

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.

The executive committee of the American Legion has put up to congress the proposal to pay adjusted compensation to former service men and women at \$1.50 for every day in service.

Major R. W. Schroeder of Dayton, Ohio, holder of the world's record for airplane altitude, plans a 10-hour flight from San Francisco to New York late this summer, flying at a height of 30,000 feet.

The application of the Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt, for a decree for restitution of conjugal rights, was granted by a London court Monday. The petition is the usual preliminary to divorce.

The treaty of Versailles failed of ratification for the fourth time Friday night, and then the senate voted to send it back to President Wilson with a notification that it had finally "refused to advise and consent to its ratification."

Two gangs of "gun men" clashed in a restaurant in Newark, N. J., Sunday. When the smoke cleared away the leader of each faction was found dead and another man, said to have been a participant, was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

Women voted Saturday at the democratic primaries in the Philippine islands to elect delegates to the territorial convention in April, when six delegates to the national convention will be chosen. It was the first time women had participated in a primary here.

The constant pacing of the sentinel behind ex-Emperor William when he walks in the Bentinck castle garden has greatly annoyed the one-time German ruler. On several occasions the ex-kaiser has told the guard not to follow him so closely but to stay out of sight.

Rear Admiral Sims told the senate investigating committee Monday that Rear Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations during the war and now chairman of the shipping board, was the officer who told him "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes; we would as soon fight them as the Germans."

The first walkout in what may be a general strike of Chicago city employees occurred Monday when 500 teamsters and chauffeurs quit work, tying up collection of garbage and interfering with street cleaning. The strikers demanded an increase of \$2 a day. The chauffeurs receive \$6 and the teamsters \$9.

Five German surrendered warships allocated to the United States under the armistice terms, a battleship, a cruiser and three destroyers, will be brought to this country next month, it was announced by the navy department. Under the supreme council agreement, the ships must be destroyed within a year after arrival here.

Brigadier General W. W. Harts, former commander of the Paris district of the American expeditionary forces, sailed from Antwerp Saturday for the United States, having been ordered home by Secretary Baker to testify before congressional committees investigating charges of cruelty at prison farms over which he had command.

Prices of standard shoes will be reduced during the spring and summer, John J. Slatter, president of the Retail Shoe Dealers' association, announced Monday in a communication to Arthur Williams, federal food administrator. Retailers at a recent meeting decided to be content with a smaller margin of profit, Mr. Slatter said. Reductions, however, will not apply to "all kinds of fancy and ultra-fashionable footwear."

Senator Frelinghuysen, republican, New Jersey, has introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to issue not to exceed \$30,000,000,000 of bonds to be exchanged for liberty bonds of the first, second, third and fourth issues, at the option of the holders of the liberty bonds. The proposed issue would bear interest at 3½ per cent, would be payable in 50 years, and would be exempt from all national, state and local taxes except state and inheritance taxes.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Eugene.—Lane county taxes are coming in at the office of Sheriff Fred G. Stickels at the rate of between \$8000 and \$10,000 a day, according to Earl Luckey, head of the tax department.

Eugene.—Sam Rubenstein, local fur dealer, who has just returned from a trip to the Middle West, where he disposed of a big shipment of furs, says there is a good market in that part of the country for all that the trappers of Oregon and Pacific Northwest may obtain.

Umatilla.—The recent rains have been a blessing to the growing crops and the alfalfa grower has hopes for a bumper crop unless the water shortage is acute. Farmers have their fields in good shape on the project and with many new irrigating ditches the prospects are good.

Salem.—The chamber of commerce of Enterprise and the Union County Ad club of La Grande have adopted resolutions endorsing the 2-mill elementary school tax measure, according to telegrams received at the offices of J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Salem.—Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state, has mailed out several thousand pamphlets containing a digest of the election laws of Oregon. The pamphlet is a biennial product of the secretary of state's office and is much sought by voters and officeholders in all sections of Oregon.

