

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

Palmer H. Ellengsen was killed near Tacoma, Sunday, when struck about the heart with a pitched ball during an amateur baseball game. He died almost instantly.

The sessions of the 27th general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, held at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., during the last four weeks, were concluded Wednesday.

Led by Secretary Tumulty, employees of the White House will march in the preparedness parade on Flag Day, June 14. President Wilson probably will review the parade.

The United States cruiser Tennessee has arrived at Santo Domingo from Norfolk with several hundred marines to reinforce the American forces now engaged in policing the republic.

An auto occupied by four persons plunged over a 25-foot embankment near Gaston, Oregon, turning a complete somersault, landing right-side-up without injuring either of the persons.

British consular officers in the United States have been instructed and warned by the British embassy to avoid being drawn into anything that might be construed as interference with American politics with the approach of the national elections.

Attended by members of the Yale Corporation, the faculties of the various departments, members of the student body, and distinguished alumni, the funeral of Rev. Timothy Dwight, ex-president of Yale University, was held Wednesday from Battle chapel on the college campus.

A jury composed entirely of women, sitting in the case of four Mexicans accused of robbery, returned a verdict of guilty after three hours' deliberation at San Diego, Cal. This is the first time on record in the Superior court of that city that a case was tried exclusively by women.

Official announcement is made of the appointment by Emperor William of Baron von Schammer and Quartz, president of the government of Breslau, as secretary of state of Alsace-Lorraine. He is succeeded by Dr. von Jagow, police president of Berlin. Herr von Oppen, police president of Breslau, succeeds Dr. von Jagow.

The wife of Major Robert B. Moton, the negro educator who succeeded Booker T. Washington as head of the Tuskegee Institute, and Blanton Moton, the Major's brother, were ejected from a Pullman car at Troy, Ala., on complaints from white passengers and required to ride in the coach provided for negroes under the Alabama law.

Fifty men ended a 72-hour battle Tuesday extinguishing a forest fire that burned 300 acres and threatened the town of Gascon, N. M. Forestry officials report nine fires this spring in the Santa Fe national forest alone, which they say were started by human agencies. Approximately 3000 acres were devastated. Another fire is reported in Pecos county.

Methodists retain ban on dancing, cards and theaters.

With tremendous losses the Germans make large gains at Verdun.

Women's clubs are planning an international congress for 1920.

Vigorous notes have been sent both France and England on the subject of interference with mails.

The Paris Temps in an editorial again goes on record as not favoring any idea of peace negotiations.

One hundred and sixteen Texas militiamen who failed to respond to the call for service on the border will be court-martialed.

Exports of merchandise from the port of New York during April amounted to \$184,751,946, compared with \$185,125,528 in April a year ago. Imports for that month increased also, amounting to \$115,290,462, compared with \$92,252,029 in April, 1915.

An unconfirmed report received at Fargo, N. D., said 10 persons had been killed at Rogers, N. D., in the storm which swept southeastern North Dakota. Rogers was cut off completely from the outside world, all telephone and telegraph wires being down.

Eggs shipped from Eugene, Ore., to England, retailed there at 96 cents a dozen. The shipper received a net return of \$3.32 per case.

The deepest May snow in the remembrance of pioneers of the Hood River valley now lies in the forests around Lost Lake, Oregon.

Victor Carlstrom, bearing a message from the Aero Club of America to President Wilson and carrying Alan R. Hawley, president of the club, as a passenger, flew from New York to Washington, 220 miles, in three hours and seven minutes.

PRESIDENT INSISTS ON FULL ALLEGIANCE IN MEMORIAL DAY TALK

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson delivered a Memorial Day address here Tuesday, in which he defined the spirit of America, warned citizens of foreign birth not to set themselves against the purposes of the nation, called upon young men to perform voluntary military service and defended his recent suggestion for an alliance of nations to preserve peace. He spoke at Arlington National Cemetery before an audience made up largely of Civil War veterans, who applauded him vigorously.

While he declared he had no harshness in his heart for Americans of foreign birth and expected them still to love the sources of their origin, the President said "America must come first in every purpose we entertain and every man must count upon being cast out of our confidence, cast out even of our tolerance, who does not submit to that great ruling principle."

Speaking of America, made up out of all the peoples of the world, as the champion of the rights of mankind, he said:

"We are not only ready to cooperate, but we are ready to fight against any aggression, whether from within or without. But we must guard ourselves against any sort of aggression which would be unworthy of America. We are ready to fight for our rights when these rights are coincident with the rights of man and humanity."

