

1—Overflowing of the River Main at Frankfort, necessitating emergency extension of the great steel bridge. 2—Members of Greek debt-funding commission in Washington, who want new loans. 3—Henri Beneger, new French ambassador, conferring with Secretary of State Kellogg.

### NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

#### Senate's Tax Bill Reduces Revenues \$352,661,000—World Court Debate.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.  
SENATOR SMOOT, chairman of the senate finance committee, formally reported to the senate the new tax bill Wednesday and it probably will be called up for debate and action within a few days. The prospects for fairly early passage of the measure are good and tax payers are advised to delay filing their schedules until the Treasury department gives them notice.  
Official treasury estimates furnished the finance committee show that the finance committee bill reduces revenues by \$25,500,000 more than the house bill, the total loss under the house measure being \$27,161,000, as against \$32,661,000 under the finance committee bill.  
The estimates show that in the calendar year 1926 the retroactive estate tax provision will mean a loss of \$20,000,000, the capital stock repeal will mean a loss of \$68,500,000. The cut in cigar taxes will mean a loss of \$4,000,000 more than under the house bill, stamp tax repeals will cost \$2,500,000 more in revenue than the house bill, and admission tax provisions will reduce revenues by \$3,000,000 more than the house bill.

Repeal of the federal estate tax is recommended by the senate committee. It is favored by administration Republicans but will be fought on the floor of the senate and even if passed there, may not be accepted by the house, which voted for continuance of the estate tax at reduced rates.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina announced he intended to offer a modified sinking fund provision on the floor of the senate under which he believes the entire public debt can be wiped out in 26 years. He would provide that all foreign debt payments should be applied toward the sinking fund, but he would increase the basic amount of the sinking fund from two and a half per cent of the domestic portion of the debt in 1920 to three and a half per cent.

THERE were fireworks in the senate last week over the World court resolution. Proponents of the measure sought quick action but Senator Blouse of South Carolina started a filibuster Tuesday, talking for many hours. Next day Hiram Johnson of California and Jim Reed of Missouri made spirited attacks on the resolution. Both sides were preparing for a fight over cloture and there was a lot of discussion of the question of setting a definite date for taking a vote. Then Vice President Dawes took a hand with characteristic vigor. Speaking over the radio on revision of the senate rules, he cited the methods of delay being used by opponents of the World court, and succeeded in riling Reed and Copeland, who said he had unjustly placed the aforesaid opponents on the defensive before the country. Lenroot, Curtis, and other senators said that as the debate had been going on intermittently since December 17 last, it was about time cloture was applied. The administration is anxious to have this World court question settled quickly so that the tax bill can be passed, and probably most of the people in the country would like to see the upper house get down to attending to important domestic legislation.

IN THE house committee on agriculture two proposals of legislation for the relief of the farmer were considered seriously. One was the export bounty plan offered by C. Reinhold Noyes of St. Paul, and the other was the export corporation plan devised by Carl Vrooman of Illinois several years ago and passed by both houses in 1921 but killed in conference. The latter plan provides for the creation of a farmers' export financing corporation with an initial capital of \$200,000,000 and the power to issue \$800,000,000 in debentures. The capital would be advanced by the government, which eventually would be reimbursed. The corporation would be authorized

to extend credit on sound security to foreign purchasers of American surplus grain, cotton, tobacco, hogs, and beef cattle.  
On the floor of the house Representative Fincher of Kansas undertook to support in a speech the contention of President Coolidge that the tariff is of benefit to the farmer. The Democrats bombarded him with questions, and Jones of Tennessee followed with an address in which he declared that the farmer gets no help from the tariff. Representative Strong of Kansas introduced a bill creating a federal board, composed of the secretary of agriculture, the secretary of commerce and five members appointed by the President, to determine crop surpluses and assist farmers in marketing them. The board would assume no liabilities for the government.

ADVOCATES of a strong navy got into action when the house began consideration of the \$331,431,787 naval appropriation bill, the outstanding features of which are decreases which will require the withdrawal of ships from active service, restriction of manuevers and exercises, reduction of personnel, and the closing down of the Lakehurst airship plant.  
British of Illinois charged that the measure was framed on a pacifist basis and that the committee on appropriations had ignored the recommendations of the secretary of the navy, the navy general board and the President. Considerable opposition developed to the item of the bill appropriating \$300,000 for the experimental production of a metal clad airship.

PRESENTING his credentials to President Coolidge, M. Beneger, the new ambassador from France, told the chief Executive that "France is resolved to settle the fields contracted for her defense as promptly and as fully as her present and future possibilities will allow"—which, of course, is no more and no less than has been said repeatedly by official France. Mr. Coolidge replied that it was his honest hope that a fair and honorable adjustment of the debt would be reached in the near future. The negotiations, at least, will not be delayed. The house has ratified the debt settlements with Italy, Belgium, Latvia, Estonia and Czechoslovakia.

