

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.

Three armed and masked men driving a closed automobile blew the safe of the Melava postoffice, near Maple Creek, Saskatoon, early Monday and escaped with \$2800 in cash.

Tokio.—Very severe rain and windstorms in Formosa have caused 30 deaths, while 312 persons have been seriously injured. Some 3200 houses were destroyed and 4600 damaged.

Felix de C. Avila, Guatemalan consul-general here and former secretary of state in his native country, died at Sierra Madre, near Los Angeles, Monday night, after an illness of several years.

Eleven new oil wells were completed in Los Angeles basin fields during the week just past. Torrance brought in nine and the other two were completed by Huntington Beach and Rosecrans.

Mrs. Hanna Eldred of Baldwin, N. Y., entertained 80 of her 183 descendants Sunday in honor of her 102d birthday by dancing a jig. This dance enlivened the Virginia reel when she was young.

Freezing temperatures were reported Tuesday from five weather stations in Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Reports of frost came from Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Iowa.

Four policemen and 11 Filipino strikers were killed Tuesday in a fight at the town of Hanepepe on the island of Kauai, according to advices. Deputy Sheriff Crowell also was reported to have been seriously wounded.

E. T. Chapin, president of the Chapin Pole company of Spokane and owner of extensive logging interests in northern Idaho, shot and killed himself accidentally Monday at his summer home at Hayden Lake, Idaho.

The First National bank of Putnam, Conn., closed after its cashier, G. Harold Gilpatrick, ex-state treasurer, attempted to commit suicide August 7, is short \$700,000 in its accounts as a result of the cashier's embezzlements.

The government of Chile is now entirely under the control of the Chilean army. President Alessandri, shorn of independent action by the powerful military junta, has resigned at the behest of the junta and will leave the country.

Edmond Ducloux and Dr. Ennis of Paris have made a serum immunizing against anthrax. A report telling how, by means of this serum, they preserved 20,000 cattle and 10,000 sheep from an epidemic was read at a meeting of the Academy of Science.

Louise Draftka, formerly of New London, Wis., was freed of the charge of complicity in the \$2,000,000 Round-out, Ill., mail robbery last June, by United States Commissioner Beltler Monday. She was held in \$10,000 bonds as a material witness.

Worried over this year's crop failure and unable to recoup by a gamble in wheat futures, which he tried, Gus Starkov, 32, one of the best-known farmers in Coronation, Alta., Sunday afternoon set fire to a straw stack and crawled on top, where he burned to death.

A big lead for Ralph O. Brewster, republican, for governor of Maine, was shown in returns from Monday's election from 593 precincts out of 833 in the state, which gave Brewster 136,648 votes to 193,273 for William R. Pattangall, democrat. Pattangall conceded Brewster's election.

Mrs. Florence King Harding, widow of President Harding, and Mrs. John Grier Hibben, wife of the president of Princeton university, have guaranteed \$20,000 to build and equip a power boat for church work in southeastern Alaska, it is announced in Ketchikan, Alaska, by Dr. S. Hall Young, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in Alaska.

The American member of the reparations commission under the terms of the Dawes reparation plan will be appointed at a meeting of the commission on September 19 and it is considered almost certain that the nominee will be James A. Logan Jr., who has been unofficially American observer with the commission since the departure of Roland W. Boyden.

CHINESE RESUME FIGHTING

Renewed Intensity Follows Rain Storm—Little Change in Situation.

Shanghai.—The armies of Chekiang and Kiangsu, battling west and southwest of this city, which held their fire during a few days of rain, were fighting with renewed intensity Monday. As a result the streams of wounded returning from the front increased. Reports as to the result do not agree, but the best information was that there was little change in the situation.

Trains arriving were filled with wounded soldiers. Lesser fighting was reported from the Liuho sector on the coast, 30 miles northwest of the city, where General Chi Shieh-Yuan, commander of the Kiangsu forces, has been trying to establish a contact with his naval forces, sent down the Yangtze river from Nanking, the Kiangsu capital.

