

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.

Railroad communication between Berlin and Munich has ceased. Bamberg, which is still the seat of the Hoffmann government, also is cut off from Munich.

Virtually 40 per cent of the more than 400,000,000 bushels of wheat produced in Australia in the seasons of 1915-1916-1917-1918 is still in stock, a government announcement says.

A general strike has been proclaimed in Bremen. It is effective in most of the large works and on the tramways. The gas and electric lighting systems, however, are operating.

German passenger liners turned over to the United States for troop transport service will be fitted out during voyages instead of being laid up after their arrival in the United States.

Rear-Admiral Sims, who commanded the American fleet during its wartime activities in European waters, said Friday that he believed there were "205 German submarines at the bottom of the sea."

Continued successes for Russian soviet forces along almost the whole of the western Russian front from the Baltic to the Black sea is claimed in a Russian official wireless dispatch received Saturday in London.

Professor Henry Morse Stephens of the University of California, prominent educator and author, dropped dead at the union ferry depot in San Francisco Thursday after attending the funeral of Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst.

More than \$1,100,000,000 has been collected as the first installment of tax payments, due one month ago, it was disclosed by Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper in an address on Saturday before the Southern Wholesale Drygoods Association of Louisville, Ky.

During the battle of the Somme in 1916 the British army used 4,000,000 rounds of artillery ammunition, according to a statistical announcement published by the war department. This is the largest number of shells used in any single engagement so far as records show.

Soldiers and non-commissioned officers in the German army are protesting against the order placing the rate of pay on the peace-time basis, and have manifested their intention of striking if the order is not rescinded, the Berlin correspondent of the Frankfurt Zeitung says.

The Polish government is preparing to purchase \$450,000,000 worth of supplies in the United States this year, according to E. Levinski Corwin, a Polish economist, who delivered an address Friday night in New York at a meeting of the Polish engineers and merchants in America.

San Francisco policemen subscribed \$12,000 in the Irish liberty fund drive, which resulted in total subscriptions of \$105,000 in that city, it is announced. The quota for California was \$50,000. The police department led the list of subscribers.

Charging him with malfeasance in office for his part in the Rathbun pardon case, the Iowa house judiciary committee will present a majority report to the house recommending impeachment of Governor W. L. Harding. A minority report will recommend censure.

Vaults in the old courthouse and other unusual storage places in Seattle were pressed into service Wednesday to store as legal evidence 3150 quarts of bonded whisky, said to be worth about \$56,700 at alleged bootlegger prices, which were seized by Sheriff John Stringer.

Dr. Santiago Verdejay Neyra, conservative, has been elected to the presidency of the ninth Cuban congress.

Revised army casualties records just made public show 274,860 major casualties, an increase of 1,755 over the total announced a week ago. One of the striking features of the record is a reduction of 337 in the number of missing, brought about largely by the identification of dead and the return of prisoners.

MILITARY SYSTEM DEFENDED

Object of Courtmartial, Say Officers,
Is Efficient Army.

Washington, D. C.—The system of military jurisprudence is designed to produce an efficient, dependable fighting army, not to do exact justice to individual soldiers, according to the views vigorously presented Friday to the committee of the American Bar association by army officers of field experience, including Major-General Edwin F. Glenn, organizer and commander of the 83d division, now in command of Camp Sherman.

In attaining that objective, the officers contended, the present machinery for enforcing military discipline had proved both efficient and fair, the final product of the system closely approximating justice to the individual in addition to producing what General Glenn described as the best disciplined army in France.

Cases of court-martial sentences so excessive in the penalty awarded as to be ridiculous were freely admitted by the officers. Such sentences only served, General Glenn insisted, to prove that even in the early stages of military-legal proceedings, the action of the courts in no case being final, fairness was the general rule.

Judge Gregory, chairman of the committee, and General Glenn, engaged in considerable argument which brought out that the officer, speaking both from his military experience and his special training in civil law as a graduate of the law school of the University of Minnesota, saw little in common between the purposes of civil justice and its military equivalent.

