

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.

Thomas B. Love, of Dallas, Tex., has been nominated to be assistant secretary of the Treasury to fill one of the new offices created for the war.

Petrograd newspapers report that Chinese troops have arrived at Harbin, Manchuria, to protect Chinese interests, according to the Berlingske Tidende.

Interruption of interstate railway service by labor disputes has been almost negligible since the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation was organized four years ago, says a report of the board presented to the President.

By unanimous consent the house agreed to consider on Monday the constitutional amendment for nationwide prohibition, which already has been passed by the senate. The judiciary committee favorably reported the amendment.

The marriage in Berlin Monday of Count Christian Gunther von Bernstorff, son of the former ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Margarete Vivian Burton Thomason, of Burlington, N. J., is reported by the Berlin newspapers.

Regulations regulating display advertising have failed to conserve the amount of fuel hoped for by the fuel administration and a plan is under consideration to stop all outdoor lighting, save street lights, at least three nights a week.

The Rev. Dr. E. P. Ryland, a district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal church at Los Angeles, will be removed from his post next Monday and assigned to some other duty because of his unwillingness to support the church's patriotic attitude.

Rome dispatches Tuesday, confirming earlier reports of a lull after the fierce fighting in which the Teutons failed to break through the Italian lines, says the Austro-German commander sacrificed hundreds of thousands of his best men without improving his position.

With below zero weather prevailing, the coal shortage was so acute in Ohio Tuesday that Governor James M. Cox telegraphed Dr. Harry Garfield, federal fuel administrator, at Washington, that unless Ohio people get immediate relief, they will "lose confidence in the government."

A general inquiry into the operations of the war department in arming and equipping the American forces was decided upon Tuesday by the senate military affairs committee. Secretary Baker and other department heads will be called to explain various features of war activities.

J. A. McHugh a rancher of Auburn, Wash., and his son, John E. McHugh, convicted in the federal court of conspiracy to violate the selective draft law by making false affidavits supporting the son's claim for exemption, were sentenced late Tuesday. The father was given six months in the county jail and fined \$500. The son, now at Camp Lewis cantonment, was fined \$50.

"East Africa has been completely cleared of the enemy." This announcement was made by England Wednesday.

To prevent bootleggers from operating among the soldiers stationed at Houston, Texas, the city council has passed an ordinance putting out of business about 225 beer saloons and between 50 and 60 saloons where whiskey and other liquors were sold. The new ordinance becomes effective January 1 and applies to all places where intoxicating liquors are sold, except in the business district.

Nearly 9,500,000 acres of winter wheat was sown in Kansas this fall according to an estimate made public Wednesday by the State Board of Agriculture.

Vladimir Schneur, one of the representatives of the Bolsheviks in the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, was arrested at Petrograd a fortnight before the revolution of last March, as a German spy, according to information obtained by the Associated Press from a well-informed source.

The working balance in the U. S. treasury was raised Wednesday to a new high record of \$2,515,000,000 by receipts of \$685,000,000 from the latest issue of certificates of indebtedness due next June, and \$42,000,000 from Liberty Loan payments.

German has been dropped from the course of study in 30 high schools of the state of California, since the opening of the present school year because pupils have discontinued studying the language, Will C. Wood, State Commissioner of Secondary Schools, announced.

TO OUST BOLSHEVIKI

General Kaledines and Other Leaders to Make Short Shift of Radicals
London—Russian officials in London, who are establishing direct communication with General Kaledines and other leaders of Democratic organizations in Russia, declared to the Associated Press Wednesday that the movement to overthrow the Bolsheviks was supported not only by the Cossacks, but by almost all the leaders of the other parties. These leaders, it was said, are confident they will be able to make short shift of the Bolsheviks.

Stockholm, Tuesday.—A proclamation of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, declaring that the Cossack government has taken over power in the Donetz region of Southern Russia, is published in the Yuzhny Krai, a newspaper of Kharkov, a copy of which has reached Stockholm, having escaped the Bolshevik censorship.

General Kaledines declares that the Cossacks have the means of maintaining order and intend to use their whole power to oppose the Bolsheviks.

The newspaper publishes sharply worded protests against the Bolsheviks from seven different army corps. Turkistan is reported to be mobilizing all men between the ages of 16 and 45, who will be sent to Tashkent, capital of that government, to fight the Bolsheviks, who now control the city.

HEAVIER BURDENS TO COME

Congress is Urged to Concentrate on War Problems.

