

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.

Russia's war losses in killed and wounded aggregated 35,000,000, according to statistics of the Kolchak government.

An anti-Japanese rising has broken out in Corea, according to a bolshevik wireless communication received in London from Moscow.

Decision to withdraw American troops from Siberia on completion of the repatriation of the Czechoslovak forces next month has been reached by the American government.

Organization of two regiments of volunteers known as "the Nebraska Rifles," to maintain law and order in that state in case they are called upon to act in any emergency, is practically complete.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Payne, 86 years old, first cousin of Abraham Lincoln, was buried Saturday at Ogden, Utah. She died Wednesday. Her features bore a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln.

A method of sending apparatus to the hitherto unreach higher layers of the air, to the regions beyond the earth's atmosphere, and even as far as the moon itself, is described by Professor Robert H. Goddard of Clark college in a recent publication of the Smithsonian institution.

The Cornelius Vanderbilt home fronting Fifth avenue from Fifty-seventh to Fifty-eighth streets, New York, has been sold for \$5,500,000 cash, it is announced. It was said that the residence, one of the most costly in America, will make way for a \$20,000,000 structure. The name of the purchaser has not been disclosed.

The western side of the rocky, snow-clad mountain above Louche, Switzerland, has begun to move toward the valley, threatening the electric railway line below. About 3000 cubic meters of rock are descending, and it is believed the whole mountainside will collapse. Federal engineers are preparing to blow up a portion of the mountain with dynamite.

Stays of execution for 12 negroes under death sentences for murders alleged to have been committed during the recent negro insurrection in Phillips county, Arkansas, were issued by the Arkansas supreme court Saturday, following the filing of appeals from the lower court's decisions by attorneys for the negroes. The stays defer the executions indefinitely.

Death or life imprisonment for perpetrators of plots or uprisings against the government resulting in death is provided in a bill submitted by the Kentucky American Legion, and is agreed on by the executive committee of the general assembly. The measure provides 21 years' imprisonment and \$20,000 fine for persons engaged in "red" activities.

Another liberty loan will be necessary if congress embarks on "new fields of large expenditures or reduces the aggregate volume of taxes," Secretary Glass declared in a statement Tuesday, setting forth the government's financial condition. If the present tax level is retained and new expenditures are kept down, the turn has come in the tide of government financing, the secretary asserted.

"I shall not resign from the army, if such a step is necessary to be a candidate for president of the United States," says General Wood. "Precedents are abundant that my connection with the army does not interfere with any presidential ambition which my friends are wishing upon me. As an officer of the army I recognize President Wilson as my commander-in-chief and to him I owe my allegiance."

URGES CREDIT FOR EUROPE

Action, Says Hoover, Would Build Up Securities for Billions Lent.

Washington, D. C.—Establishment through the United States grain corporation of \$150,000,000 in credits would feed Europe until the next harvest without imposing any burden on American taxpayers, Herbert Hoover Tuesday told the house ways and means committee, which began consideration of Secretary Glass' request for authority to advance that much from grain corporation funds. Early payment of the loans made could be counted upon, Mr. Hoover said.

The financial problem of feeding Europe is "getting smaller all the time," Hoover said, explaining that the need this winter was centered in 10 or 12 large cities in Austria, Poland and Armenia. Most of Europe, he said, could feed itself or get its breadstuffs through private financial channels.

Private charities in the United States are sending five or six million dollars' worth of food abroad monthly and within a fortnight 3,000,000 American families with relatives in central and eastern Europe will be able to buy "food drafts" from banks in the United States.

Foreign governments, he said, have agreed to the plan, which also has been approved by the treasury and the federal reserve board.

By aiding Poland with food and by helping 10 or 12 European cities to escape starvation, Hoover said, the United States would "build up security for its \$10,000,000,000 lent abroad," as well as perform a humanitarian service.

BRYAN PUTS PACT OVER PARTY ISSUE

Omaha, Neb.—Compromise so as to secure immediate ratification of the peace treaty was strongly urged here Monday night by William J. Bryan in a political address in which he pictured the democratic party as being more competent than the republicans to solve the nation's great economic problems.

Mr. Bryan's address was given at the city auditorium to approximately 4500 persons, the big majority of whom were democrats. Again denying that there had been a "split" between him and President Wilson over the treaty, Mr. Bryan praised the work of the president at Paris, declaring he had obtained a peace pact which was better than any one ever believed was possible. He also lauded United States Senator Hitchcock for his work in the peace treaty's behalf.

Mr. Bryan said that originally he was anxious that the treaty be ratified without reservation, but that because of the senate deadlock that was not now possible. The only thing to do now, he said, was for the democratic and republican senators to try to get together on a compromise so the United States might take its place in the league of nations at its first meeting next Friday.

