

HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Bits of Best News Items From Everywhere.

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

Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, died at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon...

Moving picture houses in Switzerland are not permitted to display posters which may excite the imagination...

Senator Jones, Washington, has introduced an amendment to the interior department appropriation bill...

One man was believed drowned and the remainder of the crew of the Norwegian freighter Solvang were saved Sunday night...

After menacing two officers and 18 employees of the S. P. Platt wholesale fur shop in Chicago and herding them into a vault, five men Sunday loaded valuable furs on a truck and escaped.

Continuing the attack on existing traffic rates which he and other democrats have carried on in recent months, Representative Hull of Tennessee in a statement Sunday assailed the tariff law as responsible for "retaliations" by other nations...

A resolution directing the president to notify the fascist government of Italy that the United States "views with concern and alarm" its aspirations for world dominion has been drafted for presentation to the house of representatives by Representative Berger, socialist, Wisconsin.

Luther Edwards, 18, and Chester Hanagan, 26, were drowned at Ocean-side, Or., Sunday when a wave washed them off a rock at the edge of the ocean. The two had just leaped from the bridge that runs along the shore at Ocean-side to the rock, when the wave broke over it.

Four ounces of narcotics were found in the toes of a pair of shoes worn by John H. Tomlin of Tacoma, storekeeper on the steamer President Jefferson of the American-Orion Mail line, when he was arrested at Seattle Sunday as he left the ship.

Accidental automobile deaths in 1925 totaled 21,000, an increase of 5 per cent over 1924, the National Safety council announced Sunday in making public results of a survey based on reports received from more than 90 cities.

Joseph Carl Brel, nationally known composer, died at his home in Los Angeles, Cal., Saturday. His best known work is the opera "The Legend," produced in the Metropolitan, New York, in 1913.

Eleven persons were known to be dead, five were unaccounted for and 13 persons were in hospitals at Allentown, Pa., following the destruction of the LaFayette hotel by fire. Bodies of the unaccounted for lodgers were believed in the ruins and walls of the building, the oldest hostelry in the city, which will be dynamited to make the task of searchers less dangerous.

Dr. Rufus Gibbs, principal of Meriden, Conn., high school for 20 years, has resigned because the city school board insisted on scheduling high school dances. He has been known as one of the ablest educators in Connecticut, and the school world of the entire state is aroused by his statements that the dances have been so immoral that they should be stopped.

A bill to minimize the probability of war by changing the name of the army, has been prepared by Representative Bloom, democrat, New York. "I do not know of any quicker way of promoting and establishing universal peace than to eliminate everything possible suggestive of war," Mr. Bloom said, holding the present title is a misnomer.

Luther Burbank, noted plant culturist, who last week achieved considerable notice as a result of an interview in which he declared he was an "infidel," considered the incident closed Sunday. The plant wizard's remarks brought from many sections of the country comments from persons who either took issue with them or agreed with him, but these failed to evoke further comment from him.

SENATE COURT VICTORY WON

Closure Vote Assures American Entry, Issue Decided, 68 to 26.

Washington, D. C. — Entry of the United States into the world court was made certain Monday by a senate vote of 68 to 26 to limit debate on the issue.

It was conceded generally that the vote for adoption of the much-modified Swanson resolution of adhesion would be even more overwhelming than was that Monday to apply the drastic closure rule for the second time since its adoption in 1917.

Closure came to the test after last-minute efforts to hold the olive branch of a unanimous consent agreement to limit discussion had been swept brusquely aside.

Every senator except two was in his seat, the floor was crowded by members of the house and the galleries were overflowing.

An hour of debate with many barbed exchanges preceded the vote, and as this went forward scouts for both sides were busy here and there, trying to keep their forces in line.

Thirty-seven republicans and 31 democrats voted to impose the rule limiting each senator to one hour on the resolution of adhesion and all reservations, while 18 republicans, seven democrats and the one farmer-labor, Shipstead of Minnesota, voted against closure.

COOLIDGE MODIFIES MITCHELL PENALTY

Washington, D. C. — By action of President Coolidge, William Mitchell, formerly a colonel in the army air service, passed off the commissioned roll Monday night for five years.

The president approved the court-martial sentence imposed on him for violation of the 96th article of war, insofar as suspension from all rank and duty was concerned.

Mitchell did not break the silence he has maintained since his trial began last October. There were strong intimations among his friends, however, that he would submit his resignation from the army.

He attacked the "unseemly haste" of the president in approving the sentence and declared that the modification of forfeiting "during the pleasure of the president" was in his opinion "the most up-American sentence ever pronounced."

The statement gave no intimation as to what course Mitchell would take. President Coolidge followed exactly the recommendations of Secretary Davis in disposing of the case.