Washington, D. C.—Warning that the United States must prepare to assume further burdens to win the war was given Wednesday in the senate by Senator Reed vigorously opposing as a trust scheme the Webb export combination bill which President Wilson in his recent address urged congress to enact.

Declaring that congress should concentrate upon great war problems and defer consideration of such legislation as the export trade measures the Missouri senator said that with Russia out of the war and Roumania also "gone," the enemy, numerically, is now superior in manpower.

Although an opponent of army conscription, Senator Reed predicted that new draft levies probably would be necessary and urged military training for youths between 18 and 21 for coast defense work. Invasion of America, he asserted, was not beyond the realm of possibilities should other allied powers fall beside Russia, Roumania and Serbia.

The Webb bill was denounced by Senator Reed as destructive of the Sherman anti-trust law at behest of trusts and monopolies and a proposed legalizing of illegal combinations which would encroach on consumers abroad and increase domestic prices.

"It repeals," he said, "every vestige of that system of anti-trust statutes built up during 28 years by the Federal government so far as the same apply to commerce with foreign powers. It is intended directly to legalize the creation of combinations and trusts to control every foreign market in which the American citizen may seek to sell his goods. Indirectly it will enable these same combinations to control the domestic markets, because a control of the prices of the surplus that goes abroad to find a market controls the price of the home product.

"This measure has the enthusiastic support of the allied trusts of the United States, together with their servants, agents, employees and sympathizers. It will be supported by every newspaper that believes in the control of big business which regards every effort to limit or circumscribe the power of capital as undesirable and dangerous."

Beet Sugar Price Lifted.

Washington, D. C.—An increase of 10 cents a hundred pounds in the wholesale price on beet sugar was authorized Wednesday by the food administration. The advance is to put beet sugar prices on a level with those now paid for Cuban cane sugar. It should not advance retail prices, the food administration declares. The new price is \$7.35 at the basic sugar centers of New York, San Francisco and New Orleans. A further slight increase may be granted, it was said, when Cuban freights are readjusted.

La Follette Quiz Put Off.

Washington, D. C.—Another hitch developed Wednesday to further postpone the senate elections committee's inquiry into Senator La Follette's St. Paul speech. The committee discussed whether further investigation would be made by the sub-committee, which will meet next week to decide the question of procedure, and deferred for the present the proposed examination of ex-Secretary Bryan.

Socialist Regime in Russia.

Washington, D. C.—Candidates for Reserve Corps commissions who failed through physical disability or lack of military knowledge to be recommended by commanders at training camps are to be called into the military service of the Nation to officer the new National Militia soon to be organized for guarding ports and government property.

REPORT EMERGENCY FUND DISBURSEMENT

Accounting Made to Congress of Expenditures.

HUGE SUMS PAID OUT

Millions Required for Work of Food and Fuel Administrations, Shipping Board and Others.

Washington, D. C.—An accounting to congress for the \$100,000,000 war emergency fund placed in President Wilson's hands last April shows that the President has allotted to 21 departments, bureaus and newly created war bodies \$31,597,000, of which \$21,651,000 has been spent. Congress now has been asked to make the remaining \$68,402,000 available up to the close of the fiscal year next June, instead of only to December 31, and Thursday the house appropriation committee favorably reported a bill for that purpose.

Five of the President's allotments were made under the head of "executive," for which no itemized disbursements were given. They were \$1,350,000 for the committee on public information, \$340,000 for preliminary work of the food administration, \$25,000 for preliminary expenses of the fuel administration, \$250,000 for the War Trade board and \$25,000 for administration of priority in transportation. The total was \$1,990,000 and the disbursements \$1,069,154.

In addition to their preliminary funds the food and fuel administrations were allotted \$400,000 for buildings, of which \$240,000 has been disbursed, and \$2,000,000 for educational work, of which \$460,000 has been spent.

Two temporary allotments or loans to the War department, aggregating \$65,000,000, were made, but the money was returned when regular appropriations became available and the department now has nothing charged against it from the fund. A temporary allotment of \$500,000 also was made to the War department risk insurance bureau and \$100,000 of it turned over, to be repaid when premiums accumulate.

In the seven months up to December 7, when the report was compiled, the government spent \$1,679,000 from the emergency fund for secret service activities and gaining information from abroad. The President granted \$2,203,000 for that purpose.

Almost \$18,500,000 went to the Shipping Board to repair German and Austrian vessels seized in American ports until the United States entered the war, and with the exception of \$1,358,000, all of it has been turned over to the board.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BEGIN

Demobilization of Russian Forces Also Under Way—Hostilities Cease.

