiscal year of 1925," a statement by the department said, "is attributed, not entirely, but to a great extent, to the postal pay bill, which, enacted this spring, was made retroactive to January 1 so that the department has been paying increased salaries to its army of some 350,000 employees for the last six months of the fiscal year. On the other hand, the increase in postage rates established to meet the raises in salaries did not become effective until April 15 and was in operation only 2 1/2 months of the fiscal year."

PARIS TO PRESENT GENTLEMEN'S OFFER

Paris. — Finance Minister Caillaux told American correspondents Monday that he desired very much to go to Washington to present what he called a "gentleman's offer" for the settlement of France's war debt to the United States.

"I certainly would go if it were a question of merely crossing the channel, but the Atlantic is a different proposition and I do not know whether I could leave the ministry of finance long enough to make the trip to America," he said.

The finance minister explained his gentleman's offer as follows: "I am going to tell both the British and the Americans just what France can pay and that France will pay it, but that it is impossible to undertake payments likely to turn out beyond the capacity of the country."

Reviewing the different phases of his financial program, Mr. Caillaux explained that the measures already adopted and those in view constituted the first step, but a very prudent step, toward the eventual return of France to the gold basis.

"It is necessary to move prudently in this matter," he said. "Countries that were plunged by the war into a tangled financial situation cannot safely undertake to return abruptly to perfect financial equilibrium."

Lee Home to be Saved.

Washington, D. C.—Restoration of the Lee mansion on the highest spot in Arlington cemetery will be undertaken under supervision of the war department at a cost of \$225,000.

Union troops seized the mansion and estate surrounding it when Gen. Robert E. Lee joined the confederate cause and it was purchased by the government for \$150,000 in 1884. The estate of 6000 acres was originally purchased for six hogshead of tobacco and later passed into the hands of the Curtis and Lee families.

Aid Denied; Boy Drowns

Seattle, Wash.—Harry Eymann, 12, drowned in Lake Washington Monday when waves of a passing launch rolled a log on which he was standing. He could not swim. Ben Evans, who was in the vicinity and took charge of rescue operations, declared that the boy might have been saved if three men who were cruising nearby had helped. The men were begged to come in with their boat but they refused.

Society Girl Missing

New York.—Police of the metropolitan area and parts of New England searched Monday for Evelyn Jacqueline Hobbs, 18-year-old society girl, who vanished two days ago from her parents' Park-avenue apartment clad in boys' clothing.

Weakened by a recent operation for the removal of her tonsils, it is feared she wandered off with \$25 in her pockets during a period of mental aberration.

Murder, Arson Charged.

Los Angeles.—As the result of a fire and explosion in a residence district store here Tuesday, George H. Perlin, owner of the property, was in the county jail Monday charged with murder and arson. The charge is based on the death of Walter Skala, fatally burned when he attempted to escape. Perlin was arrested when sheriffs learned he had bought several cans of gasoline the day before the fire.

Oil Reservoir Blazing

Fresno, Cal.—Damage estimated at more than \$1,500,000 was done by a fire which Monday was destroying 700,000 barrels of high gravity oil stored in a huge Shell Oil company reservoir nine miles east of Coalinga.

FARM EXPANSION URGED IN TAGOMA

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General Development of State Indorsed Unanimously at Closing Annual Session.

Tacoma, Wash.—Expansion of agriculture and the development of other industries in the state of Washington should be a simultaneous, persistent and balanced movement, the Washington state chamber of commerce declared in a resolution unanimously adopted at its closing session here Saturday.

This was in indirect response to the suggestion made on Thursday by A. S. Goss, master of the state grange, that general industrial development should come first, in order to provide a market for increased agricultural production, but was more directly the result of an address made by E. L. French of Vancouver, ex-director of the state department of agriculture, and last year a candidate for the republican nomination for governor.

All of the land in the state that is available for cultivation must be cultivated and made productive as quickly as possible, Senator French told the chamber.

"Certainly no encouragement should be given any movement to prevent or delay the development of more farm lands of high quality and great productive possibilities," he said. "The argument for limitation of production is based on the unfounded assumption that American farmers today produce all products needed for domestic consumption, whereas the fact is that during the past year we have imported from other countries more than one billion dollars' worth of non-tropical farm products, all of which might have come from American farms. Leading items of import were dairy products, grain, eggs, sugar, nuts, wool, cotton, nursery stock and vegetable seeds."

Conditions complained of by farmers generally, in the opinion of J. A. Scollard of Chehalis are not so much due to overproduction as they are to obstacles in the way of marketing farm products. The federal government's ordinarily slow work with reclamation projects, Mr. Scollard said in a brief address, encouraged him to believe that marketing obstacles should be cleared away before acreage is greatly increased. Mr. Scollard discussed the successful cooperative methods of the associated dairymen and poultrymen, and urged extension of those methods to all lines of agriculture and orchard production. "This chamber should work as hard for the farmers now in the state as it seems ready to work for those to come in the future," he said.

Another important contribution to the closing session was the address on timber growing as a business proposition, delivered by Frank H. Lamb of Hoquiam. With adequate fire protection, Mr. Lamb said, the lumber industry of the northwest can be maintained to the end of time through processes of natural reseedling. In this respect federal and state lands, free from taxes, may easily be cared for, but the private owner cannot undertake payment of present tax rates over the period of from 40 to 60 years necessary to growth of a new timber stand.

Mr. Lamb recommended continued development of public opinion favoring fire protection, and immediate legislation that will put private timber growers on a parity with growers of other crops in the matter of taxation.

Tuna Taken at Yaquina.

Newport, Or.—A large silver tuna fish, taken in a gill net Saturday night in Yaquina bay by B. F. Wilkins earned considerable comment among fishermen and sportsmen, it being the first ever caught here.

Two large pearls were taken from the fish's head and are being exhibited by Mr. Wilkins. Silver tuna is not a native of these waters and does not resemble the California tuna. It sold for 50 cents per pound.

Coal Suspension Looms.

Atlantic City.—Hope that anthracite operators and miners might reconcile their differences in time to avert a suspension September 1 faded Sunday. John L. Lewis, of the United Mine Workers of America, informed Samuel D. Warriner, of the anthracite operators' conference, that further negotiations were useless until the operators abandoned their opposition to wage increases and adoption of the check.

Aviators Break Record.

Chartres, France.—The French aviators Drouhin and Landry landed at the airfield here at 2:42 o'clock Sunday morning after having covered 4400 kilometers in 45 hours 11 minutes 59 seconds.

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