

NEWS OF WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

Outstanding Happenings of Week Gathered from Everywhere Condensed for the Busy Reader

Senator Curtis of Kansas, who is a candidate for the Republican nomination for president, declared last week for a plank in the next party platform pledging strict enforcement of the prohibition laws. He also announced his opposition to the states determining what alcoholic content should be permitted and said he was against repeal of either the 18th amendment or the Volstead act. His views were stated in a letter to Senator Borah, of Idaho, who is questioning all Republican presidential candidates on the wet and dry issue.

Los Angeles, Jan. 28.—The kidnapping and killing of Marion Parker was disclosed today by William E. Hickman, whose counsel declared that the youth had repudiated his confession to the police. Jerome K. Walsh, defense attorney, said Hickman does not admit the slaying of the school girl but refused to elaborate on the sudden change in the attitude of the accused youth, who heretofore had been ever ready to confess his guilt to officers, newspaper reporters and others. The repudiation of the confession obtained by the police was made to Dr. A. L. Skoog, of Kansas City, chief of the staff of defense attorneys, who visited Hickman in his cell.

Washington, Jan. 28.—Although he failed in his attempted non-stop flight from Detroit to Miami, in a Ford flivver plane, Harry J. Brooks, established a new American distance record for light planes. This award was announced today by Port Adams, president of the National Aeronautic Association, after a meeting of its contest committee. When forced down at Asheville, N. C., several days ago Brooks had flown 172 miles. This, however, is scarcely more than half the distance covered by the present holder of the world's record, Max Knipping, French airman, who made a non-stop flight from Paris to Koenigsberg October 30 of last year, a distance of 870 miles. Brooks is waiting here for favorable weather to return to Detroit. He has indicated he again will attempt a non-stop flight from that city to Miami.

Washington, Jan. 28.—The agricultural industry as a whole "may anticipate a domestic market situation for the 1928 production at least equal to that of the present winter, with the possibility of some improvement," the department of agriculture said today in its annual farm outlook report. After analyzing the demand for major crops, the foreign and domestic market, credit, labor and equipment, the report summarized the condition of the country as a whole with the statement that "some improvement is expected if farmers avoid expansion of production and continue their efforts to balance production with demand." A better balance prevailed in 1927 between the different lines of agricultural products than in any other recent year, with the exception of feed grains in relation to livestock, the report said, adding that expansion, particularly in cash crops is to be guarded against in order to further stabilize the industry and increase the 1928 income.

New York, Jan. 28.—A warning of a new political alignment between the west and south unless the east gets behind farm relief legislation was sounded by Senator Nye, Republican of North Dakota, in a speech prepared for delivery tonight before the Westchester County Bankers' Association. Declaring that eastern representatives in congress make it impossible to pass farm legislation "above the head of the president and power of veto," Senator Nye predicted that if the west and south unite to form a new party, "the new alignment created out of bitterness, will, if successful, have little regard for the interests of those institutions which have stood opposed to them through recent years." The North Dakota senator did not specify any particular farm legislation which he said the east has opposed, but he has been among the staunch supporters of the McNary-Haugen bill vetoed last session by President Coolidge and again before congress in somewhat revised form. During his address, Senator Nye assailed American intervention in Nicaragua, "excessive" campaign contributions and the administration's claim of prosperity.

The worst storm of the winter was taking a toll of life and property over half a million square miles over the United States Saturday night, says a summary by the United Press. Snow fell and the temperature ranged from sub-zero to below freezing in a belt 500 miles wide and 1,700 miles long which extended from middle western farm states to the Atlantic Ocean. Eight deaths were reported from cold. Six froze to death in the streets of Chicago and an elderly woman was found frozen in a boarding house bedroom. One man froze to death in Iowa. Eastern cities in the path of the storm, including Pittsburgh,

Washington and New York, experienced slightly higher temperatures accompanied by west winds and snowfalls. Pennsylvania was covered with a snowfall ranging from 1 to 12 inches in depth. New England reported snowfalls and temperatures ranging below zero. The Chicago region experienced the low zero temperatures, early Saturday, Iowa points reported as low as six below zero, Wisconsin eight below and North Minn. 18 below. Even southern Indiana experienced sub-zero weather. Throughout the wide belt of the storm, damage was reported from fires and traffic accidents were numerous.

