

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.

Calls for 130,207 draft registrants qualified for general military service to join the colors before the end of August were issued Thursday night by the provost marshal general.

Fire Thursday afternoon destroyed six small buildings and two powder magazines at the Western Cartridge company, in East Alton, Ill., with damage estimated at \$100,000. No one was injured.

Marco Fidel Suarez was inaugurated president of Colombia Thursday, with imposing ceremonies. It is reported that there is an increasingly favorable sentiment toward the allies throughout Colombia.

Sick and wounded soldiers landed in the United States from the American expeditionary forces and sent to various army hospitals during the week ended August 2 numbered 159, the surgeon-general announced.

A call for men not registered in the draft, and draft men who have been given deferred classifications, to enlist in the 472d Engineers, was sent out by the western department of the army at San Francisco Thursday.

Damage estimated by farmers in the Okanogan valley, Washington, at about \$60,000 has been done already by a migratory horde of grasshoppers which have infested wheat fields, damaged alfalfa, timothy and oats crops.

Within less than 24 hours after the Diamond Shoal lightship off Cape Hatteras, N. C., had been destroyed by shellfire, the small American unarmed steamer Mera was shelled, torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine near the North Carolina Coast Tuesday afternoon.

The known dead as the result of the hurricane which struck southwest Louisiana Tuesday afternoon stood at 18 Friday. Many persons believed to have been in the path of the storm, however, had not been heard from, and it was believed the list was incomplete.

Hundreds of building carpenters, at a wage of \$6.50, and hundreds of laborers, wage \$4.50 to \$5, were called urgently Friday in Seattle by the labor committee of the war housebuilding drive, Frederick T. Sherman, chairman. Labor union officers are co-operating.

On a wooden cross at the head of a grave at the edge of a wood at Chamery, east of Fere-en-Tardenois, is this inscription: "Lieutenant Quentin Roosevelt, buried by the Germans." The grave was found Wednesday by an American aviator. The inscription is in English.

Bumper crops of almost every foodstuff grown on the farm were indicated again Friday in the department of Agriculture's monthly crop report despite a falling off in the prospective production in practically all crops during July due to adverse conditions, principally hot and dry weather.

Russian news reaching Stockholm by way of Berlin continues to represent the Bolsheviks as preparing for war against the allies. Trotsky, the Bolshevik war minister, is represented as having issued an order, in which the French, English and Czech-Slovaks are declared to be the enemies of Russia.

Orders for the immediate mobilization at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., of the Slavic Legion, authorized by the army appropriation bill, were announced Friday at the war department, providing voluntary enlistment of Jugo-Slavs, Czech-Slovaks and Ruthenians and other oppressed peoples who are anxious to fight against Germany and Austria-Hungary.

Acting on instructions of the state council of defense, Butte, Mont., police early Monday morning made the arrest of 60 men who will be held for investigation. They are charged with violating the law relating to non-producers.

The Germans on both sides of Albert have retreated from the western to the eastern bank of the Acre river, according to the German official communication issued Tuesday. The statement says the withdrawal was made without opposition.

The first six airplanes especially constructed to carry mail pouches over the Washington - Philadelphia - New York air post were delivered to the government Tuesday by the Standard Airplane corporation of Elizabeth, N. J. The machines will be put into immediate service.

LUXURY TAX 10 PER CENT

Impost of 20 Percent Proposed on
Clothing of Various Kinds.

Washington, D. C.—A luxury tax schedule was adopted, an official tax advisory board for the treasury created, the tax on corporation capital stock doubled to produce an additional \$30,000,000 and a provision was accepted making liberty bonds security for all government contracts by the house ways and means committee Saturday in framing the \$8,000,000,000 revenue bill.

The luxury proposal was submitted by a sub-committee. It levies 10 per cent tax on all jewelry, to be paid by the manufacturer, producer or importer. Covering approximately 1200 items of jewelry, it supplants the present low tax of 3 per cent on the manufacturer, producer or importer.