The President reiterated his suggestion before the League to Enforce Peace last week that the United States was ready to become a partner in any alliance of the nations "which would guarantee public right against selfish aggression. Of published criticisms reminding him that George Washington warned the nation against 'entangling alliances,'" he said:

"I shall never myself consent to an entangling alliance, but would gladly consent to a disentangling alliance, an alliance which would disentangle the peoples of the world from those combinations in which they seek their own separate and private interests and unite the people of the world to preserve the peace of the world upon a basis of common right and justice."

Universal training and preparedness were possible, Mr. Wilson declared, only if the men of suitable strength and age will volunteer. He said the "acid test" was about to be applied to business men, too, whether they would allow their employees to volunteer. He said the army reorganization bill now before him bristled with that interrogation point, which he warned all the business men of the country was staring them in the face.

The President said he was for "universal voluntary training," but that "America does not wish anything but the compulsion of the spirit of America." He added that the people of the nation were watching each other, and that a great many men, even when they did not want to, were ready to stand and say "here."

Four Killed When Wooden Awning Falls on Parade Spectators

Dallas, Tex.—Four persons were killed when a wooden awning collapsed late Tuesday in front of a store in the heart of the business district while an immense crowd was witnessing a parade in favor of preparedness.

A score were injured, several of them probably fatally. The crowd watching the parade had surged forward at the approach of a band. Persons standing on the awning, which was suspended by chains over the sidewalk, crowded near the edge and under the increased weight the structure crashed to the ground. At least a ton of bricks and mortar was torn loose from the wall behind.

More Defenses Give Way.

London—More French defenses at Verdun gave way before German batteries Tuesday. Advancing over the widest front yet covered west of the Meuse, the huge war machine of the Crown Prince settled down in fresh positions to renew the grinding process.

Paris admits the abandonment of Bethincourt-Cumieres road, which the Germans have been seeking to break since early in April. The war office conceded losses in the Caurettes wood south of Cumieres and on the slopes of Le Mort Homme.

President Visits Actors.

Baltimore — President Wilson came here Tuesday to attend a theatrical performance of the Friars' Club, of New York, and for three hours he and a group of some of the leading stars of the country were applauded by a crowd which taxed the capacity of the theater. The President's appearance was the signal for enthusiasm which was continued as the actors made jokes at his expense. The President went behind the scenes and made a short speech to the assembled actors and shook hands with all.

British Food Limit Likely.

London—There is now believed to be a possibility that the people of the British Isles will be placed on meat rations. Captain Ernest Pretyman, parliamentary under secretary for the board of trade, said in the house of commons that although there was no actual shortage, the existing high prices arose from a deficiency due to the requirements of the forces in the field. The government, he added, was reviewing the situation carefully.

President's Physician and Bride.



DR. AND MRS. GRAYSON
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Dr. Cary T. Grayson, physician to President Wilson, was married to Miss Alice Gertrude Gordon, of Washington, at St. George's Episcopal church, New York, May 24. The President and Mrs. Wilson, as well as Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo attended.

SENATE PASSES RIVER AND HARBOR BILL BY 35-32 VOTE

Washington, D. C.—The senate passed Tuesday the river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$43,000,000, by a vote of 35 to 32 after adding many amendments.

On the final passage Senators Chamberlain and Lane, of Oregon, and Senator Poindexter, of Washington, voted for the bill, while Senator Jones, of Washington, and Senators Borah and Brady, of Idaho, voted against the bill. The bill as passed carries all Oregon, Washington and Columbia river items as agreed to in the house, and they are now assured at the original figures, including \$1,200,000 for the mouth of the Columbia. The only new Northwest item is \$140,000 for Willapa harbor. Its ultimate adoption is doubtful, in view of Senator Jones' vote against the bill, the amendment having been offered by him.

The bill will now go to a conference of the two houses. The fight against it, begun by Senator Kenyon, of Iowa and Senator Sherman of Illinois, gained strength until a final effort to displace it with a substitute appropriating a lump sum of \$30,000,000 was defeated by only one vote.

James J. Hill's Wealth Estimated in Hundred Millions

St. Paul — The wealth of the late James J. Hill, who died Monday, is estimated all the way from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000. He was worth probably between \$200,000,000 and \$250,000,000.

An estimate of Mr. Hill's wealth was furnished when, at the opening of the European war, he called his bankers together and displayed a mass of his securities. More than \$100,000,000 was said to have been in the boxes he laid before his bankers.

"There should be no trouble," said Mr. Hill, "but if there is, this amount is at your disposal."

