

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.

President Poincare Tuesday decorated Admiral William S. Benson of the United States navy with the grand cross of the legion of honor.

James K. Lynch, governor of the U. S. 12th federal reserve bank in San Francisco, died early Tuesday at his home in Alameda, from an attack of heart disease.

The San Francisco branch of the commercial telegraphers of America voted Tuesday to call a strike, the date to be fixed by a board of international officers.

The Bolshevik commissioner for the interior at Petrograd ordered the sale at auction last week of all the scientific instruments belonging to the Institute for Public Studies.

The Argentine foreign office learns that the Mexican government is recalling its diplomatic mission to Italy because it has not been recognized by the Italian government.

The Temps says that it is asserted in American peace conference circles that President Wilson does not expect to add anything to his recent statement on the Adriatic issue with Italy.

A report that M. Loucheur, minister of reconstruction, had said that importations into France would again be entirely free after June 1 is declared to be erroneous by the Petit Parisien.

A large section of Yokohama was ravaged by fire Monday, 2000 buildings including a part of the business section being burned. Firemen from Tokio aided in checking the flames before they reached the foreign residential section.

The German delegates to the peace congress arrived in Versailles Monday evening at 9 o'clock. The party numbered 60. Immediately on their arrival the delegates were taken in automobiles to the Hotel des Reservoirs. There was no untoward incident.

The fishing schooner Cape Horn of the Gulf Fisheries, Inc., fleet has been captured by a Mexican gunboat and is being held, her crew being charged with smuggling arms to the Mexican rebels, according to information reaching Galveston, Tex., customs officials.

Police chiefs of all cities of the country were appealed to Tuesday by Colonel Arthur Woods, special assistant to the secretary of war in charge of the employment of discharged soldiers, to aid the government in preventing peddlers and street fakirs from wearing the uniform of the army or navy.

Senator McDonald's bill providing for a 10-hour day for women in domestic service in California passed the assembly, 43 to 23.

Herbert Hoover, chairman of the Inter-allied food commission, arrived in Berlin Saturday in company with a large staff.

Germany has instructed the Argentine government to deliver interned German steamers to the United States and the American embassy has announced its readiness to take over the vessels.

Marked improvement in labor conditions on the Pacific coast is reported by the department of labor in its weekly bulletin. Portland's unemployed are shown to have decreased from 4000 to 2400 since last week.

The soviet government in Hungary has asked for a suspension of the Roumanian offensive and the arrangement of an armistice, according to Vienna reports received in Berlin. It is said that the government of Bela Kun has announced its readiness to retire in favor of a socialist cabinet.

A telegram from Washington to Grand Rapids, Mich., Thursday night announced that Michigan was officially the first state to reach its victory loan quota.

Higher prices and better quality of canned goods for this season and the coming winter were predicted by Frank E. Gorrell of New York, secretary of the National Canners' association, speaking at the meeting of the Western Canners' association in Chicago.

LEAGUE HAS 32 MEMBERS

Revised Covenant Presented to Conference With Many Changes.

Washington, D. C.—The revised covenant of the league of nations, as it was presented at Paris Monday to the peace conference in plenary session was made public Sunday night by the state department. Its essential features already had been disclosed through an official summary issued two weeks ago.

Attached to the text, however, is the hitherto unpublished "annex" referred to in the covenant, in which are named the 32 states, including the self-governing British dominions, which are to be the original members of the league of nations, and 13 states to be invited to accede to the covenant.

The original members are all the nations which declared war on Germany, and in addition the new states of Czecho-Slovakia and Poland.

Those invited to become members by acceding to the covenant are the three Scandinavian countries, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Spain and Persia and the American republics of Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Salvador and Venezuela. Mexico does not appear in the list. Provision is made in the covenant, however, for the admission to the league of any fully self-governing country which will give required guarantees, upon a two-thirds vote of the assembly.

As in the original document, the covenant provides that the league shall act through an assembly, in which each state shall have one vote and not more than three delegates, and a council, comprising for the present one representative of each of the five great powers and each of four other powers to be selected from time to time by the assembly. Members of each class represented on the council may be increased by unanimous consent of the council and a majority of the assembly.

