

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.

President Poincare has refused to pardon Bolo Pasha, convicted of treason, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris.

The Belgian relief ship *Ministre de Smet de Naeyer*, 2712 tons, sank on Saturday in the North Sea. It is reported she struck a mine. Seventeen of those aboard were saved and 12 were drowned.

Officials of the Dock Truckers' and Warehousemen's Union in Seattle Wednesday announced that their members had voted to strike next Thursday morning if their demands for a wage increase were not granted.

The official announcement Tuesday that no casualties resulted from that day's bombardment of Paris by the Germans, says the *Petit Parisien*, was not in strict accordance with the facts. It affirms that there were victims—eight chickens.

M. W. Kirwin, Royal Flying Corps cadet, was killed at Fort Worth, Tex., Tuesday afternoon on the eve of his squadron's departure for Toronto. His home was in Nova Scotia. He was 21 years old. Kirwin was flying alone, and no one saw the accident.

When subscriptions to the Third Liberty Loan were called for at a Washington theater Tuesday night, the first subscriber was President Wilson, who occupied a box in the audience. Announcement that the President had taken \$1000 worth was followed by prolonged cheering.

Another day, Tuesday, of lively senate debate on the sedition bill which would punish disloyal utterances and attempts to hinder the army draft and Liberty Bond campaigns, resulted in the adoption of amendments designed to meet the objection of senators that the measure might prevent legitimate criticism on the war.

The landing of Japanese and British forces at Vladivostok and the Bolshevik objection to the move promise to cause the State department some concern. When Japanese occupation of Siberia was proposed recently this government assumed a "hands off" policy. The Russian National Council of Soviets has announced its purpose to protest to the United States against the present step.

The masses in Austria are showing signs that they consider their war aims have been attained through the signing of peace with the Ukraine and with Roumania. Not only the labor element, but also the bourgeoisie, have expressed their desire for immediate peace. Emperor Karl has emphasized twice his desire for peace in his messages to the kaiser offering congratulations on the results of the western offensive.

With the nation entering the second year of the war, congress works this week on important legislation designed to make its powers more effective at the battle front and at home. While the house gives right of way to bills extending the draft law and other army legislation, the senate's schedule includes final disposition of several bills aimed at German spies and agents to curb mob law against disloyalists and to stamp out propaganda.

A revolution has broken out in Southern Costa Rica, Jorge Volio has invaded Costa Rica territory from Panama and a force under him is attacking Villa Concepcion Perez, a town on the frontier.

Miss Emma G. Mullen, of New York, was killed in the Paris church struck by a German shell on Good Friday. This increased to five the number of Americans who lost their lives in the church.

In the week ended March 30 Teutonic submarines sank three Italian steamships of more than 1500 tons and destroyed one sailing vessel of more than 100 tons and nine sailing vessels of a tonnage under that figure.

Charles Cole pleaded guilty to a charge of appropriating \$12,000 worth of Liberty bonds from the Federal Reserve bank at San Francisco, where he was employed, and was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at McNeil's Island.

U. S. TROOPS RUSHED

Movement of American Armies to Picardy Hastens as Fighting Goes On—Units to Join British.

Washington, D. C.—Transportation of American troops to France is already proceeding at the accelerated rate contemplated by the speeding-up measures taken after the battle of Picardy began.

Acting Secretary Crowell made this statement Tuesday, but would give no details. For military reasons the extent of the increased troop movement has not been made public.

After the conference between Secretary Baker and allied officials orders were given under which a British official statement was issued saying American forces were to be brigaded with British troops in order to hasten American participation in the war.

Officials explained that the process to be followed was similar to that adopted in placing American troops in the front lines with the French for training.

It has been estimated that 30 days' training of this character with American battalion units assigned with the British organizations will fit the new comers for active duty.

All divisions now moved from this side are composed of men who have had several months' preliminary training and who need only final instruction to take their full share in the fighting.

The training process will be quicker with the British than with the French, it is believed, because the language difficulty does not exist. American units will find every British veteran an instructor, and there will be no need for interpreters.

It was indicated that the new plans call for a more extensive training scheme with the British army than has been the case with General Pershing's original force. There probably will be no attempt to set up a purely American force with the British ranks, as has been done with the French.

