

## NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

### Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Lord Kitchener, of England, has prohibited the use of liquor in his household during the war.

Secretary Bryan has ordered a case of Oregon loganberry juice for table use instead of grape juice.

Villa and Zapata have agreed to the neutrality of Mexico City, but the consent of Carranza is lacking.

A rate expert declares some of the railroads asking for rate increases are already accumulating a surplus.

The United States begins an investigation into the death of an American on a torpedoed British liner.

Ten thousand men returned to work in the steel mills and factories of Chicago Heights, a suburb of Chicago.

An anarchist on trial for placing bombs in a New York church declared that a detective forced him to do the work and directed it.

A man arrested for vagrancy in San Francisco had \$5000 in bills in his pocket and proved himself to be the owner of buildings worth \$200,000.

Coast artillery companies at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, made from 90 to 100 per cent at ranges of 7000 yards, approximately four miles.

A writer in the London Daily Mail declares that dogs of the German dachshund variety are being treated shamefully in England, out of pure prejudice.

The British steamship Seven Seas and the French steamship Emma were torpedoed by German submarines off Beachy Head, in the English Channel, Thursday.

A commander of a German submarine says the service is improving rapidly with experience and practice, and the ring around England is becoming tighter every day.

Warships of the allies keep up an incessant bombardment of the Dardanelles, to prevent the Turks from repairing their damaged forts and to protect minesweepers.

The Ruskys Slovoe, of Petrograd, prints a note intimating that the Russian government has been approached through neutral channels with overtures from Austria for a separate peace without Germany's knowledge.

An Austrian steamer loaded with arms and ammunition, on its way from Semlin to Panosova, both ports on the Danube river, struck a mine in the river and was blown up. Serbian artillery completed the destruction of the ship and cargo.

German prisoners of war in French camps receive the same rations as their French guards, with the exception of a little less meat, and are in good spirits and well satisfied with their treatment. They all believe Germany is bound to win.

The French government is still buying horses in Eastern Oregon.

All efforts to raise the submarine F-4, in the Honolulu harbor have failed.

Salem, Ore., has a \$40,000 fire which destroys a large fruit plant and its contents.

Four persons drown at Seattle when an automobile skids and runs into the Duwamish river.

It is rumored that the Germans entrenched near Brussels will abandon their lines on account of the fall of Przemysl.

Part of the U. S. fleet that will pass through the Panama canal at its formal dedication, will visit Portland as well as other Pacific Coast harbors.

Governor Hunt, of Arizona, has decided that he was becoming too stout and forthwith decided on outdoor exercise—mowing the lawns of the capitol grounds every day. The chosen hour is noon, indicating that luncheon has been taken off the governor's schedule of meals.

A. L. Flynn, of Cottage Grove, Ore., is a puzzle to medical science. He has lived for months with a pulse beat of 30 a minute, that would mean certain death to normal persons. During Mr. Flynn's illness his pulse beat was as low as 13 a minute, remaining that way for several days and missing often.

At a British cabinet meeting recently there was every reason to believe that it considered the liquor question, and the stamping out of the evil, which is now one of the greatest problems of the nation. There still is much talk of prohibition, but it is not generally believed that this course will be adopted, although it is conceded that some step of a drastic and universal character will soon be taken.

### Seattle Car Men Strike; Riots and Disorder Ensnue

Seattle, Wash.—A strike of street railway employes working on the Seattle lines of the Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power company was called by a mass meeting of all labor unions held by the Central labor council Wednesday. The vote to call out the carmen was taken at 9 o'clock, and within a few minutes committees were out appealing to the motormen and conductors to leave their posts and join the union. The strike was called to compel recognition of the union.

Service on lines operated by the company was seriously interrupted, and during the first two hours was completely disorganized. On several downtown streets deserted cars blocked traffic until inspectors and shop employes appeared to remove them to the barns.

Except for these delays no line was completely tied up, although blockades occurred frequently when crowds which filled the streets at the principal junction points cut trolley ropes, broke windows and endeavored to take off crews who refused to strike. In a few instances trolley wires were broken and fell sputtering to the street but no one was injured, and the company quickly repaired the damage.

Sam Atkinson, international organizer of the Amalgamated association of Street & Electric Railway Employes of America, and W. B. Fitzgerald, chairman of the executive board of that organization, directed the movement. They said that 100 carmen had left their posts in response to the call and that they had 800 members who have applications on file as a result of their campaign. They said this demonstration was only the beginning of the strike and that within a few days the tie-up would be complete. They said the only question at issue was the right to organize.

