

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.

The Christiania Social Demokraten asserts that Norway has provisions for only one month. Import prospects are also gloomy, it is said.

The State department was advised Sunday of the sinking August 23 of the American schooner Carl F. Cressy, of Bath, Me., by a submarine. The crew of seven was saved.

According to information from Madrid, the Portuguese government employes in the postal and telegraph service have gone on strike. Suspension of all communication has resulted.

Conscientious objectors accepted for military service were advised by Secretary Baker Tuesday to make no protest until assigned in training camp to some task particularly violating their scruples.

According to the Cologne Gazette, the first step toward the self-government of Poland has been taken. From now on justice will be administered in the name of the Polish crown and by Polish judges.

German airplanes visited the Southeast coast of England Monday night, dropping bombs at various places, according to an official statement.

The Petrograd Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies Tuesday adopted a resolution of protest against the re-establishment of the death penalty at the front. They demanded that the measure be revoked.

H. W. Griesbach, of Sweet Grass, Mont., and J. R. Brennan, of Tacoma, Wash., were listed as killed in action in the Canadian casualty list issued Monday. Among the gassed is named R. J. McAdam, Butte, Mont.

Practically one-third of the small arms ammunition supplied to General Pershing's troops in France has been found defective from chemical reaction set up in the powder after manufacture at the Frankfort arsenal.

German troops appeared for the first time on the Carso (Italy) front Thursday morning, according to Austrian prisoners. The Austrians are rushing reinforcements from the Russo-Romanian front, the prisoners say.

Snow has put out a serious fire near Gordon Pass, in the Flathead country, according to reports received at forest service headquarters at Missoula, Mont. All fires were abating and control line have been established everywhere.

The National War Committee announces a prize essay contest for children between the ages of 8 and 18 on the topic, "Why America Entered the War." The prizes include a \$50 Liberty Bond and gold coins of \$25, \$15 and \$10 respectively.

From a concealed position on a mountainside near Middlesboro, Ky., 200 shots were fired across the valley early Monday at a party of repair men, proceeding to the mines of the Lower Lignite Coal company, where a strike of union coal miners is in progress.

The Swiss sanitary authorities at Basel and all along the German frontier are taking measures to prevent dysentery, typhus and scarlatina, which prevail in Rhine towns, from entering Switzerland. All travelers coming from Germany are required to undergo medical examination.

Five Italian aviators have returned from a successful flight to Vienna. Leaving the Italian front the machines passed over the Austrian lines unobserved and flew straight to the Austrian capital, where the aviators dropped pamphlets informing the people of the city of the great Italian victory.

The certificate of death of Kiolegn, an Indian, who died July 7, near Ronan, Mont., on the Flathead Indian reservation at the age of 110, has been filed with the state board of health. He was an Oregon Indian.

Membership of the American Red Cross has reached the 3,500,000 mark and is increasing at the rate of 25,000 to 100,000 a day, according to a headquarters announcement. At the beginning of the year the total was 275,000.

RUSSIANS QUIT RIGA

Big Gulfport Falls Into Hands of Teutons, but Winter May Prevent Pressing Their Advantage.

Riga, Russia's big port on the Gulf of Raig, is in the hands of the Germans and its garrison and the civilian population are in retreat eastward.

Following up rapidly the advantage they gained in driving the Russians across the Dvina river on both sides of Uxkrull last Saturday, the Germans threw bridges across this stream and soon were on the heels of the former defenders, some of whom offered resistance, but others of whom showed the white feather, giving the invaders no trouble in marching up the eastern bank of the Dvina toward Riga, 15 miles distant.

With the falling back of the Russians from the city proper and the advance of the Germans northward along both sides of the stream, the Russians still defending the western bank around Dahlen seemingly are in danger of being caught between the two fast-moving bodies of the enemy and made prisoner. Behind them the Russians, in their retreat from Riga, are laying the country in waste, burning villages and farms. Whether the city itself remains intact has not yet been made known, but doubtless the guns in the fortress and the ammunition stores either were moved or destroyed to prevent them falling into the hands of the Germans.

Aside from the strategic value of controlling the Gulf of Riga and of a base nearer the mouth of the Gulf of Finland, at the head of which Petrograd is situated, for the moment it is impossible to see the importance of the German gain, especially with the near approach of winter, when military operations in this northern region are almost impossible.

