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WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Dr. Harry R. Lemens, aged 40, formerly private physician to the emperor of Japan, was killed in an automobile accident in Alton, Ill., Saturday.

Police and cavalry were obliged to charge strikers who organized a demonstration in Naples Saturday. Several soldiers, policemen and strikers were wounded.

Out of a total of 12,644 bills introduced in the house since the special session opened, May 10 last, clerks counting up reported that 205 had passed. Of the number passed 114 have become law.

A million-dollar university for Indians and community centers for Spanish-Americans will be located in the southwest by the inter-church world movement, says a dispatch from Albuquerque, N. M.

Robbers locked the paymaster of the Saylor mine, seven miles north of Des Moines, Ia., in a vault in the office of the mine just before noon Saturday and escaped with the entire two weeks' payroll of $15,000.

Federal and state food inspectors in 52 towns of eight states are making frantic efforts to locate and destroy dozens of bottles of ripe olives containing the deadly bacillus botulinus, as a result of deterioration.

Opening of a new gyro-compass school at the Mare island navy-yard is announced by the navy department, open to all electricians in the navy who have served one year. The new school is opening to meet the needs of the Pacific fleet.

Amendment of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act so as to permit the states by referendum to authorize sale of 2.75 per cent beer and 10 per cent wine is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Minahan, democrat, New Jersey.

Three hundred persons made their way through front and side exits of a theater Saturday night in Sioux Falls, S. D., while firemen fought a blaze in the projection rooms in a futile effort to save the life of John Theobald, 24 years old, an operator.

Representative Fess, republican, Ohio, has introduced a bill providing for physical training for all school children from the ages of 6 to 18. He pointed out that a large percentage of the men taken into the army during the war were physically defective.

The $70,000,000 powder plant at Nitro, W. Va., not only will be sold on the installment plan for $8,500,000, but the government will throw in $9,000,000 worth of loose materials for good measure. This, Chairman Graham of the house war investigation committee, declared recently in the house.

The bill to authorize sale of three large army camps and to provide for fulfillment of war-time contracts for purchase and equipment of numerous other military posts was finally agreed to in conference Friday and the conference draft was agreed to by the senate. The house is expected to act within a few days.

E. J. Crips, an engineer for 30 years for the Oregon Short Line railroad, died in his engine cab on the morning passenger train Saturday, says a dispatch from Dillon, Mont. He was seated in his usual manner, his hand clutching the throttle, and was leaning out the window watching the track ahead when death claimed him.

Another issue of about $300,000,000 of treasury certificates of indebtedness may be expected about March 15, Secretary Houston announces. He declares, however, that he sees "nothing in the present situation to indicate that it will be either necessary or desirable to increase the interest rate on the certificates." The last issue bore 4¾ per cent.

Retail meat dealers throughout the country must reduce their prices as the wholesale price of meat declines or else submit their books to federal agents for investigation of their profits. This definition of the government's attitude was announced Sunday night by Attorney-General Palmer. Instructions to serve the notice on retail meat dealers have been sent to every United States attorney, he said.

TREATY BREAK SEEMS NEAR

Democrats May Desert President Wilson for Reservations.

Washington, D. C.—Possibilities of a substantial break in the democratic peace treaty ranks in the senate impelled influential democratic senators to move Monday for a caucus to discuss a possible change in party policy and revived republican hopes that the treaty might yet be ratified with the republican reservations adopted at the last session of congress.

On the republican side it was asserted that the 22 democrats, only a few short of the number required to insure ratification, had signified willingness to quit the lead of President Wilson and take the republican reservation programme as it is.

This total, administration leaders declared, was exaggerated, but they conceded that were a vote taken now on the republican reservation ratification it would command more than the seven democratic votes it got last November.

RAILWAY MEASURE PASSED IN SENATE

Washington, D. C.—By a vote of nearly three to one—47 to 17—the senate Monday night passed and sent to the president the modified railroad reorganization bill under which the carriers will attempt to adjust themselves to conditions arising with the end of government control.

Thirty-two republicans joined with 15 democrats in voting for adoption of the conference report, while three republicans and 14 democrats comprised the 17 voting against it. There was never any doubt as to what the senate would do, in view of the wide margin by which the Cummins bill, more drastic than the compromise, was passed. The bill goes to President Wilson and the general opinion was that he would sign it, although labor leaders will urge a veto.

