Happenings of the World Tersely Told

Personal

Dr. Charles B. McCarthy, head of the Wisconsin state board of health for the past 20 years and one of the chief aids of Herbert Hoover in the food administration, died at Madison.

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Mrs. George Pullman of Chicago, one of the wealthiest women in the world, died of bronchial pneumonia at Pasadena, Cal. She was eighty-two years old.

Washington

The Supreme court at Washington decided that profits derived from the sale of corporate stock and bonds and capital assets are taxable as income.

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A Washington dispatch says that all installments of pay made by enlisted men in the various branches of the military and naval service of the United States to their families and dependent relatives and all family allowances will be discontinued from and after July 31, 1921.

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Resolutions urging the President to call an international conference on disarmament, pending the outcome of which army and navy appropriations should be suspended, were adopted at a meeting arranged by the women's world disarmament committee at Washington.

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Lieut. Col. Leroy J. Morrow, army engineer corps, is understood to have been selected by President Harding at Washington as governor of the Panama Canal Zone.

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President Harding at Washington rejected the Russian proposals for resumption of commercial relations on the ground that there can be no peaceful trade with Russia until the soviet government effects the fundamental changes in its economic system to the establishment of conditions upon which private trade is based.

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"We are going to get Bergdoll if it is possible to get him," Secretary Weeks said at Washington after discussing the case of the Philadelphia draft evader now in Germany.

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Cattle in the United States were estimated by the Department of Agriculture at Washington to number 66,393,000 head, of which 23,471,000 are in dairy herds and 32,824,000 in beef herds.

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The attitude of the "Hip Five" must be "Hip, hip, hooray!" if it is to win the recent controversy with their employers in accordance with award by the American Federation of Labor in its bulletin at Washington.

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The Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways filed a request with the interstate commerce commission at Washington for permission to issue $200,000,000 of bonds, the proceeds with the refunding of bonds which become due on July 1.

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With the approval of President Harding, Eugene V. Debs went to Washington to confer with Attorney General Daugherty on the question of restoring him from the Atlanta penitentiary.

Domestic

William G. Adams, state fisheries director, asked the federal fisheries bureau at Boston to send airplanes to locate schools of mackerel and wireless the information to fishers waiting on land.

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Lawrence Row, twelve, died of burns sustained when a gasoline stove exploded in his home in the village of Ironwood, Mich. A son, Gordon, 10, was severely burned about the shoulders.

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The cold wave swept over Iowa and near Burlington sent the thermometer down to 15 degrees below zero, a change of ago to fruit and small grains was reported.

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Total assets of the $54,941.69 on December 31, 1920, are shown in the annual report of the Fall River Savings Bank with the secretary of state at Lansing, Mich.

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Oklahoma sustained a loss of approximately $11,250,000 when 75 per cent of the fruit crop of the state was killed by freezing temperatures, it was stated by the board of agriculture at Oklahoma City.

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A tornado that struck Tondo, Ia., and destroyed a number of farm houses caused two deaths and injured four persons. Property loss of $100,000 resulted.

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Fire destroyed 1,500 barrels of crude oil, valued at $10,000, at Stone Creek near Bowling Green, O.

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Countless thousands of dollars' worth of damage was done fruit and grain in Illinois by a freeze which overcame which accompanied the entire state, says a Springfield report.

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Four men were painfully whipped at the Newcastle county workhouse at Wilmington, Del., by order of a jury of about 125 persons, for crimes committed in Delaware.

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A toll provision in the use of lethal gas in executing the death penalty in Nevada was signed by Governor Boyle at Carson City.

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A Valparaiso (Ind.) dispatch says that two extra work trains will be found amid the sand dunes on the shores of Lake Michigan.

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Dorothy Fedock, age five, was killed in her home near Rothschild, Wis., when a lightning ball struck her on the head and passed through her body.

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Early prospects for a record fruit yield this year in Missouri and Kansas were ruined by cold weather, accompanied by snow and sleet, according to the local weather forecaster at Kansas City, Mo.

