

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.

Sixty-nine alleged slackers from Western Washington are taken before the Federal grand jury at Seattle to answer to a charge of failure to register for conscription.

All meetings of the National German-American Alliance and of the Wisconsin and Milwaukee branches have been indefinitely suspended because of the war with Germany.

More than \$30,000,000 is involved in a first mortgage filed with County Recorder E. T. Stewart at Globe, Ariz., this week by representatives of the American Smelting & Refining company.

Vessels arriving at Seattle from Japan report an enormous amount of shipbuilding there. The three largest shipyards in Japan have received enough orders to keep them busy for three years at least.

Fifty Salt Lake idlers are seized by local police and sent to Garfield, where they were compelled to accept work at \$2.50 a day with a construction company which is engaged in mining work for the government.

The Geneva correspondent of the Paris Journal Des Debats telegraphs that former King Constantine, of Greece, may not stop at Lugano, as it had been reported he would do, but go direct to Baden, the famous health resort in Germany.

Employees of the East Helena, Mont., smelter of the American Smelting & Refining company were notified recently of a voluntary increase in pay of 25 cents per day, to prevail as long as the sale price of lead is \$11 a hundredweight or over.

Gold amounting to \$22,000,000 was received by J. P. Morgan & Co. at New York Wednesday for the account of Great Britain from Ottawa, Canada. This is the first gold importation since the interruption of the movement almost two months ago.

The British transport Cameronian, with a small number of troops on board, was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine in the Eastern Mediterranean on June 2, it was officially announced at London. Sixty-three persons, including the captain of the transport, are presumed to have been drowned.

The British ministry of shipping has issued a warning to possible charterers of shipping after the war that "they can have no assurance that national requirements will permit such arrangements." This warning is interpreted as indicating that the government anticipates being obliged to continue to control shipping after the war.

King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, has accepted the resignations of General Alfieri, under-secretary of state for war, and Signor Canepa, under-secretary for agriculture. He has appointed General Alfieri under secretary for arms and munitions; General Montanari under-secretary for war, and Deputy Mario Cermentati under-secretary for agriculture.

The decree ordering the shutting off of gas for 13 hours daily has caused consternation in Paris, where many industries are dependent on gas for light and power.

The United States Steel Corporation Wednesday announced it had taken an additional \$25,000,000 of the liberty bonds, making a total of \$50,000,000 subscribed by this corporation.

Arthur W. Copp, superintendent of the Southern division of the Associated Press, died in Washington, D. C., Monday of a complication of diseases, after a lingering illness. He was 49 years old.

German language instruction, except to students of chemistry, has been abandoned for the period of the war by the faculty of the Cleveland, O., Case School of Applied Science. French will be substituted.

The Spanish torpedo-boat No. 6 Wednesday morning discovered the German submarine U-52 disabled from gunshots which had struck her engines. The submarine was towed into Cadiz and stripped of her wireless apparatus.

FRUIT TO HAVE PLACE

Food Controller Says President Must
Have Full Authority to Regulate
Prices and Freight Service.

Washington, D. C. — "I feel confident the fruit and vegetables of the Northwest, when ready for shipment, will be moved promptly," said Senator McNary Monday night, after dining with Herbert C. Hoover, prospective Federal Food administrator.

"From my talk with Mr. Hoover I learned that after congress passes the pending food control bill, the President and Mr. Hoover, working together, under that law and under the recently enacted preferential shipment law, will have absolute authority to compel the railroads to carry perishable food products, and it is their purpose, so Mr. Hoover assured me, to see that these products are moved without delay."

Years ago when Mr. Hoover went to Oregon to assist in planting the first prune orchard in the state, he became acquainted with Charley McNary, and the two later met at college, but until Monday they had not seen each other for 20 years.

Mr. Hoover invited Senator McNary to dine with him, and this afforded the senator opportunity to learn much of Mr. Hoover's plans. He first inquired about the outlook for marketing the perishable products of Oregon and the Northwest, and was fully reassured by what he learned. Mr. Hoover said he not only appreciated the food value of fruits and vegetables and the important part they play in the diet, but he knew the importance of shipping these products promptly when they ripen. Senator McNary showed Mr. Hoover telegrams indicating that the fruitgrowers are much disturbed, and their prices affected by the prevailing uncertainty, but Mr. Hoover gave positive assurance that this apprehension will be groundless if congress grants the President authority which he has asked to regulate food distribution.

