

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.

American troops in Mexico are reported to have suffered from snipers.

The Chicago Tribune strongly advises mobilization of the National Guard.

Paris avers the German attack on Verdun has failed, and believes the worst is over.

The people of Belgrade are suffering from a shortage of provisions and sanitary conditions are bad.

A 15,000 ton Dutch liner was sunk off the coast of Holland, either by a mine or torpedo, the captain claiming the latter.

The cannery tender Alpha sunk near Rachel island, on the British Columbia coast, and six of her crew of seven are believed to be lost.

The name of Clarence True Wilson, of Kansas, was filed with the secretary of state as a prohibition candidate for the vice presidential nomination.

Asiatic cholera has broken out at Belgrade according to an Athens dispatch. Fifty cases have been reported daily and 30 deaths have occurred.

Tom Swanson, of Vancouver, B. C., was shot and killed near Atlin by his partner, Charles Petit, who mistook him for a moose while the two were hunting.

The senate has passed Senator Poin-dexter's bill appropriating \$2,065,000 to equip the Puget Sound navy yard for construction of battleships. It now goes to the house.

Captain the Hon. W. J. Shaughnessy, eldest son of Lord Shaughnessy, of Montreal, Canada, enlisted for overseas service. He will go as an adjutant, an office he has filled for more than a year.

The National Woman Suffrage association offered prizes aggregating \$500 to artists for the best 10 posters for suffrage window display and billboards in a competition to end October 1. A prize of \$25 was offered for a slogan of not more than five words.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, under instructions from his government, formally notified the State department that no German submarine was concerned in the sinking of the Norwegian bark Silius, from which seven American members of the crew were rescued.

With 13 Democrats and the one Socialist member opposing, the house, by a vote of 346 to 14, passed the administration bill to retain the present tariff of 1 cent a pound on sugar instead of permitting the free clause of the Underwood-Simmons tariff act to go into effect May 1.

The Navy department has installed a wireless direction finder at the naval radio station at North Truro, Mass. The finder was perfected by Frederick Kolster, wireless expert in the United States bureau of standards, and is designed to indicate the direction and distance from which a message comes. Tests have shown the instrument's bearings within two degrees of correct.

Vice President Marshall celebrated his 62nd birthday Tuesday, March 14. The Germans again attack the forts near Verdun with the hope of gaining the city.

Michael Dampfhorfer, aged 101 years, dies in the Home for the Aged at Vancouver, Wash.

The report that Germany has offered to buy the Danish West Indies for \$20,000,000, is denied.

Villa and his followers have taken a sudden twist eastward and are declared to be seeking a new goal.

The Aero Club of America has offered services of men and machines to aid the U. S. capture Villa.

General Carranza's army is gathering in Northern Mexico to aid the United States in capturing Villa.

General Alvaro Obregon has been appointed minister of war of Mexico, and General Candido Aguilar minister of foreign affairs. Many foreigners are leaving the city and there is an undercurrent of excitement among all classes.

SEAPLANE LOST IN RAID OVER ENGLAND---NINE KILLED IN ATTACK

London—Nine persons were killed and 31 wounded in a raid of four German aeroplanes over the East coast of Kent Sunday, it was announced officially here. A British airman brought down one raider over the sea, the German observer being killed.

The official statement on the raid reads:

"Four German seaplanes flew over Kent Sunday. The first pair appeared over Dover at a height of 5000 to 6000 feet, one at 1:57 p. m.—the second at 2:02 p. m.

"The first dropped six bombs in the harbor; then went northward, dropping bombs on the town. The other raider, after passing over Dover, appeared over Deal.

"The second pair appeared over Ramsgate at 2:10. They dropped bombs on the town. One of this pair went west, the other north, pursued by a British aeroplane. One bomb is

REAR ADMIRAL FISKE



Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, U. S. N., now retired and attached to the staff of the naval war college at Newport, is the inventor of a flying torpedo boat on which patents have been granted. It is equipped with apparatus to carry and launch from the air the regulation Whitehead torpedo, the propelling mechanism of which is started by the impact with the water.

reported to have been dropped on Margate.

"The second machine appeared over Westgate at 2:20. Here several of our aeroplanes went up in pursuit. No bombs were dropped on Westgate. The total casualties so far as reported: Killed, three men, one woman and five children. Injured, 15 men, five women, nine children. As far as ascertained 18 bombs were dropped altogether.

"One bomb fell on the Canadian hospital at Ramsgate, causing damage but no casualties. Several houses, the homes of artisans and cottagers, were wrecked.

French Destroyer Sunk by Torpedo in Adriatic Sea

Paris—The French torpedo boat destroyer Renaudin has been sunk in the Adriatic by a submarine. Three officers and 44 of the crew were lost. Two officers and 34 of the crew were saved.