A. L. Kempster, general manager of the company, disputed the union officials concerning the result of the strike call.

During the night the police were kept busy preventing attacks on the cars, which soon were without passengers. Many arrests were made on charges of disorderly conduct. None were streetcar men. Although several men were bruised or slightly cut during fights around the cars, no one was reported seriously injured.

Supporters of the strike movement advanced the argument that with jitneys available to handle traffic the public would not be inconvenienced.

### Four Prominent Pioneers of Seattle Die in River

Seattle, Wash.—Four persons, members of prominent Seattle families, were drowned in the Duwamish river late Tuesday when an automobile belonging to Mrs. Morgan J. Carkeek ran off the bridge at Allentown, on the Tacoma road, 10 miles south of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Prosch, Miss Margaret Lenora Denny and Mrs. Harriet Foster Beecher, an artist, were killed. All were members of prominent pioneer families.

The party, a delegation from the Seattle Historical society, was going to Tacoma to inspect the exhibit of the State Historical society there.

The chauffeur jumped clear as the automobile fell and swam safely to shore. Mrs. Carkeek also succeeded in getting clear of the wreckage and took refuge on top of the car, where she stood waist deep in the water until rescued.

Thomas W. Prosch was 65 years old, son of Charles Prosch, who founded the Puget Sound Herald at Steilacoom in 1858. He bought the Seattle Intelligencer in 1879, the paper being merged two years later with the Seattle Post. Mr. Prosch was editor of the Post-Intelligencer for some years and was the principal authority on Washington pioneer. He was postmaster of Seattle under President Grant.

Mrs. Virginia McCarver Prosch was a daughter of General Morton M. McCarver, founder of the city of Tacoma. She was 64 years old.

Margaret Lenora Denny was the daughter of Arthur A. Denny, who founded Seattle in 1851. Miss Denny was one of the last survivors of the schoonerload of people that landed at Seattle in November of that year. She inherited a great fortune from her father. She was 70 years old.

Mrs. Harriet Foster Beecher was the wife of Captain Herbert R. Beecher, son of the late Henry Ward Beecher, the famous Brooklyn clergyman. Mrs. Beecher was well known as a portrait painter and musician. She was 55 years old.

### French Buy Union Horses.

Union, Or.—A buyer for the French army has been here for several days contracting for all available heavy horses. The prices ranged from \$125 to \$175 a head. Some farmers are selling their older work teams and breaking in colts to finish seeding and do their summer's work. The supply of available animals is diminishing notably.

### MEXICO'S STRONG BOX IS LOOTED

#### Millions of Foreigners' Bonds Taken by Carranzaistas.

#### Railways Are Again Attacked in Vicinity of Vera Cruz—Villa Provides Food at Cost.

Washington, D. C.—An official statement by the Villa-Zapata convention government in Mexico City, received by the State department, charged that Carranza officials, during their occupancy of the capitol, removed from the national treasury government bonds and other securities valued at 16,000,000 pesos.

Many of these securities, which had been deposited as guarantees by concessionaries and contractors, are owned by foreigners. The public is warned in the statement that they cannot "be made the object of any legal transactions, since they are the property of the nation or of the depositors, as the case may be."

The authorities at Mexico City have asked the depositors to furnish duplicates of their receipts, so the securities may be recovered from any third party in whose hands they may be found.

Major General Funston, now in personal command of the forces at Brownsville, Tex., reported that all was quiet across the border at Matamoros, where a Villa force is preparing to renew its attack on the Carranza garrison. It is expected that another assault will be made as soon as the Villa artillery is in place.

General Funston made a report on rumors that there was firing from the American side during the fighting Saturday, which was summarized by the War department as follows:

"General Funston has telegraphed that officers on duty at the border during the recent fighting at Matamoros are convinced that there was no firing across the border from Brownsville. Colonel Blocksom reports that during the fighting he had officers watching the ground from which it is supposed the firing took place; that there was no shooting from the American side and that the firing came from a party of Villa followers stationed in a loop of the river, and who fired over the grounds from which the shooting from the American side was reported to have come."

State department advices from Vera Cruz reported trains and stations on the Inter-Oceanic railroad between that place and Jalapa were being attacked and service virtually was suspended. Trains were operating on the Mexican railroad, the dispatch added, but the situation was not much better. Between Ometusco and Mexico City the rails had been torn up and stalled trains were scattered along that part of the line. Service between Ometusco and Pachuca was stopped by the destruction of a bridge.

