

# IMPORTANT NEWS OF THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

## General

CHICAGO.—When is art not art? A Chicago judge held that it is when street corner hawkers sell saucy post cards glorifying the feminine form divine. "The Bathers" was the subject, but the hawker abandoned his art when the judge assessed him \$25 and costs.

WASHINGTON.—A bill has been introduced to raise \$2,000,000 for the purpose of improving Walter Reed Hospital has been launched here. It is pointed out that some of the buildings where disabled former service men are undergoing treatment are veritable fire traps and the institution is in bad condition.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.—Eight thousand miles to purchase an artificial leg was the distance traveled by Judge Pierre Crabbé, representative of the United States on the Cairo International Court, who has just arrived here. He lost his right leg in a street car accident last June.

NIAGARA FALLS.—Charged with having kept his daughter, 17, chained to a post in his home for several days, Joseph Ziemski is under arrest here. Police say the chain was secured with a heavy padlock and the father carried the key in his pocket.

ALBANY, N. Y.—When his wife carried the woman who had divorced him, William L. Baker shot and perhaps fatally killed him. The younger Baker awarded the custody of two of his children. He is said to have named his father for his domestic difficulties.

PITTSBURGH.—A one-inch screw, swallowed twenty-eight years ago by Frank Crawford, has just been removed at a local hospital by Dr. J. Homer McCready. He is functioning fully and efficiently without the part.

CHICAGO.—Holiday bandits harvested a total of approximately \$150,000 in this city. Of that amount, \$100,000 of the booty was obtained by boring into supposedly burglar-proof vaults where valuable furs were stored.

NEW YORK.—A near-panic resulted when clouds of smoke were discovered leaking from the elevator shafts in the Woolworth building. Thousands of persons fled in terror until it was discovered the cause was a short circuit which had ignited grease in a freight elevator.

WESTWOOD, CAL.—The most violent eruption of the Lassen Peak volcano since 1925 occurred here recently. The eruption, it was said, was brief and caused little damage.

CARBONDALE, ILL.—The American Legion has taken steps toward the prevention of robberies, holdups and crime of every description as the result of a crime wave which has prevailed here for some time. The police have been unable to handle the situation, they say.

CHICAGO.—It is said that she would not be able to bear separation from her daughter who is engaged to be married caused Mrs. May Dunne, 51, to end her life by hanging in the bathroom of her home.

WASHINGTON.—The United States is in the world on the quality of its aircraft, even though shy on numbers. Secretary of the Navy, Admiral W. C. V. C. Smith, chief of the Bureau of Aeronautics told a special congressional committee investigating the aircraft situation.

REVERSE CITY, MICH.—Douglas Fortune, high school student and athletic star, was buried alive under an avalanche while he was returning from a hunting trip. The remains of shovellers worked for days in a futile attempt to recover the body.

WASHINGTON.—Death rates from both typhoid fever and diabetes in the Nation decreased in 1923, it is announced by the U. S. Public Health Service.

NEW YORK.—If Count Salm von Hoogstraten and his young wife, the former Millicent Rogers, daughter of H. H. Rogers, millionaire, are as deeply in love at the end of a year as they are believed to be, the pair will withdraw their objections to the match, it is reported in society. Efforts to effect a financial settlement with the count failed.

WASHINGTON.—President Coolidge commuted the life sentence of John Edward Dillinger, then in the State Penitentiary of New Jersey, to twenty years, as a Christmas gift. The prisoner, who was convicted of killing a Chinese while a legation guard in Peking, thus becomes eligible to parole on immediate application.

NEW YORK.—A Christmas survey revealed that New York has 60,000 homeless and 30,000 jobless persons, according to the report of the Bowery Y. M. C. A. Officials said that the number of applicants for aid this year was almost double that of 1924.

NEW YORK.—The Muscle Shoals is as far from Boston as ever, judging from appearances in Congress. It is predicted by members that there will be no action at this session at least.