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A San Diego (Cal.) special says that after netting a new record for flying from Oakland, across the bay to San Francisco, Lou Angeles in the 2,392 Eddie Rickenbacker is believed to have set another by flying on to San Diego, 120 miles further, in 38 minutes.

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Letters of administration were granted at the widow of Bert Lenox Taylor by Probate Judge Henry Hoffner at Chicago when it was shown that Mr. Taylor had made no will. The estate was valued at $25,000.

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The contract for the construction of marine engineers and officers on ocean-going tugs, began in protest against wage reductions, was called off by union officials at New York.

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According to company officials, approximately 150 of the 700 workers of the John Morrell Packing company at Sioux Falls, S. D., who have been on strike since March 1, are back at work.

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Thomas Wold, thirty-seven, a wholesale grocer, fell from the eleventh floor of the Transportation building at Chicago, and was dead when his body was found.

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Sleet, snow and rainstorms which paralyzed Nebraska and western Iowa, did heavy damage to fruit crops in northern Missouri, according to reports reaching Omaha.

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Flour at Tacoma, Wash., reached the lowest point since 1917, mills announcing a drop of 40 cents a barrel in the jobbing quotations. The drop, which makes the price $9.20 a barrel, is the second this week.

Foreign

The decision of the Russian soviet government at Moscow to abolish money as the medium of value and exchange has been rescinded.

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The independent labor party, in control of Scotland's municipal affairs, is defeated by an overwhelming majority a preview of elections to occur in November 1921, when the entire membership of the Third International will be elected.

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A communist uprising occurred in the American bridgehead area at Mont-de-Jeux Caldois. A riot call was answered by the protect marshal. In the fight two of the American army of occupation and three civilians were killed.

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The Polish government has issued a decree that all persons who have been naturalized in Germany since 1914 must leave Poland at once.

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The Norwegian whaling boat, Tere Tre, has returned from the Antarctic expedition, and in all probability it will free from the ice floes before March 1, when ships will be taken on board. Three aeroplanes were used during the expedition, which was under the command of Lieut. Hellegra Lund. From there Sir Ernest intends to explore the islands east and west of Graham Land, which were used to Ferry inland, this being the main object of the expedition.

Our New Hospital Ship and Its Commander

A view of the operating room on the U. S. S. *Relief*, Uncle Sam's new hospital ship which was recently commissioned at the Philadelphia navy yard. The Relief is for use of the officers and enlisted men of the Atlantic fleet, inset is a portrait of her commander, R. C. Holcomb of the navy medical corps.

Many Schools Serious Menace

Tens of Thousands of Children in United States Are Reported Housed in Firetraps.

REPORTS FROM 429 CITIES

453,000 Pupils Either on Half-Time Study or in Unsuited Quarters—Survey Conducted by Chamber of Commerce Committee.

New York.—Tens of thousands of school children housed in firetraps and hundreds of thousands of them either on half time or in makeshift buildings is the condition in 429 cities of the United States, as disclosed in a report made public here.

The report was issued by the national committee for chamber of commerce co-operation with the public schools on a survey conducted by the committee last January.

The committee was organized in February, 1920, to inquire into school conditions. Its executive committee included Edward N. Hurley of the Goodyear tire and rubber company, Akron, O.

The evidence presented "shows clearly that there are tens of thousands of children now housed in old, unsanitary, dangerous buildings," says Mr. Hurley in his introduction to the report. "Many of these structures are fire traps of the worst type."

Data From 429 Cities.

Data was received from 429 cities, the report says: "These facts, obtained from 25 per cent of all the cities reporting, show that in these cities, even excluding those housed in annexes where conditions may be normal, there are more than 453,000 children who are either on half time because of lack of building space or are housed in portables, rented buildings, attics, basements or corridors, or it would require an average of two 30-room buildings in each of these cities to properly house these groups of children alone."

The report sets forth statistically the inadequacy of playground space. "It is clear that in many cities children are now housed in buildings in which there is less space on the playground than is supplied in the classrooms in which they are taught," says Mr. Hurley in the introduction.

