

# 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.

Twenty-one British merchantmen were sunk by mines or submarines last week, as against 17 the previous week.

Western railroad lines were ordered by the Railroad War board Thursday to send 100 locomotives to aid in relieving traffic congestion.

The British government has donated £1,000,000 for the relief of Halifax, it was announced Friday by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer.

Another payment of \$25,000,000 to Italy Thursday, the first for many weeks, brought the total actually paid to that government from the \$500,000,000 credit allowed up to \$320,000,000.

The effigy of United States Senator La Follette was burned on the campus of the University of Wisconsin Thursday after a monster mass meeting of students. They adopted resolutions pledging loyalty.

Prohibition advocates from "dry" states told of the good effect prohibition has had in their communities at Thursday's convention session of the Anti-Saloon League of America, being held in Washington, D. C.

Camp Mills, Long Island, where the Oregon regiment has been stationed for several weeks, is being vacated and when its present garrison has departed the camp will not again be used by troops during the winter months.

Cheyenne is shivering in a temperature of 5 degrees below zero, a drop of 38 degrees Thursday in one hour, and the mercury will hover between 15 and 20 degrees below zero for several days, according to government forecasts.

Bishop Paul Jones, of the diocese of Utah, of the Protestant Episcopal church, Thursday appeared before a committee of three bishops which met in St. Louis, to consider charges of disloyalty that have been made against him.

Havana—The house of representatives Thursday night adopted a resolution declaring a state of war to exist between Austria-Hungary and the Republic of Cuba. The action was taken following the reading of a message from President Menocal recommending such a declaration.

The Cossacks under General Kaledines and the Bolshevik forces are reported to have met in at least two fights, with the counter revolutionists the victors in both. The engagements occurred at Mohilev and at Tamanovka and the Bolshevik losses are declared to have been heavy.

The Bolsheviks have dispersed the senate, the highest Russian court, and all the other courts at Petrograd, in keeping with the recent decree of the people's commissaries, substituting new revolutionary tribunals. The only opposition met was at the congress of county judges, who refused to be dispersed. They were arrested.

J. A. McHugh a rancher of Auburn, Wash., and his son, John E. McHugh, convicted in the federal court of conspiracy to violate the selective draft law by making false affidavits supporting the son's claim for exemption, were sentenced late Tuesday. The father was given six months in the county jail and fined \$500. The son, now at Camp Lewis cantonment, was fined \$50.

Thomas B. Love, of Dallas, Tex., has been nominated to be assistant secretary of the Treasury to fill one of the new offices created for the war.

Petrograd newspapers report that Chinese troops have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, to protect Chinese interests, according to the Berlingske Tidende.

A general inquiry into the operations of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon Tuesday by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other department heads will be called to explain various features of war activities.

## BOYS STAGE "DUEL"

Mock Affray With Rifles Becomes Too Real and Lad is Killed by Playmate Near Oregon City.

Oregon City, Ore.—Leslie LeDoux, aged 14 years, was killed Saturday afternoon in the hills back of Parkplace when four boys, three of them armed with 22-calibre rifles, deliberately arranged and carried out what they termed a "duel."

Officers say the fatal shot was fired either by Cecil Green, aged 13 years, and a nephew of the dead boy, or by Lake Smith, the 15-year-old son of W. W. Smith.

It is a strange story that Sheriff W. J. Wilson extracted from the lips of the Green and Smith boys and from Cecil Shaw, aged 8 years soon after the recovery of Leslie's body. The four boys were on good terms, and after lunch the Smith boy went to the LeDoux home with Cecil Shaw, and proposed that Leslie and Green join them in a hunt. They all started, going back of Parkplace about a mile. For a while they enjoyed the innocent sport of shooting at a mark, but this amusement soon palled and, according to the other boys, it was Leslie who proposed that they fight a duel and that he take Smith's gun, and stand off his nephew, Cecil Green, and Lake Smith, the latter using Leslie's rifle and Green his own gun. Leslie took up a position behind a big tree, while Green and Smith crouched down together behind a large stump. It was at this point that the little chap of the party, Cecil Shaw, says he protested, and warned the contestants that they had better be careful or somebody would get shot. His advice fell on deaf ears and he withdrew to a safe distance, but remained to watch the fray.

