

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.

General Macovskiy, commander of the Guards Corps which headed the Russian retreat on the southwest front, has been ordered shot, according to a dispatch to the London Post from Petrograd.

Conference reports on the priority shipment bill and the bill increasing the membership of the Interstate Commerce commission from seven to nine were adopted late Tuesday by the senate. Both measures now go to the President.

The Russian ministry of justice has ordered the arrest of Leon Trotsky and Dunacharsky for the part they played in the uprising last month. The men and international Socialists and leaders in the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates.

A report that a U-boat had been sighted near the trans-Atlantic lanes off New York caused the War department authorities to close the gate in the net protecting the harbor mouth at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. The gate was opened again at 6 a. m.

Italian troops in attacks on the Julian front Tuesday extended the Italian lines southeast of Bosomalo. There was also spirited fighting on Mount Rombon, where an Austrian attempt to win an Italian advanced position was definitely negated.

A concerted movement to save white flour has been started in Massachusetts. At the suggestion of Henry B. Endicott, state food administrator, the majority of hotels, restaurants and clubs will refrain from serving white bread during the entire week.

The new war industries board held its first conference with President Wilson Tuesday and took up in general the problems it must face in the purchase of war supplies for this government and the allies. The President indicated his idea of the board's functions.

According to the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, of Berlin, the stocks of corn found in Roumania after the invasion by the German army have been distributed among the central powers, including 90,000 tons of property belonging to the former Bureau Britannique.

Cardinal Gaspari is expected to resign his post as papal secretary of state, according to the Messagero. The paper attributes his intention in part to reasons of health and in part because of the desire of Pope Benedict to exercise more direct control over the Vatican's policies.

It is officially declared that, contrary to rumors of overwhelming losses in submarines, the monthly average is little more than three under-water boats lost during the period from February 1 to August 1, while the monthly increase in submarines constructed is many times larger.

A violent earthquake, which caused great damage, has occurred in the southern portion of North Island, New Zealand, according to a Reuter dispatch from Wellington. North Island is the northernmost of the New Zealand group. Two active volcanic peaks on the island are Mounts Ruapehu and Tongariro.

The American steamship Motano, of 2730 tons gross, was sunk by a Teuton submarine on July 31. Twenty-two survivors have been landed.

Germany has notified Turkey and Bulgaria that she will assume all expenses incurred by these countries in the campaign of 1917-1918.

British troops have driven the Germans from their positions on the Lungu river in German East Africa and also are pushing forward in the Kiwa region.

Cuba has turned over to the United States the five German merchant ships seized in Cuban ports when Cuba declared war on Germany. The ships will be made ready for repair and operation.

The semi-official Vienna Fremdenblatt says it is able to announce authoritatively that Germany gladly will act upon peace overtures coming by way of Vienna. The Cologne Gazette reproduces the Fremdenblatt's statement.

The department of Labor has advised Senator Chamberlain that it does not contemplate importing Oriental labor into the United States to overcome the existing shortage.

The Norwegian steamship Cavis has been torpedoed at a point 20 miles to sea from Holmgroa. One passenger and one sailor were killed. The crew of the vessel was saved.

An advance of a cent a quart, making the price of milk 12 1/2 cents in New York, will cost the consumers \$7,300,000 a year, it is estimated. The advance is the fourth since last October.

MAIN LINE REACHED

Canadians Storm Strong Posts of Germans West of Lens—British Are Also Nearing Coal Center.

Canadian Headquarters in France—Canadian troops made another successful advance Monday night which carried their outposts to the main line of the enemy's defense on the railway embankment to the west of Lens.

The men of two Canadian battalions, in a dashing attack captured a crater, occupying a cross road to the east of Cite de Moulin, and a crater to the north, on the Lens-Lievin road which passes through Du Moulin.

For several days the enemy had maintained strong posts in these craters, from which harassing rifle and grenade fire was directed at the outposts' line at night.

The attack for the most part was carried out with bombs, the approach being through a maze of partly destroyed houses. When the bombs began to fall the enemy did not stay to the fight it out, but retired toward his main positions, leaving the craters to be incorporated in our advanced lines. An attacking party then advanced to two tunnels known to be occupied by the enemy and bombed them, inflicting, it is believed, a considerable number of casualties on the enemy.

A breaking in the clouds has permitted a resumption of the artillery and aerial activity.

London—Again Monday the British forces operating against the important coal city of Lens made further slight advances west and southwest of their objective, according to the British official communication. In addition an attempt by the Germans to raid British positions north of Arles was repulsed.