The First National bank now borrowed from Mr. Hill \$10,000,000 worth of Great Northern railroad bonds. These were placed with the Treasury department in Washington, and \$6,000,000 worth of emergency currency, allowed under the Aldrich act, was shipped at once to the First National bank. It was found necessary to place only \$125,000 worth of this in circulation. In a few weeks the entire amount was returned to Washington.

Mr. Hill had the absolute control of the First National bank and the Northwestern Trust company, which gave a combined capital and surplus of \$6,500,000.

He was a large owner of stock in the Chase National bank of New York, First National bank Chicago, and the Northwestern National bank in Minneapolis. He was a large owner of the Great Northern Steamship company. The greatest portion of Mr. Hill's wealth, however, was in stocks and bonds of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroads.

Germans Pierce French Lines.

Berlin—French infantry attacks on the German positions on the southwest slope of Dead Man's Hill and on the newly captured village of Cumieres, northwest of Verdun, were repulsed Sunday with heavy losses to the attackers, says the official statement at German army headquarters.

Villa Pursuit Doubted.

Columbus, N. M.—Little credence is placed by military authorities here in reports from Chihuahua that Carranza troops have discovered Villa in hiding near Jimenez. Several officers here expressed their conviction that Villa is still alive, but asserted that General Pershing, expeditionary commander, is in possession of information as to the probable whereabouts of the bandit chieftain, which does not coincide with that of General Trevino.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Secretary Classifies Lands in Whitman National Forest

Portland—Announcement is made by the district forester, George H. Cecil, Portland, Ore., of the classification, by the secretary of Agriculture, of practically all the lands within the boundaries of the Whitman national forest in north eastern Oregon. A net area of approximately 879,218 acres is embraced in this classification, and a small area of 2742 acres is left for examination later.

The Whitman national forest lies in the Blue mountains, and, according to the report, consists mainly of a large body of positive forest land. The report shows that there is a stand of about four billion feet of valuable commercial timber within the forest, fifty per cent of which is western yellow pine. There is also a considerable stand of young timber and inferior species which has a high value for watershed protection for the streams which are used for irrigation outside the national forest.

This forest, it is said, has little agricultural value, and isolated, scattered tracts only could be used for farm purposes. The soil, although fertile, is rocky and shallow, and although records are meager, the rainfall is known to vary from 10 to 40 inches, the snowfall from 20 inches to 30 feet—in the higher altitudes the snow comes as late as mid-June or as early as the last of August; the killing frosts occur every month in the year. The temperature is also known to vary from 30 degrees below zero to 120 above. Practically the entire forest is at elevations from 4000 to 10,000 feet. The topography is rough, characterized by deep, precipitous canyons, and jagged peaks. Although over 70,000 acres of alienated land exist within the forest boundaries, taken up under the homestead and timber and stone acts, it is claimed that most attempts at agriculture have proven failures, and a large per cent of the private lands have either been abandoned or are being held for their timber and grazing value.

In view, therefore, of these circumstances, and with the exception of small isolated tracts, aggregating 2742 acres left for later examination, the secretary has classified the entire area of the Whitman national forest as chiefly valuable for forest purposes and not suited to agriculture or listable under the act of June 11, 1906.

27-Year Wait Is Rewarded.

Marshfield — George W. Suydam, who has a secret preparation for preserving woods, waited 27 long years before realizing on his knowledge of chemicals. Nearly 80 years ago Mr. Suydam, who is a resident of Denmark, Curry county, prepared with his process a number of different woods and placed them away with woods of the same variety to see what time would do with each of his keepsakes.

Now that the woods have been examined and passed upon by experts, it is found that those which were treated 27 years ago are as well preserved as when they were put away, while the wood which was not treated has rotted away and decayed.

Voters Order Irrigation.

Vale—Land owners in the Malheur valley voted 84 to 11 Saturday to organize an irrigation district, which contemplates construction of a dam at Riverside, holding 200,000 acre-feet of water. Government engineers have reported it to be the most feasible and cheapest project in the West and 25,000 acres of new land will be put under cultivation.

Ten thousand acres are owned by the Oregon Western Colonization company, of St. Paul. Directors are George McLaughlin, R. E. Weant, James Harvey, C. W. Mallett, A. W. Trow, and treasurer, T. W. Halliday.

Stockmen Plan Picnic.

Carlton—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Carlton Board of Trade, there were present a number of breeders of fine stock and a temporary organization of the Carlton Stockmen's Picnic association was made and preliminary arrangements were made to hold the first annual picnic in Carlton on Saturday, June 17. The stockmen and the board of trade are co-operating in arranging for the picnic. There will be barbecued beef, mutton and pork, and the usual picnic dinner provided.

