

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.

Reduction by more than one half in fees charged for automobiles entering the seven national parks was announced Saturday by the interior department.

The loss by theft of \$66,950 in jewels was reported to police in Pasadena, Cal., Sunday by Mrs. Edward C. Crosett. She is the wife of a wealthy Chicago lumberman.

The executive committee of the national grange has ended its two-day session in Washington, D. C. without endorsing any of the farm bills now pending before congress.

The most reverend Paul Eugene Roy, archbishop of Quebec, and Roman Catholic primate of Canada, died Saturday night in St. Francis d'Assisi hospital here after a long illness.

A platinum mine has been located near Fort Chipewyan on Lake Athabasca, 350 miles north of Edmonton, Alberta by B. W. Dunne, ex-dominion surveyor, reported a dispatch received from Fort Scott.

In specially equipped cars, 500 wild elk from government ranges in the Flathead Indian reservation near Moiese, Mont., claimed to be the largest shipment of wild animals ever recorded, passed through Chicago en route to Middleboro, Mass.

Each man, woman and child in the United States cost the federal and state governments approximately \$58.71 in 1923, it was revealed by figures made public Saturday by the national industrial conference board.

Storm clouds appeared Saturday over the course of the compromise tax reduction bill agreed to by house and senate conferees, but prompt ratification of the measure by both branches early next week was believed certain by leaders.

Hundreds of educators, representing 700,000 school teachers of the United States, congregated in Washington, D. C., Saturday preparatory to the opening of the 56th annual convention of the department of superintendence of the National Education association.

The senate Friday approved the joint resolution, previously adopted by the house, authorizing participation by the government in the Philadelphia sequi-centennial celebration. The measure appropriates \$2,156,500 for the government's part in the celebration; \$1,000,000 being for buildings and \$1,156,500 for its direct participation.

President Coolidge feels that failure of the senate to ratify the Italian debt settlement would serve to relieve Italy of any obligation of negotiating an agreement. The president is confident that favorable senate action on the Italian agreement will be obtained, although he appears to be somewhat disturbed over the opposition which has developed.

The arrest in the United States Saturday of seven Mexican political refugees, among them Alfonso de la Huerta, brother of Adolfo de la Huerta, who in 1923 led a revolt against President Obregon of Mexico, and Jorge Prieto Laurens, Huerta's lieutenant, has, Mexico City papers say, rendered abortive an attempt to start a revolution in Mexico in March.

The son of the famous Moorish chieftain and brigand Raisuli, who is following in his father's footsteps, has arrived at Tazout with an independent Rifian contingent. This will serve as a nucleus for other contingents composed of various Rifian faithfuls which, when sufficiently trained, Raisuli's son asserts, will be utilized to attack Tetuan.

Roy Olmstead, reputed king of Pacific coast rum runners, and 20 co-defendants were found guilty in Seattle, Wash., Saturday of conspiring to violate the national prohibition law. Eight co-defendants were acquitted. They were: George Reynolds, patrolman; Mrs. Elise Olmstead, wife of Roy Olmstead; Charles W. Harvey, ex-policeman; Ben Goldsmith, Wilbur E. Dow, a custom house broker; T. Takachi, John H. Hamilton, negro barbecue resort operator, and C. C. Walker.

A warning that an increase in taxes may be necessary at the end of a year was issued Sunday by Chairman Green of the house ways and means committee, with final action by congress in the pending \$387,000,000 tax reduction bill in prospect early this week. The statement was aimed at terms of the bill as finally agreed upon in conference between representatives of the senate and the house, and Mr. Green, who headed the house conferees, insisted that for the condition he predicted, "the responsibility must rest upon the senate."

DRIVE STARTED ON DRY LAW

Six Years' Trial Declared to Show Law Unenforceable.

