

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 Tokio war office announces the imminent signature of a Russo-Japanese agreement. It will concede virtually all the Japanese demands, it is declared.

The supreme court recessed Monday until May 17 without handing down a decision on the constitutionality of the prohibition amendment and the enforcement act.

An increase from 2 to 3 cents a copy, effective May 3, was announced by the Detroit News and the Detroit Journal, evening papers. Increased production cost is given as the reason.

General Pershing Friday kissed more than a score of pretty young Balboa girls in the course of his inspection of Panama canal activities, afterward presenting them with a cup as a reward for war work.

Ruth Taylor, aged 8, and Ruby Moger, 7, school girls, were struck by lightning and killed Monday afternoon at a schoolhouse near Dunning, Neb. The building was demolished but none of the other occupants was injured.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen at Cleveland, O., announced Monday night that 61 chapters of local lodges have been revoked because members participated in an unauthorized strike of switchmen.

The police barracks at Gortin, County Tyrone, Ireland, was burned Saturday morning by 40 armed men who held up the village and prevented interference. The police buildings at Plumbridge also were burned.

The stock of gold coin in the treasury has been depleted to such an extent that immediate resumption of gold coinage has become imperative, congress was informed by Raymond T. Baker, director of the mint.

An indictment charging Charles W. Morse with violating the shipping board act, which prohibits the sale of American registered vessels to foreigners, was returned by the New York federal grand jury Monday.

When Mrs. G. F. Johnson of Yakima, Wash., surprised two burglars at work in her home they thrust her into a closet and nailed up the door before fleeing. She was released some time afterward by a telephone employee.

A picturesque pageant, commemorating the establishment of the Hudson's Bay company, 250 years ago, took place at Winnipeg, Man., on the Red river Monday. It epitomized in every possible way the company's activities.

Henry Jones Ford, professor of politics at Princeton university, and James Duncan of Quincy, Mass., a former vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, have been nominated by President Wilson to be members of the interstate commerce commission.

Fifty-one persons were killed and approximately 100 injured by a tornado which swept away Peggs, Okla., a small town in Cherokee county, Sunday night, according to reports sent to Muskogee, Okla., by relief workers. Many of the injured are seriously hurt, the reports said.

Thomas Morris, aged 126 years, died Saturday morning at the home of Charles Mitten, ranchman, eight miles northeast of Ansley, Neb. He was born in Berren, North Wales, January 15, 1794. The aged man never married and was a cobbler for 100 years. He came to this country in 1871.

May day passed in Paris with a series of small riots and disorders in which at least three persons were killed, one of them a woman, and many wounded, but without the declaration of a nation-wide general strike which the union workers expected from the general federation of labor.

One of New York's largest department stores inserted advertisements in Monday's newspapers announcing that it would attempt "to break the backbone of high prices" by offering its stock valued at \$20,000,000 at a reduction of 20 per cent. The only goods excluded will be about \$50,000 worth of merchandise purchased under price restrictions which cannot be "honorably changed."

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Medford.—The Russ mill in this city has been taken over by the Monarch Seed and Feed company, Leo J. Mischke, president from Ralph W. Elden of Central Point who has operated it for the last two years.

Cove.—French Bros., dealers in thorough-bred sheep, and their mother, Mrs. Adelaide McKennon, of Clarksburg, Ark., completed the sale of their 680-acre farm, one mile out of Cove, Saturday to Steward McAnish and sons, J. S. and L. B.

Salem.—Mrs. May Gordon reported to the police Friday night the theft of 4000 loganberry tips. Mrs. Gordon had cut the tips for market. Sheriff Needham sent out a warning advising all persons who are accosted by vendors of loganberry tips to notify his office.

Salem.—Due to the fact that only one squadron of airplanes will be assigned to the Pacific coast for forest fire patrol work during the summer of 1920, and that this patrol will be confined to California, F. A. Elliott, state forester, has started arranging his field forces for the coming season.

Salem.—Because the state highway department is alleged to have infringed upon paying patents of Warren Brothers in disregard of a legal opinion submitted by Attorney-General Brown the state now faces the possibility of having to pay to the corporation approximately \$240,000 in royalties.

Baker.—After a three days' visit in Baker, during which time they have inspected dairies which are furnishing milk to the city grocery stores, meat markets, restaurants and grills, F. M. Phillips and W. B. Duncan, deputies of the Oregon dairy and food commission, report that they have found conditions in this district "fair."

