

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.

President Poincare may visit the United States in August, writes Charles Omessa in L'Information.

After being closed to the public for nearly two years because of the war, the White House was reopened to visitors Friday.

Edwin T. Earl, owner and publisher of the Los Angeles Evening and Sunday Express, and a well-known financier of California, died at his home there late Friday.

It is reported in Washington that Secretary Lane has been offered the director-generalship of railroads, and that to make the proposal attractive a salary of \$50,000 a year is offered.

The British and Dutch governments have arrived at an agreement regarding the status of the former German emperor. This information was contained in a dispatch to the Telegraf from The Hague.

There are 15,000 more British prisoners in Germany than the British records show, so that a number of men previously given up as dead or missing will return to their homes, it was stated in London Saturday.

Streetcar service in Denver which was interrupted for several hours Friday night by demonstrations against the collection of a 7-cent fare by the Denver Tramway company, was maintained later without serious difficulty.

Christmas, the armistice, lack of employment and Spanish influenza were advanced by the county district attorney's office Saturday as reasons for the low prices at which liberty bonds have been selling for in New York.

The Pershing Theatre, said to be the only playhouse in the United States maintained exclusively for soldiers, and to which admittance is free, was opened in New York Saturday night by the New York Community Camp Service.

Major T. C. McAuley, commander of Taliaferro Field, Tex., will attempt to fly from Fort Worth to San Diego in one day. He made the round trip recently, a distance of 1500 miles, in 4½ days. He is engaged in mapping routes for aerial mail.

Sweeping electoral reforms effected in Sweden providing the "most extended universal suffrage for both men and women, irrespective of taxability," are described in a cable dispatch received by Swedish Minister Ekengren from the foreign minister at Stockholm.

Expansion of the business of the General Motors Corporation was indicated Saturday by the chartering in Trenton, N. J., of a \$370,000,000 subsidiary of the parent concern, to do a business in airplane, automobiles and accessories, with a plant at Harrison, N. J.

Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, introduced a resolution requesting the president to open negotiations for the purchase from Mexico, by the United States, of Lower California, and of about 10,000 square miles of other Mexican territory lying north of 31 degrees latitude in the state of Sonora.

J. C. Ness, one of the best known contractors of northern Montana, was shot and instantly killed at his home in Great Falls Tuesday. His wife, found with both wrists cut, told the police she killed her husband and attempted to end her life.

A resolution proposing that an army of allied and United States troops triumphantly enter Berlin to impress upon the minds of the Germans the fact that Germany has been decisively defeated is introduced by Representative Doolittle, of Kansas.

EXPLAIN HOG ISLAND FIASCO

Director-General of Fleet Corporation
Declares Plant Great Asset.

Washington, D. C.—Only four ships have been delivered by the three great government fabricated shipbuilding plants, Charles Piez, director-general of the Emergency Fleet corporation, testified Saturday before the senate commerce committee. Difficulties in constructing the yards and obtaining material largely were responsible for delays, he said.

Three of the ships have come from the Hog Island yard, Mr. Piez testified, and the fourth from the Submarine Boat corporation plant at Port Newark, N. J., which should have delivered 124 vessels by last December 7. The contract of the Merchants' Shipbuilding corporation at Bristol, Pa., called for 24 ships completed by December 7.

The Hog Island yard delivered its third ship Saturday and has launched 12 others, the committee was told.

Before resuming its inquiry the committee adopted a resolution by Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, extending its investigation to include a survey of the progress of all government merchant shipbuilding.

Under the resolution the Shipping board and the Emergency Fleet corporation would be required to furnish a statement showing the number of shipyards where ships for the government are being or are to be built or contracted for, with the capacity of the yards, and the amounts contributed by the government for their construction, if any, and the number of ships each has completed or launched. The committee also asked for the expenditures made from money appropriated by congress for ships and whether any of the vessels completed for the Fleet corporation have been used in carrying men or munitions to or from Europe.

RED MENACE GAINS GROUND IN RUSSIA

Washington, D. C.—Advices to the State department announce that returning Russian prisoners of war on coming out of Austria-Hungary and Germany are being offered 300 rubles monthly, clothing and food to join the Bolshevik army. According to this information few of the prisoners accept this offer and popular feeling in Russia is strongly against the Bolsheviks.

Nevertheless, the power of the Bolsheviks is reported on the increase since the recapture of Kazan and Samara from the Czechs. Their forces are now said to be concentrating on the Ukrainian front.

One prisoner declared that when typhus struck the Russian prison camps in Germany his comrades died at the rate of 500 a day. It was reported that 750,000 died in prison.

Transportation conditions in Bolshevik-controlled Russia are much worse than in Siberia.

