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Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments
and Pacific Northwest and Other
Things Worth Knowing.

A report from the American army in France says twenty enemy airplanes which endeavored to cross the American lines were violently shelled by the anti-aircraft batteries and driven off Wednesday.

An agreement has been concluded between the French and American governments by which the canned fruit and vegetables required by the American expeditionary forces will be supplied by France.

More than a half million acres of land in western Chauves county, New Mexico, and including a portion of the Roswell land district, have been designated for entry March 11, under the stock raising homestead act.

"Make a bridge of ships to France" was the message from General Pershing and every man of his command, delivered to the American people by Major Frederick Palmer, chief censor on General Pershing's staff, in an address at the National Press Club Thursday.

So the students may receive special instruction in essential army "paper work," the War department has decided to postpone for two week the graduation of the 17,000 men now attending the third series of officers' training camps. The camps were to have closed April 5.

Venustiano Carranza, President of Mexico, sent a fulsome birthday message to Emperor William, of Germany, recently, according to Reuter's Limited. President Carranza in this message used the phrase: "Your Majesty, who celebrates his anniversary today with just cause for rejoicing."

A. Howard Winters, aged 37, a Montesano, Wash., volunteer fireman dies from injuries received Wednesday night when an automobile in which firemen were hurrying to respond to an alarm crashed into the Montesano State Bank building, wrecking the automobile and injuring five of its occupants.

Potato day, for the encouragement of potato consumption, is the latest addition to the special days suggested by the Nebraska food administration. Thursday of each week, beginning February 7, is so designated. Dealers are authorized to sell potatoes with wheat flour that day as a "substitute for flour."

The Earl of Derby, secretary for war, has notified Field Marshal Viscount French, commander of the home forces, of his decision to reduce the rations of meat, sugar and tea for all the home forces except youths under 19 years training for abroad. He explained that the reduced ration compares favorably with the field ration of most other armies.

Horse meat is to be put on the market in Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Mo., and Sioux City within a few weeks, according to announcement of the Equine Meat & Packing company, recently incorporated in Nebraska with \$50,000 capital. The company has been selling horse meat at Grand Island, Neb., several weeks. Only wild, unbroken "mustang" ponies are to be slaughtered.

Wyles B. Bradley, of Mount Vernon, N. Y., flying cadet at Ellington Field, was burned to death when his plane fell 30 feet Wednesday, the gasoline tank exploding.

Fire late Tuesday night practically destroyed the plant and buildings of the Anaconda, Mont., Standard, entailing a loss which it was estimated probably will exceed \$100,000. The blaze is thought to have started in the elevator shaft leading from the press-room to the upper floor, which contained the editorial and composing rooms and stereotyping department.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Lincoln county court at a meeting recently adopted resolutions endorsing the work of the State Highway commission and exploring any attempt to make state road work a political pawn.

For the first time in more than two years the Southern Pacific company has overcome its car shortage in Oregon and Saturday reported to the Oregon Public Commission a surplus of 91 cars. The surplus was 38 closed and 53 open cars.

For the second time within 13 months Mrs. Henry Sherman, of Paisley, Wednesday underwent a Caesarian operation at the Lakeview hospital and as a result is the mother of a six-pound girl. Mr. Sherman is only 40 inches tall and weighs but 70 pounds. The baby's father is almost six feet tall and weighs 175 pounds.

The board of directors of the Salem Commercial club has practically approved a plan for the hiring a community reporter to meet problems of the community as they arise. Among other things he will be called upon to furnish Eastern publicity for the city. His main duties will be to interest the farmers in growing products that are marketable directly in Salem, and his immediate duties will be to handle the labor shortage, which is said to be confronting some Salem industries.

Last year 1201 Industrial Club members of the boys' and girls' clubs produced food materials valued at \$31,182.92, and they will exceed that this year, according to a booklet on the club work just issued by the department of Education. The book contains a sketch of the camp at the State fair set aside for the boy and girl club workers; gives a number of first-hand stories from the fair, and also a large number of articles from the boys and girls themselves as to how they succeeded so well with their work.

