

WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important
Daily News Items.

COMPILED FOR BUSY READERS

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

Walter Clark, American landscape
painter and winner of many art medals,
died Tuesday in New York.

President Carranza has re-established
the capital in Mexico City. It is estimated
that Carranza received 1,500,000
votes in the election for the presidency
Sunday.

According to reports current in the
financial district of New York, Russia
is contributing largely to the continued
heavy imports of gold for account of
the entente powers.

President Wilson sent to the senate
about 1300 nominations which failed
of confirmation at the last session of
the senate. Almost all are army and
navy promotions and postmaster appointments.

About 60 German submarines were
captured and destroyed between January
1 and February 15, according to reports
reaching Washington, the first
authoritative word of the entente success
in coping with the undersea boats.

An appeal for the pardon of Maury
I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted
in California of violation of the Mann
white slave law, and whose case reached
the highest court in the land, where
the conviction was upheld, has been made
to President Wilson.

The funeral of Count Zeppelin was
held Tuesday at Stuttgart. Many
years ago the late inventor erected his
own vault and therefore Countess Zeppelin
declined the offer made to her by the
king of Wuerttemberg to give the body
a tomb in the royal cemetery.

Notwithstanding the German submarine
menace, exports from New York for
February, 1917, were only \$1,470,805
less than for February, 1916, which was
one day longer, according to figures made
public. The total for the month this year
was \$223,464,135.

Navy recruiting continues to show a
great increase. For the first eight days
in March the net gain was 716 men. On
March 1 there were 59,037 enlisted men
in the navy, and on March 8, 59,753. There
are still needed for mobilization, including
regulars and reserves, 102,295.

Scores of German reservists have
crossed into the Mexican state of Sonora
from points in Arizona within the last
week, an agent of the department of
Justice announces. Many of them, he
said, are known to have had military
experience. The agent said they appeared
to be scattering to all parts of Mexico.

A recommendation that 15,000 Indian
boys of the various Indian schools and
reservations throughout the country be
organized, armed and equipped and drilled
under regular army officers was unanimously
adopted by the United States Board of
Indian Commissioners, which met at the
Sherman Institute at Riverside, Cal., in
special session recently.

By a vote of 81 to 47 the Minnesota
house indefinitely postponed action on
the Anderson statutory prohibition bill.
The vote killed any chance for further
legislation at this session to abolish
the liquor traffic.

Postmaster General Burleson has announced
that after April 1 the appointments
of all postmasters of the first, second and
third class will be subject to competitive
examinations. Nominations will be sent
to the senate as in the past, but in making
selections the President will be guided by
the results of examinations and will send
the names of the head of the lists. Whether
a civil service commission, under which
fourth class postmasters are now named,
will conduct the examinations, has not
been determined.

Democrats and Republicans of the senate
in a recent caucus cleared the way for
early modification of senate procedure
so as to make filibusters such as defeated
the armed neutrality bill impossible in the
future.

Herbert A. Meyer, of Ohio, has been
appointed assistant to the secretary of
the Interior. Mr. Meyer, who has been
private secretary to Secretary Lane, will
have administrative charge of the Alaskan
railroad now being built.

The immediate breaking off of relations
with Germany is expected in Peking, and
it is generally predicted that China will
join the entente.

The jury that is to hear the evidence
in the trial of Mayor Gill, of Seattle,
and others indicted by a Federal grand
jury for alleged conspiracy to violate the
statutes of the United States by importation
of intoxicating liquor into the state of
Washington, was completed in the United
States District court Thursday and the
opening statements of counsel were begun.

DATE FOR GREAT STRIKE SET

Railroad Trainmen to Walk Out if
8-Hour Demands Are Not Met.

New York—Information received by the
national conference committee, composed
of managers of the great railway systems,
and made public Tuesday evening, indicates
that the four railroad brotherhoods have
completed arrangements for a progressive
series of strikes, to begin at 6 o'clock,
Eastern time, on Saturday night, if the
conference on the eight-hour question
held here fails to reach a satisfactory
agreement.