DEATH FOR SLACKERS ASKED

Government Agents Declare Oklahoma Rioters Guilty of Treason.

Oklahoma City—The death penalty has been demanded by Federal officials against the leaders of the anti-draft uprising which, led by leaders of the so-called Working Class Union, have thrown the counties of Central Oklahoma into turmoil for the last four days. Their action has been declared by W. P. McGinnis, United States attorney, to constitute treason. Hearings will be started immediately at McAlester before Federal Commissioner McMillen.

The jails in Seminole, Pottawatomie, Uontotoc and Hughes counties were almost cleared of their inmates, virtually all being transported to the county jail here. Federal and state officials at McAlester are still at work at Ada, Wewoka, Dustin and Holdenville, filing informations against the rioters.

Disposal of the cases are still undecided, but authorities believe a special session of the grand jury will be called to take action. Poses are still in the field in Seminole county, in Hughes county and south of Shawnee, in Pottawatomie county. Isolated bands are giving trouble, but no reports from the searchers apparently bear out the supposition that no further clashes will be met with.

TIME FOR PEACE NOT RIPE

President is Ready to Consider Move When Germans Make Overtures.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson had a long conference Monday with Senator Lewis, the Democratic whip.

The President urged haste in the final enactment of the food-control bill and revenue bill and is understood to have indicated that he does not consider the present time for discussion of peace negotiations with Germany.

Senator Lewis would not discuss the latter phase of his conference, but it was believed the President indicated that he did not consider Germany's recent peace feelers to be genuine and that he can be expected to let the country know when he believes the time has come for discussing peace. Senator Lewis declared the President would not allow the American people to lose any rights or suffer any wrongs which "his diligence could prevent."

The Illinois senator told the President he believed congress could adjourn September 1.

Destroyer Saves Crew.

New York—The Greek steamship Charilaos Tricoupis, 2475 tons gross register owned by the National Steam Navigation company, Limited, of Greece, was sunk July 13 by a German submarine, according to a cable received here by agents of the line. Captain Gouliandris and his crew of 35 men were picked up and landed at a British port by an American destroyer. Agents here said they understood the steamer had been chartered to the British government. She was built in 1892 at Sunderland, and was 300 feet long.

Texas to Have Fliers.

New York—Official announcement was made by the British recruiting mission here that Lieutenant H. B. Denton, in charge of recruiting for the Royal Flying corps, will go to Texas soon to lay out an aviation camp for the Canadians. "This camp in Texas," the statement said, "will mean a still closer co-operation between the aviation sections of the American and British forces and a further standardization of methods of actual work."

RAILROAD PROFIT SHOWS INCREASE

New Prosperity Record is Made for June Over Last Year.

WESTERNERS IN LEAD

Eastern Roads Show Increase in Revenue of \$600,000,000—Operating Revenues Gain \$15,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—Record prosperity for the railroads is shown in Interstate Commerce commission returns for June.

The 153 roads covered by the figures, operating three-fourths of the country's mileage, reported that their net revenue increased nearly \$8,000,000 over June, 1916, the previous record month, and reached a total of \$88,283,329. Operating revenues increased more than \$38,000,000, totaling \$273,867,527, while expenses were approximately \$30,000,000 higher than a year ago.

The greatest increase is shown by Western roads whose operating revenues jumped from \$94,000,000 to \$110,000,000. Expenses increased approximately \$10,000,000, leaving net revenue from operation of \$39,616,950, or about \$6,000,000 more than in June, 1916.

Eastern roads show an increase in net revenue of approximately \$600,000,000. Operating revenues increased \$15,000,000, totaling \$120,665,262, while expenses increased approximately \$14,400,000. In the Southern district, operating revenues show an increase of more than \$7,000,000, reaching \$42,719,588. Expenses increased approximately \$6,000,000, leaving net revenues \$13,494,159, approximately \$1,000,000 higher than a year ago.

Total operating revenues of the 153 roads during the first six months were \$1,489,248,702, an increase of \$168,000,000 over the first six months of 1916. Expenses totaling \$1,065,281,720 were approximately \$160,500,000 greater than a year ago.

PLAN ARMY REORGANIZATION

New Arrangement Will Increase Mobility of Forces in Field.

Washington, D. C.—A reorganization of American army units, under which the division totaling 28,000 men, found unwieldy for service on European battlefields, is abandoned for the continental unit of about 19,000 men, has been ordered by the War department.

