

NEWS OF WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

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

Jacksonville, Fla., June 8.—Enraged when his father refused to start, George Troop, 23, walked into his home today and drew out his pistols with a pistol. Troop's mother told police he had left the house in good spirits, but that he became enraged when the auto refused to run.

Washington, June 11.—It was announced by the White House tonight that due to illness of Mrs. Coolidge the departure of the president and his party for Paris, Wis., had been temporarily postponed. Mrs. Coolidge's physicians announced that while her condition is not considered serious it was thought best not to undertake the trip at this particular time on account of the wear and tear of the journey.

Southampton, England, June 8.—Harry A. Thaw, denied admission to Great Britain under a law barring lovebirds, who have committed an act for which they might be extradited, will start back for New York tomorrow. He will return on the Aquitania, from which he has not set foot since he boarded her in America. Up to 9 o'clock tonight, Thaw was confident that he would be allowed to land here, but at that hour he received a telegram from London. After reading it, he remarked: "No chance! I am going back tomorrow."

Washington, June 7.—President Coolidge exercised his prerogative of a pocket veto on the Muscle Shoals bill by his failure to sign the measure by midnight. The 10-day period which he had to sign the bill or disapprove it by failure to act ended tonight. However, much controversy has arisen over the validity of the pocket veto power. In the opinion of White House and justice department officials the lack of executive approval has automatically killed the bill. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, a co-author of the measure, on the other hand takes the position that the bill automatically became law with the failure of Mr. Coolidge to sign it.

Brisbane, Australia, June 9.—The recompleting Southern Cross, arrived here from the Fiji Islands today. The Southern Cross had bridged the Pacific by air and Australia and America clasped hands across the water. In the pilot's positions were Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith and Charles Ulm, sons of Australia; the navigator was Harry W. Lyon and the radio operator James Watson, son of America. The Southern Cross departed at 10:10 a. m. Gales that threatened destruction were fought by the plane and its four men through most of the flight of 1,762 miles over the south Pacific. Sydney, 300 miles to the south, beckons the Southern Cross onward to complete the triumphant flight of 7,840 miles. Lyon and Warner, the American members of the crew are not expected to be aboard when the plane takes off on the final stage.

Washington, June 11.—Propriety and economy, the slogans of the Coolidge administration, were broadcast tonight in a speech by the president delivered at the eve of his party's national convention. There was no mention of the Kansas City gathering which will select a presidential nominee or to the president's own views as to his own future. He spoke freely, however, of the improvement he saw in the nation's condition since 1921, when the Republican party came into power. Mr. Coolidge appeared before the members of the government's business organization at the regular budget meeting and his speech was sent over a network of radio stations. In reviewing the state of affairs, he said it had been his endeavor "to manage the national finances as to secure the greatest benefit to the people. I have rejoiced in reducing down the annual budget, in reducing taxes and paying off the national debt, because the influence of such action is felt in every home in the land."

Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, June 11.—General Umberto Nobile, leader of the ill-fated polar expedition on the *Dirigible Italia*, is leading five of his men across the arctic ice in an effort to meet the steamer *Braganza*. Two of this party are suffering from hurts incurred when the gondola of the ship was torn loose by its first contact with the ice. This information came in radio messages received late today. The messages added that the men still have a small supply of fuel, but that their progress is hampered by the frost-bitten hands and feet, coupled with the condition of the injured men. The *Italia's* crew split into three groups when the disaster occurred on May 25. General Nobile and his companions were left behind when the gondola was torn away. The others in the crew came down on the ice about 18 miles farther east. Three of the second group started across the ice toward land. Nothin further has been heard from them. The remainder of the main group including the wireless operator, report they have sufficient food, but that the provisions are being rigorously rationed. They need medicines for those suffering with frost-bites. They report themselves as drifting on the ice, but generally westward toward land.

Indiana's Favorite Son



SENATOR JAMES E. WATSON

James E. Watson was born at Winchester, Ind., on November 24, 1864. He was educated at Winchester University and DePauw University. He married Flora Miller in 1892, and their union was blessed with four children: Edwin G., James E., Catherine and Joseph C. Watson. He was admitted to the bar in 1886 and began practice with his father. He moved to Rushville, Ind., in 1893. He was a member of the 54th and 56 to 60th congresses from the 6th Indiana district. He was the Republican nominee for governor of Indiana in 1908. He was the United States senator for the unexpired term (1916-21) of B. F. Shively, deceased. He was elected and has since been re-elected to the senate.

FOUR DOLLARS PROFIT FROM THINNING APPLES

A profit of four dollars a tree was made by two apple growers of Wilkes county last year from thinning the surplus, defective apples on some trees of the Linbertwig variety.

"Last year during the June drop or about the time the apples had grown to a size of the end of one's thumb, H. H. Morehouse and Bynum Price of Wilkes county thinned out all the defective fruits and left those remaining at a distance of from 6 to 8 inches apart," says H. H. Newwonger, extension horticulturist at State College. "As a result, Mr. Morehouse got a profit of \$6.53 per tree for the apples harvested from the thinned trees over the gross returns from apples harvested from the unthinned trees. Mr. Price made a profit of \$3.83 per tree from his thinning. For example, from two thinned trees in Mr. Price's orchard he harvested 28 bushels with 160 apples to the bushel. From two unthinned trees, Mr. Price harvested 24 bushels but it took 220 apples to make a bushel. He reported that the quality of fruit was 40 per cent better on the thinned trees and it took longer to harvest apples from the unthinned trees."

Mr. Morehouse stated that the gross quantity did not differ so much by his demonstration but that the apples from the unthinned trees were much inferior both in size and color.

Mr. Newwonger recommends thinning of all apple trees this year in view of the good crop of fruit set. He states that thinning will increase the size and grade of the fruit; will improve the color and quantity; will reduce the number of defective apples; will decrease the labor in harvesting; will prevent breakage of the limbs; will preserve the vigor of the trees and will secure more regular bearing. The most noticeable result of thinning, he states, is in the increase in size of the fruit.

Jealous Lions Attack Trainer
Syracuse, June 10.—Seven veteran lions of Spark's circus became jealous when a new lion was brought into the act. They started fighting and John Guilfoyle, trainer, in trying to rescue the new lion, was bitten and clawed severely and is in a serious condition.

Harriet Guilfoyle, leopard trainer, was the first to enter the cage to help her husband, who is expected to recover. There were 1,000 spectators. A panic was narrowly averted.

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Some Game!
Berkeley, Cal., June 8.—The University of California and Stanford have been playing a game of chess since 1925. The game is likely to last ten years.
Seven players at the University of California started the game in 1925. Only one member of the original team will attend the university. Each day at noon the California team decides on a move, and mails it to Stanford. Stanford mails its move to Berkeley. And the game still goes on!

Steals Locomotive
Atlanta, Ga., June 10.—Artist Henry, negro, ran off with a locomotive. He took an A. R. and C. locomotive under steam in the railroad yards, and drove it from a side track into a string of box cars.
There is now a legal squabble on as to whether he should be indicted for theft or for "malicious mischief," as there seems to be no way of telling whether he intended to divert the engine for his own use or not. He will undergo a sanity test.

They were returning from a trip to France and the old white cliffs of Dover were getting clearer and clearer as the steamer ploughed through the choppy sea.
A boisterous man of the type so often encountered on such excursions was airing his knowledge of things in general, but he was infinitely puzzled at the round of laughter which greeted his cheery announcement:
"Well, we shall soon be on *pointe de terre* again now."



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