

NEWS TO DATE IN PARAGRAPHS

CAUGHT FROM THE NETWORK OF WIRES ROUND ABOUT THE WORLD.

DURING THE PAST WEEK

RECORD OF IMPORTANT EVENTS CONDENSED FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

WESTERN

John W. Pierce, 36 years old, unmarried, was instantly killed by a fall of ground on the 2,400-foot level of the Colorado mine, near Butte, Mont.

Reese Foulkes, 30 years old, of Salt Lake city was burned to death and five other persons more or less seriously hurt when fire destroyed the Overland hotel and three other buildings at Wendover, Utah.

Theodore Schillerman of Nowata, Okla., former mayor of Liberty, Kan., filed suit for \$30,000 damages in Federal court at Fort Scott against the city of Liberty and the Coffeyville Ku Klux Klan organization.

Ammonia fumes were utilized by a so-called soft drink establishment in San Francisco recently in an attempt to repel a raid by four prohibition agents, with the result that two of the agents were overcome.

The club house of the Montana Country Club burned a few days ago. The loss will be at least \$10,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building, which is on the golf links, ten miles from Helena, was built only two years ago.

W. G. McAadoo of Los Angeles, former secretary of the treasury, was arrested in Tulare county, Calif., and cited to appear before Judge J. S. Clark of Fresno to answer to a charge of speeding at the rate of fifty-one miles an hour.

Burned to death in a straw pile was the fate which overtook Grover Redella, 2-year-old son of John Redells of Hysham, near Billings, Mont. The little fellow was with two brothers, aged 6 and 7, playing house in a fifteen-foot tunnel they had made into the straw pile.

Construction of freight and passenger cars to cost \$12,000,000 has been authorized by the Southern Pacific Company, it has been announced by its president, William Sproule. The equipment, including 4,525 freight cars and 141 passenger cars, is for use on the company's Pacific system lines.

A reward of \$5,000 has been offered by the Santa Fé railroad for the arrest and conviction of the vandals responsible for wrecking a Santa Fé passenger train near Bakersfield, Calif., recently. Two persons were killed and several injured in the wreck, which was caused by tampering with a switch.

WASHINGTON

Another move against the Ku Klux Klan was made in the House when Representative Hawes, Democrat, Missouri, introduced a bill to prevent the Klan from sending unsigned communications through the mail.

Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, declared in a statement in Washington that reports emanating from Phoenix, Ariz., concerning a telephone conversation with Governor Hunt, were "absolutely without foundation in fact" and "misleading in every detail." He had made no mention of "a third political party" in his conversation with the governor, Mr. La Follette said.

Representative James R. Mann of Illinois died at his home in Chicago a few days ago of pneumonia.

Former Representative Bartholdt of Missouri called on President Harding to urge that Congress make available a credit of \$50,000,000 for Germany to be used in the purchase by that country of goods in the United States. There was no indication of how the President received the proposal.

Mrs. Anne Rogers, a teacher of Sterling, Colo., who wrote a lesson on national safety that won her \$500 cash prize and a complimentary trip to Washington, arrived in Washington recently to be the guest for several days of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

New York and New Jersey cities are being flooded with liquor from the Bahamas, Scotland and England, according to Frank J. Hale, an investigator for the prohibition department in New York City. He declared that a steamship had cleared from Scotland recently with 24,000 cases of whisky bound for the "whisky, armada camping ground," four miles off the American coast.

FOREIGN

Six former cabinet officers and army officials convicted of high treason in connection with the Greek military disaster in Asia Minor were executed at Athens. The execution of the condemned men was by shooting.

The rate of exchange on shipments of freight between Canada and the United States from Dec. 1 to Dec. 14, inclusive, will be 1-32 of 1 per cent, it has been announced officially. No surcharge will be collected on international traffic.

Federal troops of Mexico have rescued H. K. Wreker, superintendent of the Agulla Oil Company's camp at Tlacolula, Vera Cruz, who was kidnapped and held for 10,000 pesos ransom, according to a war office announcement. He is a British subject.

American tobacco buyers are being held up and robbed in western Thrace. The latest robbed are R. J. Wortham of Henderson, N. C., who was deprived of money and jewelry while traveling by automobile from Drama to Kavala, and J. J. Harrington of Rocky Mount, N. C., who was robbed on a road from Seres to Saloniki.

At the opening of the disarmament conference in Moscow, Maxim Litvinoff, Russian assistant commissioner of foreign affairs, definitely proposed a reduction of the Red army to 200,000 men. He made this conditional, however, on "a corresponding reduction in the standing armies of the states on Russia's western boundaries."

The prohibitionists of Schoenberg, a suburb of Berlin, having been prevented by the police from holding an open air meeting engaged a flock of sandwich men to parade the streets with placards denouncing the evils of alcohol. This aroused the ire of the saloonkeepers and distillery employees, who gave the sandwich men a severe beating.

