

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.

Many persons have been injured and more than 100 houses collapsed by earthquake shocks at Amoy, China, Wednesday.

The Prussian budget for 1918 calls for 2,250,000 marks to be devoted to German propaganda in Polish territory, according to an official dispatch Wednesday from Switzerland.

Women who can qualify will be employed as ship draftsmen in the Navy department and in the navy-yard service throughout the country, the Civil Service commission announces.

The first woman and child in the Eastern states to be interned as enemy aliens were placed in a detention camp at Gloucester, N. Y. They are Mrs. Matilda Hansen and her 12-year-old daughter.

Private J. W. Boucher, of the 257th Canadian Railway Battalion, has been sent home from France because he is "too old to fight." He is 73 and fought in the American Civil War with the 23d Michigan Volunteers.

Twenty-five thousand Filipinos are under arms and drilling in the hope of being called into the United States Army for service in France, according to C. W. O'Brien, an attorney, who has just returned to San Francisco from Manila.

President Willson's intervention has terminated the Eastern shipyard strikes. Reports Monday night to the Shipping Board from union heads in all districts in which carpenters are out said the strikers would be back at work by noon Tuesday.

With the Yolande, Castle and Searles mines idle, strikes of coal miners in the Birmingham district of Alabama had spread to three new companies, with approximately 15,000 miners idle. The miners claim the Garfield proposals are not being lived up to.

Count Emerich Karolyi, according to a dispatch from Budapest to the Amsterdam Frankfurter Zeitung, has submitted to the Hungarian military authorities a charge of alleged high treason against his cousin, Count Michael Karolyi, president of the Hungarian Independence party.

At a private conference of leaders of the Farmers' Nonpartisan League in Sioux Falls, S. D., Tuesday, attended by A. C. Townley, National president of the organization, it was decided not to enter the South Dakota primary race next May, according to reliable information.

Arthur Soule, a wealthy rancher of Sanders county, Mont., who is awaiting trial at Thompson Falls for the murder of Ben Soule, his neighbor and nephew, last month, is charged with the murder of his own baby daughter 21 years ago. The information was filed by the county attorney.

Discharge of E. Dana Durand, former director of the census, from his position in the economics department of the University of Minnesota was demanded at a meeting of the regents of that institution Wednesday by a delegation of representatives of organized labor and the Nonpartisan League, a farmers' political organization.

The necessity for increased wages for railroad employes was conceded Wednesday by representatives of a majority of the railroads of the United States, appearing for the first time before the government's railroad wage commission. They said they came, not to oppose requests of the employes, but merely to aid the commission by giving information.

A big raid was carried out Wednesday by the French southwest of Butte Mesnil. The German positions were entered up to the third line and many defenses and shelters were destroyed.

Sir William Goode, who, since the entry of the United States into the war has occupied the important post of liaison officer between the British food ministry and the United States food administration, discussed the present food situation in an address Thursday to the London Rotary club.

CANDIDATE IS SHOT

Ralph A. Horr, Aspirant for Mayor of Seattle, Felled on Eve of Election Day — Will Recover.

Seattle, Wash. — Ralph A. Horr, prominent Red Cross worker and candidate for the mayoralty nomination at the municipal primaries here Tuesday, was shot Monday night by an unknown man, who concealed himself in Horr's office. The man who fired the shot, as well as another man who accompanied him, escaped.

Horr was able to drag himself to his desk telephone and summon the police. At the city hospital doctors said he would live, the bullet having punctured the fleshy lower part of his left shoulder.

No reason for the shooting could be given by Horr. He declared, however, that he has received several written threats which were to the effect that if he did not cease his denunciation of anti-patriots he would be killed. Monday, Horr said, he received a letter advising him "for the last time" to "cut out the pink-cuff talk."

Horr, who is an attorney, went to his office late after finishing the closing speech of his campaign. As he snapped on the light, he says, he saw two men, one of whom was armed with a revolver, facing him.

"You won't heed our warnings, eh?" Horr asserts the man declared, as he fired point-blank. After the single shot the men fled.

It was 20 minutes before Horr managed to summon the police.

Horr is 35 years old, married and has resided here 12 years. He is a graduate of the University of Washington, and for several years graduate manager of the student body with the university.

