

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.

Utah has 25,662 farms containing 5,050,410 acres and valued at \$311,274,728, the census bureau announces. The value of land and buildings shows an increase of 107.4 per cent as compared with 1910.

The Belfast city hall at Cork was set afire Tuesday morning and reports from that city state the Thomas Ashe Sinn Fein club and the Charlotte quay are ablaze. Much damage has been done, it is stated.

James Funge, clerk, and an American citizen, was arrested together with Martin Ryan, manager of, and James Burke, a contributor to the Sinn Fein newspaper, Young Ireland, during a raid on the offices of the newspaper Tuesday.

But for deaths from tuberculosis and respiratory diseases contracted during the influenza epidemic in 1918, the army death rate for the last year would have been very low, according to the annual report of Surgeon-General Ireland.

Funeral services were held in Long Beach, Cal., Friday for Eugene W. Chafin, prohibition candidate for president in 1908 and 1912, who died Tuesday from burns received November 20, when his clothing caught fire from a gas heater.

Federal Judge Landis has granted 32 temporary injunctions to close as many "black and tan" resorts and roadhouses on application of Attorney-General Brundage of Illinois. Mr. Brundage filed 72 such petitions under the prohibition act last week.

Seven men imprisoned at the war prison barracks at Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City, as "conscientious objectors," since 1917, were released Wednesday on orders from the secretary of war. They are the last prisoners of that class to be released there.

Disbursements by the democratic national committee from July 5 to November 22 totaled \$1,308,007.32, and receipts \$1,329,236.74, said a final report on campaign expenditures filed with the clerk of the house of representatives by Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the committee.

"Mexico will not ask admission to the league of nations, but should an invitation to membership be extended by the league it would be given consideration." This declaration was made by General Alvaro Obregon, president-elect of the republic, in an interview with the Associated Press.

The Nichi Nichi in Tokio, denounces a speech made at the Roosevelt club in Boston some time ago by United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, in which Senator Lodge declared that the United States, Australia, Canada and New Zealand should be banded together to retard Asiatic immigration.

R. Wilmer Bolling, treasurer of the United States shipping board, and brother-in-law of President Wilson, emphatically denies allegations that he had participated in the \$25,000 fund alleged to have been distributed by Tucker K. Sands for obtaining a contract with the United States shipping board.

Charles Ponzi, promoter of a get-rich-quick scheme in which thousands of persons invested millions of dollars before it collapsed last August, pleaded guilty to using the mails in a scheme to defraud in the federal district court Wednesday. Sentence of five years in the Plymouth county jail was imposed.

William S. Hart, motion picture actor, was granted judgment for \$87,779.73 against Thomas H. Ince, film producer, in a decision in superior court in Los Angeles. Hart brought suit for profits he alleged were his under a contract made in June, 1917. Hart's attorney said the judgment meant Hart would obtain "accruing profits estimated at \$750,000."

Two surviving sailors and eight bodies from the lost barge W. J. Pirrie, including those of Captain Alfred Jensen, his wife and Peter Hohlmann, first officer of the ill-fated steel craft, have been found. The fate of the rest of the 21 souls on board was still clouded in mystery with a possibility that some of them might have managed to reach shore, where they may still be wandering about or lying helplessly until assistance arrives.

ASK AID HARBORS, RIVERS

Washington and Oregon Waterways
Needs Before Congress.

Washington, D. C.—An appropriation of \$785,000 has been asked for construction and maintenance on the Columbia river, below Vancouver, Wash., and on the Willamette river as far as Portland, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1921. The treasury estimates were submitted to congress at its opening Monday.

Other river and harbor appropriations for Oregon and Washington include the following:

Columbia river and tributaries above Celilo Falls to the mouth of the Snake river, \$32,000; Willamette above Portland, including the Yamhill river, \$46,500; Clatskanie river, \$3100; Coos bay, completing improvement and bar entrance, \$255,000; Coos river, \$3000; Yaquina river, \$3000; Snake river, Washington and Idaho, \$38,000; Lewis river, Washington, \$17,800; Cowlitz river, \$5700; Grays harbor and bar entrance, \$600,000; Grays harbor light station, \$20,000; Willapa river and harbor, \$52,000; Skamokawa creek, \$1000.

