

# 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.

What seemingly was a local earth disturbance gave buildings in Seattle a slight shaking up about 10:30 o'clock Friday.

Australia has begun the repatriation of Germans interned during the war. The first party sailed for Germany Saturday.

Jamaica ginger was declared to be intoxicating and its sale or possession unlawful in an opinion handed down Saturday by the Maine supreme court.

There was a further increase in the number of strikers in the Paris district Thursday when the laundry workers' union declared a strike in Paris and the suburbs.

A credit of \$10,000,000 in favor of Italy was announced Saturday by the treasury, making a total of \$1,581,500,000 for that country and a total of \$9,390,219,124 for all the allies.

Merle B. Arnold, a Y. M. C. A. secretary, whose home is in Polk, Neb., arrived at New York last week from Siberia, where he was held a prisoner for more than a month by the bolsheviks.

Ruth Law, who recently announced she would attempt a trans-Atlantic airplane flight this summer, said recently she will go over the route Harry Hawker attempted to use from Newfoundland to Ireland.

An airplane, piloted by C. P. Mueller of San Antonio, which stopped in Omaha Thursday night on its way from Chicago to Denver, was wrecked when it struck an automobile while attempting a landing.

On recommendation of General Pershing, President Wilson has commuted to 10 years' imprisonment the death sentence imposed on Private Phillip Sohn of the 109th infantry, 28th division, for deserting in the face of the enemy.

Advocates of repeal of the daylight saving law say that their fight is to be shifted from the house to the senate, and that they were confident a rider would be attached to the agricultural appropriation bill in the senate providing for repeal of the daylight statute.

Winging their way to death in a flaming torch 150 feet high, black clouds of grasshoppers and every variety of winged bug with a fondness for bright lights are making their way at night to the great gas well on fire on the west side of the oilfields near Bakersfield, Cal.

Employees of the Western Union Telegraph company in Florida, Alabama, Georgia, South and North Carolina, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and New Orleans, La., who are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' union, were ordered to go on strike immediately by S. J. Konencamp, president of that organization.

Private advices received in Washington Tuesday in Mexican circles said Francisco Villa's forces captured Chihuahua City Monday. The advices were without official confirmation.

Sweden and Denmark have notified the peace conference that they will not join in a blockade of Germany in the event of a German refusal to sign the peace treaty. They state that a blockade could be made effective without their violating their neutrality.

Toronto's "general" strike in sympathy with striking metal workers ended Tuesday night, when representatives of the various unions involved voted to accede to the request of the metal trades council that sympathetic strikers return to work. This decision affects between 6000 and 8000 workers.

## SHIP BOARD ASKS BIG SUM

Chairman Hurley Submits Needs of Building Program.

Washington, D. C.—Chairman Hurley of the shipping board has asked congress for a final appropriation of a little more than \$600,000,000 to wind up the government's shipbuilding operations.

This sum, he said, which will complete the work of raising the United States as a shipbuilding nation to first place and develop the American mercantile marine fleet from a negligible quantity to second place, actually is \$400,000,000 less than congress already has authorized.

The present needs of the shipbuilding programme, as Chairman Hurley outlines them, take into consideration the cancellation or suspension of contracts for 754 ships, which alone will effect a saving of more than \$594,000,000. The administration charges of the whole business will be only 1.32 per cent of the total final expenditure.

When all is done, Chairman Hurley points out, \$2,861,755,570 will have been expended in the country's great effort which will be shown in 13,885,106 deadweight tons of ships on the seas. Although a cost of \$206 a deadweight ton is indicated, the actual cost to the government will be less.

## NICARAGUA SENDS OUT CALL FOR AID

Washington, D. C.—Nicaragua has asked the United States to land forces there to cope with a threatened invasion from Costa Rica. The state department is investigating the situation.

The Nicaraguan legation here in a statement Sunday declared that following the collapse of the revolution in Costa Rica, President Tinoco has massed large forces on the frontier.

