

## 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 New Hampshire house of representatives passes a bill which would establish state-wide prohibition on May 1, 1918.

The Russian government has ordered that the deposed emperor and his consort shall be regarded as having been deprived of their liberty, and that they shall be brought to Tsarskoe-Selo.

Admittance to the residence of Premier Lloyd George was gained Thursday by a man supposed to be of unsound mind. It was only with difficulty that he was overpowered and arrested.

Switchmen on the New York Central railroad will get the benefit of the Adamson law dating from January 1, by the voluntary act of the company, on the same basis as the members of the four brotherhoods, it was announced.

"I shall probably vote 'no' against congress declaring that a state of war exists between this country and Germany," said Representative-elect Edward Voight, of Wisconsin, when informed that a special session of congress had been called.

Governor Marcus H. Holcomb told the inter-church men at a gathering in Hartford, that emergency military legislation in Connecticut was hurried by information he had received which indicated there were in Connecticut men whose hostility to the state would be evident in time of war.

Five Germans and one German-American deserter from the United States army crossed the international bridge to Mexico early Friday, according to a report in Juarez. The deserter was said to have been a member of a National Guard regiment encamped on the border.

President Gompers and Secretary Morton of the American Federation of Labor, presented to Attorney General Gregory Friday a protest against the declaration of the Supreme court in the Adamson law decision, that the right of railroad employees to strike is limited by the public interest.

Naval preparations for war were marked by increased activity Thursday. No actual war steps were taken by either the War or Navy departments, but there were many indications that preliminary plans have been worked out for rapid mobilization for both services if the call comes.

American mining men who were preparing to return to Central Mexico at once to resume the operation of their mining properties, were warned by government agents to stay out of Mexico. A new revolt was expected to start within the next two weeks, led by men said to be friendly to General Obregon.

The 35th Texas legislature adjourned Friday after a renewed unsuccessful attack on the "bone-dry" county option bill passed by both houses earlier in the day. The bill prohibits manufacture in any "dry" county of intoxicating liquors for sale, for any purpose whatever, in prohibition territory in the state.

Yale's senior class has voted to dispense with the use of intoxicating liquors at its class dinner in June. The same vote will govern future reunion gatherings of this class unless the vote should be rescinded.

Representative Sherwood, of Ohio, one of the most openly-expressed pacifists in the house, declared in a public statement recently that the latest sinking of American ships by German submarines had converted him in favor of an immediate declaration of war. At the same time he offered his services to the army at the age of 82.

Captain Jack Boravita, nationally-known animal trainer, died in Los Angeles Wednesday night as the result of a fractured jaw and severe lacerations received in a struggle with a polar bear at a moving picture studio.

Patriotic students in Central High school in Washington, D. C., tore from the walls of a classroom a picture of Emperor William of Germany, and hung in its place a photograph of President Wilson, decorated with two American flags.

## TO CLEAR SEA OF U-BOATS

Preparation for Aggressive Action by  
Navy Ordered by President.

Washington, D. C.—Preparation for aggressive action by the navy against the German submarine menace began Tuesday at the direction of President Wilson. The President authorized the expenditure of the \$115,000,000 emergency fund, provided by congress to speed up naval construction and pay for special additional war craft, and the suspension of the eight-hour labor law in plants engaged in navy work.

Immediately afterward, Secretary Daniels ordered the New York navy yard to begin building 60 submarine chasers of the 110-foot type, to be completed in from 60 to 80 days. It was said 40 of these could be laid down at once.

With the President's approval, the secretary also ordered the graduation of the first and second classes at the naval academy. The first class will go out March 29, releasing 212 junior officers to fill existing vacancies, and the second in September, furnishing 202 more, a full year before they otherwise would be available.

While the energies of the navy will be concentrated for the present on efforts to get into commission craft designed particularly to destroy submarines and guard the coast, warship building generally will be speeded up under the recent agreement with private builders and with the funds now made available.

## Allies Pressing Enemy Hard; Large Territory Being Regained

Paris—The French troops have occupied about 20 additional villages and small towns in their advance on the retreating Germans. They have gone beyond Ham on the Somme river and Chauney on the Oise, which brings them appreciably nearer to the St. Quentin-Laon line. At one point the advance Tuesday penetrated German lines to a depth of 22 miles.

London—The British advance still is being pushed rapidly, further large gains being recorded in the official report from British headquarters in France Tuesday night.

"The pursuit of the enemy," says the report, "continued Tuesday, our cavalry and advance guards driving back the enemy's rear guards. The ground gained extends for a depth of from two to eight miles and 40 more villages have fallen into our hands."

