

# 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 Portuguese navy seizes 36 interned German ships.

Ex-Senator Root, of New York, is expected to announce his support to Roosevelt for the presidency.

Seattle lumbermen purchase big Canadian sawmill that has been idle for 18 months and will run it to full capacity.

A crazy Montenegrin runs amuck in Seattle and stabs six persons before he is overpowered. One of his victims is seriously wounded.

A Portland school girl, aged 14, was knocked down and killed by a large auto truck, as she was on her way to rehearsal of a school play.

Admiral Winslow, testifying before the naval committee, states that one big battleship could rout the whole Pacific fleet, of which he is commander.

Two robbers hold up and rob a Northern Pacific train near Seattle and escape with much booty. The safe was dynamited and the passengers intimidated by pistol shots.

Six ministers of White Plains, N. Y., drew sealed lots from a hat which will instruct them at which church they are to preach and upon what subject. The envelopes are not to be opened until Sunday morning.

During a friendly sparring bout between William Hildebrandt and August Naisel, both 14 years of age, at the Thirteenth District school, Cincinnati, Hildebrandt was struck on the jaw. He died a few minutes later.

John F. Gillies, deposed claim agent of the Washington State Industrial Insurance commission, was found guilty of grand larceny in connection with the looting of the industrial insurance fund of several thousand dollars by means of false accident claims.

In response to agitation by the newspapers urging England's ministers to set the country an example of economy, preferably by accepting reduction in their salaries, it is announced the ministers have agreed for the future to accept one-quarter of their salaries in the form of five per cent exchequer bonds.

When the big British steamer Talthybius, of the Blue Funnel line, docked at the Smith Cove terminal in Seattle, every approach to the wharf was closely guarded by policemen and special watchmen employed as the result of an anonymous threat that the liner's \$8,500,000 cargo had been marked for destruction by alleged German spies.

President Wilson, at the end of two days of agitation in congress for action warning Americans off armed merchantmen, wrote a letter to Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, saying that he could not consent to the abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect. "The honor and self-respect of the Nation are involved," he said. "We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor."

Hi Gill is again nominated for mayor of Seattle.

A Wenatchee, Wash., couple kept their wedding a secret since October 3 last year.

The French succeed in bringing to earth a Zeppelin making a raid over that country.

Another Portland Chinaman was shot in the tong war Monday, and a Hop Sing suspect is in jail.

Great avalanches of snow and dirt in several districts in Germany have killed 55 persons recently.

The house of commons votes a new credit of 2,082,000,000 pounds sterling.

Four hundred lumbermen of the Northwest are holding a meeting in Portland.

Alaska's trade with the outside world increased \$12,000,000 last year, according to figures made public by the department of Commerce. The balance of trade in the territory's favor was \$27,000,000. Exports were valued at \$55,000,000 and imports at \$28,000,000.

## BRITISH LINER STRIKES MINE IN ENGLISH CHANNEL; 147 DIE

Dover, Eng.—The steamship Maloja, a 12,431-ton vessel belonging to the Peninsular & Oriental line, struck a mine and sank within a half hour, two miles from Dover Sunday. One hundred and forty-seven persons were drowned or killed by the accident.

The British tanker Empress of Fort William, going to the rescue, struck another mine and sank near by. One man of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was drowned.

Up to midnight the bodies of victims landed included 18 men, 11 women and four children, in addition to 11 Lascars. Among the dead is Mrs. McLeod, wife of General McLeod.

The Maloja left Tilbury Saturday for Bombay with mails, 119 passengers of all aboard, and a crew numbering about 200, most of them Lascars. Other passengers were to join the ship at Marseilles.

The steamer had just passed Admir-

### GEORGE BAKHMETEFF



George Bakhmeteff, Russian ambassador to the United States, who was in a conference with Secretary Lansing over the case of the Montenegrin officers recently arrested for violation of neutrality by enlisting soldiers in the United States for service in the Montenegrin army. Montenegro has no diplomatic representative in Washington, but being one of Russia's allies, the Russian ambassador acts for it.

alty pier at Dover and was opposite Shakespeare Cliff when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port.

High seas were running and the captain, realizing that great damage had been done to the after part of his vessel, tried to run her aground, but the engine room was swamped and the ship became unmanageable.

The plight of the vessel was observed and dozens of craft went at full speed to her rescue. It was one of these, the Empress of Fort William, of 2181 tons, that sank.

Boat after boat and seven rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later bodies were washed ashore and their number was gradually added to during the day.

Owing to the fact that Dover is under strict military law, it was possible to obtain only meager details from those rescued. The captain said that both passengers and crew behaved splendidly.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield, of the Indian high court. They were returning to service in the East.

