

WEEKLY WORLD GLIMPSES

A Resume of World Events Prepared Especially for Andover News, by Mary Zoretskie of the Department of Journalism of Syracuse University.

Austin, Texas—The amnesty bill, restoring political rights to James P. Ferguson (former governor), was passed by the State Senate, was held unconstitutional in an opinion by Dan Moody, Attorney-General. The opinion is considered persuasive but not binding on the legislature.

London—The British government has decided to hold up its entire naval new construction program, being desirous of avoiding further competition in armaments. A new international agreement which may render permanent revision possible is hoped for. The matter will come before a special cabinet meeting this week. (Cabled by Monitor Bureau.)

Washington—Advocates of the Sterling-Cramton bill, reorganizing national dry enforcement activities into one bureau and putting prohibition agents under civil service, declare the measure will be considered before the sixty-eighth Congress adjourns. The bill had a large majority when it passed the house.

New York—The sixth crusade in four years to improve the character of the New York stage began last week under the leadership of Police Commissioner Enright. Complaints of several shows, among them "A Good Bad Woman" are being considered.

Geneva—Altho the United States withdrew from the International Opium Conference and has not signed the convention, it has been invited by the league council to have a voice in the election of the central board which will come into existence to control traffic in opium and narcotic drugs.

New York—The franc showed a drop of ten points, bringing it to a new rate of 5.15 cents, at the beginning of last week's quotations.

Paris—Premier Herriot made an impassioned appeal for confidence in the franc on the part of the Frenchmen. A slight increase, due to ample funds from foreign credits in Paris, was noted last Tuesday, but permanent stability is not expected to be restored until French expenditures cease.

Louis Loucheur, former Minister of Commerce, in a speech before the chamber Tuesday night, recommended a \$200,000,000 foreign loan to relieve the treasury. Etienne Clementel therefore proposed the floating of two French loans in the United States, one of \$100,000,000 for the improvement of French finances and another, \$35,000,000 for the devastated regions.

Joseph Caillaux, former premier, who was exiled five years ago, made a formal return to Paris Thursday, in response to an invitation from Premier Herriot, who wishes to consult with him on the financial situation. M. Caillaux is regarded as the best French financier.

London—No official policy concerning the Geneva Protocol will be framed until the Dominions have been consulted. At the League of Nations meeting at Geneva, March 23d, Foreign Secretary, Austen Chamberlain will request that its consideration be postponed until September, when the Protocol will have been considered by the Premiers of the Dominions.

New York—In a decision made public last Monday, the New York Central Railroad was awarded the use of the Hell Gate Bridge for shipment of freight to Long Island, over the Pennsylvania and the N. Y., New Haven and Hartford railroads. Public Welfare was placed by the port of New York Authority before private business.

Washington—The House adopted the resolution for participation by the federal government in the 150th celebration of the battle of Bunker Hill, appropriating \$15,000. The bill was sent to the Senate. The celebration is to be held in June at Charlestown, Mass.

Harrisburg—The House defeated 43 to 4, ratification of the proposed amendment to the federal constitution giving Congress the right to regulate child labor.

Warsaw, Poland—With the object

of making it easy for Poles established in the United States, to visit Poland, Polish consular offices in America have been instructed to give them visas valid for six months and a guarantee that during that time they will not be called upon for military service.

New York—Mayor Hylan, in a letter from his office to the Board of Estimate, urged that body, at its March meeting, to consider a resolution reserving at least \$60,000,000 out of the debt margin for the construction of rapid transit railroads, in addition to the \$10,000,000 set aside last December, a total of \$70,000,000 necessary to meet subway contracts to be awarded this year.

London—A new arms conference which President Coolidge would summon has been mentioned here "in conversation with the American ambassador," Foreign Secretary Austen Chamberlain, announced in the House last Wednesday. Similar conversations had taken place in Paris, Tokyo, and other capitals, it was revealed by the State Department at Washington, after being advised of Secretary Chamberlain's admission.

Denver, Colo.—A bill to appropriate \$3,000 to purchase the site of a fortress built by Lieut. Zebulon Montgomery Pike, discoverer of Pike's Peak, was introduced in the Colorado Legislature last week. It was backed by the Daughters of the American Revolution, the State Historical Society of Denver, the John W. T. Neilson Post, No. 72, American Legion of La Jura and others.

Geneva—The convention adopted by the International Opium Conference was signed last Thursday by Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Greece, Luxembourg, Holland, Persia, Portugal and Siam. Bolivia and Hungary signed it partially and France, Germany and Switzerland are expected to sign soon.

