

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.

Twenty-five hundred employees of Denver Packing plants will be affected by the 12½ per cent wage reduction announced in Chicago Tuesday by the packing companies.

President Harding instituted a policy of frequent meetings with the White House correspondents Tuesday, seeing them after the cabinet meeting for his first formal press conference since inauguration.

The house of representatives of the state of Nebraska has approved a resolution endorsing the world's exposition to be held in Portland in 1925, according to information received at the governor's office.

The general railroad situation affords little prospect of general decreases in freight rates, Chairman Clark of the interstate commerce commission Tuesday informed Senator Harris of Georgia.

Major General Leonard Wood has been detailed at the request of President Harding to go to the Philippine islands and make a study of conditions there in the light of Philippine aspirations for independence.

Rene Viviani, ex-premier, will sail for the United States on March 19, on an official mission from the French government to President Harding to extend felicitations of the government and reaffirm its friendship.

The dime is a fair price for coffee and rolls or pie, the Chicago council committee on the cost of living announced Tuesday. The committee is discussing an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for a restaurant to serve less than one-fifth of a pie to a customer.

John W. Davis, retiring American ambassador to England, has received a cordial letter from President Harding announcing that the president will comply with Mr. Davis' request that a new ambassador be appointed as soon as possible, so that Mr. Davis may return home.

Mrs. Kenneth Thornock of Brigham City, Utah, wrapped her baby son in a quilt and put him on the oven door of her kitchen stove Tuesday morning while she went across the street to call upon a neighbor. When she returned 30 minutes later she found the baby burned to death.

Job seekers besieging the new cabinet officers were joined Monday by real estate men, all eager to provide nice, comfortable homes for the newcomers. Three honored Secretaries Mellon, armed with pretty pictures of homes they thought he would like to buy, ranging from \$100,000 upward. He didn't buy.

Pictures shown in a well-known motion picture news weekly depicting an airplane crashing into a flock of wild ducks, which were taken near Colusa, Cal., last October, resulted in the filing of criminal proceedings against Louis Hutt, photographer; Lieutenant Harry Halverson of San Francisco; J. M. Petters, commercial aviator and Richard Dene. The complaint charges that the men hunted ducks in airplanes in violation of the migratory bird act.

Aspects of the nation's foreign relations and problems of administrative organization were considered by President Harding and his cabinet Tuesday at the first meeting. Afterward, announcement was made at the war department that in formulating its policy toward the Rhine situation this government is not now considering a withdrawal of the American troops. It was learned that as another step toward Pan-American amity the president is preparing to ask that the senate ratify at once the Columbia treaty.

ALLIES MARCH ON GERMANY

French Troops Already Are Within Six Miles of City of Dusseldorf.

Berlin. — The first contingent of French troops assigned to participate in the occupation of Dusseldorf was reported to have arrived at Benrath, Monday, six miles southeast of Dusseldorf.

London.—Negotiations over the German indemnity were broken Monday; action started Tuesday with the march of French, British and Belgian forces into Germany and occupation of a large section of her richest manufacturing country.

The penalties to be inflicted on the Germans by the allies for non-compliance with the reparations demands will include:

Occupation of the cities of Duisburg, Dusseldorf and Ruhrort, in the German industrial area beyond the Rhine, by the troops of the allies.

Imposition by each allied country of such a tax upon German imports as it may deem fitting.

The establishment of a customs boundary under allied control along the Rhine.

The territory to be occupied is in the heart of the great industrial region of the Ruhr valley with Essen, city of steel and munitions, its center.

The three cities are commercial ports into which flow the traffic of the Ruhr iron region. These cities adjoin the British zone of occupation at Cologne. The American zone is at Coblenz, 75 miles farther south, and the French zone at Mayence, another 75 miles south. The proposed occupation does not involve marching inland beyond the Rhine, except in the immediate vicinity of the occupied cities.

Germany will appeal to the league of nations against action of the allies in imposing penalties for non-fulfillment of her reparations obligations. Dr. Simons in his reply to Mr. Lloyd George said:

"Germany is not a member of the league, but she has signed the pact of the league, and I therefore announce an appeal to the assembly of the league of nations against the sanctions with which we are menaced."

Dr. Simons regretted that the German proposals had been misconstrued.

SPECIAL SESSION TO CONVENE IN APRIL

Washington, D. C.—President Harding announced early Tuesday that the special session of congress would be called not before April 4, and might be a week later.

The announcement was made after a White House dinner which republican leaders of congress attended. The conference lasted four hours and the president said the legislative program had been discussed.

The president said this was the beginning of a program of co-operation. Various subjects were discussed, he added, in an attempt to ascertain the most important to be taken up by the next congress.

Cannon Sweeps Petrograd.

Helsingfors, Finland.—The revolutionaries have begun bombarding Petrograd and soviet batteries at Systerlek, Revonnea and Tarbovka were bombarding Kronstadt, said a dispatch from Viborg.

