

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.

The tenth pair of twins are born
in Portland since the first of January.

Germany has released the 72 Americans
who were taken prisoners by the
German raider in the South Atlantic.

The Oregon troops returned from
the border Wednesday, and on Thursday
a great parade was held in Portland.

The second daughter of Senator and
Mrs. Harry Lane, of Oregon, was married
to Dr. S. D. Hicks, of Norfolk,
Va., Monday.

A bone-dry prohibition bill was
passed by the South Dakota house late
Friday by a vote of 88 to 10. The
measure now goes to the senate.

The Washington state senate passes
a bone-dry law which will be signed by
Governor Lister. The bill becomes
effective 90 days after the adjournment
of the legislature.

One hundred and sixty-six Democrats
and Republicans in Indianapolis
have been indicted by the Federal
grand jury charged with conspiracy to
corrupt the 1914 election.

The Minnesota senate has passed the
house bill submitting to the people a
proposed prohibition constitutional
amendment. The measure would be
voted on at the 1918 election, and if
adopted would be effective July 1,
1920.

Francisco Villa has disappeared
from his command after promising his
men that he would return at the end of
three months and give them some
"startling" news, according to reports
brought to the border by passengers
from Mexico.

Principal railroads of the country
have taken summary action to relieve
the shortage of freight cars and the
traffic congestion at Eastern seaports,
again approaching the acute stage because
of the curtailment of trans-Atlantic
sailings by Germany's new submarine
policy.

Pacifists generally and William J.
Bryan particularly were attacked in
the house by Representative Gardner,
of Massachusetts, in making reply to
previous declarations by Representative
Moore, of Pennsylvania, that
Great Britain seeks to draw the United
States into the war.

The first party of children from the
occupied portion of France, numbering
250, arrived at Roosendall, Holland,
Thursday. Their ages ranged from 6
to 14 years. They presented a most
distressing spectacle, bearing evident
suggestions of having endured hardships,
and all told stories of scarcity
of food.

In the U. S. senate drastic amendments
to the postal appropriation bill
were agreed to which would make
criminal the importation of liquor into
states which prohibit its manufacture
and sale for beverage purposes, and
which would exclude liquor advertisements
from the mails in states which
legislate against such advertising.

Hachita, N. M. — Lem Spillbury,
Mormon scout, and companions late
Thursday discovered the bodies of
Andrew P. Peterson, Hugh Acord and
Burton Jensen, American cowboys kidnaped
last Monday when Mexican
bandits raided the Corner ranch, 60
miles southwest of here. The bodies,
badly mutilated, were found on the
Mexican side, three miles south of
Monument No. 53. It is believed they
were taken across the international
line and killed when they attempted to
break away from their captors.

The English government has agreed
to set aside a day for discussion in the
house of commons of the Irish administration,
as requested by the Nationalists.

Charles J. White, professor emeritus
of mathematics at Harvard University
and author of several books on astronomy,
was found dead in his chair
in his room Monday. He had been
ill for several days with gripple.

The "gratitude and thanks of the nation"
have been conveyed by the British
government to James W. Gerard,
former American ambassador at Berlin,
for his work on behalf of British
civilians and prisoners of war in Germany.

VILLISTAS RAID ACROSS LINE

Bandits Kill 3 Mormons and Drive
Away Horses and Mules.

El Paso, Tex. — Private advices received
late Tuesday from Columbus,
N. M., said three Mormons were killed
by a band of Mexicans which crossed
the international boundary 60 miles
southwest of Hachita, N. M., and
raided the "Corner Ranch." Andrew
Peterson, another Mormon, was held a
prisoner, it was said.

H. S. Stephenson, general manager
of the Palomas Land & Cattle company,
said he had received a report from
his wagon boss at Hachita that three
Americans and seven Mexicans were
captured and 109 American horses
and mules and \$1500 worth of supplies
taken away. His report made no
reference to any loss of life.

Two Mexican families were said to
have been forced to accompany the
bandits in addition to the Mexican
ranch hands, according to the telegram.

Germany Foreign Secretary, Who Was So "Astonished"



Alfred Zimmerman, foreign secretary
in the German government, who sent
the note to President Wilson, informing
him of the fact that Germany had
broken her submarine pledges of last
year, was "astonished" when he
learned that the United States government
had taken offense.