Navy reports from the West coast reported quiet except at Navajo, Sonora, where skirmishes were frequent. It was said there was no evidence of famine conditions in Northern Sonora, although food prices were high.

A State department report from Torreon said General Villa had ordered increased wages by all employers by a minimum of 1½ pesos a day and had opened stores where first necessities could be obtained by the people at cost prices.

### Lord Rothschild, Noted Banker, Dies Suddenly

London—Nathan Mayer Rothschild, first Baron Rothschild, head of the British branch of the great banking firm, died at his London residence at 4:30 o'clock Thursday. Lord Rothschild underwent an operation for the removal of the prostate gland on Saturday, the first intimation of this being contained in a bulletin sent to the London newspapers late Saturday night, in which it was stated that he was progressing satisfactorily.

On Sunday a bulletin conveyed the information that he had recovered from the first effects of the operation, and the impression was that, despite his age, there was no danger.

### Dockers May Be Enlisted.

Liverpool—Lord Derby announced that the government was planning to organize the dock-workers of Liverpool under the name of First Dock Battalion of the Liverpool regiment. The men are to be dressed in khaki overalls. This plan is to be adopted to prevent further delays in handling war supplies. Labor trouble among the workers on the Mersey recently has caused serious embarrassment.

### Two Ships Torpedoed; 150 Lives Are Lost

London—About 150 lives were lost in the sinking by German submarines of the African liner Falaba and the British steamer Aguila, bound from Liverpool for Lisbon.

The Falaba was torpedoed in St. George's Channel Sunday afternoon. The vessel carried a crew of 90 and about 160 passengers, and of this total only 140 were rescued. Of those rescued eight died later from exposure.

The Aguila had a crew of 42 and three passengers, and of these 23 of the crew and all the passengers were lost.

In both cases, on sighting the submarine, the captain tried to escape by putting on all speed possible, but the under-water craft overtook the steamers, showing that Germany now has some of her most modern submarines engaged in the blockade operations against England.

The captain of the Falaba, who was one of those lost, was given five minutes to get his passengers and crew into the boats, but, according to the survivors, before this was possible a torpedo was fired, striking the engine-room and causing a terrible explosion. Many persons were killed and the steamer sank in ten minutes.

Trawlers which happened to be in the vicinity rescued most of those who were saved; others got away in the boats, which were ready for launching and which were quickly lowered when the order was given to abandon the ship.

Those who were still on board the steamer when the explosion occurred were thrown into the sea and it took the fishermen an hour or more to pick up the persons in the water who managed to keep themselves afloat.

The Aguila was attacked off the Pembrokehire coast. The submarine, which in this case was the U-28, opened fire with her guns, shells from which killed a woman passenger, the chief engineer and two of the crew. Even after the crew had commenced to lower the boats, according to the story of the survivors, the Germans kept up their fire, and some of the boats were riddled with bullets.

The captain of the trawler Otilie, whom the commander of the submarine told of the sinking of the Aguila, went to the rescue and picked up the three boats containing 19 of the crew. The fourth boat, which contained the other members of the crew, could not be found, and it is believed that it had foundered. On their arrival at Fishguard, several of the crew wore bandages, having been wounded by the fire from the submarine.

Another Dutch steamer, the Amstel, of 495 tons, has been blown up by a mine off Flamborough Head, but her crew was rescued.

### Special Train Carries U. S. Troops to Border

San Antonio, Texas—Three batteries of the Third Field Artillery, including 450 men and 12 guns, in command of Colonel George W. Vandusen, at Fort Sam Houston, were entrained Tuesday for Brownsville and were ordered rushed to the border by a special train.

Major General Frederick Funston departed also upon receipt of advices from Brownsville after ordering out the artillery. He said that the infantry at Texas City would not be sent to the border for the present, but would be held in readiness.

General Funston, commanding the department of the South, will take charge of the situation at Brownsville and he has discretionary powers to act in the event firing into Brownsville by either Mexican force continues. He served formal notice on the commanders of the two forces that they would be held personally responsible for shots fired into the Texas town, and that American troops would be prepared to enforce the order.

An attempt is being made to surround and attack the Villa forces under General Jose Rodriguez, in camp at Las Rufas, by Carranza troops approaching in two columns from different directions, according to a message from Matamoros, Mexico.

