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.

Carranza's troops are reported fleeing northward and in disorder.

Germany proposes to conserve her coal supply by regulating its use in saloons and places of amusement.

German newspapers deny that U-boat operations on the Atlantic coast can be construed as a blockade.

The state of Oregon will not become "bone-dry" until the legislature meets and fixes a penalty for importation of wet goods.

The Roumanian town of Tsomana, 16 miles south of Bucharest, has been captured by Teutonic forces, the Russian war office announces.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, addressing the reichstag, declares that Germany is ready for peace that will guarantee the future existence of that

Bessie Norton, 21, and Joseph Bowling, 26, were married on top of a 200foot concrete smokestack in an oil plant at Florence, Cal., Thanksgiving Day. Practically the entire city witnessed the ceremony.

Twenty-five stokers from the liner Makura rioted on the dock in Honolulu Thursday, prior to the steamer's departure for Sydney, N. S. W. Several of the Makura's sailors and Honolulu policemen were injured.

A two and one-half cent piece is demanded by the country, according to the director of the mint. His annual report recommends the passage of a law authorizing coins of that denomination from copper and nickel.

Eleven Industrial Workers of the World in jail at Stockton, Cal., on vagrancy charges, went on a hunger strike Thursday when they were served with only two meals and no turkey. Prison fare consisted of mush, bread and coffee for breakfast and beef stew, bread and coffee for dinner.

majority of 28,886 votes. Official fig. a sinking fund appropriation of \$60,ures compiled from every county in the 748,000 toward the public debt. prohibition 102,776, against 73,890 votes. Lewis and Clarke, Deer Lodge and Silver Bow are the only three counties in the state | 157,517. which give a majority against prohi-

The services of the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation were asked for Thursday by President Peyton, of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway, to adjust a controversy with the road's employes, which already had resulted in the brotherhood members voting overwhelmingly in favor of a

city council committee.

The Distilling Company of America, an \$85,000,000 corporation with a New Jersey charter, has filed articles of dissolution. The actual amount of stock issued is \$77,073,900.

An empty purse is valuable, Rev. Charles R. Brown, dean of the Yale Divinity School, told members of the Sunday evening club in Chicago. He said being without money makes people cut out expensive wickedness, starts a man looking for a job, and has an infallible power for pointing out real friends.

The Interstate Commerce commission report on the valuation of the Kansas City Southern railway shows that the railroad capitalized at \$99 .-052,000, including \$51,000,000 in stock and \$48,052,000 of unmatured funded bonded debt, could be reproduced new for \$46,274,363, or reproduced, less depreciation, for \$38,258,909.

Juarez fears an attack from Villa, who is reported as having taken Chihuahua.

Charles H. Sherman, who is believed to be the last of the famous San Francisco vigilantes, died in Santa Barbara, Cal., Tuesday. He was 91 years old.

Announcement was made at army headquarters at San Antonio, Tex., that the Third Minnesota regiment is scheduled to start home from the border on December 2.

The kaiser is planning to send President Wilson a Christmas gift.

Dr. Philip Mills Jones, editor of the California State Journal of Medicine, is dead in San Francisco. He was widely known in medical circles and was a trustee of the American Medical Association.

The American steamer Chemung, bound from New York to Genoa, was torpedoed Tuesday, and sunk off the oast of Spain. The captain refused to lower his colors and the ship went down flying the American Flag. The

Calendar Crowded With Bills-Railroad Legislation to Front.

Washington, D. C. — Congress re-convened Monday for a three months' session, with a calendar overcrowded with general legislation, facing railroad reforms and the high cost of living as new issues, and confronted with unprecedented estimates aggregating \$1,654,819,654 to meet expenditures of the government for the fiscal year

Both houses adjourned early as a mark of respect to the late Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, and Resident Commissioner Rivers, of Porto Rico, both of whom have died since the September adjournment.