A raid on the Nogales ranch, which
is located 40 miles from the border
in Mexico and 100 miles from Hachita,
N. M., occurred on February 10, according
to the message received here.

The Mormons living in the section
were said by a leader of the Mormon
church here to be John Pierce, Miles
Pierce, Andrew Peterson, Jr., two
brothers named Jensen and a young
man named Adams.

Dedication of Interstate Bridge Opens Huge Span to Traffic

Portland — Hands were stretched
across the Columbia Wednesday and
Oregon and Washington exchanged
congratulations over the completion of
the interstate bridge. The dedication
and opening of that structure to traffic
was the motif for the celebration in
which Governors of both states, legislators,
prominent officials and citizens
joined.

The new bridge was opened officially
at 12.30. Two little girls pulled a
bow of ribbon attached to a rope
across the midchannel of the Columbia
river. The rope crossed the line between
Oregon and Washington. The
pull parted the rope, removing the
last barrier between the two states
and flags flew from the bridge towers.
A cannon from the Washington
shore boomed out a loud salute and the
structure opened for the use of everyone.

Treasury Deficit \$333,400,000.

Washington, D. C. — A treasury
deficit of \$333,400,000 at the end of
the next fiscal year is forecast in a
report submitted Wednesday by the
senate finance committee, recommending
that the administration revenue
bill be amended to authorize a bond
issue of \$195,256,000 instead of \$100,
000,000, and that the authorization
for certificates of indebtedness be
made \$500,000,000 instead of \$300,
000,000.

Work of Relief to Continue.

New York — More than 10,000,000
persons who have been fed through the
efforts of the American commission
for relief in Belgium will suffer no
immediate hardship from the withdrawal
of the American commission from
participation in this work in Belgium
and Northern France, caused by the
German authorities. Herbert C. Hoover,
chairman of the commission has plans
under way for transferring this relief
to another neutral organization.

Doings of State Legislators

High Schools Military Training Bill Passes Lower House

Salem — Military training in the high
schools of the state is authorized in
Representative Crandall's bill which
was passed by the house Saturday with
a big affirmative vote.

The military course is not to be
compulsory, however, or part either of
schools or of students. It is to be
subject, though, of suitable credit on
the same basis as other studies and in
an amount to be determined by the
board of education.

The governor is made head of the
military training department. All
schools that establish it must apply to
him for authority. No company of
cadets can be organized with fewer
than 20 members or without a suitable
instructor. At least three hours a
week are to be set aside for the work.

The state is authorized, too, to furnish
the several companies with rifles
and other equipment.

\$181,300 Cut From Fair.

Salem — The joint ways and means
committee operated on the requests of
the State Fair board has cut out \$183,
500, but added \$2500 on two items.

Estimates of \$125,000 for a coliseum
and \$40,000 for a woman's building
were eliminated entirely. A total
of \$35,000 was granted for premiums
asked. The committee at first tentatively
decided to allow \$30,000 for that
purpose, but on the plea of Representative
W. Al Jones, ex-secretary of the fair,
it was increased to \$35,000. A request
of \$2500 for a fire barn apparatus was
disallowed, and \$1000 was cut from
\$800 asked for fencing.

To a \$2000 request for water supply,
\$2000 was added to connect with city
water mains and \$500 was added to a
\$2000 request for more toilet facilities.

The committee also reconsidered its
action of early in the session, doing
away with agricultural assistants to
the Superintendent of Public Instruction,
who handle children's industrial
club work, and granted \$8000 out of
the \$12,000.

May Tax for Rose Festival.

Salem — Future Rose Festivals in
Portland may be financed by direct
taxation on the people of Multnomah
county.

This method is made possible by the
provisions of Senator Moser's bill already
passed by the senate, which went
through the house Wednesday
afternoon.

The bill empowers the commissioners
of Multnomah county, "at their
discretion," to levy a tax of 15-100 of
a mill, the proceeds to be placed in a
separate fund and extended only for
Rose Festival purposes.

Representative Mann, who handled
the bill on the floor of the house, explained
that at this rate of taxation
approximately \$40,000 would be available
annually.

The law prescribes that every Festival
must be "free for the use of all
inhabitants of the county where it is
held."

Modified Cigarette Bill Passes.

