

WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important
Daily News Items.

COMPILED FOR BUSY READERS

Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

A total tonnage of 24,522 is the toll by U-boats in the submarine warfare Monday.

The Russians renewed their attacks Tuesday in the Carpathians, in the vicinity of Tartar Pass. Berlin's official statement says the attacks were without success.

A bill appropriating \$45,000,000 for controlling floods on the Mississippi and \$5,600,000 for similar work on the Sacramento in California was passed Monday by the senate. It already had passed the house.

Twenty-eight persons have been arrested in Ireland, Henry E. Duke, chief secretary for Ireland, told the house of commons Monday. The arrests were made under the defense-of-the-realm act. It was not proposed to try these men.

From 10 to 20 persons are reported to have been killed and a number injured in a rear-end collision between the Mercantile Express and a freight train on the Pennsylvania railroad at Mount Union station, between Altoona and Harrisburg, Pa., early Monday.

German destroyers bombarded Broadstairs and Margate early Monday morning. One woman and one child were killed and two persons were injured. Two houses were damaged. This announcement was made by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty.

Kut-el-Amara has been captured from the Turks by the British forces, according to a statement made by Andrew Bonar Law, member of the British war council. The Turks are in retreat toward Baghailah, 24 miles to the west of Kut-el-Amara, pursued by British cavalry.

News dispatches from Holland to the London newspapers emphasize the continued indignation aroused among the Dutch by the recent destruction of ships by the German submarines. The dispatches say that there is a complete absence of noisy protest, the gravity of the situation having produced "a marked silence, amounting to a sense of solemnity."

Thousands of cars, filled with food-stuffs consigned to the Atlantic seaboard for export, are lying on the sidings of the Western railroads between Chicago and Los Angeles, Cal., held there because of the congestion in Eastern railroad yards, according to reports received by the bureau of investigation, United States department of Justice, from special investigators who have just returned to Chicago from food inspection trips along the Western lines.

Boise, Idaho—The proposed creation of a new state out of territory comprised in the 10 counties in Northern Idaho was one step nearer realization Tuesday, when the House of representatives adopted by a vote of 36 to 25 house joint resolution No. 196 calling for a constitutional convention to consider the proposal. Because a call of the house was insisted upon and ordered before debate had been heard for and against the resolution, debate was entirely shut off and the measure passed without comment.

A woman suffrage bill is passed by the Indiana legislature. The bill gives the women the right to vote for Presidential electors and practically all state officers except governor and secretary of state.

Vindication of all public officials mentioned in the investigation of charges that there was a leak to Wall street on President Wilson's peace note was voted unanimously Wednesday by the house rules committee. The report, now virtually complete, probably will be put in final shape soon.

A net gain of 1413 recruits has been made in the navy in the last 20 days, compared with a total net gain for the whole of January of approximately the same number.

The Panama canal did its biggest month's business in January, according to figures available this week, 176 vessels with a tonnage of 557,839 having passed through the waterway. The previous record was in July, 1915, when 170 ships of 547,370 tonnage passed through.

1000 WOMEN STORM HOTEL

Waldorf-Astoria Attacked by Mothers
Calling for Bread.

New York—A crowd of approximately 1000 persons, mostly women, who had attended a mass meeting in Madison Square to protest the high cost of food, stormed the Waldorf-Astoria hotel Saturday, shouting they were starving and demanding to see Governor Whitman.

When informed the governor was not there, but at another hotel, they refused to believe the statement and started a demonstration which necessitated the calling out of police reserves. Several persons were injured in the disorder that followed. Four arrests were made.

A speaker at the Madison Square meeting had asked how many persons would be willing to go to the hotel. Several in the crowd who took this as a signal to march started away and soon an excited throng was moving up Madison avenue.

These Admirals Command First Line of Defense



ADMIRAL HENRY T. MAYO
ADMIRAL WM. B. CAPERTON
REAR ADMIRAL A. W. GRANT

Admiral Henry T. Mayo is in command of the Atlantic fleet, which must bear the brunt of battle in case of war. Admiral William B. Caperton is in charge of the Pacific fleet, which may have work to do, and Rear Admiral A. W. Grant is in command of the submarines of the United States navy.

At Thirty-second street the marchers turned into Fifth avenue, and one man pointing to an automobile shouted that no one had a right to ride in automobiles when others were starving. The machine was stopped and instantly several persons boarded the running board and tried to drag the owner from the car.

Three policemen who tried to turn the marchers away from the Waldorf-Astoria were swept aside. Although reinforced soon afterward by a number of porters and other employes of the hotel, they were unable to quiet the crowd. One woman cried:

"We want to see the governor! Our babies are starving!"

The reserves arrived while she was speaking and formed a line in front of the hotel entrance. They vainly argued with the crowd and finally were forced to charge. One woman later was found unconscious in the street.

Mooney Sentenced to Die.
San Francisco—Thomas J. Mooney, a labor agitator, was sentenced Saturday to death by hanging by Judge Griffin in the Superior court for a bomb explosion that cost 10 lives during a preparedness day parade here last July. Mooney was convicted of murder in the first degree two weeks ago. Judge Griffin set May 17 for the execution. An appeal will be taken from Judge Griffin's refusal to grant a new trial, Mooney's counsel said.

