

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.

Las Rosas mine near Mexico City caved in Saturday morning while a full gang of men was working, burying all in the mine.

Latest returns from the elections held in Australia last Saturday strengthen the position of the government of Premier Bruce.

The \$300,000,000 tax reduction bill being written by the house ways and means committee will be kept on its record-breaking course for speed under a program charted Saturday by Chairman Green.

Grace Elliott, 17, cashier at a theater, died after drinking poison in Seattle Friday night. Following a scolding over low grades, Harriet Hall, 12, high school girl, took poison. She was resuscitated.

Complete separation of the fleet corporation from the shipping board is recommended by H. G. Dalton of Cleveland, O., in his report to President Coolidge on the situation involving the two agencies.

St. Louis authorities Saturday night were searching for two youths who robbed four offices in the Victoria building and escaped with loot valued by police at \$150,000. Both men were unmasked and heavily armed.

The production of "Hamlet" in modern clothes, wherein the hero wears a tuxedo and Ophelia an ultra-modern dance gown, has failed to catch the public fancy and was withdrawn from a New York theater.

Seeking an opening to escape from the circle of French troops, the main force of Druses under Zeid Attrash, Sultan Attrash's brother, attacked Rasbiya Saturday night. They were repulsed both times with heavy losses.

Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, failed Sunday to show the continued improvement which had been noted since his recovery from the severe attacks of last Wednesday. His condition, however, was not described as radically changed.

Mrs. Katherine Thompson Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Thompson of Wilmington, Friday was granted a divorce decree nisi from her husband, Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor-General Wood of the Philippines. The later was not in court and did not make a contest.

Building construction for the first 10 months of 1925 has exceeded the total of 1924, and broken records in most sections of the country, but there is still a scarcity of suitable housing for persons of average means, says a dispatch from Chicago.

Chancellor Luther of Germany told the party leaders Friday that the government would resign after the Locarno pact signing ceremony in London December 1, and that a new cabinet would be formed in sympathy with the Locarno policies and obligations.

Growing discontent with Premier Painleve's financial proposals for France, even among the government's supporters, finally brought about his fall Saturday, less than a month after he had reconstituted his ministry to meet the wishes of the radical groups in the chamber of deputies.

The Haitian steamer Ville des Cayes, reported sunk in the Caribbean sea, was found 17 miles east of Pilon bay by the American steamer Brazos Friday and taken to Pilon. The passengers and crew were suffering from lack of water and food, but no casualties were reported. The engines of the steamer were disabled.

Held jointly with Mrs. Pearl Baynes, his wife's cousin, pending investigation into a fire in which his two children and Mrs. Baynes' young son were burned to death, Levi Lucas of Hinton, W. Va., Sunday blamed "neighborhood gossip" for their arrest. The couple was arrested following the burning Saturday of the Lucas home.

Protests by Utah and Arizona shippers against proposed freight rate increases were heard Friday by the interstate commerce commission at its adjourned hearing in San Francisco.

The hearings are in pursuance with the congressional order for an investigation of industrial conditions in the west, the result of which is expected to guide the commission in whatever action it may take on the application of 74 western carriers for a 5 per cent rate increase on a varied assortment of commodities moving east and on certain westbound commodities.

Another Traffic Rule. When turning a corner at high speed see that you are traveling on the wrong side of the road. The repair men have to live.—Miami Tribune.

RESEARCH MONEY NEEDED

Smithsonian Institution Appeals to People for \$10,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—For the first time since its foundation nearly 80 years ago, the Smithsonian institution, whose valuable contributions to science heretofore have been financed from its endowment and by special gifts, will carry an appeal direct to the American people for \$10,000,000 to enable it to undertake many new major projects and to continue its publications.

Announcement of the institution's plans was made Monday night by its board of regents, which said the money would be added to an endowment that has not only doubled since 1846, when the Smithsonian institution was organized under a trust fund of \$550,000 willed to the United States in 1826 by James Smithson, an English scientist, "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men."

The board asserted that the institution's annual income of \$65,000 had been inadequate for years, and that since the war particularly the rise in costs had materially cut down its activities, causing suspension of some publications such as the "Contributions to Knowledge" series, curtailment of others to a third of what they were, and restriction of such essential researches as that of Dr. Charles G. Abbot into solar radiation and the influence of the sun on the weather.

