

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 senate confirmed Wednesday the nomination of E. N. Hurley of Chicago to be a member of the American debt funding commission.

Norway has given the Russian soviet government recognition de jure, the foreign office was informed in a telegram received from Madame Alexandra Kollantay, soviet representative in Norway.

The General Electric company of Schenectady, N. Y., Tuesday announced receipt of a letter containing the log of a radio programme broadcast January 4 and received at Capetown, South Africa, 7880 miles away.

The Warren-McFadden bill to extend the life of the war finance corporation until next December 1 is ordered favorably reported by the house banking committee. It was passed by the senate last Saturday.

Democrats of the house bound themselves Wednesday night by a party caucus to stand as a unit for the tax revision programme proposed by Representative Garner, democrat, Texas, as a substitute for the Mellon plan.

While helping his son with work on their farm three miles south of Amity, Or., F. T. Romig, a resident of Amity, was attacked and killed by a bull which had escaped from the barn and which Romig had tried to drive back.

The Rev. William Montgomery Brown of Gallon, O., bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church, and known to his opponents as the "bishop of bolshevists and atheists," faces trial on charges of extreme heresy, it became known Tuesday.

William G. McAduo has announced that he would leave to the leaders of his movement in each state the question of whether his employment as counsel by the E. L. Doheny oil companies had made him unavailable as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination.

Ten years ago in Portland the purchase of a spring wagon was a simple matter but when H. P. Hoey, consulting engineer on the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific, tried Wednesday to buy half a dozen for use in construction work he found it almost impossible.

M. H. Hand, ex-partner of Senator Stanfield of Oregon, was found not guilty at Weiser, Idaho, Wednesday on a charge of embezzling \$1200 from the Cottonwood Sheep company. The charge was preferred by Senator Stanfield, who also accused Hand's father-in-law, George C. Bradley, of helping in the fraud.

Proposals of the Johnson immigration bill which "single out Japanese immigrants for exclusion" are "inconsonant" with the treaty of 1911 and should be eliminated, Secretary Hughes informed Chairman Johnson of the house immigration committee in a letter made public Wednesday at the state department.

Flotation of a \$150,000,000 Japanese government refunding and reconstruction loan in the United States was announced Wednesday by J. P. Morgan & Co., who with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City company and the First National bank, will head a nationwide syndicate which will offer the issue later in the week.

Final orders for installation of a mooring mast on the fuel ship Ramapo at Mare Island navy yard, in preparation for the flight of the Shenandoah on an Arctic exploration cruise this summer were approved Tuesday by Secretary Denby on recommendation of Rear-Admiral Moffett, chief of the naval air service. Revised plans for the mast equipment will go forward within the next few days.

The greatest discovery in the history of Egyptology, even, many assert, in archaeology, was made Tuesday afternoon in the sepulchral chamber of Tutankhamen in the valley of the kings. In the presence of a gathering representing the elite of Egyptology, the lid of Tutankhamen's great pink sarcophagus was raised and a stupendously magnificent mummy case, covered with plates of solid gold, was brought to light.

DENBY QUILTS CABINET POST

Navy Department Head Says Action Was Not Requested.

Washington, D. C.—The resignation of Edwin Denby, as secretary of the navy, to be effective March 10, was received and accepted by President Coolidge Monday.

Tendered voluntarily by the secretary for fear his remaining might "increase the embarrassments" of the president and as an outgrowth of the senate inquiry into the leasing of naval oil lands, the resignation marks the first break in the cabinet which Mr. Coolidge took over intact upon the death of President Harding.

Expressing regret in accepting the resignation, President Coolidge declared in a letter to the naval secretary that "you will go with the knowledge that your honesty and integrity have not been impugned."

Mr. Denby, on the other hand, informed the chief executive that "it will always be a gratifying thought to me that neither you nor anyone else at any time advised me to resign."

Although the action of the navy secretary at once started a flood of rumors concerning the probability of other resignations, Assistant Secretary Roosevelt, whose name has been linked with that of Mr. Denby in the oil leasing cases, declared that he had not resigned.

