

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.

A national organization to be known as the Sons and Daughters of Democracy, having for its object a commercial boycott against Germany, is being formed at Stamford, Conn.

Eight million dollars of the \$50,000,000 fund given to the shipping board by congress for housing shipyard workers will be spent at the government fabricating plant at Hog Island, Pa.

The pneumonic plague in China has spread to Shantung province from Shansi province, where it has been prevalent. Four deaths have occurred at Tsinanfu, capital of Shantung province.

Validity of the section of the Illinois dram shop act making saloon property owners as well as saloon proprietors liable for liquors sold causing loss of support to a wife or family, is upheld by the U. S. Supreme court.

Theodore Roosevelt left the hospital Tuesday after four weeks of convalescing from operations. As he walked to his automobile, the ex-President expressed his satisfaction in response to greetings given him by a small street crowd and his negro chauffeur.

The bill making it a crime to wilfully make or convey false reports or statements to obstruct the government's sale of bonds or other securities, or loans by or to the United States, was passed Wednesday by the house. It awaits action by the senate.

Any alien who is a member with a clear record of any branch of the fighting forces of the United States and has resided in this country one year would be eligible for naturalization under a bill passed Wednesday by the house.

At the request of the War department and because of its military importance, President Wilson, by executive order, has put prohibition into effect in the Island of Oahu, of the Hawaiian group. Honolulu is located on the Island of Oahu.

Flight Lieutenants Paul and Whitney, from the aerial school at Fort Sill, Okla., were killed Tuesday afternoon 10 miles north of the aviation field when the gasoline tank on their airplane exploded and the machine crashed to the earth from a great height.

Poker profiteers were hit Tuesday by the internal revenue bureau's informal ruling that earnings from the game were subject to the income tax, but losses could not be deducted from income in figuring the tax. Thus there is a tax for the winner and no relief for the loser.

G. F. Warren, professor of farm management at Cornell university, testifying before the senate agriculture committee on general food conditions, declared food production in the United States this year, from present indications, would be less than three-fourths of normal.

During the severe snow storm Wednesday a Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul freight train, westbound, collided with a pile-driver, work train near Shawmut, Mont., between Harlowton and Roundup, and five men were killed, while several more were injured. All but one of the dead were members of the pile-driver crew.

The so-called alien slacker bill to bar from citizenship and authorize deportation of aliens of draft age who claim exemption from military service and authorizing the drafting of any aliens for agricultural or manufacturing work was passed by the house Thursday by a vote of 344 to 21. It now goes to the senate.

Twenty-nine men are believed to have lost their lives Wednesday morning when the seagoing naval tug Cherokee foundered in a severe gale 15 miles off the Maryland coast.

Japan has directed inquiries to the entente powers and the United States government to test their feeling towards a proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia to save the vast quantities of war supplies stored at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad.

LOAN DRIVES START

British and Italians Respond Liberally
While Queen Alexandra Sends in
Her Bit by Carrier Pigeon.

London—A war-bond campaign of a week to raise £100,000,000 began Monday with a rush. The two largest individual subscriptions were for £1,500,000 each.

The newspapers give prominence to the campaign with such headlines as "Help to Pound the Germans."

Trafalgar Square was an interesting sight with tanks, airplanes, materials captured from the enemy and signs bidding all to make investments at the banks opened in the tanks.

At noon Queen Mother Alexandra released a pigeon which carried her subscription to a tank at the square.

Rome—The current Italian war loan aggregates more than five billion lire.

Finance Minister Nitti told the senate Tuesday that when he decided to float the loan and ask for a billion lire, eminent financiers objected that on account of special circumstances it would not bring as much as previous issues, which had never exceeded three billion lire.

The minister, however, decided to appeal to the public, and subscriptions passed the five billion mark and the success of the loan was assured.

Senator Ruffini urged that efforts be made to attract foreign capital, especially American. The finance minister replied:

"America is lending to us freely and she has given us capital at 3 per cent. She proposes to raise the rate to 4 which is the current rate there. She is thus treating us as she would treat herself. Evidently the debt contracted toward the United States will lead to the establishment of mutual interest and we shall do our utmost to attract American capital."

