

# 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 Philharmonic Society of New York has announced that no compositions of living German composers shall be played by the Philharmonic Orchestra for the duration of the war.

Letters have been sent by the Treasury to 124,000 ministers asking them to impress upon their congregations that it is their duty to pay their income taxes cheerfully and willingly.

To the bill requiring the War department to furnish Army officers with uniforms at cost, Secretary Daniels has asked the senate military committee to add a provision for naval officers.

Two persons were killed and 15 seriously injured at Omaha early Monday night when a railroad coal car loaded with cinders broke away from a switch train and crashed into a streetcar loaded with passengers.

A Christiania dispatch says all political parties agree that the terms offered by the United States to Norway regarding food supplies and shipping cannot be accepted. Norway will propose a new basis for an agreement.

Observance of the Sabbath by all men in military and naval service was directed by President Wilson in a statement issued Tuesday at the White House. All Sunday labor, he asked, be reduced to the measure of strict necessity.

The Lokai Anzeiger, of Berlin, says that unless Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, accepts the demand of the central powers when he returns to Brest-Litovsk on January 29, the central powers will break off negotiations.

For assisting three Germans to pass from the United States into Canada, Alphonse Bachelder, road manager for a New York operatic company, was fined \$600 and costs by a Windsor, Ont., magistrate. Bachelder professed ignorance of the law.

A bill to acquire and maintain a system of national defense and military highways and post roads in Washington, Oregon and California, with lateral roads, to protect the Pacific Coast against invasion, was introduced Tuesday by Representative Baker, of California.

The \$1,000,000,000 aircraft program, presented first to congress in the regular estimates last December, was explained to the house military committee Tuesday at a confidential session by Major-General Squier, the chief signal officer. The great sum is to be included in the army appropriation bill.

Government operation of railroads has eliminated 10 fresh meat trains between Omaha and Chicago and where formerly 12 meat trains were operated every day between Omaha and Chicago, but two such trains now are run. The running time of the trains has been lengthened from 27 hours to 42 hours per trip.

Transportation on the trunk lines east and west of Chicago virtually has recovered from the effects of the recent blizzard, and all roads are running their regular number of trains, railroads announce.

During 1917, 920 saloons in Chicago went out of business, involving a loss of revenue to the city of \$920,000. This was announced at a meeting of the finance committee of the council to frame the annual budget.

Oregon carries off first honors for performance of patriotic duty under the selective draft law as evidenced by an elaborate report submitted by Provost Marshal-General Crowder to the Secretary of War. In three particulars Oregon led all the other states; in all particulars its record is far better than the general average.

In declaring the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2 per cent on the common stock of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad Friday in face of a deficit for the past year, directors of the road issued a statement saying they expected that any basis of compensation which might be determined upon for the Baltimore & Ohio under Federal control would prove sufficient for the maintenance of the 5 per cent annual rate.

Ivan Nock, a young engineer of Baltimore, one of the few Americans remaining in the French Foreign Legion, is said by the Paris Herald to have died of the wound received last week in the attack made by the Foreign Legion in the neighborhood of Fliery.

The house bill for a patent protection of "Garabed," a mysterious invention, said to be a source of limitless energy, was passed Thursday by the senate. It now goes to President Wilson. At the close of the last session the President gave the bill a pocket veto.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

School children in Benton and Polk county districts will hold a rural life week February 17-23, in which they will feature George Washington as a farmer.

The Umpqua river is expected to become one of the industrial centers of the state, and the first of three new sawmills now under construction will be ready for operation in two weeks, probably, and in three certainly.

Parole Officer Keller has received letters from three men now out on parole tendering their services to go to France in event a company of prisoners is selected from the state penitentiary, along the line of Keller's suggestion of a few days ago.

Formal organization of the Central Oregon irrigation district, recently voted by settlers on the Central Oregon Irrigation company project, has been completed at Bend, with the election of J. A. Thompson as president and James G. McGiffie as secretary.

For the purpose of developing a safer and better system for the settlement of agricultural and logged-off lands of the state, Governor Withycombe has created a new non-salaried commission, to be known as the Oregon Land Settlement commission.

Frank Astman returned to Canby from Rockaway Beach, Tillamook, last week, where he has a timber claim. Mr. Astman said that he has a contract with the government to cut 1,000,000 feet of split spruce. He will cut 55,000 feet each month. He already has a crew of men at work.

Last week Hood River residents were unable to obtain fish. Local dealers say that halibut has been unobtainable in the Portland wholesale market, and the cost of salmon, 25 cents a pound in Portland, makes it so expensive as a food there that patrons cannot afford to buy it.

Bend policemen raiding a shanty occupied by Joe Kaaletori, in Terminal Addition, this week, uncovered a complete still used in the manufacture of liquor. A patent iron press and five gallons of wine and an additional quantity in process of fermentation were also found. Kaaletori is held under \$100 bond.

