

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.

Heavy snowfalls and severe cold are reported from the Italian Alps frontier. Skis and sledges already have made their appearance and the winter campaign has begun.

The Uruguayan government, which has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, has notified the German charge not to leave the country until the Uruguayan diplomatic representatives are safely out of Germany.

Fifty thousand dollars for flood sufferers in China was cabled by the American Red Cross. The entire \$200,000 suggested by Paul Reinsch, the American minister, will be sent in the near future, it is announced.

Poolville, Parker county, Tex., has raised a \$1246.50 reward to be paid for the delivery of the German kaiser into the hands of the American authorities. Practically every male resident of the town contributed to the fund.

The War department has contracted for ten carloads of Kansas jackrabbits to be delivered at four army cantonments, it was announced at Hutchinson, Kan., Tuesday by Koon Beck, a game collector, who obtained the contract.

Increased wheat receipts have made it possible for Minneapolis flour mills to operate at capacity for the first time this season, according to an announcement by Frank Carey, representative of the Food Administration Grain Corporation.

Greece is nearly ready to put a large and effective army into the field to cooperate with the allies, according to dispatches from the Athens foreign office to the Greek legation at Washington. Lack of equipment is being remedied rapidly with the allies' aid.

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Melbourne says a whaleboat with a crew of Germans from the raider *Seeadler* has been captured near Fiji Islands. The boat contained a gun and machine guns, the dispatch said, and the Germans admit they were detailed from the *Seeadler* to make raids.

Leading Cuban sugar planters held a conference in New York Tuesday and will go to Washington soon to appeal to the food administration for "a just price" for their crop. Hannibal J. de Mesa, spokesman for the planters, said that Cuba next year will produce the largest cane sugar crop, about 3,900,000 tons, of which, he declared, the United States and her allies would need every ounce.

Consumers' reports to the food administration from 52 cities and towns in all parts of the country shows wide differences in bread prices. The lowest price reported was from Pleasantville, N. J., where a 16-ounce loaf sells for 6 cents. The same size loaf sells for 15 cents in Rock Falls, Ill., Eastport, Me., Red Bank, N. J., Miami, Okla., Nashville, Tenn., Laramie, Wyo., and Newport, R. I.

The Peruvian congress is considering the international situation as affects relations with Germany. The foreign minister and the minister of war have been summoned before congress to give information it desires.

Although nearly one-half of the population of Glenwood, Wis., is of German descent, the city council unanimously adopted resolutions demanding the expulsion of Robert M. La Follette from the United States senate.

Acting on telegraphic orders from Attorney General McAllister A. L. McCawley, special agent for the attorney general, Thursday seized the records of the St. Louis Coal Club, which will be used as evidence when the coal hearing is resumed.

Eleven British merchantmen of more than 1600 tons each and two vessels under 1600 tons were sunk by mines or submarines last week, according to the British admiralty statement.

A war fund of \$35,000,000 for the benefit of the American Army now in Europe and for American troops in the Army cantonments will be solicited throughout the United States by the Young Men's Christian Association in the week beginning November 11, according to announcement.

The Chilean government has purchased all the nitrate of German companies and sold it to an American firm. By this operation it was possible to acquire from Germany nearly 30,000,000 pesos of Chilean gold deposited there as a guarantee of paper money.

The proposal to examine for military service all men registered for the Army draft and not yet called was killed, for the present, at least, Thursday when the house and senate conferees eliminated an appropriation for the purpose from the war deficiency bill.

RUSSIA STARTS ANEW

Peace in Agreement With Allies as Soon as Possible is Aim of Parties Now in Authority.

Petrograd—The new coalition government assumed control of Russia Wednesday, replacing the Council of Five, organized a month ago. Announcement was made that the new government intends to carry out an active foreign policy with "the purpose of making peace in agreement with our allies as soon as possible." Meanwhile the government will take steps to bring the army to its highest fighting power and to restore economic and social tranquility to the country.

The diplomatic corps in Petrograd is more optimistic over the situation than at any time for months past. At present it seems to be considered that the only important political cloud on the horizon is the election of the radical, Leon Trotsky, to succeed N. C. Tschaidse as president of the central executive committee of the Petrograd Council of Soldiers and Workmen's delegates. The new committee of this council comprises four Bolsheviks, two Social Revolutionists and one Minimalist.

The cabinet discussed coolly the Bolshevik soldiers' and workmen's ultimatum declining to recognize the authority of the government, the view being taken that the influence of this element is decreasing.