HUNS BUY RUSSIAN PLATINUM

Sellers Command Own Price for Precious War Material.

Washington, D. C.—Germany is taking advantage of the peace negotiations with Russia to buy up every available ounce of platinum, according to advices received Wednesday by the American government. Officials said undoubtedly the Germans were badly in need of platinum, but their intention doubtless was also to keep the allies from obtaining it.

The Germans were said to be paying any prices asked without haggling.

Supplies of platinum in the United States amount to between 25,000 and 50,000 ounces, most of which will be taken over by the government under the commandeering order issued last week. While that amount seems sufficient for present needs, the country is short of iridium, a constituent metal of platinum, which it is used to harden. There is not an ounce of iridium for sale in America. Last sales of iridium were made at \$185 an ounce and of platinum at \$90.

With Russia, the world's principal platinum market, closed by German control, the use of platinum for jewelry is expected to cease after present stocks in the hands of manufacturing jewelers are exhausted.

The possibility of increasing American production of platinum is being studied. Heretofore, Nevada, California, Utah and Oregon have turned out about 750 ounces a year, which geologists believe can be increased to 3000 ounces.

GERMANY TO SEIZE FINLAND

Intention to Take Permanent Possession Officially Disavowed.

Washington, D. C.—Germany's occupancy of the Aland Islands is only a preliminary to the total occupation of Finland.

Official dispatches to the Swedish legation Wednesday say Germany has announced to the Stockholm Foreign Office her intention to occupy Finland and that Sweden has protested.

Germany advised Sweden, the dispatch says, that it is necessary temporarily to occupy Finland to restore order, but gave assurances that she had no intention to take permanent possession of the territory.

Sweden protested against the Aland Islands being placed in the war zone. The occupation of the Aland Islands, the dispatches say, is to make them a base for supplying the German occupation of Finland.

Villistas Go On Rampage

El Paso, Tex.—Villa followers dynamited the power plant of the National Mines & Smelters company, an American company, at Magistral, Durango, killed Caterino Smith and Perciano Saucedo and burned two ore trucks, according to a message received here from Parral. The power plant cost \$1,500,000. Smith, reported killed, is of American and Mexican parentage. Saucedo's family lives here. All Americans escaped.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A spruce camp has been established on the Wessel timber tract about two miles north of Toledo. A number of carpenters have arrived from Portland and begun construction of quarters for the many workmen who are to follow.

A wreck which occurred on the Sumpter Valley railroad Wednesday night damaged the engine, totally destroyed three cars and slightly damaged 10 others. Although badly shaken up the engineer and fireman and train crew escaped without injury.

Charged with the theft of a steer from U. S. Bushnell, of Powell Butte, Grover Caldwell was arrested and arraigned before Justice of the Peace Eastes of Bend. The arrest is expected to bring to an end a long course of cattle rustling which has troubled the ranchers of that section for the past six months.

Assurance that the State Woolgrowers' association will hold its next convention in Bend has been given by the Bend Commercial club by a majority of the directors of the organization, though the board as such has not yet acted on the matter. An invitation to meet there was sent by the Commercial club last December.

The organization of the Loyal Legion of Loggers in the Clatskanie vicinity is being rapidly pushed ahead. Recently several men of the Army signal corps visited the camps on the big Kerry line and practically every logger in the camps joined and are ready to help the government get out spruce and fir to help to win the war.

Camp No. 15 of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company, recently established above Wendling, is making a record for 100 per cent loyalty to the country's cause. The 41 men employed there are not only members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, but every one of them has taken out a membership in the Red Cross.

Negotiations are nearing completion for the sale of the Eugene Iron Works to the Foundation Shipbuilding company, of Portland, according to an announcement made by G. N. Frazer, who established the Eugene plant 30 years ago. The plant will be shipped to Portland. The real estate on which the factory is located is not included in the deal.

Fred Otley, of Harney county, has reported to Dr. W. H. Lytle, State veterinarian, that three cows belonging to Hubert Smith, of that county, died during a recent night at a corral in which they were feeding, and that examination of the stomachs made there indicated that crushed glass had been fed to the animals with the salt they were eating.

