

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.

Milton Sebastian Lansing, 20 years old, a nephew of Robert Lansing, secretary of state, enlisted in the navy at Los Angeles Wednesday.

When the darkness of the eclipse crept over Yakima, Wash., Saturday, scores of Indians working in hop fields near the city hastily sought their camps and covered themselves under their blankets.

Married 13 times, "Uncle" John Dempsey, oldest resident of Marion, Ill., died Tuesday, four days before his 100th birthday. He purchased his coffin seven years ago and married his 13th wife five years ago.

Lowell, Ind., a town of 1800 people, will close up its business houses two days a week during July and August, and most of its merchants, clerks and professional men will help the surrounding farmers harvest their crops, because of the shortage of labor.

Two hundred soldiers Tuesday night were rushed in auto trucks to Little Creek, three miles north of Newport, Ore., to fight a forest fire. After working all night, assisted by a heavy shower of rain, they got the blaze under control. About 200 acres were burned over.

America in 1920 will have a merchant marine of 25,000,000 deadweight tons, Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping board, declared at South Bend, Ind., Tuesday in an address giving the most complete statement of the nation's shipbuilding program which has yet been made public.

A blasting hot wind for two days with the thermometer at 97 degrees in the shade has given a setback to the wheat crop outlook in Northern Montana. To the north of Great Falls the situation is reported as very serious, while to the south the winter wheat may yet be saved by rain.

An appropriation of \$1,761,701,000 for the American merchant marine is provided in the sundry civil bill reported to the house Wednesday by the appropriations committee. The measure carries a total of \$2,862,752,237 in direct appropriations and the house is expected to add upwards of \$50,000,000 more.

Germany's submarine raiders, which some 16 days ago made their first appearance in American waters since the declaration of war, apparently are still ranging off the Atlantic coast, though no reports of additional sinkings had been received at the Navy department late Tuesday night to add to the official toll of 18 craft sent to the bottom.

Workingmen of the United States will be satisfied only with a peace brought about by the complete overthrow of the German military machine, according to President Samuel Gompers, who made the principal address Tuesday at the opening session of the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in St. Paul.

Federal court decrees prohibiting newspapers from publishing articles held to embarrass the administration of justice, although not acts committed within the presence of the U. S. Supreme court in upholding judgment against the Toledo Newspaper company, publisher, and N. D. Cochran, editor-in-chief of the Toledo, Ohio, News-Bee, for contempt of court.

President Wilson has written a second letter to Governor Stephens, of California, urging the pardon of Thomas J. Mooney. The President asked for clemency for Mooney in March, but Governor Stephens replied that he could not act until an appeal for the convicted man had been passed upon by the courts. The courts have refused the plea.

Traumatic neurosis is "shell shock," it was explained at the meeting Thursday in Chicago of the American Medico-Psychological association, and it is as apt to strike the grandmother as the soldier in the trenches.

President Wilson sent a message of sympathy to the family of former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks. Praise for Mr. Fairbanks was given also in the house by Representatives Wood, Republican, and Dixon, Democrat.

Sylvester J. Konenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, announced on his arrival in Chicago from Washington that a date had been set for a nation-wide strike of telegraphers to enforce their demands for recognition of the union.

A resolution calling for congressional investigation of accidents at aviation camps was introduced by Representative Husted, of New York. Accidents in the last five weeks, the resolution says, show that some have been due to defective construction or negligent inspection.

MONTANA FORESTS ABLAZE

Early Start Believed to Portend Much Damage—Town is Threatened.

Missoula, Mont. — With scores of fires, some covering large areas and blazing unchecked, others small and yet within control, burning in dry forests of Western Montana and Northern Idaho, the fire situation in the territory embraced within district No. 1 of the Forest service is the most acute that it has ever been at this time of the year, forestry officials declare. Indications point to a fire season worse than that of 1917, they said, since it is starting fully a month earlier.

More than 500 men are fighting fires in the national forests of this district, 150 of them engaged in an effort to save the town of Essex, in the Flathead forest, on the Great Northern railway. One hundred others are fighting a fire near Belton, at the west end of Glacier National Park.

Two hundred and fifty men are still fighting the fire on Marble creek, near the St. Joe forest in Northern Idaho, where thousands of acres of valuable privately owned timber land are being burned over. The blaze was declared to be the worst in the district.

Other fires were reported on Canyon Ferry Gulch, at the west end of Hellgate canyon, in the Helena forest; on Deep creek, in the Lolo forest; in the Bitter Root mountains and in the Cabinet forest.

RUSS-SLAV FACTION ASKS AID OF ALLIES

Formal Appeal Made to America to Send Expedition to Halt Huns—Cadets Send Message.