One body of about 800 troops with 15 cannon was said to be moving from the south and another column under General Idefonso Castro, with 1700 men, was reported approaching from Nuevo Laredo and expecting to reach Las Rufas before daybreak Wednesday.

### Shot "Stray," Says Britain.

Washington, D. C.—American Consul Green at Hamilton, Bermuda, cabled the State department that the British authorities had informed him, "it was a stray shot," that hit George B. Montgomery, of Buffalo, N. Y., who recently was shot in the foot and seriously wounded while sailing near a camp of German prisoners of war in the Bermudas. The consul said a full report was being forwarded by mail.

### Italy and Germany Trade.

London—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Berne says Germany has agreed to send coal to Italy. Foodstuffs and certain other products are to be received in return, says the dispatch.

### F-4 IS LOCATED IN NEW PLACE

#### Lost Anchor of Battleship Has Deceived Rescuers.

#### Fragments of Superstructure Coming to Surface Verify Latest Discovery—Hope Gone.

Honolulu—After making the heart-rending discovery Sunday that rescuers had been working in the wrong spot, the United States submarine F-4 was definitely located outside the harbor. Pieces of the superstructure of the vessel have been brought to the surface.

W. C. Parks, civil engineer, has started construction of an immense diving bell, a large cast iron pipe seven feet in height, fitted with heavy plate glass ports.

A hydro-aeroplane has been made ready for instant flight if required.

The dredge California will shift its moorings, and tugs will criss-cross in all directions. Should their drags catch on the F-4, a chain net will be woven around the submerged boat and the floating crane from Pearl Harbor will attempt a direct lift.

Despair supplanted hope earlier in the day when two divers discovered that chains from the dredger California, which had been fould with something on the floor of the ocean outside Honolulu harbor since Friday, were not attached to the lost craft but to an old anchor.

All the resources at the command of naval officers here had been employed for two days and nights in an effort to raise this anchor which was supposed to be the F-4.

It is believed to have been lost by the battleship Oregon.

Streams of bubbles seen rising to the surface of the water and floating patches of oil had given encouragement to the belief that the dredge's chains had become lodged on the submarine, which disappeared Thursday when at target practice.

Efforts to raise the object that held the dredge's chains failed and crews of men worked untiringly to bring what was confidently believed to be the undersea craft into more shallow water. Naval officers, expressing the hope that life might remain in the bodies of some, at least, of the 21 men imprisoned in the F-4, sought to expedite operations in every way possible.

### Electrified Wire Fence and Puddle Kill Three

Los Angeles—When Cornelius Valkhoff went out to his rabbit hutch Sunday to procure a hare for a birthday dinner he stepped into a water puddle as he touched the latch of the hutch gate and fell dead. An electric cable leading to a nearby crematory had broken during the night and turned its 2200 volt current into the wire fence surrounding the hutch. Mrs. Valkhoff saw her husband writhe and fall in a contorted heap, and rushed out to aid him. She stepped into the puddle as she touched his hand, and fell across his body dead.

Harris Skinner, who occupied half of the Valkhoff dwelling, was the next to invade the fatal short-circuit, bent on giving aid, and he too, died.

The shrieks of the Valkhoff's children, who were uncomprehending witnesses of the tragedy, attracted A. T. Slaten, a policeman. Slaten entered the back yard just as the girls sped toward the deadly water puddle, and snatching their hair braids he jerked them back to safety. In doing so, however, he came into contact with the charged fence wire, and was thrown 20 feet.

### Italy Awaiting More Favorable Opportunity

Rome—Italian intervention has been postponed again. Despite the failure of Prince von Buelow's negotiations to conclude a permanent agreement between Austria and Italy, there is positive evidence that this country will not enter the war until toward the end of April, and possibly not so early as that.

It must not be understood that there has been any change in Italy's attitude, except in putting off intervention until a date when it is expected the Dardanelles will have been forced and Constantinople occupied, possibly with the co-operation of Bulgaria, and when the Russians will have passed the Carpathians and invaded Hungary.

### Three Cargoes Iron Ore Sunk.

Stockholm—The loss in the Baltic of three German cruisers, the Bavaria, the Germania, and the Koeningberg, all laden with iron ore, is announced in the Social Demokrat. The Bavaria went down March 15 with her entire crew. The cause of her sinking is not revealed. No details of the destruction of the other vessels are given.