

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.

Max Linder, noted French motion picture actor, ended his life Saturday at his Paris residence when he and his wife carried out a suicide compact.

The British steamer Cairnnavon is a total wreck on the rocks about half a mile south of Buchanane, Aberdeenshire, Scotland. The crew was rescued.

Juan de la Cierva's helicopter, which made several successful flights recently, crashed at Farnborough, England Saturday. The under carriage was driven through the fuselage. Pilot Haig escaped uninjured.

An imposing sarcophagus, erected as a monument to Friedrich Ebert, Germany's first president, was unveiled in the cemetery in Heidelberg, Germany Saturday and then turned over to the city of Heidelberg.

The Argentine army aviator Hillcoat expects to start Wednesday on his flight to New York by way of Peru, Central America and Mexico City. Successful trial flights were held Saturday in the 100-horsepower plane with which he will make the journey.

The Italian government's debt funding commission arrived in Washington Sunday prepared to reopen the conference on a settlement of that nation's obligations to the United States which have been in abeyance several months.

A band of More outlaws in Llanos province wounded two constabulary officers in a fight with the officials. The bandits burned a schoolhouse and a constabulary patrol attempting to arrest them but they fled to the mountains. The officers are in pursuit.

Three men obtained \$5000 in a cigar store holdup in Seattle Saturday. They fled in an automobile through thick traffic, while a policeman who passed the store and saw the robbery pursued in a commandeered car. The loot was first reported at \$18,000.

More than \$1,000,000 worth of gold has been taken out so far this season by dredging operations near Nome, Alaska. It is expected that the total will reach \$1,500,000 if the present mild weather continues. The gold was dredged on Seward peninsula, in the vicinity of Nome.

A ton of munitions, seized by the United States in Seattle, Friday as it was about to leave for China, was released Saturday, but cannot go until the next boat, the President Jackson, November 11. The shipment was being rushed to Shanghai for the municipal council.

Paul Gibson, 25, of Independence, Kan., and Harold H. Caulkins, an aviator of Parsons, Kan., were killed Sunday when a wing of an airplane in which they were flying broke off and the plane crashed 5000 feet. Gibson went up to seek a cure for deafness and dumbness.

Frank Walton of Walla Walla, Wash., is in the hospital suffering from a knife wound in the stomach, received while he was staging a mock knife duel with a friend, Homer Day. Walton started the fun with the knives, making a pass at Day, while both were sitting whittling on sticks.

Mrs. C. D. Osborn of Seio, Or., set a trap for a rat the other day, but instead of catching a rat, her pet cat got caught and neighbors had to be called in to help her get it out. While trying to release the cat, it bit Mrs. Osborn on the hand. Tabby had no bones broken, but she is nursing a sore foot.

Everett Simcox, 18, was killed and three persons were injured, one probably fatally, when the automobile in which they were riding left the road and crashed into a tree Saturday night between Fort Jones and Etna in Siskiyou county, California. All were high school students returning from a football game.

The brief but lively session held Friday by the court-martial sitting in judgment of Colonel William Mitchell, charged with conduct prejudicial to military order and discipline in violation of the 96th article of war, accomplished little beyond putting the air officer's pleas of "not guilty" in the record and denying him the "bill of particulars" he had requested.

Foreign monopolists of rubber, coffee, nitrates, potash and other raw materials assent to American industry were warned in a speech in Erie, Pa., Saturday night by Secretary Hoover that if their unfair exactions upon American consumers continued they could expect to find the United States following the same practices and organizing governmentally to retaliate by shoving upward the prices on commodities it produces for world trade.

DEMAND CHECK ON BEER

High-Power Drink Declared Sweeping Country—Andrews Asks Aid.

Washington, D. C.—The taxing power of congress was called upon Monday by prohibition officials to aid in checking the "tremendous flood of high-powered beer sweeping the country."

Lincoln C. Andrews, assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition enforcement, asked the house ways and means committee to include in the new revenue bill a levy of 1 cent a gallon on cereal beverages, which would give the government the power to inspect breweries manufacturing near-beer.

Describing high-powered beer as that which contained an alcoholic content of from 3 to 5 per cent, Mr. Andrews said the treasury faced a real problem in checking the "increasing and tremendous flood" of this beverage.

In the manufacture of near-beer breweries first make regular beer and then de-alcoholize it, he explained, but under the present law prohibition officials do not have the power to inspect these plants.

Mr. Andrews suggested, as further means of aiding enforcement, a reduction of the tax of \$2.20 a proof gallon on pure alcohol, and the imposition of a levy of 1 cent a gallon on denatured alcohol.

"Where is all this beer coming from," asked Representative Oldfield, democrat, Arkansas.

"Chicago, Pennsylvania and New York state," the witness replied. "I have not heard so much complaint from St. Louis and other western cities."