The fortress of Krasnoya Gorko, the dispatch added, was participating in the fight, but owing to the fog, it was not known on which side.

It was stated that General Kozlovski, rebel leader, sent an ultimatum Friday ordering all communists to leave Petrograd within three days, failing which the city would be bombarded.

Many Generals Demoted.

Washington, D. C.—Failure of the senate to confirm nomination promotions of army officers above the rank of major resulted in the demotion of 11 major-generals to brigadier-generals, 22 brigadier-generals to colonels, 57 colonels to lieutenant-colonels and 80 lieutenant-colonels to majors, the war department announced Monday.

Leipzig Fair Is Open.

Leipzig, Germany.—The Leipzig fair was opened Monday with 15,000 exhibitors and 100,000 visitors, more than half of whom were buyers representing 25 countries. There were about 100 American buyers. The Americans bought chiefly toys and novelties. The fair is the largest in 800 years.

MOB ORDERS 3 TO TAR OWN BODIES

Details of Non-Partisan Attack Are Bared.

VICTIMS DISAPPEAR

All Forced to Roll in Grass in Lieu of Feathers and Don Clothes as Party Departs.

Great Bend, Kas.—Details of the anti-non-partisan league demonstration in Barton county Saturday night, which reached a climax in the escorting from Great Bend of J. R. Burton, ex-senator from Kansas, and the tarring of J. O. Stevic and A. A. Parsons, revealed Sunday that Stevic and Parsons were compelled to apply a coating of tar to themselves while undressed. After they had been forced by several hundred men to roll on the ground, their clothing was returned and they were told to leave.

The whereabouts of Stevic and Parsons, who are state organizer and state secretary, respectively of the league, were not then known. Neither had word been received as to the whereabouts of Burton or of a Professor Wilson, another organizer of the league.

Burton and Wilson were on their way to Ellinwood to address a meeting. When they did not appear Stevic and Parsons came to learn their whereabouts. "The latter two then were taken out of the city and told not to return. When they reappeared they were tarred."

When word reached Lyons, a small town near by, that Stevic and Parsons had returned to Ellinwood a crowd of about two hundred men gathered. The party left there about 6 o'clock, interrupted a non-partisan meeting at Ellinwood and brought Stevic and Parsons to Great Bend.

They took the men a few miles from town and ordered them to "take off your clothes." The men protested, but obeyed. When they had undressed, tar was produced and Stevic and Parsons were ordered to "smear that on you."

Shivering from the chilly air, the men obeyed. When they finished they were told to roll in the grass, that serving for feathers, members of the party explained.

Then their clothes were returned to them, they were warned not to return and the mob turned back to town. Stevic was told that his treatment was the result of violation of a promise to remain out of the county.

Beer Permit to Stand.

Washington, D. C.—The ruling of ex-Attorney-General Palmer permitting the practically unlimited manufacture of beer, wines and whisky for medical purposes will stand, despite protests, Solicitor-General Frierson said Saturday, unless the treasury department should ask for its reconsideration. Such a request is not contemplated, it was said at the treasury.

A review would only be made, he said, on motion of the department originally making the request and a change made where an error of law was found.

Regulations to provide for the use of beer medically will be issued when they can be prepared, prohibition officials declared.

Under this most recent interpretation of the prohibition law, officials declared it would appear that a patient for whom beer was prescribed could obtain it by the case, as it would probably be ordered as a tonic and it would appear unreasonable to require a person to procure only one or two bottles.

Legion Advises Caution.

Indianapolis, Ind.—National officers of the American Legion Saturday took steps to protect men who may be wrongfully claimed as draft evaders in the list to be issued soon by the war department and to make certain that none guilty of evading military service escape. All posts were notified that they should aid in establishing the correctness of the list.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—The A. M. Gellispie Company, Inc., organized under the laws of the state of Washington, has made application to operate in Oregon. The capital stock is \$72,500 and Oregon headquarters will be maintained in Portland.

Eugene.—The Home Science club of this city is arranging to hold a free carnival April 11 to advertise Oregon manufacturers and products. A large room downtown has been engaged, and it is planned to make it a booster day all over the city for Oregon products.

Salem.—The Utah Sales company, organized under the laws of Arizona, has asked permission to operate in Oregon. The corporation is capitalized for \$3,000,000 and W. Y. Masters of Portland, has been named attorney-in-fact. Oregon headquarters will be in Portland.

McMinnville.—The state game and fish commission has assigned 72 Chinese pheasants to M. F. Corrigan of this city. The birds will be liberated on the farms of Mayor Houck, W. B. Duerst and H. W. Jones. Local sportsmen are pleased with the action of the state commission.

Salem.—Letters received at the governor's office during the past few days acknowledge the appointments of I. N. Fleischner and George H. Kelly of Portland, M. A. Lynch of Redmond, Blaine Hallock of Baker and Bert Anderson of Medford as members of the new state game commission.

