

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.

The Newfoundland sealing fleet reported Tuesday that it had encountered great herds of seals and 40,000 had been caught.

Acting secretary of the navy in absence of Secretary Denby, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt attended the cabinet meeting Tuesday.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Co. announced Tuesday the regular annual dividend rate would be increased from 8 per cent to 9 per cent. The increase will take effect on July 15.

Fire destroyed the interstate cotton compress, nine boxcars and a two-story office building of the compress company in Oklahoma City Tuesday at a total estimated damage of \$578,000.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce Tuesday gave its indorsement to the proposal to hold an Atlantic-Pacific Highway and Electric exposition in Portland, Or. The exposition will be held in 1925.

The maximum weight limit of parcel post packages exchanged between the United States and Germany will be increased from 11 to 22 pounds beginning April 1, the postoffice department announced.

Five men walked into the City Bank of St. Paul, Minn., shortly after 1 P. M. Tuesday, struck down the cashier and a woman teller with the butts of their revolvers and escaped with cash and bonds valued at \$40,000.

Panama is expected by Central American diplomats in Washington, D. C., to exhaust every means of diplomatic resistance before complying, as demanded by Secretary Hughes, with the Panama-Costa Rica boundary award made by Chief Justice White.

James Arnold, 74, of Willows, Cal., who attracted considerable notice a year ago by erecting a vault for himself in the Willows cemetery, and by purchasing an expensive coffin, was burned to death here Monday morning. His portable house was destroyed by flames.

Levi P. Ankeny, ex-United States senator, died at the family home in Walla Walla at 12:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after a long illness. Death was due to general senility and rheumatism. He was in his 77th year. He was surrounded by his immediate family.

Unemployment in London theaterland, like that in other professions and trades, is widespread, it being estimated that there were more than 2000 chorus girls and actresses out of work. It was feared that unless conditions improve immediately many producers will have to quit.

Manufacture and storage of fireworks in a manner prohibited by Chicago city ordinance was blamed by city and police officials for an explosion in the west side tenement district Tuesday which killed at least eight persons, injured 100 or more, rendered dozens temporarily homeless and damaged many buildings.

Suspension of mining operations by the Anaconda Copper Mining company, one of the largest producers of copper ore in the United States, was announced in New York by John D. Ryan, chairman of the company's board of directors, after four other concerns earlier in the day had made known their intentions of shutting down.

Work on a wireless station at Shanghai, to be the largest in the world, will begin shortly under an agreement between the Chinese government and the Federal Telegraph company, an American concern, it is announced by the department of commerce. It is to be completed within 18 months and will be able to communicate across the Pacific without relay.

The four marine corps aviators who left the naval air station in Washington, D. C. in two planes early Tuesday afternoon on the first leg of their 5000-mile flight to the Virgin Islands had not been heard from. They had intended to make their first stop at Fayetteville, N. C., 340 miles distant, but did not put in an appearance either there or at Langley field, Virginia.

JOHN BURROUGHS BURIED

Great Naturalist Paid Last Tribute by
Admiring Friends.

West Park, N. Y.—In a rustic house, the retreat of John Burroughs for nearly half a century, 150 representatives of the thousands of nature lovers who admired his outdoor life and writings, gathered Saturday at his funeral. The ceremonies were short, of great simplicity and reminiscent of the career of the great naturalist.

By train and by automobile the little groups arrived throughout the forenoon at Riverby, the naturalist's home, situated where the Shawangunk mountains meet the waters of the Hudson. Scientists and manufacturers of prominence mingled in sorrow with the neighborhood children. Publishers and horticulturists bowed with religious men from the holy cross monastery.

Among the mourners were Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford and Harvey S. Firestone, who for several years have spent their vacations outdoors with Mr. Burroughs. Next to Mr. Edison stood an aged and gray-haired man who had pedaled his bicycle from Binghamton, more than 300 miles away. He was C. C. Branhall, an acquaintance of the naturalist since childhood.

The funeral service began with the soft violin strains of Piusotti's "Remembrance." The Lord's prayer was repeated and lines written by Earl Williams which Mr. Burroughs felt characteristic of his own self were read.

15,000 HOMELESS IN MANILA FIRE

Manila.—Fifteen thousand were rendered homeless here by a fire Friday night, the most destructive here in more than 20 years, which destroyed 3000 houses in the northern section of the city, a native quarter known as the San Lazaro district. Two bodies were found in the ruins.

Police roughly estimate the loss at \$3,000,000. The razed area consisted mostly of small native structures occupied as dwellings and stores. It extended over 30 acres.

American sailors from the flagship Huron of the Asiatic fleet and American soldiers from the Manila barracks were cheered by thousands as they marched into the burning district to assist in fighting the flames. They razed houses surrounding the burning area, making a fire break, which halted the progress of the fire.

