

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.

Fire swept through the plant of the Century Film corporation in Hollywood, Cal., Sunday, causing damage estimated at \$400,000.

Two men were killed and unestimable property damage done Sunday by an electrical storm that swept through the Salt River valley in Arizona.

Associate Justice Thomas J. Lannon, 61, of the state supreme court and an aspirant for the chief justiceship in the August primary election, died in his room in the Fairmont hotel in San Francisco, Cal., Saturday.

Mayor Gamboa and the entire board of aldermen, numbering 14, of the town of Tacuba, near Mexico City, have been placed in jail in Mexico City following a political battle in which a man was killed and another wounded.

The five-cent cigar came back in Germany long ago, but smokers say it doesn't mean anything. Jokes about the five-centers being filled with cast off automobile tire rubber have caused the federal and state governments to take notice.

Forty-seven fishermen were missing Saturday night—a week after the storm which is believed to have struck the Nova Scotia fishing industry the most disastrous blow in loss of lives and ships in recent history.

Three persons were seriously hurt and from 15 to 20 others received minor injuries when a violent wind storm demolished three houses at Shadyside, near Bellaire, O., Saturday. A score of other buildings were seriously damaged.

Although Congress has hardly rested from its return home from seven months' work at the capitol, attention already is being called to the formidable array of legislative problems to be tackled in the brief 90-day session beginning in December.

Six persons were killed and ten injured, several seriously, when two engines and three cars of a seven-car Long Island railroad train were derailed and overturned at a switch at Calverton, N. Y., Friday night. The cause of the accident was not known.

Labor Secretary Davis of the United States was in Winnipeg Saturday inspecting conditions as to alien and other smuggling into this country across the western part of the southern boundary of Canada, announced that measures against contraband will be enlarged and strengthened.

John Francis Hall-Edwards, who devoted 28 years of his life to experimenting with and perfecting the X-ray, died Sunday night at Birmingham, England. He was one of the pioneers in X-ray investigation and continued the work despite the heavy handicap of the loss of both hands through ray burns.

La Fronde, a Paris daily written by women for women, has undertaken a crusade to abolish bull fighting in France by strengthening of the law against cruelty to animals. The paper would make penalties such that no one would attempt to organize the spectacles, and would confiscate the receipts whenever a fight was held.

Berlin police no longer try unofficially to discourage women from taking difficult tests for automobile drivers' licenses in Berlin. Several motor vehicle districts have praised women as drivers, saying they are usually more careful than men, although as a general rule they were "hopeless" or "excellent" with no in-between class.

A marriage performed in 1894 was annulled the other day because the woman was 14 years old at the time. Mrs. Genevieve M. Thompkins, 46-year-old modiste of Ossining, N. Y., testified she eloped with William Y. Thompkins without her parents' consent when she was under the legal age to marry. Thompkins was a 34-year-old widower.

Alphonso Francis Smith, who, in 1912, married Ruth Bernadette Wynne, daughter of the late Robert J. Wynne of Baltimore, who was postmaster-general in the cabinet of President Roosevelt, is being held in Maidstone jail in London, in connection with the mysterious murder of John Thomas Derham, who was Smith's friend from school days at Eton.

Prosecution of the anti-Saloon league of America on criminal proceedings under the corrupt practices act was demanded by Representative Tinkham, republican, Massachusetts, in a letter to Attorney-General Sargent made public Sunday. Mr. Tinkham declared the Anti-Saloon league which he described as an "ecclesiastical-political organization" had violated the corrupt practices act of 1910.

NO INTERVENTION, COOLIDGE

Church-State Conflict in Mexico Is Own Affair.

Paul Smith's, N. Y.—After a conference with Secretary of State Kellogg at White Pine camp Monday President Coolidge, it was authoritatively learned, has decided that no ground exists for intervention in Mexico or for any variation of his policy in dealing with the Calles government.

The embargo on the export of arms from the United States to Mexican civilians will not be lifted despite the pressure brought to bear on the administration by American sympathizers with the Mexican clericals arrayed against the Calles government, nor will any other step be taken that might be interpreted as an unwarranted interference in the domestic concerns of another country.

It is understood, furthermore, that there were developments of the utmost significance in the conference between the president and his secretary of state, lasting until a late hour, as a result of which Mr. Coolidge is expected to take an early opportunity to state to the country the course to pursue in dealing with events growing out of the warfare between church and state in Mexico.

One of the developments is said to have been a statement by Secretary Kellogg positively assuring the president that no Americans have suffered indignities or injuries in person or property as a result of the dispossession and expulsion decrees against the clergy in Mexico and other measures for the regulation of worship carried into effect by the Calles government.

