

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 administration bill to increase the number of cadets at the Annapolis Naval academy was passed late Monday by the house without debate, and now goes to the senate.

German naval forces have made a foray into the North Sea and surprised a convoy of merchant ships, sinking one British and five neutral vessels and four mine sweepers.

The period of virtual inactivity continues in France and Belgium, except for reciprocal bombardments on various sectors and here and there smaller operations by reconnoitering parties.

Mrs. Jean Kellet of North Yakima, Wash., has received a telegram from Halifax, N. S., saying that all members of the family of her sister, Mrs. J. B. Hillis, were killed in the recent disaster there.

The second court-martial of enlisted men of the 24th Infantry, negroes, growing out of the riot and mutiny of members of that regiment at Houston, the night of August 23 last, was begun Tuesday at Fort Sam Houston.

No restrictions upon the price or distribution of lead are deemed necessary at this time by the war industries board. This was announced Tuesday after a conference between the board and the principal lead producers of the country.

Miss Harriet A. Varney, a nurse of West Upton, Mass., was found not guilty of the murder of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, the 10-months bride of George H. Keyes, a Boston real estate man, by a jury in the Norfolk county Superior court.

Unidentified bodies of 200 victims of the explosion at the Halifax, N. S., disaster were buried Monday after public funeral services conducted by Protestant and Catholic clergymen. Nearly 100 of the bodies were charred beyond recognition.

The official text of the armistice between the Russians and the Teutonic allies confirms the unofficial reports that it is to run from December 17 to January 14. The compact embraces all the fighting fronts where Russian troops have been engaged and also extends to the naval forces of the contracting parties.

President Felix Galonder, in the first public speech he has delivered since his recent election, said at Geneva, Tuesday, that the Swiss people were ready to pour out their blood against anyone who might attempt to invade their country. Switzerland, declared the President, would defend her neutrality to the end.

A mob of more than 100 men stormed the county jail at Billings, Mont., Tuesday night, apparently in an effort to seize Juan Juarrá, a Mexican section hand, who shot and killed Patrolman Enos Nelson. After battering down the front door of the jail the mob was held by Sheriff Stone Matlock and his deputies until police officers arrived and dispersed it.

The residence of John D. Rockefeller in the suburbs of Cleveland was totally destroyed by fire Tuesday. The rapid spread of the flames led to the belief that the fire was of incendiary origin. Mr. Rockefeller is now living at his winter home in Tarrytown, N. Y., and the estate at Cleveland was in charge of a caretaker. The house contained many valuable paintings, tapestries and bronzes.

Another payment of \$25,000,000 to Italy Thursday, the first for many weeks, brought the total actually paid to that government from the \$500,000,000 credit allowed up to \$320,000,000.

Western railroad lines were ordered by the Railroad War board Thursday to send 100 locomotives to aid in relieving traffic congestion.

The Bolsheviks have dispersed the senate, the highest Russian court, and all the other courts at Petrograd, in keeping with the recent decree of the people's commissaries, substituting new revolutionary tribunals. The only opposition met was at the congress of county judges, who refused to be dispersed. They were arrested.

PROHIBITION WINNER

House Adopts Nation-Wide Measure,
282 to 128—States Have Seven
Years to Ratify Measure.

Washington, D. C.—Nationwide prohibition won in the house Monday, and only the adjustment of a slight difference in resolutions between the house and senate now stands in the way of submitting to state legislatures an amendment to the Federal Constitution forbidding the manufacture, sale or importation of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes in the United States or its territories.

The vote in the house, taken after a day of debate before crowded galleries, was 282 to 128, with the parties dividing almost evenly. The margin for prohibition was just eight votes more than the necessary two thirds of the membership of the house required for adoption and 26 more than two-thirds of those voting.

Both wets and dries had been predicting victory all day, and it was not until the last few names had been called that the anti-prohibition forces conceded their defeat. When Speaker Clark announced the result the victors were joined by the galleries in such a demonstration as is rarely permitted in the house. Former Secretary Bryan, an interested spectator nearly all day, appeared on the floor and joined in receiving congratulations with Representative Webb, of North Carolina, who led the fight.