NEW YORK.—Forty thousand pounds of poultry have been killed in New

## Governor-Elect of Kansas



Benjamin S. Patten recently elected Governor of Kansas. He is a staunch Republican.

oil writer. Confusion has prevailed to an unusual degree in many lines, but indications point to a safe and sane basis, observers assert.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Available facts and figures indicate that improvement in business conditions, which has been in progress since last summer, continued during November in this Federal Reserve district. The improvement has been reflected chiefly in commodity markets.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Mellon has served notice that the privilege of converting first Liberty Bond certificates into 1924 and 1925 issues of 1927-42 into 12 per cent Liberty Bonds will be withdrawn June 30. After that date holders of the original issues affected by the order will have to be content with the lower rate of interest carried by those bonds.

MADISON.—Shipment of live poultry from New York and New Jersey to Wisconsin is prohibited in quarantine regulations by V. S. Larson, director of livestock sanitation of the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture.

BUFFALO.—The largest grain fleet ever recorded in Buffalo's history was in the harbor last week. The fleet comprised 119 grain boats with a total capacity of 1,000,000 bushels. The fleet is estimated to be approximately \$40,000,000. Most of the wheat is American grown and will be reshipped from here next spring.

WASHINGTON.—The American embassy at London has been instructed to make representations to the British government against the recent legislation prohibiting the importation of American potatoes into England and Wales on account of the potato bug.

STOCKHOLM.—A definite boom in the stock exchange here developed from a general upward trend that has been gaining headway ever since the end of November when the business for almost two weeks was terminated. The boom is attributed to a revival of optimism, aided by fat dividends recently announced by Swedish industries.

WASHINGTON.—The Shipping Board has approved the sale of nine cargo ships to a San Francisco company. The ships will sail between the Pacific Coast and Australia and the East Coast of South America and the sale price was approximately \$132,000 each.

NEW YORK.—Delayed more than thirty-six hours by violent gales, the Cunard liner Aquitania is expected to dock here within a few hours according to radio messages.

WASHINGTON.—William Jennings Bryan was characterized as a man who is Edward L. Rice, zoologist of Ohio Wesleyan University in no way different from the American Society of Zoologists in session here. Bryan's criticism of zoology, he said, is not scientific, because it ignores facts which the objector cannot explain away."

HOBART, OKLA.—Thirty-three persons perished in a Christmas Eve fire which started while an entire family was gathered at the Babb Switch rural school. Twenty others were seriously burned and it is believed many of these will die.

PHILADELPHIA.—A Christmas party attended by 150 gypsies resulted in a riot call when the police attempted to quiet the revelers. The celebs promised to have their fun despite the blizzard and the police parted.

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NEW YORK.—The mother of Irving Levy, alleged bank embezzler, said to have obtained \$25,000, died here recently in a Columbus Hospital, where she was a charity patient. Police are still seeking Levy, who vanished six weeks ago.

## Business

CHICAGO.—Farmers of the Middle West are highly pleased with the year prospect for the New Year, according to The Prairie Farmer, prominent agricultural magazine. "The New Year," the article says, "finds the farmers of Illinois and Indiana facing the future with more confidence than at any time in recent years."

NEW YORK.—Directors of the General Electric Company of New York have authorized a special distribution to stockholders which will be accomplished through segregation of the Electric Bond and Share Company, one of the largest public utility holding organizations in the United States.

WASHINGTON.—A process was recently worked out by chemists and engineers of the Ducktown Iron, Copper & Sulphur Company and another concern which permits a profitable recovery of the iron in copper ore. The new process is expected to boost profits of the industry considerably.

NEW YORK.—The markets have closed an extraordinary year in many respects, says a local finan-

## Commercial Airplanes Carry 62,000 Passengers In 1924

Washington, Jan. 5.—Data regarded as demonstrating that commercial aviation definitely has passed the experimental stage are contained in a report just submitted to the War Department by Lieut. John P. van Zant of the army air service, after a study of its development in Europe involving 6,000 miles of travel over commercial airways.

