

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.

About \$15,000 in marriage license fees was spent by Oregon couples who were married in Vancouver, during the year 1916.

At midnight Sunday the whole island of New Foundland went "dry," a prohibition act becoming effective. A long list of proprietary medicines has been placed under the ban.

Forty-six women were burned to death in a fire that destroyed St. Ferdinand de Halifax asylum, at St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Megantic county, Quebec, late Saturday night.

Three billion dollars is the value put on the 1916 output of American mines in estimates made to Secretary Lane by the geological survey. Copper alone increased about \$300,000,000.

President Wilson fell on a slippery hillside while playing golf Saturday and wrenched his ankle. He was able to continue the game, but walked with a decided limp the rest of the day.

Breaking all its coinage records, the Philadelphia Mint during 1916 produced 238,469,769 domestic coins in denominations ranging from one cent to half dollars and valued at \$9,344,266.

Lincoln, Neb., dry advocates have drafted a law, which, if passed, would make liable to arrest any person with a liquor breath. It would also be an offense to tell a man where he could get a drink.

Acquitted of the charge of murder on December 18, Thomas Green has refused to leave the Camden, N. J., county jail until he succeeds in beating his cellmate a game of checkers. Both checker players are well on in years.

In spite of the high cost of living, more marriage licenses were issued at the marriage license bureau in New York City in 1916 than ever before, it was announced. The total for the year was 67,133 as compared with 59,646 in 1915.

Mrs. Joseph H. T. Jones, widow of Captain Jones, has been elected president of the Gulf & Ship Island railroad, to succeed her husband, it was announced in Buffalo. Captain Jones died a month ago, leaving an estate of more than \$15,000,000 to his wife and daughter.

The military commander of Moscow has closed that city to refugees, says the Overseas News Agency, which adds that the city is crowded with people from Roumania, Odessa and all parts of Southern Russia. Roumanian refugees, the agency says, will in the future be sent to Siberia.

New York — A strike of tenants against an increase of \$1 a month in rent of 200 apartment and tenement houses in The Bronx was begun New Year's Day. Heads of 300 families signed a declaration that they would stand together and suffer eviction rather than pay the increase.

London — The cutter Protector has been blown up. The number of men lost is not known. Vessels reported sunk include the British steamer Apsley Hall, 3882 tons; Danish steamer Danmark, 2050 tons; Russian steamer Tuskar, 3043 tons, and the Norwegian steamer Edda, 137 tons. Three of the crew of the Tuskar were drowned.

In reply to the proffer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere." The note was handed to the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, Sunday, by Premier Briand, and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris.

Congress reconvened Tuesday to face several salient issues which must be considered, together with the annual appropriation bills, and many general legislative measures that long have been awaiting action. Administration leaders are inclined to view the legislative accumulation with despair and to fear an extra session of the new and, politically, somewhat uncertain congress will be demanded.

The Oregon State Teachers' association is in session in Portland.

CONFERENCE IS DEADLOCKED

Railroads and Men Can't Agree; Not Stated Whether Strike is Meant.

New York—Special circulars putting up to the 400,000 members responsibility for the next step to be taken by the railroad brotherhoods in their controversy with the railroads over the application and interpretation of the Adamson act were sent broadcast by telegraph after a conference of the four brotherhood chiefs here Saturday.

Announcement of the action taken was made by William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, prior to his departure for the West. He was accompanied by the other brotherhood leaders, whose conference with the railway managers resulted in a disagreement.

Earlier in the day the four chiefs issued a somewhat cryptic statement over their signatures declaring that the attitude of the railroads threatened to wipe out the benefits that should ac-

The Mayor of Umatilla.



MRS. E. E. STARCHER

Mrs. E. E. Starcher was not only elected mayor of Umatilla, Ore., but she had to defeat her husband to win. He had the temerity to run on the opposition ticket, and the women of the city just rose up and swatted him and many other male candidates. Four women were elected to the city council; another was chosen recorder, and another became treasurer. "I am for a rigid enforcement of the law and lower expenses of government," said Mrs. Mayor when she was asked about her policy.

crue to the men from the passage of the Adamson act and asserting that for that reason the "entire situation is to be placed before the membership."

The chiefs refused to say whether the action was a veiled threat of another strike vote such as brought about the eight-hour day legislation.

Congress to Act Promptly.

Washington, D. C.—Prompt consideration in congress of President Wilson's proposed railway legislation was predicted here after announcement of the termination of conferences between railway and Brotherhood heads in New York in an unsuccessful attempt to settle their differences. The view was taken that representatives of employers and employes had thrown their entire controversy into the lap of congress for settlement.

Hearings on part of the President's program will begin before the senate commerce committee next week. Under a plan suggested by the President action can be obtained on the entire program once it reaches the floor. The President proposes amending a house railroad proposed legislation instead of introducing it in the form of separate bills.

