

## News Review of Current Events the World Over

### Congress and Administration Reach a Compromise Over Relief Appropriations—Terrible Earthquake in New Zealand.

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Rep. Tilson

COMPROMISE on the drought relief program was reached by the Republican and Democratic leaders in congress after days of argument, recrimination and threat. The settlement of the dispute was virtually a victory for President Hoover over those who had insisted that the government should adopt what would be really the dole principle in relieving the distress of the people. Unless radical Republicans carry on a filibuster against regular appropriation bills, the danger of a special session seems to be passed.

Under the compromise there will be a broadening of the credit machinery set up for the drought area. The sum of \$20,000,000 will be added to the \$45,000,000 already appropriated. The money will not be available for charity, but will be loaned to individuals or to agricultural credit corporations and secured by liens on crops or other security.

The loans may be used for "agricultural rehabilitation" in addition to seed, feed and fertilizer, to which the money provided by the original act was limited. Under the guise of "agricultural rehabilitation" some of the money may be used by farmers for food and clothing, but it will not be intended as charity or as a dole.

The plan was incorporated in an amendment to the senate's amendment to the Interior department appropriation bill appropriating \$25,000,000 for the purchase of food and medical supplies and for other forms of relief. The \$25,000,000 amendment was rejected by the house, after which the bill was sent to conference. The procedure will be for the conferees of the senate and house to offer the compromise as a substitute for the senate amendment. Technically the conferees will report a disagreement. Representative L. C. Cramton of Michigan then will move in the house that the substitute amendment be accepted. This will be followed by its acceptance by the senate.

The final touches on the agreement were given at conferences participated in by Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, majority leader of the senate; Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, assistant majority leader; Speaker Longworth, and Representative John Q. Tilson of Connecticut.

Another compromise, also acceptable to the administration, was in prospect in the matter of soldiers' bonus legislation. The house ways and means committee planned to report a bill increasing borrowing privileges for World War veterans holding bonus certificates, from 22 per cent, as at present, to 50 per cent of their face value. This was the suggestion of Owen D. Young and apparently was approved by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon. It was estimated that the cost to the government would be upwards of \$500,000,000.



Paul M. Pearson

OFFICIAL announcement was made in Washington that the administration of the Virgin Islands was being transferred from naval to civilian rule. Soon afterward President Hoover appointed Paul Martin Pearson of Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, to be the first civilian governor of the territory. Mr. Pearson is well known as an educator, lecturer and author, is a native of Illinois and is fifty-nine years old. The Virgin Islands were purchased from Denmark in March, 1917, and since then have been under the control of the Navy department. Capt. W. Evans was the last naval governor.

REPEATED earthquake shocks of great severity wrought havoc in the Hawke's bay province of the North Island of New Zealand, and were followed by conflagrations and tidal waves that added to the destruction. The large towns of Napier and Hastings and at least three other towns were virtually ruined. The number of the dead will not be known for some time, but it probably is nearly a thousand. Other thousands of persons were injured. All means of communication in the stricken area were destroyed and the only news reached Wellington and the outside world from ship wireless station; and eyewitnesses who had fled from the scene.

At Napier, the capital of the province, which has a population of 20,000, all the stone and brick buildings fell with a terrific roar, oil tanks exploded, and flames consumed most of the remaining structures. Bluff hill, which stood high above the city, collapsed and toppled into the sea, and the bottom of the harbor rose 15 feet, the anchorage pool becoming an island. Hastings, a plains town 12 miles from Napier, where most of the buildings

were of wood, was razed by temblors and fire. The hospital and nurses' home collapsed on the inmates. The towns of Wairoa, Waipukurua and Waiapawa also were wrecked.

The Hawke's bay province is a rich agricultural, pastoral and fruit district and has, at Walkaremoana, one of New Zealand's largest hydro-electric developments. Napier, which is 210 miles northeast of Wellington, is an important export and manufacturing city.

Martial law was proclaimed for the ravaged district, and the immediate evacuation of Napier was ordered by the authorities because of the danger of an epidemic. The city's water and drainage systems were entirely destroyed. Several British cruisers reached Napier harbor and Commodore Blake took charge of relief measures. Other vessels carried many refugees to Auckland. Property damage in the Napier area alone was estimated at \$10,000,000.

