

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.

Robert Eakin, associate justice of the Oregon Supreme court from January 1, 1907, to January 1, 1917, died at his home in Salem, Monday, after an extended illness.

The marriage of Adele Pankhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette leader, to a seaman named Walsh is reported in a Reuter dispatch from Melbourne.

The battleship of the United States Navy which went aground in home waters on September 28, was floated Monday. The sea was smooth and a large fleet of vessels pulled the warship off at high tide.

Russian troops have made another advance in the Riga region, according to Tuesday's war office announcement. German posts were pressed back south of the railway in the Spilva farm sector, the Russians advancing between 800 and 1000 yards.

Two hundred and twenty alleged draft resisters and conspirators were indicted by the grand jury which adjourned Saturday night at McAlester, Okla., instead of 120 as at first reported. Practically all of them are under arrest, it was announced.

All expectations that Argentina might follow the lead of her neighbor and break with Germany have been dispelled at Washington, with the news that President Irigoyen is determined not to heed the action of the Argentine congress and popular demand for action and will continue a neutral course.

The Coos Bay Barbers' union has advanced the price of a haircut from 35 cents to 50 cents, assigning as the cause, the increased cost of living and boosting of barber supplies by the wholesale houses. Some other items of tonorial service have also been advanced. Shaving, however, remains as before, at 25 cents.

Officials of the Swiss legation at Washington, which is caring for German diplomatic interests in the United States, arrived at Atlanta, Ga., to inspect the German prison camp at Fort McPherson, where are interned the crews of the former German commerce raiders Prinz Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm.

More than 100 Mexicans have been illegally drafted for service in the National Army by boards in New York, and many subjects of Mexico are being secreted there to prevent their arrest by military authorities, according to Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul general, who declares he would "go to any extreme to protect the rights of Mexicans residing here."

The great Liberty loan drive started Monday throughout the country with a rush. Telegraphic reports to the Treasury from every section indicate tremendous enthusiasm on the part of tens of thousands of workers and a fair first day volume of subscriptions toward the \$3,000,000,000 minimum, which has been set as the goal of the four weeks' campaign.

Secretary of War Baker reiterates that there is no serious shortage of rifles for any of the troops. For the expeditionary force in France five Springfield rifles per man have been provided, and the ammunition store being assembled is so great that the secretary believes there is no ground for fear that interruption of the transport lines for a time would create embarrassment.

Much of the country's great corn crop is now safely past danger from an ordinary killing frost, weekly Weather Bureau reports indicate.

A further credit of \$40,000,000 was extended Thursday by the government to France. This brings the total advanced the allies up to \$2,466,400,000.

The board of naval officers under Rear Admiral Helm, charged with recommending locations for additional navy yards, soon will resume its investigations, interrupted by the war.

Part of the fleet of the Great Lakes Transit Corporation has been taken over by the government and the corporation will cease accepting freight at Milwaukee on October 2, according to announcement.

General Soukhomlinoff, former minister of war of Russia, was sentenced to hard labor for life after conviction of the charge of high treason in the court. Madame Soukhomlinoff, his wife and alleged accomplice, was acquitted.

Two important reforms have been enacted by the Russian government. The first provides for the liberation of convicts before the expiration of their terms, upon promise of good conduct. Such convicts may be returned to prison only after conviction for a new offense.

9 DIE IN FOREST FIRE

Fillmore, Cal., is Menaced by Flames
Which Destroy Derricks of Union
Oil Co.—Enemies Blamed.

Fillmore, Cal.—Two forest fires in the hills back of this town are believed to have caused the loss of nine lives and have destroyed oil derricks, pipelines, buildings and other property to a value estimated Tuesday at \$500,000.

The flames were sweeping toward Fillmore, although a slight change in the wind gave hope that the fighters, directed by forest rangers, may be able to check their spread.

A dozen persons suffering from severe burns have been brought here, treated by local physicians and are being cared for in local homes.

Forest rangers freely expressed the opinion that the fires were set by enemies of the government, saying they started in inaccessible regions, where neither hunters nor prospectors ever penetrate.

The list of the missing includes Ruth Sansler, young woman; a Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Webb and three of their children; George Riley and Walter Matthews, all of whom were employed on or living at the Anaconda lease of the Union Oil company. R. A. Prindle, of the Leonard gasoline plant, also is among the missing. Persons returning from the scene of the fires expressed the belief that none of the missing could have escaped.

