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| WESTBOUND | 161 | 161 | 167 |
| | am. | pm. | pm. |
| Salem | 7:00 | 9:45 | 4:00 |
| Dallas | 8:15 | 11:02 | 5:30 |
| Falls City | 8:50 | 11:35 | 6:05 |
| Bl'k Rock | | 11:55 | |
| EASTBOUND | 164 | 166 | 170 |
| | am. | pm. | pm. |
| Bl'k Rock | | 1:05 | |
| Falls City | 9:30 | 1:25 | 6:10 |
| Dallas | 10:10 | 2:00 | 6:40 |
| Salem | 11:01 | 3:15 | 7:45 |

A. C. POWERS, AGENT

WORLD'S DOINGS
OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News
From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Pacific Northwest Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

During July 28 and 29, the Russians captured 32,000 Germans.

The supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias is in session at Portland.

One hundred and eighty-four persons lose their lives in the forest fire in Ontario.

German aircraft make a raid on the English coast, dropping bombs at several points.

Winston Churchill, former first lord of the British admiralty, declares England was saved by her navy.

The German submarine Deutschland, preparing to leave American waters, fears an "accident" in Chesapeake bay.

Francis Joseph, emperor of Austria, contracted a severe cold while inspecting troops and is confined to his bed.

Mrs. Sarah Barr, one of the oldest white women in California died Tuesday at Monrovia, near Los Angeles, aged 102.

The heat wave that has enveloped Chicago and the Middle West, was broken Monday by a stiff breeze from the North.

England positively refuses to permit medicines for American Red Cross societies to pass the allies' lines into Germany or Austria.

The committee on industrial preparedness of the naval consulting board has completed a survey of the resources in case of war.

The U. S. court at Norfolk, Va., has rendered a decision which gives back to English owners the prize ship Appam, captured by the Germans.

The failure of the Pope's appeals to the warring nations for peace was admitted by the Pontiff in addressing a delegation of the youth of Rome.

During a quarrel between two employees of the Union Meat company at Portland, one man was knocked into a vat of boiling water and cooked alive.

Striking employes of the three large packing houses in East St. Louis have voted to accept the concessions made by the employers and to return to work Tuesday. About 4500 men are involved.

Henry Edward Duke, a barister and Unionist member of Parliament for Exeter, was appointed to be the new chief secretary of Ireland in succession to Augustine Birrell. The new chief secretary will have a seat in the British cabinet.

Nineteen days with the thermometer averaging 93 degrees was the record of the hot spell in Chicago. The highest temperature was 102; the lowest 61. A total of 325 deaths occurred, including 176 babies; 2600 prostrations were reported, and 890 horses dropped dead in the streets.

An aviator at San Diego, Cal., sends wireless messages at ten-minute intervals during a flight.

Mathematicians at Aberdeen, Wash., have figured out that by shaving yourself three times a week for 50 years, providing you take the money saved from barbers and place it at compound interest, a fortune of \$11,100 will have been accumulated.

B. F. Finn, 93 years old, of the McKenzie River region, Lane county, Oregon, claiming to have been the original of Mark Twain's character, "Huckleberry" Finn, has lost his case in court for the cancellation of a deed conveying the old Finn place.

The severity of the fighting since the beginning of the present offensive on the Western front is indicated by the list of casualties among officers, issued by the London war office, showing for the first three weeks of July 1108 killed, 2834 wounded and 491 missing.

Nearly \$700,000,000 for national defense in the fiscal year 1917 is the aggregate of proposed appropriations in the senate with passage of the army appropriation bill carrying in round numbers \$314,000,000. This grand total for preparedness still is subject to revision, however.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, has been selected as Western manager of the Republican campaign.

Eight persons are arrested in San Francisco, as parties to the placing of the bomb on the street which exploded during the preparedness parade, killing eight people and injuring 40.

Evangelist "Billy" Sunday will make the opening speech for the anti-saloon league in Portland, which plans to make Oregon "absolutely" dry. Sunday is reported to have refused an offer of \$150,000 to appear in the movies.

GERMAN SUBMARINE MERCHANTMAN
MAKES DASH FOR OPEN SEA

Baltimore, Md.—On the second anniversary of Germany's declaration of war against Russia, the German submarine merchantman Deutschland set out from Baltimore on a return voyage to Germany with a declaration of confidence from her commander, Captain Paul Koenig, that he would take her home in spite of the heavy odds she would face when the three-mile limit in the Atlantic ocean is reached.

The submersible was towed out of the slip where she was berthed 23 days ago, at 5:40 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

After getting into midstream the tow line of the tug Timmins was cast off and the Deutschland proceeded down the river under her own power. The Timmins went to one side, the coast guard cutter Wissahickon to the other and the harbor police boat Lannan brought up the rear to prevent undue crowding by the small fleet of launches that followed.