Washington, D. C.—The battle cry of the anti-prohibitionists for a modified form of prohibition to correct alleged evils among the youth of today and save the morals of the coming generations was sounded Monday and Monday night by numerous speakers at the second annual "face the facts" conference of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

Called to meet on what was described as a "propitious day in view of the principles of liberty and self-control taught by George Washington," hundreds of delegates to the conference heard a series of emphatic speeches in support of legislation for legalization of light wines and beer for members of both houses of congress, the clergy, leaders of women's clubs and others.

The speakers generally assailed conditions which have arisen with prohibition, declared six years of the law had shown it could not be enforced, and called for immediate relief.

Senator Edge, republican, New Jersey, one of the recognized "wet" leaders in congress, renewed at the association's Washington birthday banquet the vigorous attacks launched during an afternoon session at which Senator Edwards, democrat of the same state, was the principal speaker.

Declaring the campaign of modificationists was "not a campaign for booze, but rather a practical effort for temperance unobservable today," Senator Edwards said he would welcome a nation-wide referendum on modification of the Volstead act and amendment of the 18th amendment to a point of common sense legalization of spirits and liquors with all the safeguards that can practically be decided.

"In that manner and that alone," he asserted, "can we solve the entire problem, if ever it can be solved."

Senator Edge declared a referendum of this nature would "demonstrate to our law-making bodies the changed public opinion," and should carry with it "a concrete proposition for relief so that citizens could vote intelligently for or against."

He advocated a plan modeled after the Canadian experiment and predicted an "overwhelming verdict for common sense, sanity and decency," if the law were put to such a test. He said he was hopeful that at hearings to be held by a senate judiciary subcommittee constructive plans and suggestions "will be brought out which will make possible the adoption of some such definite and concrete plan."

The democratic delegation in the house from New York attended the conference en bloc, because, its members said in a statement, they believed it would aid in "calling attention to the manly, vigorous virtue of temperance and self-control of George Washington which enabled him to make proper use of beer and wine and even strong spirits and to avoid the abuse thereof."

Wet Governors Rapped.

Hagerstown, Md.—Governors who can sing the "Star-Spangled Banner" are badly needed in New York and Maryland, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America, declared in an address here Saturday. Mr. Wheeler attacked Governor Smith of New York and Ritchie of Maryland for their opposition to the Volstead act. "The states of Maryland and New York would be better off if their governors would get up and sing the 'Star-Spangled Banner' and forget their own song, 'How Dry I Am,'" he said.

Mother Held Poisoner.

New Orleans, La.—Mrs. Renetta Bussey, 23 threw herself over the casket of her 5-year-old daughter Verdie Monday and wept hysterically. Mrs. Bussey was charged with murder when the child died of what physicians said appeared to be poison. The bodies of her husband, Lawrence Bussey, and their other children, Clarence and Esther, all of whom have died in the last year, were exhumed for examination.

Fight With Dogs Fatal.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Henry Griffin, a one-armed mechanic was found dead Monday on a lonely road after an encounter with two hunger-crazed dogs. His clothes were torn away and his body scarred by tooth marks. The town sard by a large area bore witness to the struggle. One of the dogs was killed in a small building at Zedlers grove, but the other was still being hunted by eight policemen with shotguns.

Cattle Die in Marsh.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Scores of cattle, seeking food, have been caught in a thick mire of the marsh between the mouth of Seven-Mile creek and Wood river and have starved to death, according to a report made Saturday to Dr. G. S. Newsome, county health officer.

Wife Slain, Man Dying.

Fresno, Cal.—In what police believe to be a carefully prepared murder and attempted suicide, Joe Puello, 49, shot and killed his wife, Rosie Puello, 31, and then turned the gun on himself Monday.

Asserting that the present city ordinance creating a theater censor board is a "joke" and that members have no power, the Seattle censors resigned in a body Saturday.

TAX COMPROMISE FINALLY REACHED

\$381,000,000 Decrease This Year Provided.

COEFERREES AGREED

Ratification by Both Houses Expected Soon; Administration Reported Satisfied.

