

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.

Four Kalamazoo, Mich., high school students are dead as a result of an automobile being struck by a Michigan Central train late Sunday.

Four men were killed when the roof of the Tivoli cafe in Jaurez, Mexico, across the Rio Grande from El Paso, crashed Saturday afternoon.

Cursio Suckert, editor of the fascist paper Conquista, in Rome, and Pietro Nenni, director of the Avanta, fought a duel Saturday. Nenni was twice wounded in the 10th assault, but the duellists parted unrecconciled.

One of the most attractive homes in the south, situated in Laurel, Miss., has been offered by the local chamber of commerce to President Coolidge for a "winter White House." In the event he makes his proposed trip south this winter.

Three convicts escaped from the Washington state penitentiary at 12:50 Sunday morning by scaling the walls, after binding and gagging the hospital steward and four trustees.

When President Calles in Mexico City, addressed the opening of the new session of congress September 1, it was the first time a speech by a Mexican president was broadcast. Station CZE of the ministry of education carried it on a 350-metre wave length.

Farmers of the northwest are enjoying more prosperity. President Coolidge was advised Saturday by Representative Smith, republican, Idaho, who said they felt their condition had been greatly improved by the tariff law.

The Turk's headgear of yesterday is being made into foot-warmers. The Red Crescent, which corresponds to the American Red Cross, is collecting thousands of discarded fezzes. They are having them made into bed slippers for the poor and sick.

An advance Christmas present for mail carriers and most other postal employees came from Postmaster-General New Sunday in the form of an announcement that no deliveries of ordinary mail would be made on Christmas day.

The house ways and means committee, plunging ahead with consideration of the vital provisions of the new revenue bill it is preparing has decided among other things to recommend repeal of the provision of the present act allowing publication of income tax returns.

At Bellevue zoological gardens in Manchester, England, Sunday a woman keeper, Mrs. Ambert, entered a section of the tiger's den to clean it, but forgot to close the trap door shutting off the section containing the tiger. The beast pounced upon her and killed her with one blow of its paw.

District Judge Bonner, of Des Moines, who has declined to marry approximately 160 couples since January 1, announced last night that he will no longer perform marriage ceremonies in the courtroom. In explaining his stand, he declared marriages should be contracted under religious influence.

Dispatches to the foreign office in Tokio by Japanese consuls in a number of Chinese cities declare that there is prospect that a major engagement between the armies of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin and General Feng Yuh-shang may begin soon in the vicinity of Pekin. Considerable fighting has already taken place at Shantung.

Wounds of the world war remain and while the great armies which grounded their guns seven years ago have been demobilized there is a constant need to mobilize the spirit of peace. President Coolidge declared Saturday in an appeal for support of the annual membership enrollment of the American Red Cross, beginning Armistice day.

That a differential in freight rates exist in favor of the shippers in the territory comprising Wisconsin, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and the district generally known as the western trunk-line territory, amounting to 14 per cent lower than for the rest of the western United States, was the declaration of Archibald B. Roosevelt in a statement made public in Spokane, Wash., Sunday.

Ability of deputy collectors of internal revenue working out of the Portland office to look behind income and miscellaneous tax returns swelled Uncle Sam's receipts from those sources by \$1,630,298 during the fiscal year which ended June 30, last. This figure is included in a report prepared for the house ways and means committee, now considering the new revenue bill, by Alexander W. Gregg, solicitor for the internal revenue bureau.

VOTES TO CUT AUTO TAXES

Repeal of Various Other Levies Proposed by Committee.

Washington, D. C.—Substantial reductions in automobile taxes and repeal of many of the miscellaneous excise levies were tentatively agreed upon Monday by the house ways and means committee in its preparation of a tax reduction bill.

With only \$100,000,000 of the prospective \$300,000,000 treasury surplus left to apportion in reduction among these taxes, the committee struck a snag in attempting to comply with the numerous appeals for relief.

None of the tentative changes in rates agreed upon was announced by Chairman Green pending final disposition of all the rates in the group, but a reduction in the levy of automobile passenger cars from 5 to 3 per cent and repeal of the taxes on automobile trucks and accessories were understood to have been approved.

Tentative repeal of the following taxes also was reported.

Cameras and lenses, photographic films and plates, jewelry, firearms (except pistols) and shells, art works, yachts and motor boats and some occupational taxes such as those applying on cotton and grain exchange brokers.

Reductions in the levies on alcohol and cigars also were favored in the temporary program. The former would be cut in half, from \$2.20 a proof gallon to \$1.10. The taxes on admissions and dues were not taken up.

Changes thus approved would account for more than the \$100,000,000 available for tax reductions in the excise group, if the \$200,000,000 limit set by the treasury and tentatively accepted by the committee, is to be rigidly observed.

