

WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

COMPILED FOR YOU

Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Several persons were injured and considerable property damage caused by a tornado at Roseboro and Long Branch, N. C., late Friday.

King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain escaped injury Friday when their automobile overturned while they were going to the Hippodrome to attend the races, said a dispatch from Madrid.

A 40 per cent increase of salaries was granted Sunday to the principal officers of the United Brethren church by delegates to the quadrennial conference. Thirty officers will receive the advances.

One hundred men employed in the sawmill of the Beardmore Lumber company at Spirit Lake, Idaho, have gone on strike as a result of the company's attempted institution of the nine-hour day.

A referendum covering 15 questions of an agricultural nature pending in congress will be voted upon by approximately 2,000,000 farmers, it was announced Tuesday. The call for the national referendum was issued by the American Farm Bureau federation.

From his desk in the White House President Harding Tuesday opened by telephone the first annual California Orange show at Anaheim, Cal. The president spoke a few words of greeting to the show officials at the other end of the wire and wished the enterprise success.

The senate finance committee was asked Tuesday by James B. Garfield of Cleveland to exempt from federal taxation incomes from scientific, charitable, religious and educational trust funds. He also asked legislation which would free bequests to such foundations from estates taxes.

Final statistics placing the total population of continental United States at 165,710,620, or 27,517 more than was announced last October, when preliminary figures were given out, were submitted to Speaker Gillett of the house of representatives for apportionment purposes by the census bureau.

Injunction against local branches of six maritime associations and unions, in Seattle, restraining them from picketing or trespassing on shipping board vessels, and from "other acts of violence," has been asked in a suit in equity filed in federal court Tuesday by United States District Attorney Saunders.

Mrs. Emma C. Bergdoll was sentenced Tuesday to pay a fine of \$7000 for the part she was convicted of taking in the evasion of the draft laws by her sons, Grover and Erwin Bergdoll. If she refuses or fails to pay by June 13, Federal Judge Dickinson imposed the alternative sentence of one year and one day in federal prison.

Senators Borah of Idaho and those associated with him in the senate on questions of naval policy, virtually won their fight Tuesday for incorporation in the \$500,000,000 naval appropriation bill of the Borah amendment requesting the president to call a naval disarmament conference of the United States, Great Britain and Japan.

The United States railroad labor board late Tuesday announced its intention of revising downward wages of more than one million unskilled rail workers, effective July 1. The amount of the decrease will be made public on June 1. The board also announced that it would hold hearings June 6 regarding proposals by the roads to decrease the wages of other classes of employes and would also make its decision in these cases effective on the same date. A similar decision on skilled workers would affect approximately two million men.

AURORA CAUSES FLAMES

Telephone Exchange Burned and Cable Communication Hindered.

Brewster, N. Y.—A fire which destroyed the Central New England railway station here Saturday night was caused by the aurora borealis, in the opinion of railway officials.

Telegraph Operator Hatch said he was driven away from his instrument by a flare of flame which enveloped the switchboard and ignited the building.

London.—Telegraph and telephone lines in the British Isles and throughout all northern Europe have been seriously interrupted by the great magnetic storm which virtually paralyzed wire transmission in the United States Saturday night and Sunday. Cables between England and the United States were affected early Monday morning and transmission was badly delayed.

The disturbance was believed to have caused a fire which destroyed a telephone exchange at Karlstad, a Swedish town about 160 miles west of Stockholm. The building was destroyed.

New York.—Damage to the Western Union Telegraph company's transatlantic cables by the electrical disturbance accompanying the aurora borealis Saturday and Sunday nights may necessitate raising of the cables for repairs, Newcomb Carlton, its president, announced Monday night.

Traffic on the cables was interrupted from time to time during the disturbance, he said, and serious damage caused by the stray electrical currents.

"The magnetic disturbance," he said, "was much the worst ever experienced. A great many fuses were blown out on our land lines and we had great difficulty with the submarine cables.

"The oceanic currents accompanying the aurora searched out the weak spots in the cable insulation, aggravating them and interrupting service."

GERMANS OBDUKATE, MILLERAND ASSERTS

Little, France.—With Germany still disclaiming responsibility for the war, there is no other course than to deal with her as one who must be compelled to make good her misdeeds, declared President Millerand in an address delivered Monday in the presence of King Albert of Belgium.