Washington, D. C.—Tax reduction amounting to \$381,000,000 this year and \$342,000,000 thereafter finally was agreed upon Saturday by senate and house conferees on the revenue bill.

This compromise, which must be ratified by both branches of congress before the bill becomes law, represents an increase of about \$50,000,000 over the total written into the bill by the house, but is \$75,000,000 less than was voted by the senate. It was described as acceptable to the administration as within the limits the treasury can afford.

House conferees forced the restoration to the bill, with some modifications, of taxes on inheritances, automobile passenger cars, admissions and dues, which the senate had voted to repeal. Senate conferees on the other hand, obtained greater reductions in some of the surtax rates than were voted by the house.

While considerable dissatisfaction was apparent on both sides as a result of the inheritance tax compromise, which involves allowance of a retroactive cut in this tax, leaders expected immediate ratification.

The conference agreement on the points in dispute follows:

Restoration of the modified inheritance tax rates voted by the house, including the provision allowing 80 per cent credit on account of state inheritance tax payments.

Retroactive cut in the inheritance tax whereby the increased rates voted in 1924 would be eliminated in favor of the lower rates in the 1921 act.

Allowance of the increased reductions in the surtax rates applying on incomes between \$25,000 and \$100,000 at voted by the senate. This involves a saving of \$23,000,000 annually to taxpayers in this class.

Repeal of the capital stock tax as voted by the senate.

Increase of the incorporation tax, now 12 1/2 per cent, to 13 per cent thereafter.

Restoration of the 10 per cent tax on admissions and dues, but with an increase in the exemptions to apply on tickets costing 75 cents and less, rather than 50 cents and less, as voted by the house.

Restoration of the automobile passenger car tax, with the rate reduced from 5 to 3 per cent.

Retroactive reduction in the gift tax to make the lower rates in effect on inheritances in the 1921 law effective. This tax, as far as the future is concerned, is repealed by the bill.

Increase from \$50,000 to \$100,000 the exemption from the inheritance tax.

Increased reductions voted by the senate on cigar taxes were accepted, but its amendment to base discovery depletion allowances for oil and gas wells on 30 per cent of the gross income was changed to make the rate 27 1/2 per cent.

The senate amendment limiting the treasury to two years in which to make assessments on tax returns was changed to three years. Four years is now allowed.

Constitution To Travel.

Washington, D. C.—The frigate Constitution "Old Ironsides," will again sail the seas under plans the navy department is making, this time along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and possibly up the Mississippi river as far as navigation will permit so that many of the school children and patriotic societies who are contributing to the fund for the restoration may see her. It will be the first cruise of the famous frigate since 1879 when she carried the United States exhibit to the Paris exposition. She is now at the Boston navy yard.

Indians to Get \$122,000.

Washington, D. C.—Klamath Indians are to receive a per capita payment of \$100 out of the receipts from sales of timber on their reservation. The total amount to be distributed is \$122,000. Payment will be made in time to assist the Indians in spring farming. Deposits to the credit of the Klamath Indians in the treasury now aggregate \$146,000 with additional available receipts amounting to approximately \$602,000.

Bond Up; Vera Enters.

New York.—Vera, countess of Cathcart, whose entry to the country was stopped a week ago when she admitted "moral turpitude" in connection with an elopement with the earl of Craven, was to leave Ellis island Sunday for ten days under own personal bond of \$500. The order to grant Countess Cathcart temporary admission was received from Theodore G. Risley, acting secretary of labor.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—There were five fatalities due to industrial accidents in the state of Oregon during the week ending February 18, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission.

Westport.—An epidemic of influenza is afflicting almost every home in Westport. Four entire families are confined to their homes. Many pupils are out of school. There have been no deaths and no pneumonia or other complications to date.

Pendleton.—The completion of the bridge at Stanfield across the Umatilla river was the occasion for a celebration which was held Friday under the auspices of the business interests of the town. The bridge was opened to traffic Saturday.