Tinoco, whose brother as minister of war is at the head of the Costa Rican army in the field, has charged that the Nicaraguans aided the revolutionists. The Nicaraguans have denied the charge and cited that it was the liberal party in Nicaragua, members of the old Zelaya regime, that went over to Tinoco.

## President Wilson May Quit France In Next Two Weeks

Paris.—President Wilson, it is now regarded as probable, will leave France for the United States within ten days or two weeks.

Washington, D. C.—The statement in a Paris dispatch that President Wilson might leave France for the United States within ten days or two weeks was said to be "quite probable" at the White House. It was not indicated whether a definite date had been set for the sailing of the president from France.

In view of the plan of the president to visit Belgium it was considered that the sailing date more likely was two weeks distant than ten days.

At any rate, it was said, all plans depended on progress at Versailles. It has been understood generally that the president would stay in Paris until after the signing of the peace treaty with Germany.

## Western Men Decorated.

Washington, D. C.—General Pershing notified the war department Sunday that he had awarded the distinguished service cross to the following: Joseph H. Carvo, Toppenish, Wash.; Mike Birinoli, Sebastapol, Cal.; Peter Ratkovich, Amador, Cal., and Ernest Wernek, Mackey, Idaho.

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company has lost its suit against the Puget Sound & Willapa Harbor Railroad company. The United States supreme court in deciding for the Willapa company said it was difficult to treat seriously the contentions of the Northern Pacific Railroad company. The case arose out of the crossing of tracks of the Northern Pacific Railroad company at grade.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The farmers on the Hermiston irrigation project have organized a co-operative creamery company and have purchased from S. R. Oldaker the creamery formerly operated by him in that city.

The first victim of tick or spotted fever in Grant county this year is Lee Parrish of Bear valley. He was a bachelor homesteader. His sister and family of Malheur county went to make him a visit and upon their arrival found him very ill.

State Engineer Cupper has received an application from the Clackamas Power & Irrigation company for permission to take sufficient water from the Clackamas river, near Estacada, for the construction of a power plant of 11,705 horse-power capacity.

Fire completely destroyed the beautiful country home of C. D. Barnard, of Fossil, Thursday. The loss is estimated at \$5000, with insurance covering \$3000. All contents except a sewing machine were destroyed. Mrs. Barnard was alone at the ranch when the fire occurred.

Willamette valley loganberry growers, who, because of a steadily rising price during the war, failed to keep their contracts with the Phez company, manufacturers of loganberry juice, are defendants in circuit court actions which are being filed by the Phez company at Salem.

A new cannery is being built at Lafayette, and will be ready to start canning about June 25. It will be known as the Lafayette Canning company, incorporated, with C. W. McCrady, president; Mrs. Hattie Peabley, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. McCrady, vice-president.

M. G. Nease of Portland, president of the Central Oregon Oil & Gas company; M. E. Baumister, G. E. and G. M. Lawrence were in Burns last week getting leases from the land owners in the region of Dog mountain. It is their purpose to start active development operations at once.

Business in the yards of the Southern Pacific company in Klamath Falls has now reached a point where two switch engines are required steadily to take care of the demands. The second engine has just been put on and will continue to operate at least until the winter season.

J. H. Beeman, a revenue officer from Portland, in searching several districts of the Marshfield locality for reported illicit stills, found but one in the woods bordering Catching inlet, several miles from Marshfield. With the still were found two barrels of barley mash and ten gallons of manufactured liquor.

Buyers were numerous at the Heppner wool sale Tuesday and more than 150,000 pounds changed hands at prices satisfactory to the producers.

Highway bridges built of Douglas fir from Oregon forests will be in use in every state of the union within the next few years if the goal of the West Coast Lumbermen's association is realized.

With more than 100 cases of influenza reported to the Salem city health officers during the past two weeks, coupled with a shortage of trained nurses, the city officials are contemplating putting the city under quarantine in order to prevent another widespread epidemic of this virulent disease. One death has occurred, while a number of other "flu" victims are said to be critically ill.