Miss Sansler, it was reported, was fleeing from the fire with her brother when she stumbled and fell; her brother retraced his steps and attempted to assist her, but his clothing caught fire and he was severely burned and was unable to rescue her.

A 3-year-old child of the Webbs was rescued by the fire fighters and brought to Fillmore. The child was severely burned and was treated here.

Shortly before midnight forest rangers and other firefighters found the bodies of all those listed as dead, with the exception of O. E. Webb, two of his children and George Riley. In addition to the known dead, the body of an unidentified woman.

SENATORS ARE "UNDESIRABLE"

Expulsion From Senate is Wanted for
Stone, Gronna and La Follette.

Washington, D. C.—Petitions from New York organizations asking expulsion from the senate of Senators La Follette, of Wisconsin; Gronna, of North Dakota, and Stone, of Missouri, were presented in the senate Tuesday by Senator Wadsworth, of New York, and referred without action to the senate privileges and elections committee.

The first step toward official consideration of the petitions was taken, when Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, chairman of the privileges and elections committee, called a meeting for next Wednesday.

It was decided to have the committee discuss a course of action. The present attitude of the senate leaders was said to be in favor of tabling the petitions in the committee.

Vice President Marshall also presented another lot of petitions, letters and telegrams from various organizations and individuals on the same general subject.

In reply to one correspondent, Vice President Marshall pointed out that while the senate may expel a member, the initiative must come from a senator and cannot be forced by an individual or organization.

WILL TRY FIR FOR AIRPLANES

Difficulty in Getting Out Spruce Results in Further Experiments.

Washington, D. C.—The Aircraft Production board having found difficulty in getting out enough spruce from the Oregon and Washington forests to meet present demands of the United States and the allied countries, Wednesday closed a contract for a million feet of Douglas fir to be used in lieu of spruce.

Preliminary experiments conducted by the Aircraft board have indicated that fir is suitable for airplane construction and the quantity covered by this contract will be used experimentally.

If it meets requirements, the board indicates that further purchases of fir will be made as the demand continues.

The price at which the government is to buy fir for airplane construction is not announced, but it is stated that this order is to be distributed among Northwestern mills. Only the best grades of fir will be purchased.

Embargo is Laid on Coal.

Washington, D. C.—All shipments of coal into Canada from American lake ports were ordered stopped by Fuel Administrator Garfield to divert coal from these ports to meet fuel shortage in the Northwest. Central competitive field coal operators, discussing with miners' representatives here a readjustment of wage scales, agreed to meet in part the miners' demands on condition that the government increase prices fixed for coal at the mines. Their counter proposal will be submitted to the miners.

Pan-German Plea Urged.

Copenhagen — The Catholic Germania, of Berlin, prints new evidence of official support of the Pan-German agitation against the reichstag majority and a peace without annexation. It reproduces a circular sent with the appeal of the head of the state railways in the Breslau district to all railway officials and employees, calling upon them to sign a monster petition circulated in Breslau and headed, "An appeal against the reichstag majority."

Weekly War Information

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Red Cross Tells How to Prepare Soldiers' Christmas Packages.

Nothing should go in the Christmas package for soldiers, that will not keep fresh from the time of packing until Christmas, according to the instructions given by the Red Cross.

By Christmas time the United States will have more than 1,000,000 men under arms and everyone will be eager to help them, it is pointed out.

Dried fruits and other food products should be packed in small tin or wooden boxes, one-quarter to one-half pound size.

Hard candy, including chocolate, will probably be safe in tin foil or heavy cardboard, but no soft chocolate nor anything that could possibly be crushed should be used, as the other contents of the package might be spoiled thereby.

Several dainties packed in oblong tin boxes, each holding a quarter of a pound, will provide a better variety for a packet than a larger quantity of a single confection.

No liquids nor articles packed in glass should be placed in the package.

For wrapping the gifts use a khaki-colored handkerchief, 27 inches square, and form the base of the packet by placing on the center of the handkerchief a pad of writing paper about seven by 10 inches.

Select a variety of articles either from a suggested list or according to individual wishes to an amount not exceeding \$1.50, and arrange them on the pad of paper so that the entire package shall be the width of the pad, and approximately five or six inches high.

Wrap and tie with one-inch red ribbon and place a Christmas card under the bow of ribbon.

Wrap the parcel again in heavy, lightbrown manila paper and tie securely with red, green or gilt cord, and use Christmas labels or American flags as desired.

Amount of Fruit and Vegetables Required for Winter Use Shown.

