

WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important
Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

Idaho went under a new system of government Tuesday, the cabinet or commission form.

Khaki overseas caps and suits were in evidence when the University of Washington opened for its third quarter Tuesday.

Enrollment at the University of Oregon Monday reached the highest mark in its history when it went up to 1325 for the year.

American Federation of Labor headquarters received word from France Tuesday that Samuel Gompers and his party had sailed for New York on the steamer Rotterdam.

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader, threatens to call a general strike of his party throughout the country unless he is granted a rehearing in the courts on charges upon which he was convicted under the espionage act.

The house of commons has passed the third reading of the military bill by a vote of 232 to 64 after strong criticism of the government on the ground of wasteful expenditure and violation of election pledges to abolish conscription.

An official communication issued from London Tuesday by the Estonian army says the Estonians on Sunday captured the town of Pechory, in the Pskoff sector, and the town of Hainash, on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Riga, about 30 miles south of Pernau.

Germany has surprised the Chilean government by pretending to consider valid negotiations that Chile entered into for the leasing of the German ships interned in Chile which are soon to be handed over to the United States in keeping with an agreement reached at the peace congress.

Private organizations offering to continue during peace the espionage work undertaken during the war to protect the public safety were informed recently by Attorney-General Palmer that the department of justice would not recognize them or have any connection with them, official or semi-official.

The Bolsheviks carried out an intensive bombardment of the American and British positions on both banks of the Dvina, in the Tulgas district, and at Kurgoman Monday afternoon. At midnight a large number of the enemy infantry attempted to attack Kurgoman, but were repulsed by the allied artillery.

The Hungarian government has sent a delegation to Berlin to conclude a treaty of alliance against the entente allies. German officers formerly belonging to Field Marshal Mackensen's army have arrived in Budapest to reorganize the Hungarian army along German lines. The army now numbers 100,000 men.

Persistent rumors that all Europe is on the verge of a financial collapse are not justified by the facts, a prominent American financial expert in Paris said recently.

Fifty per cent of the inhabitants of northern Labrador perished during the winter from an epidemic of influenza, smallpox and measles, according to dispatches to the Montreal Star.

Boris Savinkoff, acting minister of war in the Kerensky cabinet, declared in an interview given at Paris that 300,000 Russians are ready to fight against the bolsheviks, but lack arms and equipment.

The German government has not yet been able to prepare a new budget for 1919 and has submitted to the national assembly provisional estimates for April, May and June. These total 3,000,000,000 marks.

Count Michael Karolyi, former president of Hungary, has been arrested and will be brought before a revolutionary tribunal for trial, a Vienna dispatch says.

Sales to foreign governments of more than \$200,000,000 worth of surplus war supplies were announced by the war department Saturday. Most of the material went to France, where purchases included smokeless powder, acids, copper, cannon and steel plates, for which \$155,000,000 was paid.

CASUALTY LIST TO CLOSE

Last Publication to Appear April 6th—
5500 Men Still Missing.

Washington, D. C.—On April 1 the war department will discontinue the method of issuing casualty lists which has hitherto made them available for simultaneous publication in all newspapers throughout the country. This has been decided upon, it was explained Friday, because practically all the casualties incurred in fighting have been announced and few remain, except deaths from injury or disease since the signing of the armistice.

The action was taken on the ground that the casualties are not "fighting" casualties and that they are in the same class with deaths in the navy or in the army camps in this country, which are not formally announced.

The war department will furnish full lists for mailing from Washington, but they will not be issued for publication on any specified date and may be published whenever newspapers receive them. The last list issued under the present system will be published in the newspapers of April 6. Thereafter it is probable that only the killed in action will be distributed by telegraph.

General Pershing reported to the war department there were still 5500 officers and men of the expeditionary forces listed as missing. This total compares with the British official figures of 161,800 missing and the French of 290,000.

All of the 5500 names have been reported as "missing" in casualty lists already published, the report said. Reinterments of bodies from isolated graves in the centralized cemeteries is furnishing additional identification in a number of cases, and for this reason the records of the grave registration service are being carefully studied.

Re-examination of grave registration reports and also of hospital records are referred to by General Pershing, was said by officials at the war department to explain the "killed in action," and "wounded in action," casualties still appearing in the daily casualty lists sent out by the department.

The British war office, General Pershing's report said, had adopted the policy of considering 26 weeks in the case of an officer and 30 weeks for an enlisted man the length of time after the men had been recorded as missing before death is presumed. In the French army, he said, no definite period has been fixed.

No accurate estimate of unreported deaths can be given, said General Pershing's report. "There are, however, approximately 5500 missing to be accounted for, all of whom have been reported to Washington as missing. Reinterment of bodies removed from isolated graves to centralized cemeteries is furnishing additional identification of deaths hitherto reported as missing."