Protestant Church Inartistic. Chicago.—"Protestant churches lack artistic beauty in their services," said Professor Augustine Smith, speaking at the council of religious education Monday.

Acquittal Arouses Town. Marysville, Cal. — The acquittal of Richard M. (Blackie) Ford on a charge of murder in connection with the shooting of Deputy Sheriff Riordan in the Wheatland hop fields riot of 1913, and the tense scenes which formed the background of the trial were being eagerly discussed on Marysville streets Monday night.

Dry Agents Shoot Man. Salem, Or.—L. W. Montgomery of Albany, alleged bootlegger, was shot in the right leg here late Monday when he refused to halt at the command of R. E. Amy, state prohibition agent.

Sound of Thunder Common. In tropical countries the sound of thunder is so common that weather men often forget to register all the storms.

LIQUOR EVIL LAID AT BUYERS' DOOR

Consumer Real Culprit, Says Mr. Sargent.

VENDER ONE BRIBED

Citizen, Not Bootlegger Alone, Responsible—Dry Law Must Be Enforced Says Attorney.

New York.—Attorney-General Sargent has studied the relationship of prohibition and crime waves, and has reached the conclusion that there is logic in the position of the person who, paid a bribe by respectable citizens for breaking the liquor laws, continues in a career of crime.

In his first public discussion of prohibition enforcement since taking charge of the department of Justice, Mr. Sargent asked the members of the New York State Bar association Friday night whether "it is any wonder that banditry, murder, bribery and corruption flourish," when decent citizens constantly are paying the criminally inclined to take the risk of violating their laws.

The 18th amendment and the Volstead act, he said, are settled laws of the land and must be enforced and he urged the lawyers to give thought to the problem of how enforcement may be accomplished.

His division had nothing to do with offenses against the law committed from motives of jealousy, anger, revenge, passion or ill will toward society, he continued, since every citizen had come to regard it as a duty to aid in the detection and punishment of such offenders.

"But no one engages in the liquor traffic from any such motives," he declared. "Every person who sells liquor does it solely and only because someone will pay a price high enough to make a profit sufficient to offset the chance of detection, conviction and punishment."

"Now, why do otherwise respectable citizens engage in such bribery? Because, they say, the law interferes with their personal liberty, in that they have an inherent right to drink whisky or any other liquor if they choose."

Denver.—While the northern Rocky mountain states were looking for a break in the cold weather which has prevailed from the Canadian to the Mexican borders, Texas and southern New Mexico got a general snowfall Saturday.

El Paso, Tex., reported that snow fell there this morning after the temperature dropped to 23 degrees above zero last night.

Roswell, N. M., said snow in the southeastern part of that state had increased and appeared to be general over the eastern part of the state.

Actor Slain On Stage. Moscow.—"Catherine the Great and Pugachev," a Russian drama based on the career of these notable characters in Russian history, became a real drama Sunday night when at the first performance of the play the leading actor leveled a pistol at the villain and fired.

Navy Seaplane Sunk. Miami, Fla.—Official confirmation of reports that the navy seaplane S-13 had been forced down and sunk 12 miles north of St. Augustine, Saturday, were made here by naval officers.

Baldness Cure Sought. New York.—The causes of baldness and other deteriorations of the human thatch are to be sought scientifically. An initial donation of \$5000 towards establishment of a "college on hair research" was announced recently by Charles Nessler, president of the American Master Hair Dressers' association.

Dairy Facts. The water supply is of greater importance than most farmers realize. To produce 30 pounds of milk a cow requires 100 pounds of water.

Snow Less Than Usual. Modford, Or.—Five feet, ten inches of snow lies at Crater lake, half of last year's depth at this time. A foot and 10 inches fell in the last three weeks.

Roller-Bearing Trains on Concrete Beds Seen. Chicago.—A new age of transportation with crack passenger trains running safely at terrific speeds on concrete roadways reinforced with steel trusses was predicted by Frank H. Alfred of Detroit, president of the Pere Marquette railway, at the meeting of the American Railway association.

MAY TURN TO BLUE FOR ARMY UNIFORM

Not Enough Olive Drab to Clothe Soldiers.

Washington, D. C.—A careful survey of American resources for the manufacture of khaki breeches has convinced army officials that if it became necessary to put a force of two million men into the field in less than eight months, most of them would have to fight in their shirt tails.

Faced by this appalling possibility, the industrial mobilization wing of the national defense planning machinery started a study of its own. It found that it would be entirely possible to completely to uniform two million men from head to foot in 15 days provided blue cloth instead of khaki was used.

The trouble with the khaki outfit is that not enough cloth of that color is in ordinary civilian use. There are ample stocks of blue and gray, both wool and cotton fabric.