The resolution adopted by the house is identical with that passed by the senate last August, except that it gives the states seven years instead of six in which to ratify the amendment. Senator Sheppard, author of the resolution, predicted that the senate would accept the amendment. He said he had assurances that the seven-year period would be approved and that he did not believe a rollback necessary.

The President's approval is not required, and the state legislatures may act as soon as they please after the signatures of the vice President and Speaker Clark have been attached to the resolution.

WRECK EXECUTIVE MANSION

California Governor Barely Missed by
Assassin's Bomb.

Sacramento, Cal.—An abortive attempt to assassinate Governor William D. Stephens was made at 11:15 Monday night, when the entire southwest wall of the executive mansion was blown out by a blast of high explosive. Neither the governor, Mrs. Stephens, nor a servant, who was in the house at the time, was injured in any manner.

The detonation of the explosion was heard all over the city and windows were broken by the force of it two or three blocks away.

Immediately following the blast two men were seen running away from the vicinity, but at an early hour Tuesday morning no arrests had been made, although virtually the entire police force was assigned to the case.

Governor and Mrs. Stephens were asleep in the wing of the house adjoining the spot where the explosion occurred, but, beyond a slight nervous shock, were unharmed.

The attempt occurred just as the guard at the mansion was being changed. H. Claussen, one of the watchmen, was the first on the scene, having passed the spot but a few minutes before the explosion occurred. Claussen said he was certain there was nothing unusual going on about the grounds where the explosive was planted.

He expressed the opinion the explosive was thrown from an alley which runs along the rear of the house. A hole several feet in depth and about five feet wide was torn in the ground, underneath an overhanging bay-window at the rear of the structure, and the entire wall up to the second story was blown away.

The entire neighborhood was alarmed and a great throng of people flocked to the scene a few minutes after the explosion. There is scarcely a house in the block that is not damaged.

Tax Extension Proposed.

Washington, D. C.—Legislation specifically to subject all Federal officials except the President and members of the Supreme Court to the excess profits tax was agreed upon Monday by the house ways and means committee. There has been widespread criticism because the "occupational tax" of the war bill lays upon the income of professional and salaried men, when they exceed \$6000, a tax of 8 per cent in addition to the regular income tax, but exempted members of congress.

INTERNED SHIP IS WIRELESS STATION

Dairy of Captain Exposes Trick
Played at Honolulu.

BAND DROWNS SOUND

Revolutionary Propaganda Is Disseminated From Hawaii at Instigation of German Government.

Honolulu—While her band was playing lively tunes to drown out all tell-tale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German unprotected cruiser Geier, interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war, according to an article appearing in the Star-Bulletin here.

The article, which is published with the authority of the United States Naval Intelligence Bureau, declares that the seal placed on the Geier's wireless by the American government was broken by the Germans in order that the messages might be sent.

The information regarding the Geier's activity in this supposed plot was obtained from the dairy of Captain Grashof, of that vessel, the article asserts.

"Grashof's dairy says, according to the article, that in November, 1914, and February, 1917, messages ordering the widespread promulgation of reports that Japanese forces were to land in Mexico and German forces in Canada were handled by the Geier's wireless, the operators working night and day in order that there would be no delay in the transmission of these radiograms."

According to the dairy Count von Bernstorff, ex-German ambassador to the United States, and Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, his principal aides, figured prominently in the plot. George Roedick and H. A. Schroeder, ex-German consuls at Honolulu and Manila, respectively, are also implicated.

Both pleaded guilty in San Francisco recently to complicity in a plot to establish a revolutionary government in India.

A German secret agent known as "K-17" was said in the dairy to have aided in the transmission of these messages, and also to have advised the German government of the sailing times of Danish vessels from here and elsewhere.

SHARK PULLS ANGLER TO SEA

Woman Fighting from Boulder Drowns
When Fish Takes Bait.