Under the new plan a division will include only two infantry brigades of two regiments each, in place of three brigades of three regiments each under the old system. Many other organizational changes were made, including a material increase in the artillery and machine gun strength of each division. The cavalry regiment now included in each division is detached, a new trench mortar battery is added and the old army corps plan, abandoned after the Civil war, is again put in operation.

The 16 divisions of the National guard as now constituted will be reorganized in conformity with the new plan after the guardsmen reach their training camps.

BRITISH NAVY CHANGE MADE

Thorough Shake-up in Bureau is Predicted—Admiral Wemyss Chosen.

London—Official announcement was made at the Admiralty Tuesday night that Admiral Sir Cecil Burney, second sea lord, had been replaced by Vice-Admiral Sir Roselynn Wemyss. Allan Garrett Anderson, hitherto vice-chairman of the wheat commission, succeeds Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, as controller of naval construction.

The changes in the British admiralty are attracting much attention, and are interpreted as the first step in a reorganization which it is supposed Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, was appointed to carry out.

Canada's Cost is Figured.

Ottawa, Can.—Canada's war expenditures are now about \$850,000 a day, the total to July being \$623,000,000, according to figures This sum includes upkeep of Canadian troops in France, for which Canada owes Great Britain \$272,000,000. Advances to the munitions board amount to \$288,000,000, while \$22,000,000 was spent for hay, cheese, flour, etc. Canada is supplying about \$10,000,000 a month to buy cheese and contributing \$25,000,000 a month to the treasury for the purchase of munitions in Canada.

Interpreters in Demand.

San Francisco—A corps of interpreters consisting of 175 men able to read, write and speak English, French and German will be organized here immediately, the censor for the Western department of the army announces. All but 72 members of the organization will be commissioned. The others will rank as non-commissioned officers. Men who have seen service in the German and French armies and who are now citizens are particularly desired.

KERENSKY IS UPHELD

Russian Premier Withdraws His Resignation When Vote of Confidence is Tendered Him by Duma.

Petrograd—By a vote of 147 to 40 a joint meeting of the executive of the Workmen's and Soldiers' and Peasants' councils confirmed the decision of the all-night, Monday, political conference of continued confidence in Premier Kerensky. The Maximalists strongly protested and 42 of the members of this party abstained from voting.

The Duma committee also has confirmed the vote of confidence in M. Kerensky. Premier Kerensky has returned to Petrograd and withdrawn his resignation. He attended a ministerial meeting on Saturday evening, and afterwards conferred with various political leaders.

M. Kerensky has issued a manifesto in which he declares that he considers it impossible when the country is threatened with defeat without and disintegration within to refuse the heavy task again entrusted to him, which he regards as an express order from the country to construct a strong revolutionary government to carry out the principles already laid down.

"At the same time," said the manifesto, "I consider it inevitable to introduce changes in the order and distribution of government work without allowing myself to be influenced by the thought that these changes will increase my responsibility in the supreme direction of the affairs of state."

General L. Korniloff, in accepting the position of commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has telegraphed to Premier and War Minister Kerensky the conditions under which he is willing to take the supreme command.

"First—I wish to be responsible only to my conscience and to the people," says the general.

"Second—No one shall intervene in my fighting orders and appointments.

"Third—The measures adopted during the last few days at the front also shall be applied at the depots in the rear."

DRAFT OBJECTOR IS KILLED

Posse Fires on Renegades When They Resist Officers of Law.

Holdenville, Okla.—Edward Blalock, a draft objector, was killed and a posse man, Jack Paige, was wounded in the leg in a fight between officers and objectors to the selective draft, 12 miles southeast of here Sunday night. Henry Johnson, another posse man, was wounded in the head.

The fight, according to meager reports received from Calvin, took place about three miles north of that place. About 50 objectors, alleged members of the "Working Class Union," have been congregating in the woods near here for the last week, posse members declared, and it was with members of this organization that the battle was waged.

Two members of the resisters were said to have been wounded, but it had not been determined whether they were captured. The country where the brush took place is especially wild, being located in a bend of the South Canadian river.

Previous to the clash, nine objectors were captured in the hills after they had been surrounded in a deserted cabin.

EXEMPTION PLEAS VICIOUS

Wording Declared Treasonable by San Francisco Board Chairman.

San Francisco—John L. McNab, chairman of an exemption board in San Francisco, Sunday addressed a letter to John W. Preston, United States district attorney, urging the latter to take official cognizance of what he alleged to be a concerted plan to hinder the progress of the selective draft.