Washington, D. C. — An appeal to the United States and the allies to send an expeditionary force to Russia to repel the German invaders, forwarded by the central committee of the Cadet party in Russia, was transmitted to the State department Wednesday by the Russian embassy.

It is asked that the expedition, if sent, be put under international control to guarantee the rights of Russia.

The Cadet party, as it is popularly called, is composed of the Constitutional Democrats who were first in power after the overthrow of the Romanoff dynasty. It was removed from power by the Bolsheviks.

The United States has not defined its attitude toward the allied desire for joint action from the East, although it is understood the government holds that it would be inopportune to attempt to check the Germans in Russia, unless it is shown the Russian people wish it and that the move would not be misunderstood.

The message of the Constitutional Democrats declares the situation in Russia can be ameliorated by the active aid of the allies. The advance of the German armies, it is declared, otherwise cannot be halted.

The appearance of a strong allied force in the East, it is declared, will have a decisive bearing on the issues of the war.

If an expedition is sent it is asked that every means be taken to safeguard Russian interests and rights.

It has been pointed out that there are insurmountable obstacles in the way of the placing of allied and American troops in Russia proper, save in the small sectors on the Arctic ocean where the British and French flags are now seen.

Technically that is a part of the territory now under the jurisdiction of General Foch in his capacity of commander-in-chief of all the allied and American troops.

If he desires to risk starting a campaign at such a remote point, it is said that he may use Americans for this purpose in his discretion.

The other avenue of approach by an army to European Russia would be by way of Siberia, and unless the allies are willing to turn that task over to Japan alone, which it is feared the Russians would resent, there is no transportation available for the placing in Siberia of the numerous American and allied army that would be required for a successful campaign.

Cars Enter Firing Zone.

Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.—Five times Wednesday automobile drivers endangered the lives of themselves and passengers and interfered with "attacks" on German advance posts which American infantry were approaching. It was the first time the B target range was used and the motorists somehow got past the sentries who were guarding all roads and drove directly into the line of fire.

New Star Loses Brilliance.

Pasadena, Cal.—Astronomers at the Mount Wilson solar observatory, near here, were of the opinion Wednesday that the new star which appeared Saturday night in the constellation Aquilla and rapidly grew in brilliance, reached its maximum luminosity early Tuesday. The spectroscopic indicated it had dimmed slightly. At its brightest, it was said, the new star was exceeded in brilliance by possibly but one fixed star, Sirius.

Berlin, Ia., is No More.

Berlin, Ia.—Berlin, Ia., will be no more. As a result of a meeting here of the mayor and the city council it was decided to notify the postoffice officials in Washington that the citizens here have changed the name of the town to Lincoln.

NEW WESTERN FIR PRICES AGREED ON

Extended Conference at Capitol Makes Adjustment.

COAST MEN RETURN

Action Depends Upon Southern Pine Association—Result Seen Principally in Price of Logs.

Washington, D. C.—At the close of a final conference between representatives of the west coast lumber manufacturers and loggers and the pricing commission of the War Industries board, a new schedule of prices applicable to western fir was agreed upon to become effective the first of next week; that is the lumbermen agreed to these prices as far as the government purchases are concerned and will agree that the same prices shall apply to the lumber trade, provided the Southern Pine association, now in conference, agrees to accept a common price for the government and for lumber dealers.

The new fir prices will not be announced until formally promulgated by the War Industries board, secrecy having been enjoined on all parties to the fir conferences. It is known, however, that fir prices in no instances are to be reduced.

The price of ship timber and airplane timber, both spruce and fir, is to remain unchanged. On all grades of fir, number three clear and better, and on all large timbers and planking three inches thick and thicker and 10 inches wide or wider discount number 22 will be the government discount. On all other items of the fir list, \$1 over discount 21 will be applicable.

It is understood that the increases in prices merely cover increase in costs as shown in a comprehensive composite statement of a large number of typical fir operations compiled by the West Coast Lumbermen's association. This statement is said to have been in close accord with a similar statement presented by the federal trade commission.

The agreement between the manufacturers and the government is said to have been reached immediately following a statement from the railway administration that the recent order advancing freight rates did not contemplate advancing log-haul rates in excess of 25 per cent, regardless of the fact that there is a section of the general order which specifies that the minimum charges for carload shipments shall be \$15 per car.

The lumbermen proved to the satisfaction of the railway administration and the price-fixing committee that such a carload minimum would increase the rate of log delivery from camps to mills approximately 100 per cent.

MONEY IS GIVEN NORTHWEST

Sundry Civil Bill Carries Number of Needed Appropriations.