CAPITAL OF UKRAINE FALLS

4000 Killed and 7000 Wounded When Bolsheviks Capture Kiev.

Petrograd, Saturday—Kiev, one of the principal cities of the Ukraine and seat of government of the new republic, was captured by the Bolsheviks on Friday after sanguinary fighting. The streets were filled with dead or wounded. While the fighting was at its height on Thursday the city was bombarded by Bolshevik aviators. The casualties at Kiev are estimated at 4000 killed and 7000 wounded.

News of the capture of Kiev was contained in an official dispatch received by Bolshevik headquarters. The Soviet forces under Colonel Muraviev, who defeated Kerensky at the beginning of the latest revolution, reentered the city, from which the Ukraine forces had fled, after releasing the Bolshevik authorities, whom they had imprisoned.

TASK OF FARMERS IMMENSE

Secretary Houston Urges Extra Efforts for Big Crops This Year.

Washington, D. C.—Prediction that the country's farmers will overcome this year, as they did last, the difficulties in respect to labor and otherwise, was made Monday by Secretary Houston, of the department of Agriculture, but he said that there should be no let-up this year in efforts to better the record of last year and to conserve food.

Stockraisers in Oklahoma are feeding wheat to hogs on account of a shortage of corn, the senate agriculture committee was told by John A. Simpson, of Weatherford, Okla., who said that wheat at \$3 a bushel should be provided to give the Oklahoma farmer full protection. The corn crop in most sections of Oklahoma was a failure, he said.

Women must go to work on farms and perform manual labor before an increased production can be effected, Mr. Simpson told the committee.

The United States employment service will rely on each locality so far as possible to supply the labor needed for producing the nation's food crops this summer. If others are required they will be obtained from the surplus of workers in industrial centers. In the collection and distribution of both cases of labor, the farmers will have fullest co-operation of the service without expense to themselves.

Compensation Act Valid.

San Francisco — The validity of the workmen's compensation act of Alaska was upheld here Tuesday by the United States circuit court of Appeals in a decision affirming the award of \$1440 under the act to J. W. Johnson, a miner for the Kennecott Copper company, for the loss of a foot. Johnson attacked the award on the ground that it was class legislation, and the common law provided a more satisfactory adjustment of the accident.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Circuit Judge Eakin has rendered a decision in the case of A. G. Spexarth and others against Clatsop county, holding that the tax levy made by the Astoria road district on the 1917 roll is void.

Fire which apparently started from an overheated forge Thursday night damaged tools and machinery in the welding and machine shop belonging to H. R. Riley, of Bend. The building was saved.

Miss Eunice Ramsdell shipped on Monday's outgoing train the last two of the four boxes of ready-to-wear clothing contributed by citizens of Cove and vicinity for immediate relief of destitute Belgium children and women.

The Beaver Cement company, of Gold Hill, has announced that it is ready to make delivery of four carloads of lime to farmers in Corvallis. The price is \$4.55 per ton in bulk and \$7.55 in sacks, with a rebate of 12½ cents for return of sacks.

Miss Evelyn Hanks, of Perdew, a small settlement in Douglas county, has the distinction of being the largest individual buyer of war savings stamps, having purchased \$500 worth. A campaign is on among the school children of Roseburg for the war cause and many are investing.

The State board of control has awarded a contract to F. A. Erixon, of Salem, for the construction of the new pioneers' memorial building at Champeog, at a cost of \$4298. Under the terms of the bid, the basement is omitted and other charges in construction will reduce the cost below the \$5000 appropriation.

A segregation of registered men in Clatsop county under the military draft, completed by the exemption board shows that, out of a total of 2445 registrants, 1081 have been placed in class 1. This does not include approximately 140 men who were in Alaska last summer and whose questionnaires have not been returned.

Information which has been received in Salem is to the effect that the great Horst Brothers' hop ranch near Independence, said to be one of the largest in the world, will be converted largely into a vegetable ranch and that the dryers will be used for evaporation of vegetables. It is stated that 400 acres of the ranch are to be leased for vegetable growing.

W. S. Brown, Oregon Agricultural college extension specialist, will open a pruning school in Dallas next Wednesday morning. This school is to illustrate the pruning of the Italian prune tree in the formative period in the young orchard and also the pruning for fruit in a bearing orchard. Rejuvenating of old orchards also will be given some attention.