Casualties of the Chekiang army defending Shanghai were estimated to total more than 400, of whom half were killed. The Kiangsu attacking army was said to have lost about the same number.

Shanghai was calmer, although the naval forces landed to protect foreigners and their interests have not relaxed their vigilance. One reason for the lessening of anxiety was a report that the Kiangsu leaders had abandoned their attempt to reach the city through Liuho and Woosung, the outer port of Shanghai, and had sent reinforcements to Hwangtu on the Shanghai-Nanking railway, where the fighting has been the hardest. Both sides are using machine guns, which accounts for the increased casualties.

JAPANESE PROTEST UNREST IN MUKDEN

Tokio.—Disorder and unrest in the forces of General Chang Tso-Lin, stationed at Mukden, principal city of Manchuria, have resulted in a strong protest from the Japanese consul general there, according to reports received here Monday by the Japanese foreign office.

Press dispatches received here say that as a result of the situation the Japanese consular police are held in readiness for action at Mukden and that Japanese troops may be called out to preserve order.

The Chang Tso-Lin troops are concentrated at Mukden to move south toward Peking for an attack on the forces of the central government, in Chihli province, headed by Wu Pei-Fu.

Dissension in the forces of Chang Tso-Lin, as indicated in the Tokio dispatch, would be a new factor in favor of the central government forces about to defend Peking. The underlying cause of the Mukden turbulence was not indicated.

79,000 Pogrom Victims.

Kharov, Ukraine.—According to the findings of special commissions which have been investigating the loss of life and property caused by intervention and the Russian civil war, 1235 Jewish pogroms occurred in the Ukraine region in which 79,000 persons were killed, 50,000 driven from their homes and 20,000 children rendered destitute.

A large number of small towns and villages were destroyed. Several communists stated that they had lived through as many as 17 pogroms.

U. S. Princess Killed.

Kino, Mo.—Princess Radziwill, formerly Miss Helen Simpson of Chicago, was killed Sunday when she fell more than 1000 feet over a cliff on the north slope of Mount Kino. Her body lodged in trees part way down and was recovered with difficulty.

The princess, who had spent the summer here with her family, had lost a valuable ring on the mountain some time previously. With her brother, it was understood, she was searching for it when the earth gave way on the edge of the cliff.

Pershing Boom Starts.

St. Paul, Minn.—A boom to make General John J. Pershing national commander of the American Legion, in annual convention here, was started Monday night.

Who started the move, no one seemed to know, but the cry "We want Pershing for commander," rang through hotel lobbies and on the street wherever "buddies" gathered. Leaders of some delegations said they planned to get in touch with General Pershing to learn whether he would accept the office.

Islander Held Firebug.

Honolulu.—Basan Gregorio de la Cruz was arrested here Monday on a secret grand jury indictment charging him with arson in connection with the burning of a sugar plantation cane field at Ewa, this island. De la Cruz recently was released after having been detained 54 days. He made charges of false imprisonment against Chief of Detectives Kellett in that connection. The case against Kellett is still pending.

PERSHING ELATED OVER ARMY TEST

General Retires From Long Service Happy.

NATION IS HELD SAFE

Ex-Commander Confident That Defense Scheme Evolved Has Solved Great Problem.

Washington, D. C.—General Pershing passed to the retired list of the army Saturday, satisfied that the mission he set for himself when he turned his face homeward from France—establishment of a national defense system to safeguard the nation in future against any such confusion and turmoil of impoverished preparation as it knew in 1917-18—was well on the road to a accomplishment.

The former commander of the American army in France was at his desk as usual, although he had only a half-day longer of active service to give. He found the officers of the war department awaiting him to pay their respects, and upon his desk a mass of messages and letters of greeting that gave witness to his high place in world esteem.