London—The following official communication is issued regarding the operation of the British troops against the Turks in Mesopotamia:

"During Saturday night General Maude's troops effected a crossing of the Diala river and occupied the village of Bahzir and a part of the town of Bakubah on the left bank of the river. The enemy retired hastily toward Khanikan."  
Bakubah lies about 25 miles north-east of Bagdad on the Diala.

## Fifteen of Crew of Torpedoed Vigilancia Are Drowned

Plymouth, via London—Fifteen members of the crew of the American steamer *Vigilancia* lost their lives when the steamer was torpedoed by a German submarine. The survivors were in lifeboats from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon.

Among those drowned were several American citizens, including Third Officer Neils P. North and Third Engineer Carl Aeholde. This information was given out by Captain Frank A. Middleton, of New York, who, with the survivors of the *Vigilancia*, has reached the mainland, and probably will make affidavits before the American consul.

Captain Middleton said that his vessel was sunk without warning. Two lifeboats were lowered from the *Vigilancia* and the crew of 43 men got into them. Owing to the swell of the ocean, however, 25 men were thrown into the water. The boats of the Captain and the mates picked up ten of the men, but the other 15 were drowned.

## Seaplanes Save Ship.

New York—The British freight steamer *Eastgate*, which arrived here Tuesday from La Pallise, was recently attacked by a German submarine and escaped destruction only through prompt aid rendered by two French seaplanes. The incident was related by members of the crew, who pointed to holes in the ship's ventilators made by shells in support of their story. The place of the attack and the date were not divulged.

## EXTRA SESSION IS CALLED APRIL 2ND

Declaration That State of War  
Exists Is Expected.

TO PROTECT U. S. INTERESTS

President's Call Concerns "Grave Matters of National Policy" Which  
Need Immediate Attention.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson, recognizing that Germany practically is making war on the United States on the seas, Wednesday called congress to assemble in extraordinary session on April 2 to deal with the situation.

The purpose of the session, now called two weeks earlier than the President's proclamation, is to receive a communication from the chief executive concerning "grave matters of national policy which should be taken immediately under consideration."

The President in his address to con-

## AMERICA FIRST TO GREET NEW RUSSIA

Petrograd—The United States is the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Russia.

Ambassador Francis made a preliminary call Saturday on Foreign Minister Milukoff immediately on the receipt of instructions from the State department at Washington.

Accompanied by his staff, including the naval and military attaches, Mr. Francis went to the Marinsky Palace, where the council of ministers was assembled, made the formal recognition, and presented congratulations and felicitations on behalf of the United States.

The military and naval attaches appeared in full uniform, while Ambassador Francis and his secretaries wore afternoon dress.

The ambassadorial party was received in the council chamber. All the ministers were present and stood in a row behind the semi-circular table. Ambassador Francis stepped from the group of secretaries and addressed the ministers, saying:

"I have the honor, as the ambassador and representative of the government of the United States accredited to Russia, to state, in accordance with instructions, that the government of the United States has recognized the new government of Russia, and I, as

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

A largely increased cost for stationery, including letterheads and envelopes, is shown by the recent legislature over the one preceding, the cost for the last legislature being \$796.24 for such printing and for the one preceding \$366.16.

A good roads meeting was held in Oreno, Saturday, which was attended by a large number of farmers from the surrounding country. The foundation was laid for a permanent organization to work for better roads in this section of Washington county.

Eugene business men at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce recently launched plans for the formation of a \$50,000 corporation to take over the flax industry in Lane county, not as a community promotion project, but as a business proposition from which they expect profit.

Dr. Owens-Adair, "mother of the sterilization bill," who stopped in Salem Wednesday on her way home from California, declared that the contemplated referendum against the sterilization measures will meet with defeat at the general election in November 1918, if it is attempted.

A new method of smuggling liquor into bone-dry Oregon was unearthed by the police at Albany when two men traveling as hobos were captured with 24 quarts of whisky in their possession. This liquor was concealed in blanket rolls, exactly like those carried by workmen beating their way on freight trains.

Miss Irene Melhines, aged 23, of Portland, was killed, and Mrs. M. I. Granning, also of Portland, sustained serious spinal injuries when their automobile, driven by Mrs. Granning, turned turtle on a grade half a mile north of Corvallis about noon Monday. They were the only occupants of the car.

Douglas county's largest quicksilver mine, a few miles from Yoncalla, will be in full operation some time next week, according to E. B. Perrine. The mine, idle for 15 years, has just been thoroughly renovated. The mine was recently acquired by Montana capitalists, and J. A. Anderson placed in charge.

John Rydzewski, 21 years old, fled from the house of Joseph Kosydar, at Lower Farm on the Siletz reservation, Friday night, while apparently deranged mentally, plunged through the darkness over a bank 30 feet high into Euchre creek, and was taken from the water an hour later in a dying condition.