Brotherhood men, aided by the American Federation of Labor, will fight the proposed strike postponement amendment. They insist that its passage would only give employers time to prepare for strikes and would deny labor the right to refuse to work when conditions are unsatisfactory.

Famous Airman is Killed.

Berlin, (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Lieutenant Gustav Leffers, the noted German aviator who recently was decorated with the Order Pour le Merite, has been killed in an air engagement on the western front, the Overseas News Agency announces.

A news dispatch in mid-November credited Lieutenant Leffers, aged 19, with having up to that time brought down nine British airplanes.

WILSON INDORSES BONDS FOR DEFICIT

Panama Canal Issues May Be Used for Army and Navy.

LEADERS URGE QUICK ACTION

President May Deliver Special Message to Congress as Spur to Immediate Action on Finance Bills.

Washington, D. C.—Tentative approval having been given by President Wilson to plans for a bond issue to meet a part of the prospective deficit at the end of the next fiscal year, administration leaders in congress are preparing to bring their revenue bills as soon as possible after the holiday recess.

It became known Saturday that they have urged that the President deliver a special message or adopt some other means to spur both houses to prompt action so that the necessary legislation may be passed before the end of the present session.

It has been agreed that any bond issue shall be charged to the account of extraordinary army and navy expenditures.

Representative Hull, of Tennessee, author of the income tax law, has outlined a plan he drafted for consideration of the ways and means committee for separating preparedness accounts from the ordinary expenses and receipts of the government.

He figures that ordinary expenses this year and next will be less than the estimated ordinary receipts and that special taxation and bond issues will be needed only to cover excess disbursements for various purposes, including army, navy and fortifications extensions.

Mr. Hull's plan contemplates the issuance of \$125,000,000 of Panama Canal bonds for army and navy expense, \$70,000,000 under the shipping act and for the proposed nitrate plant, and \$25,000,000 to pay for the Danish West Indies, or a total of \$220,000,000.

Standard Oil Man Says Gasoline Supply is Nearly Exhausted

Chicago—A note of alarm concerning the gasoline supply of the country was sounded at the convention of the Society of Agricultural Engineers here Saturday by Dr. Oscar F. Bransky, of the Standard Oil company.

He declared that production was not keeping pace with consumption, and that exhaustion of the supply was drawing near. The tension was considerably relieved, however, when it was calculated that the estimated remaining supply of crude oil, visible and invisible, would last for 138 years at the 1916 rate of consumption.

Dr. Bransky said that next year there would be 3,000,000 automobiles in the United States, or 750,000 more than this year. He estimated that Eastern oil fields are 75 per cent exhausted; mid-continental fields 50 per cent; Texas fields 80 per cent, and California fields 35 per cent exhausted.

Great Britain Battleship Deal Denied by Japanese Authorities

New York—Denial that Great Britain has agreed to furnish Japan, after the war, with six battleships as part of the price of Japanese participation in the conflict was made here Saturday in a cable message from the Japanese government. A rumor of arrangements between the two nations that might have a detrimental effect on the political and commercial interests of the United States had been heard here and in Washington and had caused grave disquietude. The substance of the rumor was that Japan was seeking or had obtained an agreement with Great Britain under which a group of British-built superdreadnaughts would be transferred to the Japanese fleets as soon as peace is restored. It is said that the number of dreadnaughts to be transferred to Japan was six.

216 Eggs Gift to Postman.

Albany, Or.—Eighteen dozen eggs was one of the Christmas presents received by Joseph E. Warner, rural mail carrier on one of the routes running out of Albany. Appreciating his faithful service and especially that he worked Christmas Day to deliver their delayed Xmas packages, the people on his route telephoned the word along to give him an "egg shower." With the eggs he was given six chickens, a duck and eight bushels of oats.

COUNTY RECORDS ARE TAKEN

Stalwarts Forcibly Grab Documents in County Seat Fight.

Culver, Ore.—Seventy-five residents of Madras, headed by William S. U'Ren, of Portland, attorney for the people of Madras in the county seat fight with Culver, came to Culver Monday, piled the county records in automobiles and sleds and carted them over to Madras.

The action followed the decision of the Circuit court in favor of Madras in a case on which notice of appeal to the Supreme court has been filed by Culver.

Every county office except that of the Superintendent of schools, the Sheriff and District Attorney was raided. Sheriff Black prevented Mr. U'Ren and his party from taking the safe and the current assessment rolls from the office, but other records and furniture were loaded into the waiting vehicles and taken away.

James Wood, Sheriff-elect; county Clerk Johnson; Roscoe Gard, county commissioner; O. A. Pierce, banker; R. T. Olson, merchant; B. C. Boylen, county attorney-elect, and Mr. Roush, a merchant, were among the delegation from Madras.