For the Klamath irrigation project, which received \$289,000 this year, an appropriation of \$713,000 has been asked for next year, and for Umatilla project \$467,000 next year against only \$170,000 this year.

Other amounts requested for Oregon for the coming fiscal year are: Klamath Indian agency, \$5750; Warm Springs agency, \$4000; Umatilla agency, \$3000; Salem Indian school, \$257,400; Grand Ronde and Siletz agencies, \$2500; Crater lake national park, \$26,400; Clackamas station, bureau of fisheries, \$10,100; Coos bay wagon road grant, for survey, \$125,000.

The enlarged appropriation for the Salem Indian school makes provision for repairs and improvements to cost \$25,000; a heating plant to cost \$40,000, and a boy's dormitory to cost \$70,000.

For vocational training of Alaska insane at Dr. Coe's sanitarium in Portland, \$5000 has been asked.

Mrs. Wilson Entertains

Mrs. Harding to Tea

Washington, D. C.—For the first time within the memory of the oldest attache of the White House, a first lady of the land entertained a next first lady of the land.

Mrs. Florence Kling Harding, wife of the president-elect, was the guest of Mrs. Edith Bolling Wilson, wife of the president, at an informal tea for two at the executive mansion late this afternoon. Mrs. Wilson met her guest in the front hall and escorted her to the blue room, where tea was served.

After Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Harding had chatted a while, they walked about the White House through the green and red rooms and the state dining room over which Mrs. Harding will be called upon to preside after next March 4.

Mrs. Harding did not meet the president, who had retired to his study on the upper floor to read, and she was not shown over the White House kitchen. Mrs. Harding prepared to depart after spending an hour with her hostess and had progressed as far as the front doorway when Mrs. Wilson, suddenly recalling details of the White House household organization which she had forgotten to impart, invited her back and they withdrew again to the blue room, where they talked for another 20 minutes.

Upon leaving the White House, Mrs. Harding remarked that she had "a very pleasant visit, indeed," but she asked to be excused from answering any questions as to her visit. This was her first meeting with Mrs. Wilson, and her first visit to the White House.

\$44,100 To Save Pants.

Boston.—A mother's letter complaining that her young son had worn out three pairs of pants in three months on chairs in the public schools was answered by the chairman of the schoolhouse commission, with the statement that \$44,100 had been spent this year to keep chairs and desks smooth. He said this boy's chair had been specially sandpapered at the request of his family, who said the youngster was hard on pants.

Dry Philippines Wanted.

Washington, D. C.—Extension of prohibition enforcement to the Philippine islands is proposed in an amendment to the Volstead law introduced by Representative Randall, prohibitionist, California. Representative Randall declared he found Manila to be the wettest spot on the globe when he visited the city last summer.

Hunger Strike is Fatal.

Tokio.—The first hunger strike in the orient on record, that of a prisoner incarcerated in connection with the Korean independence movement, ended fatally Sunday when the prisoner died in the Seoul jail. He had fasted 13 days.

EXPLODING SHELLS FALL ON BROOKLYN

Munitions Craft, Afire, Bom-
bards Residences.

MANY FLEE IN PANIC

Hundreds of Homes Near Fort Hamil-
ton Struck—10-Inch Shell
Strikes One.

New York.—Hundreds of homes in the Fort Hamilton section of Brooklyn virtually were under heavy artillery bombardment Sunday afternoon resulting from intermittent explosions of 6-inch and 10-inch shells on a steam lighter which caught fire while moored to the army reservation wharf.

Gathering together their belongings in a belief that the naval arsenal at Fort Lafayette, a small island near Fort Hamilton, was ablaze, terrified scores fled their homes for safer zones, driven to frenzied haste by the series of detonations heard for miles around.

An official statement from Fort Hamilton said no lives were lost and only four persons were slightly injured.

One of the terrifying incidents of the barrage was the 400-yard flight of a ten inch shell clear over the reservation and into a house in Fort Hamilton Parkway. The projectile tore a huge hole in the roof of the dwelling, passed through two floors, and buried itself in the cellar. The house, occupied by the family of August Galtner, all of whom escaped injury, was shaken with the violence of an earthquake.

The lighter, which was laden with 900 shells for shipment to Boston, was torn from its moorings by the violence of the first explosion. Two men on board escaped.