Washington, D. C.—The sundry civil bill reported to the house of representatives Thursday carries the following northwestern appropriations: Umattilla irrigation project, \$80,000. Klamath project, \$423,000. Crater lake national park, \$50,000 for construction and maintenance of roads and \$13,225 for administration. Out of these appropriations will be taken enough to purchase one automobile and two horse-drawn vehicles for the accommodation of visitors.

Protection of O. & C. and Coos Bay grant lands against fire, \$25,000. Care of Alaska insane at Portland, \$99,000, or \$420 per capita.

Mount Rainier national park, \$24,500. McNeil Island penitentiary, \$100,000 for new cell wing, \$7500 for isolation building and \$64,750 for administration and supplies.

Yakima irrigation project, \$645,000. Okanogan project, \$29,000. Boise, Idaho, project, \$732,000. King Hill project, Idaho, \$423,000. Minidoka project, \$489,000.

Airman Outraces Storm.

New York.—In a victorious race with a thunder storm, Lieutenant Culver Thursday broke the air post record between Philadelphia and New York. He left Philadelphia at 2:30 P. M. and arrived at Belmont Park 42 minutes later, flying at the rate of 147 miles an hour.

At Trenton the flyer overtook a thunder storm moving in the same direction. Passing through it, he beat the rain into Belmont park half an hour. He flew an airplane equipped with a Liberty motor.

Lodgings Are in Demand.

Tacoma, Wash.—Even fire stations are being turned into apartment houses in Tacoma. F. H. Pettit, commissioner of public safety, told the city council Thursday that an offer had been made for the South Tacoma station and the transfer was made.

Mr. Pettit said the buyer would remodel the building and make an apartment-house out of it. A smaller building will be secured for the fire station.

The Territory of Hawaii will become "bone dry" within 60 days, the President having signed the Sheppard bill which passed both houses on May 18, and preparations are being made by many tippers to provide against the drought, if the figures of liquor importations tell the truth.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Union county's quota of grammar school graduates has been filled, five by volunteering and the remainder by induction.

Training of a 100-voice choir to appear on the Fourth of July celebration program at La Grande, began recently under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Richardson.

With figures on the recent primary election being checked over from Multnomah county, it will probably be the latter part of this week before the official count will be completed by Secretary Olcott for the state.

No official notice having yet been received as to the action of the capital issues committee relative to the sale of State Highway bonds, the commission has so far prepared no statement as to its road program for this year.

"To dance or not to dance" in the high school gymnasium was the subject of a warm discussion in the Parent-Teachers' meeting in The Dalles a few months ago and was submitted in the special election to the parents of high school students a few weeks later.

Mrs. George T. Leslie, of Gresham, is the owner of probably the only tulip tree in that part of the state. It is 40 feet high with a spread of 20 feet and is beautifully proportioned. The tree is now in full bloom, the flowers being of a greenish yellow about three inches in diameter, and there are thousands of them.

Teachers in the elementary schools of Eugene are advertising for work on the farms of Lane county. A group of 12 teachers, headed by Miss Margaret Tiffany, principal of the Lincoln grade school, announce they are ready to undertake any kind of farm work which it is physically possible for them to perform.

Upon instructions from the federal authorities, Sheriff Geer of Lincoln county, arrested a youth by the name of Lowell last Friday, near Ona. Lowell is charged with desertion from the army at Camp Lewis. When apprehended he was working in his uniform, apparently making no effort to conceal his identity.

The rails for the new municipal railroad from Klamath Falls to Dairy, 20 miles east, and the first link of the great Strahorn system which is destined later to develop the great inland empire of Oregon, have reached Oleno, and it is expected that active operation over this part of the line will be instituted at an early date.

The work of a hun or an I. W. W. is suspected in the explosion of the gasoline engine at the Earl Ishmael sawmill at Cottage Grove Saturday, as the result of which James Leabo sustained what may prove to be fatal injuries. The base of his skull was fractured and a gash was torn in Leabo's neck by the flying steel.

The annual Wasco County Farmers' Union picnic was held at Friend Saturday with a large attendance from all over Wasco county. A county service flag, containing 232 stars, was unveiled. Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson, of The Dalles, spoke. Music was furnished by the Dufur High school band under the leadership of Professor J. F. Wright.

With the Red Cross chapter in charge, Hood River is already preparing for Independence Day. Invitations have been extended to neighboring towns in Oregon and Washington. All concessions have been granted the Red Cross chapter by the city council, and it is expected that the chapter will be richer by more than \$1000 following the event.

