

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.

About \$15,000 in marriage license fees was spent by Oregon couples who were married in Vancouver, during the year 1916.

At midnight Sunday the whole island of Newfoundland went "dry," a prohibition act becoming effective. A long list of proprietary medicines has been placed under the ban.

Forty-six women were burned to death in a fire that destroyed St. Ferdinand de Halifax asylum, at St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Megantic county, Quebec, late Saturday night.

Three billion dollars is the value put on the 1916 output of American mines in estimates made to Secretary Lane by the geological survey. Copper alone increased about \$300,000,000.

President Wilson fell on a slippery hillside while playing golf Saturday and wrenched his ankle. He was able to continue the game, but walked with a decided limp the rest of the day.

Breaking all its coinage records, the Philadelphia Mint during 1916 produced 238,469,769 domestic coins in denominations ranging from one cent to half dollars and valued at \$9,344,266.

Lincoln, Neb., dry advocates have drafted a law, which, if passed, would make liable to arrest any person with a liquor breath. It would also be an offense to tell a man where he could get a drink.

Acquitted of the charge of murder on December 18, Thomas Green has refused to leave the Camden, N. J., county jail until he succeeds in beating his cellmate a game of checkers. Both checker players are well on in years.

In spite of the high cost of living, more marriage licenses were issued at the marriage license bureau in New York City in 1916 than ever before, it was announced. The total for the year was 67,133 as compared with 59,646 in 1915.

Mrs. Joseph H. T. Jones, widow of Captain Jones, has been elected president of the Gulf & Ship Island railroad, to succeed her husband, it was announced in Buffalo. Captain Jones died a month ago, leaving an estate of more than \$15,000,000 to his wife and daughter.

The military commander of Moscow has closed that city to refugees, says the Overseas News Agency, which adds that the city is crowded with people from Roumania, Odessa and all parts of Southern Russia. Roumanian refugees, the agency says, will in the future be sent to Siberia.

New York — A strike of tenants against an increase of \$1 a month in rent of 200 apartment and tenement houses in The Bronx was begun New Year's Day. Heads of 300 families signed a declaration that they would stand together and suffer eviction rather than pay the increase.

London — The cutter Protector has been blown up. The number of men lost is not known. Vessels reported sunk include the British steamer Apsley Hall, 3582 tons; Danish steamer Danmark, 2050 tons; Russian steamer Tuskar, 3043 tons, and the Norwegian steamer Edda, 137 tons. Three of the crew of the Tuskar were drowned.

In reply to the proffer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere." The note was handed to the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, Sunday, by Premier Briand, and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris.

Congress reconvened Tuesday to face several salient issues which must be considered, together with the annual appropriation bills, and many general legislative measures that long have been awaiting action. Administration leaders are inclined to view the legislative accumulation with despair and to fear an extra session of the new and, politically, somewhat uncertain congress will be demanded.

The Oregon State Teachers' association is in session in Portland.

Miss Gussie Studebaker, 18 years old, of Portland, was found in an unconscious condition at midnight Thursday in a lonely spot, where she was attacked by some man, unknown to her, who beat her into insensibility when she resisted and screamed.

After an all-day hearing the Interstate Commerce commission Friday took under advisement the question of whether it shall seek to solve the car shortage problem by ordering all railroads to return cars of other lines to their own lines.

CARRANZA REFUSES TO SIGN

Mexican-American Conference Fails;
Pershing Likely to Retire.

Washington, D. C. — When the American members of the Mexican-American joint commission had finished consideration Tuesday of General Carranza's reply failing to comply with their demand that the protocol providing for withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico be ratified, there were indications that efforts to enter into an agreement with the de facto government through the commission would be abandoned.

For the first time an official admission was made that Carranza had refused to sign the protocol. The commissioners said they expected to draft their response to Carranza immediately.

