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NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

President's Law Enforcement Commission Begins Its Great Investigation.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD DRESIDENT HOOVER'S commis-I sion on law enforcement has been appointed and is about to begin its momentous task of investigating the evils and failures of federal judicial procedure. The President's selections for membership on this important body have met with warm approval. Its chairman is George W. Wickersham, attorney general of the United States during the Taft administration. The others are Frank J. Loesch, as-sistant state's attorney of Chicago; William S. Kenyon of Iowa, United States circuit judge; Newton D. Baker of Cleveland, secretary of war under Wilson; Roscoe Pound, dean of the Harvard law school; William A. Grubb of Alabama, United States district judge; Paul J. McCormick of California, United States district judge; Kenneth R. Mackintosh of Seattle, former chief justice of the Washington state Supreme court: Monte M. Lemann, president of the Louisiana Bar association : Henry W. Anderson of Richmond Va., United States member of Mexican claims com-mission, and Miss Ada L. Comstock, president of Radcliffe college, Boston.

With the exception of Miss Comstock, every one of these is an eminent lawyer, and three of them, Loesch, Baker and Pound, have had special experience in crime investigation. The one woman on the commis sion is also the sole representative of the laity, and some regret has been expressed that there is no one to share with her this great responsibility. Not one of the members has been ac-tively identified with either the wets or the drys, although Judge Kenyon is generally regarded as the champion of the prohibitionists. Three of the commissioners, Baker, Grubb and Lemann, are Democrats.

Though the scope of the commission's activities is by no means lim-ited to inquiry into enforcement of the prohibition laws, this phase of the investigation is looked upon as the most important and it is certain to be the most interesting to the people of America. Already the dry and wet organizations are marshaling their forces and preparing to present be-fore the commission all the facts and arguments at their command. Mr. Hoover invited the members of the ission to eat luncheon at the White House and listen to his outline of the scope and purposes of their inquiry.

RAILROADS of the country won a R great victory when the Supreme court of the United States handed down its decision in the famous St. Louis & O'Fallon railroad case which on behalf of that obscure little coal road had been fought through all the courts. The immediate object was to have set aside an order issued by the

tling. Prices of rall stock soared with a rush of buying orders, but the ad-vances were cut in half by liquidation in industrial stocks.

FORMER SENATOR IRVINE L. LENROOT'S appointment to a federal judgeship was finally confirmed by the senate despite the determined opposition of a number of radicals. Soon thereafter a newspaper pub-lished what purported to be the roll call by which this action was taken in executive session, and this stirred up a row that has resulted in the barring of news service reporters from the floor of the senate. This step was taken by the rules committee and re-ported to the senate with a resolution censuring the unnamed senator or senate employee who had disclosed the roll call. After considerable dis-Vice President Curtis ancussion, nounced that while news service reporters have been accorded the priv-

ing the persons entitled to admission will be rigidly enforced in the future. FOLLOWING Colonel Lindbergh's flight in his amphibian plane to North Haven, Maine, carrying his flancee, Anne Morrow; her mother and two sisters, the news developed that the youngest of the girls, Constance, had received extortion letters threat-ening her life if \$50,000 were not paid to the writer. Constance got two of these notes at Milton academy, Westwood, Mass., where she is a sopho-more. Attempts to catch the extortioner by a decoy package failed, and at this writing his or her identity has not been discovered. For several days the Morrow family, heavily guarded by special officers, remained on their North Haven estate, and then Colonel Lindbergh took them all to

ilege of the floor "by courtesy for half a century or more," the rule specify-

New York in his plane. G OVERNOR'S ISLAND and part of the financial district of New York were theoretically devastated by bombs dropped by the army's huge Keystone bomber which made a non-stop flight of 600 miles from the headquarters of the army air maneuvers at Fairfield, Ohlo. Next day the bomber returned to the metropolis accompanied by a smaller biplane from which it was successfully refueled while in flight.

ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX clergymen, educators and leaders of religious thought in Great Britain and American have issued what is entitled "A British-American Message to the Churches and to All People of Good Will." It is an appeal for better understanding between the American and British peoples, and expresses the hope that all war may soon be abolished. The signers pledge themselves to accept in spirit and in fact the words of the Kellogg treaty; to "discountenance any and all expressions or acts which contemplate as possible the use of any but pacific means for the settlement of disputes or conflicts; and to do our utmost to rally all men and women of good will to unite with us in this same deter-

WHILE the senate and house conferees continued in deadlock over

mination."

task in persuading the senate to ac-cept the bill with that feature omitted.

RECENT disclosures of the activi-ties of the International Paper and Power company in financing news-papers, made during the investigation by the federal trade commission, in-spired Senator George Norris of Ne-braska to deliver in the senate a long address in which he urged legislation to prevent the acquisition of newspapers by public utilities concerns and to curb the expansion of such corporations. The Nebraskan scored President Hoover for putting Lenroot on the federal customs ap-peals bench, and bitterly denounced Samuel Insull, the Chicago public utility magnate.

Mr. Norris said he believed every newspaper in the country has had the opportunity to sell out to the "power trust," the existence of which he has been declaring for years, and passion-ately pleaded with publishers to reject the offers of the power magnates so that the country might have a free

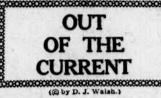
CHILE and Peru are immensely relieved by the settlement of the old Tacna-Arica dispute, which was formally announced in Washington. The agreement reached was that proposed by President Hoover. Under its terms Tacna is awarded to Peru and Arica to Chile. The city of Arica, the only port of call for steamers on the Tacna-Arica coastline. is awarded to Chile, but Peru is to have the rights of a free port there. Chile has agreed to erect a railroad station, a ustom house, and a wharf at Arics for the use of Peru. Chile also agrees to pay Peru \$6,000,000.

Bolivia, which had hoped for an outlet to the sea through the port of Arica, alone is dissatisfied with the settlement.

DOOR old China seems to be on the I verge of another great civil war. Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, head of the Nationalist government, and Gen. Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian general," have reached the parting of the ways and at last reports were about ready for armed operations against each other. At present the trouble is centered about Canton. Just what it is all about is difficult to understand at this distance, but Feng accuses Chiang of a desire to dominate the country, asserts his government is "illegal" and warns foreign consuls against lending him assistance.

DR. ALBERT VOEGLER, secretary D of the German Federation of In-dustries, has resigned from the German committee of the conference of reparations experts and departed from Paris, which led to fears that the conference would be a complete failure. In any event it seemed certain the negotiations, if not broken off, would be greatly prolonged. Germany had accepted the American compromise plan with certain conditions, and the allied nations had practically accepted these conditions, but with reserva-tions. The Germans indicated four of the reservations of the allies were al most totally inacceptable and that they would yield no further, and the

allies stated that their limit had been reached.



REAMILY Anetha arose from

D among the gay striped pillows of the swing, with her finger between two pages of the "Story of Philosophy," sauntered down among the peonles to the mail box in which she had a few minutes before uninterestedly seen the rural carrier deposit her day's mail. She scanned the headlines of the metropolitan daily she "took," then glanced at four envelopes which constituted the rest of the contents of the box. One contained the announcement of a church meeting, the second the village mil-liner's invitation to her "opening," the third a book list from a New York publisher. The fourth was only a "letter." It was addressed in the sprawling, distinguished chirography of her cousin's wife. Back again on the swing she read the letter.

"Anetha, dear, Mark has some things to talk over with you-business connected with your estate. He is

just recovering from rather a nasty bout with flu, and he wondered if you might not be prevailed on to come here and save him a trip to Green Center. I'd love having you! For a week a month, a year, as long as you could endure us. Oceans of things going on. How do you ever endure Green Center all the year round? Devotedly, Clarice P. S. A dinner dress or two, a little sports costume and a street ensemble will be about all you will want in the way of clothes. Why not get anything you need here in the city?"

