WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest and Other Things Worth Knowing.

The first reinforced concrete freight car ever built is delivered to the Illi-ministration and the equipment comnois Central railroad for operation in its coal service.

The budget commission of the French chamber of deputies has de-

The senate resolution asking the peace conference to grant Ireland the right of self-determination was adopted by the house of representatives of the Colorado legislature Tuesday.

representing a part of the surplus stocks held by the war department, ment companies and thus avoid any is offered for sale at Philadelphia. industrial disturbance. Another auction is to be held at Bos ton March 25 to 29.

Twenty-eight dead, several score inat \$2,000,000 was the result of tornadoes which swept portions of Missis sippi and Louisiana Sunday, reports from the two states showed.

and lumber yards are flooded and thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed by the Oconto (Wis.) river overflowing its banks. It is estimated ORGANIZE TO OPPOSE that 500 persons are homeless.

United States Senator Miles Poindexter will make a speaking tour down the Pacific coast after delivering an the league of nations, according to a special dispatch from Washington.

land, Or., to Honolulu and the South seas was declared a possibility by Dr. C. J. O'Day of Honolulu, formerly of Portland, at a luncheon a few days ago at the Pan-Pacific tourist bureau.

ing attempted by a French lieutenant ton Pepper, a lawyer, of Philadelphia. named Fontan. He is reported to have started from the French African port of Dakar, Senegambia, for Pernam buco, Brazil, by way of the Cape Verde islands and the St. Paul rocks.

The Chinese government is alarmed over a report from Petrograd relative to formation of a Chinese workingmen's organization, with 60,000 members, for the object of carrying on rev olutionary propaganda and establish ing soviets in China. Inquiries are being made by the authorities as to measures to check such activities.

The lager beer brewers' board of brewing concerns in New York and New Jersey, announced Tuqsday that would resume at once the sale of beer containing 2% per cent alcoholic content. This was forbidden by a ruling by voluntary contributions. of the internal revenue department

A credit of \$5,000,000 in favor of reached. Roumania was announced recently by the treasury department. This increased Roumania's credits to \$15,-

Jack Bell of Fairbanks, Alaska, who from overseas.

The American government may not accept the 100,000 or more tons of German shipping in Chilean waters, allocated to it by the allied shipping commission. Chairman Hurley of the shipping board said recently final action would depend upon both the condition of the grant and the ships.

Cairo, which resulted in the deporta- taken to Iditared and Fairbanks. tion of a number of political agitators.

New York police, secret service men are supposed to be radicals.

RAILROADS TO GET MONEY

Needed Funds Assured by Director-General Hines.

Washington, D. C .- Means of compensating equipment companies for locomotives, cars and other materials Brief Resume Most Important furnished the ratiroad administration Americans and Orientals Clash were provided Saturday by a ruling of the federal reserve board that federal reserve banks might properly redis count for their member banks drafts drawn by the companies on the director-general of railroads and acceptable to him. Such drafts could not have a maturity of more than 90 days and would be rediscounted at the prevailing rates of discount for trade accept

After a conference with representatives of the war finance corporation the reserve board, the advisory fi nance committee of the railroad adpanies, Railroad Director Hines annonneed that he was considering giving the companies permission to issue drafts or acceptances on him for cided to introduce a civil budget of amounts due on equipment. The ac-\$520,000,000 for the first three months ceptances would bear interest at a rate yet to be determined.

"In view of the ruling of the federal reserve board, making this paper eligible for discount," said Mr. Hines, 'the director-general today assured panies of his belief that the way ap-About 16,000,000 pounds of wool, pears open to care for the situation in such a way as to protect the equip-

"The question of meeting obligations to railroad corporations for rental due has not yet been finally deterjured and property damage estimated mined, but a conclusion is expected to be reached within a few days."