The government has abandoned as impracticable its original plan of constructing wagon roads into the Lewis and Clark river district to haul aeroplane timber from the forests on motor trucks says an Astoria dispatch. Instead it will foster the building of a railroad by the Oregon Pacific Mill & Lumber company from Stavebolt Landing, on the Lewis and Clark river, along the old Reid grade a distance of 11 miles. Under the contract the government will do the grading, while the mill company will furnish the rails, ties and rolling stock.

McDonald & Vaughn, of Marshfield, who have a three-year contract for cutting spruce and white cedar on the Coos Bay peninsula, in the interests of the government aeroplane programme, have a crew of surveyors in the field laying out the logging road which is to tap the area, and will construct the camps as fast as possible. Dr. E. L. Holt, secretary of the state board of eugenics, is advised by Attorney General Brown in an opinion Saturday that it is the duty of the board, whenever an inmate of an institution desires to appeal from its findings, to forward transcript of all the proceedings to the Circuit court of the county where the institution is located in which the inmate in question is confined.

W. B. Oldman, a specialist in diseases of grains, arrived in Baker recently from Portland and will begin a thorough investigation of the grain prospects in Baker county.

Word was received at Eugene this week of the death of J. W. Morgan, Jr., Lane county boy who has been serving in the navy and who had been stationed at Mare Island. The cause of death was not given in the message.

As further testimony to the mild, springlike weather that has prevailed during the winter season at Cottage Grove, J. L. Orr has found a patch of wild strawberries in full bloom. Undoubtedly the hillsides about the city are covered with the blooms, but it is not likely that any berries will be produced from them.

The old courthouse building, which has done service for Josephine county for nearly 30 years, is being torn down. The material will be used in the construction of bunkhouses and other buildings at the Collard & Moore chrome mines, near Takilma, and for buildings on the Barton & Griffin cinnabar mine on Diamond creek, Curry county.

RUSSIANS MAKE PEACE WITH HUN

Bolsheviki Order Demobilization on All Their Fronts.

State of War Declared Ended in An Announcement Made at Brest-Litovsk Conference Sunday.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11. — Russia has declared the state of war to be at an end and has ordered the demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts, according to a dispatch received here today dated Brest-Litovsk, on Sunday. The dispatch follows:

"The president of the Russian delegation at today's (Sunday's) sitting stated that while Russia was desisting from signing a formal peace treaty, it declared the state of war to be ended with Germany, Austro-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria, simultaneously giving orders for complete demobilization of Russian forces on all fronts."

DIVER MENACE SOLVED

Transports Will Be U-Boat Proof—
High Officer of Consulting Board
Makes Statement of Facts.

New York—Means have been found to make transports unsinkable by submarines, according to a statement made Saturday night by William L. Saunders, vice chairman of the Naval Consulting Board, in an address at a dinner of the University of Pennsylvania alumni in this city.

Mr. Saunders said that one of the ships recently commandeered by the government "now lies at an Atlantic port, and in such shape that she cannot be sunk by an exploding torpedo."

"I can conceive of no reason why this information should be withheld," he added. "On the contrary, I believe it is well that the enemy may come to realize that the time has been reached when American transports are ready for the transportation of our troops which that enemy cannot sink."

"This ship may have a hole 30 or 40 feet in diameter blown in her side and she will remain afloat. Such a hole would waterlog but one-tenth of the honeycombed airtight cells."

Mr. Saunders described in detail the plan to keep ships afloat after they had been torpedoed and the manner in which it had been developed by William Donnell, a New York marine engineer, working under authorization of the Naval Consulting Board.

"Of course it will take some time to equip similarly the large number of transports we have," continued Mr. Saunders.

"It is my belief, however, that nothing will be left undone by the administration to safeguard the lives of large troop contingents to be moved across the Atlantic."

Mr. Saunders, in a statement credited to him last May, asserted that a solution of the submarine problem had probably been found by the board and in the opinion of the board members the scheme as approved would put an end to the submarine menace. He did not enter into details.

Other members of the board, including Robins, its secretary, and Frank J. Sprague, a member of the committee on submarines, took issue with Mr. Saunders that the solution of the U-boat menace had been reached.

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