

BRIEF NEWS NOTES

WHAT HAS OCCURRED DURING WEEK THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND ABROAD

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Gathered From All Parts Of The Globe And Told In Short Paragraphs

Foreign—

Two additional deaths of persons injured in the recent bomb explosion in the cathedral at Sofia, Bulgaria, are reported—Lieutenant Colonel Nicolaeff and Ambulance Colonel Tantcheff.

Alanson B. Houghton, newly appointed ambassador to the court of St. James, made his bow to a brilliant audience at the traditional dinner of the Pilgrims, which is always the first to welcome a new American representative to London, and always the first to receive a full and frank expression of his views on vital matters which affect the relations between the two countries.

Official reports from Rabat, French Morocco, say the French forces have had several successes over the Rifis, in one of which the tribesmen lost 50 killed, considerable war material and some prisoners.

The national assembly of the Republic of San Salvador has ratified the Central American treaties of peace and amity which were signed in Washington in December, 1923.

The Spanish government has assigned several warships to patrol the coasts and shoot on sight all sharks which are responsible for great destruction of sardine schools.

King Alexander, on recommendation of the Jugo-Slavian premier, has signed a decree for the interment of Prince George, whose condition, it is asserted, necessitates this measure.

Another attempt to assassinate King Boris of Bulgaria was frustrated by officers of the guard, who discovered an almost complete subterranean passage with an explosive fuse which they believed was intended to blow up the royal palace.

The contract closed by the Russian government with Lena Goldfields, Ltd., a London corporation, covers the exploitation of 1,500,000 acres of gold, silver, copper and lead bearing areas in the districts of Lena, Altai and Siser, in Siberia, and is the most important concession ever granted by the Soviet.

Dr. Konrad Haenish, Socialist governor of the district of Wiesbaden and former Prussian minister of education, died recently at Wiesbaden.

Rafael Sanchez Aball, a wealthy sugar owner of the province of Oriente, Cuba, has been appointed Cuban ambassador to the United States by President Zayas.

Airplanes should be abolished because they are a menace to civilization, according to Sir Hugh Trenchard, chief of staff of the British air force. "All the good airplanes can do in civil life cannot balance the harm they do in war," he says.

Roger Wethered, famous British golfer, was recently married at St. Margaret's Westminster to Miss Elizabeth Cavendish Bentinck, daughter of Lord Cavendish.

Washington—

The army-navy controversy, known as the critique, which is to decide who won the sham battle against the Island of Oahu, and thereby aid in a determination of national defense policies in the Pacific, went into its third session with co-ordinating umpires, at Honolulu, aided by the senior "Black" and "Blue" referees, presenting their observations.

Religious and political tolerance was urged by President Coolidge in laying the cornerstone of the Jewish community center in Washington.

An airplane engine of forty per cent less weight than the Liberty motor, built for the navy, under an air-cooling process, has given a satisfactory performance in a test flight with a navy torpedo plane from Paterson, N. J., to Washington.

Investigation of the General Electric company, of the connection between a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co. and the administration, and of the radio facilities placed at the disposal of the present administration by the General Electric company free of charge is to be sought when congress meets.

The inquiry being conducted by the immigration bureau into the circumstances surrounding the American tour of Miss Mary McSwiney, sister of the late Irish Republican leader, has been temporarily halted pending a report from Ellis Island as to the results of a search of the records there.

A reorganization of the prohibition unit is in prospect, Assistant Secretary Andrews indicated as a result of a month's study given since he assumed office.

Several proposed changes in both federal and state tax laws, recommended by various business organizations throughout the country, will be considered by the United States chamber of commerce at its annual meeting May 20-22. The organization is expected to draft its tax recommendations for the coming congress at this meeting.

Senate rules will be defended from the attacks of Vice President Dawes by Senator Moses, Republican, New Hampshire, in a speech at Syracuse, N. Y. Senator Moses is president pro tempore of the senate.

The rate of increase of the nation's population by birth was considerably greater in 1924 than in 1923—having increased from 22.3 per 1,000 in 1923 to 22.5 per 1,000 in 1924. The death rate decreased during the period from 12.4 to 11.9 per 1,000.

