

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 Pershing reported Sunday the loss of two soldiers swept overboard and drowned from a transport at sea December 17, and the death of two others from gunshot wounds.

The British armed steamer Stephen Furness has been torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the Irish Channel, it was officially announced. Six officers and 95 men were lost.

Dr. James Beall Morrison, reputed to have invented the dental chair, the dental engine and many other accessories now used by dentists, died at his home in Kansas City Sunday, aged 88.

Troops passing through Grand Junction, Col., are being given scores of boxes of apples from the orchards of the Grand Valley. Ranchers are donating the apples, and each trainload requires about 25 boxes.

A buffalo has been presented to the Red Cross at Omaha, on which it hopes to realize several hundred dollars within the next day or so. The Red Cross has asked a public market to dispose of this giant buffalo at retail.

Myron B. Rice, theatrical producer and manager, died Saturday at his home in New York, at the age of 53 years. He came into prominence when he produced "My Friend From India" and "The Man From Mexico."

An air raid was attempted on the Kentish coast of England shortly after 6 o'clock Sunday night. One raider was forced to descend close to the coast, the crew of three being captured alive. No other machines have come over land at this time.

Financial figures for the seventh German war loan were 12,635,660,200 marks, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, quoting a message from Berlin. Based on 23.82 cents, the value of the German mark before the war, the amount subscribed by the seventh war loan would equal \$3,009,814,259.

It was announced at Republican National Committee headquarters at Washington, D. C., Monday that Chairman Willcox has called a meeting of the committee in St. Louis February 12. It is understood Chairman Willcox recently has told friends pressure of other business makes it desirable for him to retire.

A service badge for all officers and men of the regulars and National guard who participated in the occupation of Vera Cruz, the various punitive expeditions across the border and in the border patrol duty for a period of more than two years has been approved by Secretary Baker. The badge is similar in design to the Spanish War badge.

Charles H. Feige was shot and killed by United States Army patrols when he attempted to cross the river to Mexico at El Paso, Tex., Monday. Feige was believed to have been a German spy, and when his papers were examined a notebook, drawings and ground plans of troop camps, Fort Bliss and other fortifications near there were found.

John W. Riis, pacifist, Socialist and exponent of the doctrines of conscientious objectors against war, was sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Johnson in the Federal court at Salt Lake City, for failure to present himself for physical examination in connection with the draft. Riis will be available for military service when his prison term expires.

"Two bits clubs" are being formed under direction of war savings committees in a number of cities. Members agree to buy one 25-cent thrift stamp every day.

The executive council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies has proclaimed a state of siege in Petrograd in an effort to repress disorders due to the looting of wine cellars and shops.

Little material damage was done by the Germans in Tuesday night's air raid over London, Essex and Kent. Ten persons were killed in London and 70 injured. Outside the capital five persons were wounded. One enemy machine was brought down and another is believed to have been destroyed.

The losses to French shipping by mine or submarine for the week ending December 15, were exceedingly light. Only one vessel under 1600 tons was sunk and none over 1600 tons. One was attacked but escaped. No fishing craft was sunk.

The Vassar College at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., will be used for war purposes next summer, it was announced Thursday. A committee of trustees has been appointed to work out plans for a school for the intensive training of students who wish to become registered nurses.

SEE BIG I. W. W. PLOT

Arms and Munitions Found on Board
Mystery Ship Shilka Arouse Sus-
picions of Federal Officials.

Washington, D. C. — Evidence has been uncovered by government agents indicating that American Industrial Workers of the World, Russian Bolsheviks, Irish agitators and revolutionists in various countries at war with Germany may be seeking to lay the foundation of an elaborate world-wide plan to overthrow existing social orders.

This was admitted Tuesday by officials here in connection with news of the discovery of a quantity of rifles, revolvers and ammunition in the Russian freighter Shilka, which has just arrived at a Pacific port, manned by a Bolshevik crew. Government agents suspect that the guns and munitions were intended for the Industrial Workers of the World in this country, although it was said a full report on the mysterious cargo has not yet been forwarded by officials at the port of arrival.

The Shilka incident is only one of many cases leading officials to believe that connection between plotters in several of the allied countries may be more tangible than the indefinite link of moral sympathy. Certain Irish agitators and I. W. W. leaders recently have gone from the United States to Russia, after being in close touch with each other here, and reports have been received that Bolshevik organizers would come to America before long to spread their doctrine of direct action for communal organization.

No objection will be raised by the government to any agitation which does not interfere with the progress of the war, officials declare. Officials do not intend to use the war exigencies as an excuse for suppressing free speech except insofar as it leads to hampering the government in the fight against the central powers. This basis of judgment, however, is recognized as broad, and will permit drastic action against foreign agents whose conduct directly or indirectly fosters Gemrnay's war aims.