Sixteen major research projects were said by the board to have been held up because of a lack of funds. Some of these, the announcement declared, "would lead to an increased food supply from the sea, others will furnish data whereby the hardwoods, the fruits, the food, drug, oil and cordage plants of the Philippines will become increasingly available, while a third group will provide formulae to assist the engineer in solving the increasingly complex problems which face him."

\$336,236,000 CUT IN FINAL TAX BILL

Washington, D. C.—A revenue bill slashing the annual federal tax burden by an amount placed by the treasury at \$336,236,000 was completed Monday by the house ways and means committee.

Drafted on a non-partisan basis, the measure was unanimously approved by the committee, which directed Chairman Green to report to the house on the opening day of congress December 7.

The committee felt justified in exceeding the \$300,000,000 reduction limit, which it had set because of the estimates that the treasury surplus for the current fiscal year probably would reach \$300,000,000 instead of \$290,000,000, the original figure.

Effects on the reduced tax rates carried by the bill will be felt immediately upon its enactment. Virtually every taxpayer will be benefited by the measure. Income taxes alone would be cut by \$193,575,000 under the committee program, and the revised rates will be effective on incomes of this calendar year.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA OF ENGLAND IS DEAD

Sandringham, England.—England's "fairy queen" is dead. Stricken with heart disease Thursday morning, almost on the eve of her 81st birthday, Queen Mother Alexandra died at 5:25 o'clock in the afternoon, with her son, King George V, Queen Mary and sorrowing members of the royal family at her bedside.

Thus died the radiantly beautiful Danish princess who captivated England 62 years ago when she came to be the bride of the then prince of Wales, and who held the empire's love and reverence through three generations as the princess of Wales, as Edward VII's queen, and then as the queen mother.

Star Owes Back Taxes.

Los Angeles.—Charles Ray, portrayal of country boy roles in the pictures, and in real life central figure in a series of financial setbacks culminating recently in the bankruptcy of Charles Ray Productions, Inc., was notified Monday that Uncle Sam still hopes to collect from him a matter of approximately \$233,000 in back income taxes. Income tax liens filed against the film star are for 1921-2.

Bryn Mawr Girls Smoke.

Philadelphia.—Bryn Mawr college Monday abrogated an old rule against students' smoking and set aside one room in each dormitory for the use of those girls who desire to indulge in the practice.

This action was taken at the request of the Self Government association in response to a petition presented to Marion Edwards Parks, president of the college, last week.

Soviet Remains Aloof.

Moscow.—Soviet Russia firmly intends in the future, as in the past, to stand aloof from the league of nations and similar organizations. Acting Foreign Minister Litvinoff declared Monday in a carefully prepared official statement.

The Locarno security treaties will not altar the soviet foreign policy he said. Limit in Belief. Hobbs—"That poor fish Sillicus is the most credulous fellow I ever knew." Slobbs—"Yes, sometimes I actually think he believes in himself."

COMMITTEE FAVORS TAX INVESTIGATION

New Probe Body With Wide Powers Proposed.

SIMPLER LAW IS AIM

Contemplated Group to Include Senators, Representatives and Outside Experts.

Washington, D. C.—Widespread powers of investigation of the administration of the income and other federal internal taxes would be given a select committee under terms of the revenue bill being prepared by the house ways and means committee.

While the select committee, approved on motion of Representative Treadway, republican of Massachusetts, and urged by Professor Adams of Yale university, would be directed to seek simplification of the law, it also would be authorized to investigate and recommend improvements in its administration.

An exhaustive investigation already has been conducted into the administration of the internal revenue bureau by a special senate committee and a report is now being written by Chairman Couzens, republican, of Michigan.

Proposing many changes in the law as a result of the investigation, Senator Couzens has declared he will seek their adoption at the coming session. The committee which the house members would appoint, however, would not be required to report until January 1, 1927.

This committee would be composed of 15 members named by the president and would include five members of the house, five members of the senate and five outside experts. It would serve without pay.

Chairman Green expects the ways and means committee to complete its draft of the tax reduction bill early next week in plenty of time for its presentation to the house when congress convenes December 7.

Coolidge For Dry Law.

