

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News
From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Pacific Northwest Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

The steamer Pavlof in Alaskan waters, sends S. O. S.

Fashion has decreed that the barrel skirt is correct apparel for this spring.

Fire caused \$150,000 damages to the Inman-Poulsen lumber yards and mill in Portland.

Sweden asks Uncle Sam to aid in their protest to England against the Britons' intercepting mail to that country.

President Wilson has presented a list of Americans killed in Mexico in the last three years, to the senate. The total is 112.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels is reported favoring the establishment of a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river.

Earl Kitchener announces that defense against Zeppelin raids cannot be made perfect, but England's methods are improving.

Federal detectives are making a nation-wide search for the gang of anarchists who, it is alleged, is instigators of the poison plot.

The Vienna city council has voted to remove the copper roof of the historic Rathaus and give the metal to the military authorities. The roof will be replaced by one of iron.

The Umatilla Indians object to the building of a bridge across the Umatilla river at their expense, declaring the bridge is for the benefit of the white man, and not them.

Sawmill and logging companies declare that by the middle of March there will be a shortage of unskilled labor in these lines. Day labor has advanced from \$2 to \$2.25 and will go to \$2.50 per day.

Trial of the separation action which the Princess Aimee Crocker Gouard-Miskinoff has brought against the youthful Prince Alexander Miskinoff is up for hearing in the Supreme court in New York.

A bachelor school teacher at Everett, Wash., has educated at his own expense, seventeen boys and one girl. He is an author of some note and from this fund pays for the schooling, living on his salary as teacher.

Paper mills in the United States are operating to capacity and many of them are turning away orders, but the increase in the price of raw materials and the high price of labor have reduced the profits of the business.

Breaking all records for silk shipments in the trans-Pacific trade, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Sado Maru has reached Seattle, bringing 6539 bales and cases of raw and manufactured silk goods, having a value of approximately \$5,000,000.

The case of a woman spy recently sentenced to death, but whose sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life, was announced in the house of commons by Herbert L. Samuel, the secretary of state for home affairs. She was not a British subject.

The government of Greece has been transferring millions of dollars of its funds from London to New York within a few months, according to New York bankers, who estimate that \$75,000,000 of Greek funds is now on deposit in a large number of banks in New York.

Two Portland Chinese tongmen, one a Hop Sing and the other a Hoi Yin Quon Shaw, were shot and seriously wounded on a crowded sidewalk at Third and Couch streets by one of their countrymen, said to be a member of the Bow Leong Tong. Hop declares one of the victims stole his wife.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, ex-president of China, is reported re-married to his private secretary at Tokio, Japan.

Richard L. Metcalfe, ex-governor of the Panama Canal zone, has invited W. J. Bryan to debate the question of preparedness before the voters of Nebraska.

The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage sent President Wilson a valentine on which was inscribed: "Won't you be our valentine? We will be your valentines."

FIVE PERSONS KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION ON N. P. NEAR SPOKANE

Spokane—Five persons were killed and three seriously injured Sunday at South Cheney, 17 miles west of Spokane, when Northern Pacific train No. 2, known as the North Coast Limited, ran into the rear of Northern Pacific-Burlington train No. 42, telescoping an empty day coach that was being "deadheaded" east into the rear Pullman of the Burlington train, which was standing in front of the station.

The dead: Professor Elton Fulmer, state chemist, Pullman, Wash.; I. J. Minnick, deputy oil inspector, Spokane; Lee N. Conry, Northern Pacific traveling passenger agent, Spokane; B. L. Berkey, traveling salesman, Portland; J. J. White, Spokane.

Seriously injured: R. J. Spear, Pomeroy, Wash.; Dr. John Matthews, Everett, Wash.; J. A. Payant, Los Angeles.

All the dead and injured either were sleeping or dressing when the crash came. A score of persons had berths in the dining car ahead and were not injured.

Both trains eastbound were being detoured as sections of Spokane, Portland & Seattle train No. 4, over the line of that company between Pasco and Marshall, because of flood conditions on the Northern Pacific.