Bend.—A change in operation which will mean the addition of 150 men to the payroll of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company in this city, and which will increase the production of the plant by 50 per cent, will be made early in April. A third shift will be added to the company's big pine mill here.

Boardman.—The school board has voted to apply for the establishment of an agricultural course in the high school under the Smith Hughes act. C. C. Johnson, instructor in the State college at Pullman, has been offered the position when the course opens. Other teachers elected to fill vacancies were Naomi Runner and Blanche Scharman, both of Falls City.

Salem.—The law enacted at the 1919 session of the legislature providing for a tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline and ½ a cent a gallon on distillate sold in Oregon has returned to the state up to March 1, 1920, proceeds totaling \$390,912.22, according to a report prepared by Sam A. Koser, assistant secretary of state. The law went into operation on February 26, 1919.

Roseburg.—With the object of organizing the sheep and goat raisers in Douglas county, Agriculturist C. J. Hurd has called a meeting which will be held here April 2, when breeders will be urged to improve the grade of their herds by heading them with purebred sires. Another matter to be considered is the co-operative uniform marketing and grading of wool.

Astoria.—The second unit of the Astoria Flour company's big plant was placed in operation Thursday. The first unit is now running to practically full capacity and within the coming few weeks this mill will be turning out 4000 barrels of flour a day. This will make the total capacity of the company's two plants approximately 5200 barrels of flour, as well as a large amount of feed, every 24 hours.

Salem.—Because of alleged standardization of prices charged by surety companies for bonding contractors engaged in state highway work, and the resulting additional cost of thousands of dollars to the state, J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, is working out a plan he expects to submit to the state legislature at its next session. The proposed measure provides that the state shall assume the burden of furnishing these bonds.

Pendleton.—Eighteen thousand acres of Indian lands will be leased upon sealed bids on May 8. Announcement of the availability of this land for lease has been made by E. L. Swartzlander, superintendent of the Umatilla Indian reservation here. There are about 204 parcels in the offering. Not more than 800 acres can be leased to one person. The rules under which the land is leased also provide that two-year leases only will be accepted except when both parties agree to a four-year lease.

Salem.—Proceedings were filed in the circuit court here Friday by Edward A. Jory, representing the Marion county Taxpayers' league, to enjoin W. I. Needham, sheriff, and other county officials, from collecting taxes alleged to exceed the 6 per cent limitation by approximately \$48,000. The taxes involved include \$25,470 levied by the Marion county court for common school purposes, \$12,800 with which to provide a tuition fund, \$10,000 for making repairs to the Silverton armory, and approximately \$1000 for effecting transfers of school funds in the several districts.

TORNADOS DESTROY TOWNS; MANY DIE

Middle West and South Swept
Severe Twisters.

LOSSES IN MILLIONS

Brunt of Storm Hits Elgin, Ill., Edgerton, Ind., and Part of West Point, Ga., Wiped Out.

Tornadoes that struck in half a dozen states today caused a death list that may pass three score, caused property damage reaching many million dollars and played havoc with wire and railway service in widespread areas.

The greatest damage was done in Chicago suburbs and Elgin, Ill., where the known death list was 23 and a number of other persons were missing.

Atlanta reported that the death list in Georgia and Alabama was at least 36.

Apparently there were three distinct storms, one driving northward into Illinois and dying out on the shores of Lake Michigan, just north of Chicago; one striking in Georgia and Alabama and another sweeping through Indiana and passing into Ohio and Michigan.

Points suffering greatest damage follow:

Chicago suburbs—15 killed, hundreds injured, a dozen or more missing and damage of upwards of half a million dollars done.

Elgin—Eight known dead, several missing and scores injured. Property damage estimated at nearly \$4,000,000.

La Grande, Ga.—Death list reported as high as 30 and heavy property damage.

West Point, Ga.—Five reported killed.

Agricola, Ala.—Five killed.

Zulu, Ind.—Five killed; heavy property damage.

Townley, Ind.—One killed.

Monroeville, Ind.—One killed.

Geneva, Ind.—Three killed.