Complaints that Americans had been insulted and injured and deprived of church property in violation of treaty rights had proved unfounded upon investigation, according to the secretary of state.

RACING WATERSPOUT SWEEPS LONG ISLAND

Glencove, N. Y.—A waterspout, sweeping in from Long Island sound about 9 o'clock, Monday, caused extensive property damage for a distance of half a mile along the Creek road. Two men were killed, another was said to be missing and two men were injured.

The spout traveled at terrific speed, uprooting trees, demolishing cottages on the road, which fronts on the Long Island sound, and breaking telephone poles.

The estates of J. P. Morgan and other wealthy New Yorkers are nearby, but it was reported they were untouched.

The high wind that accompanied the spout assumed the characteristics of a tornado when it reached land. The spout struck about two miles from Glencove and one mile from Sea Cliff, Long Island.

The house of Lynn Hammond, the actor, was lifted from its foundations, carried 40 feet away and demolished. Mr. Hammond and his mother were in it, but escaped injury.

Buried Forest Located

Bend, Or.—Under lava flows which, untold ages ago capped the Crooked river country, a forest of giant trees, probably ancestral redwoods, has been found about two-and-one-half miles south of Prineville. It was learned here Monday. One of the huge slabs of mineralized wood weighs several tons, and as reconstructed, was from a tree probably 20 feet in diameter.

One of the most interesting remnants of the ancient forest is the stump of a big tree still in place. The land on which the petrified forest has been found is owned by Judge Brink of Prineville, who plans some day to convert the 42-acre tract into a park.

Air Mail Job Irksome

Chicago.—Charles Dickinson, holding the air mail contract between Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis, has notified the government that he wanted to relinquish his contract. He gave the required 45 days' notice, but asked to be released at once. Dickinson, who made one of the first night flights between Chicago and New York, said his contract had been carried out thus far at a serious loss.

Fire Set to Call Help

Williams Lake, B. C.—Stricken with blood poisoning, Otto Koner set fire to trees on his isolated ranch in an effort to summon aid, he testified here Saturday when on trial charged with starting a fire without a permit. The blaze spread and was menacing valuable timber when forest agents arrived. They extinguished the fire and took Koner to a hospital. After his explanation in court he was freed.

Andrews Stays on Job

Washington, D. C.—General Andrews, prohibition chief, indicated Monday that he had sidetracked thoughts of early retirement and would stay in office to fight for new enforcement legislation at the next session of congress.

"Although this will be the short session of congress," he said, "I believe it will give me the legislation I have asked."

Cholera Epidemic Dies

Shanghai.—Rainfall together with lower temperatures Sunday presaged the end of the cholera epidemic which has taken the lives of thousands of Chinese in Shanghai and Kiangsu province, in which Shanghai is located.

FARM PROSPERITY PRESIDENT'S AIM

Weak Spots in Economic Situation Viewed.

SEC'Y HOOVER GUEST

Department Chief Reports Industries Booming With Foreign Trade Holding Its Own.

Paul Smith's, N. Y.—With a country enjoying in general a widespread prosperity, President Coolidge is working to aid the agricultural and textile manufacturing industries where conditions are not up to the general economic level.

While details were withheld, it was said Friday after a visit by Secretary Hoover of the commerce department with Mr. Coolidge, that the government was attempting to improve the farm situation by steps which depended upon a co-ordinated effort of the agencies that provide agricultural credits to the country. Such moves as have been made, it was indicated, have been of a tentative character and directed through banks, insurance companies and mortgage loan concerns.

Efforts of the commerce department in the textile industry were said to have been especially centered on the cotton spinning trade. While these, too, were not described in detail, it was said some progress had been made in adjustments in the industry of a beneficial character and that in the past month or six weeks there had been a distinct improvement.

In general and apart from some lags in agriculture, textiles and bituminous coal, Mr. Hoover said the country was never in such excellent condition as at present. Even with agriculture, he added, there has been an improvement in prices of some commodities, while construction is 15 per cent greater in volume than a year ago.

Asked by the president about foreign trade conditions, Mr. Hoover said the exports of manufacturers were 12 per cent greater than last year, a favorable point, in the opinion of the president, who was said to regard the figures on such products as of more importance than those on raw materials entering the export trade, insofar as the balance of trade is concerned.

The foreign commerce of Europe is about the same as before the World war, Mr. Hoover reported, with England showing a slight gain and Germany and France a slight loss. Reduced to pre-war prices, he added, the exports of the United States are 57 per cent greater than before the war and the imports 37 per cent greater.

SHARP EARTHQUAKES JAR ENGLISH TOWNS

London.—England experienced Sunday earth shocks covering a wide area extending almost throughout the whole midland counties and as far south as Bernet within 10 miles of London. A part of Wales also felt the shocks.