He found also more complete reports testifying to the success of the defense test Friday than were available at midnight, when he finally concluded his part in the one-day tryout of the national defense system that he has personally fostered and supervised through its initial phases.

He was happy as a boy over the showing made all over the country and at the evidence of patriotism shown by the millions of men and women who participated in the exercises.

General Pershing feels that the test demonstrated conclusively that the American people desired some such democratic and workable programme as has been devised under his guidance to be a part of the permanent policy of the nation. He believes that annual tests of the sort conducted Friday should and will become a part of the nation's life. And he also believes that there is no necessity for congress to make appropriations to pay expenses for such tests, as the voluntary contribution of services by citizens of all ranks and occupations everywhere is the keynote of the system that has been planned.

Additional reports on the test showed that the total number of regular army troops mustered for the day was 92,581; national guard, 167,633, and organized reserves, 59,168.

"Volunteers to fill the ranks of these forces exceeded 1,000,000," the war department's statement said.

Millions of other citizens besides the volunteers shared in the exercises, and many communities remain to be heard from. The war department officials are confident that the final check-up will show that the full wartime strength provided for in the organization tables of the three-part army, more than 2,000,000 men, was actually assembled during the day. Yet this was accomplished, they pointed out, without the expenditure by the government of a single cent aside from ordinary peacetime appropriations for the army.

Two Killed in Gunfight.

Los Angeles.—Two men are dead as the result of a gun battle at Newhall, north of here, Sunday between Gus Lebrun, a well driller, and two constables who attempted to arrest him on the complaint of Miss Nellie Bayles, formerly known to the stage as Bonita Darling.

Lebrun was hit seven times in the exchange of shots and died within a few minutes, but just before he expired he sent a bullet into the body of one of the officers, Ed Brown, wounding him so seriously that he died several hours later.

Grain Movement Grows.

Washington, D. C.—A new high record in the number of cars loaded with grain products was established during the week ending August 30, according to figures by the car service division of the American Railway association. Loadings during that week totaled 68,837 cars, an increase of 7224 cars over the previous week and 4122 cars over the previous high record of 64,715 cars for the week ending July 19, 1921.

Roman Bath Uncovered.

Milan, Italy.—Nero's bathing house, the largest of the Roman period yet discovered, has been excavated at Agnane, near Naples. The structure is six stories high and 1125 feet long. The three topmost galleries were reserved for individual steam baths.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

La Grande.—Efforts are being made to form a party to go to Burns September 24 to attend the celebration commemorating the completion of the Ontario-Burns railroad.

St. Helens.—Four shipments by water left St. Helens for the week ending Saturday night. Three of them were for California ports and one consignment was for China.

Salem.—Friday, September 26, officially set aside as Booster's day at the state fair, promises to be one of the stellar dates of the week, with booster organizations coming to participate in one big all-day rally.

Salem.—Citizens of Burns have written a letter to the public service commission protesting against the service afforded by the Central Oregon Telephone company. Special complaint was directed at the long distance service.

Salem.—The citizens of Rufus, Sherman county, have filed with the Oregon public service commission a complaint with relation to the water service there. The complaint has been referred to engineers of the public service department for investigation.

Salem.—It will cost approximately \$378,624 to conduct the Oregon state penitentiary during the next biennium, starting January 1, 1925, according to an estimate filed with the state budget commission today by A. M. Dalrymple, warden of the institution.

Salem.—Prune picking in Marion and Polk counties was completed Saturday night. While this year's crop was far below normal with relation to tonnage, the quality is good and fair prices have been obtained. Hop picking will continue throughout this week.

Eugene.—The traffic counter installed at McKenzie bridge by the forest service has shown that 5312 automobiles passed over it between August 14 and September 8, inclusive, according to word sent to the office of the Cascade national forest by S. L. Taylor, ranger in charge of the McKenzie bridge station.