"If the citizens of Lille and northern France and Belgium are too generous to claim revenge," he said, "they nevertheless, in accordance with the remainder of the people of France and the allies, demand justice against the government and the nation which brought on the war, and which, throughout the hostilities, pursued a systematic course of ruin and devastation toward the mines and industries, employing pillage and arson as a means of insuring their own industrial and economic ascendancy upon the coming of peace.

"As long as Germany continues to deny the responsibility which her plenipotentiary acknowledged at Versailles there can be no real peace.

"It is not to the democracies, eager for work and peace, that one must look for imperialism. We cherish no ambition other than to assure to future generations liberty, fraternity and peace, in which individual happiness shall be the fruit of disinterested devotion to the right and the ideals."

12 Die in Train Wreck.

Toulouse, France.—Twelve persons were killed and 50 injured when two express trains coming from Paris jumped the track Saturday night within a few miles of one another. The fact that in each case eight coaches were derailed and the locomotives and their tenders remained on the track caused the ordering of an investigation. In each instance the coupling between the tender and the first coach snapped.

Colima Is in Eruption.

Mexico City.—The volcano of Colima in Jalisco, long inactive, was in eruption Sunday. Smoke and ashes were coming from the crater and the phenomenon was accompanied by strong rumblings. An earthquake of 20 seconds duration was registered Saturday night throughout Jalisco.

MEXICO TO BE TOLD WHAT SHE MUST DO

Recognition of Obregon Will Depend on Conditions.

STATEMENT DEFINITE

Americans and Their Interests Must Be Safeguarded Before U. S. Will Resume Relations.

Washington, D. C.—A definite statement outlining conditions on which the United States would extend recognition to the Mexican government has been prepared for submission to President Obregon. This statement, in the form of a memorandum, it was said Sunday night, will be delivered to Obregon by George T. Summerlin, counselor of the American embassy at Mexico City, who is expected to leave for Mexico this week.

Conditions for recognition, it is understood, are practically identical with recommendations made by Secretary Fall in his report to congress as chairman of a sub-committee of the senate foreign relations committee.

The communication is said to insist that Obregon must sign a document giving assurances that Americans and their interests will be safeguarded in Mexico before the United States will consider resumption of formal relations. If such assurances are given, it is believed Henry P. Fletcher, undersecretary of state, who was ambassador to Mexico under Wilson until he resigned, will be designated to represent the United States in drafting a treaty.

The communication contains nothing which can justify its being characterized as an ultimatum, but it is understood Obregon will be left in no doubt as to the determination of the American administration to see that American interests are not indefinitely discriminated against. It is said to have been prepared in collaboration with Secretary Fall.

Conditions set forth are: Elimination of provisions of articles 27 of the Mexican constitution relating to the nationalization of the subsoil rights insofar as they affect tenure of land to which title was obtained prior to the adoption of the constitution in 1917.

Elimination of the provisions which deprive Americans of the right of diplomatic appeal in cases where property is acquired.

Modification of the provisions which prevent American acquiring and owning property within a certain zone along the Mexican coasts and international boundaries.

Assurance that article 33 providing for the expulsion of "pernicious foreigners" will not be applied to Americans without filing charges and opportunity of a fair trial.

Modification of the provisions governing religious worship in such manner that American clergy shall have the right to exercise functions usual in their denominations.

It is also suggested that the two governments agree to the creation of a mixed court for the adjudication of claims.

MARINE WORKERS ACCEPT WAGE CUT

Washington, D. C.—Acceptance of the 15 per cent wage reduction for marine engineers demanded by the shipping board, but with modifications as to working conditions, is understood to be included in an agreement reached here Saturday at conferences between Secretary Davis, Chairman Benson of the board, and representatives of the Marine Engineers' Beneficial association.

Separate agreements, it is understood, will be signed by representatives of the radio operators and the seamen.

The changes in working conditions and overtime, it was indicated, would bring the actual reduction in wages to somewhat less than 15 per cent.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Baker.—Advertising for bids for improvements to be made at the tourist camp grounds will be started soon. Mayor Gardner is getting specifications ready for bidders.

Willamina.—Miss Freida Yates is one of the few eighth-grade pupils in the county to win the Palmer graduating award in penmanship. She is, in addition, a talented musician. Miss Roxie Carter won first honors in penmanship in the high school.

Albany.—An eagle's nest containing two young birds was found on the limb of a large fir tree felled by woodcutters on the farm of William Evans, five miles north of Lebanon. One of the birds was killed when the tree fell but the other was captured.

Bend.—Petitions filed recently resulted Thursday morning in designation by the Deschutes county court of June 7 as the date on which a \$60,000 bond issue will be voted on. If approved, the bonds will finance cooperative work with the state highway commission.