Oil men who fled the country recently to avoid testifying the Teapot Dome trial were inferentially condemned in a speech before the American Law Institute held in Washington by former Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri. Hadley mentioned no names, but he left no doubt as to who he had in mind.

A dispatch from Panama says that Jose Lombardo, featherweight champion of South America, has been matched for an early bout with Joe Ramos, Panaman featherweight, who has just returned from a successful trip to Peru.

Domestic—

Policeman Michael Richard Fay, 70, St. Louis, Mo., has begun duty as a telephone operator at a district police station. The St. Louis commissioners recently decided to replace girls at the switchboards with aged patrolmen.

John Russell, 70, vaudeville "headliner" of the 80's and former comedian with Weber and Fields, died recently at Glendale, Calif.

The Aycock Hosiery mill, Huntsville, Ala., opened recently in the Skinner building with equipment enough to give employment to about fifty operatives and began full-time operation.

At San Francisco a marriage license has been issued to Mischa Elman, the Russian violinist, and Helen Frances Katten of that city.

At Los Angeles, Calif., Bernice L. Day was convicted of throwing acid into the face of her estranged husband, Darby L. Day, Jr., the son of a Chicago capitalist.

F. C. Billings of Milwaukee says that flowers will retain their original bloom if subjected to the rhythmic strains of music. He says music sets certain atmospheric waves in motion which are beneficial to flowers.

Joshua Cosden, 19-year-old son of Joshua S. Cosden, who made millions in Oklahoma oil and who entertained the prince of Wales on Long Island last year, spent a day in the New York police jail as a result of a party in his rooms at the Biltmore hotel.

Petition for a blanket injunction to cover twenty mines in the northern Panhandle region of West Virginia has been filed in the United States district court at Wheeling, W. Va., by operators of non-union properties, asking protection against union activities by the United Mine Workers of America.

Jewel Carmen, motion picture actress, has been awarded \$60,632 by a jury in the supreme court in New York City in her suit against the Fox Film corporation. Miss Carmen had charged that the defendant has conspired with the Frank Keeney Pictures corporation to prevent her appearance in the latter's films, even though she held a Keeney contract.

The De Forest Radio corporation recently obtained a temporary injunction against the Radio Corporation of America, charging that its plant has been subjected to widespread espionage by agents of the defendants.

Two men were killed and three seriously injured near Nortonville, Ky., when a pocket of gas exploded in mine number five of the Norton Coal company. The explosion occurred 200 feet underground. The bodies have been recovered.

Fred Desdario, husband of Josephine Desdario, Chicago, believed by Indiana authorities to be the girl whose mutilated body was found on the Furnessville road, has been arrested.

August Krusch, war veteran, whose divorced wife died three years ago, has brought suit in Philadelphia for annulment of the divorce to "clear his name."

Because they were refused the privilege of rolling their stockings, the girls of the Gladston (Mich.) high school threatened to strike.

Bishop William Lawrence, 75 years old, Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts, 32 years in the sacred ministry, has relinquished actual authority to the coadjutor, Dr. Charles Slattery.

Members of Troop 10 of East Deering, Maine, in winning the wall scaling contest at the Boy Scouts' rodeo, held in Portland (broke the world's scout record for the event, the time being 12 1/5 seconds.

The business situation at the end of April was more favorable than it was at the same time last year, especially in the outlook for the textile industry and for agriculture, according to the monthly review of business and agricultural conditions in the fifth federal reserve district.

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas has issued a vigorously worded statement in answer to individuals, organizations and newspapers that have criticized her for undue liberality in the granting of pardons and paroles.

Advertising in every farm journal in the United States and in 3,500 daily newspapers, hundreds of them in the smaller towns, as a means of increasing the box office receipts of the film theaters using Famous Players-Lasky pictures, has been decided on at the corporation's international convention in session at Los Angeles, Calif.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

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CONNER WILL HELP PLAN PARIS MEET

Benjamin H. Conner, commander of the department of France of the American Legion, delivered to the national convention of the Legion at St. Paul, last September, an official invitation to the Legion to hold a national convention in Paris. At that time it was suggested that the convention for 1928 be held "in Paree," in celebration of the tenth anniversary of the armistice.

