

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.

Fifteen deaths from the plague have occurred at Nanking, capital of the province of Kiangsu, China.

The Yokohama Specie Bank, Limited, will open a branch in Buenos Aires in April. It will take care of the rapidly growing Japanese commerce in Argentina.

Negotiations for transfer of 150,000 tons of Japanese shipping to the United States have been completed on the basis of two tons of steel for one ton of deadweight of ship capacity.

Members of the Germano-Swedish Red Cross commission have been arrested at Simbirsk, in the Volga region, charged with espionage, a Reuter dispatch from Petrograd reports.

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the Soviet council at Moscow is reported to be planning a Tartar-Bashkir republic, including the Southern Ural and Central Volga provinces.

The Bolshevik government has decided to transfer Nicholas Romanoff, the former emperor and his family, from Tobolsk to the Ural region, according to an announcement in Petrograd newspapers.

In view of the critical situation at the front, the London Amalgamated Society of Engineers has abandoned the strike movement it long has been threatening as a protest against the government's man-power measure.

Legislation to prohibit use of Indian reservations of "peyote," said to be a habit-forming intoxicant and used in tribal ceremonies, was stricken from the Indian appropriation bill Thursday in the senate without discussion on a point of order.

Disorders in which at least two persons were shot and seriously wounded and five large laundry plants damaged, marked the first day of the general strike in Kansas City, called in sympathy with the striking laundry workers.

Two thousand houses for shipyard workers, to be built within walking distance of the Staten Island, N. Y., shipyards and to be ready for occupation before fall, is the program submitted to the government by the Staten Island Civic League, it is announced.

The London official report on aerial operations says: "Great concentrations of our airplanes were carried out Thursday over points threatened by enemy and masses of our machines attacked with machine gun fire and bombs the enemy's infantry and cavalry."

The agreement entered into by the Imperial Russian government is still existent and its obligations bind the new state or states which now represent or shall in future represent Russia, the British and French governments declared in a joint declaration made public in Paris Thursday.

A new type of cigarette lighter is wanted immediately by the boys in the trenches. According to reports received from United States marines abroad, matches are all right, if dry, but are a "dead give-away," especially at night. Gasoline lighters are used almost entirely, but gas is at a premium over there.

Lieutenant-General von Rohne, a German authority on ordnance, says in the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin that the bombardment of Paris is merely in the nature of a trial for guns which are really intended to bombard London, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. London is about 125 miles from the nearest point on the front.

General Pershing cabled the War department Tuesday that two regiments of American railroad engineers are attached to the British forces on the front attacked by the Germans.

An extraordinary demand for Liberty bonds, particularly the second four, at an advance of 1/2 to 1 per cent to 97 1/2, was the striking feature of Tuesday's early dealings on the New York stock exchange. Transactions in these bonds in the first half hour approximated \$5,000,000 par value.

CHICAGO HUNS ARISE

Gloating Enemy Aliens Celebrate Kaiser's "Victory" on West Front—
Are Arrested by Hundreds.

Chicago, Ill.—The German smash in France has brought out scores upon scores of smiling, gloating disloyalists. With every new reported assault on the British line the long-sustained caution has given away a bit. The treacherous sentiments in their hearts must find expression and they are holding meetings in basements and conferences in back rooms to celebrate the "closing of the war."

To sustain the city's morale as well as to ferret out active aliens, dozens of Federal agents are combing Chicago for disloyalists. The result is a steady stream of handcuffed men filing through the squadroom door on the fifth floor of the Federal building.

The daily roundup of enemy aliens previously had averaged about 60. Of these a large percentage were eventually released, others held for trial and some ordered interned forthwith. Since the German onslaught on the western front the total has jumped to 200.

"It's too much for them," said one of the Federal agents. "They could keep under cover as long as the war went along in its regular way. But a German drive has brought them out of their holes."

"They don't attempt to cover up under the cloak of Socialism or to appear as Bolshevik sympathizers. They're coming out full and strong for the Kaiser."

"The worst of them are the fake alarmists, who, under the guise of reading the bona fide reports from the front, spread false news of German successes and announce that the Germans are marching into Paris. This sort of thing takes root in the crowded sections of the city and we are kept busy stamping it out."

U. S. GETS \$50,000,000 CASH

German Account in Bank is Taken by Washington Government.

Washington, D. C.—One of the largest single amounts of cash thus far received by the alien property custodian was turned over by him to the Treasury Wednesday in the form of a check for \$50,077,000, representing the principal of an account held by German interests in a bank in one of the larger cities. The name of the bank was withheld.

Washington, D. C.—The house has adopted the conference report on the urgent deficiency bill carrying \$1,150,000,000 providing for the sale of enemy property in the United States and giving the government power to purchase German-owned docks at Hoboken, N. J.

The senate adopted the report and the bill now goes to President Wilson.

SQUARE DEAL ASSURED ALL

U. S. to Apportion Wheat Supplies to Retail Dealers.

Washington, D. C.—Curtalement of wheat consumption to 50 per cent of normal, which the Food Administration has determined upon, will be effected through the administration's control of licensed mills and distributors.

Instead of 30 per cent of the country's output of flour being taken for export, it was explained Wednesday, approximately 50 per cent is being purchased by the Food Administration Grain Corporation, which in turn sells to the allies, according to their actual needs.

The remaining 50 per cent is available for domestic use and is apportioned as adequately as possible on the basis of normal consumption. Retail dealers who fail to treat their trade fairly in distribution or who exact extortionate prices will be cut off from further supplies.

Kansas Unions to Strike.

Kansas City, Mo.—The second call for a general strike of all union labor in Kansas City, effective at 8 a. m., was issued early Wednesday morning by the executive committee of the Central Labor Council.

The strike was originally set for Monday, but was postponed 48 hours to permit further negotiations to settle a strike of laundry workers, to aid which the general sympathetic strike was called.

Colonel Again on Stump.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has gone to Portland, Me., to deliver an address before the Republican organization of the state. The physicians refused at first to give their consent to his making the address, but finally he decided to go even against their advice.

Japan to Lend U. S. Ships.

Tokyo, Japan.—The question of a supply by Japan of shipping for American uses has virtually been settled. Mere details are awaiting conclusion.

NO FEAR IS FELT FOR SWEEPING TRIUMPH

General Says German Advance
No Cause for Alarm.

HUN DEFEAT IS SEEN

War Department Satisfied Substantial
American Force Will Enter Field
When Counter Blow Starts.

Washington, D. C.—In a statement Thursday night Major General March, acting chief of staff, assured the American people that there is no cause for alarm in the advance made by the Germans in the great battle now raging in Picardy, and expressed complete confidence in triumph of the allied arms.

General March said: "Whatever may be the present ground held by the Germans; whatever sacrifice of men the situation must entail, the allies will see it through and will win."

The general still is without any word from General Pershing concerning the American troops participating in the battle. General Pershing's reports Thursday dealt entirely with the positions of the opposing forces, as described in the British and French official statements.

Announcement by Field Marshal Haig that the German war machine along the whole British front had been beaten off with heavy losses gave new zest to speculation here as to the allied counter assault officers feel certain will not long be delayed.

War department officials appeared to be satisfied that substantial American forces would enter the battle lines with the French when the signal for the counter blow is given. Major General March, acting chief of staff, stated flatly, however, that he was not advised as to the numbers or disposition of American units which may be employed with the French army of attack.

The new outbreaks of the German thrust at Arras, reported early in the day, caused some apprehension here lest the allies might find it necessary to delay further their effort to catch the German forces on the rebound and seek victory after bitter days of steady yielding of ground. Definite word from General Haig that this new drive also had been checked added to the growing conviction that the strategy of the allies will triumph.

If their reasoning is correct the Germans face the prospect of seeing their third great effort on the Western front since the beginning of the war meet the fate of the others.

Only twice before have the Germans undertaken major operations in this main theater of the war. Their first rush in 1914 was stopped as their last and perhaps their final effort nearly four years later is now apparently being stopped by skillful retirement. Their only other great assault, at Verdun, was an unqualified defeat.

German Propaganda Halted.

The Washington and Oregon divisions of Public Information about the war has found another series of lies about the war. Stories are being circulated that unnamed privates have been sentenced to long terms in prison for minor offenses; that a number have been shot for insubordination; that certain officers have confiscated the supplies sent over for somebody's boy.

Now listen. These are German propaganda stuff, and should have no attention from any loyal citizen.

Supplies for the boys are reaching them as fast as they can be sent forward, and all court materials are reported in the press.

No sane American is barred from honest criticism of the government and its conduct of the war, but do not pay any attention to the silly stuff of the character of the foregoing.

Huns Use Best Generals.

London.—The Daily Mail's correspondent at the front says the offensive is being directed by the best of the German generals who won the successes in the East.

"The commands are now known," the correspondent says, "to be held by General von Katten in charge of the Peronne group; General Otto von Below, in the sector east of Arras, and by General von Hutier south of St. Quentin."

Chaplain and Nuns Slain.

Washington, D. C.—An official dispatch from France said Friday the chaplain and to nuns of the hospital of St. Elizabeth, at Antwerp, have been executed by the Germans. They were

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The senate Wednesday adopted the provision of the Indian bill allowing the Klamath Indians \$500,000 to buy livestock. Every effort will be used to get the house to concur.

Roads in and around Wasco are to be placed in splendid condition for summer travel, and nothing will be left undone to maintain the reputation this part of Oregon has gained during the past few years.

Arthur M. Decker, member of the 16th Company, Coast Artillery corps, died at the post hospital in Fort Stevens Sunday after a short illness. The deceased was 22 years of age and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Decker, of Ashland.

That the annual meeting of the Oregon Retail Jewelers' association to be held at Salem in June will be the largest convention this association has ever held is the statement of F. M. French, of Albany, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Hides of seven bobcats and 13 coyotes have been brought into Klamath Falls and presented for bounty at the county clerk's office, according to the records. The total for the bounties paid is \$48. The hides were brought in from all sections of the county.

The overall and jumper part of the Liberty Loan campaign in Klamath county will be done first with the parades and sheers left until after the desired results are accomplished, according to Captain Charles J. Ferguson, who is in charge of the coming campaign.

Ontario's municipal water system bonds to the amount of \$100,000 were sold Tuesday to Keeler Brothers, of Denver, after a spirited auction for par plus a premium of \$607.50. The bidding was started with the opening of a sealed bid from a Toledo, O., firm for a discount of \$4875.

The game department of the state of Ohio has ordered 3000 pheasant eggs from Charles D. Alexander, who conducts a pheasant farm at Albany. This same state secured a large shipment of eggs last year and evidently is continuing the work of trying to get these birds started in Ohio.

Plans for the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which will be held in Albany, May 13 to 15, inclusive, were made Wednesday when J. G. Chambers, of Portland, department commander, and C. A. Williams, of Portland, department adjutant, met with officers and members of the Albany post.

"Hog" Woodward, forger who served in 15 different penitentiaries, who it was thought died in Pocatello, Idaho, last October, has suddenly appeared at Reno, Nev., with a number of charges against him. Woodward was brought to the Oregon prison in 1914 from Umatilla county for forgery and was paroled in September last year.

Crews have begun work preparatory to sinking caissons for the piers of the new concrete bridge to be built across Hood River jointly by the state and Hood River county. Three arched spans will be required, each 95 feet in length, and an approach over the tracks of the Mount Hood Railroad on the West Side, approximately 200 feet long.

William Pollman, president, and S. O. Correll, secretary of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, has issued the call of the association, which will be held at Ontario April 23 and 24. A number of speakers have been secured from different sections, some as far East as Missouri river points, and many subjects of interest to livestock growers will be discussed and considered.

Percy R. Sullivan, who lives a short distance south of Brownsville, Monday received a telegram asserting that his 20-year-old son, Glen Samuel Sullivan, had fallen on the field of battle somewhere in France.

Elmarion Smith, a resident of Linn County since the early '70s, died at his home in Halsey this week, aged 81 years. He was a native of Illinois and a prominent figure in the early development of this section.

A drainage demonstration on the farm of Francis Chalmers at Roy, Washington county, will be held Saturday by Professor W. L. Powers, of Oregon Agricultural College, and scientific drainage of white land will be conducted along the most approved lines. As many of the farmers of the county have problems with this class of soils, County Agent Jamison expects a large attendance.

The old Klamath County Courthouse difficulty, which has been buried for the last four years, was revived Friday with all its former intensity, when County Judge Marion Hanks and Commissioner Frank McCornack signed a contract for the construction of a new building to be erected on the site of the present structure at a cost of \$131,775. Commissioner Burrell Short refused to sign the papers.

BRITISH HAVE FIRM GRIP ON ONE LINE

Situation Reported to Show
Improvement on Somme.

NOYON FRONT SHAKY

Germans Continue Attack in Southern
Sector With Fury, but Force of
Main Offensive Weakens.

London.—Wednesday night's news from the battle front confirms the hopeful impression formed early in the day that the British now appear to be on a line they are able to hold firmly, at least on the Somme and the Ancre rivers.

Farther south in the Roye-Noyon region the situation is less well defined, but it is stated that both the French and British are bringing up reserves there.

The correspondents also are showing greater confidence that the enemy will be held on this terrain.

The German official communication was significantly brief and reserved. It reports the crossing of the Ancre, but only refers to Tuesday's events, while the British war office statement shows that the Germans who had crossed that stream were thrown back Wednesday in counter attacks.

The news from the Somme front is distinctly encouraging, the British having recaptured Morlancourt and Chipilly and advanced to Proyart.

The infantry fighting along the major portion of the British front in the new battle zone showed a marked slowing down, indicating that the first phase of the German offensive here has been finished.

The enemy has paused in the northern sector, probably to reorganize and bring forward much needed artillery before beginning the second round against the stiffened opposition of the British.

Hard local battles were still in progress, but the first fury of the German onslaught had spent itself. Several attacks which the Germans essayed were smashed, and at Sailly-Le-Sec, where the Germans Tuesday night gained a footing, the British Wednesday morning delivered a smashing counter attack, which pushed the invaders back.

The spirit of optimism is higher along the front.

HUN HOSPITALS OVERFLOW

Thousands of Wounded Pouring Back
Through France and Belgium.

Amsterdam.—Enormously long ambulance trains are passing through Liege and Namur, Belgium, on their way to Aix la Chapelle and other parts of Germany, with wounded Germans from the French battle front, according to the Telegraf frontier correspondent. Many of the wounded have been detained at Namur, says the correspondent, who adds that the hospitals in Northern France have not sufficient accommodations for the great stream of sufferers.

The Telegraf's Zevenaar correspondent says the first transports with wounded have arrived at frontier towns. Commenting on this fact the Telegraf says that while the German communications speak of the slight German losses, it is significant that even the most out of the way places in Germany wounded are arriving.

London.—The German casualties since the beginning of the offensive are estimated at the front at 300,000, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent.

France Holding Lines Firmly.

Paris.—The French, co-operating with the British south of St. Quentin, have taken up strong positions on the left bank of the Oise before Noyon where they are holding the Germans, according to the war office announcement. The statement reads: "Our troops are holding solidly to their positions on the left bank of the Oise before Noyon. The fighting continues along the front comprising Braye-sur-Somme, Chaulnes, Roye and Noyon."

Greek Uprising Planned.

Athens.—The purpose of former King Constantine is sending two Greek officers who were arrested recently, after being landed on the coast by a German submarine, was to lay the foundation for an uprising against the government, according to depositions made by the officers and read in the chamber of deputies Wednesday by Premier Venizelos. The officers were disguised as beggars when arrested.