

# 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 German government has arranged for a plebiscite if the allies refuse to make concessions in the treaty of peace, according to the Zeitung am Mittag.

About 200 members of the present first class at West Point will get an opportunity to round out their military studies by personal observation of the battle fields of Europe.

A gift of \$750,000, half of the anonymous donor's fortune, to the Methodist centenary fund, was announced Saturday by George M. Fowles, of New York, treasurer of the fund.

Revenue collectors are notified by the internal revenue bureau that since June 15 falls on Sunday, the second installment of income taxes due on that date will be accepted on Monday, June 16.

The general strike which began in Port Said, Egypt, Tuesday, caused an almost complete tie-up of port operations. Thus far the strike has been orderly. Passage through the Suez canal is still possible.

Orders have been given by Colonel Milton Davis of the military air service for the airplanes which are to exhibit at the Rose festival in Portland to divide into squadrons at the close of the festival and visit several towns in Oregon.

More than 300,000 men, women and children in Armenian provinces are today facing death from starvation and epidemic diseases, according to cable advices made public by the Presbyterian board of foreign missions in New York Saturday.

A British fleet is anchored outside of Memel, East Prussia, close to the Russian frontier, and the British are expected to occupy the place in a few days. This information came in a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, quoting Berlin advices.

The Brooklyn Rapid Transit company has discharged 800 women employees, declaring that its action was compelled by the enactment into law a few days ago of the Lockwood-Caulfield bill. This act prohibits women in that state from working after 10 P. M. and before 6 A. M.

In response to a petition from the entire German episcopate, beginning his good offices in securing a mitigation of the terms of peace, Pope Benedict has taken steps to communicate with the head of one of the most important delegations at the peace conference with a view to getting the conditions modified.

Two American military policemen at Nice, France, were attacked by a gang Sunday night and one of the policemen, Herbert Larsen, was fatally wounded.

Locomotive cranes, railroad cars and other equipment to the value of \$18,000,000 have been turned over by the war department to the railroad administration for sale to the railroads at market prices.

Tentative arrangements are being made to begin withdrawal of American troops from north Russia early in June, but no definite orders have as yet been received by the American commander at Archangel.

Inauguration of air mail service between Chicago and Cleveland Thursday advanced carrier delivery of mail bearing air-mail stamps at Cleveland and Boston by 16 hours and at Albany, N. Y., and New York City and Springfield, Mass., by six hours, Assistant Postmaster-General Praeger announced.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Lane county will compete for the prize offered by the Portland Rose Festival management for the best automobile float showing what the county did to win the war.

Fully 15,000 pounds of mohair was disposed of to seven buyers at Eddyville, Friday in the annual Eddyville mohair pool, which sold at 62 1/4 cents, the highest price paid so far this year.

The Eugene citizens who put up the money for the erection of the barracks occupied by the reserve officers' training corps at the University of Oregon have all received their money back plus 8 per cent interest.

Tuber moth, greatly dreaded by potato growers of the Willamette valley, was found in a shipment of potatoes that arrived at Eugene recently from California for a local commission firm, and the potatoes were immediately ordered destroyed by C. E. Stewart, county fruit inspector.

Eugene people are to vote June 3 upon a plan to appropriate from the funds of the city \$5000 to go into the fund for the woman's building at the University of Oregon. A charter amendment, authorizing the city to issue a warrant payable in 1920 to the university board of regents, will be prepared.

Erroneous reports have been published that the Three Rivers road from Willamina to Tillamook was closed to travel. No part of this road has been closed at any time. Machines have been going and coming over this road for the last three weeks almost daily. Travel will not be stopped at any time on account of road work.

Beginning Tuesday, a tour of Douglas county will be undertaken by leading spirits in the recently organized prune growers' association, with a view to securing co-operation of all the prune growers in the county in the enterprise. Articles of incorporation have been forwarded to Salem and the association is preparing to handle the crop.