The contemplated blue training uniforms would consist of a four-button blouse, dressed with red shoulder knots to give a military touch; blue cloth overseas caps; blue breeches, tan canvas leggings of the lacing variety and black shoes.

IN CAPITAL SOCIETY. One of the newest of Washington's social leaders is Mrs. Leland Harrison, wife of the assistant secretary of state.



Iron Chain of Civil War Unearthed by Landslide. Hickman, Ky.—Buried under a bluff since the site was surrendered by Confederate soldiers in 1861, part of the mile-long chain, composed of 19-pound iron links that was stretched across the Mississippi river by soldiers of the South to prevent the passage of Union gunboats, has been hauled at Columbus, Ky., 20 miles from here, by a landslide that hurled two acres of ground into the stream.

Long Service. Pau, France.—Nava Carlotta, a Mexican woman, employed as a household servant in the same family for 58 years, died at the age of one hundred ten.

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Cars of the new trains will run on roller bearings and their speed will be almost as fast as airplanes.

Mr. Alfred, with the assistance of Paul Chapman, engineer, has worked out the plan. "To the airplane theory, our answer is 'safety,'" said the Pere Marquette president.

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STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Roseburg.—Production of berries and small crops for canning purposes is advised by a committee on agricultural and marketing of the Roseburg chamber of commerce.

Salem.—There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending January 21, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission Friday.

Salem.—Mrs. William Bell has sold her 109-acre ranch, located a few miles south of Salem, to John J. Roberts. The consideration was \$40,000. Approximately 90 acres of the ranch is planted to hops.

Falls City.—A collection of coins with a face value of \$2000, and said to be worth \$6000 because of the rarity of the pieces, was stolen Saturday night from the home of Henry Wagner, a bachelor living alone here.

Springfield.—Mrs. Elizabeth Gaston Lyons of Springfield celebrated her 99th birthday last Monday. With her were one son, ten of her 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Lakeview.—Fred Bentz, road contractor, was drowned here Saturday in the swimming tank at the Lakeview mineral springs. It is not known whether Bentz struck his head when he dived into the pool or was seized with cramps or heart disease when he went into the water.

Marshfield.—State Traffic Officer Williams, Deputy Sheriff Malehorn and other county officers Saturday were tagging automobiles in this section and issuing warnings to those who have failed to obtain licenses.

Salem.—More than 200 out of 2000 real estate operators in Oregon were penalized \$2.50 each for not obtaining their 1926 licenses before January 10. This was announced here Friday by Will Moore, state real estate commissioner.

Salem.—The Summer Lake Telephone company, which operates in Lake county, made a profit of \$5 in 1925, according to a report filed with the public service commission Saturday. The operating revenues of the company were \$110, while the operating expenses were \$105.

Dallas.—Appraisement of the estate of the late Charles A. McLaughlin, who died near Singapore in December while on a world tour, has just been filed with the county court. The value of the estate is placed at \$182,956.39. The chief item of the estate is a 350-acre hop ranch in Polk county.

Culp Creek.—Owing to the continuation of one of the mildest winters within the memory of prospectors of Bohemia district, many of the miners who came out two months ago, anticipating the usual blocking of operations by heavy snow, are again getting back to the diggings and resuming development work.

Albany.—Enlargement of the Hunt Brothers Packing company cannery here to double its output this year is under way. C. B. Spencer, manager, announces. The output this year will call for berries and fruit worth more than \$200,000. A crew of 50 men and 250 women will be employed at a cost of \$25,000 a month.

Eugene.—Five miles of grade on the Roosevelt highway north of Florence has been completed, according to Marion Morris of that place, who arrived in Eugene Friday afternoon. When the grade is completed through the sand a layer of clay will be spread and crushed rock surfacing will be placed on top of this.

Oregon City.—A resolution was adopted Saturday at the joint meeting of the Tualatin and Warner granges at New Era that 1 cent a gallon of the present gasoline tax be refunded to each county pro rata. The resolution opposed an additional 1-cent tax on gasoline unless the state auto license fee is materially reduced.

Klamath Falls.—Six government trappers will be engaged in predatory animal work in Klamath county starting February 1 and continuing through the spring months, according to announcement Saturday by County Agent Henderson. The county has agreed to match federal funds in order that this work might be undertaken on a larger scale than heretofore.

Hermiston.—W. S. Wilbur has been appointed federal farm leader for the Umatilla project in response to the efforts of the farm bureau and commercial club. This position is under the department of the interior and was created by congress for government irrigation projects. The duties will be to aid in the production and marketing of such products as are adapted to soil and conditions here.

Snow Less Than Usual. Modford, Or.—Five feet, ten inches of snow lies at Crater lake, half of last year's depth at this time. A foot and 10 inches fell in the last three weeks. There is one inch of snow on the Ashland-Klamath Falls highway, according to report.

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