The new government is facing some difficult tasks, including the revolt in Turkestan, from which district no communication has been received for three days, and the dissensions in Finland. It is considered in diplomatic circles, however, that the government has now started upon an earnest effort to solve these problems.

MEXICANS TAKE AMERICANS

Two Soldiers, Duck Hunting Along Rio Grande, Seized, but Escape.

Fabens, Tex. — Armed Mexicans crossed the international line here shortly after noon Thursday, captured Sergeant Michael Zabusky and Private W. B. Vincent, of a cavalry command encamped here, who were duck hunting near the line and placed them in an adobe house at Saragosa, Mex., five miles up the river from here.

Later the Americans leaped from a window and escaped to the American side with the Mexicans in close pursuit. The Americans left their shotguns behind. They had been hunting on the San Eliza Rio Island, a large tract of land which lies on the south side of the Rio Grande, but on the American side of the boundary.

The capture of the two soldiers followed a raid Wednesday afternoon on three American ranches located on the "island." Twelve horses were taken from the ranches. Two of the Mexican raiders were captured by American army patrols.

Two of the large armed forces has been located opposite here near Guadalupe, Mexico, but American officers have been unable to learn whether they are Mexican federal soldiers or bandits, although the two soldiers said their captors wore the regulation army uniforms.

GERMAN SAILORS IN REVOLT

Captain of Warship Westfalen Thrown Overboard and Drowned.

Amsterdam — A mutiny among the crews of four battleships of the German fleet has occurred at Wilhelmshaven. One of these battleships was the Westfalen, whose captain was thrown overboard and drowned. The crews landed. Marines refused to fire on them, whereupon soldiers surrounded the sailors, who surrendered.

A mutiny also is reported on the German warship, Nurnberg, which was at sea. The men seized the officers and proceeded in the direction of Norway, with the intention of being interned. The Nurnberg was overtaken by destroyers and forced to surrender.

Emperor William went to Wilhelmshaven and ordered that one out of every seven mutineers be shot. Chancellor Michaelis protested, with the result that only three were shot. Sentences aggregating 200 years' penal servitude were imposed on the others. One of the reasons for the mutiny was bad and inadequate food.

Miners Demand Increase.

Cheyenne, Wyo. — Formal demand for an increase in wages of 33 1-3 per cent was tendered operators in the Wyoming coal district by representatives of the United Mine Workers employed here Thursday. About 4000 men are affected.

The operators submitted the demand by telegraph to Dr. Garfield, coal administrator, declaring in their message that if such advance is made coal prices must be advanced to the public. Pending reply from him no action was taken.

Von Luxburg is Interned.

Buenos Aires—Count von Luxburg, the German minister who was recently handed his passports by the Argentine government, has been arrested in the southern part of Buenos Aires province, according to the highest authority. He is now being taken to the island of Martin Garcia, where he will be kept in the German detention camp under military guard until an opportunity is found to send him out of the country.

Weekly War Information

Brief Stories Prepared Under the Direction of the Committee on Public Information and the State Council of Defense.

General Pershing Praises Work of Red Cross in France.

The Red Cross commission to France has received the following letter from Adjutant General Benjamin Alvord, of General Pershing's staff:

"Our army is keeping a war diary which is to be the official record of the war here. I have received an official communication from the commander-in-chief of the American Expeditionary Forces reading as follows:

"It is well to place on record the attitude of the management of the American Red Cross in France. From the beginning they have simply wanted to know what they could do to assist in the great work before the army. The gentlemen at the head of the American Red Cross in France are men of great experience in handling large affairs in the United States and they have exhibited wonderful resources in accomplishing everything they have been asked to do."

"A copy of this letter has been forwarded to the War department for transmission to the headquarters of the American Red Cross, by command of Major General Pershing."

Subscriptions to Liberty Bonds Close on October 27.

Subscriptions for the liberty bonds must reach the Treasury department, Washington, D. C., a Federal reserve bank or some incorporated bank or trust company in the United States (not including outlying territories and possessions) on or before the close of business October 27, 1917. The applications must be accompanied by a payment of 2 per cent of the amount applied for, and subsequent installments upon bonds allotted will be due as follows:

- 18 per cent on November 15, 1917.
 - 40 per cent on December 15, 1917.
 - 40 per cent on January 15, 1918.
- On the latter date, accrued interest in the deferred installments will also be payable.

To Clear Up Misunderstanding in Regard to Pay in the Navy.