Washington—Recall of the legislative bill raising the salaries of Senators and Representatives to \$10,000, instead of the present \$7,500 a year was sought by George W. Norris (R), Senator from Nebraska. He and Magnus Johnson, (F. L.), Senator from Minnesota, were the only ones to lift their hands and a roll call was refused.

Tokyo—Ambassador Matsudaira Japan's new envoy to Washington, started last Thursday for his new post. He was accompanied by his wife, two daughters and a son, besides Mr. Sawady, counselor of the embassy, Mr. Kimura, first secretary and their families.

Albany—The smaller cities and rural school districts will be the principal beneficiaries if a \$10,000,000 appropriation bill is passed as introduced last Wednesday in the upper house by Senator Cole, chairman of the Education Committee.

Washington—President Coolidge, in an address before the National Conference on Inheritance and Estate Taxation, Thursday, suggested that the Federal government should gradually withdraw from this field of levying revenues, stating that such a practice approaches confiscation when united with the levies of the states.

London—Great Britain proposes to spend an additional \$12,000,000 on her air force next year, adding seven squadrons to the 54 now in force. This will bring the air estimate up to \$21,319,300, announced Sir Samuel Hoare, air secretary, in making public estimates for 1925-1926.

Washington—Republican leaders of the Senate have determined to remove the four senators who have recently been read out of the party, La Follette, Ladd, Brookhart and Frazier, from their present committee places late this month.

At The Auditorium

Attractions That Will be Featured the Coming Week at Our Popular Playhouse

"THE ALASKAN"

James Oliver Curwood's Greatest Thomas Meigan Picture.

Among the men whom fortune favors in the epic Alaskan gold-rush which began in the latter nineties, is George Holt, middle-aged, but still in his prime and sturdy enough to tempt fortune in this mightiest of all hazards. His wife, who follows him into the north, succumbs to the hardships she has endured and leaves him with his little son, Alan. The years pass. Holt's claim comes to an end but new interests arise as he develops his land where vast herds of reindeer graze. The boy Alan, grown to manhood, becomes the staff upon which the elder Holt leans.



Thomas Meigan in James Oliver Curwood's "The Alaskan" A Paramount Picture.

As a result of his act of vandalism in which he destroys the grave of Mrs. Holt, Graham suffers a severe thrashing at the hands of Alan. The elder Holt does not long survive. With his last words he bids Alan fight what Graham represents, the looting of Alaska. Alan finally goes to Seattle where a senatorial investigation is in session and dramatically exposes the attempt on Graham's part to capture the entire salmon fishing industry in Alaska.

Enroute northward again, he becomes interested in a girl who fights her way aboard ship at the last minute and pleads to be allowed to stay, despite the fact that there are no cabins left. Alan offers her his cabin which she accepts gratefully. During the voyage he learns that her name is Mary Standish but who she is or where she comes from he is unable to discover. Her subsequent actions arouse his suspicions and later when he sees her talking to Rossland, Graham's lieutenant, he comes to the conclusion that she is in league with his enemies.

He scornfully rejects her offer to explain, thinking that she is trying to make a fool of him. A few minutes afterwards, he is horrified to learn that she has jumped overboard. No trace of her is found and it is assumed that she drowned. Mary, however, is rescued by one of Alan's own Indians who takes her to the Holt ranch. Arriving home, Alan is amazed to find her alive and waiting for him. Explanations quickly follow and Alan learns the reason for Mary's strange actions. Graham had tricked her into a marriage and on the very day of the ceremony she had fled. On board the boat, Rossland had recognized her and it was to outwit him that she had staged the fake suicide.

In the meantime, Graham has found out where Mary is hiding. With Rossland and a gang of desperadoes he starts for the Holt ranch. Alan, warned of his approach, prepares for a fight, but finding that he is outnumbered, he and his men escape thru a secret passage into the hills where Graham pursues him. Just as all seems lost, Alan's Indians appear in full force and Graham's men are surrounded. In the battle that follows, Graham is killed. The story closes with Alan and Mary standing together and facing the future with confidence and a mutual love for the land of Alaska. At the Auditorium, Saturday evening, February 28th.

"CIRCUS DAYS"

Jackie Coogan, Star of a Five Ring Show.