The text provides that nothing in the covenant shall be deemed "to affect the validity of international engagements such as treaties of arbitration or regional understandings like the Monroe doctrine for securing the maintenance of peace." This was the amendment for which President Wilson made a successful fight at the same time the Japanese delegation to the peace conference sought vainly to have a race equality provision inserted in the covenant.

Changes suggested in criticisms in the United States senate add provisions for the withdrawal of a member after two years' notice and fulfillment of league obligations; exempt domestic questions from the league's jurisdiction; provide that mandatories over German colonies or former Ottoman dominions shall be given only to nations willing to accept them; leave it to member states to decide what armed force, if any, they will contribute to the force required by the league to enforce its mandates, and make it clear that member states individually will pass upon proposed limitations upon their armaments.

With modifications, the new draft includes all the provisions for the submission to the council of international disputes, for inviting no member nations to accept the obligations of members for the purpose of adjusting disputes and for breaking economic relations or the use of armed force in dealing with a state which has broken the covenant.

Except in certain specified instances, unanimous agreement is required for all decisions.

\$3000 in Prizes Posted.

New York.—Prizes totaling \$3000 have been offered by the New York Herald for competition in connection with the second pan-American aeronautic convention at Atlantic City next month. One purse of \$1000 is offered to the aviator making the longest cross-country flight. Eight prizes of \$250 each are offered for the best record made during the meeting from 100-horsepower to 1000-horsepower engines.

Camouflage May Be Kept.

Washington, D.C.—Ship camouflage, an art developed during the great war, may be retained permanently as a means of reducing the dangers of collisions between vessels. In war the camouflagers sought a design that would puzzle German submarine commanders, but now they must seek the opposite extreme, a uniform design which will emphasize and accentuate the true course of the ship.

Paris.—An appeal has been made by the French academy that the official text of the peace treaties to be negotiated and the covenants to be signed shall be drafted in the French language.

Paris.—A project for an alliance between France and America actually is under way, the Echo de Paris says. President Wilson, the newspaper adds, is withholding action until he can place the matter before the American senate.

ITALIAN CHAMBER UPHOLDS CABINET

Government Is Sustained by Vote of 382 to 40.

SOCIALISTS OPPOSE

Latin Press Says Delegation Can Return to Paris Now With Increased Power—Situation Held Grave.

Rome.—The chamber of deputies Tuesday night voted confidence in the cabinet by a count of 382 to 40, the latter vote being cast by socialists.

"Now the Italian delegation can return to Paris with increased authority to continue peace negotiations," is the dominant note in press comment of the parliamentary vote of confidence given the cabinet.

The vote followed an address by Premier Orlando, which was constantly interrupted by applause and ended in an ovation in the chamber, even the tribunes joining.

Former Premier Luzzatti followed the premier and also was applauded except by the intransigent socialists, whose spokesman, Deputy Turati, explained why the socialists could not give a vote of confidence to the cabinet.

With everything virtually in readiness for the handing over of the peace treaty to the Germans at Versailles, the Italian situation looms large as an impediment in the way of unanimous agreement on the part of the entente and associated governments.

So tense is the situation that Vittorio Orlando, the Italian premier, at a conference with Thomas Nelson Page, the American ambassador to Italy, left Mr. Page with the understanding that the premier did not intend to return to Paris for the signing of the peace treaty.

Premier Orlando gave the ambassador the impression that, owing to the critical situation and the fact that the premier's action either in going to Versailles or remaining away from the peace conference would have serious consequences, it would be preferable to have the trouble come from without Italy rather than from within the kingdom.

It is reported that the first meeting of the league of nations probably will be held in the White house at Washington next October with Woodrow Wilson presiding.

CORN PRICES FALL WHEN BARNES HITS

Chicago.—Julius H. Barnes, president of the grain corporation of the food administration, made an assault on high prices Tuesday which was promptly reflected on the board of trade in a maximum decline of 11½ cents in the price of corn.

Of possibly more interest to the housewife was the slump in the provisions market. Pork dropped an extreme \$1.80 per barrel, while short ribs, known to the breakfast table as bacon, declined a maximum of \$1 per hundredweight as compared with the close Monday.

Mr. Barnes' assault was in an announcement to the trade. Its purport was plain, to-wit: That the speculative tendency on white flour must stop.

