

# 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 highest number of cattle ever received at the South Omaha market in a single day was recorded Monday—24,500 head, comprising 950 carloads.

The German daily newspaper *Eco Aleman*, published in Spanish, at Guatemala City, which has been active in its hostility to the entente, has been suppressed.

The government Tuesday advanced \$35,000,000 to Great Britain, bringing the total advanced that country thus far up to \$1,190,000,000 and the total of all credits to the allies up to \$2,426,400,000.

Captain Laureanti, of the Italian army, accompanied by an observer, Tuesday made a non-stop airplane flight from Turin, Italy, to London. He covered the 656 miles in 7 hours and 12 minutes.

Half a score of Mexico City newspapers were ordered to cease publication Tuesday on the ground that their further issuance was contrary to public morality. A majority of the newspapers closed have been anti-American in spirit.

Ten thousand Polish-Americans who will be part of the United States army are to go into training at once at Niagara camp near Niagara-on-the-Lake, it was announced in Toronto, Ont., Tuesday. They will remain there until November.

Mobilization of the fish industry with a view to speeding up production is the purpose of a two days' conference begun in Washington Monday between wholesale fish distributors and the food administration. A campaign is planned to popularize frozen fish.

Five hundred thousand sheep have been destroyed by predatory animals in Utah this year, according to a survey just concluded by C. B. Stewart of the Wool Growers' association. Besides the loss of mutton, 4,000,000 pounds of wool has been destroyed.

A bill to put the lumber industry on an eight-hour day basis was introduced by Senator Jones, of Washington, and referred to the commerce committee. It would prohibit interstate shipments of lumber products upon which there has been labor of more than eight hours a day.

Mobilization of the Argentine navy has been ordered at a rendezvous 37 kilometers from Buenos Aires. There is also unusual military activity in the republic. Although this is ostensibly due to the general strike, a high official said, however, that the general staff has its eyes open to "other necessities."

Holland has reached an agreement with Great Britain regarding the supply of coal, according to the *Amsterdam Handelsblad*. The newspaper believes the agreement was reached under certain conditions, the most important of which is that Dutch tonnage shall be placed at the disposal of the Belgian Relief commission.

A baseball game at Los Angeles Monday between teams captained by William A. (Billy) Sunday and Douglas Fairbanks was won by the latter's team, 1 to 0. A baseball autographed by President Wilson brought \$200 at auction. Others were presented to Sunday and Fairbanks. The proceeds were to be expended for athletic supplies for soldiers.

Returns from 180 of the chief railroads in the United States covering July operations, made public Thursday, show net revenues of \$108,337,406, as compared with \$103,170,216 in July, 1916. Operating revenues increased nearly \$44,000,000, totaling \$33,407,171, while expenses increased approximately \$41,000,000, reaching a total of \$227,069,765.

Argentina has recognized the new republic of Russia. President Irigoyen Thursday signed a decree to that effect.

"Soap-box sedition" was denounced by speakers at a luncheon of the American Defense Society in New York Thursday and resolutions adopted for a nation-wide campaign to "suppress treasonable orators and to suspend all treasonable newspapers, whether in German, English or other languages."

## EXPOSES GERM PLOT

Microbes Planted by Germans in Roumania Before War Exposed by Lansing—To Destroy Stock.

Washington, D. C.—How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German legation at Bucharest, after the American government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Roumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes, with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was revealed Monday by Secretary Lansing.

It was another of the series of Mr. Lansing's disclosures of German intrigue, made public without comment in the same manner as the Von Luxemburg telegrams which have brought Argentina to the verge of war with Germany; the Von Eckhardt letter from Mexico City and the Von Bernstorff telegram asking the German foreign office for authorization to spend \$50,000 to influence congress.

The latest story is told in a report to the State department from William Whiting Andrews, secretary of the legation at Bucharest, and a letter from Foreign Minister Porumbaru, of Roumania.

