

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.

Formation of a tribunal by the soviet of Irkutsk to try Admiral Kolchak, ex-head of the all-Russian government in Siberia, was reported in a dispatch to the London Daily Mail from the town of Manchuria, near the border between Siberia and northern China.

Dispatches to Buenos Aires from the state of Minas Geraes, Brazil, report that an earthquake Sunday shook down a number of houses in the country districts, creating great panic among the inhabitants. The dispatches say that in intensity the earth shock is without precedent in that region.

Barbers in Modesto, Cal., increased the price of haircuts to 65 cents and shaves to 35 cents. One reason given is that prohibition has sent the price of hair tonics so high that customers prefer to grow bald rather than pay for treatments, and the rises on haircuts and shaves are expected to take care of the loss.

New low records for British, French, Belgian, Italian and Danish exchange were established in the New York market Monday on a resumption of recent pressure to sell. The pound sterling at \$3.43 1/2 was 4 1/2 cents under its previous minimum for a discount of about 29 per cent from the normal of \$4.86 1/2.

The purchase of 17,000 caskets at a cost of \$1,104,508 to be used for the return of army dead from Europe has been completed by the war department, in accordance with its announced policy to return as soon as practicable the bodies of American soldiers buried in France to the next of kin for interment in this country.

Secretary Glass has asked congress for two million dollars for use in stopping the smuggling of liquors into the United States. Mounted inspectors will be placed on duty along the Mexican and Canadian borders in sufficient numbers "to patrol hundreds of highways, paths and streams that afford easy means of egress for smugglers."

Three months' bickering and an almost unbreakable deadlock on the oil land leasing bill were ended late Monday through agreement by house and senate conferees. Senator Smoot, Utah chairman of the senate managers, announced the conference report would be submitted to the house and an effort made to obtain immediate consideration.

Elimination of useless employes in non-productive business, the speeding up of all lines of industry commensurate with the present activity of the farmers and determination of retailers and jobbers to exact only a reasonable profit were recommended as a solution for the high cost of living problem by Edwin T. Meredith on taking the oath of office as secretary of agriculture.

More than \$4,000,000 worth of furs were sold Monday in St. Louis at the opening of the winter auction of the international fur exchange. Price advances were recorded in virtually every lot sold. Nine thousand government sealskins brought \$1,282,000 and 4000 for the Canadian government netted \$572,000. The top price on seal was \$177 a pelt, a 55 per cent increase over last September.

Rural mail carriers are now resigning at the rate of 50 a day. W. D. Brown, representing the National Rural Mail Carriers' association, told the senate postal committee, adding that the service faced serious difficulties unless financial relief was accorded the employes soon. He asked a permanent increase of approximately 60 per cent over the present base pay of \$1200 per annum, with a minimum base of \$1920. The increased annual expense would be about \$58,000,000, he said.

TREASURY TO REDUCE BANKS

Reduction in Number of Depositories Plan—To Save Interest.

Washington, D. C.—Drastic reduction in the number of national banks designated as government depositories is being made by the treasury department with the result that less than 400 of 1341 such institutions holding federal funds on June 30, 1919, are expected to escape the pruning knife.

Changes in the government's financial situation, brought about by war's fiscal operations, it was said officially here, have made it necessary to abolish hundreds of the depositories and revise the plan for distribution of government monies among banks employed since prior to 1912.

While the treasury is cutting off the inactive accounts, it also is reducing the balances carried by many other banks—in all, in fact, where government transactions do not require the use of large sums.

"Scientific apportionments," it is said, "will be the basis in the future for disposition of surplus funds." Officials explained the new policy as to depositories would operate so that each bank would be able to realize equal returns on the basis of business done for the government.

Included in the list of national banks already struck off are 566 banks which had accounts of only \$1000 and which were designated as government depositories during the administration of Franklin McVeagh as secretary of the treasury under President Taft.

Practically half of the banks to be deprived of government balances already have been eliminated from the rolls and outstanding balances thus have been reduced from \$52,000,000 to \$27,000,000. Officials were reticent as to the geographical location of the depositories canceled.

VOICES FROM AIR STARTLE KEYMEN

New York.—The possibility of carrying on wireless telephone conversations at any distance is believed to have been brought within reach by experiments conducted by Robert F. Gowen, engineer in charge of the De Forest Radio company station on Overton road, Ossining, the results of which were made public Sunday. Employing a small aerial, a wave length of only 375 meters and one-third kilowatt of power, Mr. Gowen has talked to Chicago and other western cities in ordinary tones and been heard without difficulty.

His apparatus is a development of that used during the war, but his achievement goes far ahead of anything accomplished then. During the war conversations were engaged in between airplanes and the ground or by ships a few miles distant from one another. In Mr. Gowen's experiments which have been carried on during the last 30 days, he has talked over a distance of 90 miles.

"We have reached the commercial development of the wireless telephone I should say," he stated, "for a distance of at least 300 miles—a service that is identical with the long-distance telephone."

An important phase of the work is that it has progressed during great static and atmospheric disturbance and interference from other stations.

"In spite of all this," said Mr. Gowen, "when I picked up the telephone transmitting apparatus at Ossining and spoke into it, just as anyone might speak into the ordinary telephone, I discovered that my voice was being distinctly heard, first of all, in the little town of St. Mary's, O. The radio amateur at St. Mary's, it seems, was at that time picking up the local dots and dashes, and when he heard this voice from out of the air, the sending locator of which was reported to be Ossining, N. Y., he was, to say the least, somewhat startled."

"He immediately answered by sending me a telegraph inquiry which I distinctly heard in my own receiving apparatus. I then repeated my conversation to him and asked him to confirm the conversation immediately by letter. This he did."