War stamps to the value of \$600 have been taken by the eight men and women composing the cookhouse force of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber company at Bend. Several hundred dollars' worth of stamps also were taken by the loggers. In [the other departments of the company's plant equal interest in the collection of thrift certificates is being shown, the difference foremen having entered into competition to see which one will place the most stamps. To date more than \$3000 worth of stamps have been purchased by the company for redistribution to its employees.

Fears of lack of ice for Baker county are over. The weather for the past few days has been sufficiently cold to freeze ice to a sufficient thickness for harvesting and large supplies are now being gathered.

A shipment of 16 boxes of candy was last week sent to the Klamath county boys in France by the Women's Relief Corps of Klamath Falls, according to Mr. Clyde K. Branderburg, who is at the head of the movement.

Three fatal accidents are included in the total of 481 reported to the Industrial Accident commission for the week ending February 22, inclusive. The fatal accidents reported were Mike Huntley, logger, Coquille; William Murphy, steel worker, Portland, and J. B. Altman, shipbuilder, Portland.

For the first time in about two weeks the Southern Pacific company again reported a car shortage to the Public Service commission. The report was a shortage of 27 closed and 24 open cars. The Spokane, Portland & Seattle reported a shortage of 85 and the O.-W. R. & N. company a shortage of 409.

A telegram received recently by Mrs. L. Jackson, of Celilo, officially announced the rescue of her son, Lee, from the Tuscania.

An epidemic of rabies at Union, following the rampage of a mad dog, was reported this week to State Veterinarian Lytle by Dr. A. G. Paddock, of Union. He said the stricken dog bit half the dogs in Union, compelling large numbers of them to be killed, and also attacked a man and some cattle.

YANKS BALK ATTACK

German Captain Had Complete Map of American Positions, but Sammies Upset Teuton Plans.

With the American Army in France—A plan of attack, including a map of the American positions, indicating every dugout, which was removed from the body of the Prussian captain who led the recent assault upon the sector northwest of Toul, shows how completely the Germans prepare their raids, if in fact this was but a simple raid not having as its ultimate object the retention of a portion of the salient.

The map goes into such detail as to show every trench and every depression in the ground within the American lines. At the bottom there is simply a line drawn, labeled "our front line." Along this line are five shaded portions, each marked "nest."

Four rehearsals were held for the attack, and the troops who made it were specially picked from new arrivals of fresh troops in the sector. They were told that the Americans were in front of them.

After the artillery had nearly leveled the American positions, the Germans started out from their nests, each of which contained 40 infantrymen, one lieutenant and three pioneers to precede the infantry and five to follow it. The two groups upon the American extreme right went around this flank and the group upon the extreme left carried out a similar movement there.

The two groups in the center had planned to attack directly, but the American defense changed all the plans. When they were met by the heavy machine gun fire from the American lines they saw it would be impossible to gain a footing there, changed their position and followed the other groups around the flank.

The duty of the pioneers preceding the infantry was to clean up any wire that had not been broken by the artillery, while the pioneers who followed carried large quantities of explosives for the purpose of cleaning up the dugouts.

Official reports of the interrogation of the prisoners taken by the Americans show that not all of them believed Germany would win the war. One of the men told the intelligence officers he presumed that the Americans, like the Germans, did not want to fight, but had to.

WHEAT PRICE STILL MUDDLED

Northwest Price Is Not Yet Entirely Settled by Administration.

Washington, D. C.—The mystery of the Pacific Northwest wheat price for 1918 has not yet been cleared up, although a week has passed since the President officially fixed the price at \$2.05 and Mr. Hoover promised the equivalent of the Chicago price. The President's proclamation of last Saturday has not been altered in any way.

Food Administrator Hoover wrote Senator McNary a letter which only added to the confusion, for while seeming to assure a price at Portland approximating the Chicago price, the letter closes with an indication that such a price cannot be established until the President establishes it. In this letter Mr. Hoover says:

"I have sent out officially through Food Administration agencies on the Pacific Coast notification that the grain corporation will maintain the Chicago basic price for Pacific Coast points as long as the shipping board maintains its rates mentioned by you. I think there can be no question that this status will remain as long as the war lasts and when peace comes the rates no doubt will take care of themselves. Therefore look forward with confidence to the 1918 crop being on the Chicago basis."