Starting at the very beginning it is possible for a young man by work and study to have continuous and frequent advancement with increase of pay. To his base pay there is always extra pay for special duties and with each enlistment his pay also increases. As an instance of this, a young man enlisting in the navy now receives the following pay: Apprentice seaman, \$32.60 a month; seaman second class, \$35.90 a month; and seaman \$38.40 a month. From this post he may become a petty officer, receiving a present war pay of \$41.70 for third class, \$46.50 for second class, and \$52.00 for first class. Rising to a chief petty officer, his present war pay is from \$61.00 to \$83.00, depending on his class of skilled work.

There are other and higher grades of pay, also several avenues open for promotion to commission.

Secretary Baker Speaks for American Boy on Field in France.

"If you want to sell bonds," said Secretary Baker, addressing the woman's Liberty Loan committee, "get into your mind the face of some plain homely country boy—an ordinary American boy—standing on a field in France, with the noise of battle going on about him like a perfect hell. Think of him there as the boy to whom you are bringing support and succor by co-ordinating back of him the financial strength of his country; and as he advances toward the front with his face high in the air representing our nation, we feel your part. The success will be largely yours, but the responsibility is common, and you will not find that the men and women of the country at home are leaving you unaided in that distant land."

Will Keep Card Index Record of Every Soldier.

The most comprehensive card-index system will be inaugurated by the War department following passage of the general deficiency appropriation bill supplying the necessary funds. Plans have practically been completed for the creation in the department of a "statistical division" with a foreign branch in Paris.

This division will keep a card-index record of every soldier of the United States, whether on duty in this country or on the battlefields of Europe. Every man in the army, whether officer or private, will be indexed by name and the records filed in alphabetical order for immediate reference should the names appear either in army orders or casualty lists. With the description of each soldier will be given the name of his next of kin with emergency address.

I. W. W. Members on Job.

North Yakima, Wash.—When a number of orchard employes at the E. D. Clark ranch, near Harrah, struck Saturday for \$4 a day for field men and seven cents a box for packers, three I. W. W. members of the gang refused to go out with them. "We are satisfied; why should we quit?" they asked. "We are getting what we hired out for."

Sixteen packers at the warehouse of the Yakima County Agricultural Union in this city struck Tuesday for an increase from five to six cents a box.

PLOT IN TEUTON NAVY

Scheme Found to Form Committee of Delegates to Force Peace—Guilty Summarily Dealt With.

Copenhagen—Vice Admiral von Capelle, German minister of marine, announced in the reichstag Wednesday that a plot had been discovered in the navy to form a committee of delegates on the Russian model and to paralyze the fleet so as to force the government to make peace.

The guilty parties have been arrested and have received their just deserts, the minister added.

Admiral von Capelle attempted to link the radical Socialists with the plot. He said the ringleader had discussed the plot with Deputies Haase and Voher in the radical Socialist conference-room in the reichstag building. The deputies had called attention to the dangerous nature of the plot and had advised the greatest caution, but had agreed to furnish propaganda material.

Socialist deputies interrupted the speaker with cries of dissent. Deputy David, of the majority Socialist, demanded the government produce proof and that the reichstag should suspend judgment in the meantime.

Chancellor Michaelis, earlier in the session, had referred to the affair, rumors of which evidently had gained public circulation. He declared he could not co-operate with nor recognize a party which put itself beyond the pale by activities directed against the fatherland.

The disclosures in connection with the radical Socialists, if they are true, came most opportunely to help the government out of its embarrassment over the interpellation regarding Pan-German propaganda. Admiral von Capelle hammered home a declaration of the necessity for a proper "enlightenment" of the military forces.

TO CONTROL STAPLE FOODS

Government Will Issue Sweeping Regulations Within Few Days.

Washington, D. C.—Virtually all the staple foods consumed by the American people will be put under government control November 1.

The food administration announced Wednesday that within a few days President Wilson will issue an executive order requiring that manufacturers and distributors of some 20 fundamental foods operate under license restrictions designed to prevent unreasonable profits and to stop speculation and hoarding.

"The prime purpose of the food administration," the announcement said, "is to protect the patriot against the slacker in business."

"It is the purpose of the food administration to effect conservation in the commodities and to keep them flowing toward the consumer in direct lines through the channels of trade in an economical manner as possible. The administration does not wish to disturb the normal and necessary activities of business, and no business factor which in performing a useful function will be expected to surrender that function.

"The producer must have a free outlet and a ready market.

