

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 Canadian casualty list issued Tuesday night contains the following names of Americans killed in action: W. H. Bland, Black Bear, Idaho.

Nineteen Portuguese fishermen of Provincetown were drowned when the dories in which they were fishing off Cape Cod were swamped by a gale that came up suddenly Friday afternoon.

The first three bales of Georgia's new cotton crop to arrive in New York were auctioned from the steps of the Cotton Exchange Wednesday for \$700. Nearly 50 cents a pound. The money was given to the Red Cross war fund.

Liberty bonds for the first time since the second or third day's trading in them on the New York Stock Exchange, sold at par Tuesday. Last week they sold as low as 99.52, which represented a depreciation of \$4.80 per \$1000.

The medical corps of the United States Army in France announced Friday that the French had turned over to it two large military hospitals and also a large medical depot. American base hospital units are manning these institutions.

Sinking of the American steamer Campana, a Standard Oil tanker, with the probable capture of her captain and four members of the naval guard by the attacking German submarine, was announced Tuesday by the Navy department.

After visiting practically every section of Oregon of any consequence agriculturally, Governor Withycombe made the statement that Oregon is facing the nearest approach to a crop failure of anything he has seen in his 46 years' experience in watching crop conditions.

Sunburned Western ranges, with the price of imported hay and feed almost prohibitive, are likely to cause a decided drop in the price of beef before December 1, in the opinion of St. Paul live stock men. Shortage of feed available has resulted in an influx of cattle from the West at the South St. Paul market.

Nine hundred and thirty-three Scandinavian ships have been destroyed by torpedoes or mines since the beginning of the war, according to the Copenhagen Aftenbladet. Of this number Norway lost 600, Denmark 187 and Sweden 146. The number of Scandinavian seamen lost in these disasters was about 500.

Placed so that it would have destroyed a 36-inch water supply main to the Ogden city reservoir and the embankment of the reservoir, thus allowing the impounded water to rush down upon the city, a dynamite bomb with two feet of its four-foot fuse burned, was found early Tuesday night by the police.

In a statement Tuesday, Secretary McAdoo said prompt passage of the Army and Navy insurance bill would "immeasurably increase America's chance of winning the war," and expressed the hope that the bill would be enacted "before the first soldier of the new National Army begins active military duty," about September 1.

The Butte streetcar men's strike was settled Friday afternoon, the company agreeing to pay the men a flat scale. Operation of cars has been resumed.

Seven Norwegian sailing vessels and 90 men were lost in a heavy gale near Greenland, according to a dispatch to the London Central News from Christians Thursday.

The first one-third of the quota of 687,000 men drafted for army service under the selection bill will be called to the colors September 1 and sent to training camps between September 1 and September 5. This information has been communicated to the governors of all states by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Wool contracts calling for more than \$18,000,000 worth of wool have been let at Washington, according to announcements. The Red Cross has purchased 1,000,000 pounds for knitting purposes and the Navy has let contracts for 4,500,000 yards of uniform cloth at an aggregate cost of more than \$16,000,000.

A special session of the Utah legislature will be called to act on the high prices of coal was indicated Friday by Governor Bamberger, when he declared that, if necessary, he would urge the enactment of a measure to make coal a public utility.

Damage which may amount into hundreds of thousands of dollars was caused to property and crops by a severe hail and wind storm which swept a path four to ten miles wide and more than 100 miles long over nine counties of Eastern Central Nebraska Thursday afternoon.

OREGON IN FIRST CALL

Plans for Sending National Guard to France Announced by War Department—26 States Share.

Washington, D. C.—Plans for sending the first National Guard troops to France have been perfected by the War department with the organization of a division which will include troops from 26 states and the District of Columbia. Word to this effect was sent out Tuesday.

The states from which the National Guard troops are to be assembled are: Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, New York, Ohio, Georgia, Alabama, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Maryland, South Carolina, California, Missouri, Virginia, North Carolina, Kansas, Texas, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Colorado and Oregon.

