

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.

Three German steamers captured by allied warships for violation of the armistice terms have arrived at Dunkirk, for internment.

German propaganda in Egypt is blamed for recent disturbances at Cairo, which resulted in the deportation of a number of political agitators.

A credit of \$5,000,000 in favor of Roumania was announced recently by the treasury department. This increased Roumania's credits to \$15,000,000 and those for all the allies to \$8,841,657,000.

The Ussuri Cossacks, in assembly, have voted for a recognition of the Kolchak Siberian government at Omsk and have come to an agreement with General Semenov, according to advices to the state department.

Men confined at the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kan., for violation of the espionage act and for military offenses are receiving clemency from the department of justice and the war department, it became known Saturday.

Jack Bell of Fairbanks, Alaska, who enlisted in the United States army at the age of 15 and lays claim to being probably the youngest soldier in the army during the war, arrived in Seattle last week with the 63d coast artillery regiment. He is just back from overseas.

The American government may not accept the 100,000 or more tons of German shipping in Chilean waters, allocated to it by the allied shipping commission. Chairman Hurley of the shipping board said recently final action would depend upon both the condition of the grant and the ships.

The former Austrian emperor, Charles, is again seriously ill from a nervous breakdown, according to advices from Innsbruck. His wife is employing every means to leave Austria for the Riviera but has been unable to obtain French passports. She also is said to be in bad health.

New York police, secret service men and immigration officials raided a building on East Fifteenth street early Saturday morning and arrested 198 men and two women. Ten patrol wagons were required to take the prisoners to the criminal court's building, where they are being questioned. All are supposed to be radicals.

In what may be his farewell public address before he begins serving a 10-year sentence imposed by the federal court at Cleveland on a charge of violating the espionage act, Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, upheld the bolshevik rule in Russia and referred to Lenin and Trotsky as the "foremost statesmen of the age."

An unidentified airplane Tuesday dropped a bomb on a crowd standing in line in Berlin to buy food. The explosion resulted in 30 casualties among civilians, including women and children.

There were 3018 liberty planes on the western front and ready for service on the day the armistice was signed, according to Major R. J. Bates of Detroit, Mich., who arrived in Washington Tuesday from France.

United States Marshal McCarthy of New York Tuesday was directed by Federal Judge Knox to seize \$4,000,000 in railroad stocks and bonds held in trust for the Munich Reinsurance company of Munich, Bavaria. The order was issued on the application of the alien property custodian.

Removal of peanuts from the list of restricted imports was announced Tuesday by the war trade board.

The German government's preliminary estimate of the damage from looting in the Spartan strike is placed at 40,000,000 marks.

RAILROADS TO GET MONEY

Needed Funds Assured by Director-General Hines.

Washington, D. C.—Means of compensating equipment companies for locomotives, cars and other materials furnished the railroad administration were provided Saturday by a ruling of the federal reserve board that federal reserve banks might properly rediscount for their member banks drafts drawn by the companies on the director-general of railroads and acceptable to him. Such drafts could not have a maturity of more than 90 days and would be rediscounted at the prevailing rates of discount for trade acceptances.

After a conference with representatives of the war finance corporation, the reserve board, the advisory finance committee of the railroad administration and the equipment companies, Railroad Director Hines announced that he was considering giving the companies permission to issue drafts or acceptances on him for amounts due on equipment. The acceptances would bear interest at a rate yet to be determined.

"In view of the ruling of the federal reserve board, making this paper eligible for discount," said Mr. Hines, "the director-general today assured the representatives of equipment companies of his belief that the way appears open to care for the situation in such a way as to protect the equipment companies and thus avoid any industrial disturbance.

"The question of meeting obligations to railroad corporations for rental due has not yet been finally determined, but a conclusion is expected to be reached within a few days."

The railroad administration has announced that it will need \$183,681,965 to June 30 to meet amounts due equipment companies on account of locomotives and cars delivered or yet to be delivered.

ORGANIZE TO OPPOSE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Washington, D. C.—Preliminary plans for the formation of a national non-partisan organization designed to keep the American people better informed as to events at the peace conference and to oppose acceptance of the constitution of the league of nations as now drawn were made at a conference Saturday between Senators Reed of Missouri, democrat, and Borah of Idaho and Poindexter of Washington, republicans, and George Wharton Pepper, a lawyer, of Philadelphia.

After the conference it was announced that Henry Watterson, former publisher of the Louisville Courier-Journal, would be president of the organization, with Mr. Pepper as directing supervisor. It was said that many senators who have been active in opposition to approval of the league constitution would support the organization.

Senator Reed announced that a statement outlining the purposes of the organization would be issued within a few days. One purpose, it was explained, would be the co-ordination of various local bodies that have been formed over the country in opposition to the league. Present plans call for establishment of a speakers' bureau and the conducting of an extensive campaign of publicity. Senators said the organization would be supported by voluntary contributions.