Greenville and Union City, O.—Sixteen reported killed.

Hart, Mich.—One dead.

Fenton, Mich.—Seven killed.

Genoa, O.—Several reported killed.

East Troy, Wis.—One killed.

St. Louis—One killed.

West Liberty, Ind.—Seven persons killed.

Nashville, O.—Three persons killed and scores injured.

New Cannon Fires Missile 120 Miles.

Paris.—Delamare Maze, a French inventor, Saturday sold to the French government the patent of a new long range gun which after thorough tests, has shown it has a range of from 100 to 120 miles. The shell leaves the muzzle of this gun at a speed of approximately 4158 feet each second.

Premier Lloyd George announced in the British parliament recently that England had been negotiating with France to secure the right to use the plans of the gun. The Belgian government is now manufacturing a similar cannon at Liege. American military attaches in Europe have written to the government asking that American representatives may be present at tests.

In connection with the development of this piece of ordnance which is called "the Turbon cannon," it may be recalled that two years ago last Tuesday the Germans began to bombard Paris with their long range "big Berthas," the shells falling in the city as if from an airplane.

Idaho Wheat Stores Big.

Boise.—Idaho has today in wheat reserve—unsold wheat from the 1919 crop—a total of 2,618,700 bushels, or 14 per cent of the crop. This fact is brought out in a statement on survey of grains in the state by Julius H. Jacobson, Idaho field agent of the government crop reporting service. The other grains on hand are: oats, 1,925,000 bushels; barley, 470,000 bushels; corn, 84,000 bushels. This agent says that the value of Idaho farm land is increasing rapidly each year, the average value per acre being \$14.63.

Driver Kills Wife, Self.

Billings, Mont.—Enraged because his wife locked him out of the house and refused him money, Frank I. Jones, a taxicab driver, Sunday smashed in a rear door of their home here with a hammer, entered his wife's bedroom and after struggling to wrest some money from her, shot her through the forehead and turned the revolver on himself. Indications are that death in each case was instantaneous.

REPORT BIG APPROPRIATIONS

Submarine Base at Astoria Approved
—Other Ports Fare Well.

Washington, D. C.—The house naval committee Monday reported favorably the following items of the naval appropriation bill:

An appropriation of \$250,000 for beginning development of a submarine and destroyer base at the mouth of the Columbia river on 115 acres of land given by Astoria, Or., was approved.

Other Pacific appropriations were approved as follows:

For improvements at Pearl harbor, Hawaii, \$890,000; at Mare Island, Cal., \$175,000; at Puget sound, Wash., \$320,000; ammunition depot, Pearl harbor, \$80,000; T. N. T. magazine at Puget sound yard, \$25,000; and fuel oil station, Cavite, Philippines, \$25,000.

The house refused to increase the appropriation for aviation from \$15,000,000 to \$25,000,000.

Without discussion, appropriations aggregating \$4,000,000 for the development of Pacific coast shore facilities were approved. Most of the money was for use at San Diego, Cal., the bill providing that the government accept from the city two plots of ground.

America's navy will about equal that of Great Britain in fighting power by 1924, Chairman Butler of the committee told the house in defending the provision in the naval appropriation bill for continuing work on the 18 capital ships now under construction. "In the next four years," said Mr. Butler, "the United States will put out the most formidable armada the world has ever seen produced in a similar period."

In 1924, he said, Great Britain will have 60 battleships, the United States 47, France 26, Japan 15 and Italy 13. While England will have more ships, he added, those of the United States will be about equal in power.

Representative Mondell, the republican leader, said that considering foreign exchange values, the \$425,000,000 total of the proposed American naval appropriation exceeded the British estimate for the year by \$100,000,000.

"For the first time in many years," he said, "the only naval establishment and programme in the world at all comparative with ours is that of England. No other navy or naval programme is of a size and strength even remotely approaching ours. In fact, since the practical wiping out of the German navy, all the remaining navies and naval programmes of the world, exclusive of England, do not equal ours."

Europe's Outlook Dark.

