

THE WEEK'S EVENTS

IMPORTANT NEWS OF STATE, NATION AND THE WORLD BRIEFLY TOLD

ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD

A Condensed Record Of Happenings Of Interest From All Points Of The World

Foreign

Dr. Walter Simons was definitely designated as acting president of the German republic by the passing in the reichstag on its third reading of the bill so appointing him.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the South China leader, died in Peking recently. The surgeons who operated on Doctor Sun at the Rockefeller hospital January 26 declared his case was hopeless and gave him only ten days to live.

Reports from the seven constituencies which voted recently for nine members of the Irish dail eireann to fill seats made vacant by Nationalist resignations show the Free State candidates winning all along the line with the exception of the Sligo-Letrim district.

The Italian chamber of deputies recently voted overwhelming confidence in Premier Benito Mussolini's internal policy. The majority of the opposition members of the chamber were not present during the voting.

An agency dispatch from Cadiz, Spain, to Paris newspapers says that Osborne C. Wood, former American army officer, who left Paris and Biarritz last month for Spain and whose financial affairs and travels have since been followed with much interest, has sailed on board the steamer West Chetac, bound for Tampa, Fla.

Former Premier Zagloul Pasha of Egypt was elected to parliament for the Said Azenab district of Cairo in the Egyptian elects. The vote was 173 to 10. Zagloul was the candidate of the Wafd, or executive committee of the Egyptian nationalist organization.

The crew of the sealing steamer Stella Marsi, which was reported at St. Johns, N. F., as crushed in ice floes and sinking, was rescued.

A water famine menaces Tokio, Japan. The situation has become acute, forcing the population to go to ponds and private wells for their supplies.

Dr. John Logan of Gainesville, Ga., U. S. A., was shot through the right lung recently at Athens, Greece, by bandits who were holding up the automobile in which he and three other Americans, all students of the American School of Archaeology, were traveling in southern Epirus, Greece.

Ten thousand Roman coins, pottery, jewelry and two stone dice have been unearthed at Richborough castle at Sandwich, County of Kent, England.

Washington

Senate Republicans in conference decided against a proposal for reduction of the patronage of four insurgents, read out of the party councils and removed from their former ranks on the standing committees.

Little Miss Paulina, the month-old Nicholas, Longworth, got a glimpse of the white house, where her parents were married, and the home at the time of her grandfather, Theodore Roosevelt.

Col. John Coolidge, father of the president, left the white house a week after the inauguration exercises for his home at Plymouth, Vt.

President Coolidge, in filling vacant federal judgeships, will offer some of the appointments to Democrats. The president does not consider the selection of judges a partisan question, although, as a rule, he will continue to appoint Republicans. President Coolidge still has under consideration several names for ambassador to Germany.

By his absence from the senate chamber at a critical moment, Vice President Dawes permitted the senate to reject the nomination of Charles P. Warren to be attorney general of the United States. Had Dawes been in the chair when the vote came, he could have cast the deciding vote in favor of Warren, and thus he would have saved President Coolidge from the almost unprecedented fate of having a cabinet appointment rejected by a senate presumably controlled by the administration.

President Coolidge fully supports the action of senate Republicans in replacing insurgents in important committee places with regulars and considers that the question at issue is one of making it possible for his party to govern the country.

Representative Tucker, Democrat, Virginia, has refused to accept the \$2,500 increase in congressional salaries on the ground that members of the last congress who are re-elected to the next should not accept the increase, as they were chosen to a position carrying \$7,500.

The farmers of the United States are now using \$60,835,421 of government money loaned them through the federal immediate credit banks, it was disclosed, recently in figures made public at the treasury.

All fears of German secretly arming herself were discounted the other day by B. Houghton, newly-appointed American ambassador to Great Britain. Germany has no arms of considerable extent, Mr. Houghton declared, and neither has she any real surplus of war materials or productive reserves. The state police, he said, although stationed in barracks, are poorly equipped, and only about one in three is armed.

Prompt action has been taken by the senate to reward two of the army world flyers, Sergeant Henry H. Ogden of the regular army, and Second Lieut. John Harding, Jr., of the officers' reserve corps.

Fears of some "alarmists" that this country ultimately will be unable to supply its own cotton requirements because of the boll weevil are "unwarranted," the department of agriculture announced in a recent statement.

Domestic

Federal Judge Hand, New York City, filed a decision recently under which "his royal highness Prince Zerdeche-no Mohammed Said," styled by himself "The Emir of Kurdistan," must leave this country under a previous government order for his deportation.

