

## 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.

Thirty-two cases of cholera are reported in Yokohama.

Oregon crops this year are estimated to be worth \$30,181,730.

Forty thousand pounds of wool is sold at Eugene, Ore., at approximately 40 cents per pound.

A humming bird kills two canaries at Oregon City, having entered the cage for the purpose.

Columbia Beach, a resort near Portland, has been closed by the health authorities, who allege insanitary conditions exist there.

The Portland chamber of commerce proposes a tax of one mill for the purpose of subsidizing shipowners to enter the port of Portland.

Charles E. Hughes makes his first campaign speech at Detroit. Other speeches will be made in leading cities of the West on the initial trip.

The strong Turkish force which attacked the British at Romani, 22 miles east of the Suez canal, on August 4, was defeated and put to flight by a counter-attack.

Robert F. Wagner, of New York, for governor, and Calvin J. Huston, of Yates county, for lieutenant governor, was the ticket agreed on at a conference in New York City of 15 prominent Democrats.

Two earthquakes were recorded by the seismograph at the University of Santa Clara, Cal., the first at 11:40 o'clock Monday morning, lasting for about 15 minutes, registering an amplitude of 80 millimeters.

A great fire in a forest near Savona, Italy, along a front of nearly three miles is reported in a Havas dispatch from Rome. Two thousand soldiers have been sent to fight the fire, the cause of which is unknown.

The city of Brussels has refused to pay the fine of 5,000,000 marks imposed by the Germans in consequence of the demonstration which took place at the Belgian capital on July 21, the national fete day. A serious crisis is expected.

Dr. Eva Harding, of Topeka, Kan., a suffragist leader, has won the Democratic nomination for representative in congress in the First district over Rev. H. J. Corwine, in the recent state-wide primary. Dr. Harding, whose majority was 608, is the only woman congressional candidate in the state for the coming election.

The proposition to submit a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition received a favorable majority of 2103 votes in the July 22 Texas primary, according to the complete and official canvass of a sub-committee of the State Democratic Executive committee. The total vote was: For, 174,435; against, 172,332.

Offers of \$1 per bushel for Northwestern wheat are refused.

One child in every five dies of infantile paralysis in New York.

The State department declines to stand behind American bankers who were negotiating a loan to China.

Sir Roger Casement, the instigator of the Irish revolution, was hanged in London Thursday for high treason.

Frank West, two-year-old son of F. A. West, of Prosser, Wash., was drowned in the Sunnyside canal. The body was recovered after having been carried through two miles of wood-stave pipe.

The supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias in session at Portland last week, elected John J. Brown, of Vandalia, Ill., supreme chancellor and Charles S. Davis, of Denver, vice chancellor.

National Guardsmen, relieved from duty on the border for disability, returned to Oakland, Cal., to find their army had been looted of \$1500 in clothing by burglars, who had cleaned out every locker.

An attempt by Bulgarian soldiers to seize an island in the Roumanian waters of the Danube river close to the town of Giurgevo has caused a sensation there, according to reports received by Bucharest newspapers.

## WILSON CAMPAIGN TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 1; SPEAKERS ASSIGNED

Washington, D. C.—A decision to launch the Democratic National campaign soon after September 1, regardless of whether congress still is in session then, was reached at a conference Monday between President Wilson, Vance C. McCormick, chairman of the Democratic National committee, and Homer S. Cummings, the committee's vice chairman. The two Democratic leaders took luncheon with the President and remained with him four hours, going over minutely the campaign plans.

While no date was set for the notification ceremonies, Chairman McCormick said that if congress remained in session after September 1, notification might take place before adjournment. Under such circumstances the President will go to Shadow Lawn, N. J., for the occasion, and return immediately afterward to Washington.

Invitations sent to the President to speak in various parts of the country were considered at the conference Monday. Mr. Wilson will make no definite engagements, however, until a date for the adjournment of congress is agreed on. He already has promised to go to Hodginsville, Ky., September 4, to speak at Lincoln memorial exercises, and has made a tentative engagement to visit St. Louis September 19, 20 or 21, to address an organization of underwriters. The Hodginsville speech, however, will be of a non-political character.

Chairman McCormick said he planned to have the Democratic campaign in full swing by September 15. Mr. Cummings, who is chairman of the speakers' bureau at Democratic National headquarters, told the President of the progress made in assigning speakers to the various states.

## Farm Loan Board Organizes; Pacific Coast Trip Outlined

Washington, D. C.—Organization of the new farm loan board, which is to administer the new rural credits system, was perfected here Monday with the induction into office of its four appointive members, the designation by President Wilson of an active head and the selection of a secretary. The board will meet again soon to consider how it may be best to obtain information on which to base its first important work, division of the country into 12 land bank districts with a federal land bank in each.