The railroad administration has anment companies on account of loco-Hundreds of homes, factories, mills motives and cars delivered or yet to away from the station, it is said. When be delivered.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Washington, D. C. - Preliminary address in Spokane early in April on plans for the formation of a national non-partisan organization designed to keep the American people better in-A new line of steamers from Port- formed as to events at the peace conference and to oppose acceptance of the constitution of the league of nations as now drawn were made at a conference Saturday between Senators Reed of Missouri, democrat, and Bor-It is reported among airmen that a ah of Idaho and Poindexter of Washflight across the Atlantic ocean is be- ington, republicans, and George Whar-

> After the conference it was announced that Henry Watterson, former publisher of the Louisville Cour- ble was between soldiers and Japanier-Journal, would be president of the ese, which accords with the assumporganization, with Mr. Pepper as di- tion in official quarters here that memrecting supervisor. It was said that bers of the 15th regular infantry stamany senators who have been active tioned at Tien Tsin were confused how, during the past few months, he in opposition to approval of the league with marines in early accounts of the had begun to wonder if, after all, "the constitution would support the organ- affair.

the organization would be issued with- report that the Japanese consulate in a few days. One purpose, it was was raided. The minister cabled that idea of the turnoil she had created in of various local bodies that have been to Tien Tsin to report. trade of New York, representing 42 formed over the country in opposition to the league. Present plans call for establishment of a speakers' bureau on advice of counsel its members and the conducting of an extensive campaign of publicity. Senators said the organization would be supported

Suggestions were made at the con-

Filipinos on Way to U. S.

Monolulu-The special Filipine com-000,000 and those for all the allies to mission seeking closer relations with the United States has arrived here en route to Washington. It is understood enlisted in the United States army at the purpose of the commission is to the age of 15 and lays claim to being promote the cause of Filiplao indeprobably the youngest soldier in the pendence, but the spokesmen declined army during the war, arrived in Se- a statement on this point, saying that attle last week with the 63d coast Manuel Quezon, a member of the artillery regiment. He is just back commission, now in the United States, was the only one authorized to talk.

Yukon May Open Early.

Scattle, Wash. - Travelers from Alaska report that all indications point to an early break-up of ice in the Yukon river and that navigation may open June 1. Freight is already moving from Seattle for lower La Barge German propaganda in Egypt is via Skagway, where it will be trans blamed for recent disturbances at ferred to river boats and later be

Palestine Influx Curbed.

and immigration officials raided a tion into Palestine to 50,000 a year Lithuanian press bureau announced building on East Fifteenth street early during the first period of development last week. Fifty of the bolsheviki Saturday morning and arrested 198 of the new Jewish commonwealth set were killed. men and two women. Ten patrol up under British trusteeship, has been wagons were required to take the pris- decided upon by the inter-allied Zion- threw the Lithuanians, many of them oners to the criminal court's building, 1st conference in London, according to still alive, into one big grave. The where they are being questioned. All cable advices to the Zionist organiza- bodies were dug out by their countrytion of America.

JAPANESE BLAMED IN TIEN TSIN RIOTS

in Theater.

SITUATION IS TENSE

Report to State Department Indicates Regulars Were Confused With Yankee Marines.

Pekin.--While early reports from Tien Tsin suggested that American marines were to blame for the recent disorders there, later reports would seem to show that the Japanese were also at fault. It is claimed that Japanese military

guards entered the French concession and there seized two Americans, and when American officials inquired of the Japanese police authorities if any the representatives of equipment com- Americans were being detained they ing to a report. Later the American officials found two Americans in a police station, one of them lying almost naked in the yard calling for

The Japanese were induced to send the injured man to a hospital and an American consul refused to leave the nounced that it will need \$183,681,965 had been released. This demand was to June 30 to meet amounts due equip- finally granted. The American consul was stoned by Japanese as he drove the marines entered the Japanese consulate they are reported to have attacked a visitor.

> On Thursday evening American mapicture theater in the French concession were attacked by a crowd of Japanese armed with sticks. They managed to enter the theater, the proprietor of which telephoned for the French police, who dispersed the Jap-

The situation at Tien Tsin is said to be tense. The matter has been referred to the French legation here.