The engineer of the Burlington train stopped at South Cheney for orders.

C. G. Lude, rear brakeman, says he immediately started back to flag No. 2 which, according to the latest report the Burlington train crew had, was one hour and 20 minutes behind the Burlington at Pasco.

When Lude had run a distance of between 900 and 1000 feet—passengers estimate the distance at five or six car lengths—he says he saw the headlight of No. 2 beginning to glow through the fog. He lighted a fusee but the engineer of the North Coast Limited, applying emergency brakes, could not quite stop his train in time to prevent the smashup.

Defunct Banker's Residence Blown to Atoms in Chicago

Chicago—Modestino Mastrogiovanni's recent bank failure found an echo at 5:50 a. m. Sunday in a bomb explosion at his luxurious home at 3719 Grand boulevard, an explosion so terrific as to awaken the whole South Side. The entire front of the big stone residence—it is a double dwelling, one side being occupied by the banker's family and the other by the family of Ira J. Mix, wealthy dairyman—was blown away, the big gray stones being cracked and broken.

"Enemies," said Mastrogiovanni, as he staggered out through the dusty aperture that formerly had been a wall of solid masonry. In his hand he held a letter. His thought had gone back to it when he realized, after a few moments, what had happened.

"To put them on the street, blow up, burn or kill if the money is not returned."

It was the threat incorporated in a letter written in Italian—for nearly all the depositors in the Mastrogiovanni bank were Italians—and bearing the signature of the wife of one of his creditors.

The bomb had been placed there to kill—not to frighten. Its destructive power was so great that it reduced to bits stones weighing tons, and the detonation was so great as to arouse residents as far south as South Chicago and as far north as the loop.

Russians Pursue Retreating Turks From Erzerum Toward Bagdad

Petrograd—The Russians are pressing the advantage gained at Erzerum. On the right along the Black Sea coast, by the co-operation of the sea and land forces, they are driving the Turks from one position after another to the east of Trebizond, and active operations against that important seaport are expected soon.

In the last two days the Russians have occupied Witde (Widje) and pressed forward ten or 12 miles westward. The fleet has destroyed several shore batteries and by keeping well in advance of the land forces and by destroying bridges over several streams in the path of the retreating Turks has made their retreat more difficult. The fleet had been working so close to the shore that the warships have been reached by rifle fire from the Turkish troops.

\$31,900,000 for Steel Plant.

New York—E. G. Grace, of Bethlehem, Pa., was elected president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation at a meeting of the directors here. He succeeds Charles M. Schwab, who remains at the head of the corporation as chairman of the board.

Mr. Schwab announced that the purchase price of the Pennsylvania Steel company, recently acquired by the Bethlehem corporation, aggregated approximately \$31,900,000.

PARITY HAUL RATE GRANTED ASTORIA

Important Decision by Interstate
Commerce Commission.

PRESENT FREIGHT CHARGE IS UNFAIR

Artificial Barrier Against Columbia
River Removed—New Sched-
ule Takes Effect May 1.

Washington, D. C.—The interstate commerce commission Saturday rendered a unanimous decision sustaining the contention of Astoria that the present freight rates from the inland empire are discriminatory and unduly prefer Puget Sound ports, and ordering a readjustment, placing the Astoria rates on a parity with those of Seattle, Tacoma and Portland as to a portion of the inland empire, and with Seattle and Tacoma as to other portions.

The decision recognizes the principle that the railroads have been building up an artificial barrier against the Columbia river, and indicates a recognition of the principle that trade should move along the line of least resistance for which Portland has long contended.

In summoning up its decision the commission says:

"A careful examination of the records makes it clear that these North Pacific coast ports have closer geographical and economic relations, one to the other, than is at this time reflected in the tariffs of the defendant carriers and that the latter, in their present rate adjustment, unduly discriminate against Astoria and unduly prefer Puget sound ports.