Salem — A "safe and sane" anti-
cigarette bill was passed by the house
late Monday and probably will go
through the senate and become the law
of the state.

The bill is sort of a compromise between
the Sweeney bone-dry bill and the
conservative Stott bill, both of
which were passed by the house last
week, later recalled and tabled.

The bill passed is a redraft of the
Sweeney bill. It strictly prohibits the
sale of cigarettes to youths under 21
years of age and makes it a misdemeanor
for a minor to smoke cigarettes
and provides heavy penalties for
violation.

Auto Tax Doubled.

Salem — Licenses on automobiles and
automobile trucks are to be doubled
under provisions of a bill passed by
the house Tuesday and the proceeds
will be applied to the state highway
fund for distribution in counties outside
Multnomah.

This bill is a part of the legislative
road program; was prepared by the
joint house and senate committee on
roads and highways, and is a companion
to the general road code put
through the house last week.

It is expected to raise approximately
\$280,000 in cash next year and to increase
from year to year.

Tax Board's Budget is Cut.

Salem — The joint ways and means
committee has granted the State Labor
commissioner \$10,000 of his \$11,000
request; gave the Industrial Welfare
commission and Board of Child Labor
inspectors \$5000 between them, with
the understanding that if the commissions
are merged the total of the two
appropriations will go to the one
commission. The State Tax commission
was cut from \$30,000 to \$16,000.

Petition Fraud Measure is Passed by Senate

Salem — Important safeguards of the
honesty of initiative petitions are contained
in a measure by Representative
Herbert Gordon, that passed the senate
by unanimous vote Friday. It had previously
passed the house.

It will virtually restrict the signature
on initiative petitions to those of
registered voters, thus doing away
with wholesale signatures by "floaters"
that have been so prolific a source
of fraud in the past.

At the same time the bill does not
take away the right of legal voters
who are not registered to sign petitions.
Before they can sign the petitions,
however, they must make oath to
their qualifications before a notary
public. All signatures must be checked
up by the county clerk.

Still another important provision of
the bill will tend to prevent the placing
of misleading or deceptive ballot
titles on initiative measures. All
measures proposed under the initiative,
the measure provides, must be sent to
the attorney general before they
can be circulated. He is directed by
the law to prepare the title.

Should the attorney general's title
not please the framers of the measure
they have the recourse of appealing
within 20 days to the Circuit court.

Amendments to Go On Ballot.

Salem — At least two and possibly
four or five constitutional amendments
and other proposals will be submitted
by this legislature to the people at an
election in November, 1918.

Representative Sheldon's joint resolution
proposing the establishment of a
normal school at Ashland and another
somewhere in Eastern Oregon has
been adopted in both houses and
will go on the ballot. It carries a special
tax levy of 1-25 of a mill for the
support of each school.

The location of the Eastern Oregon
school is to be left in the hands of the
board of normal school regents, but if
the institution is not established at
Weston, where the state owns property,
it must be established on a site
donated to the state. It is understood
that many Eastern Oregon communities
are ready to give the necessary sites.

Teachers' Bill Passes.

Salem — Senator Orton's bill amending
the teachers' tenure of office law,
applying to the schools of Portland,
was passed by the house Friday with
45 affirmative votes. It already had
passed the senate.

The bill is one over which the teachers
in the Portland schools themselves
have been divided. Some of them favored
it. Others wanted the law left the
way it is. The school board, apparently,
is opposed to it.

The principal provision in the bill
places the cases of teachers subject for
dismissal from the service in the hands
of an independent board appointed at
the beginning of each year by the
presiding judge of the Circuit court.
This board is empowered to conduct
investigations and make decisions. The
votes of two commissioners will be
final in every case.

New Tax Law Notice.

Salem — Representative Forbes, of
Deschutes county, won a decisive victory
in the house Friday when he obtained
adoption of his amendments to the
delinquent tax list bill.

The Forbes plan provides for a formal
notice by mail 90 days after the
taxes become delinquent, and newspaper
publication of those who remain
delinquent 30 days after the notices
are sent out.

In Multnomah county notices are to
be published in only two newspapers
with a circulation of at least 10,000
copies each, while in the outside counties
publication is to be made in papers
selected by the commissioners. The bill
went back to the senate for
concurrence, and in this form probably
will become a law.

