

NEWS OF WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

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

France Field, Canal Zone, Feb. 27.—The United States navy dirigible Los Angeles was successfully moved tonight at 10:10 p. m. to the special mast erected here, on completion of her longest non-stop flight since she was flown to the United States from Germany. The distance from New Jersey, where the dirigible took off, to the Canal Zone, is 2,265 miles.

Rotterdam, Netherlands, Feb. 28.—Four men today set sail from here in a 20-foot lifeboat on a voyage to New York which they hope to accomplish in 10 days. The boat is named the Schuttlevaer after its inventor who was aboard as first helmsman. He claims for his craft that it is non-combustible and hopes by this trip to demonstrate its importance as a part of the equipment of ocean liners. The three-ton boat is stocked with provisions sufficient for more than 60 days. One of the most recent crossings of the Atlantic in a small boat was that of A. J. Gerbault, French aviator and tennis star, who sailed his 30-foot boat without assistance.

The federal dry enforcement program suffered a set-back recently when the United States supreme court ruled that an automobile cannot be confiscated under the customs act when the driver is charged with transportation and possession of liquor and leads guilty to the latter in violation of the prohibition law. The decision was a victory for automobile finance companies, since in a confiscation under the prohibition act the interests of an innocent mortgage holder are protected. The circuit court at San Francisco was reversed. The case originated in Seattle when Leo Gimp pleaded guilty to possession and his coupe was confiscated. The Commercial Credit Company, mortgage holder, sought recovery for the car and appointed the case.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Within 24 hours of yesterday's spectacular holdup at a Grand Point on the southwestern outskirts of Chicago, the police tonight announced that one arrested suspect had confessed his share of the robbery, implicating seven men including two women. More than \$1,000 of the \$13,000 loot was recovered and 25 suspects, including five women, were arrested in several raids, the police said. William Donovan, the most arrested is reported to have told police that he and five others held up and robbed the train while the two remaining railroad workers supplied them with information, enabling them to board the train which carried funds to meet the payroll. Two factories in Harvey, an industrial suburb of Chicago.

Los Angeles, Feb. 24.—A confession by William E. Hickman putting the blame for the killing of O. L. Tombs, druggist on the shoulders of his co-defendant, Wally Hunt, was introduced today at the joint murder trial of the two youths. Attorneys for Hickman contended the confession was the last link of a chain of evidence fixing direct responsibility for the killing on Hunt. Tombs, a druggist, was shot and killed when the two youths, wearing Santa Claus masks, tried to rob his store on Christmas Eve, 1926. Each had accused the other of being the fatal shot. Attorneys for Hickman, who already is under death sentence for the slaying of Marina Parker, joined the state's counsel in pushing the confession into the trial record over the protest of Hunt's attorney. The confession said Hunt carried a .38 calibre automatic while Hickman was equipped with a .32 calibre wadon in the holdup. It was a .38 calibre bullet which fatally wounded the druggist.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Senator Simmons opposed in the senate this afternoon the reduction made in the war department appropriation bill by the senate committee. Senator Simmons discovered that the amount of \$1,000,000 asked for by the board of engineers of the war department for prosecuting the work for the next year in constructing the extension of the inland waterway from Beaufort to the Cape Fear river had been cut down by the committee from \$1,000,000 to \$710,000. The North Carolina senator had a spirited colloquy with Senator Swanson of Virginia and Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, developing the details of the cuts proposed by the committee, and later, made the closing argument against the committee amendment and in favor of the restoration of the original amounts estimated by the war department engineers as being the amounts that can properly be expended during the next fiscal year in the prosecution of rivers and harbors work. The vote, which was taken at the conclusion of Senator Simmons' speech, resulted in an emphatic victory for his contentions. The senate by a vote of 55 to 17, restored the sums which the committee had cut out; and so the inland waterway extension from Beaufort to the Cape Fear river will get its full \$1,000,000 for the next year.

Farm Boys and Girls



Senator Arthur Capper who has just introduced a bill which furnishes what he calls a "practical program for the advancement of agriculture."

It asks for Federal aid to extend the agricultural education of boys and girls on the farms.

About Your Health

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW
By John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

Mental Disease

When eminent specialists hold directly opposite views as to what is wrong with a murderer—or whether is anything wrong with him at all, it is little wonder that thoughtful people lose more or less confidence in so-called medical science.

That luxury adds license, is particularly true of youth. Even men grow astoundingly indifferent to moral law, when the fat purse so easily procures the intoxicant. When our young people hear discussions by their elders, as to whether Jesus Christ was legitimate child, and that brutal murderers need (tailed nurses and sanitary diet instead of a nun's house—pray, what may we expect?

We are very sure that youth is susceptible to suggestion, with the mind in the formative stage, and when said youth is relieved by society of all parental espionage—and when said youth has his mind fed twice a day by a capable press, on the most salacious crime news obtainable—we are not long in witnessing the reaction. A boy drunken with speed-mania, his pockets bulging with money, envious of the publicity accorded bold bad boys with knife and gun, will kill for the fun and notoriety of it! Insane? Dementia praecox? Call it what you will—if you saw criminal neglect, you will reap dismembered bodies of little girls.

It is easier to nip "dementia praecox" in the bud, than it is to get clear of a murder charge on the grounds of insanity. We never heard of dementia praecox when parents took time to train their children properly. There is food for reflection, when mamma bobs her hair and her skirts—and when dad spends his Sundays cussing the caddie! Mental health, moral health, is secured only by observance of the strict code that trains youth up in the way he should go.

Officer: "My man, why do you hold on to that jump post?"
Drunk: "Hic, it tried to walk away, ossifier, an' I just ashed it to talk me home."

Farmers of Ashe county have shipped their first crop of seed Irish potatoes to growers of the early crop in eastern Carolina.

TREAT FENCE POSTS TO PREVENT DECAY

Raleigh, Feb. 29.—All timber decays. Some kinds decay quickly and others more slowly, depending on the kind of lumber and its use. Fence posts begin to decay first just a few inches below the surface of the ground and to prolong the life of the post, it may be treated with creosote.

"The average fence post may be treated with creosote under ordinary farm conditions by using the open tank process," says A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer at State College. "We know that wood or wood products subject to alternate wetting and drying will decay more readily than those kept wet or dry as the case may be. Longleaf or yellow pine, cypress, mulberry and black locust are among the most satisfactory woods commonly used for posts. Sap woods are unsatisfactory unless treated with creosote and in fact, all posts should be treated. We advise the open tank process."

In this process, two open tanks are used, one for hot treatment and the other for cold treatment, states Mr. Holman. Get the posts ready—cut, trimmed and peeled. Use a 100-gallon steel oil drum with the head removed for the first tank and another drum or trough for the second. Coal tar creosote or a similar preservative is placed in the first tank and heated to 175 to 200 degrees. The posts are then placed in this and allowed to stand on end for one-half to one hour when they are removed and immediately placed in the second tank. This second tank is also filled with the same preservative maintained at 100 degrees or certainly not less than 50. This is called the cold tank. The posts should remain here for 30 minutes. Usually the base or ground end is treated in tank number one and the whole post in tank number two, states Mr. Holman. The creosote oil should penetrate at least three-fourths of an inch to effectively prolong the life of the post.

Mr. Holman states that if this treatment is followed in building new fences, the life of the posts will be so greatly increased that the owner will not be put to the expense of constantly renewing.



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