The department of agriculture authorizes the following:

A family of five, including two adults and three children under 12 years of age, under ordinary living conditions should have stored for each month of the winter season the following supplies:

One bushel of Irish potatoes; one-half bushel of other root vegetables, such as carrots, turnips and parsnips; 25 quarts of canned fruits and preserves. Most of this should come

BRITISH MAKE GAIN

Advance Two-Thirds of Mile on Ypres Front and Take Many Important Positions on High Ground.

Berlin, via London — The British forces in their new offensive in Flanders have penetrated German positions to the depths of about two-thirds of a mile at several places, according to the German official communication issued Thursday night. Desperate fighting is continuing.

London — In an attack along a six-mile front Thursday the British troops captured an important position around Tower Hamlets and strong German field works, according to the official report from Field Marshal Haig.

Powerful resistance was offered by the Germans throughout the day and they delivered many strong attacks.

"But," say the British commander, "our operations were entirely successful."

British Front in Flanders and Belgium — Another heavy attack was delivered by the British at daybreak Thursday against the German positions east of Ypres, and early reports showed that the assaulting troops had pushed the enemy out of many important positions.

The offensive was started along the greater part of the line that the British reached in last Thursday's battle, extending from east of St. Julien to southwest of Gheluvelt.

Along the northwestern half of the line of attack the British success was

Unions Ratify Agreement.

San Francisco — Thirteen of the 14 unions which voted Wednesday on the temporary wage agreement reached Sunday by conciliators in the ironworkers' strike here, which has tied up government shipbuilding contracts totaling \$120,000,000, ratified the agreement, according to reports at Union Labor Temple.

Members of others of the 25 unions affiliated with the Iron Trades Council are balloting on the ratification of the agreement. Ballots will be canvassed at once.

Condemned Dog is Mascot.

Albany, Ore.—Linn county was exempt in the present draft, but the city will be represented in the new National army as a local dog joined a California contingent en route through here Sunday. Because the dog snapped at a little girl that afternoon the owner desired it killed and telephoned to the police with the request that it be despatched. A troop train came in soon after and the dog was turned over to the soldiers for a mascot.

from the perishable products of the many home gardens of this year.

With these figures as a basis, it is thought that almost any family may calculate its requirements, taking into consideration the length of the winter season in any given locality. Thus in the south where food crops may be grown in the fall, the winter allowance may be less than for the far north, where one must count on supplies for several months longer.

In using dried vegetables, it may be assumed that a given quantity of dried vegetables is equal to four times its bulk of canned vegetables; that is, one-fourth of a quart of dry string beans when soaked over night is approximately equal to one quart canned.

Col. Theodore Roosevelt Praises Patriotic Spirit of American Boys.

The department of labor authorizes the following:

Theodore Roosevelt praises the patriotic spirit which is being shown by American boys and young men who are stepping in to fill the gaps caused by shortage of labor on the farms and in industry. The former president declares the boy's patriotism can be counted on to make him stick where needed in this time of emergency, even if higher wages at times tempt him to go elsewhere. Speaking of the value of the boy's working reserve he said:

"One of the great benefits you confer is that of making the boy realize that he is part of Uncle Sam's team; that he is doing his share in this great world war; that he holds his services in trust for the nation; that though it is proper to consider the material question of his own desires, yet that what he must most strongly consider at this time is where his services will do the most good to our people as a whole."

Civil Service Calls for Performance of Patriotic Duty.

Persons qualified are being urged as a patriotic duty to take the examinations for civil service positions. Many vacancies are to be filled. The government offers attractive salaries. When necessary transportation to the point of examination will be advanced.

Male and female stenographers and typewriters are wanted; also mechanical engineers and draftsmen; inspectors of field artillery ammunition, ammunition steel and ammunition boxes, of powder and explosives; inspectors of ordnance, clothing equipment, hardware; leather, business clerks and index and catalog clerks.

marked, but meager details have been received from the sector of Polygon Wood and south of that place. On the north, an advance of from 1000 to 1200 yards was made quickly at numerous places, and it was reported that strong British troops were engaged in fierce fighting only a few hundred yards west of Zonnebeke.

The most important points involved in the new offensive, as was the case six days ago, lay directly east of the city of Ypres, between the Ypres-Roulers railway and the Ypres-Memlin highway. Here are situated those strongly held elevations that still remain to the Germans out of the numerous ridges and forests which formed a vital part of their defense in this section of Belgium.

Distillate or Coal Oil for Autos.