William T. Cosgrave, president of the Dail Eireann, said that the execution of Ersikine Childers was inevitable, and added: "I fear there will be many more. We do not want these executions, and would give anything to avoid them, but there is no other course of opinion. The only people who can stop them are the irregulars themselves."

The American doughboys in the Rhineland are making up a purse of many million of marks with which to give to German youngsters a real Christmas. The Rhineland post of veterans of foreign wars started the purse with 800,000 marks and every soldier in the American forces is giving at least the equivalent of \$1, which is more than 8,000 marks. Top sergeants are entrusted with the task of seeing that none of the soldiers forget to contribute. Relief work already has begun among the German poor.

GENERAL

Seven men, including two former prohibition enforcement agents, convicted of substituting 180 barrels of ginger ale for Canadian whisky while the shipment was being moved from a New York railroad station last April, were sentenced by Federal Judge Mack to two years each in Atlanta penitentiary. The enforcement men, Harry Meade and William Walsh, also were fined \$2,000 each.

Hundreds of the world's fine cattle were led into the arena at the International Livestock Show at Chicago for judging, under the direction of J. M. Strickland of Yorkshire, England. Glen Phares of Shelbyville, Ind., won the sweepstakes in the junior corn contest at the hay and grain show held in connection with the live stock exposition. Region winners were: Region 1, Donald Stoltz, Park City, Mont.; Region 6, Paul Hoffman, Iliff, Colo. Other winners at the show were: Cow peas: Fred Gothrope, Proctor, Colo. Hard red winter wheat; John Howell, Montrose, Colo. White spring wheat, John Howell, Montrose, Colo. Hard red spring wheat: R. O. Wyler, Luseland, Sasi, Can.

President Obregon is expected to issue a decree at once lifting the import duty on beans, corn, wheat and other cereals into Mexico, according to a telegram received at El Paso from Chihuahua City.

A plan for direct action by France as a solution of the reparations question has been submitted to a full cabinet meeting in the Elysee palace, with President Millerand presiding. The plan provides for seizure of the state coal mines and collection of the export taxes in the Ruhr district, together with absolute control of that section of the Rhine.

Byron Ernest Thady, 20 years old, switchboard man, was awarded the Theodore N. Vall gold medal for noteworthy public service and \$500 in cash for unusual service during the flood at Pueblo, Colo., June 3, 1921. Mrs. Josephine D. Pryor, chief operator at Pueblo, was awarded a silver medal and \$250 for unusual service during the 1921 flood. Thady maintained communication while the rising river waters poured into the telephone building. When the lights failed, he improvised lamps so that the operators could remain at work. He also saved records essential to re-establishing service.

Southwest News From All Over New Mexico and Arizona

The store of the Willard Mercantile Company in Mountain, N. M., was entered by robbers recently, who made their escape with goods valued at over \$1,000.

The 300,000 acres of the Salt River valley compose the single largest agricultural section in Arizona, but almost every county has some farm lands. The Yuma project, the Gila valley, the Florence-Casa Grande district, the Tucson district—all have rich farms. In the northern and some of the southeastern sections there are large dry-farm tracts.

Two charges of embezzlement against R. L. Pinyan, former chief of police of Globe, were dismissed in Superior Court. The charges were dismissed upon a motion made by the county attorney. Mr. Pinyan was charged with embezzlement in connection with a shortage in city funds at his disposal, which he failed properly to account for, it was alleged.

Wade Hampton Marshall, cotton broker of Phoenix and Tempe, was fatally injured, and Roy Stephenson, received minor bruises and cuts when an automobile in which they were riding and driven by Marshall overturned on the Tempe highway, about six miles east of Phoenix recently. Marshall was taken to a hospital at Phoenix, where he died two hours later.

Ted Muller, son of Fritz Muller, assistant state land commissioner of New Mexico, and Leo Lorenzo have been arrested on warrants issued by a justice of the peace charging them with an attempt to set fire to an ice plant in Santa Fé. Assistant District Attorney A. M. Edwards, who prepared the complaints, declined to state the evidence on which his charges are based.

Spurning modern methods of travel via the Pullman, auto and airplane, eighteen families of Apache Indians reverted to the mode of transportation of their ancestors when they removed from Fort Apache, near Globe, to Fort Huachuca, their new home, recently. Headed by scouts on horseback, the travelers in rustic covered wagons of the early days of the plains made their way over mountain and desert.

Former Governor Miguel A. Otero, who was assaulted in the Capital City Bank of Santa Fé, by Eduardo M. Otero of Los Lunas, on Nov. 18, has brought suit against the latter in the District Court at Santa Fé to recover \$10,000, half for punitive damages and half for costs. The bill of complaint alleges that the defendant did "wrongfully, unlawfully, maliciously and wantonly assault, beat, bruise, maim and wound" him.