Pendleton was selected as the next meeting place of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association, which closed its annual convention in Salem Saturday, the dates of the convention to conform with those of the Roundup.

Immense sums subscribed to liberty loans have not affected bank deposits, which, on May 10, amounted to \$194,383,998.57 in all of the banks and trust companies of the state, or an increase of \$25,172,407.28 over May 1, 1917, according to a statement issued by Superintendent of Banks Bennett.

A total of 54,741 motor vehicles were registered by June 1 this year, according to a statement issued by Secretary Olcott. The total fees received for the half year were \$403,677.50, as compared to 38,242 vehicles registered for the first six months of last year, and \$152,459.50 in fees received for the same period.

Petitions asking for the immediate resignation of County Commissioner Archie P. Phillips and County Judge James Watson are being circulated in North Bend and are being freely signed. The movement is the result of action taken at a recent meeting of the newly-formed Coos County Tax League, at which alleged mismanagement of county affairs and extravagant expenditure of county funds were charged.

J. B. Olmsted was appointed by Governor Witycombe as county judge for Wallowa county to succeed G. S. Reavis, who has resigned because of ill health. The new judge formerly held the position. The term of Judge Reavis would have expired in 1923.

TO TEMPER FREIGHT RATES

New 25 Per Cent Raise to Fall Mostly Upon Foreign Shipper.

There is no occasion for alarm on the part of producers or shippers because of the increased freight rates to go into effect June 25, in the opinion of traffic officials. It is realized that there will be some points at which a pinch will be felt, pending the adjustment of rates on a basis that will be fair to various interests.

Word from the headquarters of the Western traffic committee at Chicago, brings assurance that the intention of the railroad administration is to have the district committees work out the equitable modifications necessary.

It is generally recognized that increased earnings had become imperative to the operation of the railroads, and the 25 per cent increase under order No. 28 was the necessary step to begin the establishment of rates to yield the necessary revenue. In the very nature of commerce and traffic it necessarily follows that the effect of the application of the general rates announced will seriously affect the producer or manufacturer whose goods find a market in distant sections of the country as against the man with a local market.

New War Taxes Discussed.

Washington, D. C. — Installment plan payment of war taxes will be provided for in the new revenue bill which the house ways and means committee is preparing to draft. Chairman Kitchin disclosed this fact during a hearing before the committee, when Albert R. Palmer, of New York, representing a large number of corporations, urged that such provision be made.

Mr. Palmer advocated tax on gross sales, which he said would be less felt than the tax on war profits. He opposed a tax on stock dividends, contending that exemption from taxes should not be based on capital because of the widely varying revenues of companies operating along the same lines. He argued for a tax on gross income which could be passed along easily to the consumer.

Holstein Calf Brings \$10,000.

Minneapolis—What is said to be the highest price ever paid for a thoroughbred calf in Minnesota was recorded at the Wood Lake farm at Richfield, Minn., a Minneapolis suburb, when Sir Pietertje Skylark Ormsby was purchased for \$10,000 by E. C. Schroeder, of Moorhead, Minn. Sixty-nine pure-blooded Holsteins, the property of John B. Irwin, owner of the farm, were sold for a total of \$45,300, an average of \$640 a head. Stockmen and breeders from all over the Northwest attended. Two bulls sold for \$2300 each.

Rate Order to Be Amended.

Washington, D. C.—Railroad administration officials have reached a decision to rescind that portion of the new freight rate order prescribing that higher interstate rates shall apply on intrastate shipments when interstate schedules already exist, and a final order to this effect may be issued in a few days.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Wheat—Bulk basis for No. 1 grade: Hard white, \$2.05. Soft white, \$2.03. White club, \$2.01. Red Walls, \$1.98. No. 2 grade, 3c less; No. 3 grade, 6c less. Other grades handled by sample.

Flour—Patents, \$10 per barrel; whole wheat, \$9.60; graham, \$9.20; barley flour, \$14.50@15.00; rye flour, \$10.75@12.75; corn meal, white, \$6.50; yellow, \$6.25 per barrel.

Milled—Net mill prices, car lots: Bran, \$30.00 per ton; shorts, \$32; middlings, \$39; mixed cars and less than carloads, 50c more; rolled barley, \$76@76; rolled oats, \$73.

Corn—Whole, \$77 per ton; cracked, \$78.

Hay—Buying prices, delivered: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$29@30 per ton; valley timothy, \$25@26; alfalfa, \$24@24.50; valley grain hay, \$22; clover, \$19@20.00; straw, \$9.00@10.

Butter—Cubes, extras, 37c; prime firsts, 37c; prints, extras, 42c; cartons, 1c extra; butterfat, No. 1, 4c delivered.