Native oysters of Yaquina bay, usually sold as Olympia oysters elsewhere, have increased greatly in the past two years, according to George Lewis, leader of the Newport oyster-men. Mr. Lewis said that when work was scarce for several years many persons gathered oysters to eat and sell, but ceased gathering them when work became plentiful.

A survey of the hilly sections on both sides of the Willamette valley, beginning at Eugene and extending north, will be made this summer by D. W. Smith, head of the department of geology at the University of Oregon, to investigate a possible supply of gas for the valley. This survey will be made under the direction of the state bureau of mines.

Lieutenant B. B. Ostlund of Marshfield announces the construction of a veneer plant on Coos bay that will employ 25 men. The site for the industry is being negotiated and the manufactory is expected to be operating before the year is ended. Machinery has been ordered for the plant, according to Mr. Ostlund. The floor area of the buildings will be 60x200 feet.

Acting on information furnished by Portland police detectives, State Treasurer Hoff has removed all currency and negotiable securities from the vaults of the state treasury department, and has placed them in a secret hiding place somewhere in Salem. This hiding place is known only to Joseph G. Richardson, chief deputy, who personally supervised the transfer of the money and bonds from the capitol safe and vaults.

The first alfalfa crops will soon be ready to cut at Umatilla and the yield will be above the average. "Some of the land requires little or no irrigation," says Mr. Dobler, one of the farmers on the project. Altogether there are 5274 acres of alfalfa on the Umatilla project, which yielded 19,963 tons last year, or an average of 3.6 to the acre. During the past year, however, many sage brush hillsides have been cleared and placed in cultivation. It is reported that water for irrigation purposes will be plentiful this season. Practically little or no alfalfa was left over this season and farmers are not anticipating low prices for the season.

## NC-4 PLANE REACHES AZORES; ONE LOST

NC-1, Aights in Sea Near Port,  
But Is Towed In.

## AUSTRALIAN STARTS

Most Perilous Airplane Flight in History  
Undertaken By Hawker—  
To Beat Americans Aim.

St. Johns, N. F., May 18.—Harry G. Hawker, Australian aviator, and his navigator, Commander MacKenzie Grieve, tonight are winging their way across the Atlantic on the most perilous airplane flight in history, in an eleventh-hour effort to wrest from American navy pilots the honor of being the first to complete a trans-oceanic flight.

The Australian late today decided not to delay longer and started for the Irish coast, despite weather conditions, characterized as "not favorable, but possible."

When Hawker's Sopwith plane disappeared from view it left behind the shattered hopes of his English rival, Frederick P. Raynham, who in attempting to follow the Australian with his Martinsyde plane, broke a rear axle on his machine. He and his navigator, Charles W. F. Morgan, were not injured, but the plane was wrecked.

Both Hawker and Raynham have been here for weeks awaiting favorable weather to start their flight for the \$50,000 London Daily Mail prize, but day after day the start was postponed because of unfavorable conditions. Today, however, with the news that the NC-4, the American navy seaplane, had reached the Azores on the first leg of its trans-Atlantic attempt, Hawker decided to wait no longer and quietly slipped away.

Washington, D. C., May 17.—One of the three American naval seaplanes which set out last evening from Newfoundland in the first attempt at a flight across the Atlantic ocean still was missing late tonight; another was being towed to an Azores port by destroyers after her crew had been put aboard the steamer Iona, and the third was safe at Horta, Fayal, after establishing a record flight for heavier-than-air machines.

The missing plane is the NC-3, flagship of Commander John Henry Towers, commander of the squadron, but the fact that the last report came from her at 5:15 o'clock this morning, Washington time, did not cause naval officials to entertain any apprehension for the safety of Commander Towers and his crew of four.

The last message from this ship showed her off her course in a fog some 350 miles from Fayal, and naval officials believe that it was only the mist bank which enveloped the sea around the Azores throughout the day that prevented all three of the planes from reaching port on or ahead of schedule time.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—Apprehension as to the safety of Commander John H. Towers and his crew of four men, who in the seaplane NC-3 have been lost at sea for more than 40 hours, had begun tonight to displace the feeling of confidence among naval officials that the trans-Atlantic fliers soon would be found by searching vessels.