The three boys opened fire and every time a head would appear around the stump or from behind the tree a rifle would crack. They had kept up the firing for probably 15 minutes, when suddenly Cecil Shaw yelled to Green and Smith to stop firing.

"You have shot Leslie," cried the boy.

The trio rushed over to the tree and found Leslie prostrate with a bullet hole squarely in his forehead. He was alive, but was breathing heavily and was vomiting. He was unconscious, and the frightened boys eased his position and placed his cap under his head and then, terror-stricken, proceeded to study out a false story to take home with them. They swore each other to secrecy and placed Leslie's own gun in his hand and then fled, leaving, as they supposed, mute evidence that the boy had died by his own hand.

About 7 o'clock Sunday morning, while Sheriff Wilson was going to Parkplace for a second time in search of the missing boy, he met Lake Smith and Cecil Green together, the latter handling a paper route and being on his way to the interurban car after his papers. The sheriff stopped the boys and talked with them and, suspecting that the truth had not been told, he urged them to make a clean breast of the whole affair. The Smith boy gave the first information to shed light on the tragedy by saying:

"Leslie's gun went off yesterday and nearly shot me."

Sheriff Wilson promptly marched Cecil Green to the LeDoux home, and, in the presence of Mr. LeDoux, he questioned him sharply and finally the boy broke down and confessed the truth and went with the sheriff and Claude Rittenhouse straight to the spot where the body was found.

## UNCLE SAM TO HELP FARMER

Measure Authorizing Purchase of Loan Bonds Favored by Congress.

Washington, D. C.—The Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to purchase not exceeding \$100,000,000 of farm loan bonds each year for two years upon recommendation of the Farm Loan board, in a bill favorably reported by the house banking and currency committee.

Requests for the legislation came from the Farm Loan board, which plan to resume within a few weeks the sale of bonds, stopped December 1, when a selling agreement with private bond dealers expired. Authorization of purchase by the Treasury is sought in order to stabilize the interest on the bonds and to enable bankers to have time to float them instead of throwing them on the market under emergency conditions with high interest rates.

## Congressmen to Pay Tax.

Washington, D. C.—The house ways and means committee has directed Chairman Kitchin to draft an amendment to the excess profits section of the war tax bill that would clear up any doubt as to the tax on the incomes of professional men receiving \$6000 or more a year being applicable to members of congress.

The committee will vote on the amendment and members say it will be reported favorably.

## INTERNED SHIP IS WIRELESS STATION

Dairy of Captain Exposes Trick Played at Honolulu.

## BAND DROWNS SOUND

Revolutionary Propaganda Is Disseminated From Hawaii at Instigation of German Government.

Honolulu—While her band was playing lively tunes to drown out all tell-tale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German unprotected cruiser Geier, interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war, according to an article appearing in the Star-Bulletin here.

The article, which is published with the authority of the United States Naval Intelligence Bureau, declares that the seal placed on the Geier's wireless by the American government was broken by the Germans in order that the messages might be sent.

The information regarding the Geier's activity in this supposed plot was obtained from the dairy of Captain Grashof, of that vessel, the article asserts.

"Grashof's dairy says, according to the article, that in November, 1914, and February, 1917, messages ordering the widespread promulgation of reports that Japanese forces were to land in Mexico and German forces in Canada were handled by the Geier's wireless, the operators working night and day in order that there would be no delay in the transmission of these radiograms."

According to the dairy Count von Bernstorff, ex-German ambassador to the United States, and Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, his principal aides, figured prominently in the plot. George Roedick and H. A. Schroeder, ex-German consuls at Honolulu and Manila, respectively, are also implicated.

Both pleaded guilty in San Francisco recently to complicity in a plot to establish a revolutionary government in India.

