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Current Comment

Gov. Nellie Ross.

A century or so hence the American people may sense the significance of an event recorded today at Cheyenne when Nellie T. Ross was inaugurated as governor of the state of Wyoming.

The citizenship has become so hardened to the unusual, so immersed in its more apparent though less important affairs, that it frequently does not take the time to single out the really significant incidents of which today's at Cheyenne is one.

Here's A Record.

Dave Abernathy died Saturday night. Maybe you did not know him. He was not prominent in business or society. He was just a working man. But he worked for one employer through the trials and tribulations of a half century. He got his first job with what later became the Chandler Pump Co., when that large enterprise was a baby industry in Monticello, fifty years ago.

In the fifty years of his service, according to his employers, Dave Abernathy's last time would not have exceeded thirty days. Faithfulness became a habit with him. He was not jealous of the success of the firm when it came to Cedar Rapids and prospered greatly.

Dave never needed the advice of anyone, about when he should go to work or how much he should get. And because he was faithful his employers would have kept him on the payroll if he had lived to be 100 years old.

He Speaks Up.

Smith Wildman Brookhart has been heard from again. Subdued temporarily by the storm that still threatens to take away his toga, the senator has been quiet since his return to Washington. But on Saturday he spoke up.

However, he did not speak up for the farmer or the laboring man of Iowa, nor did he bring another howl about freight rates, living costs, federal reserve bank, Charles McNider, or any of his old-time campaign subjects. He demanded an investigation of conditions in Porto Rico. He wants to know what's going on there "industrially, economically and politically, affecting the living standards and civilization of the people."

Baiting Benito.

His enemies have been busy again in an effort to embarrass Benito Mussolini, head of Italy's Fascist government. Scarcely does the premier get his house in order after one political insurrection before he is compelled to defend himself against another.

In the last few days the Fascist opposition has staged numerous and scattered demonstrations against the government. Now Mussolini has given orders for the searching out and dissolution of all political clubs of an "anti-patriotic nature," and the Fascist militia is busily engaged in maneuvers purposed to show its strength in case of a call to street duty.

Street Hazards.

Aviation is commonly supposed to be a somewhat dangerous business. A young girl, Helen Barger, will tell you that it is safe as compared to pedestrianism on Cedar Rapids streets. She was struck by an automobile which knocked her down almost broke her jaw and passed over her body, without so much as hesitating.

In the summer months this girl participates in stunt flying, and does a barrel drop from airplanes. She makes a good living that way because the people who pay to watch her think she is risking her life. She didn't get a time for endangering herself by crossing Cedar Rapids street and being bowled over by one of two cars that struck side by side. The driver who raked her and failed to stop could be sent to prison if arrested—but he won't be caught.

STATE SUES BURBANK FOR MILLION

Yeggs Rob Local Cigar Store

GET \$196 BUT OVERLOOK BIG SUM OF MONEY

Thieves Hide In Fanny And Scellars Until It Is Closed Up For Night.

(CEDAR RAPIDS NEWS.)

Burglars who are thought to have hidden beneath pool tables in the basement of the Ranney and Scellars cigar store before the place was closed at last midnight, opened the safe and stole \$196. They left behind them \$400 in cash in a money sack and \$1,200 in currency and checks in another sack which had been placed on a top shelf of the safe.

The money which they took was in a clear box placed on a pile of ledgers in the middle of the safe and in plain sight when they opened the door. It represented yesterday's receipts and change money for opening business this forenoon.

Evidently in a hurry, the burglars did not search the safe or they would have found the rest of the money and checks. Neither did they ransack the stock of cigars and cigarettes within an arm's reach.

Yeggs Work Combination. The safe door was found ajar this morning with the bolts locked, indicating that the yeggs after working the combination had turned the lever again.

One of the heavy tables, one of the doors leading up from the basement was not locked, Mr. Roddy said.

The door was found open by Paxson. Money which was taken after Mr. Roddy had put away the money and locked up the store at 11:45. The long iron bar which had been placed across the rear door by Mr. Beatty was found leaning against the wall.

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Postal Veto And Banking Bill Up In Congress Now

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(By Associated Press).—Congress squared away today for the remaining two months of the session with the house facing a week that will give other legislation, including the McFadden banking bill, a chance along with appropriation bills, while the senate tackled at the outset the postal pay increase issue.