Millionaire's Son Killed.
Brunswick, Ga.—Edwin Gould, Jr., son of the New York capitalist, was accidentally killed while hunting near Jekyll Island Sunday night. Mr. Gould was hunting coons. He struck a coon on the head with the butt of his gun and the weapon was discharged, fatally wounding him. His companion had to row two miles in a small boat for help.

2 AMERICAN LIVES LOST ON LACONIA

Chicago Woman and Daughter
Are Reported Victims.

LINER SUNK WITHOUT WARNING

Vessel Armed for Defense But Attack
Comes in Dark—Washington is
Greatly Stirred Over Act.

London—Two American women, Mrs. Mary E. Hoy and her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Hoy, both of Chicago, lost their lives in the sinking of the Cunard liner Laconia, a great vessel of 18,099 tons gross, which had been only recently taken from the admiralty service to resume her run as a merchant vessel, destruction of which was officially reported by the British admiralty Monday.

A Central News dispatch from Queenstown says Mrs. and Miss Hoy were drowned by the swamping of a boat.

The dispatch says many survivors suffered severely from exposure. All hospitals and hotels in Queenstown were prepared for the reception of the survivors, and plenty of warm food, clothing and beds were available when they arrived.

The Laconia was torpedoed by a German submarine and sunk without warning in the darkness of late night. She was armed for defense, but apparently had no opportunity to use her gun.

There were 26 Americans aboard, of whom six were cabin passengers and 20 were members of the crew. Two lives are known to have been lost.

Wesley Frost, American consul at Queenstown, telegraphed the American embassy here Monday:

"Cunarder Laconia torpedoed 10:50 Sunday night. Two hundred and seventy-eight survivors landed. Details lacking but known some missing. One dead."

Washington, D. C.—The sinking of the big Cunard liner Laconia, apparently without warning, and with 26 Americans on board, loomed up Monday night as the most serious disregard of American rights since the ruthless German submarine campaign began.

Government officials here made no attempt to conceal their concern.

President Asks Congress' Support in Protection of Americans

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson Monday asked congress for authority to use the forces of the United States to protect American ships and lives against the German submarine menace to put the Nation in a state of armed neutrality.

The immediate response was the introduction in the house of a bill, approved in advance by the President, empowering him to furnish guns and gunners to American merchantmen to "employ such other instrumentalities and methods" as may become necessary, and providing for a \$100,000,000 bond issue, to be used in his discretion for war insurance to encourage American commerce to brave the submarine peril.

The President's long-expected action, while received in the main with expressions of support, threatens to force an extra session of congress.

Republicans, disinclined to grant blanket authority while congress is in recess, give evidence of opposing the legislation the President asks, not for the purpose of withholding it, but to force him to have congress in special session to take a hand in the next steps, which they feel will lead to war. The Republicans are receiving passive support from the Democratic element classed as pacifist.

The President's advisers deplore this situation, for its effect on Germany, where, they are convinced, it will feed the official impression that congress will not support the President if he finds it necessary to go to war, and that he is not speaking the sentiments of a united country.

Newspapers Accept Plan.

Washington, D. C.—Newspaper publishers from throughout the United States, meeting here Monday with the Federal Trade commission, voted unanimously to co-operate with the commission if it decides to accept the proposal by news print manufacturers that the commission fix a price for their products.

The publishers agreed to reduce their requirements if necessary to make the plan successful.

TUBERCULOSIS CURE FOUND

Antitoxin Successful With Animals—
Experiments to Go On.

Berkeley, Cal.—Successful experiments in the cure of tuberculosis in animals and a prospect of similar results in the treatment of human beings with a newly discovered antitoxin will be announced by the University of California within a few days in a bulletin by Dr. Frederick P. Gay, head of the department of pathology.

Dr. Takeoka, of San Francisco, a member of the staff of the medical school of the university, has succeeded in isolating a secretion of the liver, which, according to his announcement, made to a seminar last week, has affected complete cures in the cases of guinea pigs at the point of death from tuberculosis.

The effect of the inoculation of the tubercular guinea pigs with the secretion, which is called takuren by its discoverer, has been noted by Dr. Gay and others. Dr. Edward von Adelung, of Oakland, will continue the experiments and note the effect on human beings.

Dr. Takeoka succeeded in isolating the antitoxin when working on the theory that the liver must secrete its own antitoxin for the germs of tuberculosis, inasmuch as it is the only organ unaffected when all others are tubercular.

Dr. Takeoka succeeded in isolating the substance to his satisfaction several months ago, but it was not until recently that he called it to the attention of Dr. Gay, who, upon seeing the successful results, called the recent seminar.

Dr. von Adelung refused to make a statement of his results Wednesday, saying that any statement should come from the head of the department. Dr. Takeoka said that his best results had been obtained from takuren obtained from the livers of molluscs.