Leaders of both houses will endeavor to expedite their work and frequent conferences to plan a program will be held as soon as the President indicates his desires. Besides railroad legislation, there is strong public demand for some legislative action to curb the soaring prices of foods.

In addition to appropriation measures, which always take time and must be passed, there are other issues. The corrupt practices bill further to limit campaign contributions and expenditures; the Webb bill, to grant authority to domestic corporations for maintenance of collective foreign selling agencies; conservation and other meas-

An investigation into expenditures of the recent national campaign is proposed and Senator Owen, of Oklahoma, will introduce a joint resolution asking that inquiry be instituted at once.

Hasty conferences of house leaders indicated that a "speed-up" program advocated by Speaker Clark will be adopted with only slight changes. Majority leader Kitchin joined with the speaker in declaring that the usual ness and thoroughness which are, with long Christmas holiday should be dis-

Although food embargo proposals are certain to create much discussion. few leaders are inclined to believe that any of them will be enacted into laws. Representative Kitchin thinks, too, that investigation of the high cost of living will be left to the Executive department.

It is regarded as doubtful that any of the President's railway legislation program will reach the floor before Christmas. Representative Adamson, chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee, who will pilot the measures, said that he would spend the Christmas holidays at home regardless of any adjournment agreement.

Estimates of the expense of all branches of the government for the fiscal year 1918, for which the session of congress now assembled must appropriate funds, total \$1,268,715,834. This sum is exclusive of \$325,355,820 to be appropriated for the postal service, which is expected to be returned Prohibition carried in Montana by a to the treasury by postal revenue, and

> The total appropriations for the fiscal year 1917, ending next June, exclusive of these two items, were \$1,184,-

The greatest increases are in the estimates for carrying out the national policy of defense. Where the War department's appropriations for the current year were \$381,482,802, its estimates this year are for \$421,352,447. The navy appropriation, which was \$315,613,781 for the current year, would, according to the estimate, be \$382,497,536.

For expenditures of the Panama canal, exclusive of fortifications, an An ordinance to put all private estimate of \$19,787,266 is submitted, banks in Chicago under city supervis- as compared with \$16,804,200 for the ion was recommended for passage by a current year. The total for the reclamation service is \$8,283,000, a decrease of \$601,000 from the current

> Estimates for the postal service aggregate \$325,355,820, an increase of \$2,618,141 over the current year. An estimate of \$1,224,000 is submitted for inland transportation of mail by steamboat or other power boat routes or by aeroplane, and it is provided that out of this appropriation the postmaster general would be authorized to expend not exceeding \$100,000 for purchase, operation and maintenance of aeroplanes for an experimental airplane mail service.

Fall of Glass Reveals Crime.

leg and broken pieces of glass near where several persons were standing Monday in front of the Soo Line building, led to discovery of the robbery of the Security Mutual Life Insurance company. F. A. Dickey, manager of the company, said \$39 in cash and \$831 in checks and a certificate of deposit for \$2650 had been taken. In blowing the safe the yeggmen had covered it with rugs and used a chair to hold them in place. A part of this chair was blown through the window.

Bear is Being Cut in Two.

Eureka, Cal. - Workmen Monday started cutting the wrecked steamer Bear in two with an oxy-acetylene torch to save 307 feet of the vessel, which will be taken to San Francisco. where a new stern will replace the old one. It was said nearly \$1,000,000

would be saved. The stern will be abandoned. It is planned to make the aft bulkhead of the sternless vessel watertight by ce-

menting it. Cyclone Killed 1000 Persons.

London - A Central News dispatch from Calcutta says it is estimated month ago sending 9000 pennies, be-1000 lives were lost in the recent cyclone in Pondicherry, the chief of the

CONGRESS OPENS SESSION RAILWAY STRIKE LEGISLATION PARAMOUNT LLOYD GEORGE MAY RESIGN CONSTANTING Vacate Cabinet Post as Protest

President's Message to Congress Urges "Eight-Hour Day Basis," "Right to Draft for Military Purposes" and "Ra so in Freight Rates" if Necessity Arises.