Salem.—D. W. Davis, governor of Idaho, has telegraphed the executive offices here that the lower house of the Idaho legislature Friday unanimously endorsed the world's exposition to be held in Portland 1925. The telegram added that similar action probably would be taken by the senate.

Klamath Falls. — Wholesale shipments of livestock are having a serious effect upon the local hay market. Usually hay is in demand for winter and spring feeding, but stockmen seem inclined to sell, even at present low prices, rather than add to their expenses by feeding their stock for several months, with possibly no better price then.

Medford.—With the establishment of two construction camps near Jacksonville and Central Point this week, the building of the new Medford district irrigation system is employing about 50 men and about the same number of teams. Other camps will be established as the weather gets settled. The force will be increased until 300 men are employed.

Eugene.—Alf H. Sanden of Portland Thursday instituted suit in the Lane county circuit court against Lester Stickles of this city, seeking damages in the sum of \$5000 on account of alleged injuries sustained when a car driven by Stickles struck Sanden as the latter was standing at a filling station on Burnside street in Portland some time ago.

Salem.—Members of the Oregon public service commission met in Portland on March 8 to consider applications of the state highway commission for the elimination of 14 grade crossings over the tracks of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company between Pendleton and Huntington. The cost of these eliminations will aggregate \$500,000.

Salem.—James A. Shaw, attorney for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, in a letter received at the office of the Oregon public service commission Friday, said that the corporation he represents would comply strictly with the order providing for an increase in rates and would enter upon its expansion and improvement campaign within the next few weeks. The improvement contemplated by the corporation will entail expenditures aggregating more than \$5,000,000.

Salem.—There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents in the week ending March 3, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were Ben Emerson, switchman, Portland, and George Gardner, lath mill contractor, Portland. Of the 434 accidents reported, 404 were subject to the compensation act, 16 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the law, and 14 were from public utility corporations not subject to benefits under the act.

CONDITIONING BIRDS FOR POULTRY SHOWS

Stand Better Chances for Winning if Well Trained.

Poultry Specialists of United States Department of Agriculture Give Suggestions for Preparation of Fowls.

Although the larger poultry shows are usually held in the fall, smaller exhibitions are staged throughout the winter months. The following advice in training and conditioning birds previous to a show, given by poultry specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, is good the whole year round. The bird that has been properly trained and prepared will stand a better chance every time of winning a prize than another bird equally good, but wild or easily frightened, or whose plumage is soiled or dirty.

After the birds are selected, remove them from the rest of the flock and place each bird in an exhibition coop for at least a part of each day. Fowls so confined will become accustomed to the coop. Handling them—that is, removing them from the coop each day—will have the effect of making them tame. In handling the birds and removing and returning them to and from the coops, move quietly and handle the birds gently so as not to frighten them.

Examine the plumage so that the fowl will become accustomed to such movements when being handled by the judge. Likewise, attempt to compose the bird by smoothing and stroking the wattles gently; this seems to have a soothing effect on the fowls, and when done frequently and properly they come to look for it when one approaches the coop.

Birds to be exhibited should not be confined to the exhibition coops for too great a period, as long, continuous cooping may cause them to get out of condition and therefore unfit for show. A satisfactory plan is to confine the birds for a part of each day or every other day alternately up to a few days before sending them to the show, when they should be confined until ready to ship.

EXERCISE FOR SOWS NEEDED

Feed for Animals Should Be Scattered Around Floor to Compel Them to Hustle.

Sows due to farrow in April or May ought to have some bulky feed. Prof. J. H. Shepherd of the North Dakota Agricultural college reports that the best man at the agricultural college feeds a pound to a pound and a quarter of grain per 100 pounds weight of sow and a little alfalfa hay to give plenty of bulk. He also advises making



Prize-Winning Poland China Sow.

ing the sows take exercise, scattering their feed around on the floor so they will have two hours or more of work in picking it up. Another good thing about alfalfa hay is that it keeps them on their feet quite a little while. Pigs from sows which have had plenty of exercise and bulky feed are usually much stronger than those from fat, lazy sows.

ROTTEN EGG IS UNDESIRABLE

Many Farmers Do Not Seem to Care or Bother About Clean Nests for the Layers.

No one likes a rotten egg, consequently no one is going to buy one—not even the commission dealer. Many farmers do not care whether their hens steal their nests or not and do not bother to hunt for the eggs until market day comes around. Once a week is sometimes as often as eggs are looked for. Any eggs that have come from an old nest or that in any way look suspicious should be candled at home before sending them to market.

Make Friends With Animals.

Every farm animal should be so gentle it can be easily approached and petted anywhere in the fields. It doesn't pay to have wild animals around, unless one plans to start a menagerie.

Don't Stunt Pigs.

Feed the pigs all that they will clean up twice daily. Don't stunt them and they will return a profit.