Major Charles H. MacDonald, General Glenn's divisional judge advocate at Camp Sherman, and before the war an attorney for the federal trade commission, followed his chief and expressed the same views.

SLAVS TO BE FED IF REDS QUIT FIGHTING

Paris.—The allied and associated powers are prepared to aid in the relief of Russia with foodstuffs, medical supplies and other necessities, provided there is a cessation of hostilities "within definite lines in the territory of Russia." This fact became known Saturday in correspondence which has passed between Dr. F. Nansen, head of the commission appointed to feed Russia, and President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau, Lloyd George and Orlando.

Dr. Nansen, in his appeal to the council of four for aid in bringing relief to Russia, where he said thousands of persons were dying monthly from sheer starvation and disease, suggested a neutral and "purely humanitarian committee" for the purpose.

The council of four, in reply, recognized with sympathy the situation in Russia and gave assurance of its readiness to succor the stricken people of Russia along the lines that Belgium was fed and ministered to, but with the fundamental proposition that a cessation of hostilities would be brought about.

Premier Clemenceau withheld his approval of the proposition temporarily, but added his signature later to those of Premiers Orlando and Lloyd George and President Wilson, thus virtually assuring the immediate economic relief of soviet Russia, as Lenin is known to be willing to accept food on the conditions outlined by Dr. Nansen and discussed with the bolsheviks by various neutral representatives at Moscow.

Mines to Be Given Back.

El Paso.—Four hundred mining properties in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico, which were confiscated during the revolutions, will be returned to the owners at once, it was announced here. Exceptions were made in the cases of General Terrazas, General Huerta's estate and that of General Orozco. These properties will not be returned. A majority of the mining properties were confiscated by the constitutional government.

Celebration to Be Novel.

Tacoma.—The battle of the Argonne with 1500 Camp Lewis soldiers, some of them members of the 91st division who saw action in this historic sector, will be staged in miniature July 3 and 5 next on the Tacoma speedway as a feature of the northwest peace jubilee celebration. Details have been worked out by Colonel Harvey J. Miller, Camp Lewis, and a staff of five other officers, all of whom have seen overseas service.

Train Robbers Get \$6000.

Marion, Ark.—St. Louis & San Francisco train No. 80, en route from St. Louis to Memphis, was held up between this city and Bridge Junction Friday night by three masked men, who escaped with about \$6000 in cash, it is reported here.

FAIR DEAL PROMISED WHEAT CONSUMERS

Price Guaranty Does Not Mean
Extortion, Says Barnes.

EUROPE'S NEEDS BIG

Little Use May Be Made of Billion-
Dollar Fund Provided for Fi-
nancing U. S. Crop.

New York.—Despite maintenance of the government guaranteed price in the face of an American wheat crop which probably will break all records, domestic consumers will not pay more for the product during the coming year than the rates concurrently accepted from foreign buyers, Julius H. Barnes, newly appointed federal wheat director, declared in a statement Tuesday outlining the policies of his administration.

Mr. Barnes termed unsound any governmental scheme of artificial subsidizing and thought it quite possible, with the greater part of Europe looking to America for food and the crop prospects of the allied countries even poorer than last year, that little inroad, except of a temporary nature, would be made on the billion-dollar fund provided by congress to carry out the farmers' guarantee of \$2.26 a bushel.

However, should there be a surplus of wheat, he said, the national treasury would be protected as far as possible in making good the difference between the guaranteed and market rates by determination of a world price for the sale of the surplus. At present the world price exceeds the government price. How much of the federal appropriation would be expended, the director said, would depend on the harvest, as would also the government policy in buying and selling portions of the crop. Until facts concerning the 1919 yield are more generally known, he added, no definite plan of operation could be intelligently adopted.

In relation to federal acquisition of wheat, which he predicted would be on an extensive scale in enforcing the farmers' guaranty, particularly if world prices should be lower than the government prices, effective June 1, 1920, Mr. Barnes said three plans were under consideration: Direct dealing with the farmers, which would bring the director into contact with 1,000,000 persons; purchasing through the country grain exchanges, which would necessitate keeping 20,000 accounts, and buying through the mills, which would reduce the number of clients to 7000.