President Wilson's address to Con-

"Gentlemen of the Congress-In fulfilling at this time the duty laid upon me by the Constitution of communicating to you from time to time information of the state of the Union and recomending to your consideration such legislative measures as may be judged necessary and expedient, I shall continue the practice, which I hope has been acceptable to you, of leaving to the reports of the several heads of the executive departments the elaboration of the detailed needs of the public service and confine myself to those matters of more general public policy with which it seems necessary and feasible to deal at the present session of the

"I realize the limitations of time under which you will necessarily act at this session and shall make my suggestions as few as possible; but there were some things left undone at the last session which there will now be time to complete and which it seems necessary in the interest of the public

to do at once. Railway Labor Legislation Urged. "In the first place, it seems to me imperatively necessary that the earliest possible consideration and action should be accorded the remaining measures of the programme of settlement and regulation which I had ocon to recommend to you at the close of your last session in view of the pubdangers disclosed by the unaccommodated difficulties which then existed and which still unhappily continue to exist, between the railroads of the country and their locomotive engineers. conductors and trainmen.

I then recommended: "First, immediate provision for the enlargement and administrative reorganization of the Interstate Commerce commission along the lines embodied in the bill recently passed by the House of Representatives and now awaiting action by the Senate, in order that the Commission may be enabled to deal with the many great and various duties now devolving upon it with a prompt-

action, practically impossible. "Second the establishment of an eight-hour day as the legal basis alike of work and of wages in the employment of all railway employes who are actually engaged in the work of operating trains in interstate transporta-

its present constitution and means of

"Third, the authorization of the appointment by the President of a small body of men to observe the actual re-sults in experience of the adoption of the eight-hour day in railway transportation alike for the men and for the

"Fourth, explicit approval by the Congress of the consideration by the Interstate Commerce Commission of an increase of freight rates to meet such additional expenditures by the railroads as may have been rendered necessary by the adoption of the eight-hour day and which have not been offreadjustments set by administrative readjustments and economies, should the facts disclosed justify the increase.

Compulsory Investigation Advocated. "Fifth, an amendment of the existng Federal statute which provides for the mediation, conciliation and arbitration of such controversies as the present by adding to it a provision that, in case the methods of accommodation now provided for should fail, a full other measures to which I refer; because public investigation of the merits of every such dispute shall be instituted another election in which Federal offiand completed before a strike or locklawfully be attempt

'And, sixth, the lodgement in the hands of the Executive of the power, in case of military necessity, to take control of such portions and such rolling stock of the railways of the country as may be required for military use and to operate them for military purposes, with authority to draft into the military service of the United States such train crews and administrative officials as the circumstances require for their safe and efficient use.

"The second and third of these recommendations the Congress immediately acted on: it established the eight-hour day as the legal basis of work and wages in train service and it authorized the appointment of a commission to observe and report upon the practical results, deeming these the measures most immediately needed; but it postponed action upon the other suggestions until an opportunity should be offered for a more deliberate consideration of them. The fourth recommendation I do not deem it necessary to renew. The power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to grant to be doubtful whether they could be an increase of rates on the ground re- created upon an adequate scale under ferred to is indisputably clear and a recommendation by the Congress with regard to such a matter might seem to draw in question the scope of the commission's authority or its inclination to do justice when there is no eason to doubt either.

Other Recommendations Renewed. The other suggestions—the increase in the Interstate Commerce Commission's membership and in its cilities for performing its mani-fold duties, the provision for full investigation and assess-of industrial disputes, and public ment of industria! the grant to the Executive of the power to control and operate the railwavs when necessary in time of war or Minneapolis-The falling of a chair other like public necessity-I now very island and eyen a suspicious doubt with earnestly renew.