The ministry of marine made the following official announcement regarding the loss of the destroyer:

"The squadron torpedo boat Renaudin was sunk in the Adriatic by an enemy submarine on the morning of March 18. Three officers, among whom were the commandant and second officer, and 44 seamen were lost. Two officers and 34 seamen were rescued by a French torpedo boat which accompanied the Renaudin."

Raiders Put Outside Law.

Mexico City—General Obregon issued a decree Sunday declaring all participants in the Columbus raid outside the law. The decree gives the right to any citizen to apprehend and kill, if necessary, the followers of Villa who crossed the American frontier.

The first victim of this decree was summarily executed Monday in the city of Hermosillo, near which place he was captured by men who denounced him as one of the raiding party.

EUROPE ASKS BIDS ON TRENCH STAKES

Allies Want 8,000,000 Feet Fir From Portland Mills.

SEEK SPRUCE TO BUILD AEROPLANES

Railroads Buy Material for Thousand Freight Cars—Order Must Be Filled in Three Months.

Portland—Lumber mills have been asked to bid on an order for 8,000,000 feet of trench posts and pickets for use by the allied powers in the war zone.

The posts are to be 2x4 inches and four feet long, sharpened at one end, and will be used for stringing barbed wire along the trenches. They are to be used on the fighting front in France, and delivery will have to be made from Portland within 90 days. This will insure them reaching Europe, barring marine accidents, by September. The order may be for all or part of the 8,000,000 feet.

A large domestic order for lumber for railroad cars has been placed with the Douglas Fir Lumber company, of Portland. The order calls for 2,000,000 feet of fir.

The European governments are also in the Portland market for as much high-grade spruce as can be obtained, it was learned on good authority here. This spruce brings \$30 to \$100 a thousand, and is for building aeroplanes.

The allies' agents for trench posts have been authorized to ask for bids in Portland and British Columbia. It is presumed by local lumbermen, ship owners and agents in Portland that about 4,000,000 feet will be taken from Portland. The posts would be cut from Douglas fir and tied in bundles of 10 to 20. The cost would be around \$15 to \$16 a thousand feet, bringing to Portland, if the order is placed here, between \$50,000 and \$75,000 for the 4,000,000 feet.

The local river mills could turn out the order within less time than the specifications now in Portland hands require. The lumber posts could be handled easily by two of the large steamers, and the canal route could be taken.

The domestic order which has been placed with the Douglas Fir Lumber company of Portland calls for 2,000,000 feet of Douglas fir to be used in the construction of 1000 automobile cars and 500 stock car for the Chicago & Northwestern railroad. The order was placed by the Western Steel Car & Foundry company, of Chicago. It will take 80 cars to carry it East.

E. B. Hazen, vice president of the Douglas Fir Lumber company, said that the order has been put in the hands of local and Bridal Veil mills and would be finished in about a week. The order represents about \$50,000.

The European powers, it was established beyond reasonable doubt, are actually seeking large spruce orders in the Pacific Northwest, principally Oregon. Local lumbermen admit that they were unable to fill the orders as fast as they were being received. The spruce required is of a fine grade and brings from \$30 to \$100 a thousand feet. In the last two years about 10,000,000 feet has been taken out of the Northwest for the construction of aeroplanes for the European powers.

This confirmation lends considerable credence to the report from Marshfield that the Russian government was seeking 50,000,000 of spruce in the Coos Bay country.

Blame Denied by Berlin.

Berlin—No German submarine could have been in the vicinity of the spot where the Dutch liner Tubantia was sunk, and no German mines had been laid in this region, the German admiralty announces. The official statement says: "A German submarine is out of the question in connection with the sinking of the Tubantia, as the place where the accident took place is less than 30 miles from the Dutch coast, which means that this place is within the territory declared to be not dangerous for shipping by the manifesto of February 4, 1915."

Auto Kills Bridal Pair.

Dubuque, Iowa.—T. J. Fitzpatrick, an attorney, and his bride of two months, were killed, and Mrs. Margaret Morrison, mother of the young woman, and Mrs. David Hack, daughter of President Gorman, of the Rock Island railroad, were injured when their automobile left the road and fell down a 10-foot embankment near here. The occupants were pinned under the car. Mr. Fitzpatrick is believed to have lost control of the machine.

CARRANZA FORCES NOW MAKING SUPREME EFFORT TO CAPTURE VILLA

Washington, D. C.—While there were indications in official dispatches from Mexico Wednesday that the de facto government was making a supreme effort to capture Villa and his bandits with its own forces, there was no sign that General Funston's orders to proceed on the same errand had been modified in any way.

Word that American troops had crossed the border was still lacking, the War department itself not having been advised as to when the movement would begin.

Congress took active notice of the border situation for the first time. The house adopted a resolution late in the day authorizing the recruiting of the mobile regular army to full strength. This means the addition of approximately 20,000 fighting men to the in-

GEN. PABLO GONZALES



General Gonzales is a Carranza leader who is active in capturing Villa.

fantry, cavalry and field artillery. The senate is expected to concur, and the necessary orders will be issued immediately to fill up regiments on border duty.