AMPLE WHEAT CROP IN SIGHT

U. S. Likely to Have Enough for Self and Allies This Year.

Washington, D. C.—Forecast by the department of Agriculture Tuesday of the winter wheat crop of 560,000,000 bushels this year brought optimism to the Food administration.

The prediction was unofficially made that if the spring wheat crop maintained the same ratio the next harvest would furnish sufficient wheat to take care of the needs of this country and the allies next year.

The forecast indicates an increase of 142,000,000 bushels of winter wheat over last year's winter crop, which was 418,000,000 bushels. Assuming that the spring wheat crop will yield the same ratio of increase, there will be a total crop of 850,000,000, or an increase of about 200,000,000 bushels over last year, when the entire crop was estimated at 651,000,000.

In addition, there is an increase of 26,000,000 bushels in the prospective rye crop, or a total prospective increase over last year of about 225,000,000 bushels of bread grains.

There is also hope of an increase of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat over last year in Great Britain and France and also an increase in Canada.

The necessity for rigorous saving between now and harvest is, however, in no way relaxed by harvest prospects, the public is warned.

Withhold Loan Figures.

Washington, D. C.—Estimates of daily liberty loan subscriptions will not be given out during the campaign by national, district or local headquarters, under instructions issued Monday night by Secretary McAdoo. Instead, the treasury will gather them from each Federal reserve bank figure on subscriptions actually filed with them, together with receipts from the initial 5 per cent payment, and a tabulation of these will be made public each day. Local committees may compile similar reports of subscriptions turned into local banks and give out the results.

This method of supplying information on the day by day progress of the loan, adopted by the Treasury after long discussion, is intended to prevent the publication of inaccurate estimates which might not be borne out by actual subscriptions. Secretary McAdoo requested newspapers and Liberty Loan committees to observe the new rule.

Dutch Minister to Leave.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. August Philips, minister from The Netherlands, has asked for and obtained a leave of absence from his government, and will sail for Holland shortly. Ill health, it was explained, caused the minister to ask for relief. The minister came to Washington in February, succeeding Chevalier Van Rappard. During his absence the embassy will be in charge of W. H. DuBeaufort, the counsellor, as charge d'affaires.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

At a recent meeting of the Roseburg city council it was voted to invest \$2500, now in the city treasury, in Liberty bonds. The measure carried without a dissenting vote and without debate.

The Astoria school district will hold a special election in the near future to vote on the question of issuing \$115,000 in school district bonds to raise funds with which to purchase a site for a building.

The loggers and mill workers in the employ of the Coast Range Lumber company, at Mabel, announced that they will subscribe \$20,000 toward the Lane county quota of \$477,000 in the Third Liberty loan.

M. N. Crow, of Roseburg, was sentenced to serve from 10 to 20 years in the state penitentiary for a statutory crime against his 16-year-old daughter, who he took to Eugene about 10 days ago and spent the night at a lodging house.

Governor Withycombe has received telegraphic word from his daughter, Miss Mabel Withycombe, at Washington, D. C., that his son, Earl Withycombe, ill in a hospital there, is much improved and that chances for his recovery are bright.

The state of Oregon, for the year 1918 on the 1917 assessment roll, has levied \$23,203,140.66 for all purposes, including state, county, school, road, cities and towns and miscellaneous taxes, according to a statement completed Friday by State Tax Commissioner Galloway.

In reversing Judge Gantenbein, of Multnomah county, in habeas corpus proceedings, in which the state appealed from a decision freeing George Shaw, the Supreme court holds that the Municipal court of Portland has jurisdiction as justice of the peace, ex-officio. Shaw was convicted of vagrancy.

During the month of March 25 vessels loaded at the mills in the Lower Columbia River district and their combined cargoes amounted to 21,528,974 feet of lumber. Twenty-four of these vessels carried 20,722,274 feet to domestic ports, while one vessel, laden with 806,700 feet of lumber, is en route foreign.

J. B. Peters, of Bandon, who has invented a deadly auxiliary for either rifle or heavy field artillery, which has been commandeered by the government, has returned from the East. Mr. Peters is a civil engineer, but for many years his hobby has been electricity, and much of his time has been devoted to a solution of the action of this natural element.