The others come from the District of Columbia.

JAPANESE MISSION ARRIVES

"We Are With You, Heart and Soul," Says Ambassador Extraordinary.

A Pacific Port—A Japanese mission to the United States arrived here Tuesday, and proclaimed, almost at the moment of landing, that its members came officially "as comrades in a gigantic struggle, which involves the liberties and the sacred rights of mankind."

"We are here," declared Viscount K. Ishii, ambassador extraordinary, plenipotentiary, responding to an address of welcome from the mayor, "as the representatives of Japan on a mission of friendship and good will."

"We come as allies in a common cause. We are with you, heart and soul."

He referred to the Nation's war panoply, and its meaning to Japan. "We are particularly glad to be here just at this time," he said, "when all America is showing courage, patriotism, energy and whole-hearted zeal."

"Naturally, Japan is interested in your preparations. We are glad to see them. Not a single sensible person in Japan sees anything in your preparations but great benefit to both countries in the future."

"We have always had confidence in the fundamental justice, sound sense and broad vision of Americans. We are glad of your preparations on land and sea, because we believe they mean an earlier peace."

SUMPTER, OR., IS IN RUINS

Fire Completely Sweeps Town Off the Map—Loss Said to be \$200,000.

Baker, Ore.—Sumpter, once the Babylon of Eastern Oregon, is now a smoking mass of ruins.

The flames Monday night were eating their way to the woods at the edge of the city and the hundreds of firefighters were trying desperately to subdue them before the blaze could get such a start in the dry timber that a forest fire might result.

The loss is estimated as high as \$200,000 and it is known that the insurance carried is comparatively small, so that the once mighty metropolis, of this part of the country never may be rebuilt, at least it is certain that only a small part ever will rise from the flames.

Every business house and nearly every residence, church and hall have been leveled by the flames. More than 300 persons are without homes and every effort to relieve the suffering is being made.

National 8-Hour Bill Drafted

Washington, D. C.—As a solution in part of the labor trouble in Western Oregon and Washington, Senator Poindexter has proposed the enactment by congress of a law providing that eight hours shall constitute a standard day's work for all lumber mills, logging camps or other wood-working establishments whose products enter into interstate or foreign trade. His bill imposes a penalty of \$1000 for each violation.

Senator Poindexter drafted and introduced this bill at the suggestion of mill men and mill laborers, both sides to the controversy, according to his advisers, being favorable to the legal eight-hour day in the lumber business if it can be made National.

Agitator is Deported

Reno, Nev.—Fifty armed business men of Lovelock went to Rochester mining camp at midnight Tuesday, seized C. W. McKinnon, brother-in-law of W. D. Hayward and an I. W. W. organizer, took him to Lovelock and shipped him away to Ogden on an early train. Residents of Lovelock and Rochester are forming a Citizens' League. John Gilbert, resident of Rochester, also was deported.

McKinnon, ten days ago, was driven out of the Yerington copper district by citizens.

Railroads Save Mileage

Chicago—Extensive reductions in passenger train service in addition to those already made are soon to go into effect in the Middle West. Between March 1 and July 15, the railroads in this territory effected a saving at the rate of almost seven million passenger miles a year in passenger train service. The total reductions already made and those soon to be put into effect in this territory amount to over 12,000,000 passenger miles.

NEW PEACE OFFER COMES VIA ROME

Pope Benedict Asks Nations to Return to Status Quo.

ALLIES' REFUSAL SEEN

Diplomats Believe Move Has German Origin, but Faith of Vatican is Not Doubted—To Consider.

Washington, D. C.—Pope Benedict made peace proposals Tuesday which were not unexpected to the United States, nor to any of the entente allies.

The possibilities of a peace move was discussed with British Foreign Minister Balfour and Vice Premier Viviani, when the British and French official missions were in Washington, and it was agreed that all the allies, including the United States, should refuse to discuss peace terms while Germany occupied the territories she had taken by force, and thereby avoid what the allied statesmen considered a German trap.