The step was suggested by the army general staff. It is urgently desired now, because of the weakening of the border force by the expedition after Villa, but ever since the patrol of the border began the army has been greatly handicapped by the skeleton organization of regiments, companies, troops and batteries. The force that occupied Vera Cruz had similar difficulties, some of the companies there being less than 40 men strong.

U. S. Troops Will March Into Mexico in Light Order

Columbus, N. M.—The commanding officers of the expeditionary force gave orders Wednesday that the men should take with them only such equipment as they could carry on their backs or saddles. Extra clothing and the equipment known in the army as the "surplus kit" will be left behind.

These orders were intended to limit carrying facilities to the essentials of the expedition—food and drink for the men and horses and ammunition for the guns.

Large quantities of ammunition for the mountain howitzers and field guns has been distributed. Cabmet wagons, which carry ammunition for the soldiers' rifles, were loaded and the engineers, signal and hospital corps were supplied with the final details of their equipment.

New Hands Like Claws.

Paris—Two new types of artificial arms with hands are shown at the Academy of Sciences. One is for heavy work, with fingers like claws of a lobster. The other has artificial fingers, enabling the hand to reproduce closely the action of natural fingers. Successful experiments were made in the presence of members of the academy by two men, each of whom lost an arm. One sawed through a beam of wood and the other played a violin.

Army of 120,000 Proposed.

Washington, D. C.—Chairman Hay, of the house military committee, Wednesday prepared for immediate introduction of the resolution to permit the President to raise the fighting strength of the standing army to 120,000 men at once.

Republicans and Democrats worked in perfect harmony for the adoption of the resolution, despite the fact that their leaders on the military committee disagreed as to the meaning of it.

ENGLAND PUTS BAN ON MANY LUXURIES

Strict Council Order Due to Relieve Shipping.

IMPORTS FROM U. S. TO BE CURBED

All Space in Vessels Now Needed Necessities—Autos, Musical Instruments, Cutlery, Hit.

London—A far-reaching order council, which will totally prohibit transportation into the United Kingdom a large number of articles which will be issued by the British government at an early date.

Among the things which will be placed under the ban will be automobiles for private use, musical instruments, cutlery of all kinds, handkerchiefs, chinaware, fancy goods, yarns, soap, and other articles from all countries, including the British dominions and colonies.

This forecast of the coming order council was given to the Associated Press Saturday by Walter Runciman, president of the board of trade. Runciman admitted that articles in addition to those named would be placed on the list of prohibited imports, but declared it was absolutely necessary to limit the shipment of bulky luxuries to provide room on ships for necessities.

"But please remember," said Runciman, "that the issuance of order is forced on the country—a matter of policy, but entirely caused by shortage in tonnage. We want your wheat, cotton and wool, and we need other things which cannot get if the space aboard is taken up with luxuries.

"Everything possible is being done to relieve the shortage in ships. Shipping flying the British flag is now controlled by the government. In numbers of them have been rationed. Others are subject to allocation by way of license. Whether it will be necessary to requisition vessels I cannot say, but for my part I hope that this will not be done."

Mr. Runciman said the importation of some fresh fruits probably would be prohibited later, but he pointed out that this would affect the United States only slightly. Turning to the matter of imports to the British industrial situation in the Polish Isles, Mr. Runciman said there had been greater activity in the industries, that wages were higher than ever before, and that the percentage of unemployment never had been so small in the history of the country.

\$40,000 a Day Is Cost of Pursuit of Mexican Bandits

El Paso, Tex.—The United States pursuit of Villa, under present arrangements, is costing the government \$40,000 a day, according to estimates made here Saturday by army officials.

Carranza officials, it was learned, have been discussing with some concern whether American troops occupying the Villa pursuit would have to effect such occupation on Mexican public sentiment. The Carranza officials frankly expressed the hope that garrisoning of the cities can be their own troops.

The American army's choice of Chihuahua desert as its place of encampment precludes for the present such a plan as city garrison duty.

Stolen Bill Used in Spain.

New York—A United States \$10,000 gold note, one of the same denomination stolen from mail in September 1912, on the New York from Havana, Cuba, received Saturday by a bank in Madrid, Spain. It was the ninth of stolen notes to reappear since the theft. As the notes appear they are given to the insurance company which paid insurance covering the amount of the theft.

Hen Lays 1000 Eggs.

Corvallis, Ore.—"Oregon," a Leghorn hen at the Agricultural College, has laid her thousandth egg. "This," said Professor Dryden, the greatest long-distance trap record ever known to the world, the end of her fifth year she has laid 987 eggs. She has now laid the beginning of her sixth year, necessary to make her a 1000-egg hen. Formerly it was believed the hen could not lay over 600 eggs.