JAPANESE CRUISER CON- VOYS ARMS TO MEXICO

San Antonio, Tex.—Government reports that a recent big shipment of arms and ammunition to Mexico was escorted by a Japanese cruiser, have been sent here for the information of the senate committee investigating the Mexican situation.

The reports were made by government agents in touch with conditions in Mexico.

That Mexico had received war supplies from Japan and that official and unofficial Mexico has been entertaining with a show of enthusiasm officers and men from a Japanese warship was known, but until Monday agents gathering information for the committee had not learned of any direct connection between the two.

The report which has been forwarded to the war department is that the ship bearing the arms and ammunition reached Manzanillo, December 24. The Yakuma, manned by 800 officers and men anchored alongside. Part of the Yakuma's personnel were students from the Japanese military academy.

Abraham Ruef, former political boss, convicted in San Francisco of bribery, was pardoned by Governor Stephens Saturday night. This automatically restores to Ruef the rights of citizenship.

HOLLAND ORDERED TO GIVE UP KAISER

Trial of Royal Fugitive by Allies Decried.

CRIMES ENUMERATED

Netherlands Government Expected to Concede Demands Made by Supreme Council.

Paris.—The Temps Sunday asserted that the general secretary of the peace conference had handed to the Dutch minister a note from the supreme council demanding the extradition of ex-Emperor William.

Paris.—The supreme council's note to the Dutch government asking that the former German emperor be given up to the allies under article 227 of the Versailles treaty for trial, points out that if the former emperor had remained in Germany he would have been delivered up under the same conditions by the German government.

"Among so many crimes," the note recalls the cynical violation of the neutrality of Belgium and Luxembourg, the barbarous system of hostages, massed deportations, systematic devastation without military reasons, the submarine war, and declares:

"For all of which acts responsibility, at least moral, reaches the supreme chief, who ordered them or abused his unlimited powers to break, or permit others to break, the most sacred rules of human conscience."

"The powers cannot conceive," it adds, "that The Netherlands would regard with less reprobation than themselves the immense responsibility weighing upon the ex-emperor. Holland would not be fulfilling her international duty if she refused to associate herself with other nations so far as she is able, to prosecute, or at least not to impede the punishment of crimes committed."

It concludes by expressing the conviction that "Holland, one of the first to claim a place in the League of Nations, will not desire to cover by moral authority violation of the essential principles of the solidarity of nations, and that all are interested to prevent a return of a similar catastrophe."

MOVIES ARE TAKEN OF PAPERS OF '76

Washington, D. C.—Recent activities of radical propagandists led Secretary Lansing this week to display for the first time in 18 years the original parchments of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

In the presence of a group of officials the parchments were removed from the protecting walls of a steel safe inclosing them and placed on view in the state department for an hour, while motion picture cameras recorded their appearance for the benefit of the 110,000,000 persons living under the principles enunciated by them.

Theaters from Maine to California and from the Gulf of Mexico to Canada will exhibit the films in an effort "to remove from the public mind in every city, town and village any possible effects of recent 'red' activities."

Owing to their age, exhibition of the parchments is a rare event. Exposure to light even though each sheet is protected carefully from air by hermetically sealed glass plates, caused additional fading of the ink inscribing the immortal words which brought the republic into being.

Jack Dempsey, world's champion heavyweight boxer, was charged with having "apparently skulked in hiding from the draft boards" during the late war and Georges Carpentier, his French rival for championship honors, was made a life honorary member of the post, at a meeting of the El Paso post of the American Legion. The local post also appropriated \$25 to be wagered on Carpentier in his coming fight with Dempsey.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

North Bend.—The city council recently adopted an ordinance fixing the salary of chief of police at \$150 a month and increasing the salary of city recorder from \$1200 to \$1500 a year and the salary of city attorney from \$750 to \$900 a year.

Salem.—The house, by unanimous vote, has authorized the purchase of an oil painting of the late James Withycombe, with the provision that said painting should not cost to exceed \$600. It was provided in the resolution that the painting should be hung in the senate chamber.

Dallas.—Fruit growers from all over the county report that since the recent heavy snow rabbits in large numbers have descended upon their orchards and injured the trees, especially the young and tender ones far more than the frost did during the cold weather and that there is some talk of organizing rabbit drives in several sections to rid the community of these pests.

Bend.—Land purchased a few weeks ago in the Powell Butte section by the Deschutes Valley Seed company is being cleared and 200 acres will be planted to potatoes this spring to supply seed for California growers. One of the chief stockholders in the enterprise is George L. Burt, Pacific coast potato buyer.

Sheridan.—A large crushed fruit and juice factory manufacturing all fruit by-products will be started in this city this spring by Messrs. Shipley and Brown. The machinery already has been received and the factory will be ready for work in the early spring. This will make the fourth establishment for the care of fruit that has entered this city during the year.