Washington, D. C.—All violations of the prohibition law, however small, should be prosecuted, in the opinion of President Coolidge, although he believes that special stress should be placed upon cases where convictions will close up large sources of supplies.

The president feels that prohibition violations are being prosecuted by federal authorities as rapidly and thoroughly as the existing legal machinery permits, and recognizes that prosecutions serving to abolish supply sources do much to reduce minor prohibition cases, which have been clogging court dockets.

Tax Cut Retroactive.

Washington, D. C.—The government will lose between \$20,000,000 and \$25,000,000 through the retroactive cut in inheritance taxes voted by the house ways and means committee, it was estimated by Chairman Green, who opposed the slash.

The committee voted to nullify the increased inheritance tax rates provided in the 1924 revenue act by making the lower rates in the 1921 law effective on all inheritances up to the time of enactment of the bill the committee is preparing, which reduced this schedule to a 20 per cent maximum.

Gang Loots Postoffice.

Superior, Wis.—Robbers early Saturday looted the postoffice here of nearly \$75,000 in stamps and \$125 in cash, after binding members of the family of C. J. McGill, assistant postmaster, and forcing him to yield keys and combination of the vault.

The robbers went to the McGill home, bound several members of the family, waited for others to return, secured them and then forced McGill the combination of the safe and compelled him to turn over keys to the building and inner compartments of the safe.

Leap to Death Broken.

Honolulu.—Violet Hook, 19, nurse at the Leahi Home for Consumptives, leaped off the 1300-foot Nuuanu Pali, a high cliff near Honolulu, Friday afternoon. Her fall was broken by a tree 200 feet below the cliff's top, where she was found. Physicians believe she will survive.

Miss Hook drove to the Pali in a taxicab, handing the driver a note to a friend at the home before she made her leap.

Man, Pinned, Saws Tree.

Moscow, Idaho.—Unusual fortitude was demonstrated here Friday, when George Showalter, 72, suffered a severely crushed leg as the result of being caught by a falling tree.

Mr. Showalter, pinned beneath the tree, managed to reach a saw that was lying nearby and sawed himself clear from the fallen tree. He then crawled some distance, summoned aid and was taken to the home of his brother.

Where Napoleon Rested.

The capital of the island of St. Helena is known as Jamestown, and is strongly fortified.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Oregon City.—"Batch," the 20-year-old cat owned by Mrs. Mary Charles, is dead. His death occurred a few days ago.

Salem.—Corn sweepstakes at the annual Marion-Polk county corn show which opened here Thursday were awarded to Woodburn, according to announcement made by the judges.

Quincy.—Two crates of celery, grown on the celebrated Lake Labish beaver dam lands of this section were expressed Saturday to Washington, D. C., one to President Coolidge and the other to Senator Charles L. McNary, whose tables they will grace on Thanksgiving day.

Salem.—Six persons were killed and 322 injured in 2549 traffic accidents in Oregon during October, according to a report by T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department.

Myrtle Point.—The community chest now contains the neat sum of \$1300, \$200 of which was held over from last year, and the rest of the business houses and the residence section of the town will be solicited by the women of the Women's club.

Tillamook.—The salary of the county dairy and food commissioner, now \$175 a month, was ordered by a county court to be reduced to \$1 a month beginning December 1. The county clerk was ordered to advise the commissioner of the new order.

Klamath Falls.—One of the largest wildcats ever seen in Klamath county was accidentally killed on the Ashland-Klamath highway early Friday morning when it was run down by an autoist from Corvallis who was en route here. The animal was blinded by the autoist's headlights.

Baker.—L. P. King of Portland, owner of the Rainbow mine, is at the mine preparing for its reopening. He is planning a drift west from the deep shaft and at the 200-foot level. The Rainbow was a big producer for several years when the United States Metal company had control.

Newport.—The ocean, which had been lashing the Oregon coast for eight days, smoothed down until it was the appearance of a lake last Saturday. It is very unusual at this time of the year to see the Yaquina bar smooth enough for the smallest vessel to come in or go out.

Baker.—The Missouri Flat grange started Monday on a new grange hall. The structure will be one story high, 32 by 72 feet. An effort will be made to finish it this winter. Wendt brothers have donated a one-acre site for a period of 99 years. Cash donations will be sought among grange members.

