

HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Bits of Best News Items From Everywhere.

PUT IN CONCISE FORM

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

Vancouver, B. C. brewers supplying the government liquor stores and beer parlors with beer are to be called up on the carpet soon to tell the government why the beer is of such poor quality.

Two dead, 18 injured and property damage to the extent of nearly half a million dollars was the toll of a tornado that dipped at Yazoo City, Miss. Friday. More than 100 were made homeless.

Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, renowned Baptist clergyman, of Philadelphia, founder and president of Temple university, lecturer, author and philanthropist, died early Sunday after a long illness.

The Chicago Federation of Labor has decided to initiate a financing program which would enable it to operate its own radio station. Difficulty in renting part of the time of established stations led to the proposed action.

A dispatch from Brussels says the village of Felenne, 20 miles from Namur, is buried under snowdrifts and also besieged by wild boars, which in a famished condition, has attacked villagers who attempted to obtain assistance.

Further need of road improvement in national parks to meet the requirements of increased travel was emphasized in the annual report of the national park service, made public Saturday by Secretary Work.

An itinerant horse trader and his three children were found dead in their covered wagon at their camp near Whitehall, Ill., Sunday. Death was due to asphyxiation, caused by an old stove left burning in the tightly closed wagon.

The steamer Airedale went ashore at Coulter's Island in the St. Lawrence river Saturday night and is likely to be a total loss. Her forepeak and No. 1 tank are flooded, she is in an exposed position and the annual freeze-up is approaching.

The French senate late Friday night adopted the government's measure calling for financial inflation and increased taxation, 205 votes to 26. As the senate made no modification in the bill as adopted by the chamber of deputies, it now becomes law.

John W. Garver of Buffalo, N. Y., has gone to Florida to investigate and gather data concerning Florida land offerings to investors throughout the country as the representative of 45 better business bureaus of the United States, the New York bureau announced.

Years of study and comparative obscurity on the vaudeville and concert stage came to a triumphant fruition Saturday when Carmella Ponselle, daughter of an ice dealer in Meriden, Conn., took her sixth curtain call from a Metropolitan opera house audience in New York.

A fair settlement of the differences existing between a number of western stockmen and the forest service will not be difficult, announced William M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture, in referring to recent criticisms of grazing fees and other features of range administration on the national forests.

All of the 20 miners trapped by fire in the Fairview mine near Nederland, Colo., Friday and a dozen or more rescue workers who were overcame in the main tunnel were safe at 1:30 Sunday morning, according to mine officials, who said they thought all of the men had been rescued at that time.

The situation of the regular army is "extremely critical," Secretary Davis of the war department informed President Coolidge Saturday in his annual report. "If the national defense act is to be carried into execution," he said, "the statement of the existing situation, as outlined herein, must be given serious consideration by the people."

Increased effort to prevent loss of life among mothers was urged by Grace Abbott, chief of the United States children's bureau, in her annual report made public Monday, in which she declared that the United States "has a maternal mortality rate higher than that of any other country for which we have statistics, with the single exception of Chile."

Discovery of white pine blister rust by plant pathologists of the department of agriculture on both wild and cultivated currants in Tillamook and Clatsop counties, bringing the rust infection within 175 miles of the great sugar pine forests of southern Oregon and northern California, will probably result in an agricultural quarantine applying to at least the western portion of Oregon, it was announced Saturday.

69TH CONGRESS CONVENES

Both Branches Organize for Long Session—Longworth Is Speaker.

Washington, D. C.—Amid colorful and turbulent scenes in the house and utter calm in the senate, the 69th congress put under way Monday its first and long session.

A small group of insurgents started the fireworks in the house, but despite their opposition and that of the democrats the republican majority rolled up with the Coolidge landslide of 1924 moved on to victory in every test of strength.

Nicholas Longworth of Ohio, republican ex-floor leader, was elected speaker in a three-cornered race in which the democrats supported F. J. Garrett of Tennessee, their floor chief, and the insurgents cast their ballots for Henry Allen Cooper of Wisconsin. The vote was: Longworth, 229; Garrett, 173; Cooper, 13. Five voted present.

Formal announcement of the election of Mr. Longworth was greeted with applause, and when the new speaker was escorted into the chamber on the arm of Representative Garrett he was given an ovation in which both the house membership and the crowded galleries joined.