Returning to his home town of Laclede, Missouri, last Thursday for a second time since the World war, General John J. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces in France, again received the plaudits of his old friends and neighbors. From the time of his arrival in a private railroad car shortly after noon until his departure after a dinner in his honor at night, Pershing was rushed about from one meeting place to another and was kept busy shaking hands. Approximately 300 persons, or three-fourths of the town's population, were at the station when Pershing's train arrived. A few seconds after the private car had been switched off, "Johnny" Pershing showed himself on the platform. For moments there was silence. Pershing, grim, gray and military, looked at the crowd and the crowd looked at him. Then some one shouted "hello!" and the ice was broken. Mayor E. B. Allen, boyhood friend of the general, was the first to greet him formally. Others quickly gathered around, among them Mrs. Mattie Packer, Pershing's cousin, and Henry Bonax, Laclede bank president, who once clerked in the store of the general's father.

WATAUGA'S FIRST BRICK RESIDENCE

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from service rendered were their only compensations. Mrs. Harton tells of another aspect of society in the mountains, the quilting party which was the women's club of its day. Just as the men gathered to help a neighbor build a house, harvest a crop, or split rails, so the women congregated to help a neighbor make a quilt. When all the quilts had assembled, the old quilt frame, hung on poles at the ceiling, was let down until it was waist high from the floor. Then the women gathered around it and began sewing on the quilt.

The days of the roadside mill and the log house, however, were not all happiness and fun. There came a time when nearly all the men had gone to war, and only the women and children remained when word came that Stoneman and his men were coming from the west to devastate the mountains of Carolina. When they came into the valley of Cove Creek, they selected Benjamin Council's meadow, in front of the brick house, for their camp ground. Nearly all of the children were at school. The schoolmaster, a Confederate veteran who had been discharged because he had lost an arm in battle, learned from two scouts of Stoneman's forces what had happened and told the children to go home. When Polly reached the old brick house, she found the Yankees camped all over her father's meadow.

They seemed to be short of rations, for they came to the house, took every bit of food in the smokehouse and cellar, seized all of the chickens and took possession of the horses. Not satisfied with this, they went to the field where Jacob Council was plowing and shot him down in cold blood. No explanation was ever given for this deed, and to this day no one knows what provocation Jacob Council gave the raiders for killing him. After spending one night on the Council meadow, the raiders went on to Boone, where occurred the battle in the home of Aunt Polly's uncle, a house where the home of J. D. Council now stands.

"Yes, times have indeed changed," Aunt Polly says. "Our only social gatherings used to be the house raising, the crop gathering and the quilting party; moreover, a trip to Boone was an event. Now a woman's club from Boone runs out to Cove Creek for its afternoon meeting and gets back in Boone in time for supper."

Pops and Mos Galore
Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vanderbeck and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Mayer, all came out from Portland to eat Thanksgiving dinner at the home of their daughter, Mrs. A. Versteeg—Newberry (Ore.) paper.
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Breyer, Dakota, Minn., are the parents of a 7 pound 13 ounce son born November 12 at LaCrosse Methodist Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, 2027 Liberty street—LaCrosse (Wis.) paper.

Lawyer for auto accident victim: "Gentlemen of the jury, the driver of the car stated he was going only six miles an hour. Think of the long agony of my poor client, the victim, as the car drove slowly over him!"

THIS WEEK

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

THINKING FOR YOURSELF AGE BEING PUSHED BACK EXTRA WEIGHT TIRES HEAT RAT PROOF BUILDING

An expedition of the California Academy of Science returns from the mysterious Galapagos Islands bringing giant lizards, only survivors of the Mesozoic age, and more interesting to the youth of America, "flightless" cormorants, huge birds that have lost their power to fly because they have not flown for so long.

What applies to flying for yourself applies to thinking for yourself. It's easy to lose that faculty. Darwin visited those islands more than 75 years ago, and would have liked to explore the inaccessible mountain tops that no one thus far has visited.

B. C. Forbes says that great banking houses, notably Morgan & Co., biggest of the aggressively enterprising firms, admit to partnership men about forty years old. Davison, Lamot, Morrow and other important Morgan partners were taken in at about forty, the age supposed to combine sound judgment with power to carry a heavy load.

In other days forty began the "graybeard" age. Great careers, Alexander and Napoleon, the two most spectacular, were over at that age. Age is pushed farther and farther back, and the J. P. Morgan of 200 years hence may be selecting 75-year-old partners for their combination of mental and physical strength.