Railroads Pay Billions.

Washington, D. C.—Railroad wages for 1920 totaled \$3,733,816,186, the interstate commerce commission announced Saturday. Wages for the first quarter were \$795,616,330, for the second \$801,063,930, for the third \$1,052,109,451, and for the fourth \$982,696,789, with the back pay for May and June under the retroactive increase of July 20 amounting to approximately \$102,419,680 to be added in the total.

Reports of back pay, said the commission, are not complete and therefore the figures are somewhat below those to appear in the final annual report.

London On Coal Ration.

London.—The board of trade issued orders Sunday rationing and reducing coal. Illuminated street signs are prohibited, the regulations being virtually identical with those of the 1919 strike.

Sunday was given up to meetings of miners, railway men and transport workers. These meetings were called to give directions for the triple alliance conference Wednesday. Judging by the resolutions adopted, a strong feeling prevails in favor of a strike of the railway men and transport workers to support the miners.

10,000 Idle in Portland.

Salem, Or.—There is more unemployment in Oregon at present than for four years past, according to a statement just issued by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. Mr. Gram said, however, that with the resumption of road work, farm operations and the opening of mills throughout the state, most of the idle labor would be absorbed early in the summer.

It was estimated that there are 10,000 unemployed men in Portland, not all of whom, however, are without funds.

Pulp Wood Use Grows.

Washington, D. C.—A new record for consumption of pulp wood in California, Oregon, and Washington was made in 1920. The department of agriculture announced Monday that the amount consumed exceeded the highest record previously made by 23,000 cords, or 7.4 per cent. The 1920 production exceeded that of 1917 by 14 per cent. Hemlock pulp wood consumed last year led all other species combined by 72,000 cords.

PEACE RESOLUTION TO BE AMONG FIRST

Proponents Firm in Determination
to Call Matter Up.

HARDING IS SILENT

President Holds Important Conference,
Probably Concerning
Foreign Relations.

Washington, D. C.—Senate proponents of an immediate peace with Germany by congressional resolution are understood to be standing firmly by their intention to present such a resolution promptly on the convening of the extra session of congress.

This information was obtained Saturday after a day of White House conferences, at which the advisability of a congressional declaration of peace, together with other questions involved were understood to have been discussed.

Whether the intention of peace-by-resolution senators has been approved by President Harding and whether it has the support of senators generally, were matters on which no information was available.

The conferences were generally considered in the bearing on international affairs as probably as the most important that President Harding has held since his inauguration.

Senator Knox, ex-secretary of state and author of the republican peace resolution; Colonel George Harvey of New York selected as ambassador to Great Britain; Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, understood to be under consideration for ambassador to France, and Stephane Lauzanne, French journalist, who came to America with ex-Premier Viviani, were among those whom the president saw.

By inference the day's developments were coupled with the visit of M. Viviani. Gossip about his mission persistently has suggested that he is supposed to persuade the administration not to push its peace declaration, but rather to consider on what basis it might accept the Versailles treaty.

Senator Knox and the president spent more than two hours together. The senator's visit started a new outcropping of speculation about the fate of the peace resolution.

The impression given was that a definite policy was yet to be framed.

Mild Winter Aids Crops.

Washington, D. C.—The condition of cereal crops in the northern hemisphere were described as "generally favorable" by the department of agriculture's bureau of crops Saturday in a summary of foreign crop prospects. The mild winter in almost all the reporting countries was held to have been an important factor in the crop situation. The bureau said that nothing reliable had come through as to Russian crops.

Due to mild weather, seeding was reported to have started in Saskatchewan and Alberta, Canada, a month earlier than usual. Winter rains improved the autumn-sown cereals in France. Spring cultivation was reported unusually advanced in the United Kingdom. Crops in Finland were said to be in a "promising condition" and in Belgium late wheat was reported somewhat irregular.

The Italian crops were reported as making normal progress and the wheat area in Roumania was estimated at 5.3 per cent over last year.

Fair and mild weather in Germany was declared to have been favorable to the cereal crops.

The total wheat acreage in India was estimated at 23,352,000 acres.

From the southern hemisphere, Argentine reported a continuation of favorable climatic conditions. Excessive rains were reported from Australia, but the latest figures indicated the output of wheat would reach 147,000,000 bushels.

The bureau noted an effort to encourage production of hemp in western Canada.

Ireland's Week Bad One.

Dublin.—Last week's casualties among crown forces again were heavy, says the official review, which places them at 46. Nineteen casualties were sustained by the police, five of them being men killed and 14 wounded. The military had 13 killed and 14 wounded. Sinn Fein assassinations of civilians, the motive for which, according to the review, was friendly relations of the victims with the police and military, numbered nine.