Washington, D.C. — Abandonment of Riga in the face of the new German drive into Russia, and even the evacuation of Petrograd itself, have been forecast as possibilities in confidential advices to the American government during the last two weeks. Such a development is not regarded with so much alarm as might be supposed.

With Riga abandoned and German occupation of Petrograd in prospect, the seat of the Russian provisional government undoubtedly will be moved to Moscow. Much as they regret seeing the Russian capital occupied by a German army, the forceful thinking men of Russia, working to set up a government, may regard it as a blessing in disguise.

There are many advantages in moving the Russian capital to Moscow. It is the center of the Conservative group and commands the sentimental, almost religious—regard of the Russian populace as the ancient capital of the old empire, surrounded with the tradition of Russia's greatness, the triumphs of Alexander, Catherine and Peter the Great.

Furthermore, some Russians of the new government are said to think that a German occupation of Riga and even Petrograd, might be a wholesome object lesson for the Radical element which has been hampering the new government, and that an experience under the military heel of Germany might convince them of the need of supporting the government as now constituted to save their fatherland for Russia.

USE BAYONETS ON STRIKERS

Illinois Guardsmen Disperse Rioting Mob—Bricks Hurlled Freely.

Springfield, Ill.—Charging with fixed bayonets, Illinois Guardsmen Monday night dispersed a mob of more than 1000 streetcar sympathizers who half an hour before had wrecked four streetcars and were then attacking the headquarters of the railway company intent on wrecking and ransacking the building.

Dispersed by the soldiers from the corner in the main business section, where the cars had been attacked, the mob headed for the offices of the railroad company and the Springfield Gas & Electric company, subsidiary.

Six soldiers on guard at the building held the crowd in check for some time, but bolder ones in the mob finally started hurling bricks at the plateglass windows, riddling the front of the building. As reinforcements arrived and charged them with the butts of their guns, the rioters fled in confusion, a few of them being trampled, but none seriously injured. No shots were fired by the soldiers.

169 Whales Are Captured.

Aberdeen, Wash. — A total of 169 whales has been brought in this season by the four whaling ships of the Bay City station, fifteen miles west of here, with five weeks of whale-hunting remaining. The year's catch will approximate 250.

Seven tons, 14,000 pounds, of whale meat, was taken recently from one finback, which is the largest amount of meat furnished by any whale taken this season.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

In the Astoria police court this week A. Gorman was fined \$40 for operating a club where liquor is drunk, and B. Wilson was fined \$20 for having liquor in his possession unlawfully.

Miss Beatrice Webb, who has taught in the Grants Pass schools for the past four years, left this week for San Francisco to sail for Hawaii. She will teach at Piau, on the island of Maui.

Dr. L. F. Straight, of Eugene, is the owner of a hen that lays eggs weighing four ounces each. Dr. Straight states that an egg is produced every other day and that all are of uniform size. The hen is of the barred Plymouth rock variety.

The importance of the cranberry industry to the Astoria section is recognized this season more than ever before. While the picking of the crop is still a week or two distant, the growers have made preparations on a larger scale than last year.

Jefferson Tester, Delbert Parks and Elmer Hamblet were arrested in Roseburg recently charged with violating the cigarette ordinance of that city. Parks was fined \$10, Hamblet \$5 and Tester was sentenced to wheel eight tiers of wood from the street into the city hall.

Determined to catch Jan W. Hasing, Portland wife-murderer who recently escaped from the penitentiary, newspapers and other mediums will be plastered with advertisements and descriptions of the escaped convict. This was announced at the penitentiary Friday.

The Siletz Indian fair began Thursday and lasted three days. It was wholly an Indian fair, and the exhibits consisted of grain, fruit, vegetables and Indian craft work. The Siletz Indian band of 25 pieces was a feature of the fair. Feather dances were given, in which much of the old tribal life was depicted.

Clatsop county officers raided the steamer F. A. Kilburn upon her arrival at Astoria Wednesday and the search revealed 150 quarts of contraband whisky, which was seized. Captain Carey, master of the F. A. Kilburn and seven members of the crew were arrested but later released, the captain on bail of \$500 and each of the men \$50.

Every woolen mill in Oregon is now working on government orders, says State Treasurer Kay, who conducts a woolen mill in Salem. Practically every one of them is working night and day. Mr. Kay has just announced that on September 1 the employees in his mill will receive another substantial increase in pay. Similar increases were made January 1 and June 1 of this year.

The proportion of boys who have signified their intention of re-entering the University of Oregon this fall is almost as large as the number of girls, Karl W. Onthank, secretary to President P. L. Campbell, stated recently. The falling off in the number of men will be largely in the upper classes.