The United States government is making an investigation of the shipbuilding possibilities of the Siuslaw river. A. A. Eichler, of Oakland, Cal., special investigator for the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has arrived at Glenada, and will check up reports on the river now on file in Washington.

The dangerous crossing of the Pacific Highway and the Southern Pacific tracks at Divide, just south of Cottage Grove, must be eliminated during the coming year, according to an order of the Public Service commission. An overhead crossing must be constructed, the railway bearing 40 per cent of the expense, the county 30 per cent and the state 30 per cent.

County agents, home demonstration agents and girls and boys clubs of Oregon have concluded a busy week of preparation for the big food campaign to meet the call of the government for more food production and better conservation. Plans for organizing the farm and the home and the school forces for concerted and well-directed effort by which every lick will be made to count for the most possible, were very thoroughly worked out, and will be put into effect in the counties that have responded to the nation's call for county agents in every county.

The Henryville mine, near Marshfield, leased a year ago by R. M. Jennings, has been turned back to its owners, the Coos Bay Lumber company, with liabilities against it amounting to nearly \$30,000.

Cyrus H. Walker, of Albany, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky Mountains, was struck by an auto in Albany Friday night, but escaped serious injury. He suffered severe bruises, however.

Henry Hooker, said to have declared to his fellow workers in the Silver Falls Lumber company's camp, near Silverton, that he is an alien enemy and would return to Germany and fight for the Kaiser if given the opportunity, was taken to jail at Salem by Deputy Sheriff Bowler. Hooker says he was born in Prussia and has lived in America for years. He will be turned over to the Federal authorities.

R. Alexander, a prominent merchant of Pendleton, is considering becoming a candidate in the Republican primaries for state treasurer, according to word received in Salem.

The Southern Curry County Telephone company was granted a reclassification of its rates in an order issued by the Public Service commission Saturday, to become effective February 1. Under the present rates \$6 a quarter is charged for its various classes of business and residence service.

Secretary Lea, of the State Fair board, who left Friday for New Westminster, B. C., where he will attend a meeting of the North Pacific Fair association, says he believes none of the fairs on the circuit will attempt to eliminate racing this year.

J. W. Brewer, farm help specialist of the Federal bureau of agriculture, says that he expects to have the crop and labor survey he is making of the state, in conjunction with the state labor commissioner and the extension department of the Agricultural College, completed by March 1.

## AUSTRIA-HUNGARY SHAKEN BY CRISIS

### Million Men and Women Said To Be Out on Strike.

### WAR PLANS SUFFER

#### Military Situation Declared to Be Involved and Even Endangered by Economic Disturbances.

Geneva.—Some news of a reliable nature has begun to trickle across the Swiss frontier which seemingly proves that Austria and Hungary are in the throes of the greatest economic crisis since the war began.

It is estimated that more than a million workmen and women have struck. A majority of these were employed in the war industries, and only a small section of them have returned in answer to the bait of higher wages.

The others, it is said, are assuming a more than threatening attitude and daily are demanding peace and cheaper food.

It is said that Hungary absolutely refuses to give cereals either to Austria or to Germany and that Rumanian stocks of grain are exhausted. The military situation is involved and even endangered by the strikes which continue.

London.—The strike movement and the accompanying food demonstrations have spread throughout the whole of the dual empire, including Galicia, and have everywhere assumed a political character, with the demand for peace taking precedence over everything else.

On Sunday evening, according to a Wireless Press dispatch from Berne, disorderly scenes took place when hunger marchers were organized, and a number of shops looted in Vienna.

One crowd attempted to cut its way toward the Imperial palace, but was driven back by the guard. The police were unable to handle the mobs which ran riot in some of the streets.

### FOURTH BIG STORM BLOWING

#### East Again Buried in Snow, Causing Shortage in Fuel and Food.

Chicago.—The fourth great storm of the winter season is sweeping over the Eastern states, tying up transportation, crippling telegraph and telephone wires and greatly increasing the suffering caused by a shortage of fuel and coal.

The storm originated in the Southwest and raged up the Mississippi valley. It was diverted by northwesterly gales and pursued a course eastward through the Ohio valley, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

The storm comes just at a time when the various cities were struggling out of previous blizzards. Extraordinary work has been done everywhere to clear away the snow so trains could operate and the fresh onslaught will cause much of this labor to be repeated.

The country districts over a vast area are hopelessly snowbound and will remain so until March.

The farmers have trampled Indian trails through the banks and roads and can get to and from town on horseback, but this is the only means of locomotion over at least eight states, except around the towns and cities where organized effort has partially broken through the roads.

Families who are not supplied with food and fuel are existing upon what can be carried in bags and baskets, by a man on horseback.