With the organization preliminaries over, the next test of strength was on a proposal of the republican leaders to amend the rules so as to make more difficult the discharge of a committee from consideration of legislation referred to it. Here again the republicans won, but by a narrow margin, the vote being 208 to 196. Several of the regulars joined with the insurgents and democrats in opposing the amendment.

The scene in the senate was a sharp contrast to that in the house. The program mapped out by the republican leaders was carried through with no semblance of debate, and the session lasted only 25 minutes. Three new senators—La Follette of Wisconsin, Robinson of Indiana and Williams of Missouri—were sworn in, and organization was completed with the election of Edwin P. Thayer of Indianapolis as secretary of the senate.

Only one question had threatened to disturb the calm of the opening session and that was smoothed out just before the gavel fell. This was whether there should be immediate discussion of the right of Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota, to a senate seat as the appointee of Governor Sorlie. Friends of Mr. Nye had the subject referred to committee.

Washington State Costs Rise.

Washington, D. C.—State governmental expense in Washington increased in 1924, but not sufficiently to exceed revenues, which were approximately \$3,400,000 in excess of all expenditures, the commerce department reported Monday. Payments for maintenance and operation of state departments for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1924, totaled \$19,050,928, or \$13.13 per capita, as compared with per capita of \$12.87 in 1923 and \$5.28 in 1917.

New Revenue Bill Before House.

Washington, D. C.—Tax reduction gained immediate attention of the house Monday as the new congress opened. The non-partisan revenue measure drafted during the last seven weeks by the ways and means committee was the first bill introduced. Before the first day's session had ended Chairman Green of the committee had formally reported on the measure and it was promised right of way.

Steamer Believed Lost.

Key West, Fla.—Virtually all hope has been abandoned for the finding of the steamer Cotopaxi which left Charleston November 29, bound for Havana with a cargo of coal, and which has not been heard from since last Tuesday when S. O. S. signals were received from the vessel, it was revealed here after an exhaustive search from Norfolk to Cuba by coast guard vessels. It is believed the steamer fell a victim to the tropical storm.

President Loses Coat.

Garret, Ind.—Lost—a heavy gray overcoat with a green striped lining and initials "C. C." on the outside of the inside pocket. Last seen of the garment was at room 517 Sherman hotel, Chicago, Ill. Reward to finder, Address Calvin Coolidge, 1600 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C.

On another occasion while he was vice-president he lost an overcoat at the Y. M. C. A. in Atlanta, Ga.

Boiler Explodes; Two Die.

Elkton, Md.—The engineer and fireman of local No. 49, Baltimore & Ohio railroad, were killed Monday night when the boiler of their locomotive exploded. The accident happened as the train passed Childs station, four miles north of here.

National Gems.

According to old philosophy a particular talismanic gem is allotted to each country in the world. Thus England has the diamond, France the ruby, Germany the hematite, Ireland the emerald, Italy the sardonyx, Japan the jade, China the pearl, Spain the turquoise and America the tourmaline.

Red Sea Sand Fogs.

Sandstorms on the Red Sea are sometimes so dense that a boat traveling 60 miles from shore has to stop and blow the fog siren every minute.

JARDINE OUTLINES POLICY ON GRAZING

Value of Foliage Advocated as Basis for Fees.

CAREFUL STUDY PLAN

Protection for Steady Users of Forest Ranges as Well as for New Settlers Favored.

Washington, D. C.—Continuance of the departmental policy of basing grazing fees in national forests upon the value of the forage was advocated Saturday by Secretary of Agriculture Jardine in the first public statement of his position toward demands of western stockmen for a reduction in the existing rate of assessment, which will be the subject of legislation proposed this winter by the senate public lands committee, of which Senator Stanfield of Oregon is chairman.

Secretary Jardine qualified his advocacy of forage value as the proper fee basis with the reservation that any resulting increase in the rates should be adjusted liberally to economic conditions in the livestock industry.

He cited the agricultural department's announcement that in no event will grazing fees be increased before 1927 and the check on appraisals now being made by Dan B. Casement as a double assurance that the problem will be carefully studied before any further action is taken.

"The fees for grazing on the national forests now average 12 cents a month for a cow and 3 cents a month for a sheep, and bring into the federal treasury more than \$2,000,000 annually," said Secretary Jardine's statement. "The present commercial value of the forage is considerably more than this figure. On the other hand, if the fees were based upon the cost of administration only, as many stockmen have suggested, the rates would be cut to one-third of what they are now."