The 10 per cent tax is also to be levied on art objects, pianos and pipe-organs, furs, cash registers, typewriters, photographs and tapestries.

In view of the wide public demand for a tax on the price paid for certain other articles, not deemed luxuries by reason of their nature, above a certain price, the subcommittee proposed and the full committee accepted a limited number of other groups of such articles, with suggested basic prices paid for them by the consumer, above which a 20 per cent tax is to be assessed against the seller to the consumer or user or to a person not for "re-sale."

This second group and the amount excess over which will be taxed follows:

Men's and young men's suits or overcoats, \$50; men's and women's hats, bonnets and hoods, \$25; women's and misses' dresses, \$40; women's and misses' suits, cloaks and coats, sold at over \$60; boots, shoes, pumps and slippers for men, women and children, \$10; men's and boys' hats, \$5; men's and boys' caps, \$2; picture frames, \$10; fans, \$1; men's waist coats, sold distinct from suits, \$5; silk underclothing and hosiery, pure and mixed, \$10; men's and boys' neckwear, \$2; trunks, \$50; valises, traveling bags, suitcases and hat boxes, \$25; ladies' purses, pocketbooks, shopping and handbags, \$7.50; carpets and rugs, fiber, \$5 per square yard; umbrellas, parasols and sunshades, \$4; men's shirts, \$3; house or smoking jackets and bathrobes, \$10.

The luxury schedule provides that articles taxed under one of these general groups shall not be taxed under the other group.

MANY PRISONERS AND GUNS TAKEN

London.—An official communique issued Saturday evening says that 17,000 prisoners and between 200 and 300 guns have been captured on the Somme-Ancre front.

The Canadians, the advances state, have taken the town of Beaufort, two and a half miles southwest of Rosieres. The Australians are fighting farther north, along the Somme.

Small parties of Germans are reported to be still in Rosieres, three and one-half miles west of Chaules, but the British are all around them and their life as fighting men probably will be short.

The figure of 17,000 prisoners taken embraces the number that had been counted. Of these the French reported that they had taken more than 4000 while the British total at noon was more than 13,000. The French have been doing good work on the south of the new drive and probably have taken many additional prisoners there.

Most of the prisoners and guns captured by British troops have been taken in the narrow triangle between the Roye and Peronne roads. British tanks advanced with great rapidity up these highways. They were followed promptly by infantry, and thousands of Germans within the triangle found themselves well behind the British line when the attack reached them, so laid down their arms.

The triangle contained some of the best German gun positions in the whole front facing Amiens.

Paris.—The official communication from the war office says that the British and French troops continued their advance Saturday and won new victories after breaking the enemy's resistance. The French troops took 4000 prisoners besides a great quantity of war materials, and captured several important towns on the southern end of the battle zone.

With the British Army in France,—It is reported that a German divisional general has been captured in the drive.

Allied airmen have blown up many of the bridges over the Somme river and the enemy's retreat is seriously embarrassed. The British cavalry has rounded up many prisoners, but the larger part taken were captured by Australians and Canadians.

Passports Are Denied.

London.—Arthur Henderson, Charles W. Bowerman, secretary of the Trade Union Congress, and other members of the House of Commons have applied for passports to Switzerland to confer with Pieter Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, regarding letters received from Socialists in enemy countries. The War Cabinet declined to grant them passports. The parliamentary committee of the Trade Union Congress and the executives of the labor party protested this refusal strongly.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

An extraordinary run of chinook salmon is on at Wedderburn and Gold Beach, in Rogue river, where 80 boats are taking from 35 to 50 fish nightly. The small salmon run has passed and it is very seldom any of the boats take fish lighter than 30 pounds.

Henry L. Corbett, of Portland, has submitted his resignation as chairman and member of the state council of defense to Governor Withycombe, to become effective immediately. William F. Woodward, of Portland, was named to succeed Mr. Corbett.