Upon learning of his chief's action Mr. Roosevelt made an engagement at the White House and conferred with the president. After the conference he authorized the following statement:

"My first reply to your questions is that I did not know about Secretary Denby's reported resignation until 10:30 o'clock this morning. That answers the first question which I presume you would ask me. The second question is whether I am to resign also, and my answer to that is that I have just been to see the president and I am not resigning."

As for the question of a successor to Mr. Denby it was stated authoritatively that this had received little consideration by the president.

So far as known there is no plan in administration circles to promote Mr. Roosevelt to the post. The names of Charles B. Warren of Detroit, who has accepted at least tentatively appointment as ambassador to Mexico, and of former Representative Patrick H. Kelley, also of Michigan, former chairman of the naval sub-committee of the house appropriations committee, are prominently mentioned for the post. There has been nothing to indicate, however, that these are the only names before Mr. Coolidge and his advisers.

In a statement made public late Monday Secretary Denby discussed his resignation and pointed out that the deferred date of his retirement left plenty of time for impeachment proceedings against him.

"Therefore," he added, "anyone who says I am resigning for fear of impeachment simply lies."

Senator Has Relapse.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Greene of Vermont suffered a serious relapse after an operation late Monday, his condition being regarded as very critical. Only a few minutes earlier physicians had declared his chances of recovery favorable. He apparently had come through the operation successfully when he suffered a hemorrhage of the brain. The hemorrhage was quickly checked, however. Some hope for his recovery was indicated.

Accused Slays Judge.

Lincoln, Neb.—William M. Morning, 56, veteran district judge, was shot and killed early Monday in his courtroom by Wallace G. Wallick, who in turn shot and killed himself. The judge was shot through the heart. Wallick shot at C. F. Rein, attorney for his wife, Matilde Wallick, who was suing him for separate maintenance, and at his wife. Neither of these shots took effect. Judge Morning died in a few minutes.

Smaller Army Opposed.

Washington, D. C.—Hearings on the annual army appropriation bill, which have been in progress for two months, were concluded Saturday by a house sub-committee. Members are agreed that the present strength of the regular army—125,000 enlisted men and 12,000 officers—should be maintained for another year.

Crime Drive Ordered.

Philadelphia.—As a result of the large number of holdups and robberies reported Saturday, Director of Public Safety Butler has started a concerted 24-hour drive against bandits and thieves. "Shoot to kill," was the order he gave his lieutenants in outlining plans for the campaign.

Everett.—A sawmill that it is promised will employ 75 men is to open here this week. The Sound Lumber company, associated with the Sound Casket company, is the operator. John H. Maulsby is the manager.

Happenings of Importance to Folks of the Northwest

Farm Conditions Aired

Washington, D. C.—Farming conditions in the Pacific northwest came in for a complete airing last week before the senate committee on agriculture, when west coast wheat growers appeared in support of the McNary-Haugen export corporation bill. Harry E. Goldsworthy of Rosalia, Wash., represented the Washington export commission league and the Washington Wheat Growers' association, and A. R. Shumway of Milton, Or., spoke for like organizations in his state.

The McNary-Haugen bill was described by both men as the most important farm measure ever considered by congress. The committee was told that wheat growers and cattle men of the west coast were looking to its passage for relief from a financial depression which otherwise would result in the ruin of the farming sections of the coast.

"The wheat growing sections of Washington have united in support of the export commission plan," said Mr. Goldsworthy. "For the first time in the history of the state every organized interest has rallied to a single measure. Farmers, bankers, business and professional men are a unit, through the Washington export commission league, in urging the enactment of the bill."

Mr. Shumway told the committee that the Oregon co-operative grain growers had developed the export sales plan from the original idea of C. A. Harth of The Dalles, a director of the organization, and had passed favorably upon it long before the McNary-Haugen bill was written. He also presented to the committee the indorsement of the agricultural committee of the Oregon Bankers' association.

W. R. McClure of Bliss, Idaho, president of the western tariff league, also appeared before the committee to urge a favorable report on the bill. Mr. McClure carried the indorsement of organized wheat and woolgrowers, the result of a meeting recently held at Pendleton, Or.

Flight Party Arrives.