As an earnest of his intentions the president of the grain corporation announced that the corporation would cease buying flour for export (except first clears and victory mixed flours) and that also it would resell at such important centers as New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia flour previously bought for export. He named the price as "\$11.50 jute per barrel."

"The purpose of this," said the announcement, "is to stop the speculative fever in flour before it becomes necessary to take off all import restrictions on foreign wheat and flour, for there is plenty of American wheat and flour if this speculative tendency is checked."

Asquith May Come Here.

London.—Herbert H. Asquith, former premier, is likely to succeed the earl of Reading as ambassador to the United States, according to the Evening News. The newspaper says it understood that Mr. Asquith "was informally offered the post a few months ago and declined, but not in such a way as to preclude an offer later." The Evening News states its belief that all the ministers strongly favor Mr. Asquith's appointment.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Articles of incorporation of the Bank of Commerce, Astoria's proposed new financial institution, have been filed in the county clerk's office.

A wedding ceremony by long distance telephone was a unique occurrence in Ashland Sunday, when Miss Rose Thomas, a popular teacher of the Ashland schools, became the wife of Robert Throne, who is located at Denver, Colo.

When the state highway commission meets in Portland on May 6 it will open bids for \$1,750,000 of the additional road work in nine counties of the state.

The city council, acting upon suggestions from the various councilmen and voters of Sheridan, has announced it will take up immediately the proposal to pave the unpaved streets in Sheridan and gravel those that cannot be paved. Work probably will start soon.

Judge Eakin of the St. Helens judicial district has handed down a decision awarding the office of county judge of Columbia county to Martin White, who contested the election of W. J. Fullerton, his opponent at the November election.

Commencement plans for the Oregon normal school at Monmouth are rapidly being perfected. Dr. W. W. Willard of Chicago, who is supplying the pulpit of the First Congregational church of Portland, has been secured as baccalaureate speaker.

The numerous inquiries received by Hood River sales agencies indicate one of the most active strawberry markets in years. The Apple Growers' association has received offers of purchases from Ontario, Canada, and Chicago offers to take a part of the crop.

His chest crushed by a log which fell from the top of a pile at Shevlin-Hixon camp No. 10, Jacob Nyback, 32, an employe of the company, died Thursday afternoon before the train on which he was being carried reached Bend. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Preparation of a ballot title for a constitutional amendment providing for the single tax is sought in a petition filed with the secretary of state by the Oregon Single Tax league. The petition was signed by Harry A. Rice, president, and Mrs. Christina H. Mock, secretary of the organization.

R. V. Wright, director of the agricultural department of the Hood River high school, has termed the members of dairymen's herds formerly dubbed "star boarders" as "I. W. W. cows." "They eat their heads off and do not give any milk," says Mr. Wright. "They are as undesirable as bolshevists."

Equipped with a letter of introduction to Harney county stockmen and aided by a very slight knowledge of the English language, Pierre Forgeron, 17-year-old veteran of the world war, arrived in Bend last week on his way to Burns, where he has decided to try "cow punching" as a means of earning a livelihood.

With the awarding of a contract by the Astoria council for the widening and paving of Astor street, the port commission decided to proceed immediately with the extension of the Belt Line railroad along that street so far east as Tenth street. The commission also is securing rights of way for extension to the site of the proposed naval station.

At the meeting of the southern Oregon Presbytery in Medford last week, Rev. Boudnot Seely of Portland presented an encouraging financial report and the announcement was made by the home commission's committee that every minister is to be assured a salary of \$1200 a year with free manse, this being in increase of \$200 over the previous figure.

W. J. Patterson, a Portland broker, with offices at 209 S. 11th street, was arrested in Eugene by Sheriff Stickle Thursday afternoon on a warrant charging him with arson. It is alleged that he set fire to 50 tons of hay which he owned and which was stored in a large warehouse at Alvadore. The hay was destroyed by fire on the night of April 8.

The high cost and scarcity of sugar last year set C. G. Rush and sons of Brownsville thinking, and they remember the good, old-fashioned lasses which they used to make back east. Accordingly, the Brownsville farmer and his two boys thought it worth while to try an experiment and see if sorghum cane would not grow in Oregon. The experiment was more than successful, as from their little patch of cane they manufactured 35 gallons of molasses, which was so tasty that the neighbors bought all that the makers would sell and called for more.