The assurance of a supply of refrigerator cars is the most serious problem confronting Pacific Northwest apple growers, according to H. F. Davidson, ex-president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, who arrived in Hood River this week from New York, where he spent the winter representing the Hood River Fruit company, and a number of sales agencies of other points.

A war organization known as the "Benton County War Council" was formed in Corvallis Thursday night. Its object is to pass upon the merits of schemes for raising money, to see that Benton county's share of state quotas is equitable, to devise ways and means for raising funds and to take care of all cases of alleged German propaganda where the perpetrators do not go far enough to get into the toils of the law.

The State Board of Control has taken action in increasing wages of institution employes to the extent of approximately \$27,000 a year. These increases cover only the Oregon State Hospital and the Soldiers' Home at Roseburg. Superintendents of other institutions under the board were instructed to prepare such schedules of wage increases as they deemed necessary and present them for further consideration of the board at a special meeting called for this week. The increases which will bring the proposed by these superintendents will bring the total up to several thousands of dollars more annually.

While up to a short time ago the prospect for financing irrigation projects was better than for several years previous, these prospects have darkened somewhat lately. Assistant State Engineer Cupper said this week, owing to the action of the capital issues committee in refusing to give its approval to certain issues of irrigation securities.

Work on the extension of the Miller Logging Railway to Toledo, 1 1/2 miles distant, began Sunday at the north end of the gap between the two points. Five piledrivers are expected soon at Toledo, when work will begin on the tidelands near the Grady place. The road is to be extended from its northern terminus to a point at the mouth of Cherry creek, on the Siletz river, about 16 miles from Toledo, and with its laterals will cover the best spruce sections on the Siletz.

150,000 MEN CALLED

Mobilization Orders Sent by Crowder to Governors of Various States—No Likelihood of Increase.

Washington, D. C.—Approximately 150,000 men will be sent to training camps the five-day period beginning April 26 under orders sent to state governors Monday by Provost Marshal General Crowder for mobilization of the April call of the second draft.

This is three times the number it was originally planned to call and is nearly twice the monthly quota as based on the calling of 800,000 men over a period of nine months.

It is indicated that there will be no increase in the grand total for the year.

Calling out of the increased number was made necessary by the decision of President Wilson to respond without delay to the need of France and Great Britain for reinforcements in the great battle in Picardy.

Vacancies in National Army divisions resulting from the withdrawal of men to complete National Guard and Regular Army units and for the formation of special technical units asked by General Pershing, will be made good by the April draft. Those divisions farthest advanced in training are to receive first attention in order that the maximum number of complete units may be sent abroad soon.

Failure of congress to pass the amendment to the selective service act which would permit the fixing of state quotas on the number of men in class 1 necessitated temporary adherence to the local system.

Local boards have been officially advised, however, that they are to ignore "quotas" for the time being and to simply continue calling up men until they have obtained the number they have been instructed to forward. When a basis for establishing state quotas has been found due credit against future increments will be given for those already called.

Among the men to be called will be approximately 116,700 whites and 33,700 negroes. Pennsylvania leads, with 10,965 called; Ohio is second, with 10,302, and New York third, with 10,171. Idaho will call 604, Nebraska 1460, Nevada 179, Utah 618, Oregon 923 and Washington 1596.

FRENCH OFFICER OPTIMISTIC

Expert Says Huns Can Have Amiens if They Will Pay Price in Lives.

Paris—The German attack Monday on the left bank of the river Oise, between Chauny and Barisis, is taken by some military critics as indicating that the enemy, finding himself cramped in the salient which his offensive had created toward Montdidier and Amiens, is seeking more elbow room, as without it he will be unable to deploy his masses in Hindenburg style.

The retirement of the French to positions prepared in advance cause no uneasiness here.

"People should not allow themselves to be hypnotized by the official bulletins," said one high official.

"In a battle like this," he added, "bulletins showing more or less important advances and retreats are simply geographical summaries which convey little meaning except to those who are directing the operations.

"People ask: 'Will the Boches get Amiens?'"