Honorary certificates will be presented to the next of kin of the American soldiers, sailors and marines who died in the war, by the French government, through the posts of the American Legion on Washington's birthday, it was announced at legion headquarters in Indianapolis.

MARKET JUGGLING CHARGED BY JURY

M. A. Houser, Herbert Hoover and Others Involved.

ALLEGED WHEAT 'DEALS'

Advantage Said to Have Been Taken of Government Position to Boost Grain Prices.

Spokane.—Wholesale speculation in grain by milling companies of the Pacific northwest, among them three Portland concerns in which Max H. Houser, vice-president of the United States Grain corporation for the northwest, is declared by the report to be interested, is charged in a return made by a United States grand jury here Saturday afternoon.

Purchases of grain at the government fixed price, estimated by the report to total \$5 per cent of the Washington state crop of 42,000,000 bushels in 1919, by about half a dozen large grain concerns is charged by the report, which declares that by purported sales of grain to each other and through "manipulation of the grain market centered at Minneapolis," and by other methods, they have advanced the price to about \$1 a bushel above the government price.

The report charges also that the proposed plan for an appropriation by congress of \$150,000,000 for European famine relief is for the purchase of wheat "now owned largely by speculators and in some cases by interests directly and indirectly connected with some of the officers of the United States Grain corporation."

Reference is made to the reported purchase by Herbert Hoover, former federal food administrator, and Julius Barnes, president of the United States grain corporation, of an interest in a newspaper at Washington, D. C., and the report continues:

"We now note daily newspaper articles which seem to indicate that a propaganda is being carried on through the newspaper by Mr. Hoover urging the financing on a huge scale of wheat and flour shipments to European countries."

The report opposes such a plan, declaring "sales to Europe will benefit only individuals, and the consumer will pay the bills."

President Wilson Accepts Sec. Lane's Resignation

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson Saturday accepted, effective March 1, the resignation of Franklin K. Lane, for nearly seven years secretary of the interior. The necessity that after 21 years of public life he must "think of other duties" was the reason assigned by Mr. Lane for his withdrawal, and in reply Mr. Wilson wrote his hope "that your future career will be as full of honorable success as your past."

Mr. Lane's resignation was submitted last Thursday, his letter shows, but it had been known for many weeks he intended this action as soon as President Wilson could spare him. In discussion of his probable successor, Mr. Alexander T. Vogelsang, also of California, was mentioned.

Havana Has Big Fire.
Havana.—Fire destroyed the principal buildings of the American Agricultural & Chemical company and their contents at Regla, near here, Friday, with a loss estimated at more than \$10,000,000.

The flames are said to have originated on board the American wooden freighter Brookland, laden with nitrate, which was moored at the Regla docks, in Havana harbor. The Brookland is a total loss. Numerous explosions spread panic among the inhabitants of the village of Regla. Several firemen are reported to have been injured.

Virginia Hits Suffrage.
Richmond, Va.—Virginia Friday rejected the federal suffrage amendment by a vote of 24 to 10. The action followed an all-day session marked by stormy debate. This makes the second defeat of the suffrage question in the Virginia legislature.

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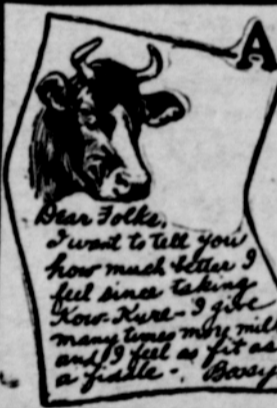
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Other benefits: to teeth, breath, appetite, nerves. That's a good deal to get for 5 cents!

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A Letter from Bossy

If a cow could speak she would talk about her health as people do—because cows suffer from ailments, little and big, same as human beings.

The most common cow ailments, such as Abortion, Retained Afterbirth, Lost Appetite, Bunches, Scours, etc., result from a diseased condition of the digestive or genital organs. Any of these diseases and many others can be successfully treated or prevented by using Kow-Kure, the great cow medicine.

Feed dealers and druggists sell it—60c. and \$1.20 packages. Free book, "The Home Cow Doctor," sent on request.

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Flies Seldom Crawl Downward.

A fly on a windowpane will crawl to the top, fly back to the bottom and crawl up again. This order is seldom reversed. It is on record that a fly crawled up a windowpane thirty-two times, returning each time to the same place.

There is nothing heavenly about war, or dyspepsia. The world is outgrowing the first and Garfield Tea will conquer dyspepsia.—Adv.

Divinity in Friendship.

The most I can do for my friend is simply to be his friend. I have no wealth to bestow on him. If he knows that I am happy in loving him, he will want no other reward. Is not friendship divine in this?—Henry D. Thoreau.

Garfield Tea keeps the liver normal.—Adv.

Getting It Straight.

Np, girlie, the court crier is not responsible for the sob stuff.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Skin Tortured Babies Sleep Mothers Rest After Cuticura

Soap 25c, Ointment 25 and 50c, Talcum 25c.

LISTEN TO THIS! SAYS CORNS LIFT RIGHT OUT NOW

You corn-pestered men and women need suffer no longer. Wear the shoes that nearly killed you before, says this Cincinnati authority, because a few drops of freezone applied directly on a tender, aching corn or callous stops soreness at once and soon the corn or hardened callous loosens so it can be lifted out, root and all, without pain.

A small bottle of freezone costs very little at any drug store, but will positively take off every hard or soft corn or callous. This should be tried as it is inexpensive and is said not to irritate the surrounding skin.

If your druggist hasn't any freezone tell him to get a small bottle for you from his wholesale drug house. It is fine stuff and acts like a charm every time.—Adv.

Better general health is sure to follow the use of the natural Herb laxative, Garfield Tea. It corrects constipation.—Adv.

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