

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.

dispatch from Laibach says that King Peter, of Serbia, who has been ill for some time, has suffered a second stroke of apoplexy.

Chicago victims of the high cost of living found further satisfaction last Friday in the trend of produce prices. Butter at wholesale dropped 3 to 4 cents and potatoes declined 5 to 10c a bushel.

New York became the 44th state to ratify the federal prohibition amendment when the senate Friday, by a vote of 27 to 24, concurred in the McNab ratifying resolution adopted by the assembly last week.

Buenos Aires leaders of the maritime workers announce that as a result of the failure of the recent negotiations between the strikers and employers they have organized to continue the port strike indefinitely.

A Berlin dispatch says the Spartan domination of the German port of Bremen, according to reports to the Tageblatt of Berlin, came to an end, not through the employment of force, but because the radicals were financially "starved out."

A new issue of \$600,000,000 in treasury certificates of indebtedness, bearing 4 1/2 per cent interest and payable July 1, 1919, is to be put on the market by Secretary of the Treasury Carter Glass on January 30, the Twelfth Federal Reserve bank announced last week. Books on the offer will close February 6.

Recognition of the provisional government of Poland has been accorded by the American government, officials of the State department said Thursday in making public a message which Secretary Lansing, at Paris, has sent by direction of President Wilson to Ignace Jan Paderewski, the new Polish premier.

In an opinion rendered last week, the judge advocate-general of the army held that the military authorities in France might facilitate the marriage by proxy of soldiers abroad to their sweethearts in the United States, where such marriages did not contravene state statutes. A previous opinion had disapproved such marriages.

Prospect of industrial unemployment in this country was discussed briefly last week in the senate. Senators Kenyon, of Iowa, and Smoot, of Utah, republicans, were joined by Senator Thomas, of Colorado, in expressing apprehension, while Senator Lewis, of Illinois, democrat, deprecated their statements and those of Secretary Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor, and others regarding probable depression.

The house late Monday passed and sent to the senate the bill appropriating \$10,500,000 for constructing hospitals for disabled soldiers and sailors.

The Swiss daily bread ration will be increased from 250 to 300 grammes February 1, as a result of the increased harvest and betterment of import conditions.

Five hundred French poilus arrived at Honolulu, T. H., a few days ago, bound for Vladivostok. The contingent includes interpreters, aviators, tank corps and armored car corps.

Men discharged from the army are wanted in the marine corps, where there is a dearth of non-commissioned officers, the marine recruiting headquarters announced in San Francisco Tuesday.

Consideration of legislation to validate war contracts informally entered into by the War department was begun Monday in the senate with the nature of the jurisdictional tribunal the chief point at issue.

Karl Liebknecht and 33 other members of the Spartacist group of socialists, who were killed during recent disorders, were buried at Friedrichsfelde, near Berlin, Saturday. No serious conflicts have been reported.

Favored by a high tail wind, Lieutenant Robert H. Baker, in a De Havilland 12-cylinder plane, broke all previous records in a flight from Fort Sill to Oklahoma City last Saturday, when he made the 90 miles in 20 minutes flat, or at a speed of 270 miles an hour.

OREGON LEGISLATURE BRITAIN IN THROES OF LABOR UNREST

State Capitol.—The most gigantic scheme of industrial development ever attempted in Oregon is wrapped up in a joint resolution introduced in the house of the legislature Saturday by Representatives Gordon, Coffey, Bean, Jones of Lincoln and Polk and Sidler. Under the amendment the constitutional limitation for indebtedness of 2 per cent is lifted and unincorporated sections of the state or incorporated cities and towns may issue bonds in an amount not exceeding 5 per cent of the assessed valuation for the purpose of developing hydro-electric energy in turn to develop the vast latent resources of the state.