As to sale of government acquired stocks the director said that congress, with a clear conception of the difficulties of the coming year, had delegated to the president large powers and discretion which would be at the service of the wheat administration. The sale policy, he said, would be decided by factors developing within the season and the license power would be used, if necessary, to control trade practices so as to assure proper reflection of the guaranteed price reaching all classes of producers.

Premier to See Mission.

Paris.—David Lloyd George has agreed to receive ex-Governor Edward F. Dunne, of Illinois; Frank P. Walsh, ex-chairman of the national war labor board, and Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia, next week. The Americans were chosen by the Irish societies in the United States to appeal to the peace conference in behalf of Ireland. The Americans will take up with Mr. Lloyd George the question of his receiving the delegates from Ireland.

Air Celebration Planned.

Washington, D. C.—Plans for celebrating the first anniversary of the New York-Philadelphia air mail service on May 15 contemplate the use on regular flights of the same six planes which inaugurated the service and which to date have survived more than 11 months of flying under all sorts of weather conditions. About eight million letters, or more than 200,000 pounds of mail, have been carried in this service.

Place Goes to Virginian.

Portsmouth, Va.—Ervin Underwood, general solicitor of the Seaboard Air Line railway, has resigned and will become general solicitor of the United States railroad administration at Washington.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

To redeem Lake and Klamath counties, bringing them back commercially into Oregon, the state highway commission last week decided to co-operate to the limit with those counties, and to urge additional co-operation from the government. Roughly, about 400 miles are involved in the plan, 148 miles in Lake; 145 miles in Klamath and 105 miles connecting Lakeview and Klamath Falls, the mileage being about equal between the two counties.

For Lake county the state will put up \$200,000, the county will bond itself for \$200,000, which is its limit, and the government will be asked to contribute \$400,000. The contemplated road improvements in Klamath will cost an estimate of \$861,980. The county will turn over \$20,000 now on hand, and bond itself for \$360,000, and the Indian department will give at least \$25,000, as the road will go through the reservation. The rest of the money necessary will be raised by the state and the government.

Not a great deal can be accomplished on this Lake-Klamath program this year, for the projects for co-operation must be taken up with the government which, it is understood, is willing to help.

The plan calls for development of the 105 miles from Klamath Falls to Lakeview, which will cost \$557,674 for the lake end and \$234,594 for the Klamath end. There is 130 miles of road projected from Lakeview to the north county line, which will cost about \$557,674, and this road will connect in Deschutes county and continue on to Bend. From Lakeview south to New Pine creek, connecting with the highway in California, is 15 miles, to improve which will cost \$38,159.

In Klamath the policy calls for building a road from Klamath Falls to the north county line, 118 miles, at an estimated cost of \$369,088, and a road from Klamath Falls south toward Ager, tapping the California line, with a mileage of 30 miles, estimated as costing \$213,527.

Paving and widening of the road between Seaside and Astoria was declared a post road project and will be handled as such when the government approves. Clatsop county has \$65,000 to aid and the commission agreed to accept it toward the co-operation.

Contracts were awarded by the commission as follows:

Hemlock to Beaver in Tillamook county, five miles, bitulithic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$112,803.

Jefferson to Beaver in Marion county, seven miles, bitulithic pavement, A. D. Kerns, \$133,008.

Deer Island to Rainier in Columbia county, 20 miles, bitulithic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$342,038.

Wolf creek to Grave creek in Josephine county, 4.9 miles, bitulithic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$105,528.

Rickreel to Monmouth to Independence in Polk county, 8.3 miles, bitulithic pavement, Warren Construction company, \$204,122.

Marshfield to Coquille, in Coos county, 14 miles, concrete pavement, Perham, Dean, Brown & Hogue company, \$318,781.

Central Point to Gold Hill in Jackson county, 8.9 miles, bitulithic pavement, Clark & Henry Construction company, \$231,689.

McMinnville to Sheridan, in Yamhill county, 8.3 miles, bitulithic pavement, V. R. Dennis, \$192,411.