"There must be no manipulation or speculation in foods.

"There must be no hoarding of foods.

"Unfair or unreasonable profits must be eliminated.

"Discriminatory and deceptive and wasteful practices which in any way restrict supply or distribution must be stopped.

"These are the provisions of the food law. The licensing system, which was authorized by the law, provides a more effective machinery for its enforcement. It must not be thought that these operations become illegal only upon the issue of licenses. They have been illegal since August 10, when the law was passed, and numerous cases coming to the attention of the food administration have been corrected.

"The proclamation will require all those handling the commodities concerned to apply for licenses before November 1, upon forms which will be supplied on application to the food administration.

"Applicants will receive licenses without cost, and the regulations governing those dealing with the commodities will be issued in due course.

"After November 1 no unlicensed persons will be permitted to trade in the commodities named enumerated in the proclamation."

Soldiers Bathe in Lake.

Tacoma, Wash.—Soldiers at Camp Lewis bathe twice weekly in the biggest bathtub on the Pacific Coast. They take their dip in American Lake.

Every day companies are marched to the lake, a mile and a half distant from the camp, and hop into the chilly water. They carry their own towel and soap and under the direction of lieutenants take a healthy scrub. It proves to be great sport and the men enjoy it to the limit. The best swimmers look out for the weaker ones and act as life guards.

Bernhardt is Godmother.

Chicago—Madame Sarah Bernhardt Tuesday accepted the title of godmother to the children of America offered her at the meeting of the Children's Patriotic League, which she addressed.

"Today a big family comes to the unhappy children of France and Belgium with hands full of gifts," she said. "Those gifts will put the light of joy into eyes which too early knew the bitterness of tears. It is the beginning of an admirable fraternity."

HITS AT PREMATURE OFFERS OF PEACE

National Unity is Aim of New League Just Formed.

PRESIDENT APPROVES

War Should End Only When Kaiser is Beaten—Teuton Success Would Stop Spread of Democracy.

Washington, D. C.—A movement to lead and express public opinion on the war was inaugurated here Monday by formation of the League of National Unity, representing church, political, labor, agricultural and industrial organizations, to which President Wilson gave his indorsement in an address emphasizing the need for team play by the forces of American thought and opinion.

Welcoming the leaders of the movement at the White House in a brief speech, the President expressed the belief that American public opinion, although understanding the war's causes and principles, needs guidance to remember that the war should end only when Germany is beaten and Germany's rule of autocracy and might are superseded by the ideals of Democracy.

This is the issue which the American people should always keep in mind, the President said, in order to avoid being misled into by-ways of thought and the resultant scattering of force of public opinion. Talk of early peace before Germany is defeated is one of the evidences of misdirected thought, he suggested, and should not cloud the vision of those who understand that the United States is fighting now for the same ideals of democracy and freedom that have always actuated the nation. The President gave warning that it should not be forgotten that German success would mean not only prevention of the spread of democracy, but possibly the suppression of that already existing.

The league, which will have headquarters in New York, chose as honorary chairmen Cardinal Gibbons and Dr. Frank Mason North, president of the Federal Council of Churches; Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, as active chairman, with Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Charles Barrett, president of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, and George Pope, president of the National association of Manufacturers, as vice-chairmen. The object was stated as follows:

"To create a medium through which the loyal Americans of all classes, sections, creeds and parties can give expression to the fundamental purpose of the United States to carry on to a successful conclusion this new war for the independence of America and the preservation of democratic institutions and the vindication of the basic principles of humanity."

The league plans an active campaign to educate Americans to the idea that unity of thought and purpose is as essential to successful prosecution of the war as co-operation in material preparations. Conferences of leaders in the numerous organizations represented will be held frequently, statements of principle formulated and attempt will be made to direct public thought through the medium of the pulpit, press, public platform and many kinds of public, semi-public and private organizations.

U. S. SHIP FIRES ON ITALIAN

Shots Follow When Submarine Fails to Answer Signals.

Washington, D. C.—Vice Admiral Sims cabled the Navy department Tuesday that an American patrol vessel, on duty at night in the war zone, had fired on an Italian submarine which failed to answer recognition signals, killing one officer and one enlisted man.

Secretary Daniels at once sent a message to the Italian ministry of marine, expressing the deepest regret over the unfortunate occurrence and tendering his and the American Navy's sympathy for the loss of life.

Mormons Buy \$250,000.