"Three million six hundred thousand children are represented in this report on playgrounds," it is stated, "and the study discloses that one-half of these —1,800,000 children—have such a playground less than six by six feet per pupil, and many of them have no playground at all.

"These facts of limited playground space," says the report, "present one of the serious problems confronting those who are interested in the welfare of American school children. Whatever the cost, adequate playground space should be provided for every school building and every group of congested districts. Public sentiment must become so active that will be considered a breach of trust for the local authorities to erect a school building on a site that will not afford adequate playground space for all the pupils housed in the building."

Fire Record Startling.

on the subject of fire hazard in school buildings, the report says: "Over 25 per cent of the total number of buildings of the type considered are practically called fireproof. Only a small proportion, however, are sufficiently unknown the fire hazard to the children. In 25 per cent of the cities there are one or more buildings of the type of two-story frames, and the rest have a fire escape. Thirty-nine per cent of the two types are without fire extinguishers and less than ten per cent of these have automatic sprinkler equipment in any part of the buildings. Only 11 per cent have automatic fire alarms. Such facts as these demonstrate the existence of a real menace to the children of these cities." One-half of every two day schools were built prior to 1907.

The report directs attention to "the large number of cities having percentages of thirteen and sixteen years who have the public schools," and adds: "There probably is no more serious problem or more difficult to solve now facing the people of this country."

According to the reports from 290 cities 6 per cent of the children attend school before their thirteenth year, 19 per cent before fourteen, 36 per cent before fifteen, and 64 per cent before they are sixteen years old.

"In the precapitalist groups," the report continues, "the highest per cent of these children remain in the cities of the south, the next highest in great cities, then the southern, the great lakes, and the lowest of all in the eastern cities. So far the last group only 29 per cent of the children between the ages of 14 and 15 are out of those from fourteen to sixteen years inclusive, are in school.

WILL EXPLORE PERRY ISLAND

Sir Ernest Shackleton to Leave in May or June on New Polar Expedition.

Christiania.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the antarctic explorer, will leave in May or June on a new polar expedition.

He will take with him a dozen men, chiefly those who accompanied him on his last expedition, and the commander-in-chief will be Capt. Worsley.

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Not Crime to Kill Dying

Belgian Court Acquits Man Who Shot Wife Tired of Constant Suicide.

Brussels, Belgium.—The question whether or not a person is guilty of a crime in killing the death of another who is suffering from a mortal wound or who is destined to lead a miserable life in the case of a married man who has attempted to commit suicide and has attempted to commit suicide. His plea was that she was dying and that he killed her rather than watch her suffer. He was arrested, but acquitted of the charge of murder by the Brussels Court of Assizes.

The man was Jerome Hermans, thirty-two years old, and the girl was Helene Vaughn, age eighteen. They had a love affair and the attempt at suicide followed. The shooting occurred in the Bois de Cambre, Brussels' largest public park.

"Nelise ran from the path into a thicket," said Hermans. "I heard a shot and ran after her. She had shot herself in the breast, but not in a vital place. I could not see her suffer and I told her that was dying and that he killed her rather than watch her suffer. He was arrested, but acquitted of the charge of murder by the Brussels Court of Assizes.

Hermans recovered from his wound and was in prison for eight months until acquitted. Medical testimony given at the trial was to the effect that the girl's suicidal wound ultimately would have been fatal.

Indian Princess Christens New Sub

Princess Tocowana, an Indian, who in private life is Mrs. James O. Gerhake of Norwich, Conn., christened the new American submarine S-48, when launched at Bridgeport, Conn. The submarine is the largest in the navy and the illustration also gives an unusual view of the hull of the new craft.

FIND GRAVEYARD OF AUTOS

Evidence at Foot of Cliff on Erie Lake Proves Cheating Hot Insurance.

Buffalo.—The finding of the wrecks of 17 automobiles at the foot of a cliff on the south shore of Lake Erie, a few miles west of Buffalo, has resulted in the police that companies insuring against theft have been systematically cheated.

Insurance companies, in self-defense, are rarefully examining candidates for insurance of this kind.