Hasty Deflation Held Dangerous.

Washington, D. C.—While the net trade balance in favor of the United States in 1919 was $4,017,745,000, a number of South American and far eastern countries held balances against this country of $664,055,000, says the annual report Monday of the federal reserve board in naming the countries to which extension of credit will not be necessary for the continuance of foreign commerce.

The board's analysis shows that imports from the British East Indies for the year exceeded exports by $240,634,000. Cuba was next with $140,219,000 and Brazil followed with a favorable balance of $118,915,000. China's balance was $48,639,000 and Japan with $43,639,000 slightly exceeded Argentina's total of $43,190,000. Chile had a balance of $28,970,000.

These countries, the report says in general, are in a position to pay for goods bought from the United States either through exports or by the shipment of gold.

Training Feature May Be Dropped.

Washington, D. C.—Universal military training may not be included in the house army reorganization bill under a plan adopted Monday by republican leaders calling for consideration of the measure late this week. None of the leaders would deny that omission of a training plan was likely, but asserted no final agreement had been made with advocates of training.

Despite the decision of the military committee adopting universal training, in principle, as a part of the country's military policy, efforts were made to prevent the committee decision from appearing in the reorganization bill. Chairman Kahn, who held informal conferences with the leaders and supporters of the training, said no decision had been reached, and Representative Mondell, republican floor leader, declined to discuss the movement further than to assert the army bill was slated to come before the house Thursday.

Irish Bonds Unopposed.

London.—Sir Hamar Greenwood in the house of commons, said the government was aware that invitations were being issued through the American press for subscriptions for bond certificates for the "Irish republic," but that Great Britain had made no represenattions to the president of the United States in the matter. The latter part of Sir Hamar's answer was greeted with cries of "Why?"

Admiral Peary Buried.

Washington, D. C.—The body of Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary, discoverer of the north pole, was laid to rest in Arlington national cemetery Monday with full naval and military honors and with high officials and officers of the government and the diplomatic corps present. The ceremonies were in charge of the navy department and Captain Carroll Q. Wright, chaplain at the Washington navy yard, conducted the religious services.

RAILROAD BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE

Decisive Vote Is Cast Despite Labor's Protest.

UNION PRESSURE FELT

Effort to Resubmit Report to Conference Committee Is Easily Defeated. March 1st Date.

Washington, D. C.—The compromise Esch-Cummins railroad bill was approved late Saturday by the house, which adopted the conference report after four hours of debate.

Adoption of the conference report came after the house had defeated, 228 to 171, a motion to recommit. Chairman Esch of the interstate commerce committee then called for the previous question and there was a buzz in the chamber as the voting began.

There never was any doubt as to the outcome, leaders said, although the effect of pressure from labor leaders against adoption of the bill was variously interpreted.

Representative Kitchin, democrat, North Carolina, in the closing argument against the bill declared that labor leaders had caused at least a dozen members who were opposed to it to rally to its support.

During the debate, in which more than a score of representatives took part, Chairman Esch declared that the roads would be handed back to their owners on March 1, regardless of whether congress enacted legislation meanwhile, but he warned the house that defeat of the bill at this stage would put half the roads of the country in the hands of the receivers in three months.

Representative Pou, democrat, North Carolina, painted a more gloomy picture by declaring that the country would see the greatest financial disaster in years if it gave up the railroads without enactment of laws which would give them the right to earn a fair return.

Representative Kitchin said his opposition was not in "compliance to the demands of Mr. Gompers." He attacked the "insidious propaganda" which, he said, railway interests had conducted and declared the question of government ownership was not involved.

Railroad administration estimates place the net cost to the government of federal control of the railroads at $636,000,000. Esch told the house in opening the debat on the conference report.

"This $636,000,000 will have to be charged off as a war loss," he said. "One may say it was expensive, but it was worth the price. Without the railroads, transportation would have failed to supply our troops overseas."

Total appropriations of approximately $1,900,000,000, including those already made, were the "experience of federal control" Mr. Esch said, but he added that of these amounts approximately $1,250,000,000 were "investments" in the form of improvements made for the roads and for which they ultimately will pay.

