

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.

Walter Clark, American landscape painter and winner of many art medals, died Tuesday in New York.

President Carranza has re-established the capital in Mexico City. It is estimated that Carranza received 1,500,000 votes in the election for the presidency Sunday.

According to reports current in the financial district of New York, Russia is contributing largely to the continued heavy imports of gold for account of the entente powers.

President Wilson sent to the senate about 1300 nominations which failed of confirmation at the last session of the senate. Almost all are army and navy promotions and postmaster appointments.

About 60 German submarines were captured and destroyed between January 1 and February 15, according to reports reaching Washington, the first authoritative word of the entente success in coping with the undersea boats.

An appeal for the pardon of Maury I. Diggs and F. Drew Caminetti, convicted in California of violation of the Mann white slave law, and whose case reached the highest court in the land, where the conviction was upheld, has been made to President Wilson.

The funeral of Count Zeppelin was held Tuesday at Stuttgart. Many years ago the late inventor erected his own vault and therefore Countess Zeppelin declined the offer made to her by the king of Wuertemberg to give the body a tomb in the royal cemetery.

Notwithstanding the German submarine menace, exports from New York for February, 1917, were only \$1,470,805 less than for February, 1916, which was one day longer, according to figures made public. The total for the month this year was \$223,464,135.

Navy recruiting continues to show a great increase. For the first eight days in March the net gain was 716 men. On March 1 there were 59,037 enlisted men in the navy, and on March 8, 59,753. There are still needed for mobilization, including regulars and reserves, 102,295.

Scores of German reservists have crossed into the Mexican state of Sonora from points in Arizona within the last week, an agent of the department of Justice announces. Many of them, he said, are known to have had military experience. The agent said they appeared to be scattering to all parts of Mexico.

A recommendation that 15,000 Indian boys of the various Indian schools and reservations throughout the country be organized, armed and equipped and drilled under regular army officers was unanimously adopted by the United States Board of Indian Commissioners, which met at the Sherman Institute at Riverside, Cal., in special session recently.

By a vote of 81 to 47 the Minnesota house indefinitely postponed action on the Anderson statutory prohibition bill. The vote killed any chance for further legislation at this session to abolish the liquor traffic.

Postmaster General Burleson has announced that after April 1 the appointments of all postmasters of the first, second and third class will be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the senate as in the past, but in making selections the President will be guided by the results of examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists. Whether a civil service commission, under which fourth class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations, has not been determined.

Democrats and Republicans of the senate in a recent caucus cleared the way for early modification of senate procedure so as to make filibusters such as defeated the armed neutrality bill impossible in the future.

Herbert A. Meyer, of Ohio, has been appointed assistant to the secretary of the Interior. Mr. Meyer, who has been private secretary to Secretary Lane, will have administrative charge of the Alaskan railroad now being built.

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This is the "little group of wilful men," according to the statement issued by President Wilson after the defeat of the bill directing him to arm merchant ships in the last hours of the

session of the United States senate. Each of the men has an explanation of his own to the effect that he opposed the bill on constitutional or public grounds.

HUGE POLICY PROTECTS MEN

Forty-One Thousand Railroaders Are Cared for by Single Contract.

The biggest insurance deal ever consummated was that whereby the Union Pacific Railroad company took out a thirty million dollars insurance policy, which went into effect January 1, 1917, and under which forty-one thousand persons are beneficiaries of the plan. These include all employees of the company who have been in the service for one year, but does not apply to those whose salaries are over \$4000 a year. The premium on the policy amounts to \$800,000 a year.

Group insurance is not a substitute for individual insurance, but is meant to provide some insurance to those not otherwise protected by it, and to be a substantial addition to the individual insurance which all are encouraged to provide for themselves. The plan has been found to work best only as it is operated on an exclusive basis, namely, to include everybody employed, or all those in that class for whose benefit insurance is desired.

Under the Union Pacific plan, in the event of the death of an employe from any cause, accidental or otherwise, the insurance company pays one year's salary, with minimum of \$500 and maximum of \$2500 on any individual.

If the employe meets with accidental injury in the course of his employment the insurance company pays two years' salary if it results in the loss of any two limbs or two eyes. It pays one year's salary for the loss of a single limb. For loss of time resulting from the period of disability, not exceeding two years.

The foregoing are occupational accidents. Disability resulting from non-occupational accidents and disability resulting from disease are put upon the same basis, and payment is made for the entire period if it exceeds one week, up to twelve months. In addition, if the employe becomes totally or permanently disabled within twelve months by reason of disease he gets further payment for twelve months more. In other words, if permanent and totally disabled, he gets an entire payment of twenty-four months.

The employes of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company, operating in the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, are all affected by the insurance plan, the line being the western unit of the Union Pacific. Over 5000 will be affected.

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"The Lady From Montana."



JEANNETTE RANKIN

Miss Jeannette Rankin, the first woman elected to the house of representatives, comes from the sturdy state of Montana. She is now in Washington waiting to be seated as one of the members from that state when President Wilson calls the extra session of congress April 16.