Zadoc Riggs, a Salem druggist, has announced his intention of becoming a candidate for the lower house in the next legislature. He has never before been a candidate for state office. John Dinwoodie, of Woodburn, well-known farmer, who was in Salem recently, also stated he is seriously considering becoming a candidate for the same office and stated he would make his formal announcement in the near future.

Twenty Pendleton Germans have registered as enemy aliens with Postmaster Tweedy. All but four have taken out their first papers. Several have served in the German army.

Hereafter physical examination will be made of boys committed to the state industrial school for boys, and parole violators must report to the superintendent at least once a month.

Colonel Disque's inquiry among men of the Loyal Legion has brought a 25-cent rise in the North Bend mills and the lowest pay for the three industries is \$3.75, commencing a once. The mills remain on 10-hour shifts.

The service flag given to the Methodist Episcopal church of Drain by the Epworth League last Sunday has been given a permanent place on the wall under the United States flag and will remain till the close of the war.

The experience of Justina Heuperman, the 13-year-old girl who ran away from home, intending to seek her fortune in San Francisco, was brought to an end Sunday, when she was found at the home of John Frame, in an isolated and little-traveled section of the forest, five miles west of Marshfield.

The work of registering Germans at the Bend postoffice is now practically complete. To date 25 have been registered, and, although the time for registration has been extended, it is not expected that any more will appear.

State Veterinarian Lytle says he has received reports of a great outbreak of rabies in Northern Klamath county, causing heavy losses of cattle. Rabid coyotes are said to be running rampant in the country there and attacking cattle freely.

ELUDE TRAP OF HUNS

American Patrol Hemmed in by Electric Wires Discover Danger and Lay Low in No Man's Land.

With the American Army in France — An American patrol having passed the first line of German entanglements and approached the second line Sunday night, was suddenly cut off by a current of electricity along the first wire line.

Instead of attempting an immediate return to their trenches, which would have meant certain death from electrocution or machine gun fire, the Americans clung close to the earth, and later, when the electricity was cut off, returned in safety to their positions.

It was a thrilling experience for the men. A number of men set out from the American position in the hope of encountering a number of enemy at a point in the German trenches.

They had succeeded in getting through the first line and had crawled on until the second line was reached. When they were just about to start under the second line there was a bluish glow, and, turning around, they saw long, livid sparks playing through the barbed wire of the first line. The enemy had turned on a powerful electric current.

The patrollers quickly flattened out on the ground, thinking they had been discovered and expecting momentarily to hear machine gun bullets go singing overhead. Nothing of the kind happened, however. Apparently, the Germans merely turned on the current by chance, hoping that if any Americans were within the entanglements they would be killed on the wire or while trying to get out. The patrol returned safely to the American lines.

The Germans, apparently having discovered the meaning of some of the American rocket signals, caused the Americans for a considerable distance along the front to prepare for a gas attack. At first the Germans sent into the air a rocket of a certain color which is the American signal for gas attacks, but the hoax was discovered soon after the troops adjusted their gas masks.

The Germans next sent up a rocket calling for barrage by the Americans, but the American officers on observation duty in an advanced position, seeing whence the rocket came, sent a message to the artillery in time to prevent it from laying down the needless shell fire.

PROFITEER FRAUD CHARGED

U. S. Declared Robbed of Many Thousands in Worthless Steel.

San Francisco — Profiteering by wholesale in steel parts of engines destined for ships under construction at Pacific Coast shipyards for the Federal Emergency Fleet corporation is charged by the Federal, civil and military authorities, following a secret raid Friday night on the offices of the Edwin Forrest Forge company and the arrest of its secretary and manager, Prosper J. Forrest.

Simultaneously with the arrest of Forrest and his release on bail of \$5000 by Commissioner Francis Krull, Assistant United States Attorney Caspar Ornbau announced that the case would be taken before the Federal grand jury.

It is said that the Forrest company has already defrauded the government out of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it is declared by Ornbau that similar practices are being investigated all over the country.

Threatened destruction of evidence precipitated the arrest here.