Failure of the commission to give to Mexican-American relations a bright aspect was offset somewhat by official intimations that Henry P. Fletcher, confirmed as ambassador to Mexico almost a year ago, was about to start for his post, where American interests now are represented by a clerk. The report that General Pershing's expedition soon would be withdrawn, regardless of Carranza's attitude, also gained fresh impetus, and it was understood the administration had this move under serious consideration.

Mr. Fletcher conferred with President Wilson after Wednesday's cabinet meeting, and later referred inquiries as to whether he would go to Mexico to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing. No statement was forthcoming from the White House or the State department.

"Leaks" at Washington Admitted But Investigation Withheld

Washington, D. C. — As a result of the sensation stirred up by Thomas W. Lawson, who offered to prove that millions had been made in Wall street as the result of "leaks" at Washington, it was admitted on the floor of the senate Tuesday that information concerning the "honor of the nation" had been betrayed by someone in the department. As to information of value in rigging the stock market, Senator Stone, who made the first disclosure, said he did not know.

Meanwhile Mr. Lawson, who was here, prepared, he said, to testify before a congress committee, was in consultation with Chairman Henry, of the house rules committee, but nothing came of it.

Mr. Henry announced afterward that the Boston financier had been unable to furnish any names or other definite information about the alleged "leak" in advance of President Wilson's peace note, and that so far as he was concerned the matter would be dropped.

"Certainly on sensible person," said Mr. Henry's statement, would ask me to trouble the committee with a meeting to chase a mirage. And I must say that so far as this matter between Mr. Lawson and myself is concerned it is ended.

"In a thorough conference the alleged leak has been discussed by Mr. Lawson and myself. I have asked him for the names of those thought to be responsible for the so-called leak between the State department and Wall Street. He cannot give me a single name. He cannot even give me the names of those charged by him with cleaning up \$60,000,000 in connection with the leak and is not able to furnish me the name of even one of the suspects."

Railroad Brotherhoods Accuse Managers of Permitting Delays

Cleveland — W. G. Lee, chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, issued a statement here Tuesday charging that the railroads of the country are permitting delays to trains and overtime which would not ordinarily be permitted, in order to prove the enormous expense that would follow obedience to the Adamson law. The statement asked whether if the Supreme court declares that law either constitutional or invalid the brotherhoods should continue to await the eight-hour day.

Mr. Lee denied a report published Tuesday that a sealed statement putting the Adamson law situation up to the men had been sent out by the chiefs of the four brotherhoods.

It was learned from an authoritative source that the general chairman of the four brotherhoods will hold a meeting in Chicago January 11 to consider the situation.

I. W. W. Arrive on Freight.

Benidji, Minn. — Suffering intensely from the cold, 150 members of the Industrial Workers of the World arrived here Wednesday night on a freight train from International Falls, bound, they said, for the Twin Cities in search of work. Most of the men are striking lumberjacks from the far northern woods. Reports indicated that quiet prevails in all the camps. Sheriff Rittle and 50 deputies met the men when they left the train. They walked peacefully to the I. W. W. headquarters.

Liquor Men Make Plans.

Louisville — At the annual meeting here of the National Model License League, it was announced that the league had made plans to curtail and modify the retail liquor business in order to make it conform readily to public sentiment throughout the country. The plan, it was said, has been endorsed by the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association of America and by a majority of the brewers of

WILSON INDORSES BONDS FOR DEFICIT

Panama Canal Issues May Be
Used for Army and Navy.

LEADERS URGE QUICK ACTION

President May Deliver Special Message
to Congress as Spur to Immediate Action on Finance Bills.

Washington, D. C. — Tentative approval having been given by President Wilson to plans for a bond issue to meet a part of the prospective deficit at the end of the next fiscal year, administration leaders in congress are preparing to bring their revenue bills as soon as possible after the holiday recess.

It became known Saturday that they have urged that the President deliver a special message or adopt some other means to spur both houses to prompt action so that the necessary legislation may be passed before the end of the present session.

It has been agreed that any bond issue shall be charged to the account of extraordinary army and navy expenditures.