San Francisco—A large fish, presumably a shark, pulled Mrs. Anna Connors to her death on the rocks of Moss Beach near here Sunday. Mrs. Connors was fishing from a large boulder. A companion, Emil Bedenbeck, heard her cry in alarm and turned to see her bracing herself against a strong pull upon her line. Before Bedenbeck could reach her she was dragged into the surf.

Bedenbeck, after an hour's battle, brought the woman's unconscious body back to the ledge upon which she was fishing. He then scaled the adjoining cliff and summoned aid. When he returned he discovered the body had been swept out to the sea. It had not been recovered up to a late hour.

"Garabed" to Be Tested.

Washington, D. C.—The bill providing for tests of a mysterious machine for utilizing free energy devised by Garabed T. K. Giragossian, an Armenian inventor from Boston, was passed Saturday by the house after lengthy debate. The measure provides for securing the discoverer's rights if the machine is demonstrated to be practicable and that the government may use it without charge.

A similar bill passed by the last session of congress was vetoed by President Wilson. The new measure was introduced to meet the President's objection to providing that there shall be no patent on the general principle involved.

Teuton Republic Urged.

Washington, D. C.—The committee on public information makes public an article written by Germans and circulated in Germany urging the overthrow of the German war lords and the proclaiming of a republic. The document, which was distributed through German republicans in Switzerland, declares that peace will not come until Hohenzollernism is overthrown and the German people take their stand for humanity and civilization.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Luther J. Goldman, biological assistant and predatory animal inspector of Idaho, is to make Pendleton his headquarters.

Twenty-five recruits for the navy within 10 days is the record for the Pendleton recruiting office. From early morning Thursday Recruiting Officer Schwartz found his hands full, with men on the waiting list. The men are hurrying to get ahead of the draft.

William Fraker, Pendleton's oldest pioneer, Tuesday celebrated his ninety-first birthday. He crossed the plains by ox team in 1852 and lived nineteen years in the Willamette valley before moving to Pendleton. He brought the first organ and sewing machine to that city.

Lane county's [organization for the Red Cross membership drive which will be inaugurated Monday morning, has been completed. George Quayle, county chairman, who will have personal charge of the canvass in Eugene, has announced chairmen for the various cities and towns in Lane county.

Only six men students are left at Albany College, and four of these are planning to enlist. The war has made the school practically a girls' institution. When war was declared last spring a patriotic fervor swept the student body and more than 70 per cent of the boys of the school enlisted.

Because of the many enlistments at Merrill, ranchers are alarmed as to how to handle their crops in the future. It is feared that many of the dairymen will be compelled to sell their herds. Residents in the Merrill district declare more labor must be secured if they are to maintain their normal production.

The Buehner Lumber company has asked the North Bend city council to vacate a strip of the waterfront road 10 feet wide by 2183 feet long, to permit the company to install a sidetrack to the Southern Pacific system, connecting the main line with a new planing mill, dry sheds and drying kilns. An electric crane is also to be installed.

Reporting Thursday the result of investigation of food conditions in Baker, requested by the state food administration, Mayor C. L. Palmer declared that the sale of ham, bacon, wheat and sugar in Baker shows a decrease of 25 to 50 per cent compared with sales a few months ago. He found that the supplies of corn and rye flour are running short and that some dealers are entirely out of these substitutes for wheat flour and unable to get more.

Beef prices showed a marked advance in the bids for the next six months' supplies for state institutions as opened in Salem Thursday. The two low bids were from Steusloff Brothers, of Salem, who bid \$12.70 on half of the beef to be used, and the Union Meat company, of Portland, which bid \$12.74 on all of it. An effort will be made to arrange so that one-half is furnished by the Salem firm and the other half by the Portland firm. The low bid of six months ago on beef was \$10.20.

Albany high school may soon have to close its manual training department for lack of instructors. Some of the instructors have enlisted and other teachers in the school are expected to do so later.

Competing with several private paving and contracting firms, Clackamas county won the contract for the completion of the roadbed from Coasco to Canemah by the State Highway commission Monday.