Senator Capper of Kansas seeks reduction in railroad freight rates on grain. Not all farmers realize that Uncle Sam's money has been spent to make it impossible for farmers in some parts of the United States to compete with Canadian farmers. Northwest Canadian wheat reaches our east coast and Europe through the Panama canal, at low freight rates. This country built the canal, taxing its citizens, and lets the whole world use the canal at the same rate as Americans pay.

If you are too fat, you treat your heart unjustly. So says Dr. James McEster. The heart works harder to carry extra weight, but that is only part of it. Fifty to one hundred useless pounds of weight represent endless billions of living cells that demand nourishment, heat, water and their added share of the energy that causes metabolism, or change of tissue.

Extra weight tires the body, brain and heart, constituting a "loafer class," or idle rich class in the system that shortens life, diminishes comfort and usefulness. In that, a human body is like a government. Idle rich that consume and contribute nothing, except silly opinions, are harmful to the entire body politic and a way should be found to make them work.

Mr. Rontas, who interrupted a bootlegging career to kill his wife, and was congratulated, rather strangely, by some of the jury that acquitted him, is to have "a period of rest under scrutiny." That's to see how his mind is and decide about letting him loose to resume business. His wife is having a longer "period of rest" under the ground.

Los Angeles sets a good example to other cities, ordering rat-proof features in all new buildings. It would be an excellent idea, and

economical in the long run, to make old buildings also rat-proof, the city paying the cost.

Modern destructive gases might be used for rat, mouse and insect extermination, including the destruction of the dangerous flea-carrying ground squirrels and gophers.

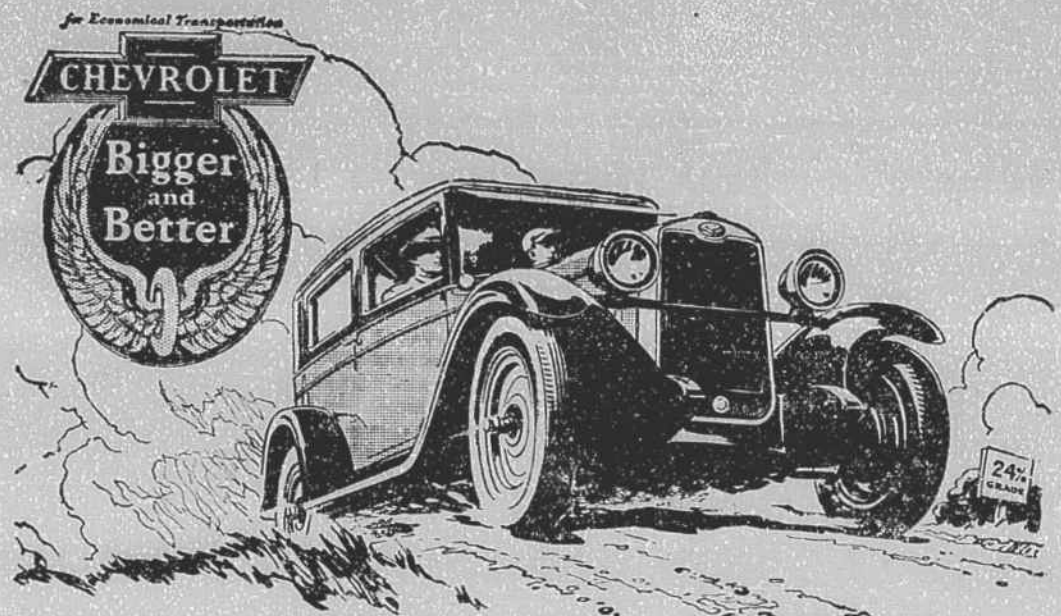
Professor Ross of Wisconsin University, is worried about overpopulation of the earth. Let married

people have four children to a family, let the children marry and do likewise, and population doubles every twenty years. At that rate, this country, in forty years, could have 460,000,000 people, more than China, and in one hundred years, our population would be 3,840,000,000, more than twice the earth's present population.

A doctor of Manhattan, Kan., believes he has found a cure for pyor-

rhea. Mr. Gundlach of Chicago thinks he also knows a cure. A real cure of that curse would be worth fifty millions to its discoverer, and would be cheap at twice that.

"So you have a daughter, Olsen?"
"Yes, a little prodigy."
"In what way?"
"She is ten years old and doesn't play the piano."



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