No damage has been reported and there were no casualties, but news from dozens of places indicated that the shocks, all of a similar nature, occurred about 5 o'clock in the morning. The disturbances were said to have been accompanied by the swaying of furniture and the breaking of crockery. The tremors lasted a few seconds, producing consternation among the people aroused from their sleep, especially children.

Mexicans Fight Police

Mexico City.—Several Catholics and a number of policemen were wounded, apparently only slightly, in a clash Sunday morning in the Mexico City suburb of San Angel. The Catholics had assembled to defend the church of San Jacinto in response to unfounded rumors that the Mexican Catholic or Schismatic church, which does not recognize the pope, was planning to seize the edifice.

The police were unable to disperse the crowd and when soldiers arrived and tried to scatter the Catholics, they retaliated by throwing stones. About half a dozen persons were arrested.

Two Dead, Two Hurt in Raid

Winegary, Wis.—George Rutherford, a constable, and William Stanley, an alleged moonshiner from Kentucky, were killed, and Elmer Monk, deputized after Rutherford was shot, and Jerry Brandeburg were seriously wounded Friday night after the constable sought to serve a warrant charging a prohibition law violation. Brandeburg, C. L. Boring and his son Henry are being held for complicity in the death of Rutherford.

Hoo Hoo House Burns

San Jose, Cal.—The Hoo Hoo house, originally the Oregon building at the Panama Pacific International exposition at San Francisco in 1915, and for the last ten years used as a dance and amusement resort at Montevista, eight miles west of here, was destroyed by fire Sunday. The building was constructed of huge logs and was dismantled in San Francisco after the exposition and set up again at Montevista.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Lakeview.—Carl W. Bowman, superintendent of the Lakeview schools, has resigned to take a position in the San Francisco city schools.

St. Helens.—Collections on the 1925 tax roll of Columbia county amount to \$467,405.75. The total of the roll is \$1,037,130.99, so the delinquency on the first half of the taxes is approximately \$50,000.

Salem.—There was one fatality in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending August 12, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission Saturday. The victim was E. P. Murphy, log marker of Seattle.

Salem.—Pollution of the streams of western Oregon will be considered at a meeting called by Frederick Stricker, secretary of the state board of health, to be held in Salem September 10. Health officials from all sections of the state will be in attendance.

Eugene.—Contracts for the construction of a new \$100,000 Baptist church here were let Saturday. Heckert & Son of Corvallis were successful bidders for general construction work with an offer of \$75,653. Local firms will do the plumbing and electrical work.

Salem.—Oregon City, through its city manager, has filed in the offices of the state engineer application covering the appropriation of water from the south fork of the Clackamas river for a municipal supply. The cost of the development was estimated at \$450,000.

Pendleton.—The eastern Oregon state game farm here has shipped 300 China pheasants each to Condon, Enterprise and Sherman county and a like number will soon be sent to the region around Madras. Forty-four wild turkeys have been sent to Bandon for release.

Salem.—Forest fire losses in the state of Oregon this year have been larger than during any corresponding period in the history of the state forestry department, according to a report submitted to the state forestry board here Saturday by Frank Elliott, state forester.

Hermiston.—The supply of feeder lambs is rapidly being exhausted at prices ranging from 10 to 10 1/2 cents, with prospects that the Oregon crop of lambs suitable for winter feeding will all be out of the hands of growers within the next 30 or 60 days, according to sheep men and buyers.

Salem.—Mailing of pamphlets containing the proposed constitutional amendments and measures, together with the affirmative and negative arguments, which will go before the voters of Oregon at the general election in November, will get under way this week, according to Sam A. Kotzer, secretary of state.

Medford.—Picking and packing of the Rogue river pear crop, one of the largest ever harvested in southern Oregon, is in full swing Saturday following a mass meeting of local growers held for the purpose of devising ways and means of moving the big tonnage with the least loss to the growers and packers alike.

Eugene.—Fifteen college and university presidents have accepted the invitation of the semi-centennial committee to be present at the inauguration of Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president-elect, and the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the opening of the university, to be held in Eugene, semi-centennial week, October 13 to 23.

Hood River.—Work will begin this week in packing early pears and apples at the new Maynard & Child refrigerated warehouse, just being completed here. The new plant, constructed at a cost in excess of \$100,000 and declared one of the most scientifically equipped cold storage buildings in the country, is four stories high. It is built of concrete, insulated with cork.

Salem.—A total of 244,688 industrial accidents, fatal and non-fatal, were reported to the state industrial accident commission since the workmen's compensation act was enacted in 1913, according to a statement issued by the commission here Saturday. Of the accidents reported 243,963 were non-fatal and 1625 fatal. Fifteen fatal accidents were reported during July, 1925.