Parcels and boxes taken into the German consulate at Bucharest with display of great precaution aroused the suspicions of the Roumanian government. On August 27, 1916, the evening prior to the date of Roumania's declaration of war, some of the cases were taken to the German legation, located in a different building from the consulate.

Convinced that the boxes were not taken away from the legation by the German diplomatic mission on its departure from Bucharest, the Roumanian authorities later ordered the police to find and examine their contents.

The police communicated with American Minister Vopicka, then in charge of German interests, who reluctantly assigned Secretary Andrews to observe the search. The boxes were found buried in the garden of the German legation.

## NORTHWEST WHEAT AT \$2.05

Farmers Win Increase for Product Before Commissioner Hoover.

Washington, D. C.—Food Administrator Hoover, after consultation Saturday morning with M. H. Houser, of Portland, and Julius Barnes, head of the government wheat corporation, at which the protest of the Northwestern farmers was discussed and digested, announced the establishment of a base wheat price of \$2.05, No. 1 Northern or equivalent, at Portland, Seattle and Tacoma for bulk wheat, with the usual premium (5 cents per sack) for sacked wheat.

Wheat below grade will be purchased by the food administration on sample.

Thus the delegation of wheat growers, backed and supported by the unanimous congressional delegations from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, won a signal victory and forced the food administration to back down from its original stand in opposition to their demands.

As the announcement of Mr. Hoover's order is made officially, there will be no need of taking a further appeal to the President.

The farmers who came to Washington to present their case are entirely satisfied with the result. Reversal of the first stand of the food administration was brought about by the presentation of cold facts and clear logic.

Mr. Hoover and Mr. Barnes could not hold out against the showing that the Chicago price, with a 20-cent differential, worked a discrimination against Northwestern wheat growers; no more could they hold out where the wheatgrowers produced official figures to show that there is or soon will be available on the Pacific Coast three times the amount of American ocean tonnage necessary to move the 11,000,000 bushels of wheat available for export.

And, on the question of tonnage, the wheat men produced new, but official, figures showing that in addition to the American tonnage available on the Pacific Coast there is today engaged in trade through the Panama canal British tonnage which could, if so desired, move five times the amount of wheat to be offered for export in the Northwest.

## Kamchatka May Be Sold.

Petrograd—The *Russkia Volia* says that a strong rumor was circulated Sunday that the Russian government intends to sell the peninsula of Kamchatka, on the northeastern coast of Siberia, to Americans. The report said that Americans were offering several billions of roubles for the territory. The project is prompted by the financial difficulties of the treasury and the desire of the government not to increase the national debt.

# Weekly War Information

Brief Stories Prepared Under the Direction of the Committee on Public Information and the State Council of Defense, and Published Without Charge by This Paper to Impart Knowledge Essential for the Common Good.

## Warning Against Irresponsible Operators Given by Markets Bureau.

Farmers or others shipping grain, hay or feed are advised by the bureau of markets to deal with no person of unknown responsibility. Some buyers will order products under a transaction known as the "shippers order bill of lading." Some of these buyers order products shipped in the hope that the price will go up in the meantime and enable them to sell at a profit to a local dealer. Some of these operators have insufficient capital and the goods may fall back on the shipper.

In one case a man without financial standing succeeded in purchasing large shipments of hay and mill feed. As there was no advance in price and he had no cash to meet the drafts, he held the goods several weeks in the cars. Some were on the track 20 days before unloading. The day the department investigator was on the ground this man had 22 cars on the track, papers for 17 more to be shipped.

## Plans for Economical Meals Suggested by Food Bureau.

For housewives who wish accurate information on the relative costs in planning economical and at the same time nutritious meals, the food administration has issued a statement showing the comparative costs and values of 50 foods.

Bread is taken as the standard of comparison, and the cost per pound and the relative cost per hundred calories of the other material is shown. The table shows 12 articles are cheaper than bread on the basis of calories obtained for the money, two are of equal value, and 36 higher. Corn meal, notwithstanding its present high price, continues to give the most food value for the money.