The proposed strike program, according
to this information, is as follows:

Saturday, March 17, 6 p. m., call out
all trainmen in freight service on the
New York Central, Baltimore & Ohio,
Erie, Atlantic Coast line, Southern
railway, Louisville & Nashville, and
Seaboard Air Line. Such an order would
involve 40,000 men.

Monday, March 19, 6 p. m., call out
the freight trainmen on the Lehigh Valley,
Lackawanna, Jersey Central, Pennsylvania,
Long Island, Maine Central, Delaware &
Hudson, Reading and all other roads in
the southeastern territory or extending to
New York.

Tuesday, March 20, 6 p. m., call out
all freight trainmen in the Northwest-
ern group, including the Hill roads and
all those centering in Chicago.

Wednesday, March 21, 6 p. m., if the
railroads still refuse to grant the men's
terms, extend the strike to all other
freight trainmen and call out the passenger
trainmen on every road in the country.

Navy is Preparing to Build 100 Small Boats for Patrol

Washington, D. C.—Preliminary steps
were taken by the Navy department
Wednesday toward contracting for the
quick construction of 100 of more high-speed
coast patrol-boats of a new type for
scouting against submarines. At a
conference, in which a score of builders
were represented, assurances were given
that deliveries could begin within four
months.

There was no announcement, but it is
understood the contracts will be awarded
shortly. Plans prepared for the patrol-boats
call for craft 110 feet long propelled by
powerful steam engines. Details of their
armament and equipment are now being
worked out, but probably will not be made
public.

They will be more seaworthy and have
a much larger cruising radius than the
standard "submarine chaser," an 85-foot
gasoline motor-boat. Some of the companies
represented in the conference have turned
out large numbers of "chasers" for the
British government. They will have to
make changes in their plants in order to
build the larger boats wanted by the
American government.

Representatives of the major shipbuilders
also appeared at the department bringing
data concerning their corporations and
plants for which Secretary Daniels recently
asked.

Labor to Stand by America if Crisis Comes With Germany

Washington, D. C.—Organized labor
in America, through its representatives in
conference here Wednesday, offered its
services to the country in every field of
activity.

This offer is made in the event that
despite all endeavors and hopes, the United
States should be drawn into war.

The action was taken by unanimous
vote of more than 150 delegates from
National and international trade unions
affiliated with the American Federation
of Labor and five unaffiliated organizations,
including the great railroad brotherhoods.
In all, about 3,000,000 American workers
were represented in the conference, called
to determine and announce the part to be
claimed by labor in National preparedness
plans.

245 Oregon Convicts Earn \$12,757 in Month of February

Salem, Ore.—Convicts on parole from
the State penitentiary during February
earned an average of \$52.07 each at their
respective employments, according to the
report of Parole Officer Keller to Governor
Withecombe. The report probably is the
best showing yet made by the convicts since
the law went into effect. The total amount
of earnings for 245 men for the month
was \$12,757.56.

"Healer" Sent to Prison.

Los Angeles—A sentence of 18 months
in the Federal prison on McNeil's Island,
Wash., was imposed upon "King" Francis
Schlatter, self-styled divine healer, found
guilty Saturday in the United States district
court on a charge of using the mails to
defraud. Schlatter called down the
maledictions of God upon all concerned
in the prosecution of his case and predicted
they would "die within two years" when
asked by Judge O. A. Trippett if he had
anything to say before sentence was pronounced.

Irish Members Are Back.

London—The Irish Nationalists made
their reappearance in the house of commons
Wednesday and assured themselves of
another early debate on the subject of
home rule for Ireland by obtaining from
the government a promise that the Irish
estimates would be introduced some day
next week.

The estimates will provide an occasion
for a debate on the whole Irish administration.

CITY OF BAGDAD TAKEN BY BRITISH

Maude's Army Enters Ancient
City After Hard Drive.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BRIEF

Turks Surprised, Despite Clear Moonlight,
When English Cross Dials River and Plant
Big Force.

London—Bagdad, the chief Turkish city
in Mesopotamia and formerly the capital
of the empire of the Caliphs, has been
captured by the British forces. Announcement
of the capitulation of the city was made
Sunday by the British official press bureau,
on receipt of a telegram from General
Maude saying the British forces had
occupied Bagdad early Sunday morning.