On this point, however, considerable difference of opinion has developed and Chairman Green declared that he did not think the government would face a deficit next year if the total reduction should amount to \$350,000,000. Other committee members expressed the opinion that a reduction close to this figure would be decided upon.

Pussyfoot Scares Plot.

Chicago.—William E. ("Pussyfoot") Johnson, international temperance lecturer, says a European plot against the American prohibition law is forming to be launched at a gathering of wet advocates at Washington, D. C., next January 16. Johnson's information was given out by Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism, one of the principal speakers at the Anti-Saloon league convention here.

Deaths Laid to Neglect.

Chicago.—Thousands of fatal automobile accidents result from neglect of automobiles, George Frank Lord of New York told the Society of Automotive Engineers and the National Automobile chamber of commerce at a service-engineering meeting here Monday.

"One of the most extravagant habits of American people is the carelessness with which they treat their automobiles."

Girls Deny Big Robbery.

Los Angeles.—Two girls were arraigned in court here late Monday charged with complicity in the recent \$500,000 mail robbery here, and pleaded not guilty. Their trials were set for February 2.

The pair were Genevieve Guerin, alias Genevieve Dirschner and Dorothy Lee Teichona. Both were arrested in Chicago and brought here. Six male members of the gang are in custody.

Police Bar Charleston.

Oakland, Cal. — Chief of Police James T. Drew has issued an order barring the Charleston dance from public dancehalls in Oakland.

The order was issued on recommendation of Mrs. Anna Ryan, city dancehall supervisor, who claims that the Charleston, as danced in Oakland dancehalls, is indecent. Mrs. Ryan said, however, that the Charleston, if properly executed, is not indecent.

Chang Troops in Flight.

Tsingtao, China.—The troops of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin are in general retreat in consequence of the arrival at Hsuehchow of the forces of Yeh Wei-Chun, the governor of Honan province, who is an ally of General Wu Pei-Fu, head of the movement in the Yangtze region against Chang Tso-Lin.

The Honan troops are reported to be advancing rapidly and to be near Tsinan, where it is said there is panic.

Malady Ravages Ducks.

Astoria, Or.—Deputy Game Warden Smith of Seaside has warned duck hunters against eating any ducks which they are not certain were brought down by their guns, following the finding Saturday and Sunday of about 100 dead ducks along the Clatsop plains region. One flock of about 24 sprigs were found on a small area in the sand near Sunset beach. They were not marked and appeared to be in good condition.

Shots Miss Army Ship.

Portland, Me.—Coast guard boat CG-151 opened fire Monday on a suspected rum runner, which proved to be an army steamer loaded with two tons of explosive powder. Two one-pound shells passed close to the army craft before its signals were recognized.

NEW STOCK RATES WON BY NORTHWEST

Oregon and Idaho Shippers Will Benefit.

REDUCTIONS ARE BIG

Proposed Increase by Short Line Also Denied by Interstate Commerce Commission.

Washington, D. C.—Stock shippers of Oregon and Idaho Saturday won relief from the interstate commerce commission in response to their complaint against existing interstate rates to the North Portland, Tacoma and Seattle markets, and proposed increased rates on cattle and sheep from Oregon Short line points in eastern Idaho and southwestern Montana.

The commission found the existing freight rates unreasonable and prescribed a proper basis of rate making for the future. The proposed increases were held not justified and the schedules outlining them were ordered canceled. Reparations on past shipments, however, were denied.

The Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon, Northwestern Livestock Shippers' Traffic league and Portland Livestock exchange were linked together in the original complaint, with Arthur M. Geary of Portland representing them as counsel.

Their contentions were also supported by the Cattle and Horse Growers' Association of Idaho, Idaho Wool Growers' association as intervenors.

The rate reductions which will be effected under the new scale prescribed by the commission on a distance basis is expected to cut present rates \$5 and \$9 a car for hauls up to 350 miles, \$10 to \$15 a car up to 450 miles, and smaller amounts on the longer hauls, which appear to be the least benefited. The new rates range from \$53 a car on a haul of 90 to 100 miles by the shortest workable route to \$156.50 a car on a haul of 975 to 1000 miles.

Other prescribed rates are based on those for cattle as follows: On sheep and goats, in single-deck cars, 80 per cent of the car rate on cattle; on hogs in single-deck cars, 90 per cent; on hogs or calves in double-deck cars or mixed double-deck carloads of sheep, hogs or calves 125 per cent of the rates on cattle for like distances.