London.—Ex-President Wilson, according to Reynolds's newspaper, is expected here for a 10-day visit at the end of April. It says rooms for a party of eight have been reserved.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Bend.—Building costs in Bend have fallen 20 per cent in the last month, a survey of unit expenses just completed by the local contractors' association showed.

Salem.—After waiting for more than 23 years, O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, Saturday received a check in the sum of 3 cents, which he overpaid for Spanish-American war bonds issued in the year 1898. Mr. Hoff has framed the check, which will occupy a conspicuous place in his office.

Eugene.—Fire that broke out in R. H. Pierce's garage in this city at 4 o'clock Saturday morning destroyed the building, entailing a loss estimated at \$70,000. Most of the cars destroyed were in storage or in the garage for repairs and besides these Pierce lost 20 cars of his own, most of them old.

Salem.—The girls of the state accident commission have organized a baseball team, and will play a series of games with the girls of other departments of the state government during the coming summer. The girls are practicing nightly, and considerable rivalry is promised in the games to come.

Astoria.—The conditions in the logging industry are improving slightly, although the demand for logs is not yet brisk. The Niagara Logging company's camp in the Upper Naselle river district resumed operation last week and the crew began assembling at the Deep River Logging company's camp.

Salem.—Work of completing the paving between Salem and Dallas will be resumed in a few days, according to an announcement made by the state highway department. This work was tied up more than a year ago when the residents of Polk county engaged in a dispute over the route of the west side Pacific highway.

Bend.—Loading and skidding of logs at Shevlin-Hixson camp No. 1 began Monday. Two machines started loading and two skidding, which means the employment of more than 100 additional men. Fallers went to work a week ago at camp No. 1, but no work is being done as yet at camp No. 2, as snow still lies on the ground.

Salem.—Thrips, which caused considerable damage to the prune crop of this vicinity a few years ago, have reappeared, according to a bulletin sent out by the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association. Orchardists have been asked to aid in stamping out this pest, with the co-operation of the Oregon Agricultural college and other agencies.

Salem.—Dr. W. H. Lytle, state veterinarian, has gone to eastern and central Oregon where he is making a study of conditions as they affect the livestock interests. In the absence of any forced liquidation, Dr. Lytle said the livestock men were in substantial financial condition, and that the losses would not be as heavy as originally anticipated.

Salem.—There were 401 accidents in Oregon industries in the week ending March 31, according to a report issued by the state accident commission. Of the total accidents reported 377 were subject to provisions of the compensation act, 21 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the law and three were from public utility corporations not subject to the provisions of the act.

Klamath Falls.—A voluntary reduction of freight rates affecting Klamath Falls, proposed in a brief filed by the Southern Pacific company with the interstate commerce commission on March 12, will average 13 per cent of the present rate, said M. A. Callaghan, chairman of the chamber of commerce traffic department, who is back from San Francisco, where he interviewed railway officials.

Salem.—Funds of a school district cannot be expended for the vaccination of children attending the schools of the district, according to a legal opinion given by J. H. Van Winkle, attorney-general. The opinion was sought by the school directors of Baker, who had refused to audit a bill presented by a physician of that city. This physician, it was said, was employed by the school board to vaccinate a number of children for a contagious disease.

Salem.—No person, regardless of his influence or standing, will be immune from prosecution for violation of the traffic laws, according to a statement issued here by T. A. Rafferty, in charge of field agents for the automobile department. Mr. Rafferty said that many complaints regarding careless driving had been filed in his office during the last few days and that he had been asked to make every effort to curb these violations. Additional traffic officers will be stationed on the main highways and all persons who exceed the speed limit or otherwise violate the traffic laws will be taken into custody and prosecuted, he said.

CANNING MERGER DECISION IS MADE

\$10,000,000 Corporation Soon
to Organize.

BIG AID TO GROWERS

Washington and Oregon Business Men
Take Definite Action at Recent
Portland Conference.

Portland.—Backed by twenty of the biggest businessmen of Oregon and Washington, a gigantic corporation to handle the business end of the soft fruit and berry industry of the two states was launched in this city Tuesday afternoon.

Articles incorporating the Oregon-Washington Canning & Preserving Company with a capitalization of \$10,000,000 under the laws of the state of Delaware were ordered filed by telegraph in order that the new concern could function in the quickest manner in view of the early approach of the berry season.

Crop experts estimate that the two states this year will produce one of the largest, if not the largest, outputs of berries on record.

The strength of the new corporation is indicated by the personnel of the preliminary conferences, sessions of which were held in both states before the movement for united action to handle the berry crop assumed its present definite shape.