Walter S. Brockman, the largest cattle owner in Walla Walla county, was found dead Monday afternoon near a trail on Snake river. Near him lay a dead pack mule, with its load tied securely in place, and some of Mr. Brockman's horses were nearby.

The new sawmill of the Baker White Pine Lumber company, which has been undergoing a tuning-up process for more than a week, now is running regularly at full capacity and adds a large industrial plant to the growing lumber industry of Baker and vicinity.

A sawmill owned by John M. Robins at Swan Lake Valley, Klamath county, was destroyed by fire between 12 and 1 o'clock Friday with a loss of between \$10,000 and \$12,000. The blaze was believed started from a spark, which lodged on the roof of the mill building.

Oregon's fourth liberty loan quota probably will be double that of the third loan, according to information conveyed in a letter to Governor Withycombe from James K. Lynch, of San Francisco, governor of the federal reserve bank there. The quota of the last campaign was \$18,495,000.

J. Ragsdale, who operates a digitalis dryer on the Alsea river, says there has been a big demand for his product but is experiencing difficulty in filling orders on account of the scarcity of pickers. Mr. Ragsdale uses a hop dryer and has exploded the idea that the leaves of digitalis must be dried slowly in the shade.

Only one accident was fatal out of 591 reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending August 5, inclusive. John M. Person, Portland shipbuilder, was the victim of the one fatal accident. A total of 521 of the accidents reported were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation act.

Fees of the state treasurer's office, including those on inheritances and on interest on deposits, are expected to increase over \$100,000 in the next two years, bringing their aggregate up to \$305,500, according to a statement filed by State Treasurer Kay with the tax commission. Expenses for the office for the two years are estimated at \$35,900.

The estimate made by Major Deich, of the Oregon Military Police, that the expenditures of that department will amount to \$655,000 for the next biennium, is too high, Governor Withycombe declares. The executive says at least \$382,000 can be eliminated from the estimate, leaving \$274,000 for operating expenses during the next biennium.

In event the legislature listens to a recommendation of the industrial accident commission to make workmen's compensation compulsory, it will cost the state but \$286,974.16 to conduct the commission during the next biennium. On the other hand, if the recommendation is not abided by, the state's share of the accident fund for the two years will be \$1,200,000.

The Fischer Lumber company, of Marcola, will erect a new mill, work upon which has already commenced, at a cost of about \$100,000, to take the place of a smaller mill which was destroyed by fire June 8, according to an announcement made in Eugene by Fred Fischer, president of the company. The mill is being built on the location of the old plant above Marcola.

The supreme court library has filed its estimate for the next biennium with the state tax commission at \$16,500. Of this \$6000 is represented in salaries and \$10,500 in new books. A total of \$15,000 was appropriated for the present biennium. The library estimates that it will take in \$1200 in fees from bar examinations.

Final completion of the paving on what is known as the Bellevue extension east of Sheridan indicates that state force account highway work can be done more cheaply than under private contract. Approximate figures just announced show that the work was done at least \$12,000 cheaper than the lowest bid of \$52,000, made by a private contractor, and it may run as much as \$2000 lower than that estimate.

The Bandon woolen mill, conducted for the past year under direction of E. H. Tyrone, as receiver, and which had run on government contracts, has been purchased by E. N. Smith, a former resident of the county. The past activities of the mill have required the employment of 20 operators, but the new owner contemplates an increase in capacity and the addition of new machinery sufficient to double the number of employees and the manufacture of a wider range of woolsens. Much of the past year's output went to a government contracting company in Chicago.

IDAHO "U" HAS NEW CONTRACT

Special Training for Army to Be Given
to One Hundred or More Men
Each Month.

Moscow, Idaho.—A new contract has just been signed between the University of Idaho and the war department which provides for a new contingent of 100 or more men to be sent to the university for special training on August 15, and at least 300 to be sent here on October 15 and every two months thereafter.