Seattle.—With the exception of its head, Lieutenant B. H. Wyatt, a party of officers and men of the United States navy, en route to Alaska to prepare the way for a flight by the dirigible Shenandoah, arrived here last week. The party will leave here on the steamship Alaska, and take the Alaska railroad at Seward, going to Nenana or Fairbanks, in the interior of Alaska. An airplane that Lieutenant Wyatt is to fly to Nome, Alaska, which is to be made the base of the Shenandoah expedition, has been shipped to Nenana.

5 Cents Loganberry Basis.

Salem.—Willamette valley loganberry growers will not dispose of their fruit unless they receive a minimum price of 5 cents a pound, according to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the members of the loganberry exchange held here recently. All growers were urged to comply strictly with the provisions of the resolution.

It was brought out that at least 50 per cent of the loganberry vines in Marion county were destroyed as a result of the cold weather a few weeks ago, which will curtail materially the 1924 crop.

Meetings have been scheduled for Sublimity and Albany.

Lumber Stocks Gaining.

Seattle.—Stocks of lumber held January 1 by mills in Washington and Oregon belonging to the West Coast Lumbermen's association were 28 per cent below normal, the association reported recently in a bulletin to members. These stocks were 54 1/2 per cent below normal January 1, 1923, and rose to 38 below normal by July 1.

Bishop Keator Buried.

Tacoma.—Bishop Frederic W. Keator, for 22 years head of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Olympia, comprising western Washington, was buried here last Tuesday after two funeral services that marked his high standing as a churchman and a citizen.

Wheat Seeding Begun.

Pendleton.—Wheat farmers in Umatilla county have disregarded the calendar and are taking the performance of the weather as a sure indication that spring has arrived. Spring seeding of grain has already been begun in some sections, and in many localities plowing is under way. Wheat has made a growth since it was seeded last fall. This is characterized as remarkable by experienced growers.

Canned Salmon Held Unfit.

Portland.—Destruction of 1600 cases of canned salmon, much of which was shown to have been spoiling before being processed, was authorized by verdict of jurors in federal court when they found for the government in its action to libel the fish. This quantity of salmon ordinarily has a value of more than \$5000. It was the property of Jeldness Bros. & Co., of Astoria.

Jurors in the trial arrived at a verdict in just 18 minutes. Government prosecutors were highly elated, declaring that the decision means much to the salmon industry of the state. "This will mean more for the industry than may seem apparent at first," said Fred D. Silloway, assistant solicitor from Washington, D. C., who helped prosecute the case. "It is bound to deter canners from putting out discreditable and unwholesome packs in this district. I expect to help prosecute a big batch of such cases in Seattle and hope we can do as much for the industry there and in Alaska."

Superb National Highway Visioned.

La Grande.—Members of the Old Oregon Trail association from 25 Idaho, Oregon and Washington points basked in the warmth of La Grande's hospitality when they gathered here last week at the annual meeting of the association. Following a morning session at which time preliminary organization was effected with Walter Meacham as chairman and after lunching as guests of the Union county chamber of commerce, the delegates met in the city hall building.

"The Old Oregon Trail is the highway," A. S. Dudley, manager of the state chamber of commerce, said, and his statement was typical of the feeling of the association. Ardent enthusiasm in the development of the Old Oregon Trail movement was manifested on every side. Mr. Dudley pledged the support of the state chamber to the Old Oregon Trail association specifically in regard to publicity work. William Doby of Baker, of the state highway commission, discussed financing problems and said the commission would assist the trail movement in every way possible.

Attorney's Trial Set.

Boise, Idaho.—E. R. Dampier, prominent Rupert attorney, pleaded not guilty before Federal Judge Dietrich to an indictment charging him with sending obscene letters through the mails. His trial was set for February 25. He was represented in court by Guy Bissell of Gooding.

The indictment against Dampier charges that he sent anonymous letters through the mails to Lillian Van Antwerp in which he endeavored to strike up an acquaintanceship. The letters, copies of which are contained in the indictment, are alleged to have made improper proposals. The young woman, it is said by authorities, turned the letters over to the government.

Mr. Dampier is well known in southern Idaho and has taken an active part in politics.

Line Approaches Mountains.