Michigan County Defies Dry Law.

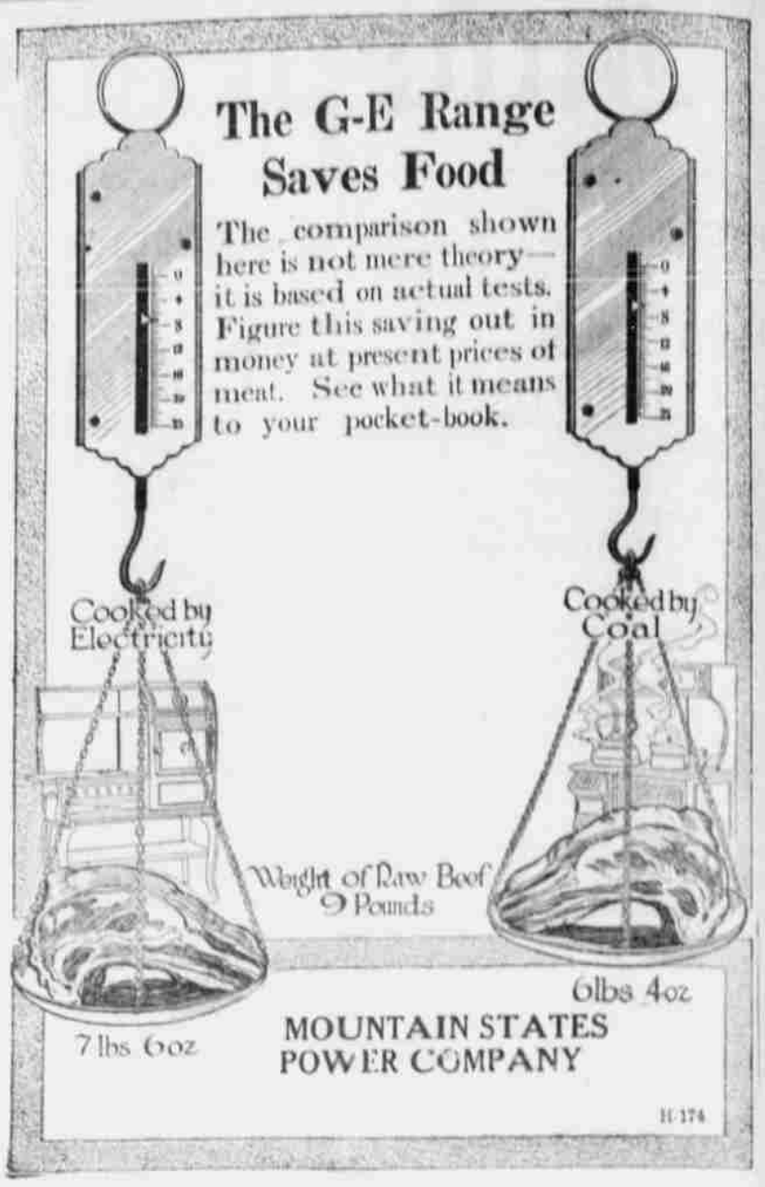
Chicago.—A "rebellion against prohibition" has broken out in Iron county, Michigan, and the county, led by its prosecuting attorney, is in "open revolt" against federal authority, Major A. V. Dalrymple, federal prohibition director for the central states, notified Washington Sunday.

Prohibition agents leading a party of Michigan state constables were held up February 19 by Iron county officials and wine they had confiscated was taken from them, according to word brought to Chicago by Leo. J. Grove of Marquette, supervising prohibition agent for the upper peninsula.

Major Dalrymple appealed to Attorney-General Palmer, through Assistant Prohibition Director Gaylord, to order warrents issued for the arrest of the prosecutor, two deputy sheriffs, two police officers and three other residents of Iron River, a mining village.

Police Raid Bull Fight.

El Paso, Tex.—A bull fight, staged in the corral of a local packing plant, with matadors, picadors, banderillas and all the traditional appurtenances of the Spanish national sport, was interrupted by the police Sunday afternoon. Nineteen Mexicans were taken to jail. The scene of the fight is on the international boundary, and many of the participants escaped by jumping over the fence into Mexico.



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