In this lake shore grave yard of automobiles are makes of many sorts, from the plain medium priced to the pretentious limousine. Marks on the edge of the cliff where the cars were shoved out of the machines indicate that the automobiles were set afire before being sent over.

Discovery of the police is that the machines were stolen from their owners, driven to the cliff and sent over. These names, reported stolen so that the insurance could be collected and then destroyed to prevent detection of the fraud.

Bandit Returned $25,000 Liberty Bond.

Jerksonville, Fla.—A regretful note accompanied a $25,000 Liberty bond returned through the mail to Thomas D. Cates company, stockbrokers, from which it had been stolen. The bond, the note said, was the only one the writer could negotiate safely. The robber, however, added that he had kept two smaller stolen bonds.

Had Him There.

He—This book says that a woman should make herself as attractive to her husband after marriage as she did before.

She—Ha! My father always gave me plenty of money to make myself attractive with. You don't—Boston Transcript.

The Soft Answer.

She—You passed me in the street yesterday without even looking at me.

He—If I had looked, I couldn't have passed.

AMERICAN FLAG TORN TO SHREDS

MURDERERS MUST BE PUNISHED, STATE DEPARTMENT AVERS, IN NOTE TO MEXICO.

Two Americans Slain By Bandits, Report Being Forwarded to Washington States—Consul at Tampa Protests to Investigate.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—Representations have been made to the Mexican government demanding that the murderers of two Americans, killed in that country about three weeks ago, be apprehended and punished, it was announced. The cases involved the State Department announced, were those of Edward Davis, a mining engineer, killed near Sonora, early in March, 6 bandits, and A. D. Rettger, a plantation caretaker, killed by bandits in Vera Cruz State.

Tampa, Fla.—Charges that Mexican seamen at Alvarado, near Vera Cruz, tore an American flag to shreds and threatened to kill members of the crew of the American schooner Telegram, will be investigated by the Mexican government, Consul Luis Malda of Consul here, said. The Consul has forwarded to the Mexican Ambassador at Washington a report of the incident received from Captain H. F. Jackson, master of the schooner.

Laredo, Texas.—General Humberto Barrera, a former officer of the Carranza army, was arrested here by a deputy United States marshal on a charge of conspiracy to violate the neutrality laws. Barrera, who formerly was in command at Tampico, left Mexico City for Galveston, Texas, following the death of Carranza, he said in an interview on Mexican soil. He is charged he was associated with Col. Harrida Fernandez in the alleged conspiracy to land arms and munitions from Mexico City in Galveston and extend Texas chaparral.

Blast Suspects Freed.

New Orleans, La.—The five seamen who were known as the "Black Cat" gazaera recently, charged with murder in the dynamiting of the steamer Black Cat, and suspected of possible connection with the Black Tom explosion of last September, were discharged by United States Judge Rufus E. Foster in the federal court here. Commissioner Hennen, the two Swedes, E. Lundquist and Ernest Bandix, E. Kapperud and R. Ivesh, the Argentine Jose Ingenieros, the Finn K. J. Nordvisht and Gustav Hermann, the Greek N. M. Petrou, who also served here. Nordvisht and Bauman say they were tortured by the police to force confessions who witnessed the torture and will testify to it.

Strike Sanction Sought.

Boston, Mass.—Strike sanction has been asked of the Boston Central Typographical Union committee, called to consider announcement of the Linotype Typotheca, that wages for postmasters and journeymen printers would be reduced next Monday. More than 3,000 men in the printing industry of Greater Boston are said to be affected. Sylvester J. Hayes, of the Typographical Union No. 13, spokesman for the committee, declared that the action of the Typotheca action as a violation of the principles of arbitration.

Bullet Removed From Brain.

Cushing, N. Y.—One of the rarest operations known to surgery, the removal of receiving a bullet from a man's brain, was successfully performed here in the Sing Sing prison hospital. A probable fatality from the operation was that Dr. William L. Chapman, of Cushing, who performed the operation on Arnold and was schooled to the operation by the author of the book in which he worked on the patient, after operating on a number of cases in insanity in Boston Lunchcwalt.

Portsmouth Urges Tilt of Sunday Ltd.