Klamath Falls.—Fifteen miles of rugged mountain survey from a point beyond Oak Ridge to within seven miles of the summit of the Cascades, calling for 22 tunnels and a maximum grade of 1.8 per cent is all that remains uncovered by construction contract on the new Klamath Falls-Eugene railroad, and as far as it is in the power of the Southern Pacific officials, this is their last barrier to the fulfillment of the long-delayed Harriman pledge of this railway development for Oregon.

Irrigation Charge Hit.

Boise, Ida.—Addison T. Smith, representative in congress from the second congressional district in this state, has introduced a bill in congress to remove one of the so-called unjust burdens from the shoulders of settlers on federal reclamation projects—the overhead expense of the Washington office of the bureau.

Speaking of the situation which this bill seeks to relieve, Representative Smith said in a letter to one of his constituents here: "There has already been charged to the settlers for maintaining the Washington office about \$3,500,000 which should have been paid direct from the reclamation fund or from the federal treasury."

Veteran, 80, to Seek Office.

Olympia.—George Hazzard of Tacoma, who was democratic candidate for secretary of state four years ago, has indicated his intention of seeking the democratic nomination again by writing Secretary of State Hinkle, asking for two copies of the filing blanks, saying he might spoil one in making it out. Mr. Hazzard also told Mr. Hinkle some time ago he intended to run again. Mr. Hazzard is a civil war veteran, about 80 years of age.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

John Day.—Already the pioneers are making adequate preparation here for the big '62 celebration which is an annual event at Canyon City on June 19, 20 and 21.

Salem.—Three projects looking to improved conditions at the Oregon state penitentiary are now under way, according to announcement made by A. M. Dalrymple, warden of the institution.

Salem.—Hiram Johnson, through his Oregon headquarters, Saturday filed with the secretary of state here his declaration of candidacy for president of the United States at the republican primary election next May.

Bend.—Merle Alfred, 9-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Davis, of this city, was found dead in his crib by his parents Saturday morning. The child had apparently turned on his face and, unable to turn back, had asphyxiated.

Bend.—Bend's city council is taking up the question of construction of a city hall. This, with other developments, including the installation of a telegraphic fire alarm system, would involve the expenditure of approximately \$100,000, it is estimated.

Salem.—The occupational representation proposal upon which W. S. U'Ren of Portland has been working for several years, will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the general election next fall. This was announced by Mr. U'Ren during his recent visit here.

Salem.—The state of Oregon, through Rhea Luper, state engineer, will appropriate \$3000 to match a similar amount of money to be raised by a number of Willamette valley cities, with which to make a preliminary survey of the Clear lake water site on the upper McKenzie river.

Pendleton.—Sheep sheds from Arlington east to the Blue mountains are now the places where winter lambing operations are in full swing. The lambs began arriving about February 1, and now on many ranches there are hundreds and in some cases thousands of frisking youngsters.

Seaside.—Actual construction work on the new Broadway bridge across the Necanicum is under way and traffic has been diverted to the Twelfth avenue and Avenue G bridges. Some 15 carloads of material have been assembled by H. A. Webster, contractor, and a pile driver, built on the job, is ready for work.

Marshfield.—The Bank of Southwestern Oregon in January cashed bogus checks to the amount of \$829 with signatures which were so well duplicated that they deceived the officials of the bank. The forgeries were discovered February 1, but no publicity came until Saturday. Sheriff's forces have worked on the affair without success.

Newport.—The Pacific Spruce corporation here is loading the fourth boat with spruce lumber since February 1. The cargo will total more than 4,000,000 feet. The boats loaded in Newport will make a payroll here for longshoremen of more than \$30,000 a year. Several families have located in the community with this work in view and are receiving 80 cents an hour.

Brownsville.—The Linn County Memorial association, which proposes to place a \$15,000 monument here to the pioneers, met in secret session Saturday afternoon to decide upon a definite plan for raising the necessary funds. A plan was proposed, which A. M. Templeton, president, said would be divulged after he had investigated and assured himself of its practicality.

Pendleton.—A restraining order prohibiting R. O. Hawkes, county assessor, and Zoeth Houser, sheriff, from including the market road levy of two mills on the tax rolls and from collecting the levy was granted in circuit court Saturday by Judge Phelps when a hearing was held on the suit brought by C. F. Kennedy, retired rancher, of Pendleton, to test the constitutionality of the market road law.