BRITISH BOMBARD MANNHEIM

Ton of Bombs are Dropped and Several
Fires Started on Rhine.

London—The city of Mannheim, in Germany on the Rhine was bombarded by a British air squadron early Monday says an official statement covering the operations of army aviators during Sunday and in Monday's early hours. A ton of bombs was dropped and several fires were started. All but one of the British machines returned.

The text of the statement reads: "The enemy's machines were very active on Sunday. Five were brought down in air fighting, three falling in our lines. Two other machines were brought down in our lines by anti-aircraft gunfire. One of these latter was a large twin-engine machine with three occupants who were made prisoners.

"Our night flying machines bombed several enemy airdromes with good effect."

SENATOR NEWLANDS IS DEAD

Nevada Statesman Dies in Few Hours
After Attack of Heart Failure.

Washington D. C.—Senator Francis Griffith Newlands, of Nevada died of heart failure at his home here Monday night after an illness of a few hours.

He was stricken while at work in his office at the senate office building during the afternoon, but was able to go home, and the capital knew nothing of his illness until the announcement of his death.

No one realized the seriousness of the Senator's condition and a physician was not called until late in the evening. Then the heart attacks had become acute. The end came suddenly at 10:15 o'clock as Mrs. Newlands and her brother watched at the bedside.

For several weeks Senator Newlands, working almost night and day on his preparations for an investigation of wartime transportation problems, had been in a weakened state of health. He kept at his desk, however, in spite of his 69 years and appeared alert and active.

The senator was born near Natchez, Miss., August 28, 1848, and lived in the state until he went to Yale in 1867.

Germans Want Courland.

Washington, D. C.—German annexation of Courland is foreshadowed by dispatches from Paris conveying a report that a delegation from the Landtag of Courland has arrived in Berlin to notify the German government that the Landtag has unanimously expressed itself in favor of closer union with Germany. It is pointed out that Courland is inhabited by a Lettish population, which has been exploited by a small minority of German barons, who controlled the representatives in the Landtag.

Two Norwegian Boats Sunk.

Copenhagen—The Norwegian foreign office Tuesday announced that the Norwegian steamer Ingrid II had been torpedoed and that only four of her crew were saved.

The Norwegian steamer Borgsten also has been torpedoed and two of her sailors killed. Available maritime records do not give her recent movements. The steamer Borgsten is listed at 1718 tons. She left an Atlantic port last April.

ALLIANCE AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI GROWS

Ukraine, Odessa and Cossacks
Unite to Ditch Radicals.

MOBS BEGIN LOOTING

Appearance of German and Austrian
Officers Causes Heartburnings—
Constitutionalists Accused.

London—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, apparently is maintaining its determined stand as to the Bolshevik government. It is reported that it has converted its sympathies with the movement of General Kaledines, the Cossack leader, into a definite alliance.

Advices received from Russia are to the effect that the Bolshevik commissioners, after receiving the Rada's rejection of the Bolshevik ultimatum, sent another one, giving the Ukraine a further 48 hours in which to reconsider its refusal.

Another report received here says that Odessa now has definitely gone over to the side of the Ukraine. Details of the capture of Rostov-on-Don printed in Petrograd show there were six days of fighting before the Cossacks entered the town last Saturday.

The Red Guards lost 800 men killed and 1000 wounded in the fighting. The Cossacks gave short shrift to the "Red Guards," whom they hate. The Bolshevik chiefs fled from the town on board warships.

There has been no important fighting at Nakhichevan, province of the Don, where the Bolshevik troops have fraternized with the Cossacks. A clash has taken place between the Bolshevik and Ukrainians at Bolgard, Bessarabia. The town is on fire.

It is said that a great quantity of valuable property has been taken from houses of the rich in Petrograd by the mobs searching for liquor. Among the buildings sacked is the palace of Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna widow of Grand Duke Vladimir.

While the peace delegates are assembling the activity at Petrograd of a number of German and Austrian officers apparently is causing heartburnings. Circulars have been spread alleging that the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates is in negotiations with these enemy officers. The Pravda the Bolshevik organ prints an unqualified denial and makes a counter charge against the Constitutional Democrats alleging that they are trying to undermine Trotsky and Lenin.

PLANTS TO CLOSE ONE WEEK

Michigan Coal Shortage Forces Fuel
Administration to Act.

Washington, D. C.—Fuel supplies in Michigan have reached such a low ebb that Administrator W. K. Prudden has asked manufacturers in that state to suspend operations of industrial plants from midnight Saturday until midnight December 29.