"Deaths of American soldiers in French hospitals, of which only meager and often incorrect records are on file, are likewise disclosed by reburial of these bodies, resulting in complete identification."

Army Ration Is Increased.

Washington, D. C.—American soldiers, already regarded as the best fed fighting men in the world, are to be furnished with an even more diversified menu. Announcement was made recently that upon the recommendation of Major-General Rogers, quartermaster-general, Secretary Baker had authorized the issuing as a part of the army ration after April 1 canned corn, peas, string beans, pumpkins and squash. Heretofore such things have been bought as extras out of the company mess funds. The canned tomato portion of the ration also will be increased. Candy and tobacco recently were added to the rations issued to the soldiers overseas.

Cyclops Still a Mystery.

Berlin.—The German admiral says it is unable to give any assistance in solving the mystery of the disappearance early in March of last year of the United States naval collier Cyclops, while bound from Brazil for the United States with a crew of 15 officers and 221 men, 57 passengers and a cargo of manganese. Admiralty officials say they received no report of the sinking of the Cyclops. They add that no German submarines were operating at the time in West Indian waters.

Hun Planes to Bear Food.

Paris.—German bombing airplanes of the Friedrichshafen type, which were surrendered under a clause of the armistice, will be used by the department of civilian aviation in transporting foodstuffs between Paris and Bordeaux. The airplanes will be equipped to carry three tons. Before the end of the week the department plans to have in operation an aerial post between Paris and Valenciennes by way of Maubeuge.

SUCCESS OF VICTORY LOAN COUNTED SURE

Nation's Credit Is Sufficient
for All Purposes.

FUTURE IS ASSURED

Already Commerce and Industry Begin
to Show Renewed Life,
Declares Secretary.

Washington, D. C.—Confidence in the financial condition of the country and its ability to float the forthcoming victory liberty loan was expressed Tuesday by Secretary Glass in replying to the suggestion of Senator Calder of New York that a special session of congress should be called to stop depreciation in the market of liberty bonds.

Far from agreeing that the decline in outstanding bonds might jeopardize the popular campaign for flotation of the victory issue this month, thereby tying up credits by forcing the banks to take the new bonds, Mr. Glass declared that he was assured the treasury's efforts to solve the financial problems of the country would have the support of "a united and victorious people." Depreciation in bonds, he said, has been the result of artificial causes and he knew of no one who did not believe that all liberty bonds would sell above par before maturity.

"There is today no insufficiency of credit for the needs of any useful enterprise, nor insufficiency of gold to support our credit structure," Secretary Glass declared.

Echoes of the political fight which occupied the closing hours of congress were contained in the secretary's reply, which was in the form of a letter to the New York senator. He quoted from a speech by Senator Calder on the victory liberty bond bill, in which the senator declared that he saw no reason "why we should not feel certain of the future." Mr. Glass said there had been no adverse developments since the bill was passed, which would make necessary a special session, as Mr. Calder advocated.

"Already commerce and industry begin to show signs of the renewed life which must follow the removal of the restraints and interferences which war made necessary," the secretary said.

PACKERS NO LONGER UNDER U.S. CONTROL

Washington, D. C.—The meat packing industry, which has been under federal license since October, 1917, was released April 1st from food administration control by a proclamation signed by President Wilson in Paris.

Under the proclamation "all persons, firms, corporations, or associations engaged in importing, manufacturing, including packing, storing or distributing fresh, canned or cured beef, pork, mutton or lamb" are released from license by the food administration.

Stockyards which were placed under license under another proclamation signed in September, 1918, and administered by the agricultural department, remain under the control of that department. Regulations under these licenses have no concern with prices and only have to do with physical phases of the industry. Food administration officials explained that the administration had never exercised any control over the yards.

Farmer Sleeps 16 Days.

Twin Falls, Idaho.—Announcement of what is believed to be a case of sleeping sickness was made by a local hospital Saturday, where physicians said a male patient had been asleep for 16 days. The man, a farmer of this section, was discovered by neighbors asleep in his chair, it was declared, after lack of customary activity about his house for three or four days had caused them to make an investigation. Physicians of the hospital staff believe he has a chance for recovery.

Army Strength 2,131,503.

Washington, D. C.—American army strength on March 25 totaled 2,131,503, a net decrease of 42 per cent since November 11, 1918. A table compiled by the general staff gave the locations of the forces as follows: In Europe, 1,409,789 officers and men; in Siberia, 8893; at sea, 63,760; in the United States, 603,178; in insular possessions, 45,833. Not included in the total are 23,700 marines with the expeditionary forces.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Within the next month Bend will be able to offer the use of a free camping ground to automobile tourists passing through there.

Fire starting in trash piled around the burner resulted Friday in the destruction of the McKinley sawmill, near Bend. No insurance was carried and the loss is estimated at \$5000. The plant will be rebuilt.