The secretary also believes that congress should settle the grazing fee policy at this session, granting his department necessary latitude for determining specific rates applicable to thousands of grazing allotments in the national forests with widely varying range and market conditions. The waiver of grazing fees in the southwest because of draught was approved and its further extension suggested.

World Court Boosted.

Chicago.—The most urgent question before the nations of the world is the establishment of universal peace, ex-Governor Sweet of Colorado declared before the Chicago forum Sunday. His address was in reply to a recent address here by Senator Borah against American adhesion to the world court. "As the war was hastened to a victorious end because of our participation," he said, "so I believe America can do more than any other nation to establish world peace."

Kipling Gets Better.

Burwash, England.—Rudyard Kipling spent a good night Saturday. The improvement noted in his condition Saturday continues, although, as to be expected, the pneumonic areas in the bronchi persist.

The attending physicians, who include Lord Dawson, physician to the king, are very watchful of the symptoms in the case and they have expressed confidence in his ultimate recovery.

Man Eats 43 Pancakes.

Groton, S. D.—Judges of the pancake eating contest held here Saturday night awarded the title to W. P. G. Myers, who ate 43 regulation-sized flap-jacks. His appetite unappeased, Myers ate a ring and a half of bologna to complete his repast. C. S. Carter, first announced as winner, ate 51 pancakes, but his cakes were three inches in diameter, as compared with the regulation five-inch cake. Twenty-four hundred pancakes were flipped.

Socialist Has 14 Bills.

Washington, D. C.—Representative La Guardia, socialist, New York, announced Sunday that he would introduce 14 bills and resolutions in the house, including one "for the purpose of outlawing war and to establish permanent peace."

Another is for making provision for parents to visit the graves of sons killed and buried in Europe.

Storm Takes Two Lives.

St. Paul, Minn.—Clearing skies and moderating temperature Sunday forecast relief from the first blast of winter in the northwest. Railroad and bus transportation was returning to normal after minor delays experienced Saturday.

Two deaths have been reported in St. Paul as the result of the storm.

Sausage Muffs Appear.

London, England.—Sausage muffs, long and round, have made their appearance in large numbers in the fashionable streets of London. Many of them are made of the same cloth as the costume and are banded at the end with furs. They are equipped with pockets.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Baker.—Additional equipment has been installed by the Daddy Lode Copper company of Baker, operating properties on Goose creek in the big copper belt. Compressors and drills have been sent to the mine.

Vale.—Facing absolute necessity of making a \$36,000 cut in the proposed Malheur county budget, it was stated at a meeting of taxpayers with the county court, Thursday, that the office of county farm agent would have to be closed.

Salem.—Reports filed with the state industrial accident commission here show that six workmen lost their lives as a result of accidents in industries during the week ended December 3.

Salem.—T. R. Jones and J. A. Baker of Salem and J. W. Mayo Saturday were appointed members of the budget committee to act with members of the county court in passing on the county budget for 1926. These men acted as members of the budget committee last year.

Falls City.—Following the usual custom a community Christmas tree and program will be given in Victory hall, with committees from all local churches, the parent-teacher association and the commercial club working together.

Albany.—Several Linn county farmers have been duped recently by a poultry buyer who gives bad checks as payment for his purchases of fowls. The man travels about the county buying all kinds of poultry and giving the spurious checks as payment.

La Grande.—The best tax collection in years in Union county are reported by Amos Helm, in charge. He declares that the figures here will compare favorably with any county east of the Cascades. Union county has 5 1/2 per cent delinquent to Baker's 12 per cent.

McMinnville.—Frank Rager, accused of cutting down 23 3-year-old prune trees in the orchard of E. R. Worth, six miles west of Carlton, Or., was placed in jail here Sunday night after being arrested in a lodging house in Portland. He will have a preliminary hearing.

Albany.—One of the most unusual incidents on record in this county occurred in the circuit here Friday afternoon when Judge Kelly granted a divorce to Mrs. Minnie Christon from John W. Christon and to her daughter Ruth Knochenmus from Walter C. Knochenmus.

Salem.—Organization of the commission created at the last session of the legislature to study and recommend changes in the courses in the high schools of the state was perfected here Saturday through the election of Dr. George H. Alden of Willamette university as chairman.