Following the plan carried out with marked success in other cities, the organizers of the Baker corps of high school cadets will have a girl sponsor elected for eight of the 11 divisions. It will be the duty of the girls to encourage enlistments and assist that the boys pay strict attention to drills and attend all the meetings.

Sixteen carloads of baled hay, said to be the finest stock feed shipped from this section this season, were sent to various parts of Baker county during the past three days. The heavy shipment came as the result of an acute hay shortage in several sections of Baker county, where cattle and sheep are said to be starving.

The recent interest in sheep has caused considerable activity among owners around Powell Butte in the Redmond district. At a recent meeting in the Powell Butte community hall 18 woolgrowers organized an association with O. E. Butterfield as president; N. P. Alley, vice president, and Earl Saunders, secretary-treasurer.

Governor Withycombe has named the members of the State board of textbook commissioners, who, on June 1, 1919, are to designate the textbooks which will be used for the succeeding six years by the 150,000 school children of Oregon outside of Portland. The textbooks for the Portland schools are selected by the Portland school board.

At a special municipal election held in McMinnville Wednesday, the measure authorizing a bond issue of \$90,000 for the purpose of increasing the city's gravity water system was carried by a large majority, although a light vote was cast. The waters of Huskins creek, a stream which has its source in the Coast mountains, will be added to the present supply.

Many Portland organizations are urging the appointment of W. D. Wheelwright as ambassador to Japan, to succeed Ambassador Guthrie, deceased.

Hobo movements join with other signs in proclaiming that Spring is here, according to John Catlin, Albany's chief of police. He says that instead of the majority of the hobos traveling southward, as has been the case recently, there is an unmistakable northward trend.

## Deposed Royal Family of Russia.



This is the official photograph of the deposed royal family of Russia, sent forth since the beginning of the war.

gress will detail how Germany practically has been making war on the United States by the ruthless destruction of American lives and ships on the high seas in contravention of all the laws of nations and humanity.

Congress then is expected to pass a resolution declaring that a state of war has existed between the United States and Germany for some time.

Such a resolution in itself will not be a declaration of war in a technical sense, although practically it will amount to the same thing.

As a consequence the United States will take further steps to protect its interests on the high seas and elsewhere against the warlike acts of Germany and whether an actual state of war will come to exist in its full sense will depend on the future acts of the imperial German government.

Since last Sunday, when three American ships were sunk off the British isles in quick succession with loss of American lives—bringing the total number of Americans lost through German submarine operations to more than 200—the President and all his advisers have recognized that a state of war existed. From all parts of the country have come calls for the immediate summoning of congress in extra session.

## U-Boats Lurk Off Maine.

Rockland, Me.—A statement that German submarines are known to be not far from these shores and that an attack on Maine ports is by no means unlikely was made by Lieutenant James O. Porter, United States navy, at the naval recruiting meeting here Thursday. The port, according to Lieutenant Porter, is to be the base for 70 patrol boats operating in and about the mouth of the Penobscot river and bay.

Philadelphia—Miss Loretta Walsh, of this city, said to be the first woman to enlist in the United States navy under the new order of Secretary Daniels admitting women to the navy, enrolled here Thursday.

In the foreground at the knees of the czarina is the new boy czar, (in name only), twelve years of age.

ambassador of the United States, will be pleased to continue intercourse with Russia through the medium of the new government.

"May the cordial relations existing between the two countries continue to obtain; may they prove mutually satisfactory and beneficial."

## Co-Eds in Red Cross Work.

Laramie, Wyo.—Red Cross work has been taken up by women students of the University of Wyoming, with a view to serving the country as nurses in the event of war. Young women members of the faculty of the institution also are taking a keen interest in the training. The classes are under the instructor in physical training for women, who says several of the members are ardent in their desire to evidence their patriotism by actual work.

## Clocks to Be Set Ahead.

Paris—In accordance with the recent decision to return this year to the daylight saving system, which was put into operation last year for the first time, the Journal Officiel has published a decree advancing the legal time by one hour at 11 o'clock on the night of March 24. The decree provides that normal time shall be re-established at 11 p. m. October 7.

## Maryland Troops Called.

Baltimore, Md.—Governor Harrington Thursday ordered out two companies of the First Regiment Maryland National guard to guard the Pennsylvania and Baltimore & Ohio railroad bridges over the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace. All the north and south traffic of these two roads passes over these bridges.

## Call Made on Red Cross.

New York—The first naval base hospital of the American Red Cross, stationed in Brooklyn, has received word to hold itself in readiness for active service, it was announced late Thursday. Its equipment is stored at the New York navy yard.