The only exceptions are factories making war munitions needed for prompt shipment.

Mr. Prudden's request was contained in telegrams sent after a conference here with Fuel Administrator Garfield. It said:

"In order to conserve the small fuel supply now on hand at industrial plants within the state of Michigan, I suggest and request that every plant engaged in manufacturing, directly or indirectly, any operation from midnight December 22 until midnight December 29.

"No exception should be made except plants engaged in the manufacture of war munitions imperatively needed for prompt shipment. To conserve the greatest amount possible of fuel only such heating as is necessary to avoid great damage by freezing at plants should be allowed.

"A patriotic response and adoption of the within request may obviate issuing positive orders covering a longer period.

"Unless present conditions quickly improve fuel on hand will be needed for household use."

Drug Addicts Increase.

New York—Declarations by Joseph A. Warren, counsel for the New York State department of health, that there was an increase in the number of drug addicts reported by doctors, and that it was apparent many of these doctors "are not attempting to cure these addicts, but are merely supplying them with drugs," were the outstanding features at Monday's session of the joint legislative commission investigating the drug traffic. Mr. Warren suggested that only specially licensed physicians be permitted to prescribe.

Last Alamo Fighter Dead.

San Antonio, Tex.—Enrique Esparsa, the last survivor of the Alamo, is dead. When on March 6, 1836, Santa Ana stormed in the final and successful assault the chapel where a handful of Americans fought to their death, surrounded by piles of Mexican dead, the victors found a group of Mexican women in a barricaded section of the front of the building. Among them was an 8-year-old lad, Enrique Esparsa, who died here Monday aged 89.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Miss Opal Whitely, well-known nature student, who is attending the University of Oregon, sustained painful burns of the face Monday. The accident happened where she has been rooming while attending school.

Attorney General Brown has ruled that Secretary of State Olcott need not audit 54 claims, amounting to \$700, presented by Acting Adjutant General Williams, as officers' allowances for uniforms in the National guard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hiatt, of Albany, celebrated the 64th anniversary of their marriage Monday. Probably few people within the state of Oregon have celebrated 14 wedding anniversaries after their golden wedding.

Bombs were set off on three sides of the house occupied by Samuel Biesel, wife and five small children on Cedar Flat, near Eugene, Thursday night and Friday morning. Biesel found a warning, with skull and crossbones and the words, "Move out."

The preliminary examinations of Floyd Hertzell and John Walsh on a charge of attacking a 14-year-old girl were held before Judge Cornelius at Astoria Monday. Both men were committed to the county jail to await action of the grand jury.

State Game Warden Shoemaker, during his visit to Coos Bay recently consulted with Deputy Game Warden Thomas and issued an order to close commercial fishing on Tillamook Lake, on the Southern Pacific railway, between Umpqua and Siuslaw rivers.

Reis Evans and Leo Allen, formerly members of the Sheridan high school, but now in the service of Uncle Sam in France, were given credit for high school work as a result of having completed nine months' military service. This will entitle them to their diplomas.

Three directors have been chosen to guide the destinies of the Grande Ronde drainage district which, when completed, will drain 42,000 acres of rich land in this section. Of the total area included in the preliminary survey, 23,000 acres were represented at a recent meeting.

William Albers, C. C. Chapman and W. B. Dodson, of Portland, have been named by Governor Withycombe as members of a commission to investigate creamery and dairying conditions in the state. These men will act with Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickie and W. K. Newell.

Captain W. A. Arnold, who has been organizing the loggers and lumber workers of Coos county, has visited all but one logging camp in the county and has signed approximately 1150 members in the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumber Workers, which represents the logging strength there.

J. W. Sumner, said to be a Montana land dealer, was Tuesday made defendant in a suit in the Pendleton Circuit court for \$30,000 damages. The suit was filed by Simeon C. Kilgore. Mr. Kilgore, who is a farmer of Umatilla county, alleges that Sumner alienated the affections of his wife, Frankie F. Kilgore, daughter of Ben P. Ogle, once known as the wheat king of that section. Mr. Kilgore seeks a divorce.

J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist for Oregon for the department of Agriculture, is in Salem working in conjunction with Labor Commissioner Hoff and his assistant, Lester B. Davis, in co-ordinating and combining the work for next year to be carried on in furnishing the farmers of the state with a sufficient supply of help when it is needed.

Neal Baily, who is a native son of Grant county, died at his home in Prairie City Friday, following a short illness with pneumonia. Mr. Baily had served as city marshal of Prairie City for 25 years. He is survived by his widow, one sister, of Portland, and five brothers, Dan, Eugene, Jerry and Patrick, of Prairie City, and John D. Baily, of Boise, Idaho.