Salem.—Because the city of Salem apparently has shown no disposition to pay outstanding warrants dating back as far as 1914, and in some instances has not paid the interest on these obligations local bankers have notified the council that they do not take kindly to the idea of advancing money for street improvements during the present year.

Tillamook.—The measure for higher education and elementary schools and the 4 per cent road amendment were unanimously indorsed Tuesday night at a business meeting and banquet in the Tillamook hotel of the Tillamook County Business Men's association, which was largely attended by merchants and dealers from all over the county.

Heppner.—State Engineer Percy Cupper was in Heppner last Friday evening attending a meeting of the board of directors of the John Day irrigation district. A number of problems were discussed with Mr. Cupper, and it is believed the preliminary work will soon make possible financing the district for sufficient funds to carry on the first development work.

Salem.—Sunday, May 16, has been designated as educational day in a proclamation issued by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction. Ministers throughout the state will be asked to arrange special educational programs or to devote one of their sermons to an explanation of the educational measures to be voted on at the special election on May 21.

Hood River.—All embargoes against movement of freight are lifted and the Apple Growers' association is rushing shipment of apples in an effort to clean up the 80 carloads remaining here. While the fruit, of Newtown variety and in good condition, will keep for an indefinite time, the agency wishes to complete the deal and be ready for the strawberry harvest, which will begin the latter part of this month.

Salem.—Oregon will not get any captured German field guns or other confiscated war equipment until congress passes an act providing for the distribution of this class of material, according to a telegram received at the executive office from P. C. Harris of the adjutant-general's office at Washington. One bill is now before congress, however which, if passed, will allow Oregon a number of guns of 77 caliber and above.

Arrangements have been completed for increasing the size of the Tumalo fish hatchery near Bend, and building brooding ponds and dikes, as the result of a trip made by Wardens Burghdoff and Clanton and Game Commissioner Gill over the week end. The party also visited Twin lakes, south of Bend, to investigate conditions preventing steelhead and eastern brook trout planted there from spawning. The lakes have no spawning grounds, so it will be necessary to continue planting and stocking them by artificial propagation. Steelheads planted several years ago now weigh from five to ten pounds.

8 KILLED; 38 HURT IN TRAIN WRECK

Electric Cars Hit Head-On Near
Bertha Station.

TWO CHILDREN DEAD

Front Coach, Lifted Into Air, Sweeps
Along Floor of Other, Pinning
and Crushing Victims

Portland.—Eight persons, three of them women and two of them little children, were killed and 38 other persons were injured Sunday when two fast-moving Southern Pacific red electric trains met head-on near Bertha station, just outside the city limits of Portland.

Four of the injured were so seriously hurt that they may die. The failure of an engineer-motorman, long in the service of the company, to obey orders, was the cause of the wreck. This engineer, Silas K. Willetts, of train 124, inbound from Hillsboro to Portland, died in his cab as the two trains crashed.

His train, No. 124, ran past Bertha station, where it was under orders to pass train 107, the McMinville passenger, outbound from Portland.

It did not stop at Bertha at all, but proceeded at high speed down about half a mile of straight track beyond that station toward Portland.

At the end of this tangent of straight track the track starts to swing in a curve around a high bank. This was the point where the two trains met head-on.

Train 107 from Portland, with three cars, was just rounding this curve. The inbound train, with two cars, had just reached it. They met at high speed, each engineer having time only to throw on the emergency air before they crashed.

Evidently each train had been hidden from the engineer of the other until they were within 200 or 300 feet of each other on the single track.

The wreck occurred at 10:23 A. M. The forward coach of the fast-going train 124 from Hillsboro bore into and through the vestibule of the forward car of train 107, lifted it slightly and shoved it partly off the track. But the lifted end of this front car of the outbound train from Portland sheared through the forward car of train 124, crushed the vestibule and continued on for about a quarter car-length into the coach.

It was here that all the deaths occurred. There were many people, including women and children, seated near the front of the inbound Hillsboro car. The heavy steel bumper of the other car, lifted as it was, slid along the floor of their car, plowed into them and crushed them. For the most part they died there as they sat, poor, mangled, twisted remnants of human beings.