A naval tug soon reached the scene and in a desperate effort to prevent the flames from spreading to the wharf the commanding officer deliberately headed his craft for the blazing lighter and its exploding cargo. He stood her nose against the side of the lighter and pushed her away to a sand bar in imminent peril of his own craft being blown from the water. The naval tug had scarcely withdrawn when a heavy explosion tore the lighter apart.

Three Officers Killed in Round-Up of Bad Gang

Santa Rosa, Cal.—A mob estimated at 2000 Sunday night made two attempts to break into the Sonoma county jail here where four men and a woman were held under heavy guard as the result of a shooting affray in which three officers were killed and one suspect wounded.

The mob was dispersed after it had spent more than nine hours before the jail and officers said they believed all danger of violence had passed.

The shooting came as a climax to the search for men alleged to be implicated in recent attacks on young girls in San Francisco.

A number of men with a telegraph pole attempted to batter in the front door of the jail. The officers opened the door and seized one of the party said to have been carrying the pole.

The crowd at that hour was becoming rougher. Shouts of "Kill them!" "Hang them!" and "Lynch them!" were frequent. Up to that time the crowd had been rather quiet.

R. H. Campbell, confectioner, of Monte Rio, was the man seized. He was charged with inciting to riot. He was haranguing a crowd in front of the jail and assisting in placing the pole against the jail door, police said.

The officers inside the jail opened the door, reached out and took Campbell into custody.

A few minutes later those who seemed to be leaders in the mob spirit in the crowd outside the jail moved away about a block and began to discuss plans for breaking into the structure.

Cable Quest Stiffens Japs.

Tokio.—Decision to maintain its stand against the demand of the United States for control of the cable lines between Shanghai, Guam and the island of Yap has been reached by the Japanese cabinet, it is said by newspapers here. Japan is willing there should be a joint control of the cables by this country and the United States, says the Nichi Nichi and the Yomi Uri Shimbun states a third power has offered to mediate.

Trains Crash; 3 Hurt.

Creston, Ia.—Three persons were injured here at noon Sunday when Burlington fast mail train No. 7, ran into the rear coach of a passenger train, No. 3, standing in front of the station. Three mail cars on No. 7 were wrecked.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Eugene.—The mills of the Eugene Excelsior company in this city will resume operation early next week after having been idle for a number of weeks.

Klamath Falls.—The American National, fourth of the city's banks, opened for business last Wednesday. Workmen are still putting finishing touches on the building.

The Dalles.—Next year's convention of the Oregon State Hotel association will be held at Astoria, it was decided at a final business session held at the Hotel Dalles Sunday night.

Tillamook.—Requests made upon the county court by a group of representative business men of Tillamook for a \$10,000 publicity fund were turned down last week by the court when the budget was made up.

Prineville.—J. E. Meyers, county superintendent, has announced that the regular examination of applicants for state certificates will be held at the courthouse December 15 to 18. So far ten have announced their intention of taking this examination.

Salem.—Ownership of tide lands in cases where tidal streams, by process of erosion, encroach upon the lands of shore owners, follows the shifting boundary line to the line of ordinary high tide, according to a legal opinion given here by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general.

Salem.—Under amendments to the statutes approved at the special election held last May it is within the power of the voters of Oregon to approve bonds in the sum of \$96,654,236 for road construction and improvements, according to a report prepared by the state highway department.

Salem.—Hearing of the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an increase in rates throughout Oregon has been set for December 21, according to announcement made by the public service commission. The hearing will be held in the commission's offices in Portland.

Halfway.—The Cornucopia Mines company has practically exhausted its supply of ore for milling and has turned its attention to development work. It has made plans that include the spending of something like \$250,000 in two years' work. Two tunnels, each about 4000 feet long, will be driven.

Salem.—If the state game and fish commission does not desire the Santiam hatchery for trout work the commercial fish department will be glad to take it over, according to R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, and Hugh Mitchell, superintendent of the United States bureau of fisheries, who returned here recently after inspecting the plant.

Salem.—There were four fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ended November 2, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Victor Marlow, troubleman, Portland; Floyd Hardy, truck driver, Portland; Joseph E. Caldwell, laborer, Parkersville, Ky., and Harvey Straw, rigger, Powers.