Captain Koenig and his crew of 27 men embarked with the knowledge that a man hurried to a telephone with a message to agents for the entente allies that the Deutschland had started. They knew how long he had watched at the end of a nearby pier, day and night, but the little captain went out of Baltimore harbor smiling and waving his cap.

His last words in the harbor were of praise for America and for his treatment here by Baltimore customs authorities. To Guy Steele, surveyor of customs, he said: "We came here dubious about our reception. We go back certain that the friendliest of feeling exists in America for Germany. You have been more than courteous and the fatherland will not forget it."

Captain Koenig knows that eight warships of the entente allies are waiting for him at the edge of the three-mile limit, spread out in a radius of five miles.

"We shall have to pass unseen within that radius in order to escape," he said. "We shall have to make that passage under conditions not entirely advantageous. Were the water at that point 150 feet deep it would be easier. We could submerge deeply enough to pass underneath the warships. But the water there is not 150 feet deep. We shall, therefore, have to pass between the warships."

There was a determined look on the captain's face as he expressed confidence that he would get through.

Austrian Army Cut Off From
German Aid by Russian Forces

London—The second anniversary of Germany's declaration of war on Russia finds the relative positions of the belligerents very different from those of the first anniversary. The entente allies are now pursuing a successful offensive on all fronts, and the central powers are virtually everywhere on the defensive.

Emperor William celebrated the occasion by the issue of proclamations to his army and navy and people which breathed a spirit of continued confidence in ultimate victory for Germany.

The operations on the Eastern front continue to surpass those in the West in dramatic interest. The military critics express great admiration for the Russian tactics, one of the important objectives of which, in their opinion, has been to isolate the Austrians from the German armies on the Russian front. This, it now is contended, has been virtually accomplished by the Russians driving a wedge into the Austro-German positions along the front of Kovel-Vladimir-Volynsk.

The view here is that if the Germans have thus accepted severance from the Austrians, the most decisive result of the whole of the Russian General Russilloff's strategy will have been obtained, it being argued by the military observers that without German support the Austrian armies will become demoralized and collapse.

Army Writers Curbed.

San Antonio, Tex.—General Funston sent to the War department at Washington a telegram announcing his intention to rid the various guardsmen camps of newspaper correspondents who send out false accounts of conditions in the camps. He referred to such correspondents as "pests," and said he had endured them as long as he purposed to. An order has been sent to all district commanders along the border covering future action against newspaper men sending out dispatches which may be classed as untruthful.

Cotton Market Advances.

New York—A sensationaly rapid advance of about \$1.75 per bale followed the publication of the government cotton report in the market here Tuesday morning. Just before the official condition of 72.3 per cent, against 81.1 last month and the 10-year average of 78.5, was published, a canvass of local exchange indicated an average expectation of 76.5 per cent, and the government report was far below the most bullish of recent private figures.

Papers Cut Down Pages.

New York—Publishers of daily newspapers in Greater New York, at a meeting Wednesday, took action which will result in a decrease of the number of pages in their morning, evening and Sunday issues of 121 pages a week, to relieve the newspaper paper situation, which is regarded by the publishers as serious. Action also was taken to eliminate returns of unsold copies.

WAR MUNITIONS BLOW UP

\$25,000,000 Loss In New York
Explosion and Fire.

WAREHOUSES BURN

Three Dead and Many Injured By
Shock That Shakes Five States
—Washington Gets Tip of
Impending Danger.

New York—Property loss estimated at \$25,000,000 was caused early Sunday by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom Island, a small strip of land jutting into New York Bay off Jersey City.

The loss of life cannot be determined definitely until there has been opportunity to check up the workmen employed on the island and on boats moored nearby.

Three are known to be dead and at least five more are missing. Scores of persons were injured, some of them probably mortally.

The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitrotoluene and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel shells, which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around.

Fire started soon after the first great crash, which spread death and desolation in its wake, destroyed 13 of the huge warehouses of the National Storage company on Black Tom Island and six other warehouses in which were stored merchandise valued at between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000. The flames, shooting into the clouds, were reflected against New York's "skyline" of towering office buildings, which only a few minutes before were shaken to their foundations as by an earthquake. Miles of streets in Manhattan alone were strewn with broken glass and shattered signs.

The cause of the disaster has not been determined. Officials of the National Storage company and the Lehigh Valley railroad, which also suffered heavily through loss of property, declared, however, that reports to them showed a fire started shortly after 1 o'clock Sunday morning on a barge belonging to an independent towing company that had been moored alongside a dock used by the railroad company to transfer ammunition shipments from trains to vessels in the harbor.

The barge, it was said was there without authority of either the railroad or the storage company. The officials refused to disclose the name of the independent towing company, saying they were investigating "to ascertain whether the barge purposely had been set on fire as the result of a plot."

Advance Tip Given.