No details were contained in General
Maude's dispatch.

The following official report was received
concerning the operations against Bagdad,
carrying them up to Saturday morning,
when the Turks had been forced back
within three miles west and southwest of
the city.

"Our forces engaged with the Turks on
the Dials line the night of the eighth,
succeeded, despite the bright moonlight,
in effecting a surprise crossing of the Dials
and establishing a strong post on the right
bank thereof. Meanwhile, on the morning
of the eighth, the Tigris having been
bridged at some distance down stream,
a British detachment marched up the right
bank and found the enemy holding a
position about six miles southwest of
Bagdad.

"The enemy was driven from this position
to another position two miles in the rear.
During the night of the ninth a passage
of the Dials was forced and our troops
advanced some four miles toward Bagdad.

"During the night our forces on the right
bank of the Tigris drove the enemy from
his second position, bivouacked on the ground
gained. This advantage, notwithstanding a
blinding dust storm and a violent gale,
was pressed on the morning of the 10th,
the Turks being pushed back to within
three miles west and southwest of
Bagdad."

TORNADO SWEEPS INDIANA

Score or More Killed and Property
Damage Great.

Indianapolis—A tornado swept over
Central Eastern Indiana late Sunday,
killing more than a score of persons at
Newcastle and two children in Wayne
county.

The total number of injured will run
over 200, some of whom are probably
fatally hurt. The damage will total
well over a million dollars at Newcastle
and several thousand dollars in Wayne
county.

Newcastle, Ind.—More than a score
of persons were killed and 150 were
injured, some fatally, in a tornado which
wrecked 300 residences in this city late
Sunday. The property damage was
estimated at \$1,000,000.

The storm swept over the city in a
southeasterly direction, demolishing
practically everything in a path almost
two blocks wide and more than 10
blocks long. For several hours the city
was entirely cut off from communication.

Governor Goodrich was asked to
send troops to police the city.

The exact number of dead may not
be known for several days, as practically
all the bodies thus far found have been
dug out of the wreckage of their homes.
The search was hampered by darkness,
but it is believed more bodies will be
found.

Twenty-three bodies had been recovered
and six persons missing. It was believed
other bodies still were buried in the
wreckage which had not been searched.

America Gains Tonnage.

Washington, D. C.—The American
merchant marine has made a net gain
of 351,114 gross tons through transfers
of registry since the European war began,
although on the same account it has
sustained a net loss of 201 vessels. Figures
made public by the department of
Commerce show that ships transferred
to the American flag numbered 204 of
664,925 tons. Vessels transferred to
foreign flags numbered 405, but their
average size was less than one-fourth
that of ships gained, and their tonnage
was only 313,811.

Livestock Losses Heavy.

Helena, Mont.—Unless winter breaks
soon livestock losses will be extremely
heavy, according to information given
to Railroad Commissioner McCormick,
who has just returned from a trip over the
eastern and northern part of Montana.
In Sheridan there have been large
losses. In the Yellowstone and the
Musselshell counties and the Miles City
stock country there is much suffering.
Cattle are unable to reach the grass
because of deep snow.

PRUDENCE

of the PARSONAGE
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PRUDENCE FINDS HERSELF BLUSHING AND BREATHLESS EVERY TIME SHE LOOKS INTO THE EYES OF HER HANDSOME RESCUER

Mr. Starr, widower Methodist minister at Mount Mark, Ia., has five charming daughters. Prudence, the eldest, keeps house for him. Fairy is a college freshman. Carol and Lark, twins, are in high school. Constance is the "baby." The activities of the Starr girls—Prudence's work, Fairy's school affairs, the pranks of the youngsters—and the family perplexities, make the story. It is simply a recital of homely incidents glorified by affection. The preceding installment described the accident suffered by Prudence when she went for an early-morning bicycle ride and her rescue by a strange young man.

CHAPTER VIII—Continued.

"Oh—whatever will Mattie Moore say to me? It's borrowed. Oh, I see now, that it was just foolish pride that made me unwilling to ride during decent hours. What a dunce I was—usual."