FOOD SAVING PLAN IS BEGUN

To Enlist Housewives of Country in
Science of Conservation.

Washington, D. C. — Preliminary work of organizing the country's housewives into a great food conservation army was started by Herbert C. Hoover Tuesday.

Actual registration of the women will not begin until July 1, but Mr. Hoover is now organizing his staff to carry out the work. Operation of the plan will be in the hands of four main divisions—an advisory council of women, an advisory council of household economy experts, a committee on voluntary service and the women's section of the Council of National Defense and state defense councils.

Actual administration will be along five lines—domestic science instruction, publicity, supervision of membership, development of state relations and co-operation of organizations.

Motion pictures will be used, Mr. Hoover announced, to teach food conservation measures and the elimination of food waste. Voluntary offers of service have been accepted from the national association of the motion picture industry and from its allied organizations, the Associated Motion Picture Advertisers.

Mr. Hoover announced plans for enlisting the aid of the country's summer schools in teaching household economics. Through the schools Mr. Hoover expects to reach some 200,000 teachers, who will return in the autumn to about 125,000 communities. Later the plan contemplates the teaching of food conservation in every public school in the nation and in most of the colleges.

Forest Fire Under Control.

Ojai, Cal.—Devastating brush fires which swept an area of about 50 square miles the first three days of this week were reported under control Wednesday night, after property damage estimated at \$300,000 had been done and three had died from shock or exhaustion. The dead: E. Velenzuela, Mrs. Frances Maroquin and Miss Sawyer. A boy and a woman each suffered a broken leg while trying to escape from the flames.

One of the heroic actions of the fire was the dash made by four men in an automobile through five miles of burning brush to Wheeler Hot Springs, 18 miles from Ojai, to learn whether more than 100 visitors at the resort were safe. All communication with the resort had been cut off.

Americans Go to Front.

Paris—Two hundred and seventy volunteers left the headquarters of the American Field Service for the front during last week, making altogether 1500 men actually serving with the French or American ambulances or in training camps within the army zone.

Three hundred Americans are in the newly organized transport branch. The field service has 700 cars and hundreds more have been ordered.

RUSSIA TO START NEW OFFENSIVE

Duma Orders Troops to Attack
On Eastern Front at Once.

TO STAND BY ALLIES

Prolonged Inactivity Along Firing Line
is Considered Treason—Expelling
of German Agent Ratified.

Petrograd, via London—The Duma, in secret session, has adopted a resolution for an immediate offensive by the Russian troops.

The resolution declares a separate peace or prolonged inactivity on the battle front to be ignoble treason toward Russia's allies.

The first meeting of the Pan-Russian congress of all councils of workmen and soldiers' delegates, upon the vote of which depends the immediate destiny of Russia, both international and domestic questions, was held here Sunday.

Councils throughout the empire and the armies at the front have sent delegates.

The congress will organize a large number of sections on the special questions of labor, peasantry, finance, industry, food, nationalities, the local government, which will draft reports for the consideration of the whole congress. The vital questions are the national attitude toward the war and the relation of the revolutionary democracy to the coalition government.

It is expected the congress will emphasize a demand for the cessation of the war, but will declare against a separate peace. The newspapers of the Bolshevik extremist wing are clamoring for the congress to condemn the government and proclaim for the immediate transfer of all power to workmen and peasants.

The first act of the Pan-Russian congress was to ratify the expulsion by the provisional government of the Swiss Socialist, Robert Grimm, who is reported to have been the medium through which the Germans attempted to arrange a separate peace with Russia.

Grimm's case was taken up immediately after the delegates had elected as their president N. C. Tcheidze, president of the Petrograd council of workmen's and soldiers' delegates. Members of the American commission devoted Saturday to informal conferences with prominent Russians. Elihu Root, head of the mission, met Alexander J. Gueckhoff, chief of the munition bureau.