A \$1,000,000 bond issue proposed in Linn county for road construction may be voted upon at the special election in June. A meeting of representatives from various sections of the county with the county court will take place in Albany this week.

Between April 1 and 5 the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will start its sawmill at Springfield on a double shift, adding a night crew of about 80 men and increasing the day crew by 20 men, according to announcement by A. C. Dixon, manager of the company.

At a meeting held Saturday The Dalles poultrymen perfected a co-operative organization, adopting a constitution and by-laws. U. L. Upson, poultry expert from O. A. C., explained the State Poultrymen's association and the local body will affiliate. Plans also were made by the poultrymen for grading their product.

Albany people from present indications will enjoy very few of the strawberries raised in that vicinity this year. Such high prices are being offered already by canners and shippers that it is said there will be very few berries for home consumption. Many growers are contracting the delivery of their crops already.

That the bulletin on rural school architecture prepared by J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, for the use of the boards of directors in rural school districts of this state is attracting attention in all parts of the United States is shown by requests being received by the department for copies of this bulletin.

The present week will see the major portion of spring planting in eastern Umatilla county completed. Heavy rains up to the latter part of last week left the ground in unusually good condition for planting and prospects for heavy crops are good. A considerable portion of last fall's seedling was frozen during the winter and much of this had to be replanted.

Coos bay, although the probability seems quite hopeless, has not abandoned the desire to prevail upon the donee the desire to prevail upon the house naval affairs committee to visit that port, and has sent to Portland Charles Hall, president of the State Chamber of Commerce, who is authorized to invite the committee there and guarantee any expenses in connection.

Both the Medford-Klamath Falls road and the Crater lake national park road will be undertaken and pressed to completion this year, A. F. Potter, acting United States forester, advised Senator McNary recently. Preparations were making to start work on these roads when the war started, but the work was abandoned awaiting peace.

A pure-bred Duroc hog association for Wasco county was organized Saturday at a meeting held at Dufur. Charles Doyle was elected president and A. R. Chase secretary-treasurer. A committee on organization and sales was elected as follows: Charles Doyle, A. R. Chase, Dr. G. E. Sanders, A. W. Greenly, Ira Waterman and J. C. Johnson.

The J. B. Robertson sawmill on the Mohawk, 15 miles northeast of Eugene, has been sold to W. H. Effenberger and O. A. Effenberger of Oregon City, who have contracted for 15,000,000 feet of timber and will soon begin to operate the plant. A valuation of \$20,000 was placed upon the property. The mill has a capacity of 25,000 feet a day and will employ 25 men. Arrangements are being made to start logging camps at once.

The Rogue River Lumber & Box company, a new concern, composed of Stanley Bishoprick, S. Berquist, M. W. Malcomb and J. Safford, Portland timbermen, have purchased from Pressly & Hackett the old Gold Hill Lumber & Railway company's sawmill plant on Sardine creek, six miles north of Gold Hill. A large tract of valuable saw timber tributary to the plant passes to the new owners in the deal. The new owners propose to begin operations at once, and extend the railway into the timber, and also rebuild their box factory at Gold Hill the coming season.

Trap Is Only Way to Get Mole

Knowledge of Rodent's Habits Is Essential to Success. Hills and
Ridges in Gardens, Fields and Lawns Show Where Pest Is
Likely to Be Caught. Scientist Tells How.

(Prepared by Oregon Agricultural College)
"Trapping is the only recognized method of handling the mole problem," says George F. Sykes, professor of zoology at the Oregon Agricultural College. "Success in trapping depends both upon one's knowledge of the habits of the mole and persistency in following up the campaign."

Observation of the following points will guide the trapper in the how, when and where of setting the trap and also guard him against needless errors and failures.

Ordinarily it will pay to trap anywhere where fresh signs of mole activity are found—low ridges or conspicuous mounds in lawns, gardens and fields. Fresh ridges in damp soil mark the hunting paths where moles may be trapped successfully. The paths are usually abandoned after becoming so dry that but scant food can be found in them. Hills show deeper tunneling and can be distinguished from pocket gopher mounds by their dome-like form, fashioned by forcing compressed plugs of earth up from beneath, while the gopher hill is formed by dumping finely excavated earth mainly on one side of the hole.



Gripping-jaw type of mole trap.

which is later plugged from within. The Nash choker loop, the out-of-sight gripping jaw and the impaling spike types of traps are successfully used in this country. The two former are best.

To set the trap make the opening into the runway just large enough to hold the trap, using a strong plant trowel. If the opening is too large the mole may dodge the trap. It is better in all cases to dig into the runway and learn the conditions, rather than set from the surface by forcing the loops or jaws into the soil.