No word had been received from the NC-3 since 5:15 o'clock yesterday morning, when Commander Towers reported that his plane, the flagship of the squadron, was off her course some 300 miles off the island of Fayal, Azores. Dispatches from Rear-Admiral Jackson, aboard the U. S. S. Melville at Ponta del Gada, Azores, tonight said a gale was sweeping the seas northwest of the Azores and that high waves were running.

U. S. War Expenses Huge.  
Washington, D. C.—Total expenses of the United States government during the war period, General March announced, were approximately \$23,263,999,999.  
Expenses due directly to the war were estimated at \$21,294,000,000, of which the army spent \$14,999,999,999.

Berry Growing Promoted.  
Astoria, Or.—The first of a proposed series of farmers' conventions was held at the chamber of commerce rooms here recently when scores of farmers from the various sections of the lower river district met as the guests of merchants of the city. The special object of the gathering was to promote interest in berry growing with a view of supplying a large berry cannery that is projected here.

Talks were made by C. C. Chapman and J. F. Langer of Portland, John Paver of California, and Professor I. C. Lewis of the Oregon Agricultural college.  
The agricultural committee of the chamber will make contracts with the various farmers for planting a specified number of acres to berries this year and organize an association for marketing the crop.

Property owners in township 11 north, ranges 9 and 10 west, on both sides of the Nasel river near its mouth, have petitioned the Pacific county commissioners for the organization of an immense diking district. It is proposed to reclaim all of the lands in this district now subject to overflow during the spring freshets and extreme high tides, and to develop them as agricultural lands. The petition was signed by the owners of more than 800 acres of the lands within the district.

## NORTHWEST MARKET REPORT

Wheat—Government basis, \$2.20 per bushel.

Flour—Patents, \$11.45 delivered, \$11.30 at mill; bakers', \$11.15@11.30; whole wheat, \$10.25@10.40; graham, \$10.05@10.20.

Millfeed—Mill run f.o.b. mill, carlots, \$37@38 per ton; mixed cars, \$37.50@38.50; ton lots or over, \$39@40; less than ton, \$40@41; rolled barley, \$38@40; rolled oats, \$59; ground barley, \$58.

Corn—Whole, ton, \$70; cracked, \$72 per ton.

Hay—Buying prices f. o. b. Portland: Eastern Oregon timothy, \$50@35 per ton; alfalfa, \$25@25.50; valley grain hay, \$26@28; clover, \$26@28.

Butter—Cubes, 92-score, 55 1/2@55c; 91-score, 55c; 90-score, 54c. Prints, parchment wrappers, box lots, 58c; cartons, 59c; half boxes, 1/2c more; less than half boxes, 1c more; butter fat, No. 1, 58@59c per pound, station.  
Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 43 1/2@44c; candled, 45c; selects, 46@47c.

Poultry—Hens, 30@32c; broilers, 40@45c; ducks, 42@45c; geese and live turkeys, nominal; dressed turkeys, 43c.

Veal—Fancy, 19@20c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 26c per pound.

Fruits—Apples, 2.25@3.50 per box; strawberries, \$3.50 per crate.

Vegetables—Cabbage, \$4@6.50 per 100 pounds; lettuce, \$2.50@2.75 per crate; peppers, 90c per pound; artichokes, \$1.00; cauliflower, \$2@3.75; beets, \$2.50 per sack; carrots, \$3.50 per sack; turnips, \$2.25 per sack, cucumbers, \$1.50@2.25 per dozen; tomatoes, \$4.50 per box; spinach, 8c per pound; peas, 12 1/2@15c per pound; rhubarb, \$2.25@2.75 per box; asparagus, \$1.50@2 per crate.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, best, \$1.60@1.75; Yakimas, \$1.85@2.10; new California, 9@12 1/2c per pound.