Copenhagen.—The semi-official German agency Thursday says demobilization of the Russian force already has begun and that peace negotiations, restricted to the Russian front, have been authorized.

The news agency's dispatch says that General Obergatchoff has been appointed commander-in-chief, "with the assistance of the allies," (Teutonic?) and that he has been authorized to open negotiations with Germany.

Jassy, Roumania.—Official announcement was made Thursday of the signing of an armistice in accordance with which hostilities were suspended at 10:30 p. m. Wednesday until further notice.

London.—The central powers appear to be willing to evacuate and restore Roumanian territory on condition that a new dynasty be established, the new sovereign to be a sympathizer with the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs, says a dispatch to the Manchester Guardian from Petrograd.

On the other hand, the message states, the Bolsheviks are carrying on a republican agitation in the Roumanian army.

70-Year-Old in Service.

North Bend, Or.—Because so many young men of this city have joined the colors, Charles Marshall, a veteran of the Civil War, over 70 years of age, decided it was about time that he did his "bit" in this war against Germany. He applied to rejoin the colors, but was unsuccessful, and had been regretting his gray hairs, when he received notice Thursday that he had been afforded an opportunity to contribute to the National cause. He has been appointed "boss" painter at the Bremerton navy yard.

Bombs Dropped on Huns.

London.—Thursday's admiralty statement on aircraft operations follows: During Monday night naval aircraft carried out a bombing raid on Oststaker airdrome and the Bruges docks. Many tons of bombs were dropped upon both objectives. On the former, owing to poor visibility, the results were difficult to observe, but at the latter a good showing was made and a fire started. All machines returned safely.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

One hundred and eighty-seven acres of wheat land bought in August have just netted A. L. Douglas of Pendleton a profit of \$16,000.

Residents of Milwaukie have filed a petition with the Public Service commission complaining as to the car service given by the Portland & Oregon City road and asking for a hearing.

Albany high school may soon have to close its manual training department for lack of instructors. Some of the instructors have enlisted and other teachers in the school are expected to do so later.

Competing with several private paving and contracting firms, Clackamas county won the contract for the completion of the roadbed from Coasco to Canemah by the State Highway commission Monday.

Hannes Fritz, of Huttulla, appeared before Deputy Collector of Customs Haddix at Astoria Wednesday, and asked to have his Russian passport revised so that he could return to Finland. The request was denied.

H. A. Johnson, said to have been the oldest white child born in Oregon, died at his home in Salem Monday. He was born in Marion county, March 3, 1849. He lived in Salem for about 28 years and for many years was Justice of the Peace.

Chairmen and campaign managers for the Red Cross drive in every town of Umatilla county were announced at a meeting held in Pendleton Wednesday. Plans were laid for a Christmas drive that will start next Monday and continue for a week. Umatilla county's quota of members is 7500.

That the Hammond Lumber company is to continue the construction of its logging railroad from Seaside, a distance of six miles, almost directly south, was the announcement made at the hearing before the Public Service commission and the county court on petitions to cross the road.

The Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad, the Oregon Electric, the United Railways and the Oregon Trunk have petitioned the Oregon Public Service commission for an order to amend their demurrage traffic to provide for elimination of the average agreement as to coal and to change the free time allowance on all commodities from 48 to 24 hours.

No price fixing on wool is being considered or will be considered by the National Council of Defense, according to a wire received in Pendleton by a prominent Umatilla county sheepman. It is understood that this meets with their approval, though there seemingly was a move, especially on the part of middlemen, to have a price fixed that they might handle the product on commission.

Hiram L. Harned, of Baker, charged with uttering seditious statements, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail in Police court Wednesday, sentence being suspended. Harned testified he meant no disloyalty, but referred to President Wilson as a traitor in order to start an argument. Witnesses testified that two of his sons had enlisted and he promised to refrain from future talk that might get him into trouble.

Sheriff Geer of Lincoln county has received word of the finding of the body of Fred Hill, aged 14, on the highway near Devils Lake. A trail of blood led to the brush about 60 feet away, where a gun was found. It is thought the boy shot himself accidentally. The death is being investigated.

C. Manska, 45, was arrested on the waterfront at North Bend Friday and taken before Deputy United States Attorney McKnight on a charge of having contravened the federal law concerning enemy aliens. He claims that he is fully naturalized, but could not produce his papers. An investigation is proceeding.