One hundred and sixty-five moles, whose skins were worth a total of \$35, were caught in traps by Glenn Bailey, a 14-year-old boy, living east of Eugene. Only four traps were used and the catch was made in a single season. Some firms are paying from 35 cents to 40 cents for male pelts now, it is declared. The demand for them is greater than ever before.

Governor Whycombe has expressed his disapproval of a plan to provide an executive mansion for the president of the Oregon Agricultural College.

The first fatal auto accident in Grant county occurred Friday when a car containing D. A. Yokom and his son, A. C. Yokom, plunged over the grade on Canyon creek. The father was driving and turned his head for an instant to hear a remark the son was making when the machine went over the narrow grade into Canyon creek.

Librarian J. S. Richards, of the Carnegie Library at Marshfield, has issued an order that any books in the possession of families where scarletina had been noted must be burned and the borrowers would be held responsible for their being replaced.

Earl Withycombe, 26 years old, the youngest son of Governor Withycombe, has enlisted in the highway engineers and been sent to Vancouver preparatory to entering active service overseas. It required three attempts on his part before he could finally join the ranks as a private.

TO AMEND LOAN LAW

Farm Loan Board Advocates Changes
in Banking Act—Attacks on
Amendment Expected.

Washington, D. C.—The Federal Farm Loan board announced Monday that it advocates amendments to the farm loan act under which many private farm mortgage bankers may enter the government system as joint stock land banks. At the same time the board also gave warning that it expects those seeking to break down the system to file a suit soon to test the constitutionality of the act.

Amendments to the existing law which will be specifically recommended to congress in the board's forthcoming annual reports are:

To remove the present restriction permitting a joint stock land bank to do business only in the state where it is situated and one contiguous state.

To permit a bank to issue bonds to the amount of twenty times its capital stock, which must be \$250,000 or more, instead of fifteen times, as under existing law; and,

To raise from 6 to 6½ per cent the maximum interest rate which joint stock land banks may charge on loans.

Joint stock land banks would still be compelled to limit interest rates on loans within 1 per cent more than the selling price of their bonds, even though the maximum were raised to 6½ per cent. They also would have to compete with the Federal land banks' new rate of 5½ per cent.

In a statement explaining the financial condition of the Federal land banks, the farm loan board said:

"We are advised that the next move of those who are seeking to break down the system, will be to institute a suit contesting the constitutionality of the farm loan act. The purpose of this suit will be to alarm investors who have already bought bonds, and to dissuade others from buying them.

"There is not the slightest reason to fear it, however. The system is so strong and its administration is so such paramount importance to the agricultural development of the country that attacks on it are bound to fail. It is only proper, however, that this warning should be given in order that the farmers and all friends of the system should grasp the sinister purpose that is behind these attacks."

Recent charges that the Federal land banks are not self-supporting, based on the board's application to congress for an appropriation of \$100,000,000 a year for this and next year, with which the treasury might absorb any farm loan bonds not sold privately, were met by explanation that the average impairment of the \$750,000 capital with which each bank started six months ago, representing government stock subscriptions, amounts to 6 per cent, or \$45,000 each. This is more than counter-balanced by farm loan associations' subscriptions to additional stock, amounting to more than \$1,500,000, or about \$125,000 for each bank. Actual capital of all banks consequently is about \$10,000,000, or \$1,000,000 more than their original capital, furnished by the government.

SHIP OF MYSTERY ARRIVES

Queer Craft Ruled by Committee, Said
to Be Bolshevik.

A Pacific Port—Unheeded and regarded as a mystery ship along the waterfront, the Russian freighter Shilka, Captain Boris Dogal, slipped into the harbor here just before midnight Friday. The Shilka is direct from Vladivostok and is under Bolshevik control.

The steamer left Vladivostok November 24 as a "Kereny ship," but when a few days out the crew mutinied and took control, declaring for the Bolshevik regime. The wireless operator attempted to send out word of the mutiny and the sailors prepared to shoot him, but changed their minds.

Before the real identity of the ship was learned Saturday members of the crew attended I. W. W. meetings, it is said.

The armed guards at the ship now have orders to allow no one to land from her. The immigration authorities probably will take charge of the craft.

No one in authority would venture to predict what would be done with the ship. It is pointed out that she came into port with the men in command claiming allegiance to the Bolshevik government, which has not been recognized by the United States, and this may cause the temporary internment of the vessel.

Argentina Voices Hatred.