The letter also seems to indicate that Mr. Hoover has never been officially advised by the shipping board of its promises to establish a rate of \$3.50 per ton on wheat and \$6.50 on flour from Portland to New York.

Women to Guard Forests.

Missoula, Mont.—Women will be employed as "smoke chasers" in the national forests throughout the Northwest this year, R. H. Rutledge, district United States forester, announced upon his return from an inspection trip over the state. Enlistments and the draft have taken most of the government's patrols, Mr. Rutledge said, and women will be used to fill vacancies during the fire season unless enough men beyond draft age can be found.

Grant's Grandson Weds.

Spartansburg, S. C.—U. S. Grant IV, a lieutenant of ordnance in Camp Wadsworth here, announced Saturday that he had been secretly married here last October to Miss Matilda Bartikofsky, of New York, while he was an enlisted man at the camp. Grant prevailed on the judge who married them not to file the record. He gave his age as 24 and Mrs. Grant gave hers as 22.

RUSSIA SIGNS PEACE TREATY WITH KAISER

Crushing German Terms Are
Accepted Unconditionally.

DEMANDS INCREASED

Bolsheviks Agree to All Hun Demands
Without Least Attempt at Argument—Hostilities Cease.

Berlin, via London—"By reason of the signing of the peace treaty with Russia," says the official communication from headquarters Sunday night, "military movements in Great Russia have ceased."

The Germans in their advance through Russia have captured, according to the official communication from general headquarters, 6800 officers and 57,000 men; 2400 guns, 5000 machine guns, thousands of motor vehicles, 800 locomotives and thousands of railroad trucks.

Petrograd—In the fear that argument would result in even more onerous terms, the Russia delegation at Brest-Litovsk has accepted all the German peace conditions, according to a telegram from the delegates received Sunday at the Smolny Institute.

The demands already have been increased, they reported.

The message, which was addressed to Premier Lenine and Foreign Minister Trotzky, follows:

"As we anticipated, deliberations on a treaty of peace are absolutely useless and could only make things worse in comparison with the ultimatum of February 21. They might even assume the character of leading to the presentation of another ultimatum."

"In view of this fact and in view of the Germans' refusal to cease military action until peace is signed, we have resolved to sign the treaty without discussing its contents and leave after we have attached our signatures. We, therefore, have requested a train, expecting to sign the treaty immediately and leave afterward."

"The most serious feature of the new demands, compared with those of February 21, is the following: To detach the regions of Karaband, Kars and Batoum from Russian territory on the pretext of the right of peoples to self-determination."

MEATLESS MEAL DISCARDED

Only One Meatless Day a Week Now
Order of Food Administration.

Washington, D. C.—Temporary suspension of the meatless meal and of the special restrictions against the use of pork on Saturday was announced by the Food Administration Sunday as a readjustment of its food conservation program. Increased meat production and the necessity for still greater saving in wheat, it was declared, make the change advisable.

The suspension is made effective for an indefinite period, and it probably will last for three months or longer.

Since all restrictions on consumption of mutton and lamb had been lifted previously, the Food Administration now asks the public for the time being to deny itself in meats only beef and pork one day a week—Tuesday.

Increased meat consumption, Food Administration officials believe, will of itself curtail the use of wheat, and for the present there is no intention to add to the restrictions already in force against the use of flour.

In a statement setting forth the reasons for the change, Food Administrator Hoover said the allies have made further increased demands for breadstuffs.

Exemption Plea in Bible.

St. Louis—A quotation from the Bible, Deut. xxiv:5, is cited by a St. Louis man in his appeal for exemption, which the district board has under consideration.

This portion says: "When a man hath taken a new wife he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business; but he shall be free at home for one year and shall cheer up his wife which he hath taken."

Reichstag Deputy Turns On Junkers.

London—The German government's "infamous war policy" was assailed in the reichstag in the course of Friday's debate by Herr Vogtherr, an Independent Socialist, according to Berlin advices sent from Amsterdam by the Reuter correspondent there.

"The German ultimatum is not calculated to create conditions of peace and friendship with Russia," Herr Votherr declared.