Parole Officer Keller was designated by Governor Withycombe Friday to have charge of the squad of special agents stationed at Oregon City to prevent trouble between strikers and strike breakers in the paper mills there. The parole officer is instructed to work in co-operation with the sheriff and chief of police.

Two boys, giving their names as George Davis, aged 11, and Wayne Frazier, who claims to be a year older than his companion, were taken in charge by Chief of Police Williams of Roseburg Thursday near the local railroad yards. The youngsters stated they were enroute from Tacoma to Grants Pass.

Farmers of the northwest will be forced to handle grain in bulk because of shortage and high cost of sacks, declared G. B. Hegardt, engineer of the Port of Portland, in addressing the state convention of the Farmers' Union at Pendleton. He said Portland's \$3,000,000 grain elevator will be ready to take care of the emergency for the next harvest. Mr. Hegardt says the government commandeered 50,000,000 sacks to make trench fortifications. The farmers closed their three-day session with a banquet.

Governor Withycombe Friday received notification from Provost Marshal Crowder that the nominees selected by him to serve both as members of the legal and medical advisory boards in the coming draft have been appointed for Oregon by President Wilson.

Max Haake, of Marshfield, German engineer on the gasoline schooner Roamer, was arrested Friday when on board the vessel by Deputy United States Marshal Frank Berry. Haake had been warned away from the waterfront several times, but returned and stayed aboard the Roamer.

JERUSALEM IS TAKEN

Turks Surrender Holy City to British—Moslem Stronghold for 1200 Years Again Possessed by Christians.

London—Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons Monday that Jerusalem, after being surrounded on all sides by British troops, had surrendered.

The Chancellor said British, French and Mohammedan representatives were on the way to Jerusalem to safeguard the holy places.

General Allenby reported that on Saturday he attacked the enemy's positions south and west of Jerusalem, the Chancellor said. Welsh and home county troops advancing from the direction of Bethlehem, drove back the enemy and, passing Jerusalem on the east, established themselves on the Jerusalem-Jericho road. At the same time London infantry and dismounted yeomanry attacked the strong enemy positions west and northwest of Jerusalem and placed themselves astride the Jerusalem-Shechem road. The holy city, being thus isolated, surrendered to General Allenby.

The chancellor said General Allenby entered Jerusalem officially Tuesday, accompanied by the commanders of the French and Italian contingents and the heads of the French political mission, British political officers, together with the British governor, were in the party that had gone ahead on the safeguarding mission, the chancellor stated.

The capture of Jerusalem had been delayed to some degree, added the chancellor, in consequence of the great care that had been taken to avoid damage to the sacred places in and around the city.

The capture of Jerusalem by the British forces marks the end, with two brief interludes, of more than 1200 years' possession of the seat of the Christian religion by the Mohammedans. For 673 years the Holy City has been in undisputed ownership of the Turks, the last Christian ruler of Jerusalem being the German Emperor, Frederick II, whose short-lived dominion lasted from 1229 to 1244.

Apart from its connection with the campaign being waged against Turkey by the British in Mesopotamia, the fall of Jerusalem was the definite collapse of long-protracted efforts of the Turks to capture the Suez canal and invade Egypt. Almost their first move made by Turkey after entrance into the war was a campaign against Egypt across the great desert of the Sinai peninsula. In November, 1914, a Turkish army variously estimated at from 75,000 to 250,000 men marched on the Suez canal and succeeded in reaching within striking distance of the great artificial waterway at several points. For several months bitter fighting took place, the canal being defended by an Anglo-Egyptian army, aided by Australians and New Zealanders and French and British forces.

TO ASK FOR UNIFIED ROADS

Wilson to Appear Before Congress for Better Railroad Service.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson will go to congress for special legislation to bring about unification of the railroads during the war.

The fact that the President has decided definitely on such a move became known Tuesday night after he had gone over the whole transportation system with Senator Newlands, chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee.

He probably will ask for the legislation in an address to be delivered before the Christmas holidays.

Indications are that the President had confided to none of his associates his full intention, and officials were doubtful as to just what he may ask. Some were of the opinion that he might request action in line with the suggestion of the Interstate commerce commission that anti-trust laws might be suspended during the war. Others pointed out that the Interstate commerce commission's report also carried the suggestion that additional legislation might be needed, were the government to decide to take over operation of the roads.

The President's advisers are divided in their views as to what is necessary to be done. Most of them, however, have come out for government operation, and some of the strongest supporters of this proposal declare that the executive under the army appropriation act has power to take over the roads for operation under an administrator.