This car in which they died was a passenger coach. Usually on the red electric trains of the Southern Pacific the smoker and baggage car is at the head of the train. This was the case with train 107.

But on train 124, composed of only two cars, this order was reversed. The day coach, with many women and children aboard it, was first and the smoker last.

Those killed in Sunday's collision near Portland were:

Mrs. Chas. A. Crooks, Hillsdale, Or.
Frederick J. Peebler, 304 Ross street, Portland, an engineer who was off duty.

Mrs. C. R. Arundell, Dosch station, Or.

Robert Arundell, 4, Dosch station, Or.

Fleuret Dosch Josselyn, 7, Dosch station, Or.

Silas K. Willetts, engineer of inbound train, 868 East Kelly street, Portland.

Newton Hoover, Beaverton, Or.

Ina L. Hatch, Hillsdale, Or.

Ten Held for Mail Fraud.

Kansas City, Mo.—William H. Woods, a resident of Chicago, was indicted jointly with nine other persons by a federal grand jury here Saturday on 36 counts, charging use of the mails to defraud in selling land. Nearly 2000 persons in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Michigan, according to District Attorney Wilson, have been victimized for an amount totaling approximately \$200,000.

Poles Win Way to Kiev.

Warsaw.—Polish cavalry entered the city of Kiev Saturday morning on the heels of the retreating bolsheviks. The infantry kept up its advance towards Kiev, cavalry detachments keeping contact with the infantry.

USE GEOPHONE IN MINE WORK

Listening Device Invented During
the War Found Valuable
in Industries.

LOCATES ENTOMBED MINERS

Greatest Value in Mining Will Be in
Connection With Rescue Work—
Can Detect Human Voice
150 Feet Away.

Washington.—After a series of important tests with the geophone, a listening device invented during the war by the French, to detect and locate enemy underground operations, the bureau of mines, department of the interior, announces that this delicate instrument may be put to a number of remarkable uses in mining and other industries.

The most extraordinary result of these tests is that the bureau of mines men have been able, not only to hear and locate sounds through the earth, but have actually understood talking through 50 feet of solid coal and have detected the human voice fully 150 feet away. What this may mean in the near future can only be conjectured. An engineer of the bureau was able through 300 feet of coal to distinguish nine out of ten different coal mining tools that were used at different times, so characteristic are the sounds. In one mine where experiments were being made at the face of a tunnel, the mine foreman who was listening heard workmen in another tunnel preparing to blast and ordered the engineers to retire until the blast was fired. The sounds were so clear he did not realize that the tunnel headings were over 300 feet apart.

Value in Mining.
The greatest value of the geophone in mining, so far as known, will be in connection with rescue work in mines. Quite frequently miners are entombed in coal mines following explosions, and these men may be located quickly and accurately through the geophone.

UGLIEST WOMAN LOVES BEAUTY

Says Love Cannot Exist Where
Every Sense Is Repelled by
What It Sees.

HAS MISSED MANY THINGS

Never Worn an Easter Hat or Attended a Dance—Has Never Known
Tribute of Other Women's
Jealousy—Not Always
Ugly.

New York.—How it feels to be the "homeliest woman in the world," her emotions as pretty hats and pretty gowns make a mockery of her every feature, and whether happiness and love have passed her by are questions answered by Mrs. Mary A. Bevan with the remark:

"Without beauty—some beauty of line or coloring—woman falls of her mission."

Mrs. Bevan has come to this country to capitalize her face—for her job is just to be herself with an American circus. She continued:

"Attractiveness may be X, the unknown quantity. But to remove it completely you get—me! Ah! Other women do not know what it is to

have people look at them and look away, and then look again, fascinated against every instinct. They do not know curiosity which is like a knife turning round and round in the heart.

"You see, I do not feel different from anyone else. I love beautiful things, and I would like friends and entertainment. But those I shall never have."

Something of the distortion in Mrs. Bevan's ugly features creates an impression of unreality. It makes one feel as if he were talking to a figure in a weird dream. And this despite her sweet gentleness of manner and her fascinating voice.

"You see," she went on, "the basic principle of a woman's life, whether she will admit it or not—is love. It is love of husband, children, humanity at large. And how can love exist where every sense is repelled by what is before the eyes?"

These are some of the things which Mrs. Bevan says she alone, of all the women in the world has never experienced:

She has never worn an Easter hat.

She has never attended a dance.