Pendleton.—A father and son, Joe and Fred Williams, were fined \$75 each in the court of N. Berkeley, justice of the peace Thursday, on charges of unlawful possession of liquor. The two were arrested by state and county officers near Echo with about two gallons of moonshine in their possession.

Klamath Falls.—No new cases of spinal meningitis were reported by health authorities Saturday as a result of the outbreak in the Pelican city school, although a suspected case was brought to a local hospital from Bonanza, 30 miles distant. Health authorities do not believe there will be a general epidemic.

Bend.—Improvement of that part of the central Oregon highway between Bend and Burns will be urged by a delegation from Harney and Deschutes counties at the meeting of the state highway commission in Portland December 8. Harney county voters recently approved a \$200,000 bond issue for improvement of roads in that county.

Pendleton.—Two or three carloads of wild horses recently rounded up on the Tony Vey land on the lower part of Butter creek will be sold to the Portland company which has just started operations whereby the carcasses of wild horses are to be converted into glue, fertilizer and other similar products, if the company wants to buy.

La Grande.—Thirty farmers of the Grand Ronde valley, who have conducted yield tests of hard federation and federation wheat this year, believe that the latter type is preferable when plenty of moisture is available. In each case where hard federation outyielded the other, moisture was not adequate to furnish a fair test, it is said. The tests will be conducted during 1926.

Eugene.—The Eugene Door and Woodenware company, with a capital stock of \$75,000, has been incorporated here to operate the plant of the Far West Manufacturing company. The latter company sold out a few weeks ago to C. McC. Johnson, sash and door manufacturer of Reedsport, who has taken over the Eugene plant. He is head of the new company.

Prineville.—Seventy-five head of purebred Hereford cows have been purchased from the famous herd of Wetherford Bros. of Dayton, Wash., by Max Wurzweller and Arthur Wurzweller, who operate several large ranches in central Oregon. Many blue ribbons have been won by this herd at livestock shows over the middle west and northwest. The new cattle will be kept at the Wurzweller ranch at Sisters.

Eleanor Boardman



This is the latest picture of handsome Eleanor Boardman, the well-known "movie" star, who advises the too fat or too lean to go on a milk diet—either one will profit by such diet, asserts this popular feature player, who has been seen in many pleasing pictures.

"What's in a Name?"
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Facts about your name, its history, meaning, whence it was derived, significance, your lucky day, lucky jewel

MONICA

MONICA is not nearly as popular a name as it deserves to be. Not only has it beauty of sound and significance, but a strikingly interesting history, as well. It comes to us almost direct from the Spanish, but is nevertheless regarded as an English name and is more popular in England than in its native country. Many a golden-haired, blue-eyed English girl bears the name first used to designate a raven-tressed, red-tipped, coquette of Spain.

Monica is thought to have its earliest origin with the Greek term "domo," meaning "to rule." Domitica is a direct offspring of this word and there have been Saints Domitica, Domingo and Dominico, without number. One holy man by that name, who is associated with the Inquisition, had namesakes in all the Roman lands, and the feminine of this popular title came to be officially Domitica; for short Monica.

The mother of Saint Augustine was the first to be called Monica. Some etymologists even believe that her name should be classified as one coming directly from the Latin verb "monere," meaning "to advise," but the consensus of opinion is that Monica was evolved in the manner aforementioned. Monica is also a favorite in France and the penny-name call it Monique, Moncha is the Irish form.

The emerald is Monica's talismanic gem. It is believed to bestow upon her the gift of foretelling or sensing future events. She will have especially keen perception when she wears the jewel and will be guarded against deceit. Wednesday is her lucky day and 1 her lucky number.

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Modern Wanderlust

There is little cause for alarm over the increasing number of schoolboy hoboes, said the principal of a suburban high school recently. Present-day ease of transportation has made it possible for the modern boy to wander further in the same length of time. The boy of twenty years ago was content to go camping in the back lot because it was impossible for him to travel further. But boys nowadays have shared in the mature contempt for distance and frequently travel a hundred miles, begging rides on the highways, just to go fishing or camping out for a few days.—Detroit News

Tourist Camps Opened

Dozens of attractive, new tourist camp grounds are being opened up along the Lincoln highway. One of these, which is receiving many commendations from tourists is at Nevada, Iowa. A feature of this shady camp ground is the type of sheds or garages provided. The car is driven inside and there is room beside each car for the party to camp on a cement floor, a bed frame and springs being furnished. Shower baths are being installed.

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