Now the Pontiff's proposal presents the question in a somewhat different light, difficult to meet, perhaps, but it offers a war-weary world a hope for peace.

Germany and her allies are expected to promptly accept the Pope's proposals.

American officials acknowledge that the Vatican's proffer is of a nature calling for a reply. Diplomats of the entente circle express nothing but unanimous opinion that it would be rejected. American officials realize that a convincing reply is required for the world's page of history. That the proposals cannot be accepted as they stand is certain. That they will not be accepted at all is probable.

The Pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Roumania and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace-Lorraine, Trent, Trieste and Poland, according to reports received from Vatican sources.

The Pope's peace appeal proposes that there be no annexation and no indemnities, except in special cases, such as Belgium and Serbia, the return of Germany of her colonies in exchange for the occupied departments of France, freedom of the seas, disarmament and the formation of a supreme court of arbitration for the settlement of future international disputes.

An official outline of the Pope's communication was received here Tuesday morning. Members of the President's cabinet said it had not been discussed at the afternoon meeting, but some of the President's official family gave signs of the difficulty which it has presented.

The first appraisal of the proposal by officials and diplomats was that it was another attempt by Germany, this time working through Austria, because of the latter's close relation to the Vatican, to accomplish what she failed in her first offer of peace—the assembling of peace delegates at a round-table conference, where the interests of one ally could be played off against the other with the disruption of the grand alliance as the stake.

In no quarter is there any disposition to question in any way the good faith of the Vatican, although the peace activities of the Roman Catholic elements in Germany and Austria have been prominent for several months.

RUSSIA CALLS BIG MEETING

1000 Persons Invited to Help Formulate Plans for New Government.

Petrograd—More than 1000 persons have been invited by the government to attend the conference which is to be held at Moscow August 25 to 27 to consider in their broadest aspects the situation of the nation and the plans for the new national government. Those who have been asked to attend include all members of the four dumas, other persons prominent in public life and representatives of all important organizations, whether political, economic, commercial or scientific.

Pope's Plan Hits Market

New York—The announcement of the Pope's peace proposals, coming after the strong opening Tuesday, gave the stock market a severe setback. Early gains of one to two points in steels, equipments and other war issues and as much as one to five points in motors, shippings, oils and miscellaneous shares were largely surrendered before midday. The only issues to retain their gains in part were the active stocks in tobacco. In the afternoon the market became dull with small net reactions in the active shares.

Railway Clerks in Union

Spokane, Wash.—The railway clerks of Spokane are organizing a union, and are ready to apply to the Central Labor Council for affiliation. Representatives of the new organization appeared before the council Tuesday night and reported that a membership of more than 100 had been enrolled. The union will include employees of the railroad companies engaged in clerical work in both freight and passenger departments.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

R. B. Godin, secretary of the Board of Control, is at the The Dalles to receive bids on the equipment of the Portage railway, owned by the state.

Cull apples have taken an advance of \$2 per ton over the former seasons. The Hood River Apple Vinegar company, operating one of the largest plants in the state, has announced that it will pay \$8 per ton for orchard-run sound culls.

Wood procured from stumpage will be used as fuel at the State Hospital for the Insane at least for the next two years, and at the State Penitentiary for the next three years. This arrangement has been made by the State Board of Control.

J. M. Johnson is to be the new superintendent of Klamath Indian reservation, with headquarters at Klamath Agency. Mr. Johnson came from the Colville Indian reservation, Washington. C. H. Asbury, special agent in charge, has left for Reno, Nev.

Bears are inflicting heavy losses on the sheep herds in the Eagle Mountains in Eastern Oregon, according to Senator and Mrs. W. H. Strayer, of Baker. George Jones, of Richland, is said to have lost 23 head from his herd and others have suffered severe damage.