A victory reunion of the Oregon Pioneer association will be held June 19 in the Portland municipal auditorium. This promises to be a gathering of exceptional interest, a time when the past will be recalled by men and women who had a part in making the great state of Oregon. Honor will be paid to the memory of those who died along the old Oregon trail en route to the western land.

Six occupants of a small car narrowly escaped drowning when their machine plunged into Alsea bay, near Yaquina John point at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. Morris Harrison was driving. The others were: William Kent, John Walker, Bernice and Beatrice Harrison and Pearl Kent. The car was following the edge of the water and struck a deep hole, turning over on its side and sinking below the surface.

## FOOD SUPPLY FOR EUROPE IS DEEMED SUFFICIENT

Paris.—A sufficient surplus of food is indicated from the coming harvests to supply Europe and meet the needs of the world, unless some unexpected catastrophe happens to the world's harvests, Herbert C. Hoover, head of the allied relief organization, said Friday in a statement.

The bread budget balances, but the surplus of the American crop of wheat and rye this year will be needed.

Figures indicate the sugar crop in eastern Europe this year will be 65 per cent of pre-war normal, the wheat and rye crop 77 per cent, and the vegetable harvest about normal. Since the war began it is estimated Europe has lost 18,400,000 cattle, 39,500,000 hogs, and 8,600,000 sheep.

The statement estimates the European consumption of wheat and rye at 2,250,000,000 bushels, of which between 700,000,000 and 850,000,000 bushels will have to be imported.

## Menlo Cheese Factory Opens.

Menlo, Wash.—The Menlo cheese factory started up last week and is now running with about 6000 pounds of milk a day. The first of the month that amount will be doubled, as some dairymen wanted to complete the month's contracts with the condensery, but will deliver their milk to the cheese plant after that date.

## 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, \$10.05@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 ton, \$40@41; rolled barley, \$60@62; rolled oats, \$61; ground barley, \$60.

Corn—Whole, ton, \$75; cracked, \$77 per ton.

Hay—Buying prices f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$36@37 per ton; alfalfa, \$28; valley grain hay, \$26@28; clover, \$26@28.

Butter—Cubes, 92-score, 56½c; 91-score, 56c; 90-score, 55c; prints, parchment wrappers, box lots, 56c; cartons, 57c; half boxes, ¼c more; less than half boxes 1c more; butterfat, No. 1, 55@56c per pound, station.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 44c; candled, 45c; selects, 47c.

Poultry—Hens, 30@32c; broilers, 30@35c; geese and live turkeys, nominal.

Veal—Fancy, 20c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 26½c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, \$5@5.50 per box; grapefruit, 4@4.25; strawberries, \$3.75@4.50; cherries, 10@25c per pound; cantaloupes, \$7@11.50 per crate; apricots, \$3@3.50 per box.

Vegetables—Cabbage, \$4.50 per 100 pounds; lettuce, \$2.25@2.50 per crate; peppers, 30c per pound; artichokes, 90c; cauliflower, \$3.25; beets, \$2.50 per sack; carrots, \$3.50 per sack; turnips, \$3.25 per sack; cucumbers, \$1.50@2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, \$3.25@4.50 box; spinach, 8c per lb.; peas, 11@12c per pound; rhubarb, 7½@8c per pound; asparagus, \$2@2.25 per crate.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, best \$1.75; new California, 7½@8c per lb.

Onions—White, \$4.75 per crate; red, 5½@6c per pound.

Hops—Oregon, 1918 crop, 45c; 1917 crop, 27@28c; 1916 crop, 15@17c per pound; three-year contracts, 30c, 28c, 25c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 40@57c per pound; valley, 40@55c per pound.

Mohair—1918 clip, 55c per pound.

Tallow—No. 1, 8½c per pound; No. 2, 6½c per pound; grease No. 1, 6½c; No. 2, 5½c per pound.