Recitals are made in the resolutions of the practically unlimited possibilities offered in Oregon for manufacture of highest grade woolen fabrics; the manufacture of iron and steel, the wonderful future for milling and the production of its by-products; the irrigation of great areas of fertile lands through the installation of pumping stations, and the opportunities which would be opened up for the use of electric current in the operation of machinery on farms and in the homes, so that isolated and less attractive sections of the state would be made the mecca for wonderful future rural development.

Proposed consolidation of the city of Portland and county of Multnomah made its appearance in the senate Monday when a proposed amendment to the constitution was brought to Salem by Frank S. Grant and introduced by the Multnomah delegation "by request," with Senator Banks introducing the measure.

In its provisions the proposed consolidation is most sweeping. It consolidates most everything in the city and county governments and gives the consolidated body control of the Willamette and Columbia rivers. Under the directions contained in the drafted bill, the school board is wiped out in Portland and all the school boards in the various districts of the county are displaced. The same holds of road districts. The municipalities of Gresham, Troutdale and Fairview are merged into one general corporation with Portland and in the combine is absorbed the port of Portland.

The dock commission is not reached by the bill, but if the people adopt the constitutional amendment calling for the merger, the dock commission being a municipal entity, can be taken in later.

The calling of a special election in June to vote bonds for the construction of public buildings as a means of helping to solve the employment problem of the returned soldiers and sailors, is being considered by the house and senate joint committee on reconstruction.

Sentiment favoring this bond issue was pronounced at a meeting of the committee Monday afternoon, at which the reconstruction committee of the Washington legislature met with the Oregon lawmakers for a frank discussion of industrial conditions.

As supplemental to his land settlement bill, introduced earlier in the session, Representative Richardson introduced another measure providing for the same land settlement commission plan, but adding a provision calling for a bond issue of \$5,000,000 to be issued during the next five years. The bonds are to be self-retiring by repayment of loans, similar to the rural credits plan.

Senator Dimick's bill prohibiting the teaching of German in all public and state-aid schools of Oregon passed the senate on third reading Friday, after its opponents had attacked it in a series of debates extending throughout the morning session and part of the afternoon.

Opposition, however, was but slightly stronger than Saturday, 11 votes being recorded against the measure. Senators who opposed the bill were Senators Gill, Howell, Huston, Jones, Lafollette, Moser, Nickerson, Norblad, Porter, Smith of Josephine and Strayer.

The bill now will go to the house, where the opposition is expected to gather its forces in an effort to kill it.

Representative Horne has proposed a measure in the house providing for a super-tax of 25 per cent on idle and uncultivated lands which are tillable, exempting timber lands. This bill has the support of the Federation of Labor.

Four bills which gear in together and form the road programme legislation are practically ready for introduction and will be offered during this week. These are the \$10,000,000 bond bill, gasoline tax, license tax, and rules of the road. With a few minor changes, the measures are now complete and ready for consideration. That they eventually will be adopted is the general opinion, for the obstructionists to the road programme have received a setback.

Leaders of Factions Seeking General Remedy.

HOARDING CHARGED

Sir Eric Geddes Proposes Trade Union
Management of Factory to
Test Co-operative Plan.

London.—The industrial unrest has superseded the peace conference as the chief topic of interest in Great Britain. Many of the leaders in the camps of capital and labor are bringing out specifics for a general remedy.

The proposal of John R. Clynes, the former food controller, for an industrial congress representing all interests seems to be the most popular today. It has a rival in a new society called the "National Alliance of Employers and Employed," with representative men on both sides promoting.

One point on which everyone is agreed is that some general principles, particularly applying to wages and hours, must be recognized.

Sir Eric Geddes has made a novel proposal—that some trade union take over a large national factory and run it as an experiment to show what can be done by such co-operative management.

Naturally, politics is becoming involved in the agitation. Some workers and free traders assert that the government is keeping back stocks of food, which might be released now, in order to keep up prices in the interest of the dealers, and also that the board of trade has an understanding with the manufacturers to maintain an embargo against imports, in the interest of English goods.

The protectionists justify such a policy by the argument that it guarantees employment for British workers while the free traders argue that the whole community would benefit more by cheaper prices.