Mr. Andrews said also he favored the government dealing directly in the sale of sacramental wines and medicinal whiskeys to consumers.

"It would cut out legalized traffic in liquor for a profit," he argued.

"It would give the government some profit also," remarked Representative Garner, democrat, Texas. He said medicinal liquor sold for \$2.50 a pint in Washington and \$4 a pint in Texas.

There are 20,000,000 gallons of whiskey in warehouses today, the committee was told, or 10,000,000 less than a few years ago.

Part of the loss was attributed by Mr. Andrews to "shrinkage and evaporation."

"Is this shrinkage and evaporation largely pilfering?" Representative Hawley, republican, of Oregon, asked.

"Pilfering is a minor factor in the shrinkage," Mr. Andrews replied.

The committee also heard today's program for general tax revision, submitted on behalf of the American Farm Bureau federation, and received a brief from the New York stock exchange urging repeal of taxes affecting its members.

Italian Debt Discussed.

Washington, D. C.—The Italian and American debt funding commissions met Monday for a renewal of the effort to find a satisfactory formula for funding Italy's war debt to the United States but the first session did not carry discussion beyond exchanges of felicitations and the beginning of consideration of Italy's economic and financial situation.

Members of the two commissions, grouped around a great mahogany table at the treasury, talked an hour and a half about the situation in which Italy finds herself, with a debt of \$2,128,500,573 to the American government and a stabilized government fiscal policy and a balanced budget only in the starting stage.

Coolidge Sr. to Visit.

Plymouth, Vt.—Colonel John Coolidge, father of the president, probably will go to Washington for a winter's visit at the White House, but has not yet definitely decided, he said Monday. He described his health as "about as usual." During a ride to Ludlow with Colonel Coolidge Attorney-General Sargent urged him to go to Washington soon, but the president's father said that was impossible just now.

Eight Killed, 21 Hurt.

Waycross, Ga.—The collision of the Atlantic Coast line's fast New York-to-Florida passenger train, the Everglades, and a loaded school bus at Nahutta, Ga., Monday resulted in the deaths of eight children and injuries to 21 others.

Elroy Strickland, who was driving the bus, told railroad officials here that there was a misty rain at the time and that he had all the side curtains up.

Vancouver, Wash.—As the Capitol Hill street car was passing Twentieth and Harney streets Monday morning, George Rice, motorman, saw several crows from a large flock flying overhead start spiraling toward the earth and fall dead in front of his car. The birds showed no evidence of having been injured before striking the ground.

Bethlehem, Pa. — Charley Pryor, Leigh university quarterback, who suffered a fracture of the sixth and seventh vertebrae in the game against West Virginia Wesleyan on Leigh's home field on October 18, died Sunday of his injuries. His home was in Ridgewood, N. J.

Gloversville, N. Y.—Clark N. Earl, 18, a member of the Cherryvalley high school football team, died of peritonitis caused by injuries suffered a week ago while playing against Johnstown high school.

TAXES ON AUTOS LIKELY TO STAY

House Committee Views Taking Final Shape.

INCOMES FACE CUTS

Normal Rate to Range From One to Five Per Cent, According to Present Sentiment.

Washington, D. C.—Sentiment as developed among members of the house ways and means committee during hearings of the past two weeks makes probable the approval of its republican majority to the following as features of the new tax bill:

A reduction in the maximum surtax rate from 40 to 20 per cent.

A reduction in normal rates on individual income from 2, 4 and 6 per cent to rates ranging from 1 to 5 per cent.

Reduction of the maximum estate tax rate from 40 to 20 per cent, with a provision by which a greater credit is given for amounts paid under state inheritance laws.

A measure of relief to corporations through the repeal of the capital stock tax, but without any compensating increase in the flat tax of 12 1/2 per cent on corporation earnings as proposed by some groups.

Repeal of the tax on automobile trucks and on tires and automobile accessories, but with the tax on automobiles retained.

Repeal of a number of other miscellaneous taxes which are regarded as of the nuisance variety and which do not yield enough revenue to justify their collection.

Repeal of the gift tax.

Repeal of the publicity provision of the present law.

Provisions for strengthening the board of tax by providing larger salaries and long terms for a permanent membership of about 16.

The ways and means committee will conclude its hearings on Tuesday and on Wednesday will commence the consideration of the bill in executive session. Its purpose is to have the completed bill ready to report to the house when congress convenes in December.

Democratic members of the committee are to be allowed to sit with the republican members in the executive sessions, the administration forces having sufficient majority this time so as to make it unnecessary to eject the democrats while perfecting the bill as they did during the framing of the 1924 act. Republican leaders talk of the possibility of framing a non-partisan measure which can be reported unanimously from the ways and means committee, but the democrats scout such a possibility and plan to file a minority report.