Representative Hull, of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, has outlined a plan he drafted for consideration of the ways and means committee for separating preparedness accounts from the ordinary expenses and receipts of the government.

He figures that ordinary expenses this year and next will be less than the estimated ordinary receipts and that special taxation and bond issues will be needed only to cover excess disbursements for various purposes, including army, navy and fortifications extensions.

Mr. Hull's plan contemplates the issuance of \$125,000,000 of Panama Canal bonds for army and navy expense, \$70,000,000 under the shipping act and for the proposed nitrate plant, and \$25,000,000 to pay for the Danish West Indies, or a total of \$220,000,000.

Standard Oil Man Says Gasoline Supply is Nearly Exhausted

Chicago — A note of alarm concerning the gasoline supply of the country was sounded at the convention of the Society of Agricultural Engineers here Saturday by Dr. Oscar F. Bransky, of the Standard Oil company.

He declared that production was not keeping pace with consumption, and that exhaustion of the supply was drawing near. The tension was considerably relieved, however, when it was calculated that the estimated remaining supply of crude oil, visible and invisible, would last for 138 years at the 1916 rate of consumption.

Dr. Bransky said that next year there would be 3,000,000 automobiles in the United States, or 750,000 more than this year. He estimated that Eastern oil fields are 75 per cent exhausted; mid-continental fields 50 per cent; Texas fields 80 per cent, and California fields 35 per cent exhausted.

Great Britain Battleship Deal Denied by Japanese Authorities

New York — Denial that Great Britain has agreed to furnish Japan, after the war, with six battleships as part of the price of Japanese participation in the conflict was made here Saturday in a cable message from the Japanese government. A rumor of arrangements between the two nations that might have a detrimental effect on the political and commercial interests of the United States had been heard here and in Washington and had caused grave disquietude. The substance of the rumor was that Japan was seeking or had obtained an agreement with Great Britain under which a group of British-built superdreadnaughts would be transferred to the Japanese fleets as soon as peace is restored. It is said that the number of dreadnaughts to be transferred to Japan was six.

Wilson Threatens Veto.

Washington, D. C. — President Wilson told callers Friday that he would veto the \$28,000,000 public buildings bill if it comes to him in the form in which it is now pending in the house. Its advocates plan to seek to obtain a rule for consideration of the measure by the house soon after the Christmas recess.

The President has reached no decision on the rivers and harbors bill laid before him by Chairman Sparkman, of the house rivers and harbors committee.

216 Eggs Gift to Postman.

Albany, Or. — Eighteen dozen eggs was one of the Christmas presents received by Joseph E. Warner, rural mail carrier on one of the routes running out of Albany. Appreciating his faithful service and especially that he worked Christmas Day to deliver their delayed Xmas packages, the people on his route telephoned the word along to give him an "egg shower." With the eggs he was given six chickens, a

CAN DRAFT MEN WHEN NECESSARY

War Department Finds Ample
Authority in Law.

FROM 18 TO 45 IS AGE LIMIT

Recruiting Officers Instructed to Discourage Enlistment of Men With
Families or Others to Keep.

Washington, D. C. — Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years is held liable for service in the National guard at war time, without further act of congress, by War department regulations for the government of the National guard issued under the National defense act.

In a circular nearly two months ago, but made public only Friday, the Military bureau directs that where a National guard regiment is called out for war service a reserve training battalion to fill vacancies at the front shall be organized out of the National guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment.

"If for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough voluntary enlist-



GEN. HUGH L. SCOTT
Says 3,000,000 Trained Men Are
Needed for Defense of Country

ments to organize or to keep the reserve battalion at prescribed strength a sufficient number of unorganized militia shall be drafted by the President to maintain such battalion or lesser unit at the prescribed strength." The language follows closely that of the National defense act, in which the unorganized militia is defined as including every able-bodied male citizen within the prescribed age limit or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

The National Guard regulations, which will be amplified in great detail later, also strike at the problem of dependent families of soldiers, which has cost the government several millions of dollars already through the border mobilization. Recruiting officers for the National guard are directed to discourage the enlistment of married men or those with others dependent upon them. Such persons are to be accepted only for reasons in the public interest, men who wish to become officers being the only class specifically excepted.