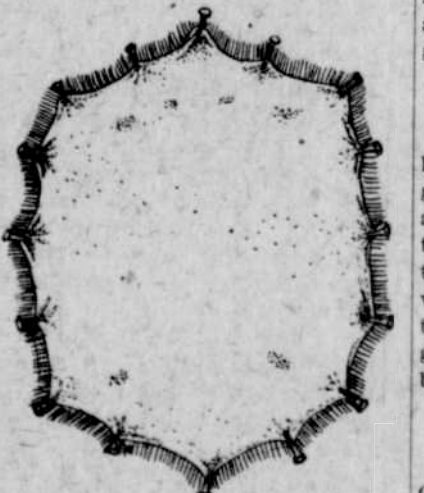
The location of a shallow hunting path is shown by the ridge along the surface. To locate the deep runway from which the hill has been pushed



Choker-loop type of mole trap.

out clear away the hill and feel or prod for the short passage way that slants down to the main tunnel. Follow the course of the main tunnel, usually only a few inches, and set the trap there.

In setting the out-of-sight trap the soil is loosened up with the trowel. It should be free of clods and pebbles. Make the excavation a little deeper



Method of stretching and pinning mole skin.

Plans Must Be Worth the Money.

"The chief reason for joining the farm bureau is that the things it plans to do in your community are worth a dollar to you," declares Paul V. Maris, state county agent leader. "Until the committee has met and made its plans, the chief reason for joining does not exist. Many organizations have gone to disastrous ends because they are organized on the general proposition that organization is a good thing."

than the runway, fill in enough earth to hide and obstruct it, and set the trap with jaws straddling the course. Tap the trigger pan down with the trowel until in snug contact with the earth, after which release the safety hook. Do not pack the earth or fill in higher than the top of the jaws.

During rainy weather traps should be reset daily.

Preparing Small Seed for Quick Germination.

By soaking, partly drying, and then liming small, hard seed such as that of broccoli, cabbage or cauliflower, C. W. Kruse, an Oswego, Oregon, gardener, gets even distribution and quick germination. Here is his plan as explained to the State Horticultural society:

Put the seed to soak the night before planting, and let them remain as long as they absorb water. Remove, put in wide, shallow pan, and partly dry in the sunshine. When sufficiently dry a little lime is scattered on them and they are allowed to dry a little more. When the seed bed is sufficiently moist the small seed can be plainly seen if the bed has been rightly smoothed.

Light Tillage Aids Bearing.

Rather vigorous orchards from 6 to 10 years of age may be helped into bearing by light tillage or no tillage at all, or even by growing a crop of grain, with very light pruning, mainly for thinning, explains C. I. Lewis, chief of horticulture. "If we were to continue the intensive tillage and stimulation with heavy cutting back, which seemed very advisable during the first few years of the orchard's life, we should not obtain fruit but large vegetative growth instead," he points out. This is because the proper relation between the moisture and nitrates on one hand and carbohydrates on the other must be maintained.

Household Accounts Pay.

"I find that keeping household accounts has about the same effect as paying cash at the grocers and butchers," writes a Southern Oregon woman to the state leader of home demonstration agents. "With a charge account one will buy more than is needed and the monthly bill amazes. With an account system the housewife sees where some luxury expense could better have been invested in a substantial need. Keeping accounts is easier than I expected, interesting and helpful."

Keep at It, Poultryman.

Poultrymen who got things going good last year are asked to keep it up, by U. L. Upson, college and federal extension poultryman. It was attention to detail last year that made possible the good results. Likewise it is the careful attention to detail this year that will make the poultry pay next. It is a big mistake, he declares, to think that details need not be bothered with now. Baby chicks will have to be looked after, too. Ask the county agent for circular, "First care of baby chicks."

Station Gives Sorghum Tryout.

Responding to a growing demand for information on the value of sorghum as a silage and a grain crop under Oregon conditions, the agricultural college farm crops department will extend its experiments this year. Investigations so far have not been carried far enough to warrant the station authorities in drawing or announcing any conclusions as to the value of growing sorghum in Oregon.

New Treatment for Oat Smut.

Mix one pint full-strength formaldehyde with one pint water. Spray over grain with a one-quart atomizer as an assistant shovels, keeping spray close to shovel. After turning over several times cover for five hours. The seed will not swell or heat, but will pass through the drill readily. The foregoing solution is enough for 40 or 50 bushels of oats.

Spring Seeding Under Way.

Spring work is reported in eastern Oregon grain districts with crop prospects excellent to date. No labor shortage is reported.

Farm Bureau News Launched.

The Farm Bureau News, "dedicated to the upbuilding of the county farm bureaus of Oregon," has been launched from the college extension office. Paul V. Maris, county agent leader, is editor-in-chief, Jessie D. McComb, home demonstration leader, and H. C. Seymour, boys' and girls' club leader, cooperating. It is issued monthly and sent to farm bureau officers, committees, project leaders and active workers in each county.