Portland.—Business in Portland is holding its own in a satisfactory manner in spite of the fact that this is a period of readjustment, judging from the way bank clearings are holding up. Bank clearings for the month of November amounted to a total of \$152,476,407 compared to \$151,701,278 for last year. This is considerably over the bank clearings for Seattle for the month of November, which amounted to \$148,607,370.

Klamath Falls.—The Klamath Logging company, recently organized with a capitalization of \$250,000, will build a mill here next spring, directors announced recently. The chief stockholders are William Bray of the Oshkosh Land & Timber company, of Wisconsin; Charles J. Ferguson and O. D. Williams. The company recently purchased a half billion feet of timber on the Klamath reservation and is surveying for a spur track from the Southern Pacific railway to the logging site.

Salem.—Underwriting by the government of bonds in the sum of \$500,000,000 for the development of the Columbia river basin in the states of Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon, was proposed by W. E. Southard, an attorney of Ephrata, in a letter received at the office of the state engineer here Saturday. To carry on the development work successfully Mr. Southard would include the five states in an interstate improvement district, and place the project under the control of a commission to be composed of a man from each state and three men to be named by the government. The government would provide engineers necessary to promote the plan, according to Mr. Southard's proposal.

SCHOOL DAYS



THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"CIGAR."

A NUMBER of prominent etymologists, among them Littré, have endeavored to prove the word "cigar" is derived from the Spanish cigarra, meaning grasshopper, and that it was applied to the rolled leaves of tobacco by reason of their similarity in shape to the body of this insect. This explanation, while ingenious, hardly fits the facts in the case, for when tobacco was first introduced into Spain from Cuba, it was grown in gardens or cigarrales, as the Spanish call them.

The wealthier Spaniards had a fad of raising tobacco in their cigarrales and making their own cigars, which they would proffer with the explanation "Es de mi cigarra!" ("It is from my garden") as proof that the tobacco was wholesome and home-grown). Before long the expression changed to "Este cigarro es de mi cigarra!" which might be literally translated, "This garden product from my garden," and it was from this that the word "cigar" originated.

However, in the final analysis, the grasshopper does have something to do with it—for the Spanish "cigarra!" or "garden" is so-called because it is the place where the grasshopper ("cigarra") resides. (Copyright.)

THE WOODS

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THE MYSTERY.

Heard a rustle in the brush
Only yesternight;
Heard a rustle in the hush,
Somethin' out of sight—
Jest a footfall on the ground,
Shakin' of a tree;
But we argued all around
What the thing could be.

Jack, the stable-boy, he said
Likely 'twas a colt—
Farmer's colt that got its head
Broke its halter holt.
Bill, the cookhouse dunkey, swore
'Twas a bear or cub
Huntin' round the cookhouse door
For a snack of grub.

Pete, who likes to hunt when fall
Comes around each year,
Said it wasn't that at all—
That it was a deer.
Frank, who drives the two-ox pair,
Said they made him laff,
Said their colt or deer or bear
Simply was a raff.

So they set an' argued
What the thing could be;
Ev'ry fellow took a side,
Had a theory.
Jack he chimed it with the chaps,
Bill with all the boys;
Mac, who's deaf, he said perhaps
There wasn't any noise.

What the rustle was about,
No one ever knew;
But one fact I figured out
From that gabby crew:
People look with different eyes,
Hear with different ears;
That what closest to them lies
Ev'rything appears.

Ev'ry nation is the best
To the man from there,
Ev'ry state beats all the rest
When their sons compare.
Do you wonder at the lot
Of religious creeds?—
Each a special God has got
For his special needs.

Harp an' music fer the gay,
Huntin' fer the red;
Atheists expect to stay
Permanently dead;
Streets of sapphire for the Jew;
Fer the weary, rest—
Each, accordin' to his view,
Thinks his heaven best.

An' I'm puzzled, I admit,
Puzzled at the maze—
Heaven, you kin figger it
Forty-seven ways:
Heaven with a street of gold;
With a Jasper gate;
Heaven where the very old
Still must sit an' wait.

If there are so many there,
There beyond the blue,
Heavens round an' heavens square,
Gentle, injun, Jew—
All thet I can do is trust,
Since they can't agree,
When I lay me "dust to dust"
There'll be one fer me.

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MILITANT MARY

They say that
business is the
salt of life, well—
that's all RIGHT
But there is
such a thing as
OVER-
SEASONING
A MITE!

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