Mr. McNab, writing for the board which he heads, invited the attention of the district attorney to certain affidavits presented in support of exemption claims. The affidavits, he said, were in similar form, and indicated the existence of a plan to combat the selective draft. He told the federal official that the board had refused to file the papers and by unanimous vote had directed that they be forwarded for attention. His reasons he stated as follows:

"To tolerate such vicious utterances made under the guise of an exemption claim is to encourage disloyalty and place a premium upon treason."

Picture Record Planned.

Paris—The Signal Corps of the United States army, has perfected plans for the establishment in France of a huge plant for taking, developing and printing motion and still pictures. From the plant, which is expected eventually to become one of the largest of its kind in the world, will be issued the photographs which are to form a historical record of America's participation in the war. Within a week it will begin giving out photographs for use in American newspapers. The pictures will be censored in France.

27,000 Bales of Hay Burn.

El Paso, Tex.—Twenty-seven thousand bales of hay were destroyed by fire which broke out at the cavalry camp at Fort Bliss shortly before midnight Sunday night. Firemen from El Paso and soldiers worked until 9 o'clock next morning before the blaze was brought under control. Hundreds of motor trucks were employed in hastily moving more than a million bales of hay from the danger zone. The origin of the fire is unknown.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Four hundred and sixty acres of the old McGee place near Airline have been sold to Crane Bros., Rollin, Mont., who will take possession at once and develop a model stock farm.

Many reports of damage done by frost last Sunday night comes from Dallas. Beans and potatoes have been damaged most. All sections of Polk county seem to have been affected.

A shortage of men caused by the exodus to enter the war is forcing Grant county women into the hay fields. The women are driving rakes and bucks and some are even forced to pitch hay.

Explaining his reason for appointing an even number of members on the State board of Conciliation and Mediation, Governor Withycombe said the function of the board is conciliation and not arbitration.

Articles of incorporation of the George F. Rodgers company have been filed in the county clerk's office at Astoria. The company has leased a tract of water frontage from the Port of Astoria Commission for a shipbuilding plant.

On recommendation of Lincoln county authorities, Carl Tuel, 16 years old, who confessed that he killed Jess Hall, ex-convict, near Toledo about three months ago, has been paroled from the State Training school and has left for British Columbia with his sister, Mrs. T. M. Joselyn.

George H. Stevenson of North Bend, member of the war spruce council for Oregon, has forwarded a telegraphic invitation to the National Defense commission now in the Northwest to visit Coos county and look over the six mills which are manufacturing aeroplane stock in that locality.

A hay shortage is threatened in the Long Creek section and farmers are even cutting the growth in fence corners and other places where mowers cannot operate. Some are cutting rye grass to feed with what hay they have. The Baker crop is coming up to that of last season, but sales are being made at \$15 and \$16 a ton in the stack.

An increase of 15 per cent in all freight rates was granted to the Great Southern Railroad company by the Public Service commission. One hundred farmers and merchants appeared at the hearing at The Dalles and prayed the commission to extend the increase asked or more if necessary. The road runs from The Dalles to Friend.

Larry M. Sullivan, of Oregon City, one of the owners of the Friar's Club, at Milwaukie, has been pardoned by Governor Withycombe, according to a telegram from the governor to Gilbert L. Hedges, district attorney. Sullivan had been convicted and sentenced for numerous violations of the liquor law. He was at liberty on bond pending appeal. He had not served a day in jail.

In the first irrigation controversy to come before the Oregon Public Service commission, water users of the Sutherland valley, in Douglas county, were upheld in an order issued Tuesday. The case is that of H. I. Merriam et al, plaintiffs, against the J. F. Luse company, by W. E. St. John, receiver, defendant, and the Northwest Trust company, of St. Paul, and Ira C. Ohler, trustees, as intervenors.

Upon learning that Baker will experience a greater coal famine than has ever before been known, Mayor Palmer telegraphed an appeal for relief to the department of Commerce at Washington, after a consultation with the local coal dealers. Mayor Palmer has been working upon the problem for some time and reports that he has found the local dealers unable to get any coal for storage purposes and not enough to supply current orders.

The apple market is open with an order of 25 carloads of "C" grade Spitzenbergs and Newtowns placed in Hood River by California distributing concerns.

Dr. K. A. Leep and wife, of Myrtle Point, are en route to New Orleans in response to a telegram stating that their son had been seriously injured by falling from an aeroplane.

Robert Ankeny, owner of an 1800-acre farm near Rickreall, and son of Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla millionaire, has just passed the examination at Salem to join the navy as second machinist.