Bankers Organize Group.

Ashland—Organization of Group 4, Oregon State Bankers' association, embracing Jackson, Klamath, Curry, Lake and Josephine counties, was perfected here this week and adjourned after electing J. W. McCoy, cashier First National Bank of Ashland, chairman; W. H. Gore, of Medford, vice chairman; Marshall Hooper, Grants Pass, secretary and treasurer. Meetings will be held semi-annually.

JAMES J. HILL DIES AFTER OPERATION

Railroad Magnate Passes at St. Paul After Short Illness.

GREAT AGE AGAINST RECOVERY

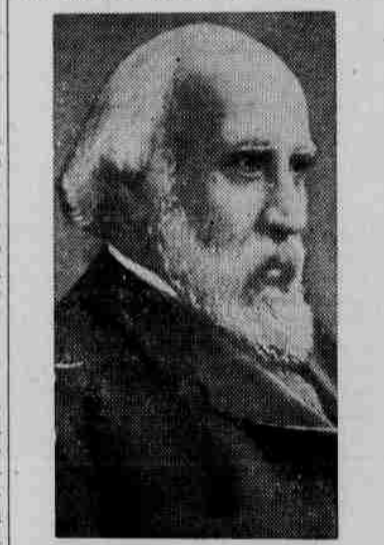
Northwest to Pay Tribute to Mem- ory of Great Empire Builder.

Life Was Momentous.

St. Paul, Minn.—James J. Hill, one of the last of the American empire builders, died at his home here at 9:43 a. m. Monday, May 29, following an operation for the removal of a carbuncle. On account of his age, 78 years, he was unable to resist successfully the shock of the operation.

"The end came quickly," said the official bulletin. "Mr. Hill became unconscious a few hours before. There were no death agonies."

Mr. Hill's death followed two operations upon his thigh to relieve inflammation caused by a carbuncle. The fact that an operation had been performed Friday was kept secret until



James J. Hill, "Empire Builder."

Monday. There was a second operation Saturday. Dr. Herman Biggs, New York state health commissioner, had been in attendance since Friday.

Mr. Hill's final collapse came with startling suddenness. It was last week before a word of his serious condition was allowed to leak out. Then it was stated he was suffering from a cold. The Mayo brothers, surgical specialists, were brought from Rochester, Minn., for a consultation, and it then developed that Mr. Hill was afflicted with an intestinal carbuncle.

Special trains began bringing friends and relatives to the bedside. The best surgeons were summoned. Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, opened his residence next door for the accommodation of doctors and nurses. Early Sunday afternoon Mr. Hill experienced a sinking spell. Rev. Father Thomas J. Gibbons, pastor of the St. Paul cathedral and vicar general of St. Paul archdiocese, hastened to the bedside. Four hours later Mr. Hill was said to have rallied. At 6 p. m. his pulse was reported improved. But at 9:30, 12 hours before his death was to come, Doctors Biggs and Gilliland announced that "the outlook was extremely serious."

St. Paul is preparing to honor Mr. Hill's memory. Every division point of the northwest is ready to pay tribute in memorial ceremonies.

Facts in Life of James Jerome Hill.

- 1838—Born near Guelph, Ont.
- 1856—Left father's farm for business life in Minnesota.
- 1856-1865—In steamboat office in St. Paul.
- 1867—Married Mary Theresa Mehegan, of St. Paul.
- 1869-75—Head of Hill, Griggs, & Co., fuel and transportation.
- 1870—Established Red River Transportation company, first to open communication between St. Paul and Winnipeg.
- 1878—Organized syndicate that secured control of the St. Paul & Pacific railway from Dutch owners of securities.
- 1879—Reorganized road as St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba and became its general manager.
- 1882-1890—President of this road, which became part of the Great Northern system.
- 1889-07—President of the entire Great Northern, which he extended to Puget Sound from Lake Superior, with northern and southern branches and a steamship line to the Orient.
- 1907-12—President of Great Northern's board of directors.

Elba Capital Bombaraded.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville—Bombardment of Porto Ferrajo, capital of the island of Elba, in the Mediterranean, by an Austrian submarine, is reported in a statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian admiralty May 26. The announcement says: "An Austro-Hungarian submarine on the morning of May 23 very successfully shelled important blast furnaces at Porto Ferrajo, on the island of Elba. The fire of the land battery was without effect. The submarine later sank the Italian steamer Washington."