Quincy.—Since the beginning of the pumpkin season two large trucks have been hauling the seeds from the cannery at Salem to Albany, where they are cleaned and sent to Russia by the ship, where they are used as food by the Russians, who eat them as Americans eat peanuts in this country.

Eugene.—A daring unmasked Saturday night, picked up the cash register, containing about \$50, and carried it to a waiting automobile. Before patrons and employes could recover the auto, bearing license number 17255, was speeding north on the highway.

Harrisburg.—A contract for 4146 feet of sewer and drain pipe was let by the city council to Morris Marquis of Eugene at \$4500. The engineer's estimate for these three drainage projects was \$5400. Thirteen bids were received, the highest \$5730.40. Work will begin in ten days and must be completed by March 1.

Hood River.—The apple growers' association has announced that a first distribution on the 1925 apple tonnage will be made about December 15. It will be the earliest distribution forwarded to members since early days of co-operative marketing. The total of the distribution on apples and pears will approximate \$500,000.

Klamath Falls.—A recourse of an additional 100,000 acres of Klamath timber land is recommended by the county budget committee. It is shown in a report submitted to the county court Saturday. The cost of operating the county for next year is estimated at \$446,524, as against the budget allowance of \$459,399 for the present year.

Marshfield.—The Myrtle Point bank has filed a mortgage for \$25,000 on white cedar logs belonging to George A. Loud, who was killed in an automobile accident near Marshfield. The mortgage covers all logs cut in the middle fork of the Coquille, the Coquille river and all logs cut by the Loud estate and while the mortgage is in effect.

Eugene.—All important road intersections throughout Lane county will be marked and the distances to the different towns and communities given on guide boards, according to announcement by J. E. Shelton, district director of the Oregon Motor association. The work is expected to be done by the association early next year in co-operation with the Lane county court.

Always Worth While.

Others lift made for the happiness of others efforts us above ourselves.—Mrs. L. M. Child.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

By F. A. WALKER

A CLEAR TRACK

THE white lights are blazing encouragingly along your track, young man and woman, and the world is waiting open-armed to receive you. There is work to do for yourself and your country.

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From everywhere comes the call to honor and prosperity.

The old and worn are falling by the wayside; the young and vigorous must move up and take their places, full of promise and overflowing with riches.

Mount your steed and whip him up. Do not be afraid.

Nothing is impossible if you will accept responsibility intelligently and give the best that is in you.

There are greater fortunes hidden in the future, waiting for development than are visible in the present, and the track is clear along the entire way.

Keep going in all sorts of weather. Keep away from your own ugly moods, angry quips and storms of passion.

Carry with you all the cheer, willingness and sunshine that you can.

Stop frequently at the wayside stations and take on a new supply, for these are the things which will make it possible for you to write your name in later years side by side with the illustrious leaders who are now showing you the way.

When their day is over, if you have proved yourself capable and true, you will take their places and help others as they are now helping you.

Every morning when the sun comes up it shines upon the smiling face of a new captain, who has passed safely through the trying darkness of night and proved his worthiness to command.

Some morning the sun may shine on you! Let that thought give you encouragement, greater incentive to keep going straight ahead on a clear track where the white lights are flashing you a friendly welcome at every milestone.

Pack your heart full of love; pack it full of accomplishment; pack it full of faith, courage and noble ambition, then ride on assured that you will reach the coveted goal.

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OUR Last Name

IS IT BRIGGS?

BRIGGS is a more usual name than Bridge or Bridges, yet they both have the same meaning, and Briggs is the dialect variation of Bridge. Rigg is in the same way a form of Ridge, yet Rigg or Riggs is rather more usual than Ridge or Ridges.

In England the name is renowned as having belonged to Henry Briggs, a contemporary of Shakespeare and of the greatest mathematicians of his day.

There have been several distinguished members of the Briggs family here. One was George N. Briggs, one fine governor of Massachusetts and congressman. And another was Charles Augustus Briggs, an American theologian.

MEYER—This is a name of German origin though it is borne by natives of almost every country of Europe, and there are Meyers in this country among hundred per cent Americans. It is one of the most usual names in Germany, where they speak of Muller, Meyer and Schulze as we speak of Smith, Brown and Jones.

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