Eggs—Ranch, current receipts, 34c; candled, 35c; select, 36c per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 27c; broilers, 40c; ducks, 32c; geese, 20c; turkeys, live, 26@27c; dressed, 37c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 23@23c per pound. Sack Vegetables—Carrots, \$1.15 per sack; turnips, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$2.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 75c @ \$1 per hundred; new California, 10c per pound; sweet potatoes, 10c per pound.

Onions—Jobbing prices, 1@1c per pound.

Cattle—June 12, 1918. Prime steers, \$14.00@15.00. Good to choice steers, 12.50@13.50. Medium to good steers, 11.00@12.00. Fair to medium steers, 10.50@11.50. Common to fair steers, 9.00@10.00. Choice cows and heifers, 11.00@12.00. Com. to good cows and hf, 6.50@ 8.50. Canners, 4.00@ 6.00. Bulls, 6.50@10.00. Calves, 8.50@12.00. Stockers and feeders, 8.00@10.00.

U. S. WHEAT CROP IS BILLION BUSHELS

Federal Forecast Shows Second Largest Crop on Record.

OTHER CROPS RECORD

Continuation of the Recent Favorable Growing Conditions May Yet Put 1918 Harvest in First Rank.

Washington, D. C.—A bumper wheat crop this year, which before harvest may develop into a production of 1,000,000,000 bushels, was forecast by the department of Agriculture in its June crop report giving the first indication of the size of this year's spring wheat output.

Basing its estimate on June 1 conditions, the department forecast wheat production of 931,000,000 bushels, which would place this year's harvest as the second largest in the history of the country.

In June of 1915 a total wheat production of 950,000,000 bushels was forecast and the quantity gradually crept upward until the final figures for the year showed the crop to be 1,025,800,000 bushels.

The acreage sown to spring wheat this year is larger by 2,000,000 acres than ever sown before and 21.5 per cent larger than last year, aggregating 2,489,000 acres.

The condition of the crop on June 1 was 95.2 per cent of normal, or 1.5 per cent better than the 10-year average. A production of 344,000,000 bushels was forecast. That is 11,000,000 bushels more than harvested last year and only about 7,000,000 bushels less than the record spring wheat harvest of 1915.

Winter wheat, growing on the second largest acreage ever planted, showed a condition 3 per cent better than the 10-year average, with 83.8 per cent of a normal crop. A production of 587,000,000 bushels was forecast, which is 50,000,000 bushels more than forecast from conditions existing May 1. Such a crop would be the third in size grown in this country.

The oat crop also promises to be of record proportions. On an acreage 2.1 per cent larger than last year, when the record crop—1,587,000,000 bushels—was grown, June 1 conditions warrant a forecast of 1,500,000,000 bushels. Only last year's and the crop of 1915 exceeded that quantity.

Rye production will be a record, the forecast being 81,000,000 bushels, which is slightly less than was forecast in May. Last year's crop was 60,100,000 bushels, which was a record.

HOOVER STRIKES AT PRICES

Administrator Orders Nation-Wide Reform in Food Staples.

Washington, D. C.—A country-wide move to reduce the cost of food to the consumer and standardize methods of compiling the observance by dealers of "fair price lists" was ordered Saturday by Food Administrator Hoover.

Lists will be published in every county, town and city, and consumers will be asked to co-operate with officials in forcing merchants to bring their prices to a uniform level.

In carrying out the new standardization plan, the administration will establish price-interpreting committees composed of representatives of wholesalers, retailers and consumers.

The board will determine fair retail prices on basic commodities that comprise a large part of the nation's diet. The published lists will give the range of maximum selling prices, showing a reasonable price which will reflect the prices that should obtain in "cash and carry" stores, and a higher price representing a fair price for the "credit and delivery" stores.

The local administrator for each locality will act as chairman of the price board. Each board will have detailed reports of actual wholesale prices and will ascertain fair margins of profit the retailer should be satisfied with.

Newspapers will be asked to co-operate by setting aside a particular position weekly for publication of the lists, with footnotes on the food problem and the use of substitutes for the foods most needed abroad.

A close check will be kept on observance of the lists. Consumers will be expected to report to the local food administrator any store charging more than the established price for any commodity.

Governor Lister is Weak.

Olympia, Wash. — Governor Lister returned to his living apartments in Olympia Saturday afternoon and announced that he would handle state business in his rooms for the next week instead of at the capitol. He is still under medical treatment which began in Chicago two weeks ago and is forbidden physical exertion. The nature of his illness was not announced. The governor was absent from the state nearly a month on his Eastern trip, when he originally expected to return in two weeks.