## Second Liberty Loan Campaign to Last One Month.

It is contemplated that the second liberty loan campaign will close on the first of November, and the active campaign will begin not later than October 1.

No subscriptions can be received until the bill now pending before congress has been acted upon.

William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury, urges all liberty loan organizations already existing to get themselves in readiness for the coming campaign. As in the previous campaign, the general direction in each federal reserve district will be under the direction of the federal reserve bank of that district.

The use of canned vegetable is prohibited in Canada.

## ARGENTINE TO BREAK

Severance With Germany Indicated by Vote of 23 to 1 in Senate—Washington Agreeably Surprised.

Buenos Aires -- The Argentine senate, by a vote of 23 to 1, Thursday declared for the breaking off of relations with Germany.

The resolution now goes to the Chamber of Deputies. There is strong public feeling in favor of its final passage.

Washington, D. C.—News that the Argentine senate had voted overwhelmingly to sever diplomatic relations with Germany was received in Washington Thursday night with gratification and no little surprise.

Officials had recognized that recent disclosures concerning cablegrams sent to Berlin by the German minister at Buenos Aires through the Swedish foreign office had aggravated the situation caused by Germany's sinking of Argentine ships, but it had been assumed that, with the German minister handed his passports, no further official action would be taken pending receipt of Berlin's explanation of the message.

Although it is understood the State department's purpose in making public copies of the cablegrams was only to

## Diver Designer a Suicide.

Baltimore — Gotthold Prusse, one of the designers of the German merchant submarine *Deutschland*, who came to Baltimore on the first voyage, of that craft, committed suicide in the city jail Wednesday by hanging. Prusse had been imprisoned as an alien enemy. He was arrested by the United States authorities on August 20 for leaving a restricted zone without permission. He was 41 years old and born in Germany.

## Potatoes on American Table Save Wheat for Men in France.

The more potatoes you eat the less bread you need at the same meal. On an average, one medium-sized potato will supply about as much starch as two medium-sized slices of bread.

Therefore those who make potatoes an important dish can safely cut down on the amount of light or hot bread, wheat mushes or macaroni.

Wherever potatoes are plentiful locally, especially in the case of the early summer varieties which do not store well, housewives are urged to use them plentifully as a substitute for bread—and thereby furnish wheat for the men in khaki in France.

## New Law Will Make Aliens Subject to American Draft.

British recruiting offices in the United States are authority for the following:

British and Canadian subjects in the United States will be unable to evade the conscription acts of their native lands and this country. Reciprocal legislation will make such aliens subject to the American draft.

If a Canadian or Briton declines to serve in the American army, he may be deported to his native land where he automatically becomes available for service. The British recruiting stations in the United States are now asking enlistment of men who become available under this legislation.

Chautauqua entertainers and even complete light opera companies will be sent to cantonment camps for the entertainment of troops.

The fuel administration will make public through a local committee in each community, data to enable every consumer of coal to ascertain for himself its established price.

A second forest regiment of ten battalions to go to France has been authorized. Two battalions will be raised at once, by volunteer enlistment. Information may be obtained from recruiting officers.

Women farmers of the country are making plans already for the 1918 harvest. To the woman's committee of the council of national defense have come several letters asking the names of women willing to take the places of men in orchards, running tractors, and on threshing machines.

Young men who are regarding enlistment as a death sentence are making a mistake, according to reports from France. During two years where the fighting was the most disastrous, only one man out of 12 engaged was killed, wounded, missing or taken prisoner.

expose the German government's world-wide system of duplicity and intrigue, it is no secret that Argentine's participation in the war would be welcome.

Even the breaking off of relations, it is pointed out, would have a powerful effect on public opinion in all South American countries where German influences are known to be strong. That action also probably would result in considerable material benefit to the allies by restricting Argentine grain and meat exported to neutral countries through which they might find their way to Germany. Argentina is now the only great neutral food producing country.

## CHICAGO MAYOR PATRIOTIC

Much-Criticized Executive Appeals to Citizens in Soldiers' Behalf.