WITH only one negative vote the house voted \$50,000 to pay the expenses of the American delegates to the preliminary conference on disarmament. Germany announces that its representative in that conference will be Count von Bernstorff, who was German ambassador to Washington when the war broke out.

not the most serious side of it. Federal Attorney Burkner will institute libel proceedings against the vessels.  
CONVICTION of Col. William Mitchell by the court-martial was approved last week by the War department board of review, which considered only the legal aspects of the case. The sentence does not go into effect until it has been passed on by President Coolidge and it is believed by many that he will reduce the five years suspension to two years, at the end of which time Colonel Mitchell will be eligible for retirement.  
DOCTOR LUTHER, reappointed chancellor of Germany by President von Hindenburg, has formed a new ministry that is expected to pit into effect the Locarno pact. Stresemann remains as foreign minister. The Nationalists and Socialists are left out and Luther will have to have aid from either the right or the left wing to obtain a majority in the house. The Nationalists, who are trying to wreck the Locarno treaties, will not help him, but probably the Socialists will in a pinch. Mainly because Peter Reinhold, an expert on economics, was made minister of finance, the business men of Germany are warmly supporting the new cabinet and stocks have risen on the bourse.

PREMIER COUNT BETHLEN of Hungary is trying hard to maintain a middle-of-the-road course in the midst of all the row stirred up over the thirty-billion French franc forgery plot, and may be able to prevent a revolt by either the ultra-radicals or the ultra-Fascists. He is planning to reform the cabinet and it is announced that a parliamentary commission of 25 will be named to investigate the forgery plot. The Fascists will endeavor to balk this inquiry. During a heated debate in parliament Bethlen asserted the counterfeiter had not intended to revolt. "It was an act of patriotism," he said, "but the government must oppose such patriotism."

POOR old Damascus has been bombarded again by the French and what was left of the Shagur quarter was destroyed by shells because, the French alleged, the inhabitants were aiding the rebels. The population, it is said, has been reduced virtually to a state of famine.  
SWEDEN and Denmark have signed an unlimited arbitration treaty which outlaws war between those countries. It provides for the arbitration of all questions, not excluding those of "national honor" and "vital interests." A similar treaty already is in effect between Norway and Sweden.

RUSSIAN officials of the Chinese Eastern railway refused to transport Chinese troops free, whereupon Chinese soldiers seized the trains and precipitated what may become a real crisis. The Russian embassy at Tokio announced that unless China complied with the soviet demands in the matter, immediately releasing the trains and freeing railway officials who were imprisoned, Russia would send an army into Manchuria. She holds the Chinese government responsible for losses and damages occasioned and will insist on compensation. The foreign consuls at Harbin also filed with the Manchurian officials a vigorous protest against the seizure of the trains because of the obstruction of the mails.

STORIES that representatives of soviet Russia are co-operating with Mohammedan leaders in arousing national and international discord are to be investigated by Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, who has just been sent to Egypt and the Near East by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Doctor Pritchett also will make a study of the educational, social and political movements in that part of the world so as to advise the trustees of the endowment as to policies that might be adopted to improve conditions.

CARLOS SOLARZANO, having resigned as president of Nicaragua, the office has been assumed by Gen. Emiliano Chamorro. The United States does not recognize the Chamorro government because it is established by unconstitutional means.  
his experts have devised for war-time rubber supplies.  
The army's full mobilization plan, known as the six field army mobilization, would make the military rubber requirements for the first two years of a major war 150,000 tons. If all importation should be shut off, it is estimated that current reserve stocks in private hands and increased reclamation of old rubber could provide the army's needs, but would absolutely strip the country of rubber for use in any other way.

WAR Department Picks Rubber-Growing Areas  
Washington.—Procurement experts of the War department, impressed with the seriousness of the rubber situation as it relates to national defense problems, have charted geographical areas where they would prefer to have crude rubber production encouraged. These areas, four in number, were selected after careful studies, chief consideration being given to their climatic and strategic advantages. First priority is given Central America and Porto Rico, second to the South American fields, third to the East African coast and fourth priority is awarded to the Philippine Islands.  
Reasons for these priority ratings are held as confidential by the War department, but will be disclosed in secret to the house commerce committee investigating the rubber monopoly question. Secretary Davis is planning to give the committee a detailed accounting of the procurement scheme

### DOINGS IN THE TAR HEEL STATE

NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA TOLD IN SHORT PARAGRAPHS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Raleigh.—Will Rogers, America's funny man, the very funniest he is admitted, will entertain Raleigh on a night of February 5, and the outside territory is getting excited about it.