As the senate took up the President's veto of the postal pay bill with parliamentary question complicated by the pending administration postal rate increase measure, the house gave over the first day of the week to consideration of measures on the unemployment consent calendar.

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CLASH LOOKED FOR; FASCISTS WRECK A PAPER

Trouble Brewing In Small Towns; Mussolini Likely To Name Directory.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(By International News).—Private advices from Italy today said that the internal situation there was extremely serious with both fascists and anti-fascists in the smaller towns aroused to a high pitch.

Conflicts are likely to break out at any minute and the police do not know what course to follow these days said. Large numbers of police stood by and watched the fascist wreck the Nuovo Giornale, a newspaper of Florence, fearing to take a stand against the mob.

It is reported Mussolini plans to create a directory of three—himself and two generals—and impose martial law as a means of bringing order to Italy, but this is believed unlikely, at least at present.

There were evidences in London today that the heavy censorship in Italy is being maintained, if not tightened. News of the trouble there is subject to long delays in transmission.

SITUATION IS CRITICAL. ROME, Jan. 5.—(By International News).—Premier Benito Mussolini today stood in the position of a man who has staked all on one throw of the dice.

With a strong show of fascist force and a continued campaign of the press, he is promoting the use of the identical methods which swept fascism into power in 1922.

To his friends, the Fascist Press and to independent newspapers his action was the alternative of a great leader who had done his best to conciliate his enemies and had met with continued rancor.

To his enemies, the partial mobilization of the black shirt and the new law of confiscation of opposition newspapers were a final dramatic gesture of a leader whose popularity was waning.

There was little doubt that the position of the fascist administration was considerably weakened and the demonstration of power somewhat belittled by the resignations of Gino Sarrochi, minister of public works, and of the fascist cabinet.

But the fascist premier met this with a warning that the position of other liberal deputies to the cabinet. The session from the party of former Premier Selandro also came at an inopportune time for Mussolini.

Selandro said, "My work for the last two years to insert fascism in the normal life of the country, has been destroyed."

Mussolini practically has placed Italy on a basis of modified martial law, with the faithless fascists for suppression of anti-fascist organizations, special militia guarding the railway stations and the fascist prefects authorized to mobilize the black shirt militia.

Fascists say the opposition plan to create a state of anarchy by disorganizing the railways. They say a plot was discovered to burn the railway stations and that attempts to carry this out were made in some parts of the country.

The government has ordered the dissolution of the Italia Libera association, composed of former socialist who are opposed to fascism.

Air Chief Called To Stand In Probe Of Aircraft Situation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(By Associated Press).—Maj. Gen. Patrick, chief of the army air service, was recalled today as a witness before the special house committee investigating the aircraft situation in the United States.

Proposals for a unified air service for the army and navy was the chief question on which the committee sought further testimony from Gen. Patrick at its first session after a fortnight's recess. The proposal has been advanced before the committee by Brig Gen. Mitchell and other war department witnesses but has been opposed in testimony by Sen. B. F. Fowler and Rear Admiral Moffat, chief of the naval bureau of aeronautics.

Death Is Mystery



Picture shows Schrader and two of his three chaperons. It was taken at Marshalltown some time ago. County Attorney Barngrover is seeking to solve the mystery of his death.

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SHOW DOWN ON WAR DEBTS IS DUE THIS WEEK

U. S. Share In Dawes Plan Yield Is Big Problem Before Paris Session.

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TODAY IN WASHINGTON

Senate and house meet at noon. Senate takes up President's veto of postal salary increase bill.

National council of farmers' cooperative marketing associations meet for third annual convention.

Gaston B. Means Is Ordered Arrested By New York Court

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—(By Associated Press).—Federal Judge Elmer J. Walker of Illinois today issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Gaston B. Means, former department of justice agent, when he failed to appear in court for his testimony.

Walker and his secretary, Elmer W. Jarneke, for trial on a charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

McKenna Resigns From High Court

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—(By Associated Press).—The resignation of Associate Justice Joseph McKenna was announced today from the bench of the supreme court.

By virtue of the upward of thirty years service Justice McKenna, the ranking associate justice of the court, he retired because of his age.

Chief Justice Taft said the resignation had been accepted by President Coolidge.

Peasant Leader Nabbed

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(By International News).—Raditch, leader of the Yugoslav peasant movement, has been arrested, according to a Central News dispatch from Belgrade.

His arrest as part of the Bulgarian and Yugoslav movement against radicalism, had been expected.

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