Rome.—Premier Nitti, outlining to the chamber of deputies Monday the policy of the new cabinet, declared all European countries were facing a difficult situation and were threatened with famine unless peace should quickly be re-established. The premier said that more than 300,000,000 workers do not produce the necessities of life. Russia and Germany were producing little. Europe, he said, could recover only by recognizing Russia and Germany. The political and economic disorder would disappear only when Europe had become imbued with peace, he continued, and Italy would work to this end, feeling that the interests of Europe should be put above hatreds and divisions.

Senate Confirms Colby.

Washington, D. C.—The nomination of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state was confirmed late Monday by the senate. The first business to receive his attention will be the issuance of about 4000 passports that have accumulated since Under-Secretary of State Polk ceased to act as secretary. Reorganization of the department will be another task. There are many vacancies to be filled and the office of assistant secretary has been vacant since William Phillips was appointed minister to Holland. Under-Secretary Polk will resign as soon as possible.

Grain Standard Scored.

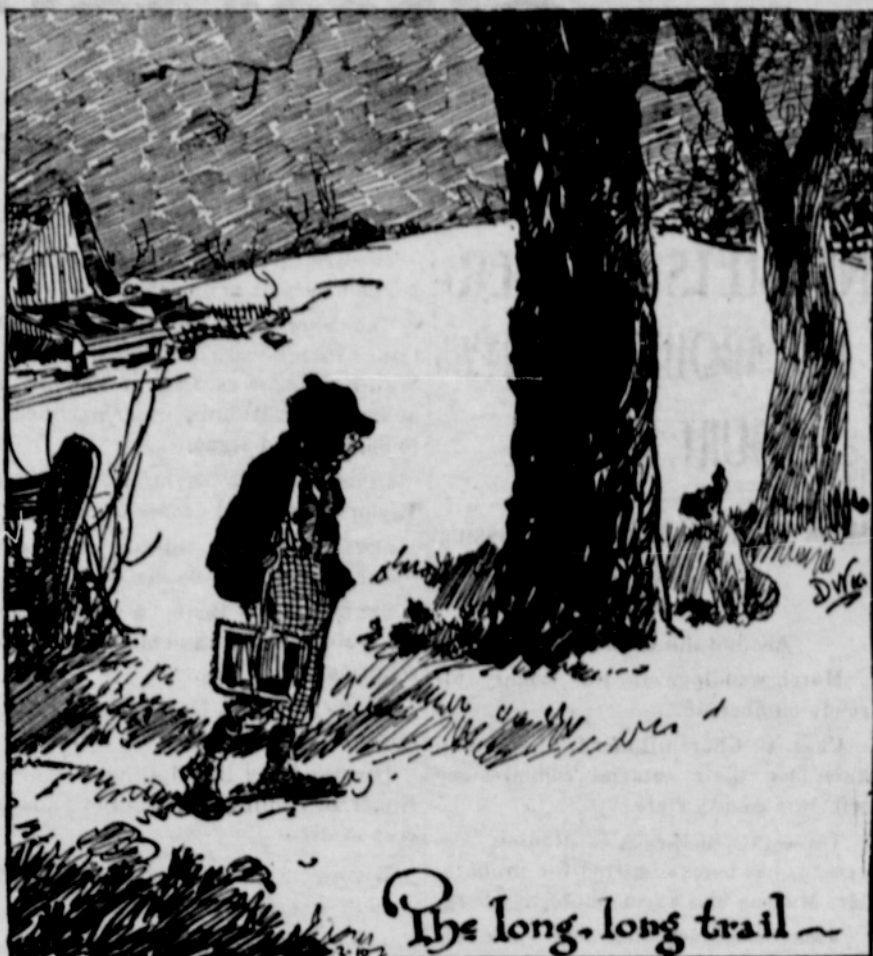
Washington, D. C.—Federal grain standards in effect in the three years in which they have been in force "have cost the spring wheat growers \$60,000,000," according to H. N. Owen of Minneapolis, who is here with a delegation from the northwest to urge modification of the rules.