The contract provides that 40 of the 100 men to be sent here August 15 are to take training in auto mechanics and 20 in radio work. This is just the reverse of the present order, which provides for 20 taking auto mechanics and 40 taking radio work.

In a statement issued by President Lindley the conditions of the new contract are made known. He says: "The larger contingent of 200 at least will arrive here on October 15. The university is energetically proceeding with the necessary building and alterations to provide in a satisfactory way for the larger contingents which will arrive every two months beginning October 15."

"By that time the required building will be completed and the soldier-training will not in any way interfere with the regular work of the university during the academic year. The board of education and the president have from the first guarded against any such possibility. This is done in fairness to the soldier contingent as well as out of consideration for the interests of the university students."

"The smaller contingent of soldiers the university has agreed to accept has therefore not only permitted the soldiers to receive a very high grade of instruction, but the regular work of the university to be maintained and strengthened."

Plenty of Men For Harvest.

Moscow, Idaho.—"There will be no scarcity of labor to harvest the grain crop in Latah county," said A. W. B. Kjosness, county agent and head of the farm bureau for Latah county. Mr. Kjosness and his assistants and associates have been devoting much time to the labor problem and have been in communication with all labor centers with the result that many men have been secured for work in this county.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Portland — Wheat — Government

base, \$2.20 per bushel.
Flour—Straights, \$10.95@11.15 per barrel; whole wheat, \$10.30; graham, \$9.90@10.35; barley flour, \$11@12 per barrel; rye flour, \$11.50@12.50 per barrel; cornmeal, \$11.40@12 per barrel; corn flour, \$12.20@13.40; oat flour \$12.50@12.75.

Milled—Net milled prices, carlots: Bran, \$31 per ton; shorts, \$33 per ton; middlings, \$33; rolled barley, \$70; rolled oats, \$69.

Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76 per ton.

Hay—Buying prices f.o.b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$34 per ton; valley timothy, \$29; alfalfa, \$28@27; valley grain hay, \$26@28; clover, \$26@28; straw, \$9@10.

Butter—Cubes, extra, 47½¢@48¢; seconds, 44¢; prints, extras, box lots, 52¢; cartons, box lots, 63¢; half boxes, ½¢ more; less than half boxes, 1¢ more; butterfat, No. 1, 55¢ per pound delivered Portland.

Eggs—Oregon, ranch current receipts, 43¢@44¢; candied, 47¢; select, 49¢ per dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 23¢@24¢; broilers, 26¢@27¢; ducks, geese and turkeys, nominal.

Veal—Fancy, 18¢@19¢ per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 23¢@24¢ per pound.

Fruits—Cantaloupes, \$2.00@2.75 per crate; watermelon, 2¢@2½¢ per pound; peaches, 75¢@1.50; new apples, \$1.25 @3 per box; plums, \$2@2.25 per box; apricots, \$2 per box; pears, \$3.50 per box; casabas, 4¢ per pound; grapes, \$2@3 per crate.

Vegetables—Tomatoes 75¢@1.25 per crate; cabbage, 4¢@4½¢ per pound; lettuce, \$2.50@3 per crate; cucumbers, 75¢@1 per box; peppers, 15¢ per pound; peas, 12¢@12½¢ per pound; beans, 10¢@11¢ per pound; celery, \$1 per dozen; summer squash, \$1 per dozen; eggplant, 15¢ per pound; corn, \$2.75 per crate.

Potatoes—New, \$3@3.25 per cwt.

Onions—Walla Walla, \$2.75@3.00; California, \$2@2.50 per sack.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 35¢@56¢; valley, 54¢@61¢ per pound.

Mohair—Oregon, new clip, 55¢ per pound.