### 13 Oil Tankers Begun.

New York—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey has begun the construction of 13 large tank steamers, which will cost \$1,000,000 each, according to announcement made Monday by John D. Archbold, president of the company. The other companies of the Standard Oil group are building 36 additional tankers, he said. "The demand for oil is tremendous. We could sell all the oil we produce if there were enough ships to carry it."

## BERLIN GIVES ORDER TO DESTROY LINERS

### Armed Traders to Be Treated as Warships by Submarines.

#### U. S. TOLD: "TOO LATE TO POSTPONE"

#### Washington Is Advised That Great Britain Is Not Trusted—Many Broken Pledges Cited.

Washington, D. C.—Germany has instructed Count von Bernstorff to inform the United States government that the assurances regarding the future continuance of submarine warfare, given in the Lusitania and Arabia cases, still are binding, but that they apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character.

The Government is understood to contend that armed merchantmen, without regard to the nature of their armament, have shown themselves not to be peaceful, and therefore subject to destruction without warning.

The instructions direct the German ambassador particularly to tell Secretary Lansing that British merchantmen armed ostensibly only for defense, have not assumed the character of peaceful traders, but on the contrary, they carry guns for the special purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this contention, the Berlin foreign office has sent the ambassador, for presentation to the State department, a list of at least 20 incidents where it is asserted British merchant ships have attacked submarines.

Confidential advices received from Berlin say that German and Austrian submarine commanders already have received their new order and that from midnight Tuesday they were authorized to sink without warning all armed merchant ships of the enemies of Germany.

It was said also that many of the submarine commanders probably had left their bases on voyages and that even should the United States request the postponement of the opening of the campaign, it would be impossible to get word to many of the submarines. It was said, however, that so far neither the United States nor any other nation had asked for a postponement.

Count von Bernstorff and other officials of the German embassy declined to discuss the instructions from Berlin in any way Monday.

Count von Bernstorff received his instructions in reply to a request from the United States for assurances regarding the conduct of submarine warfare in the future, occasioned by the memorandum announcing the intention of Germany to sink armed ships without warning, which the administration considered to be inconsistent with the assurances previously given.

Regardless of the form in which the matter is presented to Secretary Lansing, the German ambassador will lay much stress on the assurances regarding the arming of merchant ships which were given to the United States by Great Britain in a memorandum signed by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, August 25, 1914.

### Southern Oregon Couple On Way To Sunday School Shot From Ambush

Grants Pass, Ore.—Luther B. Akers, and his wife, and their team of two horses were all killed near Wildersville, 12 mile from here Sunday morning about 10 o'clock by a neighbor farmer, Marshall D. Bousman, 63 years old. The slayer was lodged in jail here and confessed to the shooting.

Bousman lay in ambush by the roadside as the Akers couple were driving to Sunday school. Without warning he fired 7 shots from a carbine.

The shooting is the culmination of a neighbors' quarrel over boundary fences, hogs at large and similar matters, of several years' duration.

Although the shooting took place in the morning, the bodies were not discovered until evening, as the Akers, an elderly couple, lived on a road that is not much traveled.

### British Lines Extended.

Ottawa, Ont.—British lines in Belgium and France are being extended to replace French soldiers who are being rushed to the Verdun region to take part in the fighting, "which has settled down to a terrific slaughter," according to advices received here from the battle front. Approximately 20 army divisions have been thrown into the battle by the Germans, while the French troops number 15 divisions, cable messages said.

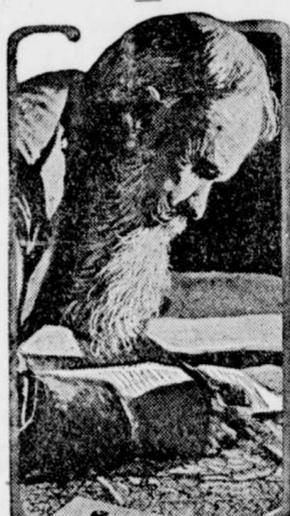
## AMERICAN NAVY THIRD ON LIST; EQUAL TO ANY BY YEAR 1925

Washington, D. C.—The object of the building policy formulated in 1913 by the Navy General Board, it was disclosed Wednesday before the house naval committee, was to keep the United States ahead of Germany in the race for naval supremacy. The statement was made by Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, a member of the general board, who explained that the policy had contemplated a fleet of 48 first-line battleships by 1919 to accomplish its purpose.

The statement did not go into the record of the hearing and Admiral Badger did not amplify it to show why the board had thought such a course necessary.

The admiral was replying to a suggestion that the object of the old policy, abandoned this year by the board for the first time, was to keep the American navy in second place. While

### GENERAL IVANOFF



General Ivanoff is in command of the southern group of Russian armies and, together with General Brusiloff, is given the credit for the severe defeats inflicted on the Austrians since the Teutonic invasion of Russia was checked.

that was the effect it had, he said, the real object was to keep ahead of Germany.