Excitement ran high in Culver for a time while the records were being transferred. The visitors paid little attention to spectators, hurrying through the offices and taking all of the county property that could be removed. The records were hurriedly dumped into the waiting vehicles and the drivers hurried away before the surprised residents of Culver could intercede.

The presence of mind of the son of Mrs. Lillian Watts, county superintendent, saved the office of his mother from the visitors who abandoned an attempt to take her files when the boy refused to deliver over the keys of the office.

Sheriff Black was outwitted by the visitors after he had placed the current assessment roll in the safe and locked the doors of his office. Receipt books and the tax collection register were taken.

As there are only three keys to the office, and as each has been accounted for, the method by which the delegation from Madras gained entrance is a mystery here. Sheriff-elect Wood made an effort to assume the duties of the office, but retired when he discovered that the bond of the sheriff had first to be approved by the county court.

District Attorney Myers stopped the raiders in his office after several threats of personal violence had been made. He warned them not to touch any of the county property and a fight between the prosecutor and several of the raiders was averted by cooler heads in the crowd. The crowd gained entrance to the prosecutor's office also by a ruse.

The raid prevents the checking out of the retiring county officers by the firm of Crandall & Roberts, accountants, as all of the papers on which they were working were taken.

University of Oregon Wins From U. of Pennsylvania Eleven

Pasadena, Cal.—Pennsylvania's vaunted football eleven was crushed and humiliated by the University of Oregon football heroes in their inter-sectional battle in Tournament Park New Year's day. The score was 14 to 0. Oddly, this is in duplication of Washington State's win over Brown University in this same city one year ago.

Monday's game was witnessed by the greatest crowd that ever saw a football game on the Pacific Coast. Approximately 27,000 were in the stands, say tournament officials.

While the engagement began rather listlessly, it developed into a thrilling spectacular battle well worthy of the day and the throng. It was a battle that reflected the highest credit upon Pacific Coast football. Penn came west with proud boasts of a diversified open field and aerial attack that would startle the natives. Oregon was supposed to have nothing but some old stuff that was pulled when Pudge Heffelfinger and Walter Camp were singing their boola boola together. Instead Oregon showed football of a superior brand and walked off with the game.

Wreckage of Ship is Seen.

Washington, D. C.—Coast Guard headquarters here received a wireless message Saturday from the cutter Acushnet that she had passed through wreckage covering the sea for about five miles well east of Nantucket lightship in the vicinity where wireless calls for help were sent out Christmas night from the steamer Maryland. The wreckage could not be identified as the Maryland, for which the Acushnet had been searching several days.

CAN DRAFT MEN WHEN NECESSARY

War Department Finds Ample Authority in Law.

FROM 18 TO 45 IS AGE LIMIT

Recruiting Officers Instructed to Discourage Enlistment of Men With Families or Others to Keep.

Washington, D. C.—Every able-bodied male citizen of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45 years is held liable for service in the National guard at war time, without further act of congress, by War department regulations for the government of the Guard issued under the National defense act.

In a circular nearly two months ago, but made public only Friday, the Military bureau directs that where a National guard regiment is called out for war service a reserve training battalion to fill vacancies at the front shall be organized out of the National guard reserve and by voluntary enlistment.

"If for any reason," the order continues, "there shall not be enough reservists or enough voluntary enlist-



GEN. HUGH L. SCOTT

Says 3,000,000 Trained Men Are Needed for Defense of Country

ments to organize or to keep the reserve battalion at prescribed strength a sufficient number of unorganized militia shall be drafted by the President to maintain such battalion or lesser unit at the prescribed strength."

The language follows closely that of the National defense act, in which the unorganized militia is defined as including every able-bodied male citizen within the prescribed age limit or those who have declared their intention of becoming citizens.

The National Guard regulations, which will be amplified in great detail later, also strike at the problem of dependent families of soldiers, which has cost the government several millions of dollars already through the border mobilization. Recruiting officers for the National guard are directed to discourage the enlistment of married men or those with others dependent upon them. Such persons are to be accepted only for reasons in the public interest, men who wish to become officers being the only class specifically excepted.

It is provided in the regulations that no officer of the guard hereafter shall be recognized as such under the defense act unless he shall have subscribed to an oath binding him to obey the orders of the President and of the governor of his state.

Explosion Rocks City.

Sapulpa, Okla.—Explosion of a wagonload of nitroglycerine bound for the oil fields shook the country for miles around Saturday night. Two men with the wagon probably were blown to bits, as on trace of their bodies has been found. The explosion occurred five miles west of Keifer, about 10 miles from here. It shattered hundreds of panes of glass here, rocked buildings in the business district and was heard for 25 miles around.