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MANY ARE REPORTED SLAIN

Cuban Revolutionists Destroy Cane Fields and Bridges.

Santiago—Major Rigoberto Fernandez, leader of the liberal forces, has left Santiago with his troops and many civilians. Before leaving he liberated all political prisoners, including Rodriguez Fuentes, the ex-governor. The city continues peaceful under the protection of American sailors.

An engagement is reported in the vicinity of San Luis, and many combatants are said to have been killed and wounded.

The cane fields at Satillo and San Ana have been destroyed, as well as all railroad bridges of the Cuba Railway company and three locomotives of the same railroad.

Babies Reported Slain.

London—"Thus far only fragmentary reports of the remarkable debate in the Prussian Diet on the food crisis have been printed in the German newspapers," says a Reuter's dispatch from Amsterdam. "The Vorwaerts contains the following passage from the speech of Herr Hofer, a Socialist member of the Prussian Diet: 'The mortality among elderly people is increasing at a terrible rate, while epidemics are spreading everywhere, owing to the decreased powers of resistance. The situation is much more serious than admitted. The number of suicides is increasing and parents are killing their children owing to their inability to obtain food for them.'

Dynamiter Joins Marines.

Chicago—Robert S. Phillips created considerable excitement at the Marine Corps recruiting station here Saturday when he applied for enlistment, assuring the enlisting officer that he could "blow up anything from a tin can to a battleship." He was accepted for service, however, when he explained that he was a professional dynamiter. He left for the East, where he will join a mining company on the seaboard.

Villa Ammunition Found.

Chihuahua City.—A large quantity of hidden Villa ammunition was found Saturday by the de facto troops following the battle at Cusihuiriachic, Chihuahua.

A prisoner captured by the Carranza forces in the battle, revealed the hiding place of the ammunition in return for a pardon. The cache contained several thousand rifle cartridges and artillery shells, according to an official report received here.

America's Aid is Small.

New York—The United States has contributed a total of \$9,980,602 to Belgian relief, according to a statement made by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. This sum, the statement said, was less than 4 per cent of approximately \$250,000,000 that has been expended by the commission in Belgium and Northern France.

CITY OF BAGDAD TAKEN BY BRITISH

Maude's Army Enters Ancient City After Hard Drive.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT BRIEF

Turks Surprised, Despite Clear Moonlight, When English Cross Diala River and Plant Big Force.

London—Bagdad, the chief Turkish city in Mesopotamia and formerly the capital of the empire of the Caliphs, has been captured by the British forces. Announcement of the capitulation of the city was made Sunday by the British official press bureau, on receipt of a telegram from General Maude saying the British forces had occupied Bagdad early Sunday morning.

No details were contained in General Maude's dispatch.

The following official report was received concerning the operations against Bagdad, carrying them up to Saturday morning, when the Turks had been forced back within three miles west and southwest of the city.

"Our forces engaged with the Turks on the Diala line the night of the eighth, succeeded, despite the bright moonlight, in effecting a surprise crossing of the Diala and establishing a strong post on the right bank thereof. Meanwhile, on the morning of the eighth, the Tigris having been bridged at some distance down stream, a British detachment marched up the right bank and found the enemy holding a position about six miles southwest of Bagdad.

"The enemy was driven from this position to another position two miles in the rear. During the night of the ninth a passage of the Diala was forced and our troops advanced some four miles toward Bagdad.

"During the night our forces on the right bank of the Tigris drove the enemy from his second position, bivouacking on the ground gained. This advantage, notwithstanding a blinding dust storm and a violent gale, was pressed on the morning of the 10th, the Turks being pushed back to within three miles west and southwest of Bagdad."

TORNADO SWEEPS INDIANA

Score or More Killed and Property Damage Great.

Indianapolis—A tornado swept over Central Eastern Indiana late Sunday, killing more than a score of persons at Newcastle and two children in Wayne county.

The total number of injured will run over 200, some of whom are probably fatally hurt. The damage will total well over a million dollars at Newcastle and several thousand dollars in Wayne county.

Newcastle, Ind.—More than a score of persons were killed and 150 were injured, some fatally, in a tornado which wrecked 300 residences in this city late Sunday. The property damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

The storm swept over the city in a southeasterly direction, demolishing practically everything in a path almost two blocks wide and more than 10 blocks long. For several hours the city was entirely cut off from communication.

Governor Goodrich was asked to send troops to police the city.

The exact number of dead may not be known for several days, as practically all the bodies thus far found have been dug out of the wreckage of their homes. The search was hampered by darkness, but it is believed more bodies will be found.

Twenty-three bodies had been recovered and six persons missing. It was believed other bodies still were buried in the wreckage which had not been searched.

Livestock Losses Heavy.

Helena, Mont.—Unless winter breaks soon livestock losses will be extremely heavy, according to information given to Railroad Commissioner McCormick, who has just returned from a trip over the eastern and northern part of Montana. In Sheridan there have been large losses. In the Yellowstone and the Musselshell counties and the Miles City stock country there is much suffering. Cattle are unable to reach the grass because of deep snow.