Baker to Middle bridge, in Baker county, 18.75 miles of grading, J. A. Hoskins, \$92,234.

Scappoose to Deer Island, in Columbia county, 14.2 miles grading; L. G. Herrold, \$68,581.

Stage Road pass to Wolf Creek, Josephine county, 4.5 miles grading; Joplin & Elden, \$38,197.

Divide to Douglas county line, in Lane county, 1.2 miles grading; J. H. Hawley, \$11,144.

Myrtle Creek to Dillard, in Douglas county, removal of slide; H. J. Hildeburn, \$19,550.

Myrtle Creek to Dillard, in Douglas county, 12.8 miles paving, Oregon Hassam company, \$316,906.

Amity to Holmes gap, in Yamhill county, 8.3 miles, paving, Oregon Independent Paving company, \$244,170.

Oakland to Yoncalla, in Douglas county, paving 10.4 miles, Clark-Henry Construction company, \$272,341.

Milton Farmer Buys Fine Stock.

Milton, Or.—R. M. Dorothy, well known wheat farmer and cattle grower, Saturday unloaded a trio of Short-horn cattle, consisting of two heifers and an 18-months' old bull, the three having been purchased by Mr. Dorothy at the recent Portland stock show. These imported cattle are said to be among the finest ever brought to this section of the state and cost their new owner approximately \$1500.

APRIL HOUSECLEANING REAL FAMILY AFFAIR

Tongue-Active Members Should
Be Put to Work.

Labor-Saving Devices and Cheerful Co-
operation Will Give House New
Lease on Life in Homes.

(Prepared by Oregon Agricultural College)

Spring housecleaning, by means of modern labor-saving devices and co-operation of the whole family, may bring much better living conditions without undue fatigue, fuss and friction, declares Miss Emma S. Weld, instructor in house administration. It takes careful planning and a willing and cheerful spirit to transform this so-called mental task into a labor of love, and Miss Weld suggests the plans and procedures as follows:

"The very thought of spring housecleaning to the average housekeeper—not to mention the rest of the family whose participation is often limited to voluble criticism of the 'terribly upset' house—is a bugbear. On the other hand, some ultra modern theorists would relegate annual cleaning to the dark ages, along with its former concomitants—heavy tacked down carpets, feather beds, and stuffy parlors.

"The modern homemaker of today, though equipped with labor saving devices and responsible for only a moderate sized house, finds it both necessary and desirable when spring days lure into the sunshine to refresh and refurbish her habitation. This despite the fact that she may have been far from neglectful during the fall and winter months.

"What then are her weapons, and what is the sanest method of procedure whereby worth while results may be accomplished without the cyclonic disturbance and utter weariness which so often characterize the conventional housecleaning?

"In the first place there seems to be a great temptation to do two or three days' work in one. Since the scarcity of labor, or money, often makes hired help unobtainable even for special occasions, it is doubly important that all tasks be so planned as to avoid overwork. The old idea that the numerous and often arduous duties of housecleaning can and must be accomplished with whirlwind speed, is stuff and nonsense! In most instances a room a day is all that should be attempted.

"The main tasks can easily be classified—window cleaning one day, special laundering and dry cleaning another, and the out of door airing and sunning of everything from furs and heavy clothing to draperies and rugs, a third. 'Better faded carpets than faded lives!'

"A vacuum cleaner is almost indispensable. Rent if you do not own one. One thrifty woman paid for hers in two seasons by renting it at 25 cents a half day. If you can't get a cleaner take special care to avoid dust.

"Dustless sweeping and dusting are within the reach of all. Damp sawdust or tea leaves, or finely torn moistened newspapers used with a slightly damp broom will freshen a faded rug, while a bit of cheese cloth wrung out of kerosene and hot water, and left to dry is as good a duster as can be purchased. Cedar oil is excellent for dustmops.

"Every member of the family should cooperate in the cleaning and renovating that gives the house a new lease on life. No woman should attempt to move heavy rugs and furniture without help. The preparation of meals and the care of little children might well be shifted to another's hands while this extra work is taxing her time and strength."

