

# SHORT ITEMS OF GENERAL NEWS

Some of the Outstanding Happenings of Past Week, Gathered From Everywhere, Condensed For The Busy Reader.

Washington, May 24—The White House today announced the appointment of R. H. Lucas, collector of internal revenue at Louisville, Ky., as commissioner of internal revenue to succeed David H. Blair. It is assumed that Mr. Lucas will assume duties at an early date, as Mr. Blair has gone to Rochester, Minn., for a physical examination at the clinic conducted by the Mayo brothers.

Washington, May 24—"Mussolini Hoover" was the title bestowed upon the president in the senate today by Senator Blease, Democrat, of South Carolina. "He wants to be president and he wants to be house and senate," Blease declared. "He appointed a cabinet most of whose members nobody ever heard of. He wanted them to come to the White House and get their orders and not have any opinions of their own. Hoover is to this country what Mussolini is to Italy," Blease shouted. "Mussolini Hoover is what he is."

Washington, May 27—Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, the first woman to be appointed to a high government office, soon is expected to retire as assistant attorney general in charge of the prosecution of prohibition, narcotic, internal revenue and customs law violations. While her resignation has not yet been submitted to President Hoover, friends of Mrs. Willebrandt said today she probably would leave the justice department next month to return to private law practice. For some time she has had under consideration important offers from several large law firms.

Washington, May 27—Gov. Max Gardner, Senators Orrman and Simmons, and Joseph D. Daniels of North Carolina, and others called on President Hoover today and invited him to Raleigh for North Carolina homecoming week, October 24 to 28, next. The invitation was extended in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the state legislature of North Carolina. Mr. Hoover gave a tentative promise with the understanding that congress would not interfere. He looked at Senator Simmons, and told him that his acceptance would depend upon the progress of congress.

North Carolina has had three men who served as commissioner of internal revenue but for a number of days the chances of the North Carolina candidate, District Attorney Barkins, has been on the wane. Republican leaders in the state made no spectacular fight for the place. The president and Secretary Mellon were simply informed that if the services of a man from the state were needed, they would be available. President Hoover felt that he could not well ignore the exigencies of the Kentucky situation. The president was given a smashing victory in the state and the Republican majority grew so large as to become top heavy or unwieldy.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 26—Having smashed all sustained flight records, Reginald L. Robbins and his co-pilot, James Kelly, brought the monoplane Fort Worth to the ground here this afternoon a few minutes after 4 o'clock only after a storm battered propeller had started to shake the engine and plane badly. The plane had been in the air 172 hours, 59 minutes and one second, almost a day longer than the famous army Question Mark, whose record was surpassed by more than 22 hours. Robbins and Kelly by their feat eclipsed the best mark for all airplanes and all lighter than air machines and all records for crews regardless of size. Although the men were tired and deaf from almost seven and one-half days of exposure to the roar of a whirlwind motor they were so happy they forgot their aching muscles and long sleepless vigil.

Raleigh, May 25—The Mediterranean fruit fly, which has wrought heavy damage in Florida and against which W. A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture, sounded a note of warning recently, has been found in North Carolina, it was announced at the state department of agriculture today. The discovery was made by Inspector McKinnon, in 60 crates of oranges in Greensboro. Specimens were rushed to Raleigh and examined by Dr. R. W. Leiby, entomologist for the department of agriculture, who identified them. However, before any announcement was made, they were sent to Washington for further identification, and today telegraphic advices confirmed this identification. The shipment of infested oranges, found in a Greensboro produce storage house May 21, originated in a Florida county 60 days ago and have since been in storage. The entire lot was immediately condemned to the city's incinerator. Because of developments at Greensboro, inspectors have been instructed to keep a close watch on fruit grown in that section of the state this summer. No fruit and vegetables have been shipped into this state from Florida since May 16 because of a federal-state quarantine.

## THIS WEEK

By ARTHUR BRISBANE

**Cotton Comes Back  
Copper Backs Farm Bill  
Coolidge is Early  
Why Farmers Laugh**

Cotton growers will be glad to hear that big department stores are specializing in cotton goods. "Cotton arrives" is the announcement of one store, biggest in New York, doing about \$90,000 worth of cotton goods.

"Dotted swiss," "ginge" and "ginghams" are featured energetically.

"Often woman changes," the French say. Real imitation silks have been the rage; now King cotton comes back.

If Americans will advertise, and emphasize "Cotton goods" grown and made in America, instead of advertising "British cloth," that will help.

Senator Carner of Kansas, trusted by farmers, backs President Hoover's farm bill. He opposes the department subsidy plan, which would pay a bonus to exporting middlemen, ease the taxpayers heavily and do the farmer little, if any, good.

Calvin Coolidge, as director of the New York Life Insurance Company, arrived twenty minutes ahead of time for his first director's meeting. "See! thou a man diligent in his business, he shall stand before kings."

The former president is interested in life insurance, not for profit, but for possibility of public service. His days work paid \$50, not much according to present ideas. But it is fifty times as much as Mr. Coolidge's father paid the black-bearded giant who earned in the Coolidge blacksmith shop \$1 a day fifty years ago.

Tears and laughter afford relief. Loud laughter, violent weeping cause the mind to rest and bring temporary peace.

There will be farm-relief laughter in news that railroads have consented to lower freight rates on wheat flour from the middle west to the Atlantic.

The notion that farmers will get more for their wheat when flour mills pay lower freight bills will make the saddest farmer laugh.

Relief for flour manufacturers is welcome. They are having a hard time, with chain stores, regulating their profits.

But charging them ten cents less a barrel for shipping flour will not cause them to give farmers two cents a bushel more for wheat.

Relief for farmers and for many others will come from generally increased prosperity, and especially from sharing national wealth more widely.

American farmers once sold corn for less than the amount of taxes now proposed.

Prisons have changed. One ancient hero, solitary in prison, had to encourage not only the example of a humble spider spinning and respinning a web as fast as it was torn down.

A well known oil magnate, jailed because he wouldn't answer senators' questions, has the deeper, pleasanter inspiration of a blonde trained nurse.

In the medical department of the jail, this blonde lady works for the sick and suffering, and says to her old man assistant, worth \$100,000,000, "Please hand me that iodine."

or "Watch how I fix this bandage." Much can be learned in such an atmosphere.

At Britain's general election next Thursday surprises are expected. Austin Chamberlain may lose his seat. Birmingham is radical and "labor."

Lady Astor, contributed to the house of commons by Virginia, has a hard fight, and is able to handle it.

including rough words and actions by some who think her husband too rich. It is generally expected that Stanley Baldwin will win, by a much reduced majority, with labor a close second, and Lloyd George's liberal party with barely 60 members, but enough perhaps to give him the balance of power.

The British are fortunate in their

national leaders. Baldwin, Lloyd George and Ramsay MacDonald are all men of ability, unselfish patriotism and real ability.

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