A German secret agent known as "K-17" was said in the dairy to have aided in the transmission of these messages, and also to have advised the German government of the sailing times of Danish vessels from here and elsewhere.

## SHARK PULLS ANGLER TO SEA

Woman Fighting from Boulder Drowns When Fish Takes Bait.

San Francisco—A large fish, presumably a shark, pulled Mrs. Anna Connors to her death on the rocks of Moss Beach here Sunday. Mrs. Connors was fishing from a large boulder. A companion, Emil Bedenbeck, heard her cry in alarm and turned to see her bracing herself against a strong pull upon her line. Before Bedenbeck could reach her she was dragged into the surf.

Bedenbeck, after an hour's battle, brought the woman's unconscious body back to the ledge upon which she was fishing. He then scaled the adjoining cliff and summoned aid. When he returned he discovered the body had been swept out to the sea. It had not been recovered up to a late hour.

## "Garabed" to Be Tested.

Washington, D. C.—The bill providing for tests of a mysterious machine for utilizing free energy devised by Garabed T. K. Giragossian, an Armenian inventor from Boston, was passed Saturday by the house after lengthy debate. The measure provides for securing the discoverer's rights if the machine is demonstrated to be practicable and that the government may use it without charge.

A similar bill passed by the last session of congress was vetoed by President Wilson. The new measure was introduced to meet the President's objection to providing that there shall be no patent on the general principle involved.

## Teuton Republic Urged.

Washington, D. C.—The committee on public information makes public an article written by Germans and circulated in Germany urging the overthrow of the German war lords and the proclaiming of a republic. The document, which was distributed through German republicans in Switzerland, declares that peace will not come until Hohenzollernism is overthrown and the German people take their stand for humanity and civilization.

## TO OUST BOLSHEVIKI

General Kaledines and Other Leaders to Make Short Shift of Radicals

London—Russian officials in London, who are establishing direct communication with General Kaledines and other leaders of Democratic organizations in Russia, declared to the Associated Press Wednesday that the movement to overthrow the Bolsheviks was supported not only by the Cossacks, but by almost all the leaders of the other parties. These leaders, it was said, are confident they will be able to make short shift of the Bolsheviks.

Stockholm, Tuesday—A proclamation of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, declaring that the Cossack government has taken over power in the Donetz region of Southern Russia, is published in the Yuzhny Krai, a newspaper of Kharkov, a copy of which has reached Stockholm, having escaped the Bolshevik censorship.

General Kaledines declares that the Cossacks have the means of maintaining order and intend to use their whole power to oppose the Bolsheviks.

The newspaper publishes sharply worded protests against the Bolsheviks from seven different army corps. Turkestan is reported to be mobilizing all men between the ages of 16 and 45, who will be sent to Tashkent, capital of that government, to fight the Bolsheviks, who now control the city.

## HEAVIER BURDENS TO COME

Congress is Urged to Concentrate on War Problems.

Washington, D. C.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given Wednesday in the senate by Senator Reed vigorously opposing as a trust scheme the Webb export combination bill which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact.

Declaring that congress should concentrate upon great war problems and defer consideration of such legislation as the export trade measures the Missouri senator said that with Russia out of the war and Roumania also "gone," the enemy, numerically, is now superior in manpower.

Although an opponent of army conscription, Senator Reed predicted that new draft levies probably would be necessary and urged military training for youths between 18 and 21 for coast defense work. Invasion of America, he asserted, was not beyond the realm of possibilities should other allied powers fall beside Russia, Roumania and Serbia.

The Webb bill was denounced by Senator Reed as destructive of the Sherman anti-trust law at behest of trusts and monopolies and a proposed legalizing of illegal combinations which would encroach on consumers abroad and increase domestic prices.

"It repeals," he said, "every vestige of that system of anti-trust statutes built up during 28 years by the Federal government so far as the same apply to commerce with foreign powers. It is intended directly to legalize the creation of combinations and trusts to control every foreign market in which the American citizen may seek to sell his goods. Indirectly it will enable these same combinations to control the domestic markets, because a control of the prices of the surplus that goes abroad to find a market controls the price of the home product."

