

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 house of the Nebraska legislature has voted in favor of ratifying the national prohibition amendment. The ratification measure now goes to the senate.

Naval ordnance experts have submitted to Secretary Daniels plans for a heavy gun which they say will throw a shell 105 miles. They question the military value of the weapon.

A number of Americans who had suffered from the effects of gas at the front have arrived at the American Red Cross military hospital No. 2 in Paris. Most of the men will recover.

Federal license of the New Orleans branch of Morris & Co., was ordered revoked by the Food Administration for a period of seven days, beginning April 8. The branch was found guilty of charging excess profits on corn products.

Alex Paalis, a Greek poolroom proprietor, was the first person arrested in Seattle by Federal authorities for failure to pay the 1917 income tax. Paalis is said to owe the government an income levy of \$17 on the profits of his poolroom.

The steamship Celtic, one of the big White Star liners, was attacked and torpedoed by a German submarine, according to reliable information received in marine circles in New York, during a voyage from England to America. Efforts are being made to save the vessel.

Merging of the express companies under a new corporation to operate them as a unit and work out a basis of distribution of profits, is under consideration between the railroad administration and representatives of the companies. Some announcement is expected within a week.

A report to the State department from American Consul General Murphy, at Sofia, declared that no Bulgarian troops were moved to the Western front for the big German offensive. It had been stated that Bulgarians were fighting in the West alongside Germans and Austrians.

An airplane route will soon be established between Chicago and St. Louis, Postmaster Carlisle announced Tuesday. He and Colin M. Selph, postmaster at St. Louis, will hold a conference next week to complete details of the plan. The service will be similar to that between New York and Washington.

Government war work in the Hampton Roads, Va., district was interrupted Tuesday by a strike of several thousand carpenters and other workers. Plants involved are the Hampton Roads naval base, the Army depot at Bush Bluff and the ordnance depot at Pig's Point, all near Norfolk and the Langley Aviation Field at Hampton.

Leaders and organizers of the Industrial Workers of the World, more than 100 in number, entered pleas of not guilty Tuesday in Chicago, at the opening of the trial in which the government will attempt to prove that the defendants violated the espionage act, plotted to destroy industries and conspired to hamper prosecution of the war.

When the new curfew rings in London at night every place of public amusement must put out its lights and remain closed from 10:30 p. m. to 1 p. m. the following day. The order applies to hotels, clubs and restaurants. No food will be served from 9:30 p. m. until 5 a. m. Light in shop windows also are forbidden. The order is designed to economize in coal, gas and electricity.

In view of the critical situation at the front, the London Amalgamated Society of Engineers has abandoned the strike movement it long has been threatening as a protest against the government's man-power measure.

Legislation to prohibit use on Indian reservations of "peyote," said to be a habit-forming intoxicant and used in tribal ceremonials, was stricken from the Indian appropriation bill Thursday in the senate without discussion on a point of order.

Two thousand houses for shipyard workers, to be built within walking distance of the Staten Island, N. Y., shipyards and to be ready for occupation before fall, is the program submitted to the government by the Staten Island Civic League, it is announced.

The London official report on aerial operations says: "Great concentrations of our airplanes were carried out Thursday over points threatened by enemy and masses of our machines attacked with machine gun fire and bombs the enemy's infantry and cavalry.

SHIPBUILDING WANES

Tonnage Delivered in March Short of Estimates, and Shipping Board Insists on Knowing Why.

Washington, D. C.—American shipbuilders were called upon Wednesday to explain why their output for March fell behind schedule.

Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping Board, and General manager Piez, of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, telegraphed heads of all the yards in the United States, saying they were "keenly disappointed" in the tonnage delivered and placing the responsibility of turning out ships squarely on the men in control of actual building operations.

"Keystone of present situation is management, leadership," the telegram said. "Money, material and men have been supplied without stint by the Nation. The American people want ships, not excuses."

Suggestions were requested and the officials said they wanted to know if the fault lay with the Emergency Fleet Corporation.