PRESIDENT HOOVER backed up Attorney General William D. Mitchell in the latter's controversy with Senator Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota over the appointment of Ernest Michel to a Minnesota judgeship. In a communication to Schall the President called attention to Mr. Mitchell's objections to the selection of Michel for the judicial post, and stated that in view of the attorney general's report he would not send his name to the senate.

In his letter the President suggested Senator Schall submit eight or ten names of men he thought would make fit appointees, and added, "From such a list I shall hope to find some one with fitness for that position."



E. E. Denison

ONE of those famous leaky congressional trunk cases that amused the country some time ago is going to get a further airing. Justice Josiah Van Ordel of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals has made a ruling that Representative Edward E. Denison of Illinois must go to trial on an indictment charging him with illegal possession of liquor in his office on Capitol Hill.

Representative Denison was indicted by the district grand jury on November 19, 1929, eleven months after a leaking source addressed to him was discovered by federal agents in the union station in Washington. An investigation led to the discovery of a trunk containing liquor in Mr. Denison's office, and in spite of the representative's assertion that both the trunk and suitcase were mistakenly delivered to him, an indictment was brought.

PRESIDENT HOOVER was advised by R. C. Stephenson of South Bend, Ind., president of the American Banker's association, that business conditions are improving in all parts of the country and should continue to get better during the rest of the year. Mr. Stephenson expressed the opinion that the business depression struck bottom on December 20, and that conditions have been on the up-grade since that time. He said also that if there were less talk of unemployment those who are employed would spend more.

WHEN Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler was Philadelphia's director of public safety six years ago he naturally made enemies of a number of bootleggers. It is reported that one of these disgruntled individuals first called the attention of the Italian government to the general's speech in which Premier Mussolini was depicted as a bit and run motorist and which is causing the gallant marine so much trouble.

General Butler will go on trial before a court-martial board in Philadelphia February 16, and the public will be admitted to the proceedings. Meanwhile he is free to go where he pleases in preparing his defense. He has engaged Roland Morris, former ambassador to Japan and a prominent Pennsylvania Democrat, as his chief counsel. Mr. Morris is assisted by Maj. Henry Leonard, Col. A. M. Holding and Col. Jesse F. Dyer. From close friends of Butler it was learned that he will argue that the Mussolini story was simply an illustration, used in a military preparedness speech. It will be urged that no offense against the Italian premier was intended.

BISHOP JAMES CANNON, JR., appeared in Washington before twelve traveling elders of the Methodist church, South, to answer to grave charges the exact nature of which was not made public. If the

elders find the accusations have sufficient merit, they will order a trial which will be held at the next general conference of the church in 1934. The bishop, who is undergoing treatment at a hospital for arthritis, was accompanied by two of his sons.

ALBERT B. FALL, the only man convicted on criminal charges growing out of the oil leasing scandals of the Harding administration, bases his hope of escaping punishment on the claim he had no authority from congress to make the leases. The case was argued in the District Court of Appeals.

Frank Hogan, his counsel, in seeking reversal of the former interior secretary's conviction of accepting a bribe from Edward L. Doheny, said that since Fall lacked the proper authority he could not be guilty of accepting a bribe to influence a lease.

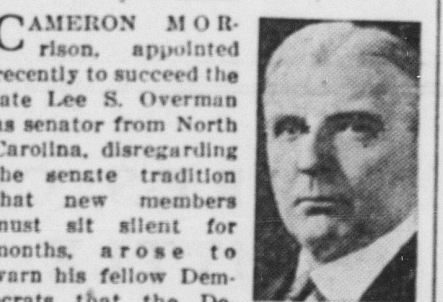


Mrs. Mary Henderson

FOR some years Mrs. Mary Henderson, ninety-year-old social leader in Washington, wealthy widow of John B. Henderson who was a senator from Missouri, has grieved because Uncle Sam does not provide a residence for the Vice President. She has made several attempts to remedy this at her own expense, once offering a fine house when Calvin Coolidge was Vice President. It's upkeep was too expensive and he declined. Now Mrs. Henderson is trying again, offering to present to the government a handsome residence, valued at something like \$300,000 and situated on one of the exclusive streets of the Capital city.

At the writing congress had not decided whether or not to accept the gift, but Mrs. Henderson's granddaughter, Mrs. Beatrice Wholean, has asked the District of Columbia Supreme court to prevent the aged lady from disposing of any of the real estate belonging to the estates of her former husband and son. According to Mrs. Wholean, her grandmother is mentally incompetent properly to perform her duties and functions as trustee under the wills of her husband and son, and her removal as trustee is asked.