Other advices reaching the State department say the Kolchak government at Omsk has abolished government control of prices with a resultant increase. It is also stated that vodka again is being manufactured by the government and is selling for 6 rubles a pint.

Carranza Controls Trade.

Washington, D. C.—The Mexican congress, it was reported Saturday to the State department, has granted special powers to President Carranza to raise or lower import and export duties at his discretion.

It was noted by officials here that additional power given the Mexican president apparently is practically unlimited, and that the chief executive may virtually control exportation of such commodities as petroleum and copper. This recalled difficulties the United States, Great Britain and France had with the Mexican government regarding oil during the war and the efforts of Germany to interfere.

Records Weigh 26 Tons.

Washington, D. C.—Twenty-six tons of insurance records from the American Expeditionary force were received Saturday by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance. They represent \$1,600,000,000 of government insurance written on American soldiers overseas and will bring the total insurance written by the bureau to more than \$38,000,000,000.

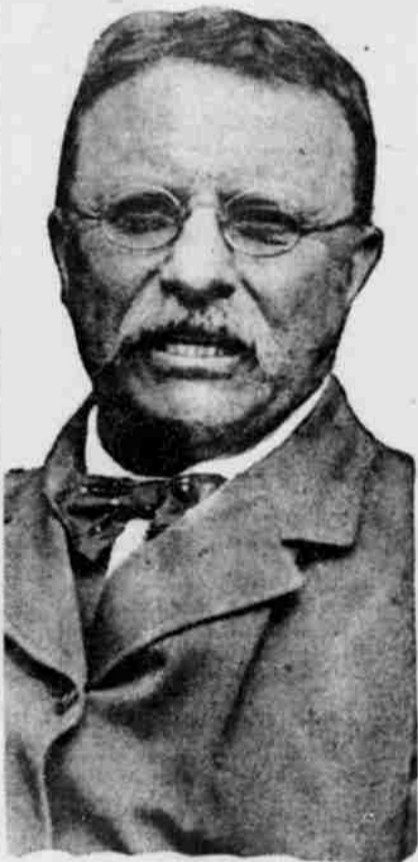
COL. ROOSEVELT DIES SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME

Ex-President Passes Following Lodg- ing of Clot on Lungs.

New York, Jan. 6.—Colonel Roosevelt died at his home in Oyster Bay at 4 o'clock this morning.

News of the death of the former president was received here by Miss Josephine Stricker, the colonel's secretary, in a telephone message from Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Stricker said that the colonel had suffered an attack of inflammatory rheumatism on New Year's day



and had since been more or less confined to his room.

The attack of rheumatism settled mainly in Colonel Roosevelt's right hand and Mrs. Roosevelt sent at once for a nurse in the village of Oyster Bay. His condition did not at first seem to be alarming and the turn for the worse is believed not to have come until last night.

In announcing Colonel Roosevelt's death, Miss Stricker said:

"Mrs. Roosevelt called me on the telephone shortly before 7 o'clock, saying that the colonel had died early today. She did not give me any particulars and I am leaving at once for Oyster Bay.

"The attack must have been very sudden. On New Year's day inflammatory rheumatism developed in Colonel Roosevelt's right hand which became very much swollen. Mrs. Roosevelt sent for a nurse in the village and the colonel was made as comfortable as possible. It did not occur to me at that time that he was seriously ill."

Miss Stricker went to Oyster Bay last Saturday to pay the colonel a visit. She said:

"At that time the colonel was sleeping in his room and I did not see him and there was nothing in the circumstances of his illness at that time to indicate to me that death was near. When Mrs. Roosevelt called me and told me of the colonel's death I could hardly believe it.

"Mrs. Roosevelt gave me no particulars of his death."

It is understood that only Mrs. Roosevelt and the nurse were with him at the time of his death. The other members of the family are in other parts of the country or abroad.

The immediate cause of Colonel Roosevelt's death was pulmonary embolism or lodgment in the lung of a clot from a broken vein, it was said by one of his physicians.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Complete returns from the Red Cross membership drive in Douglas county compiled by W. C. Harding, show that a total of 6538 individuals subscribed to the fund.

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, was 65 years old Wednesday. He spent the day quietly, devoting some time to opening letters and telegrams congratulating him on his speech exposing conditions in the War department.

Investments of Hood River county citizens in war securities total \$766,000. Hood River people bought a total of \$646,000 of the four liberty loan bonds. Sales of war savings stamps probably will exceed \$120,000.

The semi-annual examination of the books in the office of the state treasurer was made Wednesday by Secretary of State Olcott. The law requires an examination by the secretary of state on January 1 and July 1 of each year.

The Marion county grand jury, which a few weeks ago handed down an extensive report on conditions at the state penitentiary, will report soon to the circuit court and will return some indictments in connection with the prison.