Ann Tyler, a widow, and her son, Toby, live on the Eben Holt farm, Mrs. Holt (Martha), being Ann's sister. Eben Holt resents their presence and makes life hard for Ann, while Martha, making the most of her chronic rheumatism, permits Ann to do the drudgery to which

Eben Holt assigns her remorselessly. Toby shares the abuses to which his mother is subjected.

A circus comes to the small community—Daly's Mammoth Circus—and Toby wants to go, but his uncle will not let him have any money, so the lad tries over to hard to earn it. Assuming the name that Toby is sent to bed after a whipping at the hand of his uncle.

Next day is circus day and Toby and the Holt youngsters are forbidden to leave the yard. They watch the wagons and surveys the buggies and buckboards pass along the dusty road on their way to "the great east show on earth."

Since they cannot go to the circus, the boys, under Toby's inspiration, determine to have a circus of their own. It ends in disaster and disgrace for Toby, who is the innocent cause of the calamity. Toby runs away rather than submit to the whipping Holt threatens him with.

Of course, Toby makes his way to the circus in the nearby town, and there being a "position" open in the lemonade and peanut concession run by Mr. Lord, Toby accepts it with glee and gratitude. Its stipend is a dollar a week.

All manner of adventures are encountered by Toby with the circus—comic, humorous, thrilling, hazardous and romantic, for there is a little girl, Jeannette, who is an equestrienne of daring personality and fearless nature. Toby is befriended by the fat woman and her husband, the skinny man, in the sleigh and with these as friends he endures as best he can the abuses of his taskmaster, Mr. Lord.

Principal among Toby's friends with the circus is Luigi, the clown, and uncle to Jeannette. Luigi, an old man, takes the boy into his heart and protects him, as far as he is able, from the persecutions of the hard-hearted Mr. Lord and the gruff Mr. Daly, owner of the circus.

Thru a series of circumstances, Toby gets a chance to ride in the circus pageant, and next to substitute for Jeannette, whose ankle is sprained. To the surprise of all, including himself, and Mr. Daly, Toby makes a tremendous success, doing not exactly the way he intended. He becomes the star clown, featuring bareback riding, and his fortune is made. He saves Luigi and Jeannette from dismissal and his mother from the exactions and ill nature of Eben Holt and his indolent, lazy wife, Martha.

Mother and son are reunited in prosperity and happiness. At the Auditorium, Monday evening, March 2nd.

"THE EXTRA GIRL"

Is Mabel Norman's Greatest Picture Play.

In the little town of River Bend lived the movie-struck Sue Graham. To help her father obtain a loan from the village financier, she consented to become betrothed to Aaron Applejohn but she was really in love with Dave Giddings, her father's garage helper.

She submitted her picture in a contest in a fan magazine, the prize being a trip to Hollywood and a chance to make good in pictures. The widow Brown, in order to get rid of Sue and win Dave for herself substituted the picture of a beautiful actress in place of the one Sue had given Dave to mail.

The day of the wedding of Sue and Aaron arrived and with it a telegram that Sue had won the contest. By several subtleties, Sue and Dave eluded the wedding guests and Sue barely caught the train, from the rear platform of which she waved farewell to the near-grooms who had pursued her.

Arrived at the studio, Sue discovered the trick that had been played on her, so of course she had lost her chance, but the studio manager took pity on her and parked her in the wardrobe room as assistant.

A wily old promoter named Hackett learned that Sue's parents had money back in River Bend so he advised Sue to have them come on out to California and get rich in his oil wells. Dave came along out first studio in order to be near Sue. The parents followed and invested \$25,000 in Hackett's stock scheme.

Weeks passed and Sue was finally given a try-out before the camera by a kind hearted director but she was a complete fiasco. Finally Hackett turned up and said he had made a bad guess and their money was all lost.

A sad procession of disappointed persons started to take the train back home, but Sue had decided that Hackett was crooked and she went after him with a gun. He had overpowered her when in a rush Dave who trounced him soundly. Dave and Sue recovered the old folks money which Hackett had hidden in a sofa cushion. They all went happily back to the little country town and it was not long before Sue and Dave were married. At the Auditorium, Wednesday evening, March 4th.

Tells of a Trip Up The St. Johns River

A. L. Jones Vividly Describes the Incidents of a River Boat Trip, and Scenery on a Florida River.

(Continued from last week)

We entered Lake George, a place where the river widens to become a large lake. There we passed the up boat, that is, the one that had started from Jacksonville that day. As we plowed thru the waters we started thousands of fish, many of them being large ones from two to three feet in length. In their haste to escape from the boat and its paddle wheels, many would throw themselves out of the water with their sides glistening like silver and where great schools of them rushed away you could see the phosphorescent glow of their bodies.