The army officer reaches the conclusion in his report to Dwight F. Davis, Assistant Secretary of War, and Maj.-Gen. Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service, that "a suitable number of passengers and goods may now be transported by air with equal or greater safety and reliability than by train and with greater saving of time."

Picturing the development of commercial aviation in the period since war, the report gives the aggregate of air transport miles flown in all countries, including the United States as 20,110,700 up to last year, and estimates that 1924 reports will add 8,500,000 miles to the total. The figures represent only regular air transportation services over es-

tablished routes, carrying passengers, mail and commodities. During the same period the development of passenger air traffic has increased from 2,558 passengers in 1919 to 82,000 passengers in 1924.

In the development of air-mail traffic the United States leads the world, according to the report. In 1922 an aggregate of 1,930,777 pounds of air mail was transported, of which 1,812,197 pounds was United States mail carried over the transcontinental route between New York and San Francisco. Last year 2,466,579 pounds of air mail was carried, of which 752,009 was European traffic. Air-freight transportation increased from 269,600 pounds in 1919 to more than 5,000,000 pounds in 1924.

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MOOSE SAVES TIME BY CROSSING TRESTLE

(Special to The Kourier.)

Portland, Ore., Jan. 5.—Railroad trains in southeastern Oregon lately have been delayed by a moose using a trestle there as a footpath. Not content with the usual green pastures by the usual trail, this moose has discovered that by walking across the long, high trestle considerable time may be cut from the trip.

The time saved is only on the part of the moose, however, and train crews are at a loss to know how to keep the trestle clear.

## 393 DRY VOTES IN BOTH HOUSES NEXT CONGRESS

Only 132 Known to Be Wet 26 Doubtful—M. E. Temperance Board Action.

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In the next Congress there will be 319 dry votes in the House of Representatives, 11 wet votes, and 5 which at this time it is impossible to classify. At the beginning of December, 41 wet per cent above July, 1914, as against 80 per cent at the beginning of November and 77 a year ago. Unemployment figures are growing better.

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PARIS.—The "red peril in Paris" is termed a tempest in a teapot by United States Ambassador Herrick who has made a careful study of the situation, he says. He has assured his government that there is no danger of a communist uprising in France.

BERLIN.—All condemned murderers in their mounds where they kneeled and await the ax of the executioner. This is the execution of one of Germany's leading ax-men. When not engaged in decapitating condemned prisoners, the executioner, Greopler by name, takes in family washings.

PARIS.—The Irish League of Nations Society has had a meeting to the secret general of the International Federation of League of Nations Societies a protest against the British note objecting to registration of the Anglo-Irish pact.

TOKIO.—The foreign office has denied the correctness of newspaper reports of a speech by Premier Kato at a recent political dinner. He was quoted as having declared he would not welcome a contemplated visit of the American navy.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM.—King Albert is planning a motor trip across the Desert of Sahara it has been announced here. He has accepted an invitation of the King of France to be his guest on the trip and the destination will be Timbuctoo. Automobiles with caterpillar tractor treads will be used by the party.

NICARAGUA.—Every precaution has been taken by government officials to prevent threatened disorders at the inauguration of Carlos Solórzano, newly-elected president.

SAN JUAN, PORTO RICO.—Five inches of liquor in a quart bottle is too much for twelve jurors to consume in determining the alcohol strength of the rum. The Federal Judge Odlin ruled in ordering a mistrial. The jurors, after lengthy deliberation returned to the courtroom in jubilant spirits.

LONDON.—King Feisal of Irak is in London seeking a job as a taxi driver. Irak is a state in Mesopotamia—said to be of the size of the Garden of Eden—over which the British government exercises a mandate. The king believes being a taxi driver much better than a king's son.

MOSCOW.—Although War Minister Tukhatchevsky is out of the political scene and far removed from the strife of Moscow, attacks upon him continue both from within and without the ranks of the Communist party. All the sins and shortcomings of the Bolshevik regime apparently are laid at his door.

PARIS.—Premier Herriot, who has confined to his bed by illness, has not been allowed to leave his bed. He

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