

# 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.

A verdict of \$600,000 rendered against the Ford Motor company in New York and in favor of the Hotel Woodward company will stand. The supreme court refused to review the case.

Trouble is reported in Upper Silesia because of the rumored recommendation by the inter-allied commission that Germany be given all the plebscite area except the districts of Dybnik and Pless.

The plague is gaining in north Manchuria and in parts of Siberia, according to press advices. The number of deaths at Harbin from the plague since its inception has reached 1000 with 793 in March.

Vice-President Coolidge said Tuesday afternoon that he was planning a trip to Portland, Or., in June, but expressed regret that the news of his proposed trip had leaked out after the cabinet meeting.

Establishment of a radio service between the United States and the Dutch East Indies is announced by the naval communication service. Messages will be accepted at San Francisco for any point in the Dutch East Indies at 75 cents a word, the announcement said.

Insolvencies among American firms in April numbered 1487, according to R. G. Dun & Co. This number was 151 greater than the March compilation, although the liabilities, amounting to more than \$38,000,000, were \$28,000,000 below those of the preceding month.

After a day of riots and anxiety in the marine workers' strike, uniformed men of the Baltimore police force Tuesday were on board nearly all ocean-going vessels in the harbor to prevent further outbreaks and all available reserves were concentrated in the waterfront districts.

Edwin Jensen, 12, of Harrisburg, Or., was killed instantly Tuesday when a steel rod with which he was fishing off the Oregon Electric railroad trestle over the Willamette river came in contact with a high-tension wire carrying 60,000 volts of electricity. He fell 150 feet into the river.

Six persons were killed and a score or more injured late Tuesday when the Tugfork passenger train, backing off a branch line near Tug, W. Va., broke loose and crashed into a string of cars on the main line of the Norfolk & Western railway. Several passenger coaches were turned over.

Dr. William R. Brooks, professor of astronomy at Hobart college in Geneva, N. Y., since 1900, and recognized as the discoverer of more comets than any living astronomer, died Tuesday. He was born at Maidstone, Kent, England, in 1844. He was one of the first astronomers to use photography in astronomical observations.

The senate Tuesday passed the emergency immigration bill limiting admission of aliens to 3 per cent of each nationality resident in the United States in 1910. The bill is effective for 14 months, beginning 15 days after enactment. The vote on passage was 87 to 1. Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, opposing the measure.

President Harding objects to the insertion in the navy appropriation bill of any provision requesting him to call a naval disarmament conference, as proposed under an amendment by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho. This became known when the senate naval committee began work Tuesday on the \$396,000,000 measure passed by the house.

## ENGLAND, FRANCE AGREE

### Procedure on German Reparations Decided—New Penalties Discussed.

London.—Great Britain and France have reached an agreement on how to deal with Germany to compel payment of reparations and exact guarantees. It has been agreed that the allies will make a declaration, but not to Germany.

They will announce that the reparations commission will notify Germany as to the amount she is required to pay and how it is to be paid. The allies will then announce that within ten days, this period being subject to possible modification by the supreme council, they will proceed to carry out the penalties, if the terms are not met. The plan provides for supervision and control of Germany's sources of revenue. It is not yet completed, but while the experts are working on it, France will proceed with all her military preparations to occupy the Ruhr.

This was the general result of an agitated day of conversations and conferences. The agreement was brought about by the intervention of the Belgian foreign minister, M. Jaapar, at the supreme council Sunday afternoon.

The French premier asked for British naval co-operation, suggesting the blockade of Hamburg. The British premier replied that American public opinion would not approve such a course and he could not agree.

M. Briand agreed to this point of view. He added that the course of the United States had been correct.

Uneasiness still exists among French delegates over the possibility that Washington may endeavor to mediate; they declare this would not be acceptable.

The French were not entirely satisfied with the developments and the idea of an ultimatum. M. Briand was averse to delay and it was understood he had undertaken that, failing Germany's compliance, some move should be made at once.