CAN WIN WAR WITH FLYERS

Marconi Says 100,000 American Aero-
planes Would Mean Victory.

Chicago—An immortal entered the reception room of the McCormick residence Sunday and genially inquired: "Which is the gentleman with whom I am to have the pleasure of an interview?"

A reporter answered the call, thrilled at standing face to face with Marconi, despite the effort of the illustrious scientist to place him at his ease. Signor Marconi was not well, and it was possible that he might not be able to continue through the whole tour of the Italian committee. Tall, slender, more French in appearance than Italian, the inventor of wireless telegraphy stood straight as an arrow.

Speaking officially on the part that science has played in the war, he said: "The airplane is an enormous factor in this conflict and will, I believe, grow even more decisive. The United States will be looked to for this contribution in a great measure. It will require an hundred thousand flying machines to subordinate the other methods of war to the air fighting; 10,000 would help mightily, but they could not settle the war; 100,000, I think, would.

"If an overwhelming force of airplanes could be mustered so that the enemy fliers would be driven from the air, they would be helpless in ranging and directing artillery, and would, of course, be at an incalculable disadvantage."

Mine Hero is Buried.

Butte, Mont.—Manus Duggan, called the hero of the North Butte Mining company's disaster of last week, because through his efforts the lives of 25 miners were saved, was buried here Saturday. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Butte.

Duggan, after bulkheading an entry which resulted in the saving of the lives of his companions, became lost and was overcome with gas.

OVERSUBSCRIBE LOAN

Surplus Certain to Be \$700,000,000 and
May Reach \$900,000,000.

Washington, D. C. — Secretary McAdoo announced Monday that no part of the great over-subscription to the liberty loan would be accepted, and that his statement of May 10, in which he declared that the issue would be limited to \$2,000,000,000 stood good now as then.

Mr. McAdoo's announcement will result in paring down hundreds of the larger subscriptions until the total reaches the \$2,000,000,000 limit. How much will have to be taken from the amount the country offered to take was still an unknown quantity Monday. The over-subscription will not fall below \$700,000,000, it seemed certain and may go as high as \$900,000,000. In disposing of reports that the amount of the issue might be enlarged to include all offers, Mr. McAdoo issued the following statement:

"Allotments of liberty bonds will not be made in excess of the \$2,000,000,000 offered. I announced this on May 10, when the details of the loan were first published.

"I have asked the Reserve banks to tabulate separately, and on supplementary lists, the subscriptions received in the afternoon, June 15, in order that I may be in a position to consider, in making allotments of the \$2,000,000,000 of bonds, those applications, which through no fault of the subscriber were not recorded on time.

"It is impossible to foretell what decision will be reached in this matter or to determine the basis upon which allotments will be made until substantially definite returns have been received from the several Federal Reserve banks. The organizations of these banks, unusually efficient as they are, have been overwhelmed by the multitude of applications received at the last moment."

RUSSIA IS PLEDGED TO U. S.

Elihu Root and Party Assured War
Will Continue to Victory.

Petrograd—A stirring proclamation placing the council of workmen and soldiers' delegates on record as irrevocably opposed to separate peace was adopted by the council Sunday. The proclamation was prompted by Austrian efforts to lure Russia into a separate peace.

Petrograd—"The Russian people consider war inevitable and will continue it. The Russians have no imperialistic wishes. We know that you have none. We shall fight together to secure liberty, freedom and happiness for all the world. I am happy to say that I do not see any moral idea or factor between America and Russia to divide us. We two peoples—Russia fighting tyranny and America standing as the oldest democracy—hand in hand will show the way of happiness to nations great and small."

These ringing words, expressing the attitude of the Russian government toward America and the American mission, headed by Elihu Root, were voiced by M. Tschentenko, minister of foreign affairs, responding for the council of ministers to Mr. Root's address of sympathy and good will on the part of the American government.

Praise of Kaiser Ordered.