Advertising for bids on the first three units of the Pacific Highway improvement to be undertaken in Douglas county began at Roseburg Wednesday. The units are located in the northern part of Douglas county and will eliminate the Pass Creek canyon.

County Agent S. B. Hall has established the fact that many deaths among cattle in the Gresham section is due to a disease called hemorrhagic septicaemia, and measures are being taken to put an end to its ravages. Farmers in Multnomah and Clackamas counties have lost more than 100 animals.

The Balderree logging camp near Black Rock, in Polk county, belonging to the Willamette Valley Lumber company, is a total loss, and losses of the company since the fires started Saturday are estimated at more than \$200,000. The fire is the worst since 1910, when a million feet of timber burned in the Siletz basin.

A peddler, said to be German, and selling courtplaster and medicine and saying he has the sanction of R. F. Elgin, a Sherwood druggist, is going through that community. Mr. Elgin denies any knowledge of the man. He is insistent on selling to everyone. One of the peddlers is now in the hands of the chemists of the State board of health.

W. M. Round, president of the Washington Cranberry Growers' association, with headquarters at Long Beach, Wash., has issued an invitation to all cranberry growers of Oregon and Washington to attend a meeting to be held at Long Beach, Saturday, August 25. An invitation has been extended Governor Lister, of Washington, to attend the meeting.

The Marine Guard at the Englewood radio station at Marshfield has been increased by the arrival of 13 men from Mare Island, under Sergeant W. S. Hamilton. Within the past two weeks another contingent of six men who had served at Cape Blanco also was sent there. The force, including the original guard, now numbers 25 marines, besides the five operators.

The skin of a gray wolf was turned in at the county clerk's office at Albany Monday for bounty. Charles E. Clark, of Lacombe, related a story of its capture showing that Clyde Rucker, of Lacombe, had a narrow escape from a deer which was pursued by the predatory beast.

The State Highway commission has opened bids and awarded contracts for road and bridge construction projects and accepted the bid of the Lumbermen Trust company, of Portland, on the \$500,000 bond issue, the first sale of bonds under the \$6,000,000 bonding enactment. The bid was \$471,300 with accrued interest, the bonds dated August 1.

The Springfield Planing Mill company has called for bids for a large amount of hardwood lumber. The company has accepted a contract for the manufacture of 1,000,000 tent stakes for the United States government, according to an announcement made by H. E. Pitts, manager of the company. The work of making the stakes will begin August 15.

The body of Mrs. Katherine Osgood, age 83 years, was found floating in the Walluski river near Astoria Friday night. She had been missing for several days and is supposed to have fallen while crossing the bridge.

One hundred Curry county hogs, delivered for J. E. Ford, at Bandon, brought 13 cents a pound, live weight. The consignment was bought for the Ford market in Marshfield and it was said the price was the highest recorded in the county for such a large herd.

As one of the direct results of the United States becoming involved in the world war, the Astoria board of school directors has voted to add French to the course of study in the high school.

Car shortage on the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon Thursday was 751. While the number is small compared with the more than 3000 shortage some months ago, the Public Service commission considers the shortage extremely serious because of the early season and the demand for cars due to causes created by the war.

BIG HARVEST OF PEAS

Ten Thousand Acres Near Moscow, Idaho, Expected to Give Average Yield of 10 to 12 Bushels.

Moscow, Idaho—Farmers in the vicinity of Moscow are busy harvesting their peas. It is estimated that there are 10,000 acres in peas in the immediate vicinity of Moscow this year, and despite the abnormal season—cold and wet in the spring and a record-breaker for lack of rain and heat in the summer—it is felt that it is clearly demonstrated that this is a field pea country, that in ordinary years they will do well.

The best estimates obtainable on the present crop here this year is 10 to 12 bushels to the acre. Some fields will double that. Elmer A. Nichols just south of the city has 230 acres that is expected to average 20 bushels. The price expected is \$3.50 as the minimum, so that even at 10 bushels it will mean \$35 an acre for the crop. Farmers who planted peas this year are encouraged to go in for a much larger acreage next year.