Secretary C. N. Ravlin, of the Hood River Chapter of the Red Cross, has sent to the San Francisco headquarters of the humanitarian organization an order for \$660 worth of woollen yarns, the material to be used by women of the local chapter in knitting outfits for the comfort of American soldiers the coming winter.

Continued search has failed to reveal any traces of Horace W. Marshall, engineer of Klamath Agency, who has been lost for more than a week in the Red Blanket country of Western Klamath county. A number of the best Indian scouts on the Klamath Indian reservation have been combing the forests for several days.

The Oregon Normal School at Monmouth will be opened on September 24th, instead of September 10th, as previously announced. Please pass this word on to all prospective students. This decision was made for the purpose of allowing students to assist in the season's work and to give longer period for the completion of buildings, reports J. H. Ackerman, president of the school.

As a part of the food preservation and conservation campaign, a demonstration in scientific canning and drying of fruits and vegetables will be given in Albany this week. It will be conducted in the basement of the First Methodist church and will be in charge of Miss Laura Cheney, of the Oregon Agricultural College. Local women are taking considerable interest in the movement.

William Duerst complains to the Public Service commission that he has placed orders for three double-deck stock cars at Amity, one at Independence and two at Corvallis and cannot secure them. Investigation by the commission shows that such equipment is not available in the state, but efforts will be made to secure enough single-deck cars to handle the shipments, which are destined to South Omaha.

FRONT LINE Y. M. C. A.

Organization Doing Important Work for Men in France and Locally—Many Secretaries Needed.

Before Americans were aware that troops were on the waters the National War Work Council had secretaries of the Y. M. C. A. overseas in action and had a cafe-hotel at the chief port of entry to France ready to welcome our soldiers.

Seventy-five secretaries a month at the request of the government are being sent to France and Flanders to organize work with the American troops. It is a fact that Y. M. C. A. workers are serving the soldiers at more than two thousand different points in the war zone. Even on the firing line these intrepid men are to be found in huts where they serve hot coffee and cocoa. They establish their stations in the ruins of buildings, in tents, in any place regardless of danger where they can reach the enlisted men, whether in the trenches, prison camps or training camps. The Y. M. C. A. has more than 450 of these centers in France alone.

Wherever our American lads go, whether in this country or overseas, they will find the Red Triangle of the Y. M. C. A. ready to take the nearest thing to "home" the soldiers will find. And it will be with them all the time. It is an unselfish, efficient red-blooded work and the brave men of the Association are sharing the same dangers as the soldiers, with only the glory of knowing that they are doing a really great work. There is no danger too great, no place too difficult of access, that the Association secretaries will not venture with their big auto truck and equipment.

Here on the Pacific Coast the extent of the war work on the part of the Y. M. C. A. has assumed gigantic proportions. When the drafted men reach Camp Lewis, at Lake Washington, they will find eight Army Y. M. C. A. buildings manned by an efficient force of fifty secretaries, not High School lads, but men of large experience in handling men. At these buildings they will find free stationery, pens and ink, where they may write home, find pleasant companionship, genial men to serve them, magazines, books, games, motion picture shows, socials, musicals, lectures and religious services.

Twenty Army Y. M. C. A. buildings will be in operation on the Pacific Coast, each one manned by about five competent specialists. Besides this, in cities where there are Y. M. C. A. buildings, any man in uniform will have the privileges without cost.

All privileges of these Army Y. M. C. A. buildings are given to the men in uniform without any cost. A soldier on the Border last summer wrote: "Who pays, I don't know, but God bless them, whoever they are." It is the parents of thousands of boys in this country. One of the secretaries told the soldier it was the friends who provided these things through this organization that had proven it was past experiment in its work for men.

The Y. M. C. A. is co-operating with the government in bringing about the reality of the statement made by Naval Secretary Daniels "From every standpoint—military, political and moral, it is above all things our duty to protect the youths, so that we can say to the mothers of our country, when the war is over: 'We return your sons, made strong by suffering, made wise by discipline, no longer youths, but men tried in the fierce flame of fire, as worthy of their place in your family circle as they were when they left their home.'"

BERLIN OWNS TO DEFEATS

Heavy Artillery Fire Rakes Center Day and Night—Italians Gain.

Berlin—Heavy artillery fire is being directed day and night upon the German center on the Flanders front, says Sunday's army headquarters statement.