YAKIMA FRUIT SHIPPERS TO BUILD WAREHOUSES

Yakima.—Fruit shippers in Yakima will spend about \$125,000 in warehouse construction and improvements to take care of the coming fruit crop. H. M. Gilbert plans to be the heaviest investor. He will construct for the Richey & Gilbert company a warehouse costing \$60,000, to which will be added about \$15,000 for cold storage equipment. Other new houses will be built by the Furry Fruit company, the Roche Fruit company and the Growers' Service company. The increased storage capacity by reason of this construction will be about 350 cars. Other shippers are building additions to their plants, mostly in the form of increased facilities for packing. With the frost period safely passed it is estimated the total fruit crop of the valley will be from 15,000 to 17,000 carloads.

Mark Old Hudson Bay Road.

Tacoma.—One of the earliest roads in the northwest was marked at Camp Lewis Saturday by the Washington State Historical society. The road was established in 1833 by the Hudson Bay company from old Fort Nisqually, near Tacoma, to Fort Vancouver. The marker is a huge boulder, selected and placed by soldiers at camp, bearing a bronze inscription. The ancient road is now a paved street through Camp Lewis.

\$4.50 Box for Yakima Apples.

Yakima.—One carload of Yakima apples Tuesday sold at the fabulous price of \$4.50 a box. The sale was made by the Ryan Fruit company to an eastern firm. This price is the record for the season, which has had many sales at figures not approached in former years.

Ranch Sells for \$54,880.

Wilbur, Wash.—James A. Muir sold for W. O. Childs 560 acres 12 miles northwest of here, near Broadac, to John Douglas of Almira for \$54,880. The purchase includes the homestead which was one of the first filings in the Big Bend. Mr. Childs located on it about 35 years ago.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland.—Wheat—Government basis, \$2.20 per bushel.	Flour—Patents, \$11.45 delivered, \$11.30 at mill; bakers', \$11.15@11.30; whole wheat, \$10.25@10.40; Graham, \$10.95 @10.20.
Millfeed—Mill run, f. o. b. mill, carlots, \$37@38 per ton; mixed cars, \$37.50@38.50; ton lots or over, \$39 @40; less than tons, \$40@41; rolled barley, \$58@60; rolled oats, \$58; ground barley, \$58.	Corn—Whole, ton, \$68; cracked, \$70.
Hay—Buying prices, f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$30@32 per ton; alfalfa, \$25@25.50; valley grain hay, \$26; clover, \$26@27.	Butter—Cubes, extras, 51½¢ per pound; prints, parchment wrappers, extra, box lots, 55¢; cartons, 56¢; half boxes, ½¢ more; less than half boxes, 1¢ more; Butterfat, No. 1, 55 @56¢ per pound, station.
Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 43¢; candled, 44@45¢; selects, 45@46¢.	Poultry—Hens, 37@38¢; roosters, 25¢; ducks, 48@50¢; geese and live turkeys, nominal; dressed turkeys, 43¢.
Veal—Fancy, 18@19¢ per pound.	Pork—Fancy, 25¢ per pound.
Fruits—Apples, \$2.25@3.50 per box; grapefruit, \$3.50@9.50; strawberries, \$3 per crate.	Vegetables—Cabbage, \$6@7.50 per 100 pounds; lettuce, \$3@5 per crate; peppers, 60@75¢ per pound; celery, \$10 per crate; artichokes, \$1.15; cauliflower, \$2@3.75; beets, \$2.25 per sack; carrots, \$2.25@3 per sack; turnips, \$2.25 per sack; cucumbers, \$1.50@2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, \$4.50 per box; spinach, \$1.25 per box; peas, 14@16¢ per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.75 per box; asparagus, \$1.50@3.75 per crate.
Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, best, \$1.75@2; Yakimas, \$1.75@2; new California, 7½@10¢ per pound.	Hops—Oregon 1918 crop, 42@42½¢ per pound; three-year contracts, 30¢, 28¢, 25¢.
Wool—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 44@51¢ per pound; mohair, 1919 clip, 45@50¢ per pound.	Cascara Bark—Old, 13¢ per pound.
Grain Bags—In carlots, 13¢.	Cattle—Best steers, \$13.50@14.00
Good to choice steers, 11.00@11.50	Medium to good steers, 10.00@11.00
Fair to good steers, 9.00@10.00	Common to fair steers, 8.00@9.00
Good to ch. cows, heifers 10.00@12.00	Med. to good cows, heifers 7.00@8.00
Fair to med. cows, heifers 5.00@6.00	Canners 3.50@4.50
Bulls 6.00@8.50	Calves 9.50@14.00
Stockers and feeders 7.00@10.00	Hogs—Prims mixed 20.50@20.75
Medium mixed 20.00@20.25	High heavies 18.30@18.75
Pigs 18.75@18.20	Sheep—Spring lambs 16.00@16.50
Prime lambs 15.50@16.00	Yearlings 11.00@12.00
Wethers 9.00@10.00	Ewes 6.50@10.50