Marshfield.—The city council solved the tourist auto camp problem here by entering into a contract with the Jack Brothers, who have leased the camp ground from the city for a period of five years and agree to maintain it and charge reasonable rates for the accommodations they will furnish. Several thousand dollars will be expended in improvements, among them the building of 20 or 25 cottages.

Gresham.—As a climax to the most successful Farmers' week in the history of Multnomah county, 500 farmers and their wives were guests of the Gresham business men at a home-coming banquet Saturday noon in Masonic hall. The dinner was served by the business men, assisted by the home economics club of Union high school, and was made possible by the hearty co-operation of 25 Portland firms.

RAILROAD'S GRANT SALES ATTACKED

\$136,000,000 Declared Received From Lands.

ILLEGALITY CHARGED

Forest Service Contends That Northern Pacific Failed to Meet Requirements.

Washington, D. C.—A claim that the Northern Pacific Railway company has received a total of \$136,118,533 from the sale of lands from its government grants, or nearly twice the \$70,000,000 cost of constructing the railroad, is set up by the forest service as a chief reason why congress should deny the railway company the right to take over an additional 3,000,000 acres of public lands which it now claims under the original grants.

A resolution directing the secretary of the interior to withhold his approval of the adjustment of the Northern Pacific land grants and the issuance of any further patents on them until a congressional inquiry can be made has been introduced in the house. It is sponsored by the interior and agriculture departments and will be pressed.

Asserting that the railway company is seeking acreage in the national forests of Montana, Idaho and Washington, worth probably \$30,000,000, the forest service, in a summary of the controversy which became public Saturday, argues that the Northern Pacific land grants have been fully satisfied. Moreover, it says an accounting from the railroad, which congress has the right to demand, may justify the cancellation of the patents to all granted lands still retained by the corporation.

To substantiate this claim the forest service contends: "That the land grants were made for the purpose of aiding in the construction of the railroad. The total gross receipts of the Northern Pacific to June 30, 1917, from the sale of the lands from its grant amounted to \$136,118,533. The cost of constructing the road did not exceed \$70,000,000. The sale of lands has more than paid for the cost of constructing the railroad."

"That the Northern Pacific failed to construct 1505.21 miles of its railroad within the time required by law, thereby rendering the granted lands subject to forfeiture.

"That the Northern Pacific failed to dispose of certain of its lands to settlers at not to exceed \$2.50 per acre as required by law.

"That the Northern Pacific failed to dispose of hundreds of thousands of acres of its lands at public sale as required by law.

"That hundreds of thousands of acres of poor land in the Northern Pacific grant were erroneously classified as mineral and turned back to the United States, the railroad acquiring mineral indemnity rights therefor which were applied in part on more valuable lands in the indemnity limits.

"That under a rule of law laid down by the supreme court, the Northern Pacific has been erroneously allowed 1,500,000 acres too much land in the state of Washington.

"That over 500,000 acres of land credited to the Northern Pacific should be deducted because of conflict with the land grant of another road and the erroneous fixation of the land grant limit lines.

"That the Northern Pacific has been allowed to make over 1,300,000 acres of indemnity selections in its second indemnity belt, whereas these selections should have been confined to the first indemnity belt.

"That for lands erroneously patented to the Northern Pacific the government should be entitled to receive at least what the railroad received from the sale of these lands instead of \$1.25 an acre.

"That the Northern Pacific, under the Mount Rainier park act of March 2, 1899, relinquished to the United States thousands of acres of commercially valueless land and received therefore selection privileges to the finest lands they could find in the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin."

One Killed, Two Injured.

Gilroy, Cal.—The 8-year-old daughter of Mrs. Nettie Brewer of Seattle, Wash., was killed, Mrs. Brewer and L. Brewer of Toledo, Wash., were injured perhaps fatally, when the automobile in which the three were riding was struck by the northbound Sunset Limited of the Southern Pacific railroad near here Sunday morning. The condition of both was reported as critical. Mrs. Brewer is a resident of the city of Seattle.