Cascara Bark—New, 10c per pound.

Grain Bags—In carlots, 13c.

Cattle—Best steers	.....\$11.00@12.00
Good to choice steers	..... 10.50@11.00
Medium to choice steers	..... 10.00@10.50
Fair to good steers	..... 8.75@ 9.75
Common to fair steers	..... 7.75@ 8.75
Good to choice cows, hfs.	..... 9.50@10.25
Medium to good cows, hfs	..... 6.50@ 7.50
Fair to medium cows, hfs	..... 4.50@ 5.50
Canners	..... 3.00@ 4.00
Bulls	..... 5.00@ 8.50
Calves	..... 9.00@13.00
Stockers and feeders	..... 7.00@10.00
Hogs—Prime mixed	..... 19.20@19.50
Medium mixed	..... 19.00@19.25
Rough heavies	..... 18.00@18.75
Pigs	..... 17.75@18.25
Sheep—Prime srg lambs	..... 14.00@15.00
Fair to medium lambs	..... 9.00@10.00
Yearlings	..... 6.50@ 8.50
Wethers	..... 7.00@ 8.50
Ewes	..... 6.00@ 7.50

## RAILWAY COMBINES PROPOSED BY HINES

Director Says Public Ownership  
Only Other Solution.

HIGHER RATES LOOM

Government Official Tells House Com-  
mittee Roads Need More Cash,  
But He Opposes Rate Rise.

Washington, D. C.—Director-General Hines outlined to the American Short Line railroad association convention here Tuesday his plan for a solution of the railroad problem, under which the railroads would be consolidated into from 12 to 20 great systems under government regulation sufficiently definite as to attract private capital and affording protection to the weaker roads. The only alternative to such regulation, he declared, would be public ownership, for under any other plan private management would be doomed to ultimate failure.

The director-general said each system must be made up of some of the stronger roads and some of the weaker ones, be of a highly competitive character and have government representation on its directorate.

A workable basis on which a proper return on the valuation of the railroad properties could be ascertained, was essential, Mr. Hines declared, adding that excess earnings should be divided between the railroads and the government.

Prompt action by congress in providing for the future of the railroads was necessary, in Mr. Hines' view, as the present situation causes the public to suffer.

Only by increased rates can the government-controlled railroads meet operating expenses, Director-General Hines told the house appropriations committee. He is opposed to any increase at this time, however, because it might advance the cost of necessities of life.

Mr. Hines, who appeared to ask for \$1,200,000,000 additional for the railroad administration's revolving fund for the remainder of this calendar year, declared that while wages of railroad employes had been increased 51 to 52 per cent during government control, they now were only "reasonable and fair." He added that he could see no prospect of reducing them.

The present wages were based on corresponding rates in industry, Mr. Hines said, and while the increases were in part responsible for the government loss in operating the lines, part of the loss was represented in increases of from 55 to 70 per cent in equipment costs.

## PHILADELPHIA SAID TO BE PLOT CENTER

Washington, D. C.—Investigation of the bomb explosions in eight cities, which were intended to kill public men, has convinced secret service chiefs here that the outrages had a common source, and that they probably can be classed as an unsuccessful attempt on the part of a still unknown anarchistic group to resume a campaign of terrorism begun with the May day attempt to deliver a series of infernal machines through the mails out of New York.

Washington police Tuesday devoted efforts to reassembling fragments of the man who was killed at the door of Attorney-General Palmer's home, while attempting to plant his cargo of explosives.

Police at New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Newtonville, Mass.; Boston and Paterson, N. J., were engaged in the widespread hunt. Detectives were sent from Washington to the first two named cities in order to connect up operations.

The hat of the Washington bomber, purchased in Philadelphia, and other details, indicated a possibility that the consignment of explosives had been sent out from there. Another connecting link in the view of authorities here was the similarity of the anarchists handbills found near the scene of the explosions in several cities.