Lieut. Col. F. Uchida, Capt. K. Abe and Colonel Fukui of the Japanese military commission in the United States, were recent honor guests at Langley field, Newport News, Va.

More than two hundred million dollars worth of oil properties in the United States and Mexico, controlled by the Pan-American and other companies headed by Edward L. Doheny, will be segregated into two separate organizations—the Pan-American Western and Pan-American Eastern Petroleum companies—if negotiations now under way are completed.

The Michigan house of representatives adopted a resolution favoring the confirmation of Charles B. Warren as United States attorney general, refuting the stand taken by Senator James Couzens, senator from that state.

The board of directors of the Good-year Tire and Rubber company have decided to abandon the proposed plan for financing the company due to their failure to secure the necessary co-operation from all members.

Demurrage claims aggregating over a hundred thousand dollars were allowed Solleweld Van der Meer and T. H. Huttum's Stoom Vaart Maatschappij Oostdijk, in a decision by Judge D. Lawrence Groner in federal district court at Norfolk, Va. In the Dutch company's suit against the Berwin White Coal Mining company of Pennsylvania.

N. H. Anspach, wealthy vice president of the Chicago Railway Printing company, who has been missing from his home near Chicago, was taken to the Presbyterian hospital at New Orleans for treatment. Physicians say he is in a very nervous condition. He telegraphed his wife he was in New Orleans.

The Kansas senate has passed a Japanese exclusion bill, which has been sent to the governor, prohibiting Japanese from owning or leasing land in Kansas.

Rev. F. O. Heller, who resigned as pastor of the Bessemer, Ala., Presbyterian church, was found dead recently in the church building said to have been from the effects of suffocation caused by gas. He had been in ill health for some time.

A senate bill, which grants full amnesty to all persons impeached in Texas, was passed by the lower house of the state legislature the other day, 77 to 51. The measure was designed especially to restore civil rights to James E. Ferguson, who, as governor, was impeached in 1917.

J. V. Glynn, switchman, was arrested recently, charged with the murder of Miss Marnie Herbert, who died from burns received Mardi Gras night during a dance at Moose hall. Glynn is charged with having set fire to the paper costume worn by Miss Herbert, inflicting wounds from which she died.

Despite efforts to handle the case out of court, Rabbi B. M. Browne, 72 years old, appeared before Magistrate McAndrews, New York City, charged with writing annoying letters to President Coolidge and various government officials.

Frank Richards, sheriff of Glades county, Florida, was robbed of \$95, a gold watch and two wallets containing important legal papers, while asleep in a Miami hotel at night recently.

Lieutenant McAlroy, reserve officer training at Langley field, Newport News, Va., is believed to have been drowned when a plane in which he and Lieutenant Colonel Shaffer were flying fell into the Potomac river.

A mistrial was entered in the case of John Thompson, Mobile, Ala., former prohibition agent, tried in the federal court on the charge of falsifying his accounts for the purpose of increasing his compensation.

Fred C. Alexander of Newtonville, Mass., was the first ex-serve man in the United States to contribute his cash bonus from the government to the American Legion five million dollar endowment fund, his bonus check for \$46 being received by Robert Tyn-dall, legion treasurer, at Indianapolis, Ind.

JANUARY FIRE LOSS IS HEAVY

FLAMES DO ALMOST A MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE IN N. C. IN FIRST MONTH 1925.

Raleigh. North Carolina got off to a bad start in fire prevention in the first month of 1925 and the loss for January as compiled by the State Insurance Department was close to one million dollars—\$979,685 to be exact. This figure is more than \$300,000 greater than the fire loss during January, 1924, when the loss was but \$668,553.

Property at risk during January, 1925, was \$4,423,792 as against \$2,382,356 for 1924.

Fires were less numerous but more costly, only 164 being reported as against 276 for the previous January. Twenty-seven rural fires cost \$232,428, while 137 town fires cost \$547,257.

Twenty-six did most of the damage, among them being the garage and livery stable blaze at Raleigh which caused an official loss of \$209,000; a hotel and business block fire at Troy, which destroyed \$100,000 worth of property; a store fire at Wilmington that did \$75,000 damage; two store fires at High Point that burned up \$67,500; a theatre and store fire that did \$80,100 damage in Greensboro, and a \$52,000 garage fire at Greenville.