At a short session afterward, W. W. Flannagan, of Montclair, N. J., was chosen secretary of the board. Mr. Flannagan has been secretary of the joint committee which investigated rural credits in Europe and drafted the present law.

The board also discussed the itinerary for its trip to the Pacific Coast and went over the applications and recommendations of 40 cities for federal loan banks. No route for the trip was determined on, but it is probable the board will go West through northern states and return to Washington through the South. Hearings will be held in Washington also, but no date has been chosen for them.

## New York Car Strike Ends.

New York — The strike on the surface railway lines here, which threatened to extend to the subway and elevated systems, and thus completely tie up transportation facilities in Greater New York, virtually came to an end Monday night. Directors of the New York Railways company and the Third Avenue Railway company, the two principal lines affected, voted, after being deadlocked for 12 hours, to accept a plan of settlement proposed by Mayor Mitchel and Oscar S. Straus, chairman of the Public Service commission, after representatives of the strikers had agreed to it.

## Pact Made With Persia.

Petrograd — Great Britain and Russia have just concluded an understanding with Persia strengthening the friendly relations between the three countries, according to the semi-official Russian news agency from Teheran. "A solution mutually favorable to all the parties has been found for questions relating to the financial and military organization of Persia," says the correspondent. "As regards the military organization, it will be effected in North Persia by the development of Persian brigades and in South Persia by the formation of sufficiently strong contingents."

## Wilson to Visit Portland.

Los Angeles—Plans have been made for the reception and entertainment of President Woodrow Wilson in Los Angeles on October 16, according to Benjamin F. Groves, secretary of the Democratic County Central committee.

The President is to dedicate the Elephant dam near El Paso, Tex., and it has been arranged for him to come to Los Angeles en route to San Francisco, Portland, Or., and Seattle, it was stated.

## Night Bathing in Lake Michigan Saves Many.



Night bathing in Lake Michigan saves thousands of persons during the hot spell in Chicago. Parts of the lake front swarms with women bathers till late hours of the night. It is the

only way they have to cool off from the great heat of the day. The custom may now be so well established that night bathing will become a regular feature of the summer.

## RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS INEVITABLE

Congress is Urged to Take Immediate  
Action to Forestall Trouble.

National Chamber of Commerce Believes Arbitration is Futile—  
Wilson Much Concerned.

Washington, D. C.—Officials of the Federal government, including President Wilson, are closely watching developments in the controversy between 225 railway systems and their 400,000 employes, and are preparing to offer every possible aid in effecting an agreement and avoiding a strike.

Thursday the President forwarded to the Labor department an appeal he had received from the Chamber of Commerce of the United States declaring a strike inevitable "unless some strong measures of intervention are speedily introduced" and urging an inquiry. Acting Secretary of Labor Post said he was in close touch with the situation, but had not decided whether action by the department would be necessary.

The Federal board of mediation and conciliation, which is authorized by law to attempt to avert strikes on railroads, also is keeping watch of developments, and its officials expect to be called on as soon as the strike vote, now being counted, has been completely canvassed. They said that nothing could be done at present.

Copies of the chamber's appeal to President Wilson were forwarded to chairmen of the congressional commerce committees and the representatives of the railroads and employes.

Harry Wheeler, chairman of the chamber's committee on railroads, said he had recently attended a meeting of representatives of the employers and employes in New York, and that as a result his conviction was deepened that an amicable settlement was remote. "I am assured," he added, "there will be no modification of the attitude of the roads. Neither is it expected that the representatives of the men, with the new powerful strike vote in their hands, will recede from the position which they have taken heretofore."

## Fruit Basket Bill Passed.

Washington, D. C.—"The honest grape, fruit and berry basket bill," by Representative Reavis, of Nebraska, prescribing dimensions for standard baskets for interstate shipment of grapes, small fruits and berries, was passed Thursday by the house. Grape growers of New York and Southern and Western small fruit and berry raisers advocated its passage for protection against competitors using undersized containers.

## ACTIVITY OF ALLEGED SPIES AT PANAMA CANAL IS INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C.—Activities of persons suspected of being spies employed by foreign governments to acquire information regarding the nature and extent of the defenses of the Panama canal have made the administration decide to request congress to supplement the existing laws against improper acquisition of knowledge of military and naval plans and fortifications.

Representatives of the department of Justice and the War and Navy departments have been in conference on the subject, and it is expected that they will agree on some drastic legislation to be submitted to congress.

It is possible that the scope of the conference may be extended beyond the original ideas of a mere protection of the secrets of the American coast defenses to cover generally such attempts as have been common since the beginning of the present war to destroy powder and ammunition plants, on which the United States government must rely in time of trouble.