Members of the I. W. W. are charged with \$165,000 of the total fire loss of \$420,870 in Oregon during July, in a report issued by State Fire Marshal Wells, by causing fires at Klamath Falls, which was the heaviest sufferer of 47 towns in the state last month. Albany and vicinity report a loss of \$28,000; Huntington, \$25,000; Dallas, \$10,000; sawmill near Dallas, \$25,000; Crawfordville mill, \$15,000; shingle mill at Weaver, \$10,000; Sherman county grain field, \$6000.

The Astoria police and justice court departments were more than self-supporting in July. The receipts from fines in the police department were \$1067.50, while the salaries of the officers amounted to \$925.

Fire destroyed the J. B. Morrison combine harvester in the wheat field of G. A. Meloy between Moro and Grass Valley Saturday. The cause was not determined. It was discovered when the crew appeared for the day's work. The caterpillar tractor used to pull the harvester was saved and no wheat was destroyed.

GERMANY KNEW OF WAR IN ADVANCE

Secretary Zimmerman Said to Have Made Admissions.

AUSTRIA WAS BACKED

Deutsche Tages Zeitung Challenges Germans to Prosecute Socialist for Telling of Secret Council.

Washington, D. C.—Germany had possession of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia 14 hours before it was delivered to Belgrade, according to positive information which has reached officials here and which was made public Saturday for the first time.

It was stated that former Foreign Secretary Zimmermann admitted this himself when pressed closely as to Germany's foreknowledge of the action of her ally which precipitated the European war.

Germany has maintained that she was not consulted by Austria as to the ultimatum which practically denied Serbia's independence and that she did not even have knowledge of the step.

Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's admission, however, is interpreted here to show that Germany had full knowledge of the note in time to stop action on it if she felt it essential. Her action, however, is felt to have proved her an accomplice of Austria, whom she had already told she would support in any decision she might make.

This fact fits in closely with the recent statements first advanced by Deputy Cohn in the reichstag and since adopted by the allied governments, that German and Austrian leaders held a war council at Potsdam July 6, in which it was decided to plunge Europe into conflict. The interpretation placed on this council has been that Germany had full knowledge of all Austria's plans and stood unreservedly behind her. Germany, however, has repeatedly denied the holding of such a conference.

Amsterdam—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung challenges the German government to prosecute Dr. Cohn, Socialist member of the reichstag, for his alleged revelations regarding the crown council held at Potsdam July 5, 1914. The newspaper says it knows the revelations published in the London Times came from Stockholm direct and from the German Independent Socialists, and it offers to give the fullest evidence if the government desires to court-martial Deputy Cohn.

Information given credence by officials here is that a conference at Potsdam did take place and was attended by Von Moltke, Falkenhayn, Tirpitz, Bethmann-Hollweg, the Crown Prince and Emeror William. Afterward the emperor left for a short trip and on his return found Sir Edward Grey's offer of mediation.

He was disposed to accept this, but Von Moltke, Falkenhayn and Von Tirpitz threw their swords down on the table and offered their resignations. William thereupon decided to refuse the offer.

ALL NEW SHIPS TAKEN OVER

About 250 Vessels Under Construction on Pacific Coast Are Affected.

Washington, D. C.—The Emergency Fleet Corporation Monday requisitioned all merchant vessels of more than 2500 tons now building in American shipyards. Double and triple labor shifts will be put in at the yards to speed construction.

No announcement was made as to the amount of tonnage taken over, but the shipping board's records show that about 700 vessels of nearly 2,000,000 tons of all classes are building.

As fast as the yards are cleared of their present construction, they will be put to work on the great fleet the government will build. Compensation for the construction seized will be determined later.

Much of the tonnage building is for British and Norwegian account. Its final disposition will be left to negotiations with the governments concerned.

Nerves Are to be Tested.

Washington, D. C.—Unusual pains will be taken to weed out of the war army all men whose nerves are in the least afflicted. Surgeon-General Gorgas has organized a corps of 150 nerve specialists to examine every man under training. An official announcement says that no man can be expected to make a good soldier under present methods of warfare if he has any organic nervous disease, any mental defect or any touch of insanity, or if he is chronically addicted to the use of drugs or alcohol.

Adventure Leads Afield.

Paragould, Ark.—Dressed as a boy and heaving cotton on a farm in the northern part of this county, Flossie Smith, 15 years old, who two weeks ago mysteriously disappeared from her home here, was found Sunday. A widespread search had been made for her and two young men had been arrested following her disappearance, one of them charged with murder. The girl said she had tired of home life and decided to seek adventure in travel.