The State Textbook commission next June is to choose only books that give accurate information, and those containing any matter savoring of German propaganda will be eliminated. The commission is now preparing for the June selection.

All employees of the Pendleton Woolen mills who have been on the payroll during the past year will participate in extra earnings amounting to several thousand dollars, the management announced. The earnings will be based on wages.

Changes in the school laws affecting the raising and distribution of money in school districts are proposed by the county superintendents of the state, who are now in session in Salem, and recommendations will be formulated for presentation to the legislature.

County Clerk Brown estimates that 4000 Umatilla county citizens whose names appear on the registration books of the county have failed to vote at any of the three elections during the past two years. The office is now engaged in eliminating these names from the rolls.

In the Astoria justice court Friday morning E. P. Bailey, as manager of the Pacific Power & Light company, was found guilty on a charge of permitting crude oil to flow into the waters of the Columbia river and fined \$250. He immediately gave notice of appeal to the circuit court.

Members of the Loyal Legion who essayed to help in the eradication of influenza in Marshfield appeared before the city council, claiming the restrictive measures are not adequate. The appointed delegates told the councilmen it was not proper to permit any assemblies. Laxity in quarantine and failure of one physician to report cases were charged.

At a mass meeting at Madras, the plan by which the government will extend aid to the North Unit Irrigation district was explained to the settlers, who for the past five years have been working to bring about irrigation by private enterprise. The government has taken up the project with a view to disposing of the land to settlers, and especially to the returning soldiers.

Linn county will have an agricultural agent again next year. In the recent election the people voted against the county making an appropriation for the maintenance of the agent, but committees of the Linn County Agricultural council have raised a fund by popular subscription to pay the county's portion of the expense of maintaining the office. The year now ending is the first in which the county has had an agent.

Hotel Albert, one of the leading hostels in The Dalles, and The Optimist office, occupying the same three-story building, are in ruins as the result of a fire which broke out at 5 o'clock Friday morning in the furnace-room of the structure. The damage is estimated at \$40,000. Hotel guests and employes, scantily attired, were forced to grope their way through halls dense with smoke to the stairway leading to the street.

BIGGEST NAVY FOR U. S., SAYS DANIELS

If League Fails, Need for Huge
Fleet Is Seen.

WILSON BACKS MOVE

"Unless We Have Navy Which Can
Lick Any Other, We May As Well
Have None," Says Secretary.

Washington, D. C.—Unless a league of nations or other tribunal that will make certain the limitation of international armament is established, the United States must build the greatest navy in the world, Secretary Daniels told the house naval committee.

"It is my firm conviction," declared the secretary, "that if the conference at Versailles does not result in a general agreement to put an end to naval building on the part of all the nations, then the United States must bend her will and bend her energies, must give her men and give her money to the task of the creation of incomparably the greatest navy in the world."

With the completion of the proposed new three-year building program, adding 10 dreadnaughts, six battle cruisers, 10 scout cruisers and 130 smaller craft to the fleet, America still will rank second in naval strength to Great Britain, said the secretary, who appeared before the committee to make his final recommendations for the 1920 naval bill which the committee is considering.

"Does the president back the policy to make us the first naval power in the world?" asked Representative Kelly of Michigan.

"Yes, if competitive building is to continue," said Mr. Daniels. "We are now easily the second naval power, but this program will not make us the first."

The naval secretary said that if a league of nations is established, America must provide a large part of a world police force necessary to enforce the league's decrees. He added, however, that with such a league formed it would not be necessary to carry out the full construction program and asked the committee to include in the bill legislation empowering the president to stop construction at his discretion if an international agreement should make limitation of armament a certainty.

"I would like to let the world know that we are tremendously interested in the president's proposition for reduction of armament," declared the secretary.

BOMBS WRECK THREE PHILADELPHIA HOMES

Philadelphia.—The homes of Justice Robert von Moschizker, of the state supreme court; Judge James E. Gorman, of the municipal court, and Acting Superintendent of Police Mills, located in widely separated sections of the city, were damaged by bombs late Monday night. In each instance shrapnel bombs were used and the force of the explosions was so great that all the occupants of the houses were hurled from their beds. No one was seriously injured.

The explosions occurred shortly before midnight and within half an hour of each other. Acting Superintendent Mills, who lives in an apartment in West Philadelphia, was blown from his bed, but escaped with minor injuries and bruises.

Scraps of paper found in front of the Mills home expressed hatred of soldiers, judges, priests and parasites. They declared that these classes of men subsisted upon the "stealings from brothels" and that their rule was at an end.

The police were at a loss to explain the explosions. Details of police were hurried to the homes of United States Senator Penrose, Mayor Smith, the judges of the federal courts and other prominent citizens, for fear they might also be attacked.