"The cream of the matter is in the postcript, of course," murmured An-etha, "Translated it would be, 'For goodness' sake have some decent clothes and don't disgrace me.' " She began tapping with her foot as she glanced over the letter a second time. 'Must I go?" she asked, and then, staring with unseeing eyes over to landscape that three minutes before had enchanted her with its Maytime loveliness, she answered her own ques-tion. She must go. And early yellow roses, peonles, new-leaved elm adorable slope of green lawn and a sparkling run fringed with bluets and spring beauties, lost for her all their

savor. Her spring was spoiled. She got up, picked up the pillows against which she had leaned, tucked the "Story of Philosophy" under her arm with letters and newspapers, and went into the still, sun-bathed house She called up Miss Bertha and exact ed a promise of three days' sewing. She wrote a brief acceptance of Clarice's and Mark's "most kind invitation." She dressed and drove the mile to Main street, bought the "little

sports suits" and material for three linner dresses. She tried on bats for an hour, selected three, went home. Competently banishing sternly from her rebelling mind the glories of May, she was enforcedly ignoring, she went through the next three days supervis ing Miss Bertha, getting house and garden ready to leave for a week.

"You'll have a perfectly grand time!" fervently assured Miss Bertha Anetha shivered. She was trying a dinner gown of soft black lace and at the shiver Miss Bertha waxed indignant. "'Course you'll have a

grand time! 'Course, you will! And

to luncheons, teas. Anetha at these felt as if she were reading a novel. And she confessed to Mark, "I've always been so out of life I-am afraid to open my mouth." "You needn't be," Mark observed

with his bit of charming, dry smile. The day came for the meeting of the Club of University Graduates. "Do let me stay at home with Mark," pleaded Anetha.

"Oh, Anetha !" Clarice was tragic. And so Anetha faced the lions. Unfversity graduates! Depressed, apprehensive, Anetha followed Clarice into the sumptuous hotel banquet room where these bright souls foregathered. Charming they were, their clothes, their voices, their bright welcoming glances, to Anetha's life-starved eyes. The subject for the day's meeting was a certain great novelist recently deceased. A pretty, but spent-looking woman read an indubitably learned paper. She candidly confessed at its conclusion she had had her husband's secretary copy parts of a recent magazine article. She was simply too rushed to get up a really good paper herself. She was almost tearful here. "Now, let's," she concluded more cheerfully, "have a general discussion Everybody can say something about this writer, surely !"

A pause. Then the president owned: "Well, I just don't remember a thing about him. Of course, I had him in college. But I don't have time to keep my studying up as I'd like to. The so many meetings, so many worthy charities, drives, politics and so on, so many really important things." "That's just the way it is with me,"

one said, then another. Clarice came to the rescue of the

liscussion. "Anetha," she said, "I saw you reading one of this man's books last night. Tell us about it."

Hesitating, flushing, paling, Anetha began. Somebody beside her pushed her to her feet and after one miserable moment she went on. She had been deeply moved by this man's work. she said, and told why. She spoke of one book after another, its theme, its tragic beauty. She forgot herself, forgot her "lack of advantages," forgot the beautifully gowned women before her. She was in her own library again reading, reading, while she stayed with the "old people." When she sut down-she did not feel at all "through"-gloved hands applauded, pretty eyes sparkled with admiration. "I wish you had heard her !" bubbled Clarice to Mark at dinner that

great day. "I'm not surprised." Mark said. "I netimes think it's we, being swept along in the middle of the current that are out of things. Anetha in the calm deep water at the side has a chance to swim and enjoy the view while she ioes it !"

"She's coming back to give a talk on Conrad next winter," Clarice annced happily.

"Did have a grand time, didn't ye?" Miss Bertha triumphed. "Educated! You want to be an you got th' time, so you are! Green Center ain't so bad !"

Why Not?

A certain restaurant famous for Its excellent cooking and bad service was patronized by a middle-aged man and als little son.

They sat down at a table and picked up the menu. Having selected the dishes they fancied, the father looked around for a waiter, while his son endeavored to assuage the pangs



Passenger-Carrying Wheelbarrows in Sm

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.) TEW nations have a greater problem in feeding and clothing their citizens than a single province

in China, Szechwan, where approximately 60,000,000 people live isolated behind great mountain barriers. Szechwan is the westernmost of the provinces of the middle zone of China, lying over against Tibet. None other of the divisions of the great republic has so many inhabitants.