The coal situation is acute all over the East and with the advent of a fresh snow storm passenger trains were abandoned and the locomotives sent to haul coal trains.

The worst fuel situation in the history of the city confronts Chicago. Not one pound of coal has been accumulated as a surplus, despite the five-day suspension of business, and zero weather is in sight.

### 3 U. S. Flyers Die When Planes Hit

Washington, D. C.—First Lieutenants William H. Cheney and Oliver P. Sherwood and Private George A. Beach were killed Sunday in a collision of airplanes over an American aviation school in France. The War department was advised of the fatalities by General Pershing. Lieutenant Cheney's mother, Mrs. William H. Schofield, lives at Peterboro, N. H.; Lieutenant Sherwood's emergency address is Mrs. Lydia C. Sherwood, Brooklyn, N. Y., and that of Private Beach, Thomas Beach, Fort Collins, Colo.

### Million Dollars Misled.

New York.—Eight mail sacks containing money and jewelry valued at close to \$1,000,000 which were supposed to have been stolen from a mail truck during a ferryboat trip from Communipaw, N. J., to this city January 7, were found Wednesday night in the postoffice building. William F. Cochran, chief of the United States postal inspectors, expressed the belief that they had been misled during a great rush of mail.

## HERE IS ONE FAT MAN WHO IS LOVED



"Nobody loves a fat man," but when he is wearing the uniform of an American marine and is in France serving his country, all changes and the fat man becomes the idol of the people, especially the children. This jolly plump Yankee marine is playing papa to these French kiddies and he is the "greatest man in the world" to them.

## On Watch for Airplane Scout

### Episode Illustrative of One of Many Diverse Phases of the War.

### CLOSE VIGILANCE NECESSARY

#### Three Whistles; Presto, Battery Camouflaged!—In This Instance Venturesome German Machine Plunged to Earth.

London.—The airplane sentry sat on his solitary mound in the middle of the field in the hot sunshine. His business was to watch for hostile airplanes and warn the battery of their approach. It does not sound a very arduous business, but it is one that requires considerable training if mistakes are to be avoided. Airplanes fly too high nowadays for their distinguishing marks to be discerned, even through the best glasses. The sentry must be able to detect the enemy as soon as he comes in sight, at whatever angle he may happen to be flying; and with so many different types of machine in the air this requires experience and a quick eye.

The experience he had gained by being attached for some days to an anti-aircraft battery whose business it was to spot all hostile planes at once; quickness of vision was inbred in him, for he had an Englishman's love of sport. The attitude of watchfulness seemed natural to him as he sat with his glass slung round his neck, his eyes searching the skies all about him.

A couple of hundred yards away, the battery was at the height of its morning toilet. The big guns were uncovered and the limber-gunners and their assistants were performing the morning ablutions of their charges, washing out the bores and scrubbing them with the long-handled plasaba brushes that take four men to push through. The artificer was testing air pressures; the section officers and their layers were busy with the sights. Behind the guns, again, groups of men were laying shells in rows, taking them from the heaps in which they had been dumped by the ammunition column during the night. The whole orchard was a scene of activity, and concealment was out of the question while it lasted.

#### Sudden Transformation.

Suddenly the airplane sentry stood up, gazed at a distant speck in the sky through his glasses for a few seconds, then blew three blasts upon his whistle. Before the echoes had died away a furious scene-shifting began in the battery. The cleaning squads put down their utensils and drew up the gun-covers, the artificer put his spanners in his pocket and sprang under the nearest tree, where he was joined by the section officers and their assistants. The shell numbers hastily covered their work with leaves and brushwood, and hid themselves under cover of the shed that acted as an ammunition store. In ten seconds, where all the activity had been the sharpest eye would have seen nothing but a compact orchard, with here and there a group of men sheltering under trees, invisible from the air.

The German airplane made a wide sweep over the lines at a great height, the nucleus of a scattered pattern of shrapnel that burst all around it, leaving puffs of smoke that hung like cottonwool against the clear blue of the sky. Then, apparently not liking the look of a couple of British fighters that rose to pursue it, it made off, without having been anywhere near the battery. The airplane sentry blew his whistle once more and the covers were stripped off the guns and the interrupted work went on again.

#### A Second Invitation.

But the sentry redoubled his vigilance. The battery had made itself

exceedingly unpopular with the German; it had recently put several of his guns out of action, besides accounting for a big mine-thrower that had annoyed the infantry in the front line, and it was evident that he meant to discover its position somehow. There were several German balloons up as it was, though a fortunate rise in the ground just hid the battery from their view. Nor was it likely that on a day when visibility was so good the enemy would stop at one casual airplane. It was far more likely that he would send them over at intervals throughout the day.