The commission also specified maximum differentials on shipments to Tacoma and Seattle over those to North Portland as follows: On cattle in carloads and on sheep or goats in double-deck cars, \$20 a car from points west of Umatilla; \$15 a car from points east of Umatilla as far as and including Pendleton; \$15 a car from points east of Pendleton to and including Huntington; \$12 a car from points east of Huntington to and including Nampa, Idaho; \$10 a car from points east of Nampa to and including Shoshone, Idaho; \$5 a car from points east of Shoshone.

Cabinet Members Out.

Ottawa.—The members of the liberal cabinet of W. L. MacKenzie King, who were defeated in last week's parliamentary elections, with the exception of George P. Graham, minister of railways and canals, handed their resignations to the premier Saturday and they were accepted.

Premier King announced that parliament would meet December 10, provided legal requirements could be met. As to his own intentions, he promised an announcement tomorrow.

Coolidge Favors Court.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge is hopeful that congress will act favorably at its coming session on a resolution providing for American adherence to the world court.

His views on the court as set forth in his two messages to congress and in his Memorial day address this year are unchanged and he is not entertaining any proposal which might alter or compromise his stand for ratification of the protocol with reservations.

Old Fortress To Fall.

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Mistletoe Called Pest.

Washington, D. C.—If the department of agriculture has its way, kissing opportunities under the Christmas mistletoe will be abolished. The department doesn't object to the kissing, but to the mistletoe, which is regarded as a dangerous forest pest.

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A drive has been started against mistletoe in the national forests and within ten years the department hopes to exterminate the plant.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Marshfield.—A 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kittson of East Side obtained matches Friday morning and set his clothes on fire. He was so badly burned he died a few hours later at the Smedbery sanitarium.

Klamath Falls.—Ralph Morrow, 4, was in a local hospital Saturday suffering from a bullet wound sustained earlier in the day when a 22-caliber cartridge exploded when he struck it with a hammer. The bullet struck the boy in the right cheek.

Salem.—Salem's new Elk's temple, erected recently at a cost of approximately \$175,000, was dedicated here Saturday night. More than 500 members of the Elks' lodge from points outside of Salem attended the ceremonies.

Silverton.—The Silverton armory was dedicated on Armistice day. The combined efforts of Delbert Reeves post of the American Legion, company I, of the Oregon National Guard and a number of Silverton citizens were required to secure the armory.

Salem.—Material increases in the assessments of the Portland Electric Power company, the California-Oregon Power company and a number of other large corporations operating in the state of Oregon was urged by Governor Pierce in a statement issued here Saturday.

Mount Angel.—An attempted robbery of the Mount Angel creamery was frustrated Friday night when a burglar alarm attached to the cold storage room door sounded and frightened two men away. They were seen fleeing from the creamery in an automobile and a truck.

Cascade Locks.—Mrs. Vera Woodard, assistant postmistress in the local office, was attacked Saturday night by a rat as she stepped into a dark room and turned on the light. She was bitten on the leg. Her screams brought her pet Alredale to her rescue. The dog killed the rat.

Bend.—Although September was a banner month in building operations, October went it one better, a survey of the past month's record has disclosed. In October 55 building permits were issued, nearly two for each day, for a total value of \$55,417. The September record was 47 permits, totaling \$53,005.

Salem.—A bear is not a game animal and may be killed in counties other than Jackson, Josephine and Klamath at any time of the year. In Jackson, Josephine and Klamath counties the season for killing bears is closed during November. The opinion was requested by E. F. Averill, state game warden.

Gold Beach.—What was declared by County Game and Fish Warden Adams to be the first conviction for illegal fishing in Gold Beach occurred when a jury in Justice Starr's court Friday night brought in a verdict of guilty against Robert Miller, a well-known resident. The verdict asked extreme leniency.

Cascade Locks.—Chauncey Price, a merchant of Carson, Wash., and several associates have closed a deal with the Wind River Lumber company for operation of a new sawmill at camp 8 on Wind river. Several million feet of logs have been purchased from the Wind river company in the area swept by fire last summer.

Pendleton.—During the season of 1925, Pendleton's municipally owned camp grounds accommodated approximately 24,350 visitors, according to an estimate by Thomas Fitzgerald, city recorder. He based his estimate on the cash receipts received as payment of the fees charged by the city for use of the park's privileges.

Mt. Hood.—Wednesday 1,200,000 chinook salmon eggs were shipped from the Breitenbush racks to the Santiam hatchery at Mehama. Approximately 5,000,000 eggs remain at Breitenbush. From the South Santiam racks 1,750,000 eggs have been sent to the Bonneville hatchery and 600,000 will be shipped in a few days to the Deschutes hatchery.

Monmouth.—The J. M. Meyers farm three miles south of Monmouth, consisting of 184 acres of farm land, has been sold to Theodore Meyers, a Florida capitalist, consideration being \$24,000. Mr. Meyers, who has a large stock farm in Iowa, plans to establish an other here. With the outlook for farming brighter several large sales are expected in this vicinity.