## KNOX RESOLUTION WINS, 49 TO 23

Washington, D. C.—The administration's first step toward placing the United States on a technical legal basis of peace was taken Saturday night by the senate in adopting the Knox peace resolution.

The vote for adoption was 49 to 23. The resolution now goes to the house, with prospects of prompt action. It would repeal the war resolutions affecting Germany and Austria-Hungary, impound alien enemy property, and reserve to the United States all rights and privileges under the treaty of Versailles and other peace treaties.

An effort to amend the resolution made by Senator Townsend, republican, Michigan, who moved to strike out the clause repealing the war declaration and substitute a simple declaration of peace, was defeated, 44 to 26.

Senator Lodge in inaugurating the debate told the senate that treaties with Germany and other nations with which the United States had been at war would follow the Knox resolution. He also gave notice that the United States would not "abandon" the allies. Substitutes for the Knox resolution prepared by Senator King, democrat, Utah, were not offered.

The vote on the peace resolution did not come until after 7 o'clock in the evening and was preceded by tense partisan clashes. The republicans lined up almost solidly behind the measure and all but five democrats voted or were paired against it.

### 1695 Refuse To Move.

Chicago.—Moving day, Chicago's annual spring upheaval, Sunday resulted in more excitement and confusion than ever before. As a result of tenants' refusal to move, 1695 suits were filed by landlords, and many fortified themselves in their homes for a long siege. Many a load of furniture stopped before a flat building had to go back or take its load to a warehouse.

### Stock Handlers Strike.

Chicago.—Between 1200 and 1500 members of the livestock handlers' union struck Sunday at the Union stockyards, in protest against a proposed wage reduction of 8 cents an hour. A. G. Leonard, president of the Union Stockyards & Transit company, declared the places of these men will be filled at once.

# MARINE BRUTALITY IN HAITI CHARGED

### Delegates Ask President to Withdraw Troops.

### MILITARY RULE HIT

#### Officers and Men Are Declared to Have Tortured Natives and Committed Many Crimes.

Washington, D. C.—Many atrocities by American marines and the native gendarmerie were charged by three Haitian delegates who are here to present a memorial to President Harding, the state department and congress, and who demanded withdrawal of the United States forces.

The memorial made public Sunday night, reviews the five years of occupation, and declared that it is "the most terrible regime of military autocracy ever carried on in the name of the great American democracy."

The naval investigation was characterized as a "joke," and Rear-Admiral Knapp was accused of having done "nothing at all" when he visited Haiti under orders from Secretary Daniels to make an inquiry.

"The Haitian people feel," said the memorial, "that if the naval court of inquiry has not fulfilled in Haiti the broad mandate conferred on it by Josephus Daniels, it is because it was faced with charges of such a horrible nature it was thought best to pass them over."

Among acts charged against the American occupation were:

Administration of the "water cure" and other tortures by American officers and marines, and the commission of "numberless abominable crimes," of which 25 cases were given.

Removal of \$500,000 of Haitian government funds which American marines "took on board the gunboat Machias" and which were deposited in New York to "force the Haitian government to accept control of the customs houses by depriving it of financial resources."

Enforced ratification on June 12, 1918, of a new Haitian constitution, with marines presiding at the ballot box, only ballots bearing the word "Yes" being issued.

Exclusion from the naval board of inquiry of "all Haitians who had anything to say regarding the numerous cases of murder, brutality, rape, arson, etc."

The memorial stated that during the five years of American occupation, Haiti "has passed through such sacrifices, tortures, destructions, humiliation and misery as never before had been known in its unhappy history." For these "wrongs and injuries" the Haitian people ask reparations, said the memorial.

### Cannon 85 Years Old.

Washington, D. C. — "Uncle Joe" Cannon, holder of the American record for continuous service in congress, celebrated his 85th birthday Saturday by sticking on the job. The house was not in session, but the ex-speaker "refused to adjourn" and attended a meeting of the appropriations committee.

Someone asked him how many cigars he had consumed since he began smoking. "I don't know, but that reminds me," he said, as he reached in his pocket, pulled out a stogie and borrowed a match.