Chairmen and campaign managers for the Red Cross drive in every town of Umatilla county were announced at a meeting held in Pendleton Wednesday. Plans were laid for a Christmas drive that will start next Monday and continue for a week. Umatilla county's quota of members is 7500.

Hiram L. Harned, of Baker, charged with uttering seditious statements, was fined \$100 and sentenced to 60 days in jail in Police court Wednesday, sentence being suspended. Harned testified he meant no disloyalty, but referred to President Wilson as a traitor in order to start an argument. Witnesses testified that two of his sons had enlisted and he promised to refrain from future talk that might get him into trouble.

Hannes Fritz, of Huttulla, appeared before Deputy Collector of Customs Haddix at Astoria Wednesday, and asked to have his Russian passport voided so that he could return to Finland. The request was denied.

H. A. Johnson, said to have been the oldest white child born in Oregon, died at his home in Salem Monday. He was born in Marion county, March 3, 1849. He lived in Salem for about 28 years and for many years was Justice of the Peace.

GUN DELIVERIES ARE DELAYED BY CHANGE

General Crozier Lays Blame on
Baker Before Committee.

INVESTIGATION BEGUN

Americans Abroad Fighting With Guns
of French Make—Rifles Scarce
in Training Cantonments.

Washington, D. C.—Members of the senate military committee Friday subjected Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, to three hours of sharp cross-examination, seeking explanation of delays in providing the war army with weapons. Later they intend to press questions which the general objected to answering in the open hearing.

Throughout the examination General Crozier insisted that there had been and would be no delay in equipping soldiers sent abroad. He admitted that because of a shortage of machine guns the American troops in France were supplied with weapons of French make and that there was a lack of both machine guns and rifles in the training cantonments, but declared that the training of troops would not be seriously retarded.

Responsibility for the machine gun situation was placed by the general squarely upon Secretary Baker, who, he said, had taken a personal interest in the matter and ordered an investigation which resulted in the adoption in June of a new gun known as the Browning type. This statement came when Chairman Chamberlain said he was not satisfied with the explanation that the delay had been caused by investigation.

"Neither am I satisfied," responded the witness, "but I am not personally responsible."

Nearly every member of the committee joined in the examination and questions were fired across the table as rapidly as the general could answer.

Chairman Chamberlain took exception to conclusions drawn from General Crozier's testimony that congress, by failing to make prompt appropriations, and labor troubles, were largely responsible for the delay. General Crozier said he had not intended that such an interpretation be made and that millions of dollars appropriated had not been expended. Delay in supplying rifles, the general explained in great detail, was due to the factory changes incident to modification of the British Enfield type, which large private plants in this country are equipped to make, to use American ammunition. Better rifles are a result, he insisted. He also said Craig and other types are now being sent to National Army cantonments and that other production is increasing. Detailed statements regarding prospective deliveries of rifles he regarded as confidential and were postponed until a later session.

NEW KITCHEN CARDS SOON

Housewives to Be Requested to Make
Further Savings—Sugar Short.

Washington, D. C.—A sugar ration of three pounds for each person a month, a porkless day and one wheatless and meatless meal a day will be recommended to householders in a new kitchen card soon to be put out by the food administration. Observance of wheatless and meatless meals will be asked in addition to the wheatless and meatless days called for now.

The normal consumption of sugar in the United States has been more than seven pounds a month for each person.

The cards will caution against hoarding foodstuffs in homes, pointing out that the practice not only is selfish but that it contributes to high prices and defeats the purposes of the food administration in seeking an equitable distribution.

The reverse side of the card carries a message to householders. "The food situation in Europe," it says, "is far graver than when the preliminary survey of the food supply of the world of last year was made."

Free-Seed Plan Profitable.

Tacoma, Wash.—Double the amount of seed potatoes which Pierce county loaned farmers and others unable to buy them last spring, have been returned as payment of the loan. This was true in every case except one where the farmer did not have a crop. So successful was the plan that the commissioners are considering their free seed program to include many other vegetables. Potatoes valued at \$500 were given to the county.