Fertilizers Tried on Berry Plants.

Tests in the use of commercial fertilizers for cane fruits have been made on two plots of raspberry plants belonging to Oren Stratton, of Brownsville, under the direction of Prof. C. I. Lewis, horticulturist at the state college. Nitrate of soda was applied to one lot and ammonium sulfate to another. Exact records of production on these plots will be made by Mr. Stratton at picking time, and compared with yields from like plots untreated. These trials interest a large number of growers.

Right Marketing Is Half.

Raising good crops is but half the farmer's foundation for a good year's profits. The other half is right marketing, which is called his biggest problem by market specialists. So long as distribution is entrusted to individuals only there is bound to be great inequalities of supply and demand. One market is glutted with his product, another stripped of it. Organization of farm bureaus is expected to remedy this situation.

WILSON MAY STAY UNTIL HUNS SIGN

President Probably Will Bring
Treaty to U. S.

PLANS ARE STUDIED

Teutons Expected to Arrive for Conference April 24—Relief Measures Taken Up.

Paris.—(By the Associated Press.)

—Now that the Germans have been called to Versailles on April 25, the indications are that the proceedings may move with such dispatch that President Wilson can remain for the signing of the treaty and thus be able to take back the completed document.

This was the view of the president's intimates Wednesday when their attention was called to the reports in French papers that his departure had been fixed for April 28. It was declared that no such intention had been formed and that the progress on the main questions now gave promise that the president would not only attend the opening of the congress at Versailles, but would remain long enough to see its work carried through. Prolonged delay by enemy delegates would, of course, prevent such action.

Precise details of what is to be done on the arrival of the German delegates are being worked out. Preliminary to their arrival, a plenary session of the peace conference is to be held at the foreign office for determination of the final course to be pursued by the allies before entering into relations with the German plenipotentiaries.

Whether the treaty and covenant will both be presented has not yet been decided, but it is probable that the treaty portion of the document will not be made public until after its delivery to the Germans.

The procedure with the enemy plenipotentiaries also is receiving attention. One plan under consideration is for the council of four to hold the first meeting with the Germans and deliver the document. This would not be a public session and its main purpose would be to arrange effective disposal of the business without prolonged discussion.

An alternative plan is for the entire membership of the peace conference to proceed to Versailles for a formal session, at which the treaty would be delivered. President Wilson, E. M. House, the members of the council and officers of the protocol are working out these details.

The council has received the report of the director-general of relief measures effected by the United States showing that 388,000 tons of supplies to the value of \$111,280,000 have been distributed. The council considered measures to increase supplies and shipping during the current months.

The serious deficiency in coal in Italy led the council to appoint a committee to devise means for an immediate increase of the supply.

The supreme economic council is considering the question of permitting Germany to have certain raw materials before the peace treaty becomes effective, with a revision of the blockade regulations to that extent, and it is understood the prospects are good for favorable action.

Troops Are Rushed Home.

Paris.—American troops to the number of 275,000 are returning to the United States from Europe this month, Newton D. Baker, secretary of war, said Wednesday on his arrival in Paris from Brest. In May, he added, the number will fall to 250,000 because of lack of transports, but in June the number probably will rise to 300,000, which will be maintained as the monthly rate until all of the 1,400,000 men still here are returned.

Long Search Successful.

Roseburg, Or.—Mrs. Eva Mason Bell of Aberdeen, Wash., who was separated from her mother many years ago, wrote to Sheriff George Quine asking if he could locate her mother, who she said might be living in Douglas county. The letter was printed in a Roseburg newspaper and Mrs. Thomas Alexander, living a few miles south of Roseburg, was located. Mother and daughter were separated 16 years ago.

Shooting Will Be Probed.

Washington, D. C.—The state department Tuesday ordered a thorough investigation of the shooting of two American citizens by Mexican bandits in the Tampico oil district and the robbing of a paymaster of the Huasteca Petroleum company of 15,000 pesos. The attack occurred April 10.