He looked at her curiously. This was beyond his comprehension. She explained and then was silent a while. "Fairy'll have to get breakfast, and she always gets father's eggs too hard." Silence again. "Maybe papa'll worry. But then, they know by this time that something always does happen to me, so they'll be prepared."

She turned gravely to the young man beside her. He was looking down at her, too. And as his eyes met, and clung for an instant, a slow, dark color rose in his face. Prudence felt a curious breathlessness—caused by her hurting ankle, undoubtedly.

"My name is Prudence Starr—I am the Methodist minister's oldest daughter."

"And my name is Jerrold Harmer." He was looking away into the hickory grove now. "My home is in Des Moines."

"Oh, Des Moines is quite a city, isn't it? I've heard quite a lot about it. You might tell me about Des Moines. Is it very nice? Are there lots of rich people there? Of course, I do not really care any more about rich people than the others, but it always makes a city seem grand to have a lot of rich citizens, I think. Don't you?"

So he told her about Des Moines, and Prudence lay with her eyes half-closed, listening, and wondering why there was more music in his voice than in most voices. Her ankle did not hurt very badly. She did not mind it at all. In fact, she never gave it a thought. From beneath her lids, she kept her eyes fastened on Jerrold Harmer's long brown hands, clasped loosely about his knees. And whenever she could, she looked up into his face. And always there was that curious catching in her breath, and she looked away again quickly, feeling that to look too long was dangerous.

"I have talked my share now," he was saying, "tell me all about yourself, and the parsonage, and your family. And who is Fairy? And do you attend the college at Mount Mark? You look like a college girl."

"Oh, I am not," said Prudence, reluctant to make the admission for the first time in her life. "I am too stupid to be a college girl. I left high school five years ago and have been keeping house for my father and sisters since then. I am twenty years old. How old are you?"

"I am twenty-seven," and he smiled.

"Jerrold Harmer," she said slowly and very musically. "It is such a nice name. Do your friends call you Jerry?"

"The boys at school called me Roldie, and sometimes Hammie. But my mother always called me Jerry. She isn't living now, either. You call me Jerry, will you?"

"Yes, I will, but it won't be proper. But that never makes any difference to me, except when it might shock the members. You want me to call you Jerry, don't you?"

"Yes, I do. And when we are better acquainted, will you let me call you Prudence?"

"Call me that now. I can't be too particular, you see, when I am lying on your coat and pillow with your belongings. You might get cross, and take them away from me. Did you go to college?"

"Yes, to Harvard, but I was not much of a student. Then I knocked around a while, looking at the world, and two years ago I went home to Des Moines. I have been there ever since except for little runs once in a while."

Prudence sighed. "My sister Fairy is going to college now. She's very clever—oh, very. You'll like her, I am sure—much better than you do me, of course." Prudence was strangely downcast.

"I am sure I won't," said Jerrold Harmer, with unnecessary vehemence. "I don't care a thing for college girls. I like home girls." Jerrold slipped over abruptly, and lay on the grass, his face on his arms turned toward her face. They were quiet for a while, but their glances were clinging.

"Did you play football at college? You are so tall. Fairy's tall, too,

Fairy's very grand looking. I've tried my best to eat lots, and exercise, and make myself bigger, but—I am a fizzle."

"Yes, I played football. But girls do not need to be so tall as men. Don't you remember what Orlando said about Rosalind—'just as tall as my heart'? I imagine you come about to my shoulder. We'll measure as soon as you are on your feet again."

"Are you going to live in Mount Mark now? Are you coming to stay?" Prudence was almost quivering as she asked this. It was of vital importance.

"No, I will only be there a few days, but I shall probably be back every week or so. Is your father very strict? Maybe he would object to your writing to me."

"Oh, he isn't strict at all. And he will be glad for me to write to you, I know. Is Des Moines just full of beautiful girls?"

"I should say not. I never saw a real beautiful girl in Des Moines in my life. Or any place else, for that matter, until I came—You know when you come right down to it, there are mighty few girls that look—just the way you want them to look."

Prudence nodded. "That's the way with men, too. Of all the men I have seen in my life, I never saw one before that looked just the way I wanted him to."

"Before?" he questioned eagerly.