While the debate rages the strike movement threatens to spread beyond the ranks of the manual workers. The Association of Railway Clerks is discussing action because the government will not recognize the station masters and agents as a body. The postal employees are arranging a meeting to put forward a scheme for a seven-hour day with a half holiday Saturday.

Return Dutch Ships.

Washington, D. C.—Dutch ships requisitioned by the American government during the war and now operated by the Shipping board will be unconditionally returned to Holland as rapidly as they reach American ports at the conclusion of their present voyage. This announcement was made by the War Trade board, which has reached an agreement on the subject with the Shipping board.

The Dutch ships were seized in American ports last March 29 by order of President Wilson, acting in the emergency. There were 87 of the vessels with an aggregate of 539,000 deadweight tons, but several were destroyed by enemy action or storms while in the service of the United States.

Under the agreement with the Dutch ship owners, vessels destroyed were to be replaced by money or ships at the option of the Dutch owners and liberal rates for their use were allowed.

Year's Fair Dates Fixed.

Seattle.—Dates for this year's fairs were adopted and the following officers elected at the meeting here Saturday of the North Pacific Fair circuit: George Walker, Chehalis, Wash., president; W. C. Brown, Vancouver, B. C., vice-president; H. C. Brown, Portland, secretary-treasurer.

The fair schedule adopted follows: Southwest Washington, Centralia and Chehalis, August 18-23; Grays Harbor county, Elma, August 25-30; Interstate, Spokane, September 1-6; Vancouver, B. C., exhibition, September 8-13; Walla Walla, September 8-13; Washington state, Yakima, September 15-20; Multnomah county, Gresham, Or., September 15-20; Oregon state, Salem, September 22-23; Provincial exhibition, New Westminster, B. C., September 20-October 4.

Belgium Gets Big Credit.

Paris.—Ten billion francs have been advanced to Belgium by Great Britain, France and the United States, the amount to be deducted from the first installment of the war indemnity to be paid by Germany, according to a Havas dispatch from Brussels.

The dispatch adds that the amount will be raised either by an inter-allied bond issue or by a government loan having priority over all other loans.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Representatives Graham, Dennis and Gore are appointed by Speaker Jones as house members of a joint committee to secure samples of pavement for submission to the roads and highways committee.

Every one practicing dentistry in the state or opening parlors or offices for conducting them will be required to take out a state license under the terms of a bill introduced by Representative McFarland.

Legislation urged by Secretary Lane to modify homestead law privileges in favor of soldiers who served in the war or on the Mexican border was approved Saturday by the senate public lands committee and reported favorably.

For a consideration of an even \$100,000 Iley Winn, of Weston, sold to his brother, A. H. Winn, 900 acres of farm land north of Helix. A few weeks ago Winn sold another farm near Weston for more than \$100,000.

Astoria cranberry-growers are making plans for enlargement of warehouse room in Clatsop county. At Allendale, where a modern fireproof warehouse was erected last summer, present plans are for trebling the capacity.

Through deals closed this week J. R. Nunamaker and sons, Don, Floyd and Neal Nunamaker, already owners of 75 acres of full-bearing orchards, at Hood River, have increased their holdings by 75 acres. The aggregate of the sums paid will reach \$50,000, it is said.

One of the largest flouring mills in the state of Oregon outside of Portland and by far the largest in the southern part of the state will be started at Klamath Falls within a few days when the Martin Brothers begin to turn their wheels for steady operation.

All restrictions on fuel dealers and all prices set by the Fuel administration are off Saturday, February 1. Prices may fall, is the belief of some Portland dealers, who fear the result of the lifting of restriction in mid-winter, when fuel conditions are most important.

Announcement was made at Astoria Saturday that within the next 60 days the Standard Oil company will begin work on the construction of its big distributing plant on the site purchased by it shortly before the war started. The plant will entail an expenditure of approximately \$200,000.