There sprang up a cool breeze from ahead and I made my way to the stern, as I did so, trying the door to my room and finding it locked. At the stern I found a crowd gathered and a young fellow was opening a bottle around. I failed to see why the great interest as it was not of the pocket variety, but was one that had contained one of Mr. Heine's 57 varieties. When it was handed to me I found that it was filled with the "pure quill" alcohol, in which, looped from the cork by a wire was a small snake about the size of my little finger and twelve or fourteen inches in length. The ground color was a yellow-pink or coral with irregular black spots edged with vermillion. It is called from its coloring the Harlequin snake and differs from the coral snake in color only. These have the reputation of being the most venomous snakes living of their size.

Of course they have not as much venom as a large rattler, neither can they strike as high, but they give no warning and their venom is more active. They are said to be scarce in Florida, but plentiful on the island of Cuba, where many deaths are caused among the bare-foot natives. High shoes or leather leggings are the best safe guards.

I had a good look at it and passed it on. Then I went and tried the door of my room again—still locked. Then I rapped on the door. No answer. I went back to the stern and a young woman shoved the "57 varieties" into my unwilling hands saying: "Oh, have you seen the harlequin?" I had and a great plenty, too. I picked another victim to hold it, then went and pounded on my door some more. Nothing doing. It was 10 p. m. and most of the passengers had retired so I went after a porter who unlocked the door with his key. Handing him a quarter I opened the door. There was a man in the lower berth sitting up on his elbow, staring at me. He said: "Button for light on the casing behind the door." I closed the door, reached my hand to the door casing and found a push button. My finger pressed it and afar off I could hear the faint tinkle of a bell. Of course I had got the porter's bell. Then my finger touched a turn button. I turned it and the light flashed on. I heard the porter returning on the run, I felt in my pocket for another quarter but my room mate said, "Send him away, don't open the door." I did so, telling him I had touched the button thru mistake and his footsteps sounded sorrowful as he left.

Then I sat down and my roommate looked at me and I at him. He was a man 65 or 70 years of age and seemed rather nervous. He said "I have been looking all the afternoon at every man on the boat wondering which one I would sleep with." Said I: "Well now you see me, what is the verdict?" He smiled a toothless smile and answered, "Oh, you will do nicely, I think." Then his grin changed to a look of horror, and I that he had decided I would not do at all until I saw that he was not looking at me, but past me. I glanced quickly behind

but saw nothing alarming, so said, "What did you see?" "I saw a rat, a monster, most as big as a cat, on the timber behind you."

The timber ran thru a hole that opened into the paddle box, and was still there, but the rat had gone, but "smelled a rat." Was that the reason I had drawn this room? Had the man who had it first seen the animal and insisted on the change? I wonder.

My friend of the bank called down and began to talk. "Where are you from?" "Well, I am from York state too. Yes, Penn Yan. Why we are almost neighbors. My name is Higgins, my boy runs a gens furnishing store in Penn Yan. See, my last behind you has his name on the sweat-band. Well I am glad I have got you for a room mate. I was afraid it would be some rascal," and so he chattered on, while I undressed. I asked him, "Why didn't you let me in, you must have heard me knocking."

"Yes, I heard you, but how did I know who it was? I thought my best plan was to keep quiet."

"Well," said I, "you bothered me some, also I have a ticket for the lower berth."

"So have I," said he. "Reach in my coat and I will show it to you." I reflected if the berths fell down I had rather be in the upper one. His toes were within reach of the rat. The upper berth was out of reach. Then while climbing up, I could have the sport of hooking my toes in his mouth, without teeth he couldn't bite. Of course the purser had given us both lower berths intending to let us fight it out, so I said: "Never mind, upper is all right for me." I switched off the light and mounted to my berth. I missed his mouth but managed to claw around some on his pillow with my foot. I soon fell asleep to the swish of water from the paddles and did not wake until daylight, then got up and dressed. Mr. Stearns said he would take another nap as the boat did not get in until seven o'clock. I carried out my baggage so that he could not lock it in, then went to the stern of the boat. Only a few passengers were up. It was a raw cold air that greeted me. I have usually found Jacksonville that way. The river from where I first saw it that morning to Jacksonville was several miles wide and a flock of screaming gulls followed us all the way. Then Jacksonville, all out, trip ended.

—Arthur Lincoln Jones.

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