In the Aisne region the French retained possession at the end of the fighting at Hurtebise farm of a small portion of the German front line.

Rome—The Italians Sunday extended the positions they occupied on Thursday and Friday in the Brestovizza valley and on the Carso, the War office announces. Additional prisoners and much war material, including nine machine guns and five trench mortars, were captured. Austrian counter attacks at various points were repulsed.

Payroll Thief Arrested.

Ottawa, Kan.—Walter Thiernan, arrested here Sunday on suspicion of participation in the holdup and murder of two payroll clerks of the Winslow Iron Works in Chicago, has confessed, local authorities announce. In Thiernan's possession was found \$1995.35, more than \$1800 of which was in gold. Thiernan said he held the sack in which the loot was placed, but denied any connection with the shooting, according to the officers.

BREAD PRICES ARE EXPECTED TO DROP

Northwest Grainmen Are Unit
In Forecasting Cut.

FIXED PRICE IS CAUSE

Farmers Are Not Satisfied, But Consumers, However, See No Cause for Complaint by Producers.

Bread prices and the prices of all other bakery products are certain to drop as the result of the government's action in fixing \$2.20 per bushel as the basic price of first-grade wheat.

That is the unqualified opinion of all grain dealers and millers in Portland.

In the absence of official information on the new values, Max H. Houser, prominent Portland grain dealer, who is handling all grain purchases in this territory for the government, was unable to say what the basic price for wheat in Portland will be.

But inasmuch as the federal authorities have fixed \$2.20 as the maximum price in Chicago it is apparent that the Portland price will be \$2. The difference in freight rates from the wheat producing territory of the Inland Empire is 20 cents per bushel in favor of Portland. So local dealers are inclined to believe that the government will allow the freight rates to fix the local rates.

Leading millers of the Pacific coast are in session in Portland to fix the prices of flour, based of course, on the new wheat prices.

Those attending the meeting are Theodore B. Wilcox, of the Portland Flouring Mills company; E. O. McCoy, of The Dalles; Moritz Thomson and O. D. Fisher, of Seattle; S. B. McNear, of San Francisco, and W. E. Keller, of Los Angeles.

It takes four and one-half bushels of wheat to produce a barrel of flour, so on a basis of \$2 per bushel a barrel will cost \$9. Millers estimate that they can operate and make a fair profit at 75 cents a barrel, so the new price of flour is expected not to exceed \$9.75 or \$10 per barrel. The present price is \$11.60.

On this basis an immediate reduction in the price of bread is expected to result.

The government has not asked the bakers to fix an arbitrary price for bread, but it is presumed that bread prices will be reduced automatically as fast as the price of flour goes down.

Bakers who happen to have loaded up on flour at the higher prices may suffer, but it is reported that few, if any, bakers have loaded up. Anticipating that the government was going to fix grain prices, bakers have been buying from day to day to meet their needs.

It is reported that some wheat farmers are dissatisfied with the government's price, denouncing it as too low. But the ultimate consumer can see no cause for the farmers' complaint.

FIR FOR AIRPLANES ORDERED

Italy Buys Large Quantity From Millmen of Northwest.

Seattle.—Announcement of a contract for 25,000,000 feet of Douglas fir, to be used by the Italian government as a substitute for spruce in the construction of aircraft, was officially made at the monthly meeting of the West Coast Lumbermen's association here Saturday. While the price was not given, it is authoritatively stated to be the lowest prices for aircraft lumber orders yet placed in America.

The announcement came as a surprise, to the lumbermen attending the meeting, as it was understood that the Italian government's experiments in the use of fir for aircraft had been unsuccessful.

It was pointed out at the meeting that, with fir a satisfactory airplane timber, the problem of furnishing sufficient aircraft lumber to the United States and the allies was solved, as there are nearly 20 mills cutting fir to every one cutting spruce.

Radio Apparatus Seized.

San Diego, Cal.—In the seizure of a powerful radio apparatus here Saturday afternoon federal authorities believe that a carefully laid plot by German agents has been frustrated, according to statements made here by the officers. Apparatus was purchased in San Francisco three weeks ago. The federal officials learned of the purchase soon afterward, but failed to obtain trace of it until Saturday.

Aid Planned For Soldiers.

St. Louis.—A committee to work out plans for the establishment of a national school of watchmaking to assist wounded soldiers to acquire a vocational training was named at Saturday's session of the National Retail Jewelers' association. The school is to be conducted by the association.