Salt Lake City, Utah—The Mormon church Monday announced that \$250,000 of the tithing funds of the organization would be used to purchase liberty bonds, the first time in the history of the church that tithing funds have ever been diverted for a purpose outside the church.

Twelve hundred Latter Day Saints raised their right hands in the tabernacle Sunday afternoon when the announcement was made, and approved the action of the heads of the church.

Finland to Elect Chief.

Petrograd—The Finnish senate has prepared a plan for the formation of a new independent government for Finland with a president elected by direct vote for a five-year term and with a cabinet responsible to the Diet, according to a dispatch from Helsinki Monday.

It is proposed to send diplomatic representatives to other nations and also ask representation in the general peace conference.

HOW TO TELL THE RANK OF OFFICERS

Washington.—All commissioned officers wear a black and gold hat cord. On the collar of his shirt a second lieutenant wears a bronze ornament—for the infantry crossed rifles with the number of his regiment in the upper angle; for cavalry, crossed sabers; field artillery, crossed cannon; coast artillery, a shell on the crossed cannon; engineer corps, a turreted castle; signal corps, crossed flags with a flaming torch; medical corps, a wand entwined by two serpents; quartermaster corps, gold key crossed with sword and surmounted by a wheel and eagle; ordnance, a bursting shell. He will also wear one-quarter-inch stripe around his cuff.

A first lieutenant will wear the same insignia and in addition one single silver bar on each side of his collar. On his overcoat he wears a single scroll of narrow black braid.

A captain wears two silver bars and a double scroll of braid.

A major wears the same insignia with a gold oak leaf on his shoulders and three scrolls of braid. A lieutenant colonel wears a silver oak leaf and four scrolls of braid; a colonel, a silver spread eagle and five scrolls of braid.

A brigadier general wears a silver star; a major general, two silver stars; a lieutenant general, two stars with a coat of arms of the United States between.

The noncommissioned officers wear chevrons above the elbow to denote their rank; a corporal, two chevrons; sergeant, three; first sergeant, three, with a diamond or lozenge in the center.

AMERICAN FLYER 'COOL CHAP'

British Aviation Officer Tells How One Reported After Mixup With a "Fritz."

London.—"Those bally American flying chaps are a coolish lot," said a lieutenant of the Royal Flying corps, back with about a pint of German shrapnel in his body.

"The other day one of those La Fayette boys ran afoul of a Fritz 'archie' and had to get to the ground in a hurry. He dropped near our aerodrome and mused things up a bit. After untangling himself from his machine he limped up to our commanding officer:

"'Are you the big noise around this joint?' he asked our brass hat.

"'No, sir, but I am the commanding officer here,' our chief countered.

"'Well,' said the American, 'I've just dropped in to tell you that I've sprinkled gasoline all over your grass plot.'"

BIRD BURNS FARMER'S BARN

Files With Blazing Twig Into the Hay Loft and Blaze Causes Considerable Damage.

Middle River, Minn.—Fire destroyed the barn of William Huff, a farmer living nine miles south of here. Mr. Huff declared that the fire was caused by a bird which carried a twig, one end of which was aglow, into the hay loft.

Mr. Huff, who was working in the barnyard, said he thought he saw a slight trail of smoke as the bird flew past him, but did not investigate. In a few moments the barn was afire. Two valuable horses were burned and the building destroyed.

DRAFT FINDS MODEL HUBBY

Indiana Man Never Tasted Liquor, Home Every Night, Never Played Cards.

Shelbyville, Ind.—Through the examination of men to obtain Shelby county's quota for the first National army, Dr. William W. Tindall and Dr. F. E. Bass, the examiners, believe they have found a model husband.

A young man from Jackson township was unable to pass the physical examination, being under weight. Then he volunteered the information that he had never tasted beer or whisky or any other intoxicant, that he had never uttered a "cuss" word in his life, that he had never played with cards or dice and that he would rather be at home every night with his wife than any other place that he knew.

The examiners have marked a red cross opposite his name, so that he may be looked up in the future.

White Birds a Peace Sign.

Pottsville, Pa.—An invasion of white sparrows in this portion of the state is the precursor of world peace in the near future, county officials believe. Not since the ending of the Civil war in 1865 have these birds been seen here, but now they are appearing in considerable numbers. Deputy Prothonotary Samuel Delbert and Deputy Sheriff Thomas O'Donnell saw a flock of the birds at the courthouse recently. When O'Donnell opened a window one flew in, perched on his shoulder, chirped gayly and flew out again.