There has been considerable talk lately that the government would be compelled to limit the use of gasoline for autos, on account of the enormous amount required for war purposes. This will cause people to change to the lower grades of fuel, such as distillate and coal oil.

It has been the opinion of the majority of people operating cars that these lower grades of fuel could not be used, but at the present time there is being placed on the market an attachment which makes it possible to burn distillate or coal oil with better results than was formerly obtained with gasoline.

A combination of heat and vapor is the principle of this attachment and it can be installed by any one in thirty minutes, without changing any part of the motor. This invention is being manufactured and distributed by the Distillate Gasifier Sales Co., of 711 Clinton St., Portland, Oregon.

Senator Has Appendicitis.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Chamberlain Wednesday suffered an attack of appendicitis. Whether he will undergo an operation will depend upon developments of the case within the next 12 hours.

The Senator's physician has been hopeful that an operation may be avoided, and through the day has been resorting to external applications. The Senator telegraphed his son at Portland assuring him there was no cause for alarm and promising to advise if an operation is decided on.

Pacifism to be Attacked.

Washington, D. C.—The Nation's war task is to be presented to the people in a Nation-wide speaking campaign, in which many organizations will be enlisted to attack pacifism and arouse the country to the importance of the work it has undertaken.

Arthur E. Bestor, president of the Chautauqua Institution, has been chosen director of the campaign and will co-ordinate the efforts of all organizations which participate.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Public Service commission has issued orders relieving the towns of Baker, Union, Pendleton, Cove and Elgin, all in Eastern Oregon, from the operation of the warning sign statute.

The new "chlorinator" to be installed by the Roseburg Water & Light company has arrived and is being put in place at the plant at Winchester. All water used by the city hereafter will be sterilized.

An offer to put in a milk condensing plant at Bandon providing Bandon furnishes a suitable site has been accepted from Giebisch & Joplin, of Portland, and arrangements are being made to start construction work.

Estimates are made that the twin cities, Marshfield and North Bend, have had an increase of population between 25 and 33 per cent within the past 18 months. All residences are occupied for the first time since 1908.

Bend hunters who took advantage of the opening of the duck season Monday to hunt on the Upper Deschutes and neighboring ponds and marshes report shooting to be the best in years. Mallards are unusually abundant. Few geese have yet come in.

Joseph Kosyord, of Canoe Landing, near Toledo, on the Siletz, has sold 2,600,000 feet of spruce to the Willamette Stock & Land company of Corvallis, at \$1 a thousand. The land is not included in the deal, as much of it is highly productive bottom land.

Twelve members of the government physical valuation crew arrived in Roseburg Tuesday and will spend the next few days in that vicinity. Their purpose is to estimate the cost of building and material used in the construction of the Southern Pacific railroad in this section of the state.

An estimate made by Secretary A. H. Lea, of the State Fair board, placed the total admissions for the week of the fair at 121,000, or 11,000 more than last year, with total receipts approximating \$60,400. This year's total receipts exceed last year's by about \$3000, and it is estimated that the fair will show a surplus of between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The new \$300,000 plant of the Wittenberg-King company, of Portland, which has been under construction in Salem for several months, probably will be open for operation the first of next week. Tons of fruits and vegetables already are accumulating, ready for the opening of the plant. Jack Walker, the new general manager, will arrive soon to take charge.

Linn county has property of an assessed valuation of \$26,353,595, according to the 1917 assessment roll, just completed by County Assessor Fisher. This is exclusive of the property of public service corporations, which is assessed by the State Tax commission and on which the assessment has not been made yet. The total is a gain of \$260,465 over last year's roll.

District Attorney George Neuner has returned to Roseburg from Salem, where he had a conference with Mr. Williams, special representative of the department of Justice, the United States attorney general, Attorney General George M. Brown and L. A. Liljequist, of Coos county, in reference to the continuance of the land grant tax case of Douglas county vs. the Southern Oregon Co., which involves the Oregon & California railroad company.

William E. Wood, alias several other names, and M. P. Jackson, charged with cashing forged checks, were Saturday bound over to the Baker grand jury, each under \$1000 bond.

The Estacada Co-operative Cheese association's factory this week paid its patrons for the month of August, being the third month of its operation, a total of over \$2400, being paid to 70 patrons. This payment was based on butterfat at 47 cents per pound, the plant having handled during August over 94,000 pounds.