Mt. Airy.—The records of the Mount Airy fire department, show only seven fires during 1925 with a total damage of \$3,500. The firemen responded to four other calls which proved to be false alarms.

Raleigh.—State highway experimentation for 1925 with the use of asphaltic oil covered only 300 miles, but chairman Frank Page, of the commission, says the results are so satisfactory that he will try 500 miles in 1926.

Rocky Mount.—Wilmington was chosen as the next meeting place of the F. H. District Dental society, composed of dentists of 31 eastern Carolina counties, at the annual session of that body in Wilson.

Enfield.—Members of the Masonic fraternity will gather here for a reunion of the Scottish Rite bodies of the valley of Enfield, on March 11, according to notices received by members of the order.

Chapel Hill.—Two of the 12 books published by the University of North Carolina press during the last year have been placed on a world list for the year of best books from all countries, according to information which has just reached Dr. Lou's R. Wilson, director of the press.

Rocky Mount.—Rocky Mount's sole chance to secure Atlantic Christian college, Dr. Howard S. Hilley, president of that institution, told the members of the Current Topics club, in Wilson's inability to raise \$150,000 the amount previously designated as necessary for the retention of the college.

Fayetteville.—With Judge Neil A. Sinclair, of this city, as the presiding judge and the principal speaker, the new Cumberland county courthouse will be dedicated on March 15. A long line of distinguished guests, headed by Governor A. W. McLean and Chief Justice Stacy, will be invited.

Rocky Mount.—Clarence Willey, high school student of Enfield, is dead as the result of a motor ride in a borrowed automobile.

High Point.—The best sanitation and health condition ever in the history of the city was reported by Dr. S. S. Coe, city physician, before the city council at its semi-monthly meeting. As evidence of the healthful conditions existing here, he cited the low mortality rate for 1925.

Gulford College.—The missionary committee of the New Garden meeting of friends, together with the mission study committee of the Christian association of Gulford college, is completing plans for its fifth annual school of missions which will be in session from February 7 to March 14. The classes will meet on Sunday evenings and are open to all the people of the community as well as the college students.

Greensboro.—Over \$50,000 was pledged for a Masonic building here in the first two days drive, it was announced. The sum sought is \$200,000.

Fayetteville.—An airplane photograph of the entire Southern air route from Langley Field, Va., to New Orleans is being projected by the Army Air service, according to rumors reaching Pope Field. This unique photograph will be in the form of a long strip developed into a single picture from separate films taken from photographic planes.

Raleigh.—Following a conference with officials of the Southeastern Underwriters association here, Stacey W. Wade, state insurance commissioner, announced that all the insurance policies written for school buildings at an increased rate established by the association in this state would be reduced, to give the schools claim for rebate in case the association rescinds its action raising the premium rates.

New Bern.—What is probably the largest contract ever let by private interests for grading in the state was given to J. F. Mulligan and company, of Cleveland, for the grading, building, diverting and excavating of the entire development of Morehead Bluffs, which will eventually have more paved streets and sidewalks than the ordinary city of 10,000 inhabitants. Around \$100,000 is involved in the grading contracts.

Greenville.—Harry W. Whedbee, 53, of this city, lawyer of state-wide reputation and former judge of the Superior court of the fifth judicial district, died in a local hospital as a result of a stroke of apoplexy.

Asheville.—The campaign to raise funds for the purchase of land to establish a national park in the Great Smoky Mountains got off to a fine start in Henderson county with a meeting of some 30 prominent citizens, held at the Old Kentucky Home, Hendersonville. The quota to be raised in that county is \$25,000.

Salisbury.—At the annual meeting it was decided to double the size and capacity of the China Grove cotton mill. This means an additional plant and an increase from 2,200 to 4,400 spindles at an outlay of \$350,000. In addition to this an annual dividend of five per cent was declared and officers elected.

Winston-Salem.—Plans are being made now to erect a \$100,000 hotel at Sparta. Sixty thousand dollars of this amount has already been subscribed, and the plans for an up-to-date home of tourists will be started in early spring.

### Horticultural News

#### EARLY TRAINING OF APPLE TREES

"A satisfactory head with well placed scaffold branches and strong crotches that will not break down under loads of fruit depend upon the early training of the young apple trees," states A. Freeman Mason, specialist in fruit growing, New Jersey State College of Agriculture.

"The first thing to do in training the two-year-old apple tree is to select the scaffold branches. If an open-center or vase-shaped apple tree is desired, three or four vigorous branches, well distributed around the trunk and making wide-angled crotches with it, should be selected. These branches should be separated from each other by several inches, if possible. The center branch, if one is present, and any additional side branches, should be cut off, and the three or four remaining scaffold branches should be tipped back lightly to make them of equal height. It may be possible to select only one or two of the scaffold branches the first year. In this case, the center branch should be allowed to remain to form a trunk from which additional scaffold branches may be selected later, after which this center branch may be removed.