Portsmouth, Ohio.—Protest against the cut of tilting the Sunday ltd in Portsmouth was made by the city council and all merchants. Seventy-five attended, and the subject was held that the inconvenience of the public and the local merchants would be affected. The council was disappointed. He went to Washington, where he is now at the Mayor and city government should take the matter up with the railroad.

Navy Lifts Censorship.

Washington.—Censorship of all wireless restrictions over press dispatches transmitted by naval radio was announced by the Navy Department. In the past, since the war days under the last administration, the department had reserved the right to hold up dispatches containing matters considered by censors to be of value to the United States' relations with foreign countries, but the only objectionable sentences back to the department of the sender, it was explained by the Secretary of the Navy.

Army Balloon Explodes.

Los Angeles, Cal.—An officer and three men from the Army Balloon School at Rockwell Field, Arcadia, were burned seriously by an explosion of an army balloon in Crown Park, near the Mitwick Country Club, about eight miles from Los Angeles. The explosion occurred as the balloon, from which it had been anchored, was being hauled, reached the earth near a fence and the gas bag was punctured by a wire in the bag. Others expressed the opinion that a cigarette caused the explosion.

Had Him There.

Mawkegon, Mich.—The barking of his dog attracted none to the burglary of Stevenson Cooper, where they found a dozen screwdrivers from gas fixtures from his car, the motor of which was running. It was rescued.

Barking of Dog Saved Man's Life.

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Wherein Cupid Gets Best of Father-in-Law

Philadelphia.—The romance of Oscar Shenkenfelt and the maid he met, which got united up when his father-in-law's consent to the bride of a few hours, is mended in part.

Shenkenfelt married eighteen-year-old Myrtle Weiss, daughter of William Stewart, retired grocer, of Bristol, Conn. That night her father summoned Shenkenfelt to his room and urged his daughter be allowed to live with him. Shenkenfelt refused the next day he found the bride of a few hours disappeared. He went to Washington, where he is employed by the government.

Boarding a car in Washington to begin his hunt, he was startled to see his bride on the street waiting for a street car. Then came the reunion. Shenkenfelt and his bride returned here without bidding "dad" farewell.

SKEPTICISM OUT OF PLACE

No Annihilation of Scientific Discovery May Now Be Looked Upon as Fantastic.

That the butterfly contains within itself what Hanley would have called the promise and potency of the cure for rheumatism and a number of other malignant plagues might seem fantastic proposition, were it not for the testimony of its antecedent, remarks the Kansas City Journal. It was found out about 55 years since Pasteur perceived in the fermentation of sour milk what the principle which emboldened him to declare that we stood on the threshold to eliminate all communicable diseases from the human body. Lister and other veterans of science were incredulous. But they "Travailler, c'est pour les travailler!" the young master of the silkworm's fiber would say to the "sickness" of beer and wine, then the "sickness" found in them a formidable poultry pestilence, then one of the most terrible diseases of man.

Having thus worked his way up to the human body, he applied the principle and by the methods to the salvation of man from the diseases which carried us the most hopeless and horrible of diseases, rabies, and thus became the way of Lister, of Koch, of Finlay and Carroll, and to all the unspeaking who proceeded to the conquest of science of bacterial therapeutics. If this Pasteur found in an atom of yeast the cure for rabies, typhoid, cholera, the bubonic fever, diphtheria and bubonic plague, there is no occasion for skepticism, says the Kansas City Journal, when we learn that in the larva of a butterfly he found the cure for other pestilences.

TOBACCO USERS NOT IMMUNE

Only Germs of Cholera and Meningitis Succumb to Nicotine or Juice of Nicotine.

Professor Pantoni of the University of Rome has announced the result of experiments by way of determining whether tobacco smoke or its juice would act as a disinfectant against disease germs. He found that the cigarette smoke of Mexican cigars, Macedonian cigarettes and Italian cigars, called "Toscani." He placed a piece of paper soaked in a liquid containing typhoid germs of cholera, influenza, diphtheria, pneumonia, plague, and glanders and then filled the jar with the smoke of cigarettes. Only the