Baker.—News of the first copper strike on Goose creek was received in Baker Saturday. Prospecting has been under way for several months. One thousand feet of tunnel has been dug. The strike of chalcopryite was made 25 feet below the surface and 600 feet from the mouth of tunnel.

Eugene.—The Eugene chamber of commerce has sent a telegram to Dr. Harry Woodburn Chase, president of the University of North Carolina, in which it was stated that the business men of Eugene were eager for a favorable reply to the invitation to become president of the University of Oregon.

Grants Pass.—Under auspices of the Grants Pass Women's club, a Pioneer day celebration will be staged here March 6 for all pioneers in southern Oregon. An exhibit of early-day furniture and relics will feature the event. A luncheon will be given and a program will be held during the afternoon.

Roseburg.—Ringer Herman, ex-representative from Oregon and ex-commissioner of the United States general land office, Friday observed his 83d birthday anniversary. As a special event of the day he was visited by his four brothers—T. Mandell, Cass, Ernest and Frank Herman—all of Myrtle Point.

Eugene.—The Southern Pacific company will in the near future abandon its street-car line between Eugene and Springfield, it was stated in a letter received Saturday by Herbert J. Cox, president of the Springfield chamber of commerce, from E. L. King, superintendent of the Portland division of the company.

Grants Pass.—In an effort to concentrate agricultural endeavors within the Grants Pass irrigation district, farmers here have signed up to plant 2000 acres of strawberries this spring, to induce contractors to come here and take the entire crop. The strawberry growers have set an objective of 500 acres in production within two years.

Pendleton.—Tests of application of commercial fertilizers to wheat lands, which has been carried on under direction of the county agent for two years, will be continued this year, according to Fred Bennion, county agent. Application of two types of fertilizer, one a top dressing, the other a sodium nitrate, were made on some plots Saturday.

Medford.—Because ill health would prevent her from any longer having personal charge of the historic Bruner building in Jacksonville, Mrs. Alice Applegate Sargent, widow of the late Colonel H. H. Sargent, this week deeded that structure and her collection of relics contained therein to the Native Daughters' organization of Jacksonville.

Salem.—Through the planting of approximately 600 acres of hops on the Sumas Lake drainage district project in Canada, T. A. Livesley of Salem and his associates hope to supply the entire hop demands for the Canadian brewing business. This was the announcement made here Saturday by Mr. Livesley, who returned recently from Canada.

Vale.—The water situation in the upper country where a shortage was feared last month, has changed greatly with added snowfall around Ironside, Brogan, Bonita and elsewhere in the county. H. G. Kennard, state watermaster, reports 121,000 acre feet in the big reservoir to date. With the big run-off in April and May, the reservoir will undoubtedly be overflowing.

Roseburg.—Jess and William Wiles, both residents of the Sutherlin district, Saturday were sentenced to one year each in the state penitentiary following conviction on a charge of turkey thefts from a neighboring farm. Howard Martin of Glendale drew a sentence of one year in the penitentiary and a fine of \$1 for possession of a still. Gale Hamilton, charged with possession of intoxicating liquor, was fined \$250 and sentenced to serve six months in jail.

Eugene.—W. W. Neely, 83, of Mapleton, Saturday night was declared the champion old-time fiddler of Oregon by a committee of judges at the old-time dance and entertainment staged at the armory for the benefit of the children's farm home at Corvallis. Twenty-five men, most of them aged, took part in the contest, which was held before 4000 persons. Neely played a fiddle that he said he bought in 1861. He is a farmer of the Siuslaw valley and says he has been fiddling for 73 years.

WILD DUCKS HIDE OUT ON HUNTERS

Can't Be Found When They Are Sought in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark.—Southeastern Arkansas, for many years a paradise of duck hunters, this season produced poor hunting despite the fact that there are millions of the green-headed water fowl.

Whether the weather is responsible for conditions, or the ducks have gained through experience of aged birds passed on to the younger generations, sportsmen are unable to tell. Officials, however, blame the weather.