Plans are now being considered for holding the 1927 convention in the gay city, which it is the ambition of every veteran to see once more. National Commander James A. Drain has appointed a committee, headed by Past Department Commander John J. Wicker, of Virginia, to investigate and work out plans for the migration of this great body of American veterans to the scene of their battles.

Upon Mr. Conner and his associates in the department of France will fall a great deal of responsibility, if the national convention, which has the final power to make a decision, votes to go to Paris.

Mr. Conner, a Kentuckian by birth, is a lawyer by profession. Born at Connorsville, Ky., on November 23,



Benjamin H. Conner.

1878, he has practiced his profession for 22 years or more in his native state, in New York and in Paris.

He has been vice president of the American chamber of commerce in France, honorary secretary of the American Navy league in France, member of the board of trustees of the American hospital and vice president of the Association of International Jurists in Paris. Mr. Conner is a member of many professional bodies, including the American Bar association, the American Society of International Law and the American Economic association. He is a writer on legal and economic subjects.

Entering the service as a captain of infantry at Paris on August 14, 1917, Mr. Conner served on the staff of the First division and the Second army corps. He was later counter-espionage officer in the First Army of the A. E. F. until the armistice. From December, 1918, to March, 1919, he was chief of the legal department in the bureau of war damages at the peace conference. He was promoted to major on February 22, 1919, and was discharged at St. Aignan on March 13 following.

Privilege and Duty to Be Member of Legion

Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., of New York, in a recent statement commenting on membership in the American Legion, said:

"Every veteran of the World war should belong to the American Legion. It is a badge of honor and a privilege limited to those who served in the armed forces of the United States during the war and received an honorable discharge. The Legion should count its membership by millions, not by hundreds of thousands. It is not only the privilege, but the duty of every qualified veteran to apply for membership and the same applies to those women eligible to membership in the auxiliary. There are tens of thousands of young men who are not qualified who would give their eye teeth to belong to the American Legion.

"All-American" Post at White Eagle, Okla.

An "All-American" post of the American Legion in the strictest sense of that term is located at White Eagle, Okla. All the members of Buffalo post of the Legion there are full-blooded American Indians. Each member of the post owns an allotment of land from the government and all reside on the reservation near White Eagle.

The Buffalo Braves, only recently organized, are making plans for a membership drive through which they expect to sign up all eligible members of their tribe in the vicinity of White Eagle.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale
BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

COLD TAG

"Hello," said Carrie Cough, "let's all join in and play a tag."

"Let's," said Susy Sneeze.

"Let's," said Clarence Sore Throat.

"Let's," said Harry Headache.

"I'll be it," said Susy Sneeze.

"Where will we play this time?" asked Clarence Sore Throat.

"Oh, let's play at Melly's. She is so proud, because she seldom has a cold that we'll punish her for her pride."

"You Can't Catch Me," said Carrie Cough.

Now you know the members of the Cold family are very mean. They have no consideration of a person's feelings, none whatever. They don't care how they make a person feel. They have no sympathy and no kindness.

In fact they are as hateful as hateful can be.

Susy Sneeze had a first cousin named Susy Sneeze, and also a twin sister by that name, and the cousin had a twin sister by the same name; which was curious, but a fact.

There were many in the family, and they didn't bother to have a great many different names. They were too busy doing mean things to think up a variety of names.

"Yes, let's play at Melly's," said Susy Sneeze.

"All right," said Clarence Sore Throat.

"All right," said Carrie Cough.

"All right," said Harry Headache.

"And you're it," said Carrie Cough to Susy Sneeze.

"I'm it," she answered.

They began to play so quickly that Melly was taken by surprise. At first she couldn't believe it was true. She couldn't think how she could have caught cold.

She hadn't had her feet wet lately, nor had she worn too few clothes, nor had she gone out when it had rained without rubbers. She couldn't think at all how she had caught the cold.

For she realized in no time at all that she was in for a regular cold.