"The necessity for such legislation is manifest and pressing. Those who have entrusted us with the responsibility and duty of serving and safeguarding them in such matters would find it hard, I believe, to excuse a fail-ure to act upon these grave matters or any unnecessary postponement of action upon them.

"Not only does the Interstate Commerce Commission now find it practi-cally impossible, with its present membership and organization, to perform its great functions promptly and thoroughly but it is not unlikely that it may presently be found advisable to add to its duties still others equally heavy and exacting. It must first be perfected as an administrative instrument.

"The country cannot and should not consent to remain any longer exposed o profound industrial disturbances lack of additional means of arbitration and conciliation which the Congress can easily and promptly supply.

Alimony Paid in Pennies.

Cripple Creek, Colo .- Mrs. Minnie Scanlan, divorced wife of Thomas Scanlan, a miner, filed suit in District court Saturday to compel her husband to pay her \$45 a month alimony in legal tender. Scanlan for three months has paid the alimony in pennies, a ing one month in arrears.

Mrs. Scanlan alleges that Saturday he sent 4500 pennies which had been French possessions in India. Tremenhe sent 4500 pennies which had been sounded in sorghum. It took her three surf, which drove in against the new this field. "Such a move is necessary to some surf, and undermined and tore out if we are to conserve." dous damage was inflicted throughout soaked in sorghum. It took her the sea wall, and undermined and tore out if we are to conserve our economic and social welfare." be social welfare."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The text of And all will agree that there must be no doubt as to the power of the Executive to make immediate and uninterrupted use of the railroads for the con-

Nation wherever they are needed and whenever they are needed.
"This is a programme of regulation, prevention and administrative efficiency which argues its own case in the mere statement of it. With regard to one of its items, the increase in the efficiency of the Interstate Commerce Commission, the House of Representatives has already acted; its action needs only the concurrence of the

Industrial Process Must Not Stop. "I would hesitate to recommend, and dare say the Congress would hesitate to act upon the suggestion should I make it, that any man in any occupa-tion should be obliged by law to continue in an employment which he de To pass a law which forbades or prevented the individual workman to leave his work before resired to, leave. ceiving the approval of society in do ing so would be to adopt a new principle into our jurisprudence which I take it for granted we are not prepared But the proposal that the to introduce. But the proposal that to operation of the railways of the coun try shall not be stopped or interrupted by the concerted action of organized bodies of men until a public investigation shall have been instituted which shall make the whole question at issue plain for the judgment of the opinion of the Nation is not to propose any such

principle. "It is based upon the very different principle that the concerted action of powerful bodies of men shall not be permitted to stop the industrial processes of the Nation, at any rate before the Nation shall have had an opportunity to acquaint itself with the merits of the case as between employe and employer, time to form its opinion upon an impartial statement of the merits, and opportunity to consider all conciliation or practicable means of arbitration. I can see nothing in that proposition but the justifiable safer-guarding by society of the necessary processes of its very life. There is nothing arbitrary or unjust in its un-less it be arbitrarily and unjustly done. can and should be done with a full and scrupulous regard for the interests and liberties of all concerned as well as for the permanent interests of society itself.

Three Important Bills Await Senate. "Three matters of capital importance wait the action of the Senate which have already been acted upon by the House of Representatives: The bill which seeks to extend greater freedom of combination to those engaged in promoting the foreign commerce of the country than is now thought by some to be legal under the terms of the laws against monopoly; the bill amending the present organic law of Porto Rico; and the bill proposing a more thorough and systematic regulation of the expenditure of money in elections. commonly called the corrupt practices act. I need not labor my advice that these measures be enacted into law Their urgency lies in the manifest cir cumstances which render their adop-tion at this time not only opportune but necessary. Even delay would seri-ously jeopard the interests of the coun-Even delay would seri-

try and of the Government.
"Immediate passage of the bill regulate the expenditure of money in elections may seem to be less necessary than the immediate enactment of the at least two years will elapse before ces are to be filled; but it would great v relieve the public m the circumstances and the dangers to the request of several of his colleagues the public morals of the present method of obtaining and spending campaign clear under recent observation and the methods of expenditure can be frankly studied in the light of present experience; and a delay would have the further very serious disadvantage of postponing action until anspecial object connected with it might thought to be in the mind of those who urged it. Action can be taken now with facts for guidance and without suspicion of partisan purpose.