"We also conclude and find from the record that there is such a relationship between Seattle, Tacoma, Astoria and Portland as to require them to be considered, forming more or less of a natural rate group with respect to much of the traffic in question.

"All facts adduced of record being fully considered, we find, that between Astoria and all points in this territory on or east of the line of the Northern Pacific, extending from Pendleton, Or., through Pasco and Kennewick, Wash., to Spokane, and on or east of the line of the Great Northern, extending from Spokane northward, the rates should not exceed the rates at the same time maintained between Seattle, Tacoma and Portland and such points; between Astoria and points on the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company east of Pendleton, and points on the Oregon Short Line, the rates should not exceed the rates at the same time maintained between Seattle and Tacoma and such points; as to points north of Kennewick and west of the competitive territory just described, Astoria rates may exceed the Portland rates in the same amount that Portland rates are higher than Seattle and Tacoma rates, provided the arbitrariness over Portland shall in no case exceed the local rate between Portland and Astoria; as to stations of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and the stations in the Spokane, Portland & Seattle, west of Pendleton, and of the Cascade mountains, the Astoria rates may exceed Portland rates by the same amount that the Seattle and Tacoma rates are higher than the Portland rates, the differentials over Portland in no case to exceed the local rate between Portland and Astoria."

Incidental to possible future proceedings, the commission says:

"It does not seem unduly venturesome to assume a purpose on the part of Portland, in case of a reduction in the Astoria rates to the basis of rates to Puget sound ports, to call our attention at a later date to its advantage, over Astoria, of 100 miles in distance from inland empire points, to predicate upon that fact a demand for a corresponding reduction in its own rates.

"The order of the commission requires that the readjustment of the rates be made on or before May 1, and continue then in effect for a period of not less than two years from the date of taking effect."

Peace Move Reported.

London—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs that he learns from a trustworthy source that more than 500 prominent men, including heads of business houses and shipowners of Hamburg, Luebeck and Bremen, have petitioned the government to begin peace overtures with a view to ending the war within three months. Otherwise, it is asserted, the Hansa states will be ruined.

BERLIN AGREES TO CHANGE WORDING IN LUSITANIA CASE

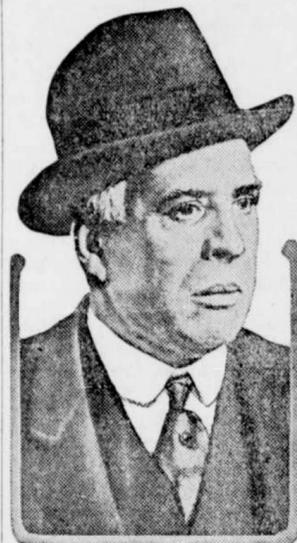
Washington, D. C.—Germany is understood to have agreed to the suggestion of the United States the she substitute the words "recognizes liability" for the words "assumes liability" in the tentative draft of the communication designed to settle the Lusitania case.

The revised draft was received here late Wednesday night from Berlin. It was submitted to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Several other changes desired by the United States and described as being of minor importance also are said to have been made. In one instance, however, Germany is understood to have proposed a change in the language suggested by the American government.

From high Teutonic authority came the statement that it was expected the Lusitania case would be finally settled to the satisfaction of the United States.

CHARLES C. CROWLEY



Charles C. Crowley, a private detective of San Francisco, and recently in the employ of the German consulate in the western city, has been arrested by agents of the department of justice on a charge of conspiring to destroy ships carrying war munitions and supplies to the allies.

States and Germany at a conference between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff. It also was said that the one modification made in Berlin was not material and that German officials here did not consider that the State department would object to the change.

Teutonic officials seemed most confident that in agreeing to the American request to substitute the word "recognizes" for the word "assumes" preceding the mention of liability of Germany to make reparation for injury to neutrals the Berlin foreign office had removed all cause of possible difficulty.

All Aspects of War Will Be Considered by Conference of Allies

London—A general conference of the allies in Paris to consider all political and strategical aspects of the war is to be held. Announcement to this effect was made in the house of commons by Premier Asquith.