For ducks there are, literally by the million, but not where the hunters are prone to hunt. They are in the less frequented lakes and the open rivers of the rice country.

Early in the season ducks were so plentiful hunters found no trouble filling their legal bags, and rice farmers appealed to the state game and fish commission and the migratory bird authorities that the bag limit be lifted.

The hunters had hardly arrived when the water fowl disappeared. The weather had turned warm again. Then came word that duck hunting in Illinois, Wisconsin and other northern states was better than in years. The hunters put away their guns and prepared to wait for colder weather.

Cold weather came. The ducks returned. Hunters again put out for the rice fields. But when they arrived the ducks had disappeared except in small numbers.

Guy H. Amsler, secretary of the Arkansas game and fish commission, made a trip to the district to look over the situation. In several of the remote lakes he found four millions of the birds, Mr. Amsler said.

The official attributed the movements of the birds to the fact that when the weather turned cold enough to drive the water fowl out of the more northern states, it struck southern Arkansas hard enough to freeze the shallower waters in and about the rice fields. This, he said, had driven them into the open waters of the rivers and lakes.

Give 150-Year-Old Turk Job to Save His Life

Constantinople.—The famous old Turk, Zaro Agha, who claims that his one hundred and fifty years make him the oldest man in the world, is to be honored, and incidentally, saved from starvation by the city of Constantinople.

The aged man has been unable for the last year or two to carry on his life-long trade as hamal. The hamals are the human delivery wagons of Turkey, and it is a common thing to see one of these porters, bent nearly double, plodding steadily along the street with a piano or bedstead or dining-room table on his back. As Zaro Agha has grown somewhat too old for this herculean occupation, he has found it difficult to supply himself with the bread and cheese of existence, for the pension which he receives from the Association of Hamals is anything but large.

Now the prefect of Constantinople, Eminbey, has appointed Zaro as door-keeper for the municipal council. Therefore he will now have not only bread and cheese aplenty, a uniform and a warm place to sit in, but a feeling of importance befitting the dignity of his years.

Heat Mines Prepared to Destroy Icebergs

Montreal, Can.—Prof. Howard T. Barnes of the physics department of McGill university, whose assertion that it is possible to free the North Atlantic of icebergs and keep the St. Lawrence river open for navigation the entire year is being widely discussed, will leave for Greenland in June to study the effects of "heat mines" upon icebergs, attempting to break them up at their source. He will take several tons of chemicals to Greenland for this work.

End of Home Life in Fifty Years Seen

Liverpool.—That 50 years hence home life will have disappeared and people will virtually live in restaurants and hotels, is the prediction of Prof. A. M. Low, well known as a scientist. The professor prophesies that in 1976 present-day types of ships will be replaced by giant hydroplanes which will skim along the surface of the water at tremendous speed. Passengers wishing to cross the Atlantic will use airplanes and keep in touch with their homes by wireless.

Regarding clothes, the professor is of the belief that 50 years from now cotton, silk and wool textiles will be replaced by more cheaper and more durable forms of vegetable fiber. The wardrobes of women will not be so large as now "because woman being by that time the most civilized will not be swayed by every passing wave of fashion."

Professor Low also envisages an era of ugly factories built underground. There will be no more chimneys belching forth smoke, and factory hands will be more polished and better educated as all the rough work of them will be done by machinery.

Insufficient Ventilation

It is quite common for insufficient ventilation to occur in the poultry house. Restricted ventilation is usually accompanied by dampness, especially if the hen house is overcrowded, if quarters are not properly ventilated do not overcrowd, as disastrous results are sure to occur. The laying quarters should be as comfortable as possible, keeping the house warm and dry, but not at a sacrifice of ventilation.

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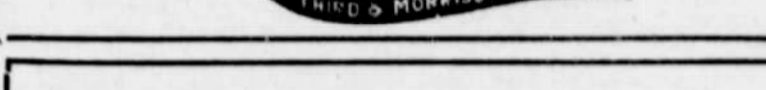
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