shall not argue at length the de sirability of giving a freer hand in the matter of combined and concerted effort to those who shall undertake the essential enterprise of building up our export trade. That enterprise presently, will immediately assume, has template following Mr. Lloyd George's indeed already assumed, a magnitude unprecedented in our experience. We have not the necessary instrumentali-ties for its prosecution; it is deemed our present laws. We should clear away all legal obstacles and create a basis of undoubted law for it freedom without permitting unregulated license. The thing must be done now, because the opportunity is here and may escape us if we hesitate or delay.

Porto Rico Law Needs Amendment. "The argument for the proposed amendments of the organic Porto Rico is brief and conclusive. The present laws governing the island and egulating the rights and privileges of its people are not just. We have cre-ated expectations of extended privilege which we have not satisfied. There is uneasiness among the people of the regard to our intentions concerning them which the adoption of the pend-Those who ing measure would happily remove. We do not doubt what we wish to do in any essential particular. We ought to do it at once.

"There are other matters already advanced to the stage of conference between the two houses of which it is not necessary that I should speak. Some practicable basis of agreement concerning them will no doubt be found and action taken upon them.

"Inasmuch as this is, gentlemen, probably the last occasion I shall have to address the 64th Congress, I hope that you will permit me to say with what genuine pleasure and satisfaction I have co-operated with you in the many measures of constructive policy with which you have enriched the legislative annals of the country. It has been a privilege to labor in such company. I take the liberty of congratulating you upon the completion of a record of rare serviceableness and distinction."

Sunset Seawall Wrecked. Hoquiam, Wash.—A new sea wall, about half a mile in length, at Sunset, a resort on the North beach west of Hoquiam, has been carried out by the ocean surf of the past week, almost before it was completed. The sea wall, built to protect the land along the beach from the encroachment of the ses, had been under construction since United Mine Workers of America, last summer. The heavy storm of Sunday and Monday started a run of tives of the eight miners' unions in

Against Lack of Vigor.

London - Premier Asquith has decided to advise the king to consent to the reconstruction of the government. This was officially announced Sunday night. The statement reads;

"The prime minister, with a view to the most effective prosecution of the war, has decided to advise his majesty, the king, to consent to the reconstruction of the government."

The political crisis has become It is said in well-informed quarters that David Lloyd George, the war secretary, has tendered his resignation, which has not yet been ac-

Mr. Lloyd George had a long consultation with the premier. Other visitors were A. Bonar Law, secretary of the colonies, and the Marquis of Crewe, lord-president of the council, Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Law appeared together and addressed a morning meeting of the Unionist committee, while the Earl of Derby, under-

Fears for Neutrality of the United States



In an address which has aroused much interest James M. Beck, former assistant attorney general of the United States, said he believed the war in Europe was the beginning of a titantic conflict. He said the world is likely to see a "seething caldron of international hatred for some decades," and it would be difficult for the United States to keep out.

secretary for war, had a long interview with Mr. Lloyd George.

Reynolds newspaper says that David Lloyd George has intimated his intention of resigning. His resignation, adds the paper, has been delayed at in the cabinet, but there is little pros-

pect of success on their part. The reasons given for the possible resignation of Mr. Lloyd George is that he has definitely decided that the methods of dilatoriness, indecision and delay, which characterize the action of the present war council, endanger the prospects of winning the war.

It is understood, adds the paper, that Premier Asquith has declined to accept Mr. Lloyd George's view that the war council must be materially reduced in number. It is believed that Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Derby conexample.

Snow is Four Feet Deep.