Premier Asquith's statement was made in the course of an address in connection with the opening of parliament. The premier said a large vote of credit would be asked next week.

He announced that the government was now taking stock of all its munitions, men, finances and industrial reserves, so as to be in a position to put forth its maximum strength.

The forecast made several weeks ago of a daily expenditure for the war of £5,000,000 had proved, the premier said, to be nearly accurate.

Obligations incurred by the war, he added, would impose a serious strain on the country for a generation to come. This burden, he believes, could be met only by large additions to taxation and by maintenance of England's credit by keeping up the volume of exports, holding down unnecessary imports and reducing expenditures.

Fire Found on Steamship.

New York—Fire was discovered in the cargo on board the steamship Veendyk of the Holland-American line as the vessel was passing out to sea Wednesday. Captain Lieuweh quickly put back to the pier at Hoboken. It was said after 30 firemen had fought the flames for more than six hours, that the fire was under control. Effort will be made to determine its cause. The Veendyk carried \$200,000 worth of oil cake consigned to Rotterdam.

SOLVES PROBLEM OF FRUIT MARKETS

Associations of Northwest
Selling Combination.

ADOPTS PLANS OUTLINED BY BUREAU

Scheme Is Declared Most Advantageous
and Thorough of Any—Fruit
Experts to Tour Markets.

Spokane, Wash.—With the formation here of the Fruitgrowers' Association the problems affecting the production and marketing of fruit in the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana have practically been solved, according to participating government experts.

Organization of the agency effected and articles of incorporation prepared as the result of an all-conference between fruitgrowers, representatives of practically every selling agency in the Northwest, experts from the department of agriculture at Washington.

According to an official statement issued by the government officials:

"A combined organization of the growers and selling agencies governed by a board of control divided equally between the producers and marketers. It is the safety-first branch of the industry, involving the growers' protection, assures an orderly control upwards of 75 per cent of the tonnage of the Northwest, and enforces the ideals sought for years by growers in a mutual selling system wholly displacing destructive competition by formidable aggressive and the most up-to-date progressive measures.

"It provides for every necessary marketing, opening new and wider markets throughout the world, and as its basis the individual and collective requirements of the grower through the selling agencies through a unit contract around which the entire structure of the central protective body built."

"The plan of organization and procedure as adopted," the statement says, "was submitted by the department of Agriculture, following extensive investigation of the grower needs by the government officials through their previous visits in different Northwest sections. It is the most complete and advanced plan that has ever been prepared for producers of any perishable industry in the United States."

Oklahoma Legislators Riot.

Oklahoma City—Tumultuous scenes occurred in the Oklahoma house of representatives late Saturday when the members were voting on a bill of an election law designed to take place of the famous "grandfather law," which was recently declared unconstitutional by the United States Supreme court because it in effect franchised the negro population of the state.

Partisan feeling over the new measure finally culminated in an outbreak precipitated by charges of corruption and the passing of the lie detector members, during which ink bottles, paper weights and other fixtures of members' desks were used as weapons and a set battle seemed inevitable.

Birth Control Case Ends.

New York—The indictment charging Mrs. Margaret Sanger, editor of "Woman Rebel," with improper use of the mails in forwarding copies of the magazine containing an article relative to birth control, was dismissed by Judge Dayton in United States district court here Saturday on application of Assistant United States District Attorney Content.

Her case was to have gone to trial on Monday.

Horse Buying is Ceasing.

Kansas City—Major General F. Benson, of the general staff of the English army in charge of the purchase of all horses and mules for British forces, declared here that no American horses had been bought since November, and the remount service in this country would be closed.

Big War Plant Destroyed.

Bristol, Tenn.—According to a telephone message received here Saturday, the new Federal Dynamite & Chemical company at Kingsport, Tenn., 25 miles from here, was destroyed by fire late Friday night. The plant was used for the manufacture of munitions of war and cost millions.