The program as it is tentatively taking shape in the minds of republican members of the committee contemplates an aggregate tax reduction of from \$300,000,000 to \$350,000,000.

The proposed reductions in surtax and normal tax rates will mean a loss of about \$140,000,000 the first year, but only \$100,000,000 thereafter.

Alaska Hero Saves Life.

Nome, Alaska. — Tom Peterson of Teller, braving 200 miles of the tempestuous icy waters of Bering sea, about 100 miles north of here, saved the life of a Teller woman, it was reported here Sunday.

Peterson came here in a small launch to get a doctor for the woman, but as the only doctor in Nome was unable to leave critical cases here, Peterson hurried back alone, with instruction and medicine in time to save her life.

Recent Widow Robbed.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Death stole the husband of Mrs. Mayme Byers in Tucson, Ariz., Friday, but a meaner thief took advantage of the widow's distraction on her arrival here with his body and her two children and extracted from her handbag \$200, all the money she had. A representative of the Travelers' Aid society found the stranded woman and children and funds were advanced to see them safely to their home.

Duke Will Aids News.

Oklahoma City.—James Price, who sold newspapers on the campus of Duke university at Durham, N. C., last year when James B. Duke, the late tobacco king, went there to participate in a dedicatory service, has been informed by attorneys for the Duke estate that he is one of 16 relatives who will participate in a \$2,000,000 bequest from the Duke estate. Price, who is 59 years old, lives here and supports himself by doing small jobs.

Storms Batter Ship.

London. — The Holland-America freight steamer Andijk, in distress in mid-Atlantic, was reported Saturday to be steaming toward Ponta Delgada, in the Azores islands, escorted by the American steamer Merchant. The Andijk is described as having been much battered in the stormy weather. This information was received tonight in a wireless dispatch to Lloyd's from the Dutch steamer Rotterdam.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—The state land board turned over to the state treasurer in October a total of \$127,373.88, according to a report prepared here Saturday by Geo. G. Brown, clerk of the state land department.

Salem.—There were three fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending October 29, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission here Saturday.

Baker.—Six months of prospecting will be done by the Daddy Lode Copper company, it was announced by W. E. Johnson of Yakima, vice-president of the company, after a two-day inspection of the property.

Salem.—Portland has raised half of its quota for stock in the proposed new \$640,000 linen mill here, according to announcement made Saturday. Subscriptions pledged in Portland now total \$27,500 with \$10,000 more to be signed up next Monday.

Salem.—The Vaughan & Bester Mill & Timber company, with capital stock of \$150,000, and headquarters in North Bend, has been incorporated by William Vaughan, J. A. Bester and Minnie Bester. Articles were filed in the state corporation department Saturday.

Salem.—Nagel Sorhus, arrested here two weeks ago when he attempted to conceal a revolver on the state prison premises, presumably for Frank Fallon, a convict, Saturday was held for investigation by the Marion county grand jury. Bail was fixed at \$3000.

Hood River.—The first killing frost of the season struck lower levels of the mid-Columbia Saturday night, leaving flower gardens and late vegetable tracts withered after the brilliant sunshine struck them. The minimum temperature last night reached 20 degrees, the lowest of the season.

Portland.—Exportation of flour that represented a value of \$1,005,501 credited October with being one of the biggest months in the foreign movement of that product from the Portland district in some time. General cargo valuations were \$1,360,634, a better showing either for September or for October a year ago.

Salem.—School teachers of the state have been asked by the state department of education to obtain the cooperation of the American Legion, Oregon state teachers association and other organizations in observing American education week, November 16 to 22. Programs for education week were sent to all county school superintendents in the state Saturday.

St. Helens.—The summary of the assessment roll of taxable property in Columbia county, exclusive of public utilities, shows a valuation of \$18,014,135 as compared with \$18,225,306 last year. The principal item of decrease is found on the assessment of "acres of all kinds of land" on which the board of equalization placed a value of \$12,987,045, as compared with \$13,485,090 last year.

Baker.—An agreement has just been reached whereby Sidney Love of New York will join the owners of the Gem State Copper company in prospecting work during the coming year on 11 mining claims near Mineral, Idaho, across the Snake river from a point about 16 miles below Huntington. The property contains large bodies of low grade ore, which may include large bodies of high-grade ore.

Eugene.—Permits for 44 new homes were issued in Eugene during the month of October, according to the report of W. H. Alexander, city building inspector. This is in comparison with 50 the month previous. The total number of permits issued in October was 79 and the total estimated cost of buildings is \$189,760, as compared with a total of \$256,500 for September. In October, 1924, the total was \$102,650.

Medford.—With the bear hunting season opened in Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties to continue through November, it appears that the sportsmen of southern Oregon and the state game officials as well as are up in the air as to rules governing bear hunting. It seems there are no rules governing the manner in which bears can be killed or how many may be killed during the open season. The law simply provides for a closed season.