It is provided in the regulations that no officer of the guard hereafter shall be recognized as such under the defense act unless he shall have subscribed to an oath binding him to obey the orders of the President and of the governor of his state.

Submarine Mail to Start.

Berlin — (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.) — The mail to be carried on the merchant submarine Deutschland and her sister ships, the German postal authorities announce, will be known as "submarine mail," and it will be dispatched to the United States, Central and South America, the West Indies, China, the Dutch East Indies and the Philippine Islands.

All letters for transmission by submarine must be sent to Bremen and must bear the inscription, "submarine letter."

Explosion Rocks City.

Sapulpa, Okla. — Explosion of a wagonload of nitroglycerine bound for the oil fields shook the country for miles around Saturday night. Two men with the wagon probably were blown to bits, as on trace of their bodies has been found. The explosion occurred five miles west of Keifer, about 10 miles from here. It shattered hundreds of panes of glass here, rocked buildings in the business district and was heard for 25 miles around.

COUNTY RECORDS ARE TAKEN

Stalwarts Forcibly Grab Documents
in County Seat Fight.

Culver, Ore. — Seventy-five residents of Madras, headed by William S. U'Ren, of Portland, attorney for the people of Madras in the county seat fight with Culver, came to Culver Monday, piled the county records in automobiles and sleds and carted them over to Madras.

The action followed the decision of the Circuit court in favor of Madras in a case on which notice of appeal to the Supreme court has been filed by Culver.

Every county office except that of the Superintendent of schools, the Sheriff and District Attorney was raided. Sheriff Black prevented Mr. U'Ren and his party from taking the safe and the current assessment rolls from the office, but other records and furniture were loaded into the waiting vehicles and taken away.

James Wood, Sheriff-elect; county Clerk Johnson; Roscoe Gard, county commissioner; O. A. Pierce, banker; R. T. Olson, merchant; R. C. Boylen, county attorney-elect, and Mr. Roush, a merchant, were among the delegation from Madras.

Excitement ran high in Culver for a time while the records were being transferred. The visitors paid little attention to spectators, hurrying through the offices and taking all of the county property that could be removed. The records were hurriedly dumped into the waiting vehicles and the drivers hurried away before the surprised residents of Culver could interfere.

The presence of mind of the son of Mrs. Lillian Watts, county superintendent, saved the office of his mother from the visitors who abandoned an attempt to take her files when the boy refused to deliver over the keys of the office.

Sheriff Black was outwitted by the visitors after he had placed the current assessment roll in the safe and locked the doors of his office. Receipt books and the tax collection register were taken.

As there are only three keys to the office, and as each has been accounted for, the method by which the delegation from Madras gained entrance is a mystery here. Sheriff-elect Wood made an effort to assume the duties of the office, but retired when he discovered that the bond of the sheriff had first to be approved by the county court.

District Attorney Myers stopped the raiders in his office after several threats of personal violence had been made. He warned them not to touch any of the county property and a fight between the prosecutor and several of the raiders was averted by cooler heads in the crowd. The crowd gained entrance to the prosecutor's office also by a ruse.

The raid prevents the checking out of the retiring county officers by the firm of Grandall & Roberts, accountants, as all of the papers on which they were working were taken.

University of Oregon Wins From U. of Pennsylvania Eleven

Pasadena, Cal. — Pennsylvania's vaunted football eleven was crushed and humiliated by the University of Oregon football heroes in their inter-sectional battle in Tournament Park New Year's day. The score was 14 to 0. Oddly, this is in duplication of Washington State's win over Brown University in this same city one year ago.

Monday's game was witnessed by the greatest crowd that ever saw a football game on the Pacific Coast. Approximately 27,000 were in the stands, say tournament officials.

While the engagement began rather listlessly, it developed into a thrilling spectacular battle well worthy of the day and the throng.