FOR the second time the senate voted on the appointments of Smith, Garsaud and Draper as members of the power commission, and the Democratic-radical Republican coalition rejected Smith by a vote of 40 to 33. The two others, however, were confirmed. The administration considers all three are legally members of the commission. The leaders of the coalition hold that this latest action perfects the senate's record in case the matter is taken into court.



Sen. Morrison

CAMERON MORRISON, appointed recently to succeed the late Lee S. Overman as senator from North Carolina, disregarding the senate tradition that new members must sit silent for months, arose to warn his fellow Democrats that the Democracy of the South would not submit to the wet wing of the party, and to call for the appearance of a dry leader for the party. Said he:

"I am a party Democrat. And I am also a dry. I believe that millions of Democrats in this country feel as I do. If the great city organizations in array against the Eighteenth amendment seek to capture the Democratic party and put a wet plank in its platform they will find us resisting. We will not be driven out of the party, neither will we submit to such domination. They will never override our consciences on that matter or force us to bow to that decree."

BY NO means satisfied with the prospects for self rule in India held out by the British government and the plans devised by the round table conference, Mahatma Gandhi and his lieutenants have decided that their campaign of civil disobedience shall be continued. A resolution to this effect was adopted at a meeting of the working committee of the All-India National congress, the members of which were released from jail when Gandhi was set free. It looks now as if they and the "holy man" will be in defiance again before long. The Nationalists decided that all political prisoners must be freed before they will treat with the government, and that meanwhile the picketing of foreign cloth, narcotic and liquor shops and the illegal making of salt shall be continued.

GERMANY'S big flying ship, the DO-X, which is on its way to South America, made the first jump from Spain to the Canary Islands without mishap, but in attempting to take off for the Cape Verde islands it was damaged by a wave. Repairs, it was believed, would take at least two weeks as it was necessary to get new parts from Germany.

AMONG those taken by death during the week were the duke of Vendome of the royal Bourbon line; Philip L. Hale, American artist and son of Edward Everett Hale; Mary Hampton, veteran actress; and Lady Decies, the former Helen Vivian Gould, granddaughter of Jay Gould.

## How to Escape FLU

- 1 Avoid so far as possible the places where flu germs are most likely to be spread; overcrowded cars and public meeting places; overheated, stuffy rooms.
- 2 Be careful of close contact with others and beware of all coughers and sneezers; breathe through the nose, get fresh air, but avoid drafts or chilling.
- 3 Get lots of rest. Eat plenty of citrus fruits. Keep the bowels open. Take extra precaution to keep in good physical condition, so your system will have high resistance against germs.
- 4 Above all, avoid catching colds. They lower your resistance to the flu germ. Ward them off. At the first sign of any cold, take Bayer Aspirin and remain indoors if possible until your cold is gone. If you have a sore throat, dissolve some Bayer Aspirin tablets in water and gargle; this will relieve the soreness and reduce the inflammation.
- 5 If you have any reason to suspect even a touch of flu, call your doctor at once.

### Like His Own Hair

An Indianapolis druggist, of slightly more than middle age, who prides himself on having hair of original hue and thickness, was approached by a customer wishing to buy some hair dye. He asked her what color she preferred, and she appeared nonplused for a moment, looked at his hair and then answered:

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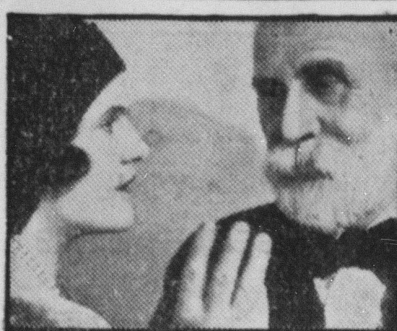
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### Inoffensive Panther

The cougar or puma, commonly called "panther," still occurs in small numbers in the wilder parts of south Florida, on the borders of the Everglades and in the "Big Cypress," says Nature Magazine. It is a somewhat smaller animal than the mountain lion of the Rocky mountains, but it is of the same tawny color, and, like all of its tribe, is a timid, inoffensive beast. A black individual has been reported in Dade county by several observers.

Some people are enough to make some people laugh.



### Doctor's 3 RULES Big Help to Bowels

What a joy to have the bowels move like clockwork, every day! It's easy, if you mind these simple rules of a famous old doctor:

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