Attending the organization meeting were the following:

J. C. Ainsworth, president United States National bank; S. L. Eddy, vice-president Ladd & Tilton bank; W. A. MacRae, manager Portland branch of the Bank of California; F. P. Kendall, manager of the American Can company; F. A. Douthett, president of the Multnomah Lumber & Box company; F. C. Stettler, president of the F. C. Stettler Manufacturing company, all of Portland; Alfred C. Schmitt, president of the First National bank, Albany; W. G. Allen, manager of Hunt Brothers Canning company, Salem; W. H. Paulhamus, president of the Puyallup & Sumner Fruit Growers' Canning company; J. W. Spranger, president of the Seattle National bank; H. C. Henry and Gordon C. Corbaley, of Seattle; Henry Rhodes, W. R. Rust, Chester Thorne and G. H. Raleigh of Tacoma; Will L. Finch, New York.

Twenty thousand berry growers in the two states are affected by the movement, which is expected to result in centralization of canning interests which now do a business with an annual turnover of \$20,000,000 and which is increasing so rapidly that it will reach \$30,000,000 within a few years. The trend for a closer union of interests is the outcome of extensive investigations conducted by Will L. Finch of New York, who has been in the Northwest since the beginning of the year surveying the berry growing and canning field. His analysis has shown that the berry industry has been expanding faster than the facilities for efficient handling of the business.

Eight directors from each of the two states will be chosen and these will select the executive and administrative officers of the new corporation.

The stated purpose of the consolidation is to develop and expand the fruit growing and packing industries of the two states as a unit, to stimulate berry growing and the manufacturing and marketing of products of bush and soft fruits of Oregon and Washington with the facilities of existing canneries, thereby reducing the overhead expense and making possible the widest distribution of products through aggressive selling campaigns to bring maximum returns to producers and packers.

Bonus Shortage Feared.

Olympia, Wash. — The \$11,000,000 bond issue for payment of the soldier bonus may be nearly \$4,000,000 short of the amount required to pay all such claims, according to estimates of the state board of control.

To exceed the original total of \$11,000,000 would require litigation in the supreme court to determine whether the bonus act authorizes issuance of more bonds than the amount specified in the measure, it was said.

Dublin.—The Irish census which was to have been taken in May, has been indefinitely postponed, Dublin castle, announcing this decision said that under present conditions the government recognizes that the returns must be incomplete and misleading. The Dail Eireann at its last session passed a measure authorizing the Sinn Fein minister of home affairs to forbid the census.

CLAIRE WINDSOR



Claire Windsor, the charming "movie" actress with the pretty face, hails from Seattle, Wash. She decided that she could act as well as "these queens of the 'movies'." She spent much of last winter making the rounds of the studios daily in her automobile before she was engaged by a producer. In the last year she was featured in several important screen plays.

"What's in a Name?" By MILDRED MARSHALL.

Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel.

AGATHA

AGATHA, the good old English favorite, has a distinctly Greek origin. It comes from the Greek word meaning good. For a long time it remained indigenous to Greece, but finally came to European fame through a Sicilian girl called Agatha, who was tortured to death at Rome in the Decian persecution. Sicily straightway made her a guardian saint and since that little island has always proved a bone of contention between warring European countries, and was held successively, for periods of greater or less duration, by the Greeks, Saracens, Normans, French, Arragonese, Spaniards and Bourbons, the name of St. Agatha spread throughout Europe.

St. Agatha's festival day is celebrated in the churches of all the countries which held Sicily for a time. Even Russia has adopted the name and calls it Agafia. Agatha was the name borne by the daughter of William the Conqueror who was betrothed to the unfortunate Earl Edwin and died on her way to a state marriage in Castille. St. Agatha was a favorite saint in England and the shears with which she was mutilated are the symbols carved on many an old wooden church calendar.

For that reason Agatha became one of the most popular feminine names of England. Its vogue became so great that, like all names in common use, it was applied almost generally to the servant class. Agatha is the name of the interesting maid-servant in Southey's "Doctor." But of late years it has leaped to prominent revival among the most aristocratic circles and the list of "Honorable Agathas" includes a daughter of almost every titled house in Great Britain. France likes the name and both Italy and Spain have taken it without change with the exception of the aspirate which they cannot pronounce. Portugal calls it Agueda.

The flame-hearted ruby is Agatha's talismanic stone. It is said to give her bodily strength and mental power and to wear it insures her poise and regal bearing. Tuesday is her lucky day and 3 her lucky number. Her flower is the lily, signifying purity.

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A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs.

A BAD QUEST.

OF ALL bad quests beneath the vault
The worst, I vow, is finding fault.
Unless the moment you detect 'em
You do your darndest to correct 'em.
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POOR SERVICE

"That plate didn't have over a dollar in it when it passed us."
"No wonder. That preacher made such a poor delivery that it is a wonder he collected anything at all."