Washington, D. C .- Colonel Theodore P. Kane, commanding the American legation marine goard at Pekin reported Monday that marines were not involved in the disturbance at Tien Tsin which the American minister is investigating. He said the trou-

The state department is awaiting statement outlining the purposes of before taking any step in regard to the explained, would be the co-ordination he had sent First Secretary Spencer

BOLSHEVIK ATTACK STOPPED BY ALLIES

Archangel.-Bolshevik forces made a determined attempt Friday to cut which interpreted President Wilson's ference that representatives be sent the communications between the proclamation effective December 1 to Paris while the peace negotiations American and allied columns on the are in progress but no agreement was Dvina and Vaga rivers, but their attack was repulsed with heavy losses. The enemy lost 57 dead and four prisoners. The allied casualties were one soldier wounded.

Vladivostok.-American troops have begun to move to strategic points on the Trans-Siberian railway west of Vladivostok to aid John F. Stevens and his staff of American railway men in the technical operation of the rail-

The first contingent is now at Harbin, while the second will entrain within a few days for Chita, the farthest point west to which the Americans will be sent.

It is proposed to place additional detachments at Verkhai Udinsk, Manchurian station, and Nokolsk. The Ussuri branch American troops already are stationed at Spasske and Khabarovsk.

Lithuanians Fight to End.

Stockholm.-A Lithuanian scout detachment of 18 men surrounded at Jerge by 100 bolsheviki, refused to New York.—Restriction of immigra- surrender and fought to the last, the

> The enemy, according to the bureau. men next day.

Carolyn of the Corners

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CHAPTER XV-Continued.

He knew very well that what she seph Stagg was quite true. In his selfishness he had been glad all these years that the hardware merchant was

balked of happiness. The carpenter had always been a

his own comfort, and rather miserly, He had not approved, in the first place of the intimacy between Joseph Stagg and his daughter Amanda. "No good'll come o' that," he had told himself.

That is, no good to Jedidiah Parlow. He foresaw at the start the loss of the girl's help about the house, for his wife was then a helptess invalid.

Then Mrs. Parlow died. This death made plainer still to the carpenter that Mandy's marriage was bound to bring inconvenience to him. Especially if she married a close-fisted young business man like Joe Stagg would this be true. For, at the reading of his wife's will Mr. Parlow discovered that the property they occupied, even the shop in which he worked, which had been given to Mrs. Parlow by her parents, was to be the sole property of her daughter. Mandy was the heir. Mr. Parlow did not possess even a life interest in the estate.

It was a blow to the carpenter. He made a good income and had money In bank, but he loved money too well station until the other man, a corporal, to wish to spend it after he had made it. He did not want to give up the place. If Mandy remained unmarried there would never be any question between them of rent or the like.

Therefore, if he was not actually the cause of the difference that arose be tween the two young people, he seized and enlarged upon it and did all in his power to make a mere misunder rines who were entering a moving-standing grow into a quarrel that nelther of the proud, high-spirited lovers would bridge.

Jedidiah Parlow knew why Joe Stagg had taken that other girl to Faith camp meeting. The young man had stopped at the Parlow place when Amanda was absent and explained to the girl's father. But the latter had never mentioned this fact to his daugh-

Instead he had made Joe's supposed offense the greater by suggestion and innuendo. And it was he, too, who had urged the hurt Mandy to retaliate by going to the dance with another young man. Meeting Joe Stagg later, the carpenter had said bitter things to him, purporting to come from Mandy. It was all mean and vile; the old man knew it now-as he had known It then.

All these years he had tried to add fuel to the fire of his daughter's anger ngainst Joe Stagg. And he believed he had benefited thereby. But, some game was worth the candle."

Suddenly he had gained a vision of meant to her.

Carolyn May, interested only in see ing her friends made happy, had no Mr. Parlow's mind.

During the time that the nurse was at the abandoned lumber camp caring for Judy Mason, Carolyn May hoped that something might take Uncle Joe there.

The next Friday, after school was out, Miss Amanda appeared at the Stagg home and suggested taking Carolyn May into the woods with her, "for the week-end," as she inughingly said. Tim, the hackman, had brought the nurse home for a few hours and would take her back to Judy's cabin.

"Poor old Judy is much better, but she is still suffering and cannot be left alone for long," Miss Amanda said. "Carolyn May will cheer her up."