Tax Bill is Passed.

Salem — Assessors of Western Oregon
counties in which the lands of the
Oregon & California land grant are
situated are instructed, under terms of
a bill passed by the house this week,
to restore the property to the assessment
rolls, regardless of the effects,
pending legislation on the subject.

The bill was introduced by Representative
Bean, who presented its provisions
on the floor.

The object of the bill, as explained
by Mr. Bean, is to declare forever the
sovereign right of the state to tax
these lands.

To Reduce Cost of Printing.

Salem — Representative Burdick's
bill designed to reduce the cost of
printing the Oregon Supreme court
reports was passed by the house. It
places the printing in the hands of the
Supreme court itself and prohibits any
member or employe from having any
personal interest in the work.

MEXICAN BANDITS CROSS BOUNDARY

Villista Raiders are Immediately
Pursued by U. S. Troopers.

BORDER PATROL IS DOUBLED

Precautionary Measures Taken Against
Salazar's Threat to Repeat Border
Raids—Chinese Killed.

Washington, D. C. — The War department
made public Saturday the following
report from Colonel Taggart,
commanding Fort Ringgold:

"Lieutenant Ayres, Florida troops at
Lopena, reports that Friday night
eight bandits crossed into the United
States at Soledad ranch, 15 miles north
of El Tigre Arroya. One man and
seven horses were captured. Seven
bandits on foot in the brush are being
chased by troops."

Hachita, N. M. — Lieutenant Colonel
J. C. Waterman, commanding the
Hachita district, sent orders to his
troops Friday to maintain day and
night patrols along the border instead
of day patrols as heretofore.

At the same time unofficial reports
were received here that all of the cavalry
regiments on the border from El
Paso to Douglas, Ariz., had been instructed
to hold themselves in readiness
to move immediately on instructions
from General Funston. These
preparations were believed to be precautionary
against Salazar's threat of another
raid.

Two troops of regular cavalry have
reinforced the border patrol and two
more were to leave for the border
immediately. These troops, according
to Lieutenant Colonel Waterman, are for
patrol duty only and have no orders to
go into Mexico.

Juarez — Five more Chinese were
murdered at Madera, Chihuahua, when
Julio Acosta, a Villa commander,
raided that town on February 8, according
to a message received here
by a relative of the Chinese. The
Villa followers raided the Madera
stores and carried off much loot, the
message added.

England Broadens Danger Zone; Warnings Given All Neutrals

Washington, D. C. — Notice of a
dangerous area in the North Sea because
of operations against Germany has
been given by the British admiralty.
A copy of the notice, dated February
13, was received at the State department
Friday.

It warns shipping that after February
7 a prescribed area, including all
waters off Germany and parts of Holland
and Denmark, will be dangerous
and should be avoided.

The new notice says:
"In view of the unrestricted warfare
carried on by Germany at sea by
means of mines and submarines, not
only against the allied powers, but also
against neutral shipping, and the fact
that merchant ships are constantly
sunk without regard to the ultimate
safety of their crews, His Majesty's
government gives notice that on and
after February 7, 1917, the mentioned
area in the North Sea will be rendered
dangerous to all shipping by operations
against the enemy and it should therefore
be avoided."

Germans Smash French Lines.

Berlin — Troops of the German Crown
Prince, in an attack against French
positions south of Ripont, in the
Champagne, Friday, the War office
announced, on a front of about a mile
and a half, captured ground to a depth of
a half a mile. The Germans took 858
prisoners, including 21 officers.

The attack, which was preceded by
intense artillery fire, was made mainly
against French positions at Maisons
de Champagne and hill 185, about one-
third of a mile south of the farm.
Four lines of French positions were
stormed in the attack.

The French made counter attacks in
the night and morning, but were repulsed
with losses. The German losses
are said to have been small.

Youth Holds Up Banker.

Lincoln, Neb. — A stranger strolled
leisurely into the First National Bank
at University Place, a Lincoln suburb,
Saturday at noon. There was no one
in the bank but the president. The
young man, about 23 years old, flashed
a revolver in the officer's face and
ordered him to retreat to the vault.
After locking him in the vault, the
robber picked up \$2500 in currency,
snoring a large amount of silver and
gold, and made his escape.