Salem.—The Southern Pacific company has started the work of tearing up its street-car tracks on Seventeenth street, between D and Center streets, in compliance with an agreement entered into between the traction corporation and the council a week ago. Automobile bus service will be established on Seventeenth street in lieu of the street cars.

Hood River.—The first flag ever flown over Hood River soon will be placed in the city hall. The relic, which for many years has been held at the quarters of the Oregon Historical society in Portland, is the gift of Captain H. C. Coe, pioneer steamship man and son of Nathaniel Coe, Hood River's first settler, who now resides at Manhattan Beach, Cal.

Scio.—The Scio Logging & Lumber company's mill was sold to the Thomas Creek Lumber company last week. The new owners are Mr. Welch, J. K. Elder, A. W. Sharpe and C. R. Hickey. About \$12,000 is being spent in improvements, including a Ross carrier. They plan to have everything in readiness to begin operations by November 1. About 60 men will be employed.

Marshfield.—A new sawmill is to be erected on the north shore of the lake at Port Orford, 1 1/2 miles from the city, where it will be convenient to timber of that section of Curry county. The enterprise is being financed by Portland men and N. H. Larson, of Port Orford, who has been engaged in various lines of lumbering at Port Orford for six or seven years. The mill will have a capacity of 40,000 feet daily, and will be constructed this fall.

Yamhill.—Fire which broke out during Saturday in the camp of the Flora Logging company, 15 miles west of Yamhill, is said to have destroyed 11 donkey engines and several thousand feet of timber felled and cut. The damage is estimated at more than \$100,000. The fire was thought to be under control but was reported Sunday to be again raging across two sections of green timber and putting the entire camp in great danger of destruction.

Roseburg.—Earl Stone, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stone of Myrtle Creek, was fatally burned Sunday morning and died about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The boy, it is believed, was playing in the ashes in the kitchen stove when his clothing became ignited. His twin sister ran for her mother, who was at the home of a neighbor. The boy also started across the lot to the house where his mother was visiting, and was picked up, a human torch, by his mother.

"Bull" Montana



"Bull" Montana (whose front name is Louis) is one of the best known among the men of the "movies." He was born in Voghera, Italy. He became famous as a wrestler in his native country and then emigrated to the United States and established himself in Los Angeles. At one time he served as trainer for Champion Jack Dempsey, the pugilist. "Bull" is five feet ten inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. He is of dark complexion, his eyes and hair are brown.

The Why of Superstitions

By H. IRDING KING

SHOES UNTIED

IN SOME sections of the country there is a common superstition that it brings good luck to have one's shoes come untied. This is but another phase of the ancient belief of sympathetic magic, that phase which has to do with the doctrine of obstructive knots in connection with other current superstitions. Tie up a knot and you tie up the man; unloosen the knot, you free the man. The cavemen's reasoning originating from the fact that "Man, having come to associate in thought those things which he found by experience to be connected in fact, proceeded to erroneously invert this action and to conclude that association in thought must involve similar connection in reality.

Of this sympathetic magic Professor Frazer says: "Among the ignorant and superstitious today it is very much what it was thousands of years ago in Egypt and India and what it is now among the lowest savages surviving in the remotest parts of the earth." The learned professor would appear to indicate the ignorant as the class among whom alone superstition prevails. But a little observation will show that superstition is confined to no one class, but exists, though less ostentatiously, among the cultivated and high placed; and he who most loudly boasts of his freedom from its trammels is often found to be secretly influenced by superstitions inherited from the lost ages. He has his pet superstitions and hides them; perhaps jams them down into his subconscious self and flouts them. But they exist and they are his, and they influence him. The savage and the peasant, on the other hand, display their superstitions unblushingly. That is the only difference. When it comes to a question of superstition, "the colonel's lady and Julie O'Grady are sisters under their skins."

Uncle Eben
"I never could forgive Adam," said Uncle Eben, "foh bein' tempted by an apple. If it had been a watermelon dar might have been some excuse."



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