### Lusitania Claims Urged.

New York. — Representatives of claimants for damages resulting from the Lusitania disaster Saturday named a committee to ask the state department and the senate foreign relations committee to arrange for immediate payment. Payments asked would be from proceeds of the sale of German ships or from funds in possession of the alien property custodian.

### Americans Reach Russia.

Riga.—Twenty-four batches of American workmen and immigrants, totaling 3042 men, arrived in Petrograd from December, 1920, to April 1. During the first part of April 2000 additional persons arrived, says a Petrograd dispatch. Most of the immigrants remained in Petrograd.

# STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, with an annual salary of \$7200, is now the highest paid official in the employ of the state government, according to payrolls for the month of April. Mr. Nunn until recently received a salary of \$5000 a year.

Salem.—The loganberry crop of the Salem district for the year 1921 will average approximately two tons to the acre, according to estimates of the growers in annual session here Saturday. This season's yield, it was said, will be somewhat lighter than that of last year.

Eugene.—A monster parade on the business streets of Eugene will be the big feature of the first day's session of the Oregon state grange, which meets here May 31 and June 1 and 2, according to announcement at the meeting of Lane County Pomona grange at Willakenzie grange hall recently.

Salem.—Reduction of approximately 20 per cent in the wages of the employees of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company, with headquarters in Salem, was announced by officials of the corporation Sunday. The reductions will affect about 125 men and will amount to about \$100 per day. The present daily payroll aggregates \$500.

Salem.—There will be no increase in the salaries of schoolteachers employed in the Salem district during the coming year. This was made plain at a meeting of the board Friday night when it was found that any advance in the compensation for teachers would border on violation of the 6 per cent tax limitation law.

Prineville.—At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the new Bank of Prineville the following officers were elected: J. L. Karnopp of Portland, president; A. J. Noble, vice-president; W. O. Hall of Silver City, cashier. The officers and John Elliott and L. M. Bechtel constitute the board of directors. It is expected the bank will open in June.

Halfway.—Farmers Saturday were very much discouraged over the excessively wet weather. Rain has fallen steadily for two weeks and the fields were too wet for working. Not 10 per cent of the farm seeding has been done. Many farmers were waiting to do spring plowing before the seeding. The grass on the ranges was good, however.

Roseburg.—The official notices providing for a special election to be held on June 7th for the purpose of voting on Douglas county's proposed \$1,100,000 bond issue will be posted in the various precincts within the next few days, according to County Clerk Riddle. A special committee has reported that sentiment for the bonds appears to favor the measure.

Eugene.—There are 2000 new baby Chinese pheasants at the state game farm near Eugene. The first hatch is now off the nests and remarkable success has been had with the eggs, say the farm keepers. The first hatch this year is earlier than usual, due to the favorable weather conditions this spring. It is expected that 5000 pheasants will be hatched at this farm this season. Common barnyard hens are used.

Coquille.—"Forty-five minutes to Coquille" was the slogan Saturday over the newly paved 20 miles of highway which linked Coquille and Marshfield together in business and commercial life. Coquille did the entertaining and every part of the county was in attendance to celebrate with the county seat what many termed the greatest event since the first settlers picked an unbeaten trail over the mountains in the early '50s from Jacksonville.

Medford.—Rapid development work upon the properties of the Gold Ridge Mining company's holdings, located in the Kanes creek mining district ten miles from Medford, is going forward. Within the past week an ore chute upon which the company is rushing work became rich, estimated values running, it is claimed, as high as \$6 or \$8 to the pan. This vein varies in width from 2½ feet to 3½ feet, and is cut 400 feet below the surface. A drift of over 65 feet has been made along the ore chute and it is reported that specimen rock has been found all the way.