"Please don't overestimate," the telegram urged, after asking for the prospects during April. It was said that the March estimate of 197,075 tons had been made on the promises of shipbuilders, who delivered only 166,700 tons.

In discussing the telegram the chairman said it was his intention to find out exactly where the fault lay.

"Perhaps it may lie with a representative of the fleet corporation, who are co-operating with the builders," he said. "If so, we want to know it and promise to correct it."

"Every man engaged in building ships ought to keep in mind all the time that he is working to back up the boys over there, and that it is up to the shipbuilder and shipworker to feed those boys who are giving their all in this war. If we all could get that idea, there would be no loss of production at any time."

ENEMY POISON HITS FLOCKS

Sheep Shipped to Chicago Yards Die by Scores—Loss \$20,000.

Chicago—Ruthlessness, supposedly of enemy alien origin, has struck a blow against the food resources of the nation by poisoning carloads of livestock at feeding and watering places. The sheep pens of the Union Stockyards are strewn with the bodies of dead and dying sheep, unloaded Wednesday morning from a train of sheep cars shipped by the Portland Feeder company from Burley, Idaho.

Sheepmen in charge of the train declared the 1200 animals were in good condition until their arrival at Belvidere, Ill., where they were fed for the last time on their way to Chicago. It is believed the poisoner mixed some drug with the food given the sheep, causing the loss of \$20,000 worth of mutton.

Veterinary surgeons employed by the packing houses were summoned as soon as the sheep drivers noted the condition of the sheep, many of which staggered down the gang planks into the pens and fell over dead. A thorough examination of the viscera of several of the sheep will be made by chemists, and no effort will be spared in tracing down the guilty persons.

Every one of the sheep in the Burley consignment is affected by the mysterious poison, and veterinarians are trying to discover an antidote to prevent further loss. By noon the number of sheep to die had reached 150 and others are lying about in a helpless condition.

Bomb Flyers Testing Out.

Kansas City—Brigadier General W. L. Kenley and Major C. K. Rinehart, flying in a 200-horse power bombing airplane from San Antonio, Tex., to a destination unannounced, descended here late Tuesday to spend the night. They resumed their flight Wednesday. They came here from Fort Sill, Okla. They were about an hour behind their schedule here, having been compelled to descend near Olathe, Kan., to replenish their supply of gasoline.

The schedule calls for a speed of 100 miles an hour.

Labor and Capital Agree.

Washington, D. C.—Action on the recommendations of the labor planning board, which has framed a policy expected to eliminate strikes and lock-outs, will be announced this week by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

It is generally believed by both employers and labor interests that the recommendations will be accepted and that the same board which submitted them will be chosen as the National Labor board.

Bolo Pasha Must Die.

Paris—The court of cassation Wednesday rejected the appeal of Bolo Pasha from the sentence of death imposed by court-martial for treason. The court also rejected the appeal of Darius Pochere, an accountant, who was tried with Biolo Pasha and sentenced to three years' imprisonment. The appeals of Bolo Pasha and Pochere were denied March 12 by the court of revision.

7000-Mile Trip in Vain.

Chicago—"The man who came back" 7000 miles from Honolulu by way of Vancouver and San Francisco, to enlist in the British-Canadian forces was rejected Wednesday because of an athletic heart. He is W. Gordon Walker, on the headquarters staff of the Hakalau plantation on the Island of Hawaii.

"TIS FREEDOM'S CALL—LEND YOUR ALL"

—Florence B. Hoyt, Portland.



This is Oregon's official slogan—"Tis Freedom's Call; Lend Your All. Defend yourself. If you can't go across to fight, you can do the next best thing by investing in Liberty Bonds to keep your boy—your neighbor's boy—on the firing line.

To Perpetuate American Freedom To Keep the Demon Hun From Your Door. We can't act too quickly. The danger is imminent. We will be tardy at best. Don't stop to think, any more than you would stop to think whether to strike back if you were threatened by an assassin. Will you jeopardize your liberty by failing to do your duty? He who hesitates is most assuredly lost. All that your forefathers fought and died for is lost. All that the patriots of '66 fought for is lost. This is your great opportunity. Use it and Take your place as a real American.