Strawberry Money is Divided

Hood River—The Apple Growers' association has completed its most successful strawberry season in the matter of dollars and cents.

Following is the list of the 14 pools, showing the dates and the average price realized from a crate of 24 boxes. It is the actual net money received which is being distributed to the growers. The list: June 1 and 2, \$4.80; June 3 and 4, \$3.33; June 5 to 11, inclusive, \$3.45; June 12 to 15th, inclusive, \$3.51; June 16th, \$3.64; June 17 to 19, inclusive, \$3.80; June 20, \$3.18; June 21 to 24, inclusive, \$2.80; June 25 to 26, inclusive, \$2.63; June 27 to 30, inclusive, \$2.09; July 1 to 5, inclusive, \$1.81; July 6 to 11, inclusive, \$1.87; July 12 to 18, inclusive, \$2; July 19 to 27, inclusive, \$2.25.

Tiny New Spuds Sprout

Pendleton, Or.—Umatilla county war garden growers are discovering that their potatoes are not maturing, but are already sprouting in the ground. None here has been able to explain the condition and apparently all locations and all soils in the immediate vicinity are affected in this manner. Some of the early varieties have grown sufficiently to be served on the tables, but the late planting will be hardly worth digging so far as the war gardens are concerned. The potatoes which are sprouting are sometimes as small as a pea, frequently as small as a walnut. The seed potatoes remain in the ground in much the same condition as when planted.

Butterfat Prices Soar

Marshfield, Or.—Butter fat is bringing an average of 56 cents in Coos county and creamery butter is selling at higher prices than ever before in the summer season. Two-pound rolls are bringing from \$1.05 to \$1.15 each.

The creamery operators report a heavy falling off in milk receipts, due to the drought conditions. Many pastures have dried up entirely and some cattle are actually on short feed. July milk deliveries were much lighter than those for the month of June.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, new, \$2.35@2.40; fortyfold, \$2.34 @ 2.36; club, \$2.32@2.35; red Russian, \$2.30 @ 2.32.

Milled—Spot prices: Bran, \$35 per ton; shorts, \$38; middlings, \$45; rolled barley, \$51; rolled oats, \$55.

Hay—Producers' prices: Timothy, old crop, nominal; alfalfa, new, \$18@19; wheat, new crop, \$15@16; oat and vetch, new crop, \$16@17.

Vegetables—Tomatoes, \$1.25@2 per crate; cabbage, 2¢ per pound; lettuce, \$1.50@1.75 per crate; cucumbers, 40¢@60¢ per dozen; peppers, 8¢@10¢ per pound; beans, 6¢@8¢ per pound; corn, 30¢@35¢ per dozen.

Potatoes—New, 2¢@3¢ per pound.

Green Fruits—Apricots, \$1.25@1.50; cantaloupes, 95¢@2.85 per crate; peaches, 65¢@1.25 per box; watermelons, \$1.75@2 per hundred; apples, \$1.35@2.50; raspberries, \$1.75 @ 2; pears, \$2; grapes, \$2; blackberries, \$2.15.

Butter—Cubes, extras, 40¢@41¢; primed firsts, 39¢. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 44¢; carlons, 1¢ extra; butterfat, No. 1, best bid, 46¢; No. 2, 42¢.

Eggs—Ranch, current receipts, 36¢ per dozen; candled, 37¢@38¢ per dozen; selects, 38¢.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢@16¢ per pound; broilers, 18¢@20¢; turkeys, 18¢@21¢; ducks, old, 13¢@15¢; young, 17¢@18¢; geese, old, 8¢@9¢.

Hops—1916 crop, 12¢@14¢ per pound; 1917 contracts, 18¢@20¢; 1917 fuggles, 25¢.