Amsterdam, via London — The Berlin newspaper Vorwaerts reprints a circular from the Prussian minister of education addressed to all school teachers in Germany warning them against "enemy agents" in our midst trying to sow distrust between the German people and their emperor." The circular urges that all the teachers constantly hold before the eyes of the children the emperor's great merits and the nation's indebtedness to him and the Hohenzollern family.

Ex-Congressman is Held.

Clarion, Pa.—The arrest of Clarence D. Vanduser, congressman from Nevada, ex-United States attorney and ex-speaker of the Nevada legislature, and of J. Elson Smith, of Carson City, Nev., in connection with the sale of \$2000 worth of mining stock to residents of Clarion county was announced here Monday. The two men are alleged to have sold stock in a gold mine which was found to be nothing more than a hole in the ground.

Allies to Recruit in U. S.

Washington, D. C. — Monday the War department promulgated regulations under which recruiting can be carried on in the United States by the agents of the allied governments, which seek to enroll their own citizens now residents in this country. United States recruiting stations were ordered to give all assistance possible.

Japanese Destroyer Hit.

Tokio—While Japan destroyers were attacking a submarine in the Mediterranean on June 11, the destroyer Sakaki was torpedoed and damaged, says an official announcement.

GERMANS RETREAT IN MESSINES REGION

British Patrols Are Harassing
Enemy Continually.

ABANDON GREAT LINE

Recent Offensive Was Most Successful
Attack Yet Made, Says General
Maurice—Losses Very Low.

London—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company Saturday from headquarters in France says:

"The enemy's withdrawal in the vicinity of Messines ridge is extending somewhat farther southward. The German heavy shells are generally reported as falling at the extreme range, which means that the enemy has withdrawn his big guns as far as possible, short of actually putting them out of action.

"The British contact patrols are harassing the enemy as much as possible and the artillery is maintaining a steady bombardment of his new positions."

Important sections of the German front between the Lys river and St. Ives have been abandoned by the Germans, it is announced officially.

British troops followed the retreating Germans closely and made considerable progress at of Ploegsteert wood.

The Messines offensive was the most successful attack which the British have yet made, every single objective that was marked in the preliminary plans having been attained, said Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations at the war office, in his weekly talk with the Associated Press. Comparing this assault with the Somme battle, General Maurice stated that the British gained on the first day more than twice the ground captured in the first four days of the great conflict along the Somme, while the British casualties at Messines, using the same periods for comparison, were only one-fourth what they were in the Somme fighting. He said the victory was due to the superiority of the British artillery and air service.

Remarking that the British successes were steadily growing greater, General Maurice added:

"We still have the undeveloped resources of America behind us, which gives us complete confidence in the future."

PROHIBITORY TAX DECIDED

Effect Will Be to Suspend Distilling,
Senate Committee is Told.

Washington, D. C.—A prohibitory tax on foodstuffs used in making beverages, tentatively agreed to last week by the senate finance committee, was still further increased Saturday and then was formally written into the war tax bill. The new rate is \$60 a hundred pounds instead of \$20 a bushel, and representatives of the distillers declare it unquestionably would be effective in forcing suspension of the distilling industry. The section as approved also prohibits importation of distilled beverages.

Other liquor tax increases were approved by the committee virtually without change from the house schedules. The manufacturers tax of 5 per cent on athletic goods, cameras, patent medicines, perfumeries and cosmetics was reduced to 2 per cent, and a substitute tax on scalpers' sales of tickets was adopted, making the rate from 5 to 50 per cent instead of 50 per cent flat. The income, excess profits and publishers' taxes will be taken up at once. The committee now hopes to present the redrafted bill in the senate early next week.

China Faces Civil War.

Pekin—President Li Yuan Hung's unconditional method of dismissing parliament is strongly condemned in the Southern provinces where attempts are being made to amalgamate for the purpose of offering military resistance. It is believed that the president's action will precipitate civil war. The Pekin Gazette, which has been a supporter of the president, now strongly denounces him, saying he is using the country for his own ends.

Zapata Peace Rumored.

El Paso, Texas—Government agents here Saturday night received a report from Mexico City that the Zapata brothers had accepted the peace terms offered by the government and had agreed to quit their revolutionary campaign in the mountains of Morelos, after more than six years of guerilla warfare.