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Cattle—Prime steers \$11.75@12.75

Good to choice steers 10.75@11.75

Medium to good steers 9.50@10.75

Fair to medium steers 8.50@9.50

Common to fair steers 5.50@8.00

Choice cows and heifers 8.00@9.00

Med to good cows and hf. 6.00@7.50

Canners 3.00@5.00

Bulls 5.50@7.50

Calves 8.50@11.50

Stockers and feeders 6.00@8.00

Hogs—Prime mixed \$18.85@19.15

Medium Mixed 18.65@18.85

Rough heavies 17.35@17.65

Pigs 16.50@17.00

Bulk 18.85@19.00

Sheep—Lambs 13.00@14.00

Valley lambs 12.50@13.50

Yearlings 9.50@10.50

Wethers 8.50@9.50

Ewes 6.00@8.00

ENEMY IN FLIGHT; TANKS PURSUING

British and French Continue
Advancing on Somme.

TAKE GUNS, STORES

Transports and Men Streaming Eastward
In Full Retreat—High German Officer Is Killed.

With the British Army in France.—The British and French divisions have gained more ground Saturday in the great battle raging in the Amiens-Somme district. The latest reports appear to show that the Germans are retreating in great haste.

The scenes on the battleground over which the allies already have passed gave evidence of this haste in abandoned guns, stores, and even regimental and artillery maps and papers. Aerial observers report large streams of transports and men hurrying eastward in full retreat.

Heaumont fell to the allied forces and Lequesnel also was taken after hot all-night fighting.

The cavalry is working far back toward the Somme and is still rounding up villages, while tanks and armored cars are running over the country clearing a way for the troops or killing horses drawing heavy enemy supplies. The drivers of motor trucks and lorries are chasing parties of Germans and either scattering them or running them to earth.

The details of some of the work of these armored cars show that they have performed valiant services. One of them ran into a town while a German corps was having lunch. It turned its guns through the corps' quarter windows, killed some of the staff and then chased others who escaped from the house. At Rosieres another car set an enemy train on fire.

A group of cars met, far inside the enemy lines, a German supply column and halted it. Four mounted German officers came up to see what the trouble was and were shot from the cars, which then proceeded to make quick work of the column.

At Framerville the cars engaged a train loaded with the enemy and finally set it afire. Tanks entered this town soon afterwards, helped the armored cars clean it up and then hoisted flags on the roof of the building which had been German corps headquarters. One car met a high German officer riding in an automobile along the road. The officer was killed and his machine captured.

All along the line snipers and isolated machine gun bullets were extremely busy, but these were being silenced one by one as the advance proceeded.

It is reported that two regimental commanders have been captured in one sector.

ENLISTMENTS IN ARMY SHUT OFF

Washington, D. C.—Voluntary enlistment in the army and navy will be suspended completely to prevent disruption of industry pending disposition of the bill proposing to extend draft ages to include all men between 18 and 45 years.

Orders were issued by Secretaries Baker and Daniels directing that no voluntary enlistments be accepted after August 8 until further orders.

The orders also exclude civilians from appointment to officers' training camps until further notice.

The orders were issued after a conference between Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels and were made public after President Wilson had visited the offices of both secretaries.

It is not known whether his visit had to do with the enlistment situation, but just before he conferred with the cabinet officers there was no indication that a step of such drastic nature was anticipated.

It was explained that the view of the government is that many of the older men are indispensable in their present occupations, but the natural result of the debated draft age question is certain to lead to a rush to the recruiting offices.

It is regarded as essential that men greatly needed at home should be prevented from rushing into the army under the mistaken idea that they are certain to be drafted anyhow and prefer to join the service voluntarily.

Big Gun Plant Ordered.

Washington, D. C.—Approval of plans for a big gun rolling plant to be built in France at a cost of from \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000 was announced Saturday by the war department. It is said engineering work for the great project, which will compare in size to the Krupp works at Essen, Germany, were completed and orders for equipment actually issued within 30 days after conception of the plan by the ordnance officers.