Baker.—A shipment of machinery for the Lucky Strike mine, located on Ruby creek about one mile south of the old Red Boy mine in Franthe district, has arrived. The machinery consists of an air compressor and two small Diesel engines to be used in prospecting, with a 15-ton capacity mill that is in process of construction and which will be ready for operation shortly.

Quincy.—The high price of red clover seed, which has been fixed at 28 cents, fails to cheer the growers, owing to the fact that there is little seed in the country in spite of the very large acreage given up to it. In some cases in this vicinity the yield was about half, and in others insufficient seed appeared in the husks to pay for hulling it. Hundreds of acres of clover was burned in the field here after it was cut, placed in windrows and thrashing begun, when it was discovered that weed seed was the chief product.

GOOD ROADS

WAY OF FINANCING FEDERAL AID ROADS

Some very interesting facts about the true source of the governmental income used to build federal aid roads have recently been brought to light by the investigation of the American Association of State Highway Officials into road-building finances.

One of the most interesting facts shows that though some states pay heavily into the federal treasury, the real source of revenue paid by them comes from other states.

To illustrate this point, the association cites the cases of Michigan and North Carolina. Seventy-three per cent of the automobile excise taxes paid by this country are paid by the state of Michigan. "But this money," the association finds, "comes from the entire country. The taxpayers of Michigan do not really pay the 7.9 per cent of the total revenue which the state sends to the federal treasury, for almost half of Michigan's total federal tax is the excise tax paid on motor vehicles and this tax is paid by the buyers of motor vehicles who live in every state in the Union. These states pay the money to Michigan and Michigan forwards it to the United States treasury."

The same situation exists in North Carolina. Here large revenue payments are made by the tobacco company. In this state 80 per cent of the federal revenue comes from tobacco in its manufactured form. This revenue which tobacco manufacturers send to the federal government is not obtained from the citizens of North Carolina, but from tobacco users wherever they may be. So while North Carolina is theoretically credited with large contributions to federal income, persons living outside the state in reality pay much of the money credited to North Carolina.

"This situation," says the association, "is typical of many states which are heavy contributors to the federal treasury. Basic wealth, that is wealth based on the annual value of the products of the mine, the forest, and the farm, really is paying the bill, regardless of where the final checks come from."

Some states, the association finds, are forwarding taxes on property not located within that state. New York, for example, sent 22.8 per cent of the national corporation tax paid by manufacturing while Pennsylvania sent in but 11 per cent. The manufacturing plants and equipment were valued in New York at \$2,138,897,000 while the value for Pennsylvania was \$2,133,873,000. Since New York paid more than twice as much as Pennsylvania on less valuation, the association concludes that there are manufacturing corporations whose charters or office locations cause them to pay income tax in New York on property located elsewhere.

The conclusion drawn from these facts is that the degree of financial responsibility for each state is equitably traced through a comparison of percentages of population, basic wealth and total wealth, rather than through internal revenue payments.

Washington Will Spend \$17,000,000 for Roads

More than \$17,000,000 is to be spent on Washington state's pay-as-you-go road-building program during the coming biennium.

Of this sum, it is estimated \$14,500,000 will be available from licenses for motor vehicles, and a tax of 2 cents a gallon on gasoline; \$2,250,000 from federal aid, and nearly \$500,000 from forest funds.

Four bridges on the Pacific highway between Everett and Marysville, in the northwestern section of the state, will absorb \$1,000,000.

During the last 20 years Washington state has appropriated \$50,000,000 for highways and received \$10,000,000 from the federal aid fund, and has 2,465 miles of improved highways to show for its money.

Good Roads Facts

The cost of bad roads far exceeds the cost of good roads.

The Yellowstone trail from Portland, Maine, to Portland, Ore.; the Lincoln highway from New York city to San Francisco; the National Old Trails road from Washington to Los Angeles, Cal., and the Old Spanish trail from Jacksonville, Fla., to San Diego, Cal., are the four coast-to-coast routes most favored by automobile tourists.

The fellow who is so important that he can drive with only one headlight is all right if those who meet him can guess correctly on which side the light is located.

Anybody who has motored along a narrow paved road on a holiday, with only a few inches separating the two lines of cars speeding in opposite directions with their loads of merry passengers, must wonder when these crowded thoroughfares will be widened or will be made one-way roads for the saving of life.

There is a definite plan to install uniform road markers all over the United States, but it isn't likely that anything can ever be done to unify the guesses of the natives as to how far it is to the next town.

In most roads that require rebuilding or resurfacing, the edges and the center are virtually unused. The situation is such that the motoring public through the method of building roads and the habits of drivers, is paying for millions of dollars' worth of highway that is never really used.

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