And so it happened. Before an hour was past a second speck appeared in the sky and again the scene shifting took place on the blast of the whistle. This time the hostile plane was shaping a course that would bring it very nearly over the battery, and the sentry watched it with some concern. On it came, the shrapnel bursting furiously round it, diving and wheeling to disconcert the gunners' aim. It swept over the battery, went straight on for a few minutes, then turned and came back again. Had it seen anything suspicious? The sentry scanned the orchard sharply. Everything was in perfect order, not even a bully-beef tin lay about to betray a sign of human occupation; there were no tracks visible across the grass; every trifle was carefully covered up. It is on details like this that the safety of a battery depends. Upon the slightest hint that anything is hidden in a particular spot the airplane calls up its guns and ranges on the place. And ever afterward one has the uncomfortable feeling that one is suspected and that at any moment a torrent of shell may arrive.

#### Pursued by Shrapnel.

The plane was perceptibly lower; it almost seemed as if its suspicions must have been aroused. It swept off toward home, pursued by the bursting shrapnel that it dodged as if by a series of miracles. But suddenly it seemed to quiver, its tail went up, and it began to dive steeply. The sentry watched it eagerly through his glasses. Was it a ruse to escape the shell, or was it hit? Slowly the plane began to turn over as it fell, and then, all at once, all control seemed to leave it, and it dropped steadily, turning over and over, the sun flashing from its polished fuselage as it did so. Lower and lower it fell, until only a few hundred feet from the ground, when it turned on its side and crashed swiftly to earth, a mile or so from the battery.

The sentry blew his whistle once more, and the battery returned to its work cheering and whistling. Every one had seen the machine come to earth and was proportionately elated. But, as always, a chivalrous feeling for their fallen enemy was mingled with the men's joy.

"Plucky sportsman, that," said one, and the rest echoed his sentiments.

### GEORGIA PRISON DOORS YAWN

#### For First Time in Memory of Oldest Inhabitant Dougherty County Jail Is Empty.

Albany, Ga.—Dougherty county jail is empty for the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. There is no record of a time in more than half a century when such a condition existed before, and the announcement caused something of a local sensation. Not only is the jail empty, the doors of all its cells swinging wide open, but there are very few defendants out on bond. The fact is the more remarkable when it is considered that not only are prisoners for the city and superior courts held in the Dougherty county jail, but those for the Albany district of the United States court. The officers agree that prohibition is very largely responsible for the empty jail.

## DAYTON HAS LEAGUE TO WATCH ALIENS

Dayton, O.—The American Protective league, to co-operate with Federal authorities in running down slackers and seditious aliens, has been organized here. Practically every factory, shop, business house and industrial enterprise in Dayton is represented in the league's membership. The medium between the public and government secret agents for the transmission of information relative to seditious remarks and efforts to escape the draft is Dayton's postmaster, who is receiving written messages daily from citizens furnishing clues.

## SENSITIVE ABOUT HER FEET

Kansas City Woman Resents Reference to Her Pedal Extremities by Judge.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, a bridal couple, quarreled within 48 hours after their marriage. Their troubles came before Judge Joe Keltman of the municipal court. Mrs. Miller explained that her husband made a sarcastic remark about her feet, as she slipped on the ice and snow, on a downtown corner, and the quarrel ensued. The police had to interfere. The judge admonished them and gave some sage advice: "Try to be more careful next time," he advised. As the couple started to leave the judge remarked: "Your feet look like they ought to hold you up." "I hope you fall flat the first minute you step outside the door," replied Mrs. Miller, as, with reddening cheeks, she backed out of the court room.

## OLDEST MARINE IS GUIDE



J. D. Stickney who joined the United States navy in 1869 came to a French port with his squadron in the Franco-German war of 1870. Mr. Stickney has in his official capacity as guide at the Louvre, Paris, talked to all the crowned heads of Europe with the exception of the Kaiser. He is now attached to the American soldiers in Paris and unofficially acts as interpreter.

## SAYS FRYING PAN MUST GO

Domestic Science Expert Says This Method of Cooking Food is Wasteful.

Eugene, Ore.—"The frying pan must go," said Miss Lillian Tingle, head of the household arts department of the University of Oregon, before her class on the conservation of food. "It is a utensil of the pioneer, who had plenty of food to prepare in the quickest and simplest way. The people of this country always have been wasteful, and unless we reduce materially our consumption of meat we shall face a meat famine. French people cook in a casserole, thus saving every bit of the nourishment of the meat. We could well learn from them in this matter."

## PUPILS TO WRITE SOLDIERS

Children of Oregon to Do Their Bit to Brighten Life at Front and In Camps.

Salem, Ore.—Schoolchildren of Oregon are going to do their bit to aid the soldiers of Uncle Sam at the front or in training camps. As part of the regular English work in the schools pupils will be required to write news letters of local happenings, and those containing real news interest will be forwarded to the soldiers. Scrap books and magazines will be sent to hospitals for the entertainment of convalescing soldiers.