Onions—Oregon jobbing prices \$4.50@5 per sack; Texas, \$4@5.25 per cwt.

Hops—Oregon, 1918 crop, 43@45c per pound; three-year contracts, 30c, 28c, 25c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon and Washington, 29@51c per pound; valley, 30@50c per pound.

Mohair—1918 clip, 50c per pound.  
Cascara Bark—New, 8@10c per lb.  
Grain Bags—In carlots, 13c.

Cattle—Best steers, \$13.00@13.50  
Good to choice steers, 11.00@11.50  
Medium to choice steers, 10.00@11.00  
Fair to good steers, 9.00@10.00  
Common to fair steers, 8.00@9.00  
Good to choice cows, hfs, 10.00@11.50  
Medium to good cows, hfs, 6.50@7.50  
Fair to medium cows, hfs, 4.50@5.50  
Canners, 3.00@4.00  
Bulls, 6.00@8.00  
Calves, 9.00@12.50  
Stockers and feeders, 7.00@10.00  
Hogs—Prime mixed, 20.00@20.25  
Medium mixed, 19.75@20.00  
Rough heavies, 18.00@18.75  
Pigs, 17.75@18.25  
Sheep—Prime sprg lambs, 14.00@15.00  
Fair to medium lambs, 12.50@13.25  
Yearlings, 11.00@12.00  
Wethers, 9.00@10.00  
Ewes, 7.00@11.00

## FOREIGN ORDERS FOR SHIP PLANTS

Removing of Barrier Announced  
by President Wilson.

## MANY TONS IN SIGHT

All Contracts Will Be Awarded Privately  
Under Supervision of  
Shipping Board.

Washington, D. C.—Orders for possibly 3,000,000 gross tons of ships to be built for foreign account in American shipyards may be placed as the result of an order by President Wilson permitting the building of such ships provided it could be done without interfering with the construction of the American merchant marine.

The president's action was announced in a statement issued Tuesday at the White House.

Officials of the shipping board would not venture more than a guess as to the tonnage American shipbuilders might contract as the result of the president's order, which, it was said at the White House, had been issued at the suggestion of Chairman Hurley of the shipping board.

Good substantial orders, it was said by officials, may be expected for the Pacific and Atlantic yards.

Norway is expected to place large orders, possibly 1,000,000 tons, and France and Italy probably will let contracts for considerable tonnage, it was explained.

France already has placed orders for 500,000 tons in England for delivery in three years and officials believe may give American yards a good share of the 1,000,000 additional tons which that country is expected to require.

Italy, it was said, probably will be in the market for approximately 500,000 tons, part of which may be built in the United States, but England is not expected to place any orders in American yards.

At the shipping board it was explained that few orders could be placed immediately, as the capacity of the yards for foreign account was yet limited. Only five or possibly six yards are now in a position to take on foreign orders, but this situation will gradually be relieved, it was said.

In respect to the prices to be quoted by American shipbuilders to foreign interests, it was recalled that the last price made for ships built in American yards was \$170 a ton.

All contracts for foreign ships will be placed privately, shipping board officials said, but under the general supervision of the board.

President Wilson shortly after his first arrival in Paris is understood to have told a high French official that American shipyards at that time would be unable to accept contracts to build ships for French account, as the American yards were to be reserved for such naval construction as might become necessary dependent upon the negotiations at Paris.

With the entry of the United States into the war all steel ships building for foreign account were requisitioned by the government and the yards were prohibited from accepting any foreign contracts. Several nations are in the market for ships.

It is expected that the president's order will enable most of the yards to retain their present increased forces, a reduction in which was threatened by reasons of the cancellations of contracts by the shipping board.

Drafted Will Get Bonus  
San Francisco.—Men who were accepted by their draft boards for service in the army and then were rejected after they had arrived at training camps to which they were assigned are entitled to the bonus of \$60 paid to men discharged from service, according to Washington advices received here by local army stations.