Schools were heavy losers. Gaston county lost a \$55,000 rural plant by flames, Union county lost a \$65,000 school, two blazes at the State Normal School for Colored did \$35,000 damage, and the co-ed dormitory at the University of North Carolina went up in \$17,000 worth of smoke.

Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Durham, Asheville, Salisbury, Elizabeth City and Rocky Mount were among the larger North Carolina cities having low fire losses during January.

Towns getting on the Insurance Department's honor roll by reporting no fires during the month or no damage exceeding four dollars were: Hickory, Clinton, Statesville, Mt. Airy, Graham, Wadesboro, Waynesville, Rockingham, Middlesex, Kernersville, Selma, Warsaw, Franklinton, Jefferson, Pinetops, Huntersville, Black Mountain, Pinehurst, Randleman, Granite Falls, Bonlee, Littleton and Belmont.

Single roofs and defective flues caused the greatest number of fires with 50 starting from this source, the causes of 43 of the fires were listed as unknown, 10 stoves started 11 blazes, overhot stoves and furnaces started 10, gasoline blew up and caused nine alarms, careless smokers were responsible for seven fires, burning trash, short circuits, rats, mice, children and loose matches were also popular causes.

One thousand fires took place in residence, 16 stores had blazes, flames ran wild in 11 garages, 10 schools suffered from flames, industrial plants and apartments each had five fires, while hotels and churches suffered equally with three fires apiece.

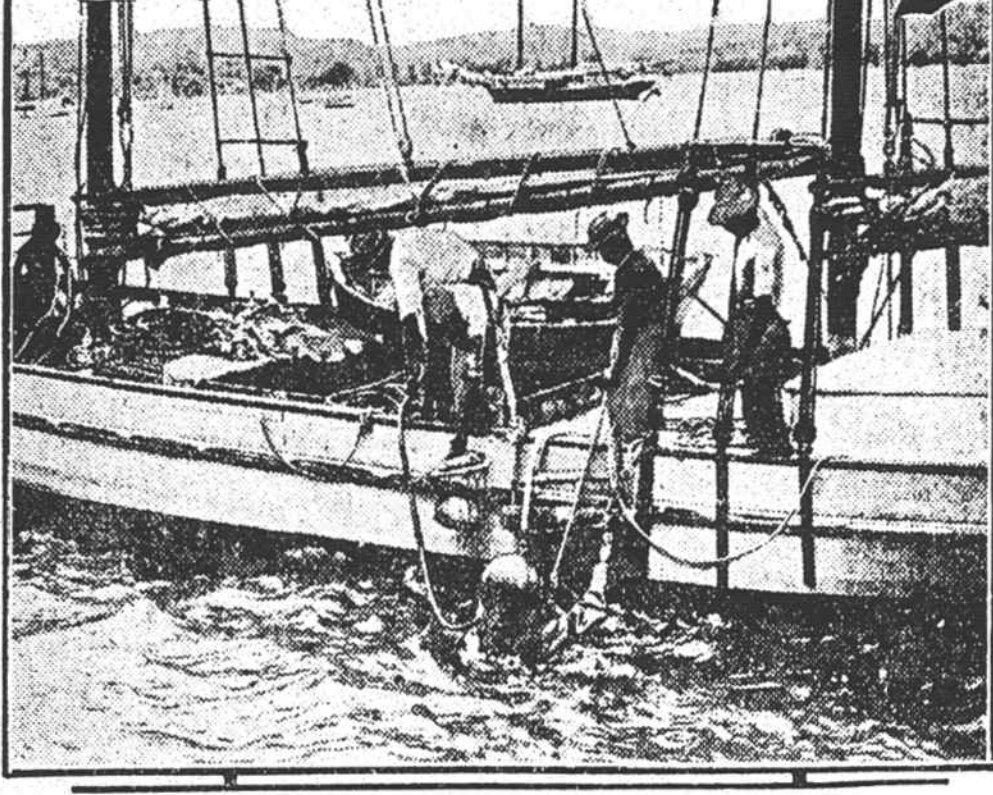
New Senate Bills Passed.