Seattle, Wash-A fall of more than four feet of snow on the eastern summit of the Cascades has compelled the the three transcontinental railway lines using the passes to make ready for immediate use their rotary plows and flangers. On the Northern Pacific there is a depth of 50 inches at Martin, at the east portal, and 29 inches at Stampede, on the west side. The Great Northern reports nearly five feet of snow on the east side and 21 on the slope. The Milwaukee has 48 inches on the east, and 25 on the west.

One Convicted in Land Fraud Case. San Francisco - Of the six defendants in the so-called Oregon land fraud case, W. B. DeGarmo, Los Angeles, was found guilty, and Sidney L. Sperry and W. A. S. Nicholson not guilty, by the jury which heard the evidence in

the Federal court here. DeGarmo was permitted by United States Judge Maurice T. Dooling to remain at liberty under the bail given during trial. Sperry and Nicholson were at once discharged from custody.

Ship Sold as Junk is Rich.

San Fancisco-Tom Crowley was the most surprised man along the waterfront Monday when he put the steamer Governor Sternberg on the ways and found the vessel was copper sheathed and constructed throughout with copper fastenings, besides having a large amount of brass and copper in the craft's machinery. Crowley recently bought the Sternberg from the government for \$310. He will realize more than \$5000 from the metals alone.

Seven-hour Workday Urged. Christopher, Ill.—The time has come for union labor to seek a seven-hour workday, in the opinion of John P.

social welfare," he said.

Dardanelles Also to I Over on Victory of

New Russian Effort to D of Von Mackenson by

London-An event en reaching importance to tary operations of the warday in the public annual new Russian Premier, A poff, that, by an agree in 1915 and subsequently at Italy, the allies definitely Russia's right to Cont the Straits.

Simultaneously, with Bucharest still hanging is came the news that Real ing heroic efforts to tant events in Roumania, in s erting vigorous pressure Falkenhayn in Moldavi Russians have gained a fe libaba.

The new Russian effort south of Bucharest in a tack on Field Marshal W sen's rear, which, w Russian official report panied by some success and Bulgarians having from Tromana and Go Russians are also suo

pressure in Dobrudja These Russian attacks extreme flanks of the may change the cor Roumanian campaige, at indication as yet that the ers have succeeded in a considerable portion of the armies.

Carranza Forces Again Ou Looted City of

Juarez, Mex.-Carrage again in control of Cal Sunday and Villa had felb tains to the west of the against was announced by Gerell Gonzales, commander of the brigade here.

General Francisco ranza commander, who had was also reported to have city after having d column 30 miles south

No Americans have best Chihuahua City by Villa a private message re that city. The mess only foreigners to I Chinese, for whom the be no mercy. General Margin vino were both in Chibana

Red Tape Costs Pro

Sheridan, Or. - Willia more, of Sheridan, will secured at the Colville last spring. Mr. Dinest check for the first payment. due, and the governm

check, demanding cash, Mr. Dinsmore was not I it was too late to deposit a the race. The claim was an

one, adjoining cultivated sides valued at \$100 as Dinsmore feels the loss

Buffalo Are Incres Washington, D. C .- 1 once threatened with ex creasing in numbers al reservations, according to report of the biological big game preserves and 61 vations are maintained by The report urges that land not suitable for poses be converted grounds for birds. acres of marsh lands, it be turned easily into be for water fowl.

Cuban Vote Still In Havana, Cuba - Alt has elapsed since Cube election, the result doubt and many months fore the outcome is del Partial re-elections two provinces where f interfered. The returns Menocal a majority in del Rio and Oriente Alfredo Zayas, liberal ried Havana and Cam

Road Headquarters Washington, D. C .of Agriculture has de Portland headquarters western public road and ing district, created Federal good roads a road construction in O ton and Idaho will be Portland.

Turkish War Bu Amsterdam, vis Lo tinople dispatch say chamber of deputies proposal to iner