Burns.—Statements of the bank institutions of Burns show a healthy and prosperous condition as of December 31. The resources of the First National bank are shown as \$855,512.71, and those of Harney County National bank as \$840,591.52. This indicates that the ranchers of the county and the people of the city are doing well. Both banks enjoy the confidence of the community.

Oregon City.—By unanimous vote the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial club went on record as being opposed to the possession of land in this country, either through ownership or lease, by Japanese, and Arthur G. Beattie, L. A. Henderson, Rev. Melville Wire and Dr. L. A. Morris were named as a committee to draft a resolution for transmittal to the Oregon legislature.

Salem.—Tentative plans for the construction this year of at least six different processing plants in various parts of the state were made at a meeting of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association held here last week. One of the plants will be at Salem, representing an outlay of approximately \$200,000. Locations for the other plants have not yet been selected.

Bend.—Strong opposition to the resolution introduced by Representative Burdick in the legislature Thursday, calling for the establishment of a county fair for Deschutes county, developed at the meeting of the Bend Commercial club. Telegrams were sent to Salem protesting the adoption of the resolution, which is understood here to represent a movement to locate the fair in Redmond.

Roseburg.—The fire report of the Umpqua national forest for the summer of 1919 shows a total of 76 fires. One-half of these were caused by lightning and the remainder resulted from human agencies or unknown causes. Approximately 10,000 acres within the boundaries of the forest were reported burned over, resulting in a loss of nearly 4,000,000 feet of merchantable timber. Besides a considerable loss of forest cover and young growth.

Eugene.—William Steuding of this city left last week for the northern part of the state and Washington to purchase two carloads of pure-bred Holstein cows for the Bank of Commerce of Eugene, the animals to be sold to farmers of Lane county under a plan inaugurated by the bank at its annual meeting a few days ago. The bank has appropriated \$50,000 to lend to farmers of the county at a low rate of interest, in order that they may buy pure-bred stock to improve the quality of their dairy herds.

94 BILLS PASSED AT SPECIAL SESSION

"Emergency" Issues and Much
Else Handled by Solons
In Past Week.

The special session of the legislature adjourned Sunday morning after 3 o'clock. It left a record of passing favorably on 94 bills, and a miscellaneous assortment of memorials and resolutions, some of which were more important and affect to a greater degree the general public than do the bills.

The house obtained the passage in the senate of 53 of its measures and the senate managed to get 41 bills through the house.

Every measure which the governor suggested as an emergency and on which he based the call for the extraordinary session was passed. In addition to this emergency legislation was a mountain of other more or less important matter.

What action Governor Olcott will take on the bills before him is not known, but there are rumors that he may use the veto ax with telling effect within the next few days. It is considered probable that the executive may veto the series of bills which place county roads on the present state road map.

The special session demonstrated what an Oregon legislature can do when so disposed. Before the session opened it was freely predicted that the session would continue anywhere from 10 to 20 days, and the average prognostication was for two weeks.

The only thing that prevented a longer session was the adoption early in the week of a concurrent resolution to adjourn at noon Saturday. Futile attempts were afterward made to break this agreement.

As to the character of legislation offered, it was far from "extraordinary" and was almost entirely of the type presented at a "regular" session.

The working organization of senate and house operated much more smoothly than at the 1919 session. President Vinton and Speaker Jones were imbued with a desire to make the session short and efficient and to this end they enforced the cloture whenever possible to expedite and dispatch routine business.

Of the program presented by the governor little was heard during the week for the lawmakers enacted the suggested legislation as a matter of course, and there was no opposition anywhere to it. As expected, the fish and game commission was a storm center, but the commission was vindicated by the legislature when the solons created a new fish and game board and elected to it the members of the old commission.

A small minority of senate and house, which specialized in agitating patented pavement a year ago, resorted to the same practices at the special session and, as in 1919, were defeated.

Of political legislation there was considerable. There is referred to the people an amendment to the constitution relative to succession when there is a vacancy in the office of governor. Under this measure the president of the senate succeeds to the executive post until the next general election.

A resolution calling upon Governor Olcott to resign so that the people can vote for a governor in November was introduced and thereafter disappeared. A bill for a straight party ticket passed both houses, over the protests of all the democratic members and several republicans, two of whom are republican county chairmen.

To aid in carrying on the highway building, a constitutional amendment will be submitted to the people, increasing the limit of indebtedness for roads from 2 to 4 per cent. If this amendment is favored by the people the highway commission is authorized to issue \$10,000,000 of bonds. There was little opposition to these twin measures.

A difference of opinion exists among members regarding placing county roads on the highway map, but a majority favored passing every bill of this kind that was introduced. Unless these county-state road bills are vetoed, other counties are expected to follow the lead at the next regular session.