U. S. BOYS START FOR BATTLE FRONT

Americans in Streams Advance Toward Scene of Action.

WASHINGTON IS GLAD

Quick Movement of Troops Follows Pershing's Offer of All Men and Material to French Leader.

With the American Army in France, Saturday—All the American troops have been turned over to the allies for such use as they see fit to make of them. American troops may soon be fighting side by side with their British and French allies in the battle which is raging in Northern France.

The acceptance by France of General Pershing's offer of all American men and material for the present emergency has in effect virtually resulted in a unified army command, so far as the French army and American forces are concerned.

This is shown by the fact that the orders issued to the American troops are of French origin.

Great activity of many sorts is in progress in the entire American zone. Miles of motor trucks loaded with Americans have passed through the towns, some going in one direction, some in another. Through a driving rain the motor trucks ploughed their way along muddy roads, the Americans singing. Many of the trucks bore American flags.

On other roads mile after mile of marching Americans splashed through the mud, which came over their ankles. The horses were steaming from the work they had to do.

Out on the open roads the men in the camions sang everything from "The Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Autoist Frozen in Snow.

Trinidad, Colo.—Caught in a bizzard on the state highway between Raton, N. M., and this city on Thursday, Roe McMullin, of Auburn, Wash., an automobile tourist, was frozen to death 12 miles from Wootton, Colo., sometime Sunday. His body was found in a snow bank near where his automobile was blocked by drifts. His wife, who started out to find shelter, was rescued from a frozen creek, snow blind and delirious from exposure and fright. Mr. and Mrs. McMullin were making a trip overland to Aledo, Ill.

Siam to Send 500 Aviators.

San Francisco—An aviation corps of 500 members will be Siam's contribution to the entente allies, according to Frank D. Arnold, former charge d'affaires at Bangkok, who arrived here Monday from Siam en route to Washington.

TWO HUN DIVERS ARE SUNK

Depth Charges From Yankee Destroyers Hit Submerged Mark. London—Encounters in which American destroyers sank German submarines are thus described in accounts of successful submarine battles published Monday:

"The first American destroyer sighted the enemy submarine on the port bow and proceeded at full speed in the direction of the enemy, who submerged. The American forces could see the enemy's wake, which showed he was running underneath the surface from starboard to port. As the German passed under the stern of the American boat the latter dropped a depth charge. The wake, which had been plainly visible on the starboard, never appeared on the port side of the destroyer. In stead, large quantities of oil came to the surface.

"The second American destroyer, engaged in night convoy duty, sighted an object a mile away by the light of the moon. Full speed was ordered, but the submarine dived while the American was still a few hundred yards distant. Two depth charges were dropped and oil came to the surface.

"This submarine was apparently lying in wait for another convoy which was approaching from an opposite direction."

extreme importance in this country are to be expected in a few days.

These developments, it is said, refer to a newly-made decision to answer the appeal of the allies for men and to rush National army and National guard troops to the front at once, dispatching for the time being the shipping situation so far as it relates to the transportation of food. The ratio of food and munitions ships to transports is to be reduced materially, it is understood, and with the approval of French and English authorities, the sending of troops is to be the most important function of the government in the next few weeks.

While, of course, no details are available as to the number of troops that are to be sent, or in regard to the identity of the divisions which are to go, it can be said that a large proportion of the 900,000 troops now in training in this country are involved in the plans that have been made.

U. S. TO RUSH TROOPS

Big German Drive Arouses America to Make All Speed Possible—War Plans Suddenly Quickened.

Washington, D. C.—That the German drive in France and the appointment of General Foch as generalissimo of the allied armies, together with the offer of General Pershing to place American troops at the disposal of the allies, have had tremendous and far-reaching effect on American war plans, was made evident Monday at the meeting of the war council with members of the senate military committee.

Reports given to members of the committee were said to be the most satisfactory in many respects that have been received since this country entered the war. Members returned to the capitol visibly impressed with what they had heard and seen at the meeting of the council. They announced that full steps are being taken to put the entire resources of the American people into the war and that it seemed that the old "3000 miles away" attitude had been abandoned for a feverish haste to rush troops to France.