Mr. Parlow would drive over on Sunday afternoon and bring the little girl home. Of course, Prince had to go along.

That Friday evening at supper mat ters in the big kitchen of the Stagg house were really at a serious pass, Joseph Stagg sat down to the table visibly without appetite. Aunty Rose drank one cup of ten after another without putting a crumb between her

"Say, Aunty Rose," demanded Mr. Stagg, "what under the sun did we do before Hannah's Car'lyn came here, anyway? Seems to me we didn't really live, did we?"

Aunty Rose had no answer to make to these questions.

In the morning there was a smoky fog over everything-a fog that the sun did not dissipate, and behind which it looked like an enormous sar-

Mr. Stagg went down to the store as usual. News came over the long-distance wires that thousands of acres of woodland were burning, that the forest reserves were out, and that the farmers of an entire township on the far side of the mountain vere engaged in trying to make a barrier over which the flames would not leap. It was the consensus of opinion, however, that the fire would not cross the range.

"Scarcely any chance of its swooping down on us," decided Mr. Stagg. "Reckon I won't have to go home to plow fire furrows."

Corners for dinner. Having remained in the store all the morning, he had had said about his daughter and Jo- not realized how much stronger the smell of smoke was than it had been at breakfast time. Quite involuntarily he quickened his pace.

The fog and smoke overcast the sky thickly and made it of a brassy color, self-centered individual, desirous of just as though a huge copper pot had been overturned over the earth. Women stood at their doors, talking back suspect just how he felt about it, and forth in subdued tones. There The horse's hoofs rang charply was a spirit of expectancy in the air.

The hardware merchant was striding along at a quick pace when he came to the Parlow place; but he was not going so fast that he did not hear the carpenter halling him in his cracked billowy white smoke.

"Hey, you, Joe Stagg! Hey, you!" Amazed, Mr. Stagg turned to look. Parlow was hobbling from the rear premises, greaning at every step, scarcely able to walk.

"That sciatica's got me ag'in," he snarled, "I'm a'most doubled up. Couldn't climb into a carriage to save my soul.

"What d'you want to climb into a carriage for?" demanded Mr. Stagg.

"'Cause somebody's got to go for that gal of mine-and little Car'lyn May. Ain't you heard-or is your mind so sot on makin' money down there to your store that you don't know nothin'

"Haven't I heard what?" returned flank. the other with fine restraint, for he saw the old man was in pain.

"The fire's come over to this side. I



He Plunged Forward Leaped the Blazing Brand and Galloped Down the

Crummit drove through and says that you can't git by on the main road. The fire's followed the West Brook right down and is betwixt us and Adams' old camp."

"Bless me!" gasped the hardware dealer, paling under his tan.

"Wal?" snarled Parlow. stand there chatterin' all day, or be you goin' to do something?"

"Somebody must get over to that cabin and bring them out," Joseph Stagg said, without taking offense at the crabbed old carpenter.

"Wal!" exclaimed Parlow, "glad ter see you're awake." "Oh, I'm awake," the other returned shortly. "I was just figuring on who's got the best horse."

'I have," snapped Parlow. "Yes. And I'd decided on taking

Cherry, too," the hardware dealer added, and swung into the lane toward the carpenter's barn. "Hey, you! Needn't be so brash

about it," growled the carpenter. "He's my hoss, I s'pose?". Joseph Stagg went straight ahead.

and without answering. Having once decided on his course, he wasted no He rolled back the big door and saw

Cherry already harnessed in his box-Together they backed the animal be-

tween the shafts, fastened the traces, and Mr. Stagg leaped quickly to the seat and gathered up the reins.

"You'll hafter take the Fallow road," the carpenter shouted after him. "And have a care drivin' Cherry-Horse and buckboard whirled out of

the yard and his voice was lost to the hardware merchant. Cherry stepped out splendidly, and

they left a cloud of dust behind them as they rolled up the pike, not in the direction of the abandoned camp. Forewarned, he did not seek to take the shortest way to the cabin where Amanda Parlow and Carolyn May were perhaps even now threatened by the forest fire. The Fallow road turned north from the pike three miles from The Corners.