Salem.—Oregon's champion wood chopper is dead. William Snyder, 72, who claimed this unique distinction, died two weeks ago at his home at Halls Ferry, a few miles from Salem. During his active days Mr. Snyder engaged in many wood-chopping contests, all of which he won. A few weeks before his death he told a close friend that he had chopped enough wood to make a pile four feet high extending from Salem to Albany, a distance of more than 25 miles.

Corvallis.—The Oregon prune crop of 70,000,000 pounds will receive high prices in spite of its size, according to Robert Johnson, president of the Benton County bank, Corvallis, and owner of the largest prune orchard in the state, comprising 156 acres and containing 17,000 trees and large drying plant. The entire crop of Washington is produced in Clark county and is estimated at 15,000,000 pounds. California ordinarily produces 250,000,000 to 400,000,000 pounds, but this year their crop is reduced to about 200,000,000 pounds.

GOOD ROADS

MORE AND BETTER ROADS EXPECTED

Highway construction for 1926 will result not only in better and smoother roads, but new records are expected to be made in roadway building, according to a survey just completed by C. R. Stokes, manager of the highway construction department of the National Lime association.

A series of tests made in various sections of the country show that by adding hydrated lime to the mix, a material saving in time is secured, particularly on grades and curves, according to leading engineers and contractors who took part in the tests. Experiments in building a road in Marathon county, Wisconsin, showed that an average of 77 more linear feet of 18-foot road was laid a day when lime was used.

"All of the reports showed that lime added to the concrete mix allows it to be placed easier, and permits a quicker finish," Mr. Stokes said. "The contractor's report that there is lack of segregation, that there is no excess of water to be removed from the pavement surface, and that maximum consistency can be maintained through better control of the water content." The contractors reported that the use of lime not only conserved time, with a resultant reduction in pay roll expenses, but also gave the road to the public for use at an earlier date.

According to T. Warren Allen, chief of the division of control of the bureau of public roads, the "lost-time" element is a problem that is of the gravest importance in road building. Appearing before the house committee on roads recently Mr. Allen declared that the bureau of public roads was collecting information to show the results of poor management and good management in the building of highways.

"There are a great many more items in the lost-time category than would appear possible at first thought," he said, "and during the time that work is actually performed there are widely varying results, ranging from excellent progress due to good management, to slow progress due to poor management."

"On the Janesville road in Wisconsin, as well as on roads in Ohio, the mix containing lime was so dry that rolling was unnecessary, reports received by Mr. Stokes from those states show.

"The elimination of this operation increased the efficiency of the job and enabled the finishers to work close to the machine, which resulted in a large saving in overtime finishing costs," Mr. Stokes declared.

"Reports from all sections of the country being received at present indicate that more headway will be made during the coming summer months in highway construction than ever before, and that the roads will be open to the public much sooner as a result of our tests, showing a large saving of time in the laying of concrete roads," he said.

Chicago Promised Real Traffic Congestion Soon

Within the next five years Chicago will have twice as many automobiles as it had in 1925.

This is the forecast of Cook county traffic issued by the bureau of good roads of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In its statement making this prediction the bureau outlined a plan for highway improvement to prevent traffic congestion on the county highways at that time, when there will be an average of one car for every 4.86 persons in Chicago.

These figures, bureau officials stated, are not guesses, but careful estimates based on traffic data obtained in Cook county, together with population trends and the rate of motor increase during the years 1914 to 1924.

Good Roads Notes

Throughout the United States there are 98,929 state and federal government-owned motor vehicles.

Rough roads cause considerable damage to the working parts of an automobile. Uneven roads are often unnoticed while driving, as the body of the car does not shake with the axles and differential.

The 11 states traversed by the Lincoln highway, between New York city and San Francisco, with the aid of the federal government, spent more than \$9,000,000 during 1925 to put the route in first-class condition.

There are many wide streets and broad boulevards saved in the United States, but the widest city thoroughfare on record is in San Bernardino, Calif. It is Third street, paved its entire width of 180 feet from curb to curb.

The most heavily traveled grade crossing in Los Angeles is to be eliminated by the construction of a subway underneath an elevation of the railroad tracks. The cost is estimated at \$237,000, exclusive of property damage.

Mountain clay roads become slippery after a heavy rain. Chains and heavy rope are precautions against skidding dangers.

New York state is eliminating 174 grade crossings under a program adopted by the public service commission, at a cost of \$19,000,000.

California lawmakers have passed an ordinance prohibiting the erection of signs and billboards along highways. Exception is made for legal and direction signs.

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