Cattle—Best beef steers, \$ 8.25@ 8.75
Good beef steers, 7.25@ 8.25
Best beef cows, 6.00@ 7.00
Ordinary to good, 4.00@ 6.00
Best heifers, 6.25@ 7.25
Bulls, 4.50@ 6.00
Calves, 8.50@ 9.50
Stockers and feeders, 4.50@ 6.75

Hogs—Prime light hogs, \$16.15@16.25
Prime heavy hogs, 16.00@16.15
Figs, 14.50@15.00
Bulk, 16.00

Sheep—Western lambs, \$12.00@12.75
Valley lambs, 11.50@12.00
Yearlings, 8.75@ 9.50
Wethers, 8.10@ 8.50
Ewes, 3.50@ 7.00

WILSON APPOINTS HOOVER DICTATOR

President Signs Food Control Bill at Same Time.

BIG STICK LOOMS UP

Food and Agriculture Departments Long Ready for Work—Federal Trade Commission Busy.

Washington, D. C.—The American government Saturday assumed control of the country's food supply with the signing by President Wilson of the administration's food survey and regulatory bills.

Formal announcement of Herbert Hoover's appointment as food administrator was made at the White House soon after the measures were approved, and Mr. Hoover set forth the aims of the food administration in a statement, declaring its purpose will be to stabilize and not to disturb conditions.

Every effort will be made to correct price abuses, made possible by abnormal times, Mr. Hoover said, but drastic measures will not be attempted until it is seen the purposes of the administration cannot be accomplished through constructive co-operation with food producing and distributing industries.

The very existence of corrective powers, Mr. Hoover declared, will tend to check speculation and price inflation.

"The business men of the country, I am convinced," says Mr. Hoover's statement, "as a result of many hundreds of conferences with representatives of the great sources of food supply, realize their own patriotic obligation, and the solemnity of the situation, and will fairly and generously cooperate in meeting the national emergencies."

The two measures as signed give to the government sweeping war-time powers. The regulatory bill is designed to put food distribution under direct government supervision, and a provision added as an amendment extends an even more drastic government control over coal and other fuels, including the power to fix prices, and authorizing government operation of mines.

The survey bill is intended to encourage production, and gives the government authority to keep up a continuous census of the amount of food-stuffs in the United States. It will be administered by the department of Agriculture.

Both the Food Administration and Agriculture departments have been ready since long before the bills were passed to go ahead with the work. The Food Administration has assembled a staff and already is enlisting the country's women in a household saving campaign.

Meanwhile the Federal Trade commission, authorized some time ago to conduct an investigation into food prices with special reference to anti-trust law violations, is gathering information which it will turn over to the two agencies and to the department of Justice.

The first move of the Food Administration will be to bring about changes in the system of distributing wheat and in the manufacture and sale of flour and bread. It will take up next the production of meat and dairy foods. The Trade commission has investigators now in the flour mills and in the meat-packing houses.

In his statement Mr. Hoover emphasizes the obligation the United States owes to its allies in supplying an abundance of food and urges reduced consumption by the American people.

"We have in our abundance and in our waste," he says, "an ample supply to carry them as well as ourselves over this next winter without suffering. If we fail, it is because in individual American citizens have failed to see and do this loyal National duty. We shall invite all classes and all trades to sign a volunteer pledge to co-operate with us in the undertaking, and so become members of the food administration as we ourselves are."

Regular Army Filled

Washington, D. C.—With the war volunteers of Saturday the regular army was raised to its full strength of 300,000. Since April 1 more than 183,898 volunteers have been enlisted. Twenty-three states filled their quotas and 25 did not. The states in the roll of honor are: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

National Holiday Likely

Washington, D. C.—A National holiday may be declared September 3 in celebration of the attainment of the draft levies for the training cantonments. No step to this end has been made as yet, but officials at the Provost Marshal General's office regard it as probable. Conferences were had with railway officials on mobilization details. Transportation lines face the problem of collecting the first 230,000 men from 4570 districts.