Wilson May Break Precedent.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson is considering breaking another precedent of more than 100 years' standing by not calling the customary special session of the senate immediately at the beginning of his new term. Inauguration arrangements, already much upset by the fact March 4 falls on a Sunday, may be further disarranged by the abandonment of the special session, which in a measure would change entirely the method of ceremonies of inaugurating the vice President. The President's purpose, as understood at the capitol, is to avoid a special session of the senate unless an extraordinary session of the whole congress is necessary.

Senate Passes Spy Measure.

Washington, D. C.—The administration espionage bill, providing severe penalties for spying on matters of National defense and punishing conspiracies to violate American neutrality was passed Wednesday by the senate 60 to 10. The bill as passed takes in 14 separate measures suggested by the department of Justice and was put through virtually unchanged, despite the opposition of several senators, who declared its terms so stringent as to imperil American liberty of speech and of the press. It has not passed the house.

Los Angeles Stays Wet.

Los Angeles—Voters of Los Angeles rejected Wednesday an initiative ordinance to "prevent saloons, cafes and all public drinking places from selling intoxicating liquors over 21 per cent alcohol." Returns received from all but 52 precincts gave: Yes, 6911; No, 22,933. The ordinance was opposed by both the prohibition advocates and the wets. The measure was proposed by a "Committee of One Hundred."

Shackleton to Return.

New York—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the Antarctic explorer, who recently rescued the survivors of his expeditions from Ross Barrier, cabled Tuesday from Wellington, New Zealand, to friends here that he will pass through the United States on his way back to London. He is expected to arrive in San Francisco near the end of next month, and probably will speak in several cities on his way to New York.

Britain Seizes Leather.

Washington, D. C.—The British War office had taken possession of all the leather in the United Kingdom, the Commerce department was informed in a cablegram Wednesday from the American Consul General at London. Leather produced between now and March 31 also will be taken over. Another cablegram announced the seizure of all unsold stocks of jute.

Snowslide Buries Tracks.

Salt Lake City—Uprooting trees and covering cabins in its four-mile sweep, the largest snowslide in the history of Utah covered the tracks of the Oregon Short Line railroad between Wheelan and Cache Junction early Wednesday. All trains in the vicinity are stalled, and 160 men have rushed to the scene to give aid.

GERMANS RETREAT ON SOMME FRONT

British Sweep Into Evacuated
Positions of Enemies.

FOG AND MIST AID RETIREMENT

New Teuton Line Reported to Be Three
Miles in Rear of Former Place—
British Harass Germans.

London—On one portion of the British front at least the war Sunday became a war of movement.

Under cover of fog and mist, which have been particularly heavy in the past 48 hours, the Germans carried out the greatest retirement they have made on the Western front in the last two years and the British have swept into possession of Pys, Serre, Miraumont and Petit Miraumont, including the famous Butee de Warlencourt, which has been the scene of some of the fiercest fighting of the war and in places is deep with the bones of dead men.

The exact extent of the German retirement is not known, but it is estimated that it approaches a depth of three miles at some points. British patrols are out in all directions harassing the Germans and keeping in touch with their movements. Until they report it will not be possible to say just where the Germans have determined to fix their next line of resistance.

It can be said that the British are now, or soon will be, in a position possibly to force the evacuation of Bapaume, which has been the key to the German position since the beginning of the battle of the Somme. The points which already have fallen into the British hands have stood out in the history of the fighting on this front and had been most stubbornly defended. Only a week ago when the British attacked on a two-mile front east and south of Miraumont and Pys the German resistance was bitter and the high ground desired was won only after desperate hand-to-hand encounters and the taking of more than 800 German prisoners.

Great Snowslide in Idaho Mining District Kills Fifteen

Boise, Idaho—Fifteen men were killed and 15 injured when a giant snow slide destroyed the bunk house, compressor house and warehouse of the North Star mine, 12 miles northeast of Hailey, Idaho, at 3:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

Work of searching the wrecked buildings for the remaining bodies is being delayed because of the imminent danger of bringing down a slide from the opposite side of the gulch.

For a time the Federal Mining & Smelting company, owner of the North Star mine, had a force of 90 men engaged in recovering the dead. Abandonment of all hope of finding any yet alive and the danger of precipitating a second slide which would cover the entire force of rescuers caused the company late Sunday to call off the workers.

Immediately upon receiving news of the disaster a special train conveying physicians and rescue workers was run from Hailey to Gimlet, from where the party was obliged to travel six miles to the mine in sleighs.

A fall of 2½ feet of snow during the past three days, followed by rain, has resulted in numerous slides in the North Star district, many in places where they never were known to occur before. Two small slides have occurred on the property of the Silver Ledge mine, adjoining the North Star, but no serious damage resulted.

At the time of the accident the Federal Mining & Smelting company had 60 men employed at the mine and 115 at work at the mill, two miles below. The officials have announced that because of dangerous conditions prevailing they will close the mine for the remainder of the winter.

Baltimore to Buy Food.

Baltimore—Twenty-four five-ton trucks of the city departments were sent out in the country surrounding Baltimore Monday morning to gather in farm products in an attempt by the city to help smash the corners in food-stuffs.

Spot cash is to be paid to the farmers out of the city's contingent fund.

Mayor Preston said that he expected to cut 25 per cent off the costs to the consumers.