NEW BUTTER SCORING PLAN FAVORS OREGON

Contest Opens at State College, Runs Six Months.

Both Commercial and Composition Tests Will Be Made—Prizes for First and Second Best.

(Prepared by Oregon Agricultural College) Oregon butter is expected to shine in the composition and commercial butter-scoring contest at the state agricultural college, which begins April 28.

"This system of scoring is favorable to Oregon conditions," says V. D. Chappell, of the dairy department and in charge of the contest, "as it really gives a butter maker an opportunity to show his ability. Workmanship has a good deal to do with making good butter, especially storage butter. The system used last year gave the butter makers receiving the best cream an advantage over those who found it practically impossible to get cream in good clean flavored condition."

Butter will be scored commercially by three judges, the average of the three making up the final score.

Three tests will be made for the composition score. A 5-inch cube of butter, inside measurement, and a 3-ounce sample taken from the same churning, and one 3-ounce sample from the preceding churning must be sent, the two samples in air tight bottles to prevent loss of moisture. A test of the cube will be made and compared with the sample from the same churning, to determine loss due to leaky butter.

To the butter maker receiving the highest commercial and composition score, the college dairy department will give a silver cup. Special prizes are offered by dairy supply houses for first, second and third in the commercial tests, and for first in composition. The prizes will be announced next month.

The contest will run six months and contestants must have the three samples in each month in order to compete for the prizes. Those who want only a score occasionally to see how their product runs may enter single contests.

A certificate of merit will be given each butter maker who gets a score of 90 or more. All butter will be sold and a refund allowed for each cube when reports are sent out.

All samples and cubes must be mailed on or before April 28, and the products will be judged May 1. Send to O. A. C. Dairy Department, Corvallis, Oregon.

Unlike the star of empire the spraying practice takes its way eastward. V. R. Gardner, for many years professor of pomology at the Oregon Agricultural College, is now at the University of Missouri, and is advocating thorough spraying of orchard trees, with the same ardor that characterized his work in Oregon.

"No one with a small home orchard, or even 12 or 15 trees," he is quoted as saying, "can afford to be without a barrel spray outfit. The fruit from the small orchard would in an average season more than pay the cost of the outfit."

Tea Is Squirrel Poison Antidote.

The following antidote for animals that have eaten grain treated with squirrel poison is published by Geo. W. Kable, county agent of Benton: Boil a pound of tea in a quart of water for 10 to 30 minutes. Add enough cold water to make up for what boiled away. Drench poisoned animal with this tea, and about an hour later give a liberal dose of epsom salts. The grain should be so spread that farm animals cannot reach it.

Oregon Baby Chicks Best.

Poultrymen are advised against ordering baby chicks from California by the Benton County Farm Bureau News. Information is at hand to show that the stock does not compare favorably with Oregon stock and that but very little of it is trapezoid.

Calls For Farm Help Met.

No difficulty in meeting all calls for farm help at \$60 a month and board has so far been experienced by J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist of the federal department of agriculture and the state agricultural college. Many requests are coming in.

Plans and specifications for sewer improvements in the Porter Hill residence district of North Bend amounting to more than \$30,000 were approved and adopted at a meeting of the city council recently. Total street improvements there will exceed \$150,000.