Suggestions were made at the conference that representatives be sent to Paris while the peace negotiations are in progress but no agreement was reached.

Yukon May Open Early.
Seattle, Wash.—Travelers from Alaska report that all indications point to an early break-up of ice in the Yukon river and that navigation may open June 1. Freight is already moving from Seattle for lower La Barge via Skagway, where it will be transferred to river boats and later be taken to Iditarod and Fairbanks.

Palestine Influx Curbed.
New York.—Restriction of immigration into Palestine to 50,000 a year during the first period of development of the new Jewish commonwealth set up under British trusteeship, has been decided upon by the inter-allied Zionist conference in London, according to cable advices to the Zionist organization of America.

DAILY DEATHS THOUSANDS

Famine and Disease Ravage Bolsheviki Population Centers

London.—Starvation prevails throughout bolshevik Russia and is killing off the population by thousands. Diseases due to under nourishment are rampant and food is so scarce in Petrograd and Moscow that cats sell readily for \$3 each. The undertakers cannot cope with conditions, as there is not enough wood for coffins. The British government received these reports within the last week from British subjects recently returned from Russia.

Their evidence is unanimous that if means are not found to alleviate the food situation the inhabitants of bolshevik Russia may starve to death. The Britishers say that the plight of Russia is a direct result of the reign of anarchy and terror instituted by Lenin and Trotsky. They declare that the Russian problem has become a question of common humanity.

Thousands are dying daily in Petrograd, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa. In Petrograd alone the deaths from famine three weeks ago numbered 200 daily. Typhoid, or "hunger typhus," is carrying off young and old everywhere, and in Moscow glanders is epidemic.

There is no fuel for lighting and millions live in darkness after nightfall. The troubles of the Russians are further aggravated by lack of coal and wood, which can be obtained only by the very rich or by the favorites and parasites of the bolshevik government. There is a great lack of medicines and doctors.

The bolshevik paper money has no value in the country districts, and the peasants refuse to exchange it for food.

Warning Sent to Italy.

Washington, D. C.—Italy has been warned by the American government that unless she puts an end to delays in movements of relief supplies to the newly-established Jugo-Slavic and Czech-Slavic states, steps will be taken to cut off the flow of American food-stuffs to Italy.

It was stated in an authoritative quarter that the Italian government had caused intolerable conditions by the blockade she has imposed against the Jugo-Slavic countries and which operates also against the Czech-Slavs.

The blockade has not been wholly effective, but many delays have been caused, resulting often in holding up supplies, the need of which was desperate. No reply has yet been made by the Italian government.

Few Shell Shocks Fatal.

New York.—Ninety-nine per cent of all shell shock cases in the American army in France completely recovered, according to Dr. Thomas Salmon of New York, chief medical officer in charge of such soldiers, who returned on the Leviathan.

"There was less insanity in the American army than in any of the other allied armies," said Colonel Salmon.

Poles Seek For Peace.

Posen.—Several members of the inter-allied mission are to proceed to Paris to inform the peace conference as to the exact situation existing between the Poles and Ukrainians in eastern Galicia. It is thought probable that the mission will propose extremely severe steps in order to compel the Ukrainians to cease hostilities.

Postal Grants Increase.

San Francisco.—The headquarters for the Postal Telegraph company in California, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Nevada, which are located here, received word Saturday of a 10 per cent increase of employees' wages, retroactive to January 1. About 100 are affected in San Francisco.

Want Blockade Raised.

Basle.—The German national assembly at Weimar Monday unanimously adopted as resolution introduced by 27 women members demanding the immediate raising of the hunger blockade and repatriation of prisoners of war.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Extradition for Frederick Parks, wanted in California on an embezzlement charge, was granted by Governor Olcott last week. It is alleged Parks embezzled \$65 while employed in connection with the Sunset Magazine.

Captain James P. Shaw of Milwaukee is appointed by the board of control as commandant of the soldiers' home at Roseburg to succeed Commandant Markee, whose resignation as head of the home was received last week.

James F. Stuart addressed a meeting of the Heppner commercial club last week in the interest of the Oregon state chamber of commerce. At the close of the address Morrow county's total of membership attendance fees were fully pledged.

Word has been received by his wife at Adams, of the death of Clark Maxey, former Umatilla county farmer. Word that he had been wounded on September 29 came in a note on the back of one of Mr. Maxey's letters which was returned from France.

A. B. Chadbourne, who for the past sixteen years has been in the confectionery business at Drain, has sold out to C. G. Peebler of Shedd. Mr. and Mrs. Chadbourne have been active in lodge circles. Mrs. Chadbourne has been chairman of the Red Cross since its organization.

In communications sent out last week by Secretary of State Olcott, members of the committees that are to prepare and file arguments in connection with the various measures submitted to the people at the special election of June 3 are notified of their duties in that respect.