There is a most intensive, if primitive, domestic commerce in Szechwan, and millions of the laborers of the province spend their lives on its roads bearing burdens on their backs or pushing the wheelbarrows which supply the only wheels that ever touch the network of roads and trails.

Sharing with these carriers the burden of the nation's life is the proverbial "Man with the Hoe," usually a poor tenant giving half his crop for the rent of his acre. Frequently, however, he is able to own his own imple ments and a water buffalo, with which he plows his own and his neighbor's plot, receiving in turn his neighbor's help in seed time and harvest.

Still others, and on the rich Chengta plain they are numerous, are wealthy farmers, who live in fine homes and till their estates with the help of sons and grandsons or with hired servants To these farmers is given the task of feeding a nation of \$0,000,000 peopie; for Szechwan, isolated by mountain barriers, must be self-sustaining. The measure of this task is appreciated when we consider that fully 50 per cent of the 181,000 square miles of Szechwan is too mountainous for culti-vation, which means that these 60,000, 000 are sustained on an area less than

one-baif that of the state of Texas. Add to this condition his lack of scientific knowledge and the primitive implements with which he inbors, as well as the necessity of securing and returning to the soil, as fertilizers, all that he reaps from it; remember, also, that rice, his chief cereal crop, is the most difficult of all cereals to produce, especially in a country where the hills must be terraced and water lifted to fill the paddy fields, and it become evident that the Szechwan farmer's task is next to impossible and its ac-

been grown from early sowing in highly fertilized plots, he transplants it in hills in the watered paddy fields. The rolly water makes the hoeing of his rice field impossible; so he does not hoe it; he toes it. With hare foot he feels about the plant with his toes, and if he finds a weed, he toes it out; then presses the dirt firmly in place again. With his right foot he toes two ows, with his left foot he toes two rows, and thus he toes four rows as le goes. That's the way he

For the harvest the farmers comt The and render mutual assistan is cut with the sickle, gath in bundles, and the grain be by striking it upon slats in the co of a large bin which is pulled all after the thresh ers. Dried upon boo mats, rolled and cleaned, it is then ready to be transported to mark

Sait Industry at "Flowing Well."

About midway between Chung-king and Chengra the traveler in Sz is tempted by the long train of sait carriers to turn aside and see the renowned sait industry at Tazilu-ching. which means "Flowing Well." Its origin is lost in antiquity, being first mentioned in the reign of the Minor Han dynasty in Szechwan, A. D.

With its forest of derricks, it resembles an oil boom town. The wells have been drilled by fost power to a depth of 2,400 feet for brine, and bout 2,800 for natural gas, wh used exclusively for the ev of the brine.

Sait is the unfailing so urce of gov ernment revenue and its produ poly. The preprietor of the sait well cannot own a gas well or evap orating giant. Likewise, the owner of the gas well or evagorating plant can not engage in the other branches of the industry, thus making each de pendent upon the other and prevent

ing family or governmen There are no flowing wells now, the brine being lifted in bamboo buckets about 50 feet in length, and 4 to 5 inches in diameter. The power is sup-plied by water buffaioes, hitched in tours to a 60-toot horiz about which the rope fistened to the bucket winds as the animals are beatan around the circle at a wild gallop.