Pacifists Sent to Jail.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Three so-called "pacifists" convicted on three charges of disorderly conduct, were each sentenced Tuesday in the police court to serve six months in jail and fined \$1200 each.

The men sentenced were the Rev. Floyd Hardin, of Atwater, Cal.; the Rev. Robert Whittaker, of Los Gatos, Cal.; and Harold H. Story, of Whittier, Cal., all leaders at a series of meetings held here recently in suburban homes after the police prevented open meetings in halls.

Ten Women Are Carriers.

New York—Ten women letter carriers were Monday added to the list of women who entered various lines of public service in New York City. It is understood here that if the experiment proves a success Washington authorities will authorize the regular employment of women in many divisions of the postal service so as to release men for war service or other lines of employment.

13 NEGRO SOLDIERS HANGED FOR RIOT

Troopers Pay Penalty at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

AFFAIR KEPT SECRET

Sixty-Three Men Tried by Courtmartial, 41 of Whom Are Sentenced for Life—Others Get Less.

San Antonio, Tex.—Thirteen negroes were hanged at Fort Sam Houston at 7:17 a. m. Tuesday for complicity in the riot at Houston August 23. The announcement of action on the court martial's verdict was made at Southern department headquarters at 9 o'clock by the chief of staff, who also gave out a formal statement in which the names of the men sentenced to death were given.

Only army officers and Sheriff John Tobin, of Baxter county, were present when the sentence was carried out by soldiers from the post. No newspapermen or civilian spectators were allowed, the time and place of execution having been kept a secret.

Of the 63 men tried, by the same courtmartial, 41 were sentenced to dishonorable discharge from the army, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and to be confined at hard labor for 2 years. Three were sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the army, forfeit all pay and allowances and be confined at hard labor for two years. Five were acquitted.

Following the hanging of the 13 men the chief of staff of the Southern department gave out a written statement, at the same time refusing to answer any question.

The rioting in Houston occurred while the third battalion of the 24th infantry was guarding new buildings being erected at Camp Logan. During the afternoon of August 23 a report was circulated in the negro camp that Corporal Baltimore, of the battalion, had been shot and killed by a Houston police officer. This was to have been directly responsible for the trouble.

According to the testimony of one of the participants the negroes obtained their rifles and a quantity of ammunition after retreat the same evening, and after dark started toward Houston. There were about 125 of these negroes, according to the statement, and they opened fire on an automobile in which an American was riding. He was said to have been the first one killed.

"OPEN SHOP" IS HELD LEGAL

United States Supreme Court Issues Important Labor Ruling.

Washington, D. C.—Decisions defining in general terms the rights of both organized labor and the employer were rendered Tuesday by the Supreme court. While the right of workmen to organize for lawful purposes was re-affirmed, the court held that employers legally may operate their plants as "open shops" and prevent conspiracies to bring their non-union employees into labor organizations.

The opinions were rendered in the cases of the Hitchman Coal & Coke company and the Eagle Glass Manufacturing company of West Virginia, the court deciding that both were entitled to operate their plants as "open shops" and upholding injunctions issued by Judge A. G. Dayton, restraining union officials from attempting to organize their employees. Lower court decrees holding that the United Mine Workers of America, and the American Flint Glass Workers' Union, were illegal organizations and that under the Sherman law they were secret conspiracies in restraint of trade were ignored by the Supreme court opinion.

In the Hitchman case the majority of the court held that the officials of the miners' union "deliberately and advisedly selected that method of enlarging the union membership, which would inflict injury" upon the company and its loyal employees, and declared that the "conduct in so doing was unlawful and malicious."

Lakeside Inn is Raided.

Tacoma, Wash.—Swooping down on the Lakeside Inn, a resort on the mountain road famous for its chicken dinners and open "all night" policy, police captains Falconer and Strickland, Deputy Sheriff Sears and Lieutenant Folston, of the military police, early Monday morning broke in upon a mixed crowd of some 150 civilian men, women, army officers and soldiers in the main dining room, while upstairs, stretched out on a bed they found Florence Webb, a domestic, half unconscious from drugged liquor and in a delirium.

Phone Workers Get Lift.

New York—General salary increases to meet the increased cost of living will be granted to its employees by the New York Telephone company, instead of the yearly bonus which the company has heretofore given, it was announced Tuesday. The increase in the aggregate will amount virtually to double the bonus granted last year, it was stated, and will in no way affect advances awarded "from time to time in recognition of efficiency."