It was a battle that reflected the highest credit upon Pacific Coast football. Penn came west with proud boasts of a diversified open field and aerial attack that would startle the natives. Oregon was supposed to have nothing but some old stuff that was pulled when Pudge Heffelfinger and Walter Camp were singing their boola boolas together. Instead Oregon showed football of a superior brand and walked off with the game.

Liquor Used to Lay Dust.

Phoenix, Ariz. — Five hundred gallons of fine whiskies, wines and beer were poured into a city water wagon here Saturday, and the streets of the business section sprinkled with the liquor. Two hundred automobiles and several floats formed a parade that followed the "water" wagon. A brass band played a dirge. The sprinkler with its cargo, valued at \$20,000, was driven by "dry" advocates. The liquor was confiscated in raids by the sheriff, under the new Arizona prohibition law, and its unique disposition was so ordered.

Wreckage of Ship is Seen.

Washington, D. C. — Coast Guard headquarters here received a wireless message Saturday from the cutter Acushnet that she had passed through wreckage covering the sea for about five miles well east of Nantucket lightship in the vicinity where wireless calls for help were sent out Christmas night from the steamer Maryland.

The wreckage could not be identified as the Maryland, for which the Acushnet had been searching several days.

NATIONAL BANKS ALL 4 BILLIONS

Resources of All Institutions
Reach \$5,220,000,000.

TEN-YEAR PERIOD IS DOUBLED

Total of Bank of Germany, England,
France, Italy, Denmark,
Spain and Japan Exceeded.

Washington, D. C. — Resources of National banks of the United States, Controller Williams announced Thursday, have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the last two years, and now aggregate \$5,220,000,000, exceeding by \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the Bank of Spain, the Bank of Italy, the Bank of Sweden, the Bank of the Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Bank of Norway, and the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

In a statement based upon returns from the last bank call November the controller calls attention to the fact that there has been an increase of approximately 11 per cent a year during the past two years as compared with 6 per cent a year for the 10-year period from 1904 to 1914, that the total resources are more than double what they were years ago.

"The comparison just completed returns for the last bank call," the controller's statement reads, "show a condition of strength, progress, growth beyond all precedent. The resources of National banks on the last call are greater than the resources of all reporting banks, savings banks, private banks and loan and trust companies out of the United States at the time of the inauguration of the Federal reserve system a few years ago. It is also worthy that the resources of our National banks at the time exceeded by \$21,000,000 the resources of all reporting institutions in the United States, including state banks, savings banks and trust companies and National banks as well as late as the 1904."

The greatest percentage of increase during the two-year period in the Federal reserve system has been in the Western States.

Spokane is Selected as One of 1 Farm Loan

Washington, D. C. — Twelve in which are to be located the Farm Loan banks were announced Wednesday by the Farm Loan act and it is expected that within days the new system will be in operation ready to make the loans for applications already are pouring from every section of the country.

The banks will be opened in field, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Boston, Mass.; New Orleans, La.; San Antonio, Tex.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Wichita, Kan.; Spokane, Wash.; Berkeley, Cal.

Stock subscription book will be opened within a few days, probably about January 15, and it is expected that the government will have to supply most of the capital under that section which empowers the secretary of treasury to make up the stock.

Temporary directors, bank, will be named by the secretary of the treasury and borrowers have 000 of the stock of each temporary directors will authority to boards of each, six of whom will the farm borrowers and Farm Loan board.

Each borrower must stock in the bank from rows to the extent of his loan, and the origin to the capital stock and surrender their holding be needed to meet this

Silver Thaw No.

Washington, D. C. — A "sleet" is going on this winter before storm" and "glas officials reported campaign for money for various Sleet is officially a globe of rain from the earth. When falling and forms a glaze, the condition is and when this is accompanied by wind, it

Famous Villain

Berlin, (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.) — Lieutenant noted German was decorated with Merite, in recognition of his gallant service in the war.

A news credited to with having downing