Mr. Owen said that "if the recommendations are granted they will be satisfactory to the spring wheat growers."

Home-made whisky, believed to have been of the moonshine variety, caused the death at Reno, Nev., of Charles McAndrews of Medford, Or. The liquor was consumed from a near-beer bottle and McAndrews soon became ill and was taken to the county hospital, where he succumbed.

Radium valued at \$10,000 was stolen from the bureau of standards in Washington Wednesday night.

SCHOOL DAYS



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Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST

THE LITTLE SOULS.

He shall never live long who serves only himself.
He shall never be great who thinks only of self.

Though he grow to be gray
In his own narrow way,
He shall find that the gold
He has labored to hold
Is an empty reward for his long years of strife.
And too late he shall learn he has wasted his life.

He shall never be wise who thinks only of gain,
And toils for but what he, himself, may attain.
He shall sigh at the end
For the smile of a friend
And shall reap from his years
Only hatred and sneers,
And alone he shall sit at the end of his days
And wish he had traveled by kinder ways.

He shall never be big who has never been kind
But shall always be little of soul and of mind.

He may scramble and fight
By the stern rule of might
And may get to the peak
By destroying the weak,
But there he shall find that his conquests are spoiled
And robbed of their charm by the way he has toiled.

The service worth while is the service men give
That others in sunshine and laughter may live.

The big men are they
Who will pause on the way,
To play for another
The role of a brother.

The great men are they who are gentle and kind;
They live when they die in the friends left behind.
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UNDOING

By George Matthew Adams.

FORMATION is always better than reformation. The mended article is never as valuable as the original article. The field neglected and given over to weeds is never so fertile again. In like manner, the cells of a man's brain, given over to foolish and unprofitable thought are never so plastic for useful thought tracks again.

Everything is Easier and Better if always done Right—in the first place. The process of Undoing works havoc, not only upon the character of the one who Works or Thinks wrongly in the first place, but in many instances upon countless multitudes, while the time spent in Undoing represents an irreparable loss. Every time you start a new duty or piece of work, bring to the front of your mind this eternal truth—

Everything is Easier and Better if always done Right—in the first place. If we all could but view our acts in the light of Eternity—not forgetting that a single effort is never lost from Influence, we would set on guard our most trustworthy Sentinel to warn us against doing things Wrongly in the first place—which always means Undoing for us or somebody afterward. Why not write this down as one of your daily Mottos—

Everything is Easier and Better if always done Right—in the first place.

The king of Italy was the first of European royalties to learn to drive his own motorcar.

Rann-dom Reels

By HOWARD L. RANN

THE JOY RIDE.

THE Joy Ride is a successful method of killing dull care and anything else that gets in the way.

There are two kinds of joy rides—drunk and sober. Most of the automobile accidents which are played up on the front page every few minutes are due to the joy rider who is so full of booze that he can't tell whether he is in the road or the river. Every once in a while an automobile will fall into the palsied grasp of some driver who has become soundly saturated up to his eyelashes, after which he starts out to see how fast the car will run when it is opened up to the bright blue sky. When two joy riders who are in a state of death-defying alcoholism meet each other head-on, there is a noise like blowing up a munitions factory, followed by the still, small voice of the hospital interne.

If every joy rider could be taken out of the front seat and tested for alcohol before being allowed to run down other people, it would be safer



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to venture out after day with one's family. What we need in this country is a law requiring every automobile driver to drink nothing but buttermilk for forty-eight hours before starting out for a record run through the main streets. A man with a new automobile can do enough harm to himself without having to dodge a relay of orieyed joy riders to whom death in any form would be sweet.

The best kind of joy ride to take is that which a careful husband and father uses when he hauls a carful of wife and children out in the country. One of the nicest sights we know of is that of a man who would rather ride at fifteen miles an hour, accompanied by six pounds of cold chicken and nine hundred pounds of family, than snort over the roads like a runaway freight engine and fresco the lineaments of sane people with dust.
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