Washington, D. C.—The government Secret Service was notified three days ago that several enemies of England had been employed by German agents to precipitate just such an explosion of ammunition as took place in New York harbor. The informant said that the men were Irishmen, probably members of the Sinn Fein.

What steps were taken to guard against the catastrophe is not known. In any event, they were futile. The Secret Service now is running down its clews in the hope that it will enable the apprehension of the criminals if it should turn out the tragedy was caused by human agency.

Not Liable to Foreign Duty.

Washington, D. C.—Mooted questions about the status of state troops called for the Mexican emergency are decided in an opinion given Secretary Baker by Brigadier General Crowder. General Crowder holds that the state soldiers are not subject to duty outside of the United States unless and until they are formally drafted by order of the President; that they are under control of the Federal government and not of their respective state governors, and that they are entitled to the same pensions and privileges as regulars.

Petrograd Fire Reported.

Berlin—Reports of a great conflagration at Petrograd, in which a bridge across the river Neva, 12 large steamers, including several transatlantic liners, and the Putiloff gun works and other establishments were destroyed, are printed in the Lokal Anzeiger. The newspaper adds: "The police suspect that the conflagration was the work of anarchists, who planned to burn all public buildings being used for military purposes."

RAILROAD STRIKE
SEEMS INEVITABLE

Congress is Urged to Take Immediate
Action to Forestall Trouble.

UNIONS' VOTE BEING COUNTED

National Chamber of Commerce Believes Arbitration is Futile—
Wilson Much Concerned.

Washington, D. C.—Officials of the Federal government, including President Wilson, are closely watching developments in the controversy between 225 railway systems and their 400,000 employes, and are preparing to offer every possible aid in effecting an agreement and avoiding a strike.

Thursday the President forwarded to the Labor department an appeal he had received from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States declaring a strike inevitable "unless some strong measures of intervention are speedily introduced" and urging an inquiry. Acting Secretary of Labor Post said he was in close touch with the situation, but had not decided whether action by the department would be necessary.

The Federal board of mediation and conciliation, which is authorized by law to attempt to avert strikes on railroads, also is keeping watch of developments, and its officials expect to be called on as soon as the strike vote, now being counted, has been completely canvassed. They said that nothing could be done at present.

Copies of the chamber's appeal to President Wilson were forwarded to chairmen of the congressional commerce committees and the representatives of the railroads and employes.

Harry Wheeler, chairman of the chamber's committee on railroads, said he had recently attended a meeting of representatives of the employers and employes in New York, and that as a result his conviction was deepened that an amicable settlement was remote. "I am assured," he added, "there will be no modification of the attitude of the roads. Neither is it expected that the representatives of the men, with the new powerful strike vote in their hands, will recede from the position which they have taken heretofore."

Wheat Soars to New Top Levels
When Crop Damage is Reported

Chicago—Wheat prices leaped up 7½ to 7½ cents a bushel Thursday, driven by reports of a disastrous widening of crop damage in Canada, the Dakotas and Minnesota. It was said by trade authorities that black rust havoc in Manitoba amounted to a calamity, that the pest had also acquired a dangerous foothold in Saskatchewan, and that the injury from heat and rust in the fields south of the international border had gone beyond any precedent.

According to estimates current here the total yield of wheat this season in North Dakota and in Minnesota will not be half as large as last year and will be 83,000,000 bushels short of the amount suggested by the United States government report a month ago. Thousands of acres of beautiful-looking fields were declared to be so badly smitten as not to be able to repay the expense of harvesting.

After continuous rounds of buying that included much for Europe, the market just before the end of the day touched \$1.31½ for September as against \$1.24½ to \$1.24½ at Wednesday's close.

Shark Startles Newport.

Newport, Or.—Beach bathers were startled Thursday when they heard of the capture of a shark at the Devil's Punchbowl, 10 miles north of Newport. Their fears were dispelled later, however, when it was learned that it was a sand shark and not one of the man-eating species. The shark was washed ashore while Carl Shoemaker, state game warden, was visiting the bowl. He killed it and brought it to Newport, where it is now on display. Two years ago a man-eating shark, 25 feet long, was killed off Yaquina Bay.

House Wrecked by Bomb.

Seattle, Wash.—A bomb placed in the rear of the home of Joseph M. Jarvis, an employe of the Alaska Engineering company, residing at 911 West Sixth street, wrecked the back part of the house at 9:30 Thursday night, but Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis, who were in a front room, escaped injury. Mr. Jarvis, who is a timber inspector for the United States Railroad in Alaska, had some trouble with some men on the waterfront, concerning the loading material.

Fruit Basket Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C.—"The honest grape, fruit and berry basket bill," by Representative Reavis, of Nebraska, prescribing dimensions for standard baskets for interstate shipment of grapes, small fruits and berries, was passed Thursday by the house. Grape growers of New York and Southern and Western small fruit and berry raisers advocated its passage for protection against competitors using undersized containers.