"My reply is, perhaps they will, if General Foch can smash more German divisions by letting them in than by keeping them out. Unbeaten armies are more important than towns, and what has happened in this battle does not show on the map.

"Germany's gains look like a fat, juicy pear to the newspaper reader, but the kaiser knows how hollow it is at the core."

Lynching to Be Probed.

Collinsville, Ill.—State officials, acting under instructions of the attorney general, probably will take over investigation of the lynching of Robert P. Prager, an enemy alien hanged here last Friday after he had been accused of making disloyal remarks. Formal investigation started by the coroner will be followed up by the attorney general's office which will assume full charge of the case. All information obtained will be turned over to a special session of the grand jury which opens next week.

Alien Property Hunted.

Omaha—To search out alien enemy property in Nebraska, Harry E. O'Neill, special representative for the alien property custodian of the United States government, reached Omaha Monday night for a two weeks' hunt.

Although but one instance of enemy-owned property has been reported from Omaha, it is known there are numerous estates in this state which are owned in Germany.

ALLIES BLOCK HUNS' PLANS FOR VICTORY

War Department Asserts French and British Upset Schedule.

RESULT IS UNCERTAIN

Position of Allied Armies Declared to Be Better Strategic Standpoint, but Attacks are Expected.

Washington, D. C.—French and British tenacity has upset the ambitious plans of the German high command for the battle of Picardy, says the War department's weekly military review Sunday night, and now the enemy determined to get in some sort of success at any cost, is throwing fresh forces into the battle in an effort to win limited objectives. Because of this, the situation is expected to remain uncertain for some time to come. General improvement in the strategic position of the allies is noted, and the review declares that under General Foch the allied military machinery is working smoothly and efficiently in stemming the German assault.

There is no mention whatever of the American troops reported hurrying to the front to join the British and French, though the department again mentions that several American transport sections have taken an active part in the battle and that the American aviation service is co-operating with the British artillery.

"At the opening of the third week of the German offensive, we find that the enemy is still far short of attaining his principal objectives," says the review.

"It is now evident that the German high command contemplated overwhelming the British at the outset between the Oise and the Senese, and driving a wedge into the Franco-British forces.

"The enemy fully expected to achieve a decision in the field in the course of one great battle.

"Evidence of prisoners tends to confirm that the enemy hoped to gain the line of the Somme by the evening of the first day of the offensive. As a matter of fact, it took the Germans 10 days to cover the ground they expected to overrun within 48 hours.

"Under the leadership of General Foch, the allied military machine is functioning with precise smoothness insuring greatest economy, harmony and efficiency in the use of all the forces now united in stemming the German assaults. The morale of the allied troops remains high.

"The German offensive has not spent itself and the situation will continue uncertain for some time to come. However, the general strategic position of the allies is becoming more favorable.

"After a period of relative calm early in last week, during which the enemy was busy bringing up his heavy guns and repairing the wastage of battle by replacing tired units with fresh troops, another powerful attack was launched along the segment of the line now held by the French, stretching from the Amiens Roye road to Grivesnes. The enemy was able to make slight headway. Fierce fighting continues. Allied forces are massed to check the invaders in this area.

"The Austrian armies, with the exception of the few units operating in the Ukraine or in the western area, are now in the Italian theater."

Hun Future is Uncertain.

London—The Birmingham Daily Post says that if statements in Hamburg newspapers are reliable, the prospects of German shipowners after the war are uncertain. It is considered probable that for some years they will have difficulty in again obtaining a foothold in several important trades which they at one time almost monopolized.

Commenting on the same subject the London correspondent of the Liverpool Daily Post says German mercantile marine, which aggregated 3,072,993 tons when the war began, has been depleted to the extent of nearly 3,000,000 tons.

Turks Drive in Caucasus.

Constantinople—Turkish troops are advancing over a wide front in the Caucasus, says an official statement issued Monday by the Turkish war office. Virtually all of Turkish Armenia has been cleared of Russians. After violent fighting, the announcement says, the Turks occupied Ardahan and positions west of Sarikamish, and Russian towns in trans-Caucasia, and crossed the ancient Russo-Turkish frontier in the direction of Batum.