In the center of the irrigation development and in the second unit of the Jordan valley irrigation district of Malheur county has arisen Ruby, a brand-new town. Just at present the town is rather small, consisting of only two buildings—one of them for use of the irrigation project, and the other a boarding-house.

One of the largest shipments of beef cattle to leave Baker for some time was loaded Saturday by Jenkins, Loengran & Trowbridge, and consisted of 36-carloads, or 936 head, of prime beef steers for consignment to the Chicago market. At the prevailing Chicago price of 15 cents per pound for this class of steers, the shipment will bring its owners \$168,480.

Astoria is in the throes of a real barbers' strike, and the town is looking forward to shaveless and shampooless days. On Saturday evening the Barbers' union made a demand that the shops close at 6:30 instead of 7:30 each day. This was granted, but each shop then discharged one of its men, which the proprietors said was necessary in order to reduce expenses to meet the new conditions.

A bonding election for the new Sparta irrigation project took place Monday and carried by a large majority. B. F. Keist, Glen Macy and Ernest Dill were elected directors. This election marks the transition of a one time famous mining camp from a region of desert hills to a promising agricultural community. The plan is to reclaim 12,000 acres by bringing water from Eagle Creek through the Sparta mining ditch, and the estimated cost of the project is \$50 per acre to the land reclaimed.

The Sheridan Fruit Growers' association, owners of the Sheridan cannery, at its annual meeting elected the following directors: K. C. Miller, president; A. J. Bewley, vice-president, H. G. Funk, secretary-treasurer; R. L. Eskridge, Roy Graves. During the season of 1918, Roy Graves, operator of the cannery, has paid \$125,000 for fruits and for labor in caring for this fruit at the cannery, \$16,000. The total output was 3000 tons of canned goods, representing 80 carloads. This is the second year of operation of the cannery, and the fruitgrowers are feeling highly gratified at its success.

BOLSHEVISM UP TO SENATE

Light Soon to Be Turned on Propaganda in West.

Washington, D. C.—Evidence that revolutionary propagandists have been active in trying to incite strikes and other disorders in industrial centers on the Pacific coast will be laid before the senate by a western senator within a few days. This information was to have been given to the senate, but the senator in possession of the evidence decided to withhold it, pending an investigation as to the extent that the same propaganda is being carried on in eastern cities.

It will be charged, it is understood that professional propagandists have been preaching Bolshevism to shipyard workers and workmen generally, and that the campaign is now being carried on among discontented soldiers seeking to incite them to revolt against the government. These revolutionists, it is said, have taken the fullest advantage of the dissatisfaction among returning soldiers over the failure of the government to prepare for their home-coming and provide immediate employment.

Congress probably will be called upon to investigate the origin of this propaganda with a view to learning whether it is financed at home or abroad and to what extent it is a movement against organized government rather than one which seeks sincerely to help the workmen or improve the condition of the soldiers.

NO GREAT SURPLUS OF FOOD, IS REPORT

New York.—Under the general food programme outlined by the allies, Germany will be allowed about 6,000,000 bushels of breadstuffs a month, mostly from the United States, if she can find the money to pay for it, according to a detailed statement of foreign grain requirements cabled by Herbert Hoover to Julius H. Barnes, president of the United States Grain corporation, and made public here Saturday night.

Between now and July 1, the statement said, France and Italy will take 80,000,000 bushels of wheat and flour from the Grain corporation, while the allied governments will take also about 75,000,000 bushels of oats.

If restrictions are removed on cereal imports to European neutrals they will require about 60,000,000 bushels of wheat, rye or barley, in grain or flour, to bring their bread consumption to normal, mostly from the United States. "As we have already shipped from the United States over 160,000,000 bushels of wheat or flour, the Grain corporation will easily dispose of all wheat, with, perhaps, a small carry-over, if any, at the next harvest," the cable said.

Vienna Welcomes Food.

Vienna.—The second train of foodstuffs, the gift of the British army in Italy to Vienna, arrived here Saturday. The food situation here has grown worse because of the great influx of fugitives.