	Interstate commerce commission call-	the export debenture scheme in the		you sure deserve it. Didn't you stay	of hunger by devouring bread.	complishment little short of a miracle.	The magnitude of the industry may
-	ing for a refund of a part of its earn-	senate's farm relief measure, the Re-	FOREIGN ministers of the little en-	home all those years with the old	At the end of five minutes' steady	Rich Soil and Plenty of Rain.	be gleaned from the fact that every
	ings, coming under what is known as	publican members of the house tried	" tente held a conference in Belgrade		munching the small boy had exhausted	He is, however, favored with a tem-	family demands its weekly pound of
	the recapture clause of the transpor-	to fix up their tariff bill so it would	in which, according to official an-	-she lived to be ninety-three, didn't	his supply of bread and his patience.	perate climate all the year and a	sait, and that many tons are exported
	tation act, permitting railroads to re-	be assured of passage. There was a	nouncement, a complete accord was	she? Then come your father, 'n' then	too.	naturally rich soil, an atmosphere	each month to other provinces.
		lot of log rolling and various trades	reached on all questions. A treaty of		"Daddie," he said, clutching his fay	saturated with moisture, an abundant	Returning once more to the Big road
	tain one-half of their earnings in ex-	were engineered. It was said duties	arbitration was signed and the other		ther's sleeve. "why don't you kick up	rainfall, and a never-failing supply of	and passing without comment its
	cess of 6 per cent, and requiring them	would be placed on hides, leather and			a row like you would at home?"-	water for irrigation from the melting	towns and cities, located about ten
	to pay over to the government the	shoes and those on a number of farm	longed. The nations all entered pro-		Weekly Scotsman.	snows on the mountain near by.	miles apart, one comes to Chengtu, the
	other half.	products increased. Every effort was	test against any reduction of repara-			He produces nearly every vegetable	Perfect capital, a vice-regal city of
	Reversing a lower court decision	being made by the leaders to prevent	tions amounts.	Miss Bertha, Mark and Clarice are col-	Always Follow Instructions	and grain found in our market and	half a million people, ruling over
	and annulling the order, the Supreme	a vote on the floor of the house on	LIONS ALBOUDES.	lege graduates; their friends are col-	Sharpe (radio expert)-What on	others to which we are strangers. The	Szechwan and Tibet. It is surround-
	court decided that the interstate com-	amendments for a reduction in the	TO PATTOR of the such taken		earth are you grinding up that cop-	fruits that are ours are his also.	ed by a finely constructed brick wall,
	merce commission must revise its	proposed duty on sugar or for the	DEATHS of the week included	lege graduates. They are educated,	per wire for?	Apples are few and poor in quality,	35 to 40 feet in height, with a thick-
	whole method of valuing railroads to		L those of Earl Roseberry, veteran	cultured people. I didn't go to the	Dulle (radio novice)-Well, I'm put-	but the persimmon and orange are	ness at the top of 20 feet and a cir-
	reach a basis for rate making. Years	restoration of cement, brick, shingles	statesman and former prime minister	university that fall I planned to.	ting in my radio set and the blue-	second to none and are produced in	cumference of more than nine miles.
- 1	of work by the commission must be	and lumber to the free list. The	of Great Britain; Eliza Hensler, nine-			great abundance. One thousand	Chengtu is an ancient capital, its
	done over again in full or in part.	Michigan automobile industry together	ty-three, the American-born morga-	remember. I had about a year here			first recorded wall being built 2.315
		with other industries using alcohol,	natic wife of Ferdinand of Saze-	at our little college before it was	most important thing about the in-	oranges on the upper Yangtze can be	years ago. Marco Polo described It
	Present values and the cost of re-	such as manufacturers of drugs and	Coburg, king consort of Portugal half	moved, and that's all, you see."	stallation.	purchased for 50 cents.	as a trinity of citles beautifully en-
	placements must be considered by the	paints, were reported to have tri-		Miss Bertha scoffed. "You always		He knows little of the science of	beilished. Its approaches were carved
	commission in setting the basis of	umphed over Illinois and Iowa corn	Watterson, widow of Henry Watter-		Inquisitive New Maid	gardening, but much of its method.	
	railroad compensation, the court ruled.	growers who have been seeking a duty	son, the famous Kentucky journalist.	ucated. That's what counts. Say,	"Is Mrs. Rise at home?" inquired	By interplanting, especially beans and	marble bridges which spanned its
	This replaces the 1919 valuation now	on blackstrap molasses high enough to		now, that irregular hemline sets you	Mrs. Chatters, standing in the shadow	pears, which he knows improves the	most its wall, searly 20 miles in