"Yes," said Prudence frankly. "You look just as I wish you to."

Connie's single bed was hastily brought downstairs, and Prudence deposited upon it. "There's no use to put me upstairs," she assured them. "I won't stay there. I want to be down here where I can boss the girls."

The doctor came in, and bandaged the swollen purple ankle. Then they had dinner—they tried to remember to call it luncheon, but never succeeded! After that, the whole parsonage family grouped about the little single bed in the cheery sitting room.

"Whose coat is this, Prudence?" asked Connie.

"And where in the world did you get these towels and silk shirts?" added Fairy.

Prudence blushed most exquisitely. "They are Mr. Harmer's," she said, and glanced nervously at her father. "Whose?" chorused the family.

"If you will sit down and keep still, I will tell you all about it. But you must not interrupt me. What time is it, Fairy?"

"Two o'clock."

"Oh, two. Then I have plenty of time," and in her own frank way, she told the story.

"Then Mr. Davis came along with his cart," she concluded, "and Jerry—er—Harmer, you know, helped put me in, and the cart was so small they both had to walk."

"Where is he now?" "Is he young?" "Is he handsome?" "Did he look rich?"

"Don't be silly, girls. He went to the hotel, I suppose. Anyhow, he left us as soon as we reached town. He said he was in a hurry, and had something to look after. His coat was underneath me in the wagon, and he wouldn't take it out for fear of hurting my ankle, so the poor soul is probably wandering around this town in his shirt sleeves."

Already, in the eyes of the girls, this Jerry—er—Harmer, had taken unto himself all the interest of the affair.

"He'll have to come for his coat," said Lark. "We're bound to see him."

"Where does he live? What was he doing in the hickory grove?" inquired Mr. Starr with a strangely stinking heart, for her eyes were alight with new and wonderful radiance.

"He lives in Des Moines. He was just walking into town, and took a short cut through the grove."

"Walking! From Des Moines?"

Prudence flushed uncomfortably. "I didn't think of that," she said. "But I do not see why he should not walk if he likes. He's strong and athletic, and fond of exercise. I guess he's plenty able to walk if he wants to. I'm sure he's no tramp, father, if that is what you are thinking."

"I am not thinking anything of the kind, Prudence," he said with dignity. "But I do think it rather strange that a young man should set out to walk from Des Moines to Mount Mark. And why should he be at it so early in the morning? Doesn't he require sleep, as the rest of us do?"

"How should I know? I guess if he likes to be out in the morning when it is fresh and sweet, it is all right. I like the morning myself. He had as much right out early as I had. His clothes were nice, and he is a Harvard graduate, and his shoes were dusty, but not soiled or worn. Anyhow, he is coming at four o'clock. If you want to ask if he is a tramp, you can do it." And Prudence burst into tears.

Dramatic silence in the cheerful sitting room! Then Fairy began bustling about to bathe the face and throat of "poor little Prudence," and her father said sympathetically:

"You're all nervous and wrought up, with the pain and excitement, Prudence. I'm glad he is coming so we can thank him for his kindness. It was mighty lucky he happened along, wasn't it? A Harvard graduate! Yes, they are pretty strong on athletics at Harvard. You'd better straighten this room a little and have things looking nice when he gets here," said Father Starr, with great diplomacy. And he was rewarded, and started, by observing that Prudence brightened wonderfully at his words.

"Yes, do," she urged eagerly. "Get some of the roses from the corner bush, and put them on the table there. And when you go upstairs, Fairy, you'd better bring down that little lace spread in the bottom drawer of our dresser. It'll look very nice on this bed. Work hard, girls, and get everything looking fine. He'll be here at four, he said. You twins may wear your white dresses, and Connie may put on her blue and wear her blue bows. Fairy, do you think it would be all right for you to wear your silk dress? Of course, the silk is rather grand for home, but you do look so beautiful in it. Father, will you put on your black suit, or are you too busy? And don't forget to wear the pearl cuff buttons Aunt Grace sent you."

Do you think that the stranger is what he says he is? In that case, why should he be walking from Des Moines to Mount Mark, and why out so early? Might he not be an adventurer?

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