The Venus group of mines near the site of the Last Chance in the Lordsburg district, is now producing a good lot of ore which runs heavy in silver with a touch of gold. Over fifteen cars of ore have been shipped, much of which will run 10 per cent of silver. It is reported that some of the ores taken from the mine have run as high as 1,500 ounces to the ton, which is one of the best showings in New Mexico for some years.

Following the signing of the Colorado river compact by commissioners of seven states at Santa Fé, another water controversy of long standing was amicably settled when the states of Colorado and New Mexico, through their representatives, Delph E. Carpenter and Stephen B. Davis, Jr., signed an agreement, subject to approval by the respective State Legislatures providing for the equitable distribution of the waters of the La Plata river between the two states.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Melton of Fort Sumner was completely destroyed by fire recently. The house and contents will be almost a total loss.

Adoption of plans for a state-wide campaign which will assure the erection of a new athletic stadium at the university in time for the opening of the football season of 1923, and the decision that the University of Arizona Wildcats will meet the Utah Aggies in a post-season game to be played at Phoenix on Christmas day were the outstanding results of a recent meeting of the university board of athletic control.

Thirty-five years ago the Vizna mine was one of the richest silver producers in the then famous Tombstone district. Since then several shafts have been sunk on adjoining properties in the hope that the Vizna vein would be encountered, but none found the ore. Recently a six-inch vein of "horn silver," equally rich ore, was found but a few feet beneath the surface of the main street in Tombstone when excavations were made for a cement curbing. Mine men say the vein is undoubtedly the long-sought Vizna vein.

HARDING FIGHTS BLOC ATTACK

PRESIDENT OPPOSES AMENDMENT PROVIDING FOR ABOLITION ELECTORAL COLLEGE.

CHANGE UNNECESSARY

ANOTHER PROVISION CALLS FOR CHANGE IN INAUGURATION DATES.

Washington.—Members of the new Progressive bloc in Congress got into action a few days ago, but at the very outset ran into White House opposition.

Led by Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, bloc members sitting on the Senate agriculture committee obtained a favorable report from that committee for a constitutional amendment providing for abolition of the electoral college and for direct election of the President and Vice President and for abolition of the long period of time usually elapsing between a congressional election and the regular meeting of the new Congress. Such an amendment forms one of the planks in the platform adopted by the bloc at its organization meeting.

Opposition to the part of President Harding to any such change in the constitution was expressed by a White House spokesman soon after the Senate agriculture committee resolution was laid before the Senate and assigned to a place on the calendar of business. Some administration leaders in the Senate likewise voiced their disapproval of the amendment and it appeared that any efforts by the bloc to press the proposal might bring on a fight which would test the power of the Progressive faction.

The proposed amendment would provide specifically that "the choice of each state for President and Vice President shall be determined in a general election of the qualified electors of such states," thus permitting voters to cast their ballots directly for President and Vice President. The vote would be canvassed by the Senate and House meeting in joint session, each state being given as many votes for this purpose as it has senators and representatives.

If such a canvass by states should disclose lack of a majority, then the President would be chosen by a majority vote of the House "from the persons having the highest numbers, not exceeding three, on the list of those voted for as President." The vote for vice president would be canvassed in a similar manner, except that in event of no choice by a majority of the voters, the Senate would select that official as between the two persons receiving the largest number of votes.

The committee in reporting the amendment resolution through its chairman, Senator Norris, pointed out that the proposed system might result in the election of a President and vice president from different parties—"a matter of fundamental justice we ought to be protected by law in taking . . . should we desire to do it."

The amendment would further provide that the terms of senators and representatives should begin the first Monday in January following the biennial congressional election and that Congress should meet each year on that date. This would wipe out the session of the old Congress after the biennial elections.

Another provision of the amendment would be to change the date of inauguration of the President from March 4 to the third Monday in January.

White House officials in presenting President Harding's views on the proposal represented the executive as feeling that constant changes in the constitution were unnecessary, and in some cases unwise, Mr. Harding, it was said, regarded the procedure under the constitution whereby a new Congress does not meet for more than a year after its election as one of the wisest steps taken by the nation's founding fathers, as it allows passions to cool.

To Recruit 5,000 Steel Men.
"Youngstown, Ohio.—The soviet government of Russia expects to recruit 5,000 steel workers from the Youngstown district this month, according to P. S. Calvert, president of the Kuzbas industrial colony, who began a search for puddlers, machinists, rollers and mill hands.

Law to Protect President.
Washington.—A Department of Justice bill prohibiting mailing of threatening letters to the President or members of his family with fines and penitentiary terms as penalties, was passed by the Senate and transmitted to the House.



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