The Commonwealth Lumber company of Portland has purchased between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 feet of timber in the vicinity of Nekoma, a station on the Coos Bay line of the Southern Pacific railroad system, and its started work on the erection of a sawmill which will have a capacity of from 40,000 to 50,000 feet of lumber daily. Options on other timber in that section have been obtained by the company.

Fruit is being thrown away because there is no market for it, according to reports reaching Baker from the John Day valley.

The arrival in Hood River of a Portland detective Friday to get the baggage of C. W. Hilliard, a young man who registered there last week from Chicago, caused no end of surprise. The detective said that Hilliard is in jail and is suspected of being one of the cleverest bad check and draft operators abroad.

J. F. Griffith, representing the Pacific Potato Starch company, met with a number of the business men and farmers of Gresham at the city hall on Monday evening, and plans were laid and discussed for the establishing of a potato starch factory at that place.

The Public Service commission Saturday received word from the Interstate Commerce commission that that Commission refused to suspend the supplemental tariffs providing for a new minimum on shipments of lumber and lumber products and the new tariffs are effective September 24.

BIGGEST OF RAIDS MADE ON LONDON

Four Distinct Groups of Enemy
Airplanes Over City.

MEET HEAVY BARRAGE

Theaters Continue Evening Performances in Spite of Repeated Visits From Hostile Aircraft.

London — The strongest air attack yet attempted on London and the coast towns by the Germans was carried out Monday night by four groups of hostile airplanes. Some of the machines got through to London and bombarded the southwestern district.

A terrific barrage was sent up from the defense guns and the roar of battle lasted intermittently for two hours and a half.

The Germans bombed coast towns as they passed over and proceeded toward London. Two of the groups succeeded in getting a number of machines through the sky barrage. Numerous bombs were dropped on the southwestern district, which is thickly populated with the homes of the upper and middle classes. The fire from the defending guns was longer and louder than ever before. A rain of shrapnel fell in all sections of the town and the streets were virtually deserted.

The weather was perfect for air operations, as there was a bright full moon with no clouds or wind. The people of London expected a raid and were waiting for signals. Soon after 7 o'clock motors of the volunteer corps sped through the streets blowing their sirens and displaying an illuminated notice "take cover" and other measures were put into execution to inform the populace.

Many of the theaters were continuing their performances notwithstanding the raids. At the conclusion of the performance in one of the leading London theaters the manager came to the stage and invited the audience and stagehands to vote on the question of continuing the night performances. All voted in favor of carrying them on as usual.

While a terrific barrage was kept up with the bursting shrapnel furnishing one of the greatest pyrotechnical displays London ever saw, a thrilling battle in the air took place between enemy aircraft and British aviators in the northern district, according to special constables who said they witnessed it by means of powerful binoculars. Although the machines were thousands of feet in the air, the fire of the machine guns could be heard distinctly below.

MAYOR MITCHELL WILL RUN

New York's Executive Decides in Favor of Citizens' Wishes.

New York — John Purroy Mitchell, Democrat, defeated in the Republican primaries for renomination, announced publicly from the steps of the City hall Monday that he would run as the fusion candidate on an issue of straight Americanism.

The large gathering of citizens who came before him to demand that he remain in the mayoralty race heard words of support expressed in Mr. Mitchell's behalf by Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Evans Hughes, Henry Morgenthau, ex-ambassador to Turkey, and many others.

Mayor Mitchell, in replying to the demands of citizens who requested that he run again, said:

"My answer is I will run. I will make the fight one against Hearst, Hyland and Hohenzollern. I will make the fight against Murphy, Cohalan and O'Leary."

Troopers to Get Mail.

Washington, D. C.—To make sure that American troopers abroad get their letters from home, 150 postal clerks will be dispatched to France, and the War department has given orders that all transports bound toward the battle front shall carry all the accumulated mail available and thus keep the service up to the last minute. Appeals for letters, magazines and newspapers have been pouring in on congressmen. Investigation disclosed that the mails were far behind because transports were sailing without them.

Japan to Hold Vessels.

Tokio — An imperial ordinance promulgated Tuesday prohibits, without permission of the government, the selling, chartering or mortgaging of Japanese ships to foreigners. The edict, which contains 13 articles, applies also to vessels building or contracted for. The minister of communications is given control over steamship routes, passengers and cargo and rates, and is also given authority to commandeer shipping yards and material.

City Makes Roll of Honor.

Chicago — The names of the members of the 586 exemption boards in this city will constitute a roll of honor in the city archives, according to action taken by the city council in ordering that their names be engrossed on a roll of honor as part of the city's permanent records.