	used by the commission. Justices	stimulate the use of corn in the man-	THE society of the League of Na-	off fine! You 'n' me got good ideas	of the doorway.	quality of the soil; by crop rotation.	circumference, inclosing a population
	Brandels, Holmes and Stone dis-	ufacture of alcohol.	I tions at The Hague has awarded	about the kind of things that looks	"I don't know, ma'am," the new	which he knows increases his yield.	of more than a million, was surround-
	sented.	. In the matter of the farm relief		right, if I do say it myself."	maid replied. "I can't tell till I get a	and by intensive fertilizing and the	ed by rows of hibiscus trees, which
	At first it was believed this decision	measure, the house conferees were in-		Thoughtfully Anetha regarded ber	better look at you. If you've got a	sowing of vetch in the fallow season,	in autumn bloom made it the "Em-
	would bring about higher passenger	sistent that there be no vote in the	Drummond. The Grotius medal was	slim reflection in the sewing-room	wart on the side of your nose, she's	he manages to keep his fields rich	broidered City," a name that has long
	and freight rates, but later this was		instituted in 1925, to be granted each	mirror. "I couldn't bear to go and	out."	and raises from two to six crops a	outlived the wall and its trees. Some
	denied. The immediate effect on the		year thereafter to ten persons for			year. He has made Szechwan known	conception of the toll required to erect
				ing strange store," she said. "But I	Why He Was at Fault	as the Garden of Asia, the land where	such a wall may be gained from the
	New York Stock exchange was star-	Buch a fore would make ensiet their	There done in the promotion of peace.	may be making a mistake. Clarice	Auto Tourist-I clearly had the	famine never comes.	historical records, which state that the
				will be distrait if I am not smart.	right of way when this man ran into	The tenant farmer pays his rent	construction of one of its extensions.
	Use of Hollow Wires	a broad, flat strip of metal. The	Hollow wires then were struck	Well, perhaps she will let me off from		with the major portion of his rice.	eight miles in length, required an
		more the surface is reduced, the	upon as eliminating both the weight		Local Officer-You certainly were.	which is the master crop and his chief	army of 100,000 men and 9,600,000
	Ends Voltage Leakage	greater the loss. A line reduced to a	and the cost of solid metal. In prace	parties."	Autoist-Why?	concern and joy in life. In the early	
	Leakage, long the bugbear of long-	needle point would cause heavy leak-	tice, strands of solid wire are wound	But Clarice did not let her off from	Local Officer-Because his father is	spring he plows his paddy fields, and	Chengtu has given its name to the
	distance transmission of high voltage	age.	around a central metal core to weave	parties. "My dear, your clothes have	mayor, his brother is chief of police.	then prays for rains to flood them,	plain on which it stands. This plain
	electricity, is being stopped with the	Heavy wires supplanted slender	a tube. High voltage was found to	an air!" The city lady after one keen		offering incense to the god of the gar-	is said to have one of the finest and
	nue of hollow wires.	metal and it was found that high-	be transmitted without loss.	glance at Anetha in the black lace was	and I go with his sister.	den, whose shrine is built near by.	most ancient arstems of irrigation in
	Tubes, instead of solid metal, have	voltage electricity could be transmit-	Slender, solid wires continue to be	exultant. "You are so individual, and		When rain and gods fall him, he	the world. It was perfected about
	been found to decrease the losses of	ted successfully with decreased loss.	sufficient, however, for the trans-	yet you are right."	The Fickle Mob	sets to work with endless-chain, foot-	200 B. C. by Li Ping, who has since
	energy which heretofore presented	The use of the heavier medium was	mission of local, low-power energy. It	There were business conferences	The mob has beither judgment bor	treadle pumps, laboriously lifting into	
	energy which heretotore presented			with Mark at first and then Clarice	principle-ready to bawl at night for	his terraced fields the water that be	
	the greatest problem in sending power		necessary in furnishing the pressure	gave a dinner party in honor of "Miss	the reverse of what is desired in the		
	ander great pressure.	the problem of maintaining stronger	to and aperay for great distances that	Sinclair of Green Center." They went	morningTacitus.	has conserved in the valley. Then,	
1	Electricity, it is explained, finds its	the problem of maintaining stronger	leskare has been a problem.			breaking up the rice sod, which has	and the second s
	most efficient medium for travel in	I house to minute the Freeter Astruct		and the second state and second states		the manufacture of the second	
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