Chicago — Mayor William Hale Thompson, whose opposition to sending troops abroad aroused comment all over the country, apparently climbed into the patriotic band wagon Thursday with a proclamation occasioned by the departure of selected men from Chicago to the Rockford cantonment. In the course of the preamble he says:

"Whereas, it is the duty of all patriotic citizens to stand by our country in times of controversy with any other country and to show in an unmistakable way that the American people stand behind the Army and the Navy, which represent the majesty of our government."

## Dewey's Collier Sold.

Seattle, Wash.—The sale of Admiral Dewey's former collier, the *Zafiro*, now the British auxiliary power ship *Bowler*, was confirmed here Thursday by the receipt of a telegram from New York announcing that the French interests purchasing the craft had ratified the deal and paid over the purchase price. The *Bowler* is now being reconstructed into a twin screw motorship at a British Columbia yard and will be ready for commission soon.

# STEEL PRICES CUT IN HALF TO ALL

Industries Board and Producers  
Reach Agreement.

PROFIT IS POSSIBLE

Reductions Are 70.5 Per Cent in Some

Cases—Allies and Public Alike to  
Share Reduced Schedule.

Washington, D. C.—Steel prices in the United States were cut in half Monday when President Wilson approved a scale of quotations fixed in a voluntary agreement made by producers with the War Industries Board. The general public, as well as the American and allied governments, will share in the reductions, which go into immediate effect, and the agreement provides that producers shall not reduce wages.

The prices will obtain until January 1, 1918, to be revised then if investigation shows they are inequitable.

The entire output of American steel plants will be distributed under supervision of the war board.

Typical new prices and the reduction they represent in present quotations follow:

Steel bars at Pittsburg and Chicago, \$2.90 per hundredweight. The recent price was \$5.50.

Iron ore basis, lower lake ports, price agreed upon \$5.05 gross ton. No change.

Steel plates, basis Chicago and Pittsburg, price agreed upon \$3.25 per hundredweight; recent price \$11 per hundredweight, a reduction of 70.5 per cent.

Pig iron, price agreed \$33 gross ton; recent price \$58 gross ton, a reduction of 43.1 per cent.

The price agreement was reached after months of negotiations between steel producers and government officials. The prices were based on cost of production estimates made by the Federal Trade commission after an investigation conducted at the President's direction.

The chief point of difference that developed in the prolonged conferences was over the question of whether the public and the allied governments should share in the prices to be fixed. President Wilson has insisted that they should and the administration has supported the Pomerene bill now pending in congress giving the government power to fix iron and steel prices generally.

Officials in close touch with the situation said the prices approved by the President were liberal and would allow fair profits to all steel plants. Some of the larger concerns, they said, would make handsome profits at the prices named.

## WILL PROBE SHIPYARD PAY

Prompt Efforts Will be Made to End Pacific Coast Troubles.

Washington, D. C.—Given a free hand by President Wilson, assured by him that there would be no further outside interference with its functions and instructed to do everything possible to bring about a settlement of the labor disputes in Pacific Coast shipyards, the recently created Labor Adjustment board reassembled Tuesday morning for the first time since its powers were taken over by Chairman Hurley, of the Shipping board, and announced that it would proceed with all expedition to determine a reasonable wage scale applicable to Portland and Seattle steel shipyards.

Consideration of the wood shipyard troubles and of hours of labor will be postponed until the steel wage schedule has been determined.

The board explained that in the shipbuilding industry at this time the interests of the United States are paramount to all other interests; that these ships are being built for the government and the shipbuilders and the workmen alike are really in the employ of the government and they are expected loyally to promote the building program so vital to the conduct of the war.

## Timber Production High.

Vancouver, B. C.—Production of logs in the Vancouver district of British Columbia in August was 12,000,000 feet greater than in the corresponding month of last year. There have been marked increases all through 1917, and for the first eight months there was an increase of 86,815,809 feet. The increase is the result of the demand for shipbuilding purposes on the Coast and construction all over Canada, particularly on the prairies and in the East.