# THE WOODS

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

### RAIN.

RAININ', is it? So it is—  
An' I knew it would.  
When a man has rheumatia  
In this old left stem of his  
He can tell as good  
When it's goin' to leak  
As your fancy weatherman  
Down here in Chicago can,  
If he thinks a week.  
An' I guess it's jest because  
Rheumatia an' Nature's laws  
Sort of work together—  
Lots of moisture in the air,  
Rheumatia a-plenty there,  
Both mean stormy weather.  
This left stem of mine can smell  
Water miles away;  
This old stem of mine can tell  
Fifty furlongs from a well  
Where it ought to lay.  
An' I'll tell you why:  
This old stem an' me has tramped,  
Waded, swum an' drove an' camped,  
Never gittin' dry,  
Forty Winters, forty Springs;  
Do you wonder that she sings  
When she smells the water?  
If you fellows really knew  
All that laig an' me went through  
Guess you'd think she oughter.  
You ain't never had the luck  
Swampin' in the snow;  
None of you ain't never stuck  
To your boot-tops in the muck  
When it's ten below.  
There ain't none of you  
Ever drove the Chipmunk  
In the early days of May  
When a norther blew,  
When the river water froze  
In your boots an' in your clo'es—  
Freezin', thawin', freezin'.  
If this stem of mine finds out  
When there's water 'round about,  
Surely there's a reason.  
An', besides, there's quite a line  
Of such signs of rain;  
There is many another sign  
'Ceptin' this old stem of mine  
That is just as plain.  
There is bunions yet—  
Fer a corn or bunion is  
'Most as good as rheumatia  
Prophesyin' wet.  
When you see a cat eat grass,  
When you see a small-mouth bass  
Sendin' up a bubble  
When you hear a rain-crow caw—  
It is simply Nature's law  
Indicatin' trouble.  
Rainin', is it? So it seems;  
It's a nasty night.  
Yonder how the street lamp gleams!  
Like the light you see in dreams,  
Soft an' far an' white,  
Like the light you see  
When you let life's half-hitch slip,  
When you kind of lose your grip  
On the things that be.  
An' I sometimes think the shore  
That we all are headin' for  
Looks so far an' ghostly  
'Cause we're lookin' (like tonight)  
We are lookin' at the light)  
Through a fog-bank mostly.  
How the asphalt pavements shine!  
Almost lookin' clean.  
Ev'ry lamp post makes a line  
Like the shadow of a pine  
On a snowy scene,  
In the gutter nigh  
Little ripples curl an' comb,  
Little dirty rivers foam,  
In an hour to die.  
They are like the stream of life,  
Full of work an' play an' strife,  
Proud with splash an' splutter,  
Each believes himself a flood—  
Most of us is only mud  
Runnin' down a gutter.  
Rainin'? Sure enough it is,  
But it ain't the goods;  
Doesn't git right down to biz  
Like the whirling raindrops whiz  
Up there in the woods.  
It's a city shower,  
Like the other kinds of stuff  
In the city, mostly bluff.  
Lastin' fer an hour,  
Up there, when it rains, it rains,  
Fillin' rivers, floodin' plains  
Down the mountains washin'.  
Up there when a rain we git,  
When we're really through with it,  
Things are jest a-sloshin'.  
Fer a rainstorm in the brush  
Is the wettest thing,  
Ground beneath you soft as mush  
An' around you all a hush,  
Not a bird to sing—  
Jest the droppin' slow  
Of the raindrops on the leaves,  
Spillin' from a billion eaves,  
On the earth below;  
Jest a blanket in the mire,  
Jest a smudgy kind of fire,  
Weak an' slow an' smoky;  
Breakfast—pancakes simply lead;  
Dinner—wet an' soggy bread;  
Supper—blacuts soaked.  
Rainin', is it? So it is,  
Glad I'm high and dry.  
When a man has rheumatia  
In this old left stem of his  
Keep inside, say I.  
Now, this city stuff  
Ain't like woods rain near as wet,  
Ain't like woods rain is, an' yet  
It is wet enough,  
Course the woods rain is the best,  
It is dampest, healthiest,  
Better altogether;  
But I guess I'll stay inside  
Tryin' to be satisfied  
With this city weather.  
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## THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Coming home from  
work at night  
Gladness in my heart  
just wells  
As I hurry down the  
street  
Sniffing all  
the dinner  
smells.  
Ritchman