- S. B. 234-H. B. 531. To amend the charter of Lucaena.
S. B. 951-H. B. 974. To amend the charter of Lumberton.
S. B. 1035-H. B. 1046. To construct and maintain a public hospital in Columbus county.
S. B. 1101-H. B. 1238. To authorize Paskoatank county to acquire a site for and maintain a detention home.
S. B. 1180-H. B. 1224. To amend the charter of Siler City.
S. B. 1216-H. B. 1202. To empower Polk county to issue bonds for school buildings.
S. B. 1217-H. B. 1289. To authorize Harnett county to issue bonds to fund its debt.
S. B. 67-H. B. 883. To amend the laws relating to fish and fisheries.
S. B. 1110-H. B. 1255. To prescribe the duties of the Madison county board of commissioners.
S. B. 1191-H. B. 1332. To establish a game commission for Haywood county.
S. B. 1297-H. B. 1441. To require the Dare county officers to make a settlement at each regular meeting of the board of commissioners.
S. B. 1272-H. B. 1453. To regulate hunting in Catawba and Lincoln counties.
S. B. 1296-H. B. 1447. To regulate the fees of the solicitor of the Bladen county recorder's court.
S. B. 1271. To regulate the registration of plants in Scotland county.
S. B. 1273. To amend the laws relative to the commissions of the sheriff of Wake county for the collection of taxes.

Dan Boney Gets Insurance Job.

Dan Boney, Goldsboro attorney and one of North Carolina's best known wounded veterans of the World War, was appointed chief deputy of the State Department of Insurance by Commissioner Stacey Wade to succeed Silas F. Campbell, who recently resigned as a result of charges made against him and a pending investigation by Attorney General Dennis G. Brummit, ordered by Governor Angus Wilton McLean. Mr. Boney will assume office immediately.

Pearl Fishing



Diving for Pearls at Thursday Island.

(Prepared by the National Geographic Society, Washington, D. C.) Where do the world's pearls come from? Not those made of bits of bone and a coating of fish scales by cunning artificer in Japan and France, but the beautiful natural gems that have been prized through the ages as the greatest gifts of the seas.

The pearl oysters of the sea have a very definite habitat. With a few exceptions they are found only astride the equator between the parallels of latitude 30 degrees north and south, and within this band they occur in some part of every ocean the world around. Pearls came to European notice from the East and it is there that the trail of the pearl logically begins.

The first source of pearls encountered as one travels East is the Red sea. From the fisheries there the pearls known to the Egyptians probably came. Much more famous, however, are the pearl fisheries of the Persian gulf on the other side of Arabia.

Bahrain, the remote Arab isle in the Persian gulf, which is the reputed birthplace of the Phoenixians, has played an important part in the eventful history of the Middle East. Tradition says the lustrous pearls that gleamed on the breast of the Queen of Sheba were fished up from the hot, dangerous depths of these waters. For centuries fortunes have been fished up from these seas each year.

From June to November often as many as 5,000 small boats, each carrying from 6 to 15 men, are busy fishing for pearls off Bahrain and along the Arab coast. It is a precarious trade, calling for courage, skill and strength. Scores of stalwart divers die each season in these waters from shark bites, the stings of poisonous rays, and from other accidents.

The divers work in from 5 to 20 fathoms of water, although seven fathoms is perhaps the average depth. The best pearls seem to come from the deeper waters.

How the Diver Works. The method of diving in the Persian gulf is simple. A big naked man, usually an Abyssinian, puts a forked bone over his nose and presses beeswax into his ears to keep out the salt water. Then he ties a stone to his feet, heavy enough to pull him down. About his waist is slung a net basket in which to carry the oysters he finds at the bottom. As he slides over the boat's rail and sinks into the sea, he carries with him one end of a life-line, the other end being held by comrades in the boat. When the diver is ready to come up with his catch, or if danger threatens, he jerks on this life-line as a miner pulls the signal rope in a shaft.

The diver usually remains under water a minute or more. Many die each season from loss of blood, induced by diving too deep or remaining under water too long.

Under low sheds on the beach the oysters are opened and searched for pearls. A small brass sieve equipped with three sets of holes is used for sorting the gems. The pearls that will not go through the largest holes in the sieve are called "ras"; the residue of the second sieving are called "batin," and the smallest ones, the content of the last sieving, are called "dzel."

Black pearls are often found in the Bahrain waters, and many times the tiny steel-colored "seed pearls" are brought up.

Ceylon's Pearl Fishery.

Farther east in the waters off the northeastern shore of Ceylon, are probably the oldest and undoubtedly the most prolific pearling grounds in the world. From the most remote period of which there is any record, it would appear that the pearl fishery played a very important part in the history of Ceylon, having had more or less direct and intimate relations with every important aspect of the civilization of the island. The information available clearly suggests that from the earliest times the fishery was conducted in much the same way as in

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