She has never been offered a seat in a street car.

She has never known the tribute of other women's jealousy.

It is true that Mrs. Bevan has the solace of four attractive and affectionate children, and it is for their support that she is to work as an exhibit in the circus, ultimate result of a contest to find the homeliest woman, held in the little town in England where she lived last summer.

"My marriage?" She repeated my question. "Oh, that was long ago, when I was a girl. You see, I wasn't so ugly then—hadn't arrived at the full perfection of ugliness. I was a nurse in a hospital and the cap and gown were becoming."

"Besides, my husband had opportunity to become acquainted with the real me that lives behind my face and my great stocky hands and my gorilla figure before he asked me to marry him. He never saw me like this, and I am glad. He is the one bright memory, with my children. They love me. So I have happiness and love in a measure. Life hasn't passed me by."

"But, oh, tell other women what they have! Tell them to make the most of their beauty, for they all have some."

Pig Proves Bear.

Tarrytown, N. Y.—Louis Murray, an employee on the estate of Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, saw a black animal in his path while walking along the Croton aqueduct. He thought it was a pig. He walked close to it, heard a growl instead of a grunt, and found it was a small black bear. Murray beat it quick.

MEXICAN PEONS LURED INTO TEXAS



A dinner of canned beans, corned beef and bread, prepared by hospitable Texas women, was recently served to 600 Mexican peons, who are said to have been lured into San Antonio, Texas, by labor offers of \$3 and \$4 a day. Only a few of the laborers could speak English, and many were without money. This photograph shows the Mexicans being served with dinner.

In metal mines also where men may be imprisoned behind falls or be barricaded in some part of the mine to which they have retreated in order to protect themselves from the fumes of a fire—these too may be rescued through prompt location.

When the bureau first began its experiments with the geophone, it was questionable whether the geophone could hear sounds far enough away to make it practicable. The experiments show that sounds can be detected through the earth a distance of 1,500 feet in a mined-out area in a coal mine, through solid coal, 2,000 feet.

The geophone is also of great practical value in metal mines where two tunnels have to be connected. At times in spite of correct surveying as is possible the two tunnel headings fail to come together. Just recently bureau of mines engineers were in a

mine where the two ends of the tunnel failed to meet, and the geophones, locating the error, showed the miners the right direction.

Locates Fire in Mine.

Observations with the geophone have also been made at mines which were on fire, where it was found that the fire made noise enough to be heard some distance, either because of its drawing air or the breaking off of bits of coal and slate. The geophones by thus locating the fire give information which may enable the mine management to erect fire stopping in the proper places or to make a direct attack on the fire as for example by drilling holes for injecting water to the seat of the fire.

It is also the custom in some mining localities to drill a hole from the surface into a mine to carry pipe lines or cables. Oftentimes these drill holes do not go to the right places, and it is with considerable difficulty and expense that tunnels are driven to meet the drill hole. With the aid of the geophone, the drills can be guided better, especially since drilling can be detected for nearly a mile.

Very satisfactory results have been obtained in attempts made to locate leaks in water mains. The water circulating in the ordinary city main can be heard with the geophones when they are placed on the surface, ten to twelve feet above the pipe. In the business district of Pittsburgh one leak was located within a few minutes, although the water department had been trying to find it for two weeks.

EXHUME MARINES IN FRANCE

Navy Department Prepares to Send
Bodies of Yank Heroes to
United States.

Paris.—Exhumation of the bodies of United States marines and sailors who died outside the battle zones in this country during the war has been commenced by the American naval department.

There are now 200 flag-draped coffins at Brest awaiting shipment to the United States, and the first shipment will be made late in April. There are about 600 American navy men in this category buried in France, mostly at base ports, and of these 400 will be sent to America.

Relatives of the remainder have expressed a desire that their dead be left in France. More than 6,000 marines died in the battle zones and these will be exhumed by navy units next November.

USE FOR CELLARETTE



When prohibition came on, Mr. E. J. McMullin, a Philadelphia artist, found a very good and antique cellarette on his hands. He purchased necessary parts of a phonograph and converted the cellarette into an excellent talking machine which now dispenses grand opera or jazz music instead of wine.

EDITH CAVELL MEMORIAL



View of the new Nurse Edith Cavell memorial in London, with the scaffolding being removed. The statue of the nurse is still veiled.