"This measure has the enthusiastic support of the allied trusts of the United States, together with their servants, agents, employes and sympathizers. It will be supported by every newspaper that believes in the control of big business which regards every effort to limit or circumscribe the power of capital as undesirable and dangerous."

## La Follette Quiz Put Off.

Washington, D. C.—Another hitch developed Wednesday to further postpone the senate elections committee's inquiry into Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech. The committee discussed whether further investigation would be made by the sub-committee, which will meet next week to decide the question of procedure, and deferred for the present the proposed examination of ex-Secretary Bryan.

## Socialist Regime in Russia.

Washington, D. C.—Candidates for Reserve Corps commissions who failed through physical disability or lack of military knowledge to be recommended by commanders at training camps are to be called into the military service of the Nation to officer the new National Militia soon to be organized for guarding ports and government property.

## GUN DELIVERIES ARE DELAYED BY CHANGE

General Crozier Lays Blame on Baker Before Committee.

## INVESTIGATION BEGUN

Americans Abroad Fighting With Guns of French Make—Rifles Scarce in Training Cantonments.

Washington, D. C.—Members of the senate military committee Friday subjected Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, to three hours of sharp cross-examination, seeking explanation of delays in providing the war army with weapons. Later they intend to press questions which the general objected to answering in the open hearing.

Throughout the examination General Crozier insisted that there had been and would be no delay in equipping soldiers sent abroad. He admitted that because of a shortage of machine guns the American troops in France were supplied with weapons of French make and that there was a lack of both machine guns and rifles in the training cantonments, but declared that the training of troops would not be seriously retarded.

Responsibility for the machine gun situation was placed by the general squarely upon Secretary Baker, who, he said, had taken a personal interest in the matter and ordered an investigation which resulted in the adoption in June of a new gun known as the Browning type. This statement came when Chairman Chamberlain said he was not satisfied with the explanation that the delay had been caused by investigation.

"Neither am I satisfied," responded the witness, "but I am not personally responsible."

Nearly every member of the committee joined in the examination and questions were fired across the table as rapidly as the general could answer.

Chairman Chamberlain took exception to conclusions drawn from General Crozier's testimony that congress, by failing to make prompt appropriations, and labor troubles, were largely responsible for the delay. General Crozier said he had not intended that such an interpretation be made and that millions of dollars appropriated had not been expended. Delay in supplying rifles, the general explained in great detail, was due to the factory changes incident to modification of the British Enfield type, which large private plants in this country are equipped to make, to use American ammunition. Better rifles are a result, he insisted. He also said Craig and other types are now being sent to National Army cantonments and that other production is increasing. Detailed statements regarding prospective deliveries of rifles he regarded as confidential and were postponed until a later session.

## NEW KITCHEN CARDS SOON

Housewives to Be Requested to Make Further Savings—Sugar Short.

Washington, D. C.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a porkless day and one wheatless and meatless meal a day will be recommended to householders in a new kitchen card soon to be put out by the food administration. Observance of wheatless and meatless meals will be asked in addition to the wheatless and meatless days called for now.

The normal consumption of sugar in the United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each person.

The cards will caution against hoarding foodstuffs in homes, pointing out that the practice not only is selfish but that it contributes to high prices and defeats the purposes of the food administration in seeking an equitable distribution.

The reverse side of the card carries a message to householders. "The food situation in Europe," it says, "is far graver than when the preliminary survey of the food supply of the world of last year was made."

## Free-Seed Plan Profitable.

Tacoma, Wash.—Double the amount of seed potatoes which Pierce county loaned farmers and others unable to buy them last spring, have been returned as payment of the loan. This was true in every case except one where the farmer did not have a crop. So successful was the plan that the commissioners are considering their free seed program to include many other vegetables. Potatoes valued at \$500 were given to the county.