Following a conference with the military authorities, Ornbau indicated that others in San Francisco were involved and that arrest would follow. The prosecutor hinted that the investigation will not stop with the present case locally.

Thousands of tons of mteal, it is said, have been turned into steel propeller shafts by the Forrest firm since Christmas, and it is into some of these shafts that the company is accused of using defective steel.

Pershing Reports Four Dead.

Washington, D. C. — General Pershing advised the War department Monday that four American infantrymen have been killed in action, one slightly wounded and two are missing. Two men were killed February 8, one February 9 and one on February 14.

Those killed were: Privates Ferdinand Saur, Washington, D. C.; John J. White, Epworth, Iowa; James Navasconi, Ouray, Colo.; and Louis W. Sapacek, Oklahoma City, Okla.

Tuscania Dead Honored.

New York — Memorial services for the American soldiers and British sailors who lost their lives when the transport Tuscania was torpedoed, were held here Sunday.

Telegrams were received from many men, including Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Earl Reading, British high commissioner and special ambassador to the United States.

GERMANS MASS TO STRIKE BOLSHEVIKI

Battle Line Forming in Ukraine
Territory for Onslaught.

WAR AGAIN CERTAIN

Berlin Fears Prisoners Held by Slavs
May Be Killed — One-Day Strike
Called Monday in Poland.

Amsterdam — German forces are already being concentrated in Ukraine to attack the Bolsheviks, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Tidd, and declarations looking to the active prosecution of the war against the Bolsheviks in North Russia also will be made at Berlin this week.

The German authorities are anxious regarding the fate of German prisoners in North Russia, whom the Bolsheviks are holding as hostages and who, Berlin dispatches say, may be killed if the Bolsheviks are driven to desperation. Germany has already served notice on the Bolshevik authorities that she will enforce reprisals if the German prisoners are harmed.

Count Cernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has notified Berlin that Austrian troops must not be used against Russia to support any policy which Austria has not approved, but only for purposes of self-defense against marauding bands.

Amsterdam — The Bolsheviks are making wholesale arrests of Germans in Russia and holding them as hostages, according to a Riga dispatch received by way of Berlin. Three hundred Germans and many pro-German Estonians at Dorpat have been arrested and transferred to Kronstadt. All the food in the Dorpat district has been confiscated and it is almost impossible to feed the German women and children.

The lives of those arrested, as well as Germans and German supporters who have not yet been arrested, are hourly in great danger, adds the dispatch, as the Bolsheviks threaten wholesale butchery. The Bolsheviks have officially declared the Baltic nobility outlaws.

The Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin says there is great excitement at Warsaw, Cracow and Lemberg as a result of the Ukraine treaty. The Warsaw newspapers are appearing in black borders. Soldiers, mounted and on foot, are patrolling the streets to prevent demonstrations. The director of affairs, Count Rostvorovski, has resigned.

At Cracow the papers appeal to Polish parties to declare on one-day general strike. A general strike was called at Lemberg for Monday, when work was suspended in all the Polish factories, shops and government offices and the schools will be closed.

HUNS BOMB U. S. HOSPITAL

Relief Station is Shelled Without Success — No Fatalities Occur.

With the American Army in France — An American field hospital in a town within our lines apparently was the target for a German airplane which flew over it Sunday night and dropped several unusually heavy bombs.

The hospital, in which were a number of sick and wounded officers and men, was the building nearest the places where the German airman dropped two different sets of bombs.

Fortunately none of the missiles reached their mark, although the hospital patients and the residents of the town were severely shaken by the explosions. American anti-aircraft guns engaged the enemy, but without success.

The hospital probably will be moved to a less dangerous spot.

Belgian Courts Defiant.

Washington, D. C. — Belgian courts and lawyers have defied the Germans in Flanders, an official dispatch received here Sunday said. The trouble began with the instituting of proceedings in the court of appeals against the members of the council of Flanders, composed of Flemish supporters of the Teutons. The Germans ordered the court of appeals to cease its sessions, and in protest all other courts adjourned and lawyers refused to appear.

Glass Found in Candies.

Chattanooga, Tenn. — Twenty enlisted men of the 52nd infantry at Camp forest are confined to the base hospital as the result of eating candy containing particles of ground glass. At the camp it was said that the condition of some of the men is serious.