This year the board fixed as its policy the creation by 1925 of a fleet equal to the most powerful afloat at that time, he said. The committee did not go into the board's reasons for changing its ideas beyond drawing out the explanation that the board believed a fleet 10 per cent superior to any fighting force that might be brought against it would be necessary to insure against the invasion of American soil by an enemy.

Under questioning by Representative Kelly, Admiral Badger said the construction of three additional dreadnaughts and eight battle cruisers would place the navy on a par with the capital ships of the German fleet today. Germany now has 22 dreadnaughts and eight battle cruisers, he said, according to the best available information, while the United States has all told 19 ships of the dreadnaught class, built or building.

To equal Great Britain's fleet within two years, Admiral Badger said, the United States would be obliged to have a total force of 40 dreadnaughts, 15 battle cruisers, 25 swift scouting craft, 200 submarines and 250 destroyers. He was not favoring such a program, but merely answering questions by Representative Butler. Such a fleet could not be built in two years, he added, though it might be constructed in four.

### Blockade Minister Created.

London—The government through the Marquis of Lansdowne, announced in the house of lords that it had decided to turn over all matters connected with the blockade of Germany to one man who would rank as a full-fledged cabinet minister. It is understood that the new post will go to Lord Robert Cecil, who, since the formation of the coalition government, has been under secretary for foreign affairs. He will retain this post, joining the cabinet as blockade minister.

### Man and Wife Fight Duel.

Louisville, Ky.—Fourteen-year-old Geneve Hall was shot to death during a pistol duel between her mother and father in their home here Wednesday night. The father, Joseph T. Hall, 42, also was killed and the mother, Mrs. Della Hall, 37, is in a hospital in a dying condition. She received four bullet wounds.

The girl was struck by a stray bullet as she crouched under a kitchen sink.

## CONGRESS DELAYS OPPOSING WILSON

### Action on Submarine Situation Put Off by Both Houses.

#### WM. J. BRYAN IS AGAINST PRESIDENT

#### Plain Talk Exchanged but President Wilson Still Stands Solidly for Full Rights of Americans.

Washington, D. C.—Congress set down Saturday to await developments in the submarine controversy between the United States and Germany was an overwhelming majority of the houses apparently definitely determined to take no action which embarrass the administration in its present stage of diplomatic negotiations a few of the more ardent advocates of legislation to keep American off armed ships continued their activities, and ex-Secretary Bryan's support for them was shown in the form of a telegram, but even most of those admitted there was no prospect of immediate action.

So far as the administration concerned, it was said authoritatively that while any agitation of the kind just now was undesirable, there was no disposition to oppose a vote on pending armed-ship resolutions if sponsors tried to force one.

It was declared that reports to the capitol during the day showed conclusively that the senate and the house would stand behind President Wilson in his refusal to permit any abridgment of the rights of American citizens on the seas, as outlined in his letter to Senator Stone.

The President reiterated his sentiments in that letter to Speaker Charles Major Leader Kitchin and Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, early in the day when they called at the White House to tell of the situation on the side of the capitol and hear the executive's views.

There was plain speaking between President Wilson and his callers. Wilson said plainly that his efforts to keep the country at peace were likely to be hindered by impressions abroad by congress, and the congressmen were equally frank in giving notice that a strong sentiment existed at the capitol against risking the possibility of war by permitting Americans to travel on armed belligerent ships, whatever might be their status under international law.

Although wholly different reports came from other sources during the day, Speaker Clark declared he believed a resolution to warn citizens armed vessels would carry in the house by two to one if it reached a vote.

The house delegation went before the capitol with word that the President stood unalterably by his position. There the situation rests, and there probably will be many more conferences and possibly some speeches, the generally accepted opinion is that no further serious effort to bring action will be made, unless developments occur to make a rupture of relations with Germany imminent.

### Pekin Admits Rebels Defeated Government Troops at Sze-Chow

Pekin—Official acknowledgment of the defeat of government troops by the Yunnan rebels on the Sze-Chow border was withheld until Saturday when the State department issued a mandate denouncing Tai Ao, in whose admission is made that the revolutionists surprised the regular army and defeated a small garrison.

Information received in Peking from non-Chinese sources shows that Yunnanese, who descended on the province of Suifu and captured it, numbered about 10,000. The government garrison at Suifu numbered about 5,000 but these troops left for the north several days before the arrival of Yunnanese and consequently there was no resistance to the entrance of the latter. The fleeing government forces are reported to have started north to Tze-Chow.

### Women Urge Defense.

St. Louis—Miss Anne Morgan, daughter of the late John Pierpont Morgan, will be a delegate to the conference of mayors on national preparedness which will begin here Monday according to an announcement by Philip N. Moore, president of the National Council of Women. Mrs. Morgan said that on March 5 a mass meeting would be held to "clinch the sentiment of the women of the country to prepare the nation to defend itself."

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