Buenos Aires—Only the utmost vigilance of patrols and mounted troops prevented an outbreak of anti-German rioting Sunday afternoon. The downtown streets were crowded with Christmas shoppers and several attempts were made to organize demonstrations. The crowds dispersed when charged by troops, but patrols trotted through the downtown section all night, preventing marching crowds from joining each other. The publication of additional Luxburg dispatches has caused a new outburst of bitterness against Germany.

\$100,000 Left Barber.

Astoria, Or.—To be suddenly transformed from a barber to 18 per cent, to a man of wealth, was the experience of A. S. Haddix, employed in a local shop. News of his good fortune came in a telegram which said he was heir to an estate of \$100,000, left by an uncle who died Tuesday at Houston, Tex. Haddix, who is a cousin of Deputy Collector Haddix, has been here but three weeks, and will leave for Texas to administer the estate.

MEAT PACKERS ARE INVOLVED IN EXPOSE

Lessons in High Finance Are
Proving Sensational.

F. J. HENEY AT HELM

Chicago Stockyards Alleged to Have
Been Organized for Sole Purpose
of Legalizing "Pickings."

Washington, D. C.—From the seclusion of corporate records, the Federal Trade Commission Friday drew sensational disclosures of high finance, dummy officers and sham trustees in its efforts to determine the ownership of the Chicago stockyards and the terminal railroad facilities at the big packing plants there.

Establishment of ownership of the stockyards is only the first of the tasks before the commission, which plans to continue its investigation into every branch of the country's meat supply and the alleged control of the meat food of 100,000,000 people by five principal groups of packers. The commission's report will be made the basis for recommendations that additional legislation be enacted to remedy the situation, if found necessary, and any evidence of lawbreaking will be turned over to the department of Justice.

It has been stated that subpoenas will not be issued for representatives of the packers, a step which might give them immunity in subsequent prosecutions.

Organization of the Chicago Stockyards company, under the laws of Maine, alleged to have been for the purpose of providing a legal method for the payment of millions in "pickings," or rebates, to the packing plants by the Chicago junction railways and Union Stockyards company, of New Jersey, occupied Francis J. Heney, special counsel, and the witnesses called Friday at the first of a series of open hearings. Other witnesses will be asked to tell what they know of J. Ogden Armour and F. H. Prince, of Boston, obtaining control of the Junction Railways company, which was organized by Prince, and turning it over to the stockyards company. F. W. Croll, confidential secretary to Mr. Armour, is expected to testify.

Richard Olney and other citizens of New England appeared in the testimony as sponsors for the plan of absorbing the money making Junction Railways company by the new corporation. F. R. Hart, vice chairman of the board of directors of the Old Colony Trust company, of Boston, and E. V. R. Thayer, president of the Chase National Bank, of New York, testified of their activities as members of the late Mr. Olney's organization committee which induced holders of 60,000 shares of the New Jersey common stock to surrender their stock and their right to more than \$30,000,000 surplus and accept in return a guaranteed 9 per cent from the new company.

"The whole plan was an entirely transparent proposition," Mr. Heney told the commission, "to hide the real ownership and conceal the fact that Armour and other packers had an interest in the yards."

46 PERSONS DEAD IN CRASH

Louisville & Nashville Trains Collide
in Kentucky—Many Hurt.

Shepherdsville, Ky.—Forty-six persons were killed and 39 injured when Louisville & Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, crashed into the rear of a Bardonia, Louisville & Springfield accommodation train Thursday night.

First reports, apparently authentic, had placed the number of known dead at 67 and the number of injured at between 50 and 60, but this was reduced when an official check of figures was made.

From other sources it was learned that the accommodation train had left the station after making a stop when the fast train came in sight, running at a high rate of speed, and plunged into the rear end of the train ahead. The two wooden coaches and the baggage car were splintered.

Rush Rescue Work.

Tacoma, Wash.—Under the direction of pit bosses, mine superintendents, the state mine inspector and representatives of the United States Bureau of Mines, every man that could find room to work is laboring to reach the five men entombed in the Wilkeson Coal & Coke company mine at Wilkeson since they were cut off by a cave-in Tuesday night. There is little likelihood that the men are living. The workers have little idea how far they are from the unfortunate men. Endeavors are being made from all sides.

Christmas Mail Arrives.

A French Port—A ship carrying 20,000 sacks of Christmas mail for the American troops arrived Saturday from the United States. The army postoffice has 50 special freight cars and an extra heavy detail of men here to handle the mail, which will be delivered on or before Christmas Day. Another steamer arrived on Monday with 4600 sacks of army mail, comprising for the most part Christmas presents.