It is reported that Turkey is expelling all foreigners and that Budapest will send away all persons not permanent residents. It is feared that a large number of these persons will come to Vienna.

Thousands of Jews, in fear of outbreaks against them, are also reaching here, while several hundred thousand soldiers have already returned to their homes.

The result has been shocking overcrowding, unemployment and suffering.

Fleet Plans Maneuvers.

Norfolk, Va.—The Atlantic fleet, as reconstituted with the return of the battle squadrons from overseas, now is assembling in Hampton Roads, preparatory to sailing next week for Cuba, where winter maneuvers will be held. Supply and fuel ships and tug towing targets already have left for Cuba. It will be the first time that the combined fleet will put into practice the lessons learned by actual participation in the war.

H. L. Pittock Passes Away.

Henry L. Pittock, publisher of The Oregonian, died at his residence on Imperial Heights at 11:10 o'clock Tuesday night. He was taken ill January 16 and the symptoms were those of influenza. For a week or more he held his own, but complications set in and made the struggle for life hopeless. The arrangements for the funeral will be announced in due time.

A report of the business done the past year by the Pacific Cranberry Growers exchange at South Bend has been made by D. Walter Williams, manager. The report shows that 30,323 boxes of cranberries were shipped from the associations that comprise the exchange.

HAVE ROSY CHEEKS AND FEEL FRESH AS A DAISY—TRY THIS!

Says glass of hot water with
phosphate before breakfast
washes out poisons.

To see the tinge of healthy bloom in your face, to see your skin get clearer and clearer, to wake up without a headache, backache, coated tongue or a nasty breath, in fact to feel your best, day in and day out, just try inside-bathing every morning for one week.

Before breakfast each day, drink a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it as a harmless means of washing from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach. The action of hot water and limestone phosphate on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store but is sufficient to demonstrate that. Those who are subject to constipation, bilious attacks, acid stomach, rheumatic twinges, also those whose skin is sallow and complexion pallid, that one week of inside-bathing will have them both looking and feeling better in every way.—Adv.

Be Kind and Patient.

There is more special grace requisite and manifest in watchful perseverance in little kindnesses and habitual patience at home, in abstinence from conversational disparagement of others, and in resistance to habits of sloth and undue self-indulgence in private life than in the performance of great public duties under the observation of multitudes.

HAVE YOU A SWEETHEART?
Son or Brother in camp or training for defense? If so, mail him a package of Allen's Foot Ease, the antiseptic powder for Tired, Aching, Swollen Feet, and prevents blisters and sore spots. Makes walking easy. Sold everywhere, 25c.

Pine Leaf Paper.

It has been estimated that if the immense waste were eliminated, the daily output of the long-leaf pine industry would be 4,000 tons of paper, 3,000 tons of rosin, 300,000 gallons of turpentine, and 600,000 gallons of ethyl.

To Have a Clear Sweet Skin.

Touch pimples, redness, roughness or itching. If any, with Cuticura Ointment, then bathe with Cuticura Soap and hot water. Rinse, dry gently and dust on a little Cuticura Talcum to leave a fascinating fragrance on skin. Everywhere 25c each.—Adv.

Peculiar Articles of Commerce

Dried lizards are said to be an article of merchandise regularly imported into this country. They come from China, to supply a demand by Chinese residents in the United States. They are supposed to possess much medicinal virtue when ground to powder and mixed with certain other curative substances. The Chinese used dried toads for a tonic, salted scorpions for smallpox and fossil crabs as an antidote for poison.

Windmill Electricity.

Windmills are used to generate electricity in the Netherlands, where waterpower is scanty. The wind acting through the windmill drives the generator, producing the electricity, which is then stored in a storage battery and used for various purposes.

IF KIDNEYS ACT BAD TAKE SALTS

Says Backache is sign you have
been eating too much
meat.

When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels; removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells; your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night.

Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.