Even though it had been hard to believe at first it was certainly so.

"You can't catch me, you can't catch me," said Harry Headache.

"Tag, you're it!" shouted Susy Sneeze.

Now Melly had been sneezing and sneezing and sneezing.

It had seemed as though she couldn't stop sneezing. And how her head did ache. She had sneezed so hard and the cold in her head was so bad that her head ached dreadfully.

"You can't catch me, you can't catch me," cried Clarence Sore Throat to Harry Headache.

"Tag! You're it!" shouted Harry Headache.

Oh, how sore Melly's throat did feel now. Never had she known a cold to dash along so rapidly as this one. Usually it had not gone so fast. This was dreadful. Now her throat was so sore. She still sneezed some, her head still ached, but her throat was raw and sore and hurt to swallow.

"You can't catch me, you can't catch me," said Carrie Cough to Clarence Sore Throat.

"Tag! You're it!" shouted Clarence Sore Throat.

Melly began to cough. And it hurt to cough, too.

Her head still ached, she still sneezed some, her throat was very sore and she coughed.

Not one of them would give up playing. Sometimes her throat seemed worse than her head, sometimes it was the other way around.

But never had she had a cold gallop through her as this one had. Nor did any part of the cold completely leave her. It all remained with her.

It was all because they were playing the game of Cold Tag "at Melly's" as they said. You know how you will play tag—a very nice, jolly game.

But they were playing Cold Tag which is far from being a nice game. Instead of playing it out in the open they choose a person's throat and head in which to play it—and that is not kind. Nor is it showing the least bit of consideration.

It is, you see, all because every member of the Cold family is entirely lacking in sympathy. That is the whole trouble.

"Use Soap, Mamma!"

I was washing some spinach for dinner and after several washings I said, mostly to myself:

"My, but this spinach is dirty," when four-year-old Jean advised:

"Use soap, mamma, use soap."

LIFE'S LITTLE JESTS

FOREMAN WAS JEALOUS

"I say, Bob," asked an acquaintance, "Why did the foreman sack you yesterday?"

"Well," was the reply, "a foreman is one who stands around and watches his gang work."

"I know; but what's that got to do with it?"

"Why, he got jealous of me! People thought I was the foreman.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Rank Partiality

The woman philanthropist who had been giving a vocal concert at the prison noticed one especially depressed-looking convict.

"My poor man," she said, "what were you sentenced for?"

"For disturbing the peace," was the gloomy reply. — American Legion Weekly.

You Know the Kind

"So Bliggins spoke at the banquet last night. What sort of a speaker is he?"

"Bliggins is one of those fellows who start off by saying they didn't expect to be called on and then proceed to demonstrate that they can't be called off."—Chicago Evening Post.

NOT APPROVED

"Does her fiance approve of her going into the movies?"

"Not with another fellow every afternoon."

Poor Judgment

Under the sod
Lies Tim O'Tools.
He borrowed a feather
To tickle a mule.

Studying Popular Taste

"Are you going to participate in any investigations?"

"I don't know," answered the statesman. "Investigations don't seem to be so very popular any more. I'm wondering whether I can't in some way work in on this extraordinary interest in cross-word puzzles."

Literally

Old Lady (visiting state prison)—I suppose, my poor man, it was poverty brought you to this.

Counterfeiter—On the contrary, mum. I was just coining money.

Best Ever

"Hello, old man; how's everything?"

"She's fine, thanks."—Washington Dirge.

WHAT BOBBED HAIR'LL DO

"Say, I took the boss and his wife to be a happy middle-aged couple, but I see he's running around with a young little bobbed-hair blond."

"Yuh poor simp, that's his wife."

Earned at College

To college, to college,
To get a degree,
Back again, back again,
A full back is he.

All Off

He—Mary.

Voice—Yes.

"This is Jack. May I call tonight?"

"Sure. Where will we go?"

"Well, I wish we could stay home for I'm busted."

"You've got the wrong number. This isn't Mary."—Penn Punch Bowl.

Suitable

"I want a hat that will suit my head."

"Yesir. A soft one?"

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