Several of the military powers of the world are believed to have undertaken to obtain information as to the character of the defenses of the Panama canal. The latest incident to excite suspicion is the operations of a little Japanese power vessel, ostensibly a fishing launch, which sought to obtain a permit for pearl fishing in the waters of Panama bay and vicinity.

The canal authorities have been warned that this craft appeared to have been making surveys and that these were not confined to the water but extended to the isthmus proper.

While these operations may have been perfectly innocent in intent and only such soundings were made and bearings taken as might be incident to the pursuit of pearl fisheries, the canal zone authorities have regarded the matter as of sufficient importance to warrant investigation and report to Washington. Meanwhile, licenses have been withheld until some general line of policy can be formulated to govern all such cases.

## British Save Suez Canal.

London—The Turkish army of 13,000 soldiers which attacked British positions on August 4 at Romani, 22 miles east of the Suez canal, has been thoroughly defeated, according to the latest official statement. The Turks are now in full retreat and were hotly pursued for 18 miles by British troops. The number of unwounded Turks captured was 3145. Among the prisoners were 70 Germans, including 36 officers. A complete battery of German guns was also taken.

## Hughes' Auto Searched.

Niagra Falls.—Charles E. Hughes, en route to Detroit, spent Sunday here. At his request there was no public reception.

During the automobile ride in Canada, at a lonely spot a Canadian soldier, with fixed bayonet, ordered the driver to halt and searched the car for explosives. The soldier, when told of Mr. Hughes' identity, replied with a grin that he was sorry, but Canadian military rules made no exception.

## SMALLER INCOMES TAX IS PROPOSED

Democratic Senators Call for \$1000  
Reduction on Exemptions.

## TREASURY WOULD BE BENEFITED

Surtax on Earnings of More Than  
Two Millions To Be Increased  
From 10 to 13 Per Cent.

Washington, D. C.—Reduction of the income tax exemption from \$3000 to \$2000 for single persons and from \$4000 to \$3000 for those with families was ordered recommended to the senate Saturday by Democratic members of the finance committee who are revising the house revenue bill.

The change is proposed in an amendment which would put the additional \$1000 taxes in a separate classification and impose on it a normal tax of 1 per cent instead of the 2 per cent assessed against incomes of more than \$3000 for single persons and of more than \$4000 for married persons.

The amendment after an all-day discussion prevailed by a majority of only one vote, opposition persisting to the last.

After announcement of the result by Chairman Simmons, some of the Democratic senators said that the decision was tentative and might be overturned when the amendment was submitted to the full membership of the committee.

The rollback on the amendment was not disclosed. Those who favored it emphasized the grave necessity for additional revenue, and had estimates before them showing that the proposed exemption reductions would add about \$6,000,000 to the treasury. It probably would increase several fold the total number of taxable incomes.

The amendment is the second change in the income tax proposed by the senate Democrats, who voted to increase the surtax on incomes in excess of \$2,000,000 from 10 to 13 per cent. It is estimated that the surtax will bring in \$10,000,000 additional revenue.

## Heat Wave in Chicago Worse Than Ever; No Relief in Sight

Chicago—After a brief respite which doubtless saved hundreds of lives in that it gave the public an opportunity to take a fresh grip on life, the deadly heat wave again settled down over all the Middle West Sunday and promises to stay for several days.

Up to 8 o'clock the coroner had reports of two deaths from sunstroke and four drownings in Chicago and there were many prostrations. The official temperature was 97, but on the streets it was 100 and in the suburbs 101, with scarcely a breath of air. The percentage of humidity was also high and the lake water at the bathing beaches showed temperature of 78.

Dispatches from surrounding territory told of numerous prostrations and much sickness, the result of the continued heat. The few cool days in Chicago were not felt in the surrounding country, but were confined to the district within a few miles of Lake Michigan. Consequently the country districts have been scorching and smothering for practically 30 days with no relief.

Weather forecasters say there is no hope of cooler weather in sight.

## Thirty-Three Infants Die in Day.

New York—Thirty-three deaths were caused by infantile paralysis here during the 24-hour period ending at 10 a. m. Sunday. There was a decrease of eight from the record of the previous day. New cases of the disease reported numbered 219, an increase of 24 over the previous 24-hour period.

According to the health authorities, the epidemic appeared to be spreading faster in Brooklyn than in any of the other four boroughs of the greater city. Since the inception of the epidemic there have been 5023 cases, of which 1099 have been fatal.

## African Bullion Arrives.

Baltimore—Between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 worth of gold bullion was the principal part of the cargo of the British steamer Susquehanna, which arrived here Saturday from the west coast of Africa. The bullion was soon removed from the ship to four big express wagons, which took it to a railroad station.

Presumably it is now on its way to Canada under guard of private detectives.