While complete details of the meeting were not given out by senators, even in confidence, it was asserted that if the plans of the military authorities go through, developments of

Youth is Held Embezzler.

San Francisco—Louis Beck, 19 years old, was arrested here Monday on a charge of embezzling \$86,000 from the Adams Express company in Pittsburg, where he was employed by the express company in a confidential capacity. Beck admitted his identity and confessed the theft, according to the police. He disappeared from Pittsburg with the money last February. According to the statement the police said he gave them, all the money except \$300 was taken from him by pickpockets in a Chicago passenger station.

NO FEAR IS FELT FOR SWEEPING TRIUMPH

General Says German Advance No Cause for Alarm.

HUN DEFEAT IS SEEN

War Department Satisfied Substantial American Force Will Enter Field When Counter Blow Starts.

Washington, D. C.—In a statement Thursday night Major General March, acting chief of staff, assured the American people that there is no cause for alarm in the advance made by the Germans in the great battle now raging in Picardy, and expressed complete confidence in triumph of the allied arms.

General March said: "Whatever may be the present ground held by the Germans; whatever sacrifice of the situation must entail, the allies will see it through and will win."

The general still is without any word from General Pershing concerning the battle. General Pershing's report Thursday dealt entirely with the positions of the opposing forces, as described in the British and French official statements.

Announcement by Field Marshal Haig that the German war machine along the whole British front had been beaten off with heavy losses gave zest to speculation here as to the allied counter assault officers feel certain will not long be delayed.

War department officials appeared to be satisfied that substantial American forces would enter the battle line with the French when the signal for the counter blow is given. Major General March, acting chief of staff, stated flatly, however, that he was not advised as to the numbers or disposition of American units which may be employed with the French army of attack.

The new outbreaks of the German thrust at Arras, reported early in the day, caused some apprehension here lest the allies might find it necessary to delay further their effort to catch the German forces on the rebound and seek victory after bitter days of steady yielding of ground. Definite word from General Haig that this new drive also had been checked added to the growing conviction that the strategy of the allies will triumph.

If their reasoning is correct the Germans face the prospect of seeing their third great effort on the Western front since the beginning of the war meet the fate of the others.

Only twice before have the Germans undertaken major operations in the main theater of the war. Their first rush in 1914 was stopped after their and perhaps their final effort nearly four years later is now apparently being stopped by skillful retirement. Their only other great assault, at Verdun, was an unqualified defeat.

German Propaganda Halted.

The Washington and Oregon divisions of Public Information about the war has found another series of lies about the war. Stories are being circulated that unnamed privates have been sentenced to long terms in prison for minor offenses; that a number have been shot for insubordination; that certain officers have confiscated the supplies sent over for somebody's boy.

Now listen. These are German propaganda stuff, and should have attention from any loyal citizen.

Supplies for the boys are being forwarded, and all court materials are reported in the press.

No sane American is barred from honest criticism of the government and its conduct of the war, but do not pay any attention to the silly stuff of the character of the foregoing.

Loyalty Oath is Taken.

Portland—Every member of the Board of Education, including the directors and the executive and administrative staffs, Thursday night stood up and took the oath of allegiance to the United States in solemn manner at a special session. R. H. Thomas, clerk, administered the oath. N. C. Pike, who recently moved to the city, teachers he given an opportunity to take the oath, was the first to take it. Mr. Thomas will go to all of the schools soon and administer it to the teachers.

Huns Use Best Generals.

London—The Daily Mail's correspondent at the front says the offensive is being directed by the best of the German generals who won the successes in the East.

"The commands are now known," the correspondent says, "to be held by General von Katherin in charge of the Peronne group; General Otto von Below, in the sector east of Arras, and by General von Hutier south of St. Quentin.

Chaplain and Nuns Slain.

Washington, D. C.—An official dispatch from France said the chaplain and to nuns of the hospital St. Elizabeth, at Antwerp, had been executed by the Germans.