Flecks of foam began to appear or Cherry's glossy coat almost at once. The air was very oppressive, and there

The streak of flame that had fol-lowed down the banks of West

At the usual hour he started for The | brook moved mysteriously. He could see the smoke of it now.

Amanda Parlow and his niece might even now be threatened by the flames! Now that danger threatened the woman he had loved all these years, it seemed as though his mind and heart were numbed. He was terrified beyoud expression-terrified for her safety, and terrified for fear that some body, even Jedidiah Parlow, should

The horse's hoofs rang sharply over the stony path. Presently they capped a little ridge and started down into a hollow. Not until they were over the ridge was Mr. Stagg aware that the hollow was filled, chokingly filled, with

Another man-one as cautious as the hardware merchant notoriously was-would have pulled the horse down to a walk. But Joseph Stagg's cautiousness had been flung to the winds, Instead, he shouted to Cherry, and the beast increased his stride.

Ten rods further on the horse snorted, stumbled, and tried to stop. A writhing, flaming snake-a burning branch-plunged down through the smoke directly ahead.

"Go on!" shouted Joseph Stagg, with a sharpness that would ordinarily have set Cherry off at a gallop. But, as the snorting creature still

shied, the man seized the whip and lashed poor Cherry cruelly along his At that the horse went mad. He

plunged forward, leaped the blazing brand, and galloped down the road at saw the flames myself. And Aaron a perilous gait. The man tried neither to soothe him nor to retard the pace. The smoke swirled around The driver could not see ten feet be-

yond the horse's nose. Ten minutes later they rattled down into the straight road, and then, very soon, indeed, were at the abandoned camp. The fire was near, but it had not reached this place. There was no sign

of life about. The man knew which was Judy's cabin. He leaped from the vehicle. leaving the panting Cherry unhitched,

and ran to the hut. The door swung open. furniture was in place. Even the bed-clothing was rumpled in the old woman's bunk. But neither she nor Amanda Parlow nor little Carolyn May was

CHAPTER XVI.

The Laurel to the Brave.

The heart of the man was like a weight in his bosom. With so many hundred acres of forest on fire, and that, too, between the abandoned camp and The Corners and Sunrise Cove, bow would Amanda Parlow and Caro-

lyn May know where to go? Certainly the place must have been eserted in haste. There was Carolyn May's cont. The man caught it up and stared around, as though expecting the child to be within sight.

The old woman's clothing was scat tered about, too. It did not look as though anything had been removed from the but. Coming out, he found another article on the threshold-one of Amanda's gloves.

Joseph Stagg lifted the crumpled glove to his lips.

"Oh, God, spare her!" he burst forth. Spare them both!" Then he kissed the glove again and

hid it away in the inner pocket of his The hardware dealer tried to think of just what the fugitives might have done when they escaped from the

cabin. If it were true that Amanda would not run toward the fire, then she more than likely had taken the opposite direction on leaving the cabin. Therefore, Joseph Stagg went that way-setting off down the tote road, leading Cherry by his birdle.

Suddenly he remembered calling Prince the day Carolyn May had been lost on the ice. He raised his voice in "Prince! Princey, old boy! where

are you?" Again and again he called, but there was no reply. The smoke was more stifling and the heat more intense every minute. Mr. Stagg realized that he must get out quickly if he would save himself and the horse.

He had just stepped into the buckboard again, when there was an excited scrambling in the underbrush, and a welcoming back was given. "Prince! Good boy!" the man shout-

"Where are they?" The excited dog flew at him, leaping on the buckboard so as to reach him. The mongrel was delighted, and

showed it as plainly as a dumb brute But he was anxious, too. He leaped back to the ground, ran a little ahead, and then looked back to see if the man was following. The hardware dealer

shouted to him again: "Go ahead, Princey! We're coming!" He picked up the reins and Cherry started. The dog, barking his satisfacion, ran on ahead and struck into a side path which led down a glade. Joseph Stagg knew immediately where this path led to. There was a spring and a small morass in the bottom of

(TO BE CONTINUED.)