Bend.—Snow has been receding rapidly in the Deschutes national forest, forest officials report, and scenic roads into the mountains will soon be open for use. It will be possible to reach Odell lake, one of the largest bodies of water in central Oregon, in two weeks, it was predicted.

Pendleton.—The first big sale of wool by Umatilla county growers this season became known last week, when it was announced that Alfred Smith, Tuesday disposed of a clip comprising about 50,000 pounds for the J. E. Livestock company, to the Studley & Emery company of Boston.

Astoria.—A naval officer is to arrive here in the near future to take formal possession of the Tongue Point naval base site, which will be the first step of the department, leading up to beginning actual work in the improvement of the property and the establishment of the naval base.

Salem.—Road work, already contracted since January 1, 1921, and proposed through awards to be made at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland May 27, exceeds that for the entire year of 1920 by 20 miles, according to a report prepared by Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

Dallas.—The Polk county highway controversy was definitely settled at a meeting here Friday between state highway commissioner Booth and Yeon and the members of the county court. By the terms of agreement, the commission will resume work at once on the Salem-Dallas highway, including a mile within the city limits of Dallas.

Salem.—The California-Oregon Power company has filed with the state engineer application to appropriate 2100 second feet of water from the Klamath river, for the development of 70,000 horsepower. The site of this water appropriation was investigated by the state several years ago in conjunction with the United States reclamation service.

North Bend.—A. H. Derbyshire, secretary-treasurer of the Coos Bay farm loan association, had but \$22,000 allotted here for farm loans in 1921. Rules and regulation of getting loans were given in Mr. Derbyshire's announcement, and it was stated that the rate of interest had been increased from 5 1/2 to 6 per cent. Since the loan plan went into effect, the Coos bay association usually has used its limit yearly.

Salem.—There were six fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon in the week ended May 12, according to a report issued by the state industrial accident commission Friday. The victims were: John Johnson, faller, Independence; John Anderson, wood-splitter, Portland; Lester Goodwin, laborer, Buena Vista; Ray Thompson, raftsmen, Nehalem; Frederick Wegener, longshoreman, Astoria, and Walter Saka, logger, Black Rock.

Salem.—A big crop of loganberries and strawberries is promised here this year, according to S. H. Van Trump, county horticultural inspector, who recently completed a survey of the berry sections of the county. Peach trees, he said, had not yet recovered from the freeze in 1919, but the crop will be much larger than that of last year. The Italian prune crop was somewhat affected by recent rains and Mr. Van Trump said it was too early to estimate the damage.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUTS SOW GOOD HABITS

Scouts everywhere are interested in gardening and forestry. In a recent issue of Boys' Life, the chief scout executive reminds the boys of the movement that there is another kind of planting going on all the time, whether they are conscious of the process or not, Mr. West says:

"Boy time is essentially planting time. The habits you are forming now are the ones you will reap the harvest of when you get to manhood. And that is where scouting comes in as a sort of expert gardener to show you what to plant, and how and why to plant it.

"One of the accusations that is sometimes made, with some justice, against the American people, as a whole, is our lack of thoroughness, our tendency to be 'jacks of many trades,' expert at none. This charge should never be allowed to fit or hit a scout. Thoroughness and the doing of a given task, 'pon honor, to the best of our ability should be, and I am glad to say usually is, characteristic of boys who are scouts. Even if it is a small thing in itself, like learning to tie a certain kind of knot, keep at it until you have the trick completely mastered, and can tie the knot any time, any place, just right, as speedily and deftly as possible.

"Take the matter of first aid, when you are learning to make bandages and tourniquets, studying and practicing what to do in case of a certain accident or how to prevent that accident from happening, put your whole mind and skill into it. Learn to do it, not 'any old way,' but just right, so that if the time comes when you are called upon, in the flash of an instant to put that knowledge to practical use, you will not be found wanting.

"Be prepared. Sow habits of energy, patience, perseverance. Train your mind and body to work together in splendid alliance. Live clean lives, think clean thoughts, read great books, follow true heroes, like Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. Plant for tomorrow and manhood."

MESSAGE FROM SPANISH CHIEF.

In connection with the new international scout magazine representing all the scouts of the world, the chief scout of Spain makes this statement:

"To create an international journal which shall be the expression of the common ideals that flourish beneath the boy scouts' flag throughout the world; and with that journal to carry to the farthest corners of the earth the common desire for physical and moral redemption for which men of goodwill in all climes are striving, will be to endow with a new strