

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 Dutch cabinet has placed the resignation of its workers in the hands of Queen Wilhelmina, says the Nieuwe Rotterdam Courant, of Rotterdam.

A telegram from Berlin says that a bill for a fresh war credit of 15,000,000,000 marks, to be covered by loans, was introduced Friday in the Reichstag.

A credit of \$100,000,000 was granted to France Thursday by the treasury, making the total advanced to France to date \$1,765,000,000 and the total credits of the allies \$6,081,590,000.

The first contingent of American troops to arrive in Italy, within 48 hours, established itself in camp. The men are sleeping under their own tents and feeding from their own kitchens.

Necessity for stricter economy in news print paper is emphasized in a letter addressed by the War Industries board to all newspaper publishers, who are asked to put into effect a number of economies.

The Arkansas constitutional convention has voted to incorporate into the proposed new state constitution a clause giving women all civil and political rights, including suffrage and serving on juries.

When a 3400-ton ship was launched at Manitowoc, Wis., July 4th the honor of christening the vessel was given to the wife of the boss of the riveting gang that made the best record from June 11 to July 1.

Vancouver, B. C., police officers have voted to form an officers' union and to affiliate with the Trades and Labor council. Recently the Vancouver city council asked the policemen not to affiliate with the council.

A Bucharest dispatch to a Dutch newspaper says that in the new constitutional law of Roumania the rights of the crown will be so changed as to affect the crown's power of concluding an alliance or in declaring war.

Premier Lloyd George sent the following message July 4 to President Wilson: "I have just heard that a hundred ships have been launched in the United States. Heartfelt congratulations on this magnificent performance."

An earthquake of considerable severity Wednesday morning at 3:11 A. M., and continuing until 5:20 A. M., was recorded on the seismographs of Georgetown University observatory. Its center was estimated at about 3900 miles from Washington.

Three negro soldiers, convicted by court-martial of attacking a 17-year-old white girl after slugging her escort on the cantonment grounds on the night of May 24, were hanged at Camp Dodge, Ia., at 9 A. M. Friday. The negroes are selective service men from Alabama.

Representative Japanese business men of the Pacific Coast, from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland and Vancouver, B. C., in conference with Seattle Japanese Thursday sent a telegram to President Wilson pledging support to the government in the prosecution of the war.

Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch brother of the former Emperor Nicholas, has been proclaimed Czar of Russia, according to the Ukrainian telegraph bureau of Kiev. He is marching with the Czech-Slavs against Moscow. Grand Duke Michael, after the abdication of Emperor Nicholas, was named regent.

Three Minneapolis papers, the Journal, the Evening Tribune and Daily News, have increased their price of the paper from one to two cents. The Minneapolis Morning Tribune recently increased its price from one to two cents.

Furnishing of liquor to officers and men of the army within private homes is prohibited under new regulations formulated by President Wilson and Secretary Baker and made public by the commission on training camp activities.

President Wilson has issued an order granting leave of absence with pay to all Civil War veterans in the service of the government who desire to attend the 52d national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Portland, Or., August 18 to 24.

Twenty-two German airplanes were shot down, 10 were driven down out of control and two German balloons were destroyed during the air fighting Sunday, according to an official statement on aerial operations issued by the London war office Tuesday night.

TROUBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA

Enemy Agencies Suspected of Intriguing to Cause Disturbance.

Pretoria, July 5.—Political trouble is brewing in South Africa, is suggested by a statement just issued by Premier Botha, of the Union of South Africa. Vigorous measures involving co-operation of troops and police are being taken.

Premier Botha said that had not prompt and effective military steps been taken the situation would have culminated in a grave disturbance and probably serious loss of life.

The Boer leader added that the government had information pointing to the existence of a movement having for its object the subversion of the constitution by violent methods.

London, July 5.—South African troubles have been the subject of rumors in London for some days. It has been known that serious strikes have been in progress in the Transvaal mines and it has been reported that these had an anti-government purpose and had been stirred up by German agents or irreconcilable Boers. A message from Johannesburg yesterday to Reuter's Limited, says that all the natives who had refused to work on Wednesday later had resumed their duties.

NEW U. S. TONNAGE BEYOND EXPECTATION

Objectives of Shipbuilders Exceeded on Fourth—Seventeen War Vessels Are Launched.

Washington—American shipbuilders went beyond their objectives in the Independence day drive for new tonnage. The shipping board announced that the workmen started out with the expectation of launching 439,886 dead-weight tons, but later reports to the board show that 474,464 tons had been gotten ready to put overboard.

Seventeen American war vessels were launched on Independence day, the navy department announced, and the keels of eight others were laid. The craft put overboard included 14 destroyers, a gunboat and two mine sweepers.

The actual number of ships launched was 82. The launching of 11 others was held up by a freshet in the Columbia river, while two others stuck on the ways. They are expected to be released without great delay.

As a result of the Independence day launchings July and August deliveries are expected to show tremendous increases, as compared with preceding months. Machinery is beginning to come through for the wooden hulls, many of which have been delayed after launching by the lack of engines.

SHIPYARD BURNS; LOSS \$1,500,000

Orange, Tex.—Federal and Texas and Louisiana officers are investigating the fire which early Friday morning destroyed the entire plant of the Orange Maritime Corporation on the Louisiana side of the Sabine river, valued at \$1,000,000, and three half-completed 2200-ton schooners valued at \$225,000 each.

Two men, one said to be a Swedish subject, are under arrest. Their names are withheld.

Charred bodies of two men, one believed to be a contractor of New York, and one, that of an old man, an employe, have been found.

BOLSHEVIKI ON RUN; IRKUTSK IS GIVEN UP

London.—Victory of Czech-Slovak forces over the Bolsheviki near Irkutsk is reported in advices Monday from the Siberian city. The Bolsheviki are said to have been overwhelmed west of Irkutsk and to have been driven out of the region to the east of Lake Baikal.

There was a battle at Nerkhnie Udinsk, a town on the Siberian railway 80 miles east of Lake Baikal, and it resulted in the Russian government troops being driven out of the place.

The Bolsheviki, in abandoning Irkutsk, took with them great quantities of food.

High Rank Is Spurned.

Washington, D. C.—At the suggestion of Provost Marshal General Crowder, the amendment to the army bill, which the senate had adopted, authorizing the president to promote General Crowder to be a lieutenant general, was dropped from the bill. General Crowder wrote a letter saying that credit for administration of the draft law belonged not to him alone and urged that he be not singled out for recognition.

Sultan's Death Mystery.

London.—Reports have reached London from Dutch sources that the death of the sultan of Turkey, Mohammed V, which took place on Wednesday night, was not due to natural causes and presumably was part of a revolutionary movement in the Ottoman empire.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The city of Glendale, Or., has purchased with civic funds 600 war savings stamps.

The first fire in the Sluslaw forest this season was reported to the Eugene office Friday. It occurred near Loon lake Monday and was extinguished without serious damage to the timber.

Fish at the state salmon egg stations are found in larger numbers than in any year since operations were started according to a report which has just been filed with Governor Withycombe by Master Fish Warden R. E. Clanton.

Until further notice all insane patients committed from Multnomah county will be sent to the eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton, rather than to the main institution in Salem. This was ordered by the state board of control.

Miss Merle Hamilton, of Roseburg, the popular and charming daughter of Judge J. W. Hamilton, of the circuit court, has arrived in Newport and will occupy the position of baggage solicitor for the Crowdis Transfer company on the Newport train this summer.

The Peavey, official organ of the Siletz, Yaquina and Alsea divisions of the spruce production division, bureau of aircraft production, made its appearance Saturday. It is published weekly by the men engaged in the work and distributed free to all in the camps.

George W. Sperry, aged 75 years, a resident of Gold Hill 25 years and a veteran of the Civil War, serving as a private in Company G, eighth cavalry, New York volunteers, was adjudged insane and taken to the Oregon insane asylum Tuesday. Infirmities of age and recent loss of his wife were causes of the breakdown.

A young deer with three legs was captured by John Pitney, a North Bend tobacco dealer, Thursday, while he was driving through the timber near Sunset bay, 14 miles west of the city. The deer, which is about six weeks old, has only one hind leg. It is, however, active and natural in appearance and form otherwise, and the loss of the leg through freakishness of nature does not appear seriously to handicap the animal.

Vick Bros. of Salem have just purchased 1000 of the new "Fordson" Ford tractors for use in Oregon. George F. Vick, of the firm, left for Detroit recently and his brother Charles has received a wire from him of the purchase. It is understood \$75,000 cash was paid as earnest money for the purchase, which represents a total outlay of about \$750,000. The first carload of the big shipment is expected to arrive about August 1.

With harvest commenced in some parts of nearly every district in the Umatilla country grain prospects still look very good. It is principally barley that is being cut at this time but wheat harvest will follow immediately, and, in some districts it is already under way. The farmers are finding their yields better, as they go into the fields, than they expected a few weeks ago, the grain apparently having filled well within the past week or so.

G. B. Viets, superintendent for the American Railway Express company at Portland, has made personal application for a 10 per cent increase in interstate express rates, it being understood that as to all commission-made rates hearings will be held, with all interested given a chance to be heard before the rates become effective. As to other than commission-made rates, following the statutory provisions, they will be subject to attack at any time on the part of the commission or of any shipper. Anyone having a complaint will be privileged to take the question up.

John L. Risley, who received the democratic nomination as one of the representatives from Clackamas county, has notified Secretary Olcott that he refuses to accept.

The state examining board started work at Salem Wednesday examining several thousand papers from several hundred applicants who took examinations for teachers' certificates last week.

Miss Margaret Tallman of Corvallis was instantly killed Tuesday morning, and her cousin, Miss Mabel Morse, of Portland, severely injured when the former's car turned over a few miles north of that city.

County Agent J. L. Smith, of Marshfield, who has opportunities to observe crop conditions in all parts of the county, declares that the hay and grain crops will be less than half the average of ordinary years, owing to continued dry weather. The situation is causing much anxiety among ranchers, who must feed their dairy herds during the winter. Entire dependence now is being placed on the corn crop, which is used almost altogether for silage.

Jackson county faces the most serious forest fire situation since 1910, according to officials of the federal forest service. Federal Forest Supervisor Rankin arrived in Medford Sunday from the Crater Lake region, where a fire that has burned over 20,000 acres is still raging, leaving after a few hours' preparations with 25 men for Woodruff Meadows, in the Prospect district, where another serious blaze is reported.

NEW WHEAT PRICES OUT

Minimum Price of \$2 is Fixed for Number One Product.

New York.—New wheat prices necessitated by advanced freight rates, were announced here Monday night by the Food Administration Grain corporation. It was asserted that a minimum price of \$2 a bushel for No. 1 wheat aboard cars in the intermountain territory will be made effective. Details of the plan will be made public soon.

The corporation's announcement said that No. 1 wheat of the northern spring, hard winter, red winter, durum and red winter grades would be sold in various markets at the following basic prices:

New York, \$2.39 1/2; Philadelphia, \$2.39; Baltimore and Newport News, \$2.38 1/2; Duluth and Minneapolis, \$2.21 1/2; Chicago, \$2.26; St. Louis, \$2.24; Kansas City and Omaha, \$2.18; New Orleans and Galveston, \$2.28; Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Astoria, Or., San Francisco and Los Angeles, \$2.20.

The price basis for No. 2 wheat will be 3 cents below No. 1 and for No. 3 4 cents below No. 2. Grades below No. 3 will be dealt in on sample.

Special classes of wheat, the commission said, will be sold on the following schedule:

Dark hard winter, 2 cents above hard winter; dark northern spring, 2 cents above northern spring; amber durum, 2 cents above durum; yellow hard winter, 2 cents under hard winter; red spring, 5 cents under northern spring; red Walla, 7 cents under red winter; red durum, 7 cents under durum; soft white, 2 cents under hard white; white club, 4 cents under hard white.

Changes in federal grading standards previously filed with the trade, it was declared, are expected to result in production of more high-grade wheat than in 1917.

HUNS WANT HUGE PRICE FOR PEACE

Member of Prussian House Demands
England's Fleet and 45 Billions
as Indemnity—U. S. to Pay.

Paris.—Great Britain must turn over its war fleet to Germany, return Gibraltar to Spain and restore Egypt and the Suez canal to Turkey, Great Britain, France and the United States must pay Germany an indemnity of at least \$45,000,000,000. Belgium and French territory must be surrendered to Germany.

These are among the conditions included in the German peace program published in the Nachrichten of Goerlitz, Prussia, by Count Roon, a member of the Prussian house of lords, according to a Havas dispatch from Basel, Switzerland.

Count Roon says Germany is entitled to the following terms because of its strength, and until they are realized there should be no armistice and no cessation of submarine warfare:

Annexation of Belgium, with administrative autonomy in the interior. Independence of Flanders.

Annexation of the entire Flanders coast, including Calais.

Annexation of the Briey and Longwy basins and the Toul, Belfort and Verdun regions eastward.

Restitution to Germany of all her colonies, including Kaio Chau.

Great Britain to cede to Germany such naval bases and coaling stations as Germany designates.

Great Britain must return Gibraltar to Spain, cede its war fleet to Germany, restore Egypt to Turkey and the Suez canal to Turkey.

Greece must be re-established under former King Constantine with frontiers as before the war.

Austria and Bulgaria will divide Serbia and Montenegro.

Great Britain, France and the United States must pay all of Germany's war costs, the indemnity being a minimum of \$45,000,000,000. They also must agree to deliver raw materials immediately.

France and Belgium are to remain occupied at their expense until these conditions are carried out.

U. S. Force Arrives in Italy.

Washington, D. C.—Safe arrival in Italy of the first contingent of military force which will represent the United States was announced Monday by General March, chief of staff. Sent direct from this country, the troops landed Sunday, to supplement others ordered from France by General Pershing.

Sanitary units compose the greater part of the first arrivals, but "other special units" also were included. General March reiterated the statement that the bulk of the combatant American troops going to Italy will be sent from the western front, their places being immediately taken by new regiments from the United States.

Girl Falls From Train.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Meade Belden, 6-year-old daughter of Mrs. M. W. Belden, of Woodlawn, Penn., rolled out of a berth and through the window of a sleeping car of a Santa Fe train on the Mojave desert at 3 o'clock Saturday morning and was not missed until the train had traveled 35 miles. Three hours later the crew of a freight train found the child, who was unconscious, and took her to a hospital at Victorville. She will recover.

BATTLE FRONT MAY REACH INTO RUSSIA

War Conference is Held at
Washington, D. C.

DECISION IS REACHED

Wilson's Watchful Waiting Seems at
End—Vladivostok and Kola Appear to Be Storm Centers.

Washington, D. C.—Developments Saturday tended to indicate that a new battlefront may soon be established in Russia. The German menace, steady advance of which has been reported for some time in dispatches, appears at last to have reached a point where the watchful waiting attitude of the American administration has been challenged.

The Russian situation is understood to have been the subject at a conference at the white house between President Wilson and Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels, Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, and General March, chief of staff.

There was no announcement after the conference and probably will be none for the present, but it was said unofficially that an important decision had been reached.

Urgent appeals from the allied governments for American approval of and co-operation in joint measures to meet the German menace through Russia, have been before President Wilson for several days. Until now, however, there has been no intimation that he had changed his position, based upon recommendations of his military advisers, that a successful military effort in Russia was not feasible.

For military reasons, strictest secrecy is observed concerning the exact nature of steps proposed by the allies. American and allied naval forces now are guarding war supplies both at Vladivostok, terminal of the Trans-Siberian railroad and Kola, terminal of the railroad on the Arctic coast, which is reported threatened by German forces in the interior.

In some quarters it has been said that since the United States regarded intervention purely as a military problem, the president, heretofore an opponent of military action on the ground of impracticability, would be guided by the decision of the supreme war council at Versailles and General Foch.

Reports Saturday that the supreme war council had given a decision were not confirmed in official circles.

Fuel Rationing Started.

Washington.—Rationing of coal to householders was announced Sunday night by the Fuel administration as among plans designed to prevent a threatened shortage of coal next winter. Each domestic consumer will be allowed only as much coal as is necessary to heat his house to 68 degrees, provided every conservation rule has been obeyed. The allowance, the announcement said, will be sufficient for comfort, but "the thoughtless and wasteful consumer who finds his allowance gone before the end of the winter, will have only himself to thank if he has no fuel with which to heat his house."

The plan involves a department of allotments in connection with each local fuel administrator's office. The system will be put into operation at once. Each order for coal will be censored by comparison with the rating of the house where the coal is to be used.

Ex-Mayor Mitchel, Aviator, Killed.

Lake Charles, La.—Major John Purroy Mitchel, killed Saturday when he fell 600 feet from the airplane in which he was riding, dropped from the pilot's seat and plunged downward while his plane skimmed on without a pilot for nearly half a mile, according to statements by officers at Geratner aviation field near here.

An examination of the wrecked machine developed that the safety belt was unfastened at the time of the accident, causing Major Mitchel to fall from his seat as the plane went into a nose dive.

Major Kirby, commandant of the field, declined to speculate as to the cause for the belt being unfastened. It is a rule that all fliers fasten themselves into place with the belt before ascending.

U. S. Buys Flying Field.

Honolulu, T. H.—With the transfer to the United States government on June 24 of Ford island, in the waters of Pearl harbor, prospects for early development of aviation on Oahu on an extensive scale were given a decided impetus. The amount paid by the government for the property to the John Li estate and the Oahu Sugar company, owners of the island, was \$235,000. The island will be used by both the army and navy for aviation purposes.