"If a leader-type tree, or one in which a central trunk is carried up for several feet is desired, the central or dominating branch is not removed, and wide-crotched scaffold branches, well distributed around the trunk and six to fifteen inches apart are selected. The leader or trunk is tipped back a quarter to a third of its length to promote the formation of additional side branches. It is desirable to tip the scaffold branches slightly to promote branching.

"In pruning young trees four 'don'ts' should be observed: Don't leave branches with narrow-angled or sharp crotches; don't allow the tips of scaffold branches to divide into even-sized branches; don't cut off small twigs and spurs on the trunk and large branches; and don't prune or cut back heavily."

#### Prune Gooseberries and Currants to Save Wood

The fruit of both gooseberries and currants is borne near the base of one-year-old wood and on short spurs on the older wood. The best spurs appear on fairly vigorous wood, and few spurs are produced on wood older than two or three years. The object in pruning should be to keep the bush fairly open and to retain a fairly good supply of young wood.

"The most successful growers of these fruits remove each year the old wood and leave a good supply of one, two and three-year-old wood; in fact, many growers systematize the pruning so as to leave as far as possible only three to four canes each of the one, two and three-year-old wood. All other canes are removed. This method leaves the best kind of fruiting wood, and it also produces a bush with about the right amount of wood for good results.

Currants and gooseberries can be pruned any time during the dormant season. Black currants should be pruned more heavily than red or white currants, as a rule.

#### Transplant Fruit Trees in Spring Is Best Plan

Fruit trees can be transplanted in the fall, although spring is the best time. Greater care is required when the trees are planted in the fall than when set out in the spring. It is best to dig the hole plenty large and fill with water, allowing it to soak away before planting the tree. It is also beneficial to place an ordinary drain tile upon end near the tree so that it can be filled with water occasionally during the summer time. Care should be taken not to injure the roots but to pack the soil firmly around them.

#### Horticulture Facts

Spraying must be done to control insect and disease pests which would otherwise destroy the major part of fruit crops.

Look around carefully and make sure that all tools and equipment are placed under cover. Much money is lost every year by having valuable tools exposed to the winter weather.

Because of the unusual drought of last year in the West, more timber has died from the attack of the western pine beetle this season than during any previous time during the past 15 years.

Leaves make an excellent mulch for a strawberry patch.

Grapes cannot be expected to produce abundantly unless they are given good cultivation from the start. They will respond to the same thorough cultivation given corn or potatoes. Some hoeing around the base of the plant is usually necessary to provide a mulch and keep down the weeds. About the middle of July or first of August a cover crop of barley or oats may be sown.

Apples which have been in common storage since harvest time should be examined carefully at this time and the ones which show signs of decay sorted out. Careful sorting will do much to prolong the life of the sound apples.

To raise an abundant supply of strawberry plants the parent plants should be planted as early in the spring as possible. The earlier they are planted the sooner will new runners be found and the more they will develop during the season.

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#### Now It's Short-Skirt Flu

A new disease known as "short-skirt flu" is raging in London, England. The victim suffers with chills which are often followed by rheumatism in the knee and hip joints. The sufferers are all women who wear the fashionable scanty skirts in spite of the winter weather. Doctors claim that this year's styles expose women to illness more than ever. They advise wearing warm knickers with the short flowing skirts.

#### Cow Was Miffed

A cow hurtled into the lake at Warnton, Ontario, while landing from a small steamer, turned upon the boat and attacked it with such force that it punctured the hull below the water line. The boat was taken to a marine railway, where it was decided that it would be necessary to have repairs made at a drydock.

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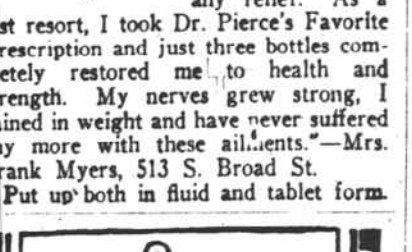
#### Little Brother Speaks

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Richard—Why should it be?  
F. K. B.—Because sister said once that you were two faced, so you can see out of both windows at once.

#### Attention, Frail, Delicate Women!

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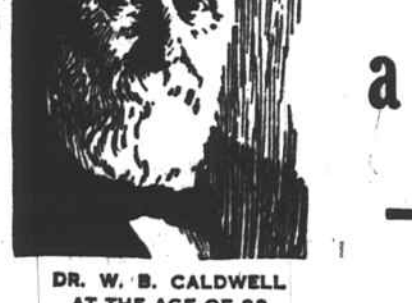
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