

## NEWS OF WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

### Outstanding Happenings of Week Gathered from Everywhere, Con- densed for the Busy Reader.

Washington, March 23.—Senator Woodbridge N. Ferris of Michigan, a veteran of many of his state's political battles and for two terms of that state, died early today after a struggle against pneumonia which set in more than a week ago. The death of Mr. Ferris will decrease the Democratic strength in the senate by one vote. Governor Green of Michigan, who has the power of appointing his successor is a Republican.

Washington, March 24.—Senator Gerald P. Nye, youthful progressive from North Dakota, today asked Governor Al Smith of New York, whether his five-year silence on the national oil scandal was due to his friendship for Harry F. Sinclair. Nye projected this question at Smith in a letter replying to the New York governor's recent letter. "Might it be that your reticence to speak out against these scandals sooner is attributable to the fact that Harry F. Sinclair was a member of your official family, and had as newspapers now report, contributed in 1918 when you were a successful candidate for governor, to a Democratic committee in New York?" asked Nye. "This thought is merely suggested by your letter."

Washington, March 23.—A shift of many millions of accumulated wealth from corporations to private citizens raised individual incomes last year to a new peak, nearly complete income tax reports at the treasury disclosed today. March income tax collections, as a result, will total approximately \$515,000,000, matching the record-breaking figures of last year. Treasury officials said they will support a substantial reduction of taxes, although with a possible trimming of their earlier \$225,000,000 recommendation on account of increased appropriations. The first virtually complete report of March receipts, which have fluctuated bafflingly, was analyzed by the entire corps of treasury tax experts at a conference with Under Secretary Mills today. President Coolidge, meanwhile stood convinced that a \$225,000,000 reduction could be made without danger to the government's finances. He believes this will leave a safe margin if only es-

sential appropriations are made, it was learned, but considers the \$225,000,000 cut approved by the house out of the question.

Washington, March 26.—Almost two million persons are out of work in this country—1,874,950—the senate was informed today by Secretary Davis of the labor department, in response to the resolution of Senator Wagner of New York, asking for a labor report. Mr. Davis in his letter to the vice president said this situation was "serious," while "not so extensive or grave as the estimates which have been generally circulated." He predicted "prompt relief" through the inauguration of elaborate public building programs by the federal, state and municipal government but otherwise made no prediction. The department report estimated that there

are 23,318,692 wage earners today compared with 25,222,712 in 1925 which was accepted as an average year and used as the basis for computations. This constitutes a shrinkage of 1.35 per cent in employment.

### JAMES P. COOK DEAD

James P. Cook, for many years prominent in political and civic life of the state, died at his home near Concord last Thursday night. Mr. Cook was known as the founder of the Stonewall Jackson Training school, near Concord. It was through his efforts that the first cottage at the institution was constructed and during recent years he had given much of his time to the school. He was chairman of the training school board of directors at the time of his death.

**NORMAL NOTES**  
The Mars Hill debating team, composed of Opal Pryor and Inez Roberts, defeated the Appalachian State Normal team, composed of Essie Hood and Lucille Yarbrough, at the Normal auditorium here Saturday night. This was one unit of

the triangular debate between Mars Hill, the Normal and Cullowhee. The question was, "Resolved that the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill should be enacted into law." Following the debate, a reception was given at the Lovell hall in honor of the visiting debaters.

Miss Harriette Cooke of Valle Crucis, who has been visiting friends in Winston-Salem for the past few weeks, is now visiting friends in New Haven and West Port, Conn., and Long Island Sound, N. Y., before taking up training as a nurse in New York city.

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