La Grande.—Total value of taxable property in Union county has fallen off about \$26,950 since last year, according to a summary of the assessment roll as turned over to officials by D. H. Proctor, county assessor. Timber lands have decreased from 211,707 acres with an estimated value of \$1,448,350 to 184,076 acres valued at the same figure. The summary shows there are 166,927 acres of tillable land valued at \$7,996,855, recorded in 1925, against 165,888 acres appraised at \$8,053,185 in 1924.

Vale.—The appraisal board of the Vale, Or., irrigation district, which consists of J. D. Fairman of Harper, Ross Madden of Caldwell and B. E. Hayden, member of the field force of the reclamation bureau, left for Harper Friday to begin appraisal work on the Harper unit under the Vale project. The board determines the classification and value of the land to be acquired by the federal government from private owners for construction of the new project. Every 40-acre tract of an area including 30,000 acres of land will be inspected and later classified.

ROAD BUILDING

WIDER BRIDGES IS PLAN IN MICHIGAN

Nineteen years ago Wayne county, Mich., developed a plan for improving the system of county highways. This original plan is now complete, and additional paved highways have been constructed. But although the system was apparently completed by the beginning of 1924, that year marked the beginning of the largest highway improvement program ever undertaken by the county, and future years will bring developments that were undreamed of when the original plan was launched.

The reason for this continued activity was that with the continued increase in traffic there came a need for wider paved surfaces, and that need brought with it the adoption of new designs in bridges and the necessity of widening bridges on existing highways. And proceeding by previous experience on their own and other improved roads, Wayne county is building new bridges not only for the present but for the future.

They did not stop at widening their bridges to take care of present traffic needs, but they went further and designed the bridges so that they could be widened at some future time. For this reason bridges of the deck girder type are preferred. Of these types the concrete T-beam bridge with a concrete slab deck is the most often used. This type is easiest to expand to care for an increased volume of traffic. It is only necessary to lengthen the abutments, add extra T-beams to support the deck, and place the additional width on the floor slabs. The use of cast stone concrete hand rails also facilitates the work of widening the bridge when the need arises. Such railings, while they are massive enough to suggest strength and security, can readily be taken up and moved outward to the new edge of the roadway.

New standards adopted by the county place the minimum width of roadway for all bridges at 28 feet and it is a general rule that provisions be made for sidewalks on all new structures. On the main highways bridges are designed with a 40-foot clear span between curbs in addition to the space required for walks. All bridges built with a roadway of less than 40 feet are so designed that they will permit of expansion for increased traffic.

All bridges are designed for trucks with a gross weight of 24 tons. Experience has shown that after the concrete mixing plant is on the job, the additional cost of building the heavier bridge is very slight.

Concrete is the material used in the construction of Wayne county's bridges as it is in the county's extensive road building and road widening program. Bridge construction is an integral part of the work of providing adequate transportation. It must continue if the traveling public is to have full use of the roads. It is one of the activities necessary in developing the modern comprehensive system which will eventually extend to all sections of the county.

Automobile Development Changes Road Building

The rapid development of automobile traffic is making radical changes in road building and creating an extraordinary demand for new highways, says Dr. Arthur Selwyn Broad in the New York Herald-Tribune. No other factor since the early days of military engineering, when roads were required for military purposes primarily, has led to so much road building. Throughout the world there has been, or is being, constructed an enormous mileage of automobile roads and in the United States and Canada, where 25 years ago few good state and provincial highways existed, there have been built highways that will bear comparison with the finest in the world.

Work on 171 Roads

During a recent week 171 contracts for construction and reconstruction of state highways were under way and 83 pavements were being laid, according to a statement issued by Commissioner A. W. Brandt of the bureau of highways in the Wisconsin department of public works. The report adds that 8,182 men are employed by contractors on this work.

To Equal 1924 Mark

Road building this year "should be at least as great as in 1924," the bureau of public roads said in announcing that 23,000 miles of highways were built to grade or surfaced on the state system last year.

Business Boom in Mexico

The sale of automobiles, tires, gasoline and oil in Mexico is expected to show a great increase with the completion of a program of road building now under way, which calls for an expenditure of \$1,000,000 in Mexican currency each month. It is planned to build a network of paved roads that will cover the country. Construction will begin simultaneously from various points. Revenues from gasoline and tobacco taxes are being set aside for this purpose.

Cost of Bad Roads

A business concern that maintains a fleet of several hundred roadsters throughout the country found that it cost 6.4 cents a mile to operate a car in California, where roads are always good for automobile traffic, while in states where roads are poor the cost was 8.7 cents per mile, despite the fact that the original cost of cars in California is slightly higher. This forms a real test of the value of good roads.

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