Simon A. Simonson, Deschutes county's only representative in the ranks of the 65th artillery, returned to Bend last week, after 15 months in the service. He was unwounded, but his discharge showed that he had seen action at St. Mihiel, the Argonne, Pontamousson and Verdun.

Commercial and farming interests of Deschutes county are lined up in support of a bond issue to the full amount of the 2 per cent state limit as a means of providing co-operation with the state highway commission in the construction of the proposed The Dalles-California highway.

Astoria bank statements published last week show that the four banks and postal savings had deposits at the close of business, March 4, amounting to an aggregate total of \$6,910,729.26. This represents an increase of nearly \$130,000 since December 31, 1918, when deposits aggregated \$6,781,024.98.

That John Erasmy of Bend has been adding to the variety of his daily bill of fare by killing large numbers of robins for his larder, was the complaint made in justice court by Deputy Game Warden W. O. Hadley, who charged Erasmy with violating the state law prohibiting the killing of song birds.

The fall wheat crop in the east end of Washington county is making excellent progress. On the ranches of Robert Hocken, A. A. Pike and George Davis fall sown wheat is now from four to eight inches high. With a guarantee of \$2.26 a bushel for the 1919 crop Washington county farmers are optimistic.

In response to a call issued by the North Fork grange for a community meeting to discuss the matter of starting a co-operative fruit cannery on the lower Siuslaw river, about 150 persons assembled last Saturday at the North Fork grange hall, a few miles from Florence, and a great deal of interest was manifested in the project.

The final details were consummated last Wednesday for the erection of a 40-room apartment house at Astoria to cost approximately \$85,000. The structure is to be of hollow tile, five stories in height and the project is to be a community affair, being financed by the business and professional men of the city. Practically all the material used in the construction is to be "Oregon made."

Many calls from farmers in Deschutes county for help on the ranches in this section are being received at Bend, and to aid in meeting the demand for labor of this kind the county farm employment bureau is being reorganized under the direction of R. A. Ward, formerly county agriculturist. Returned soldiers, sailors and marines will be given preference over other applicants, he states.

HINDENBURG DRIVE ON REDS PROMISED

Field Marshal Plans to Use
Volunteer Units.

ALL MOVES SECRET

Woman Delegate at Weimar Assembly
Goes Home to Organize
Men to Fight Foes.

Coblenz.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg is planning to use volunteer units in a drive against the Bolsheviki, with Libau as the base of his operations. It is indicated by information which has reached American intelligence offices.

According to the American experts, who in the line of their duty are keeping in touch with the progress of the readjustment of the enemy's forces, German great headquarters seems to be following a policy of secrecy as regards the eastern front troop question.

This is believed to be due to the fact that the Bolsheviki now have a normal military organization and so will be able to utilize any information they might obtain concerning their enemy. Apparently the German headquarters in Kolberg is directing its energies again toward organization on the Baltic front in the confidence that there is no longer any immediate occasion for concern over the Polish front. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is in Kolberg.

The total number of volunteers on the eastern front or about to proceed there is estimated at nearly 100,000. Some of the old army troops are now on the eastern front.

Weimar, Saturday.—Frau Broenner, an authoress and publisher and a delegate of the German democratic party in the national assembly, has left for home in Koenigsburg to organize the women of East Prussia into a border militia against the Bolsheviki.

Frau Broenner declares her action was prompted by reports that a Bolsheviki force a million strong was advancing toward the German frontier and her fear that the men alone would be unable to withstand the Bolsheviki hordes.

London.—One thousand persons were killed and wounded in the fighting in Berlin last week, according to an estimate of the casualties made by the Wolff bureau, the leading news agency of Germany.

U. S. CRAFT NOW PLYING SEVEN SEAS

Washington, D. C.—For the first time since the days of the famous "clipper" ships, American merchant craft are now plying the seven seas, carrying products of the United States to the farthest corners of the earth and bringing home both essentials and luxuries.

The shipping board announced Monday that the American merchant marine fleet, built up under the spur of war's necessity, now represented nearly one-fifth of the entire sea-going tonnage of the world and comprised 46 per cent of all ships clearing from United States ports, as compared with 9.7 per cent before the war.

Trade routes not traversed by American craft for more than 50 years once more are invaded, with new routes established to China, Australia, New Zealand, India, the Dutch East Indies, the west coast of Africa and ports on the Mediterranean. Ships flying the stars and stripes also are running regularly to South America, Great Britain and continental Europe as well as to Canada and Mexico.

The fleet now engaged in overseas commerce aggregates 1,961,239 gross tons. Of this total 315,925 tons are employed in trans-Pacific trade.

When the army and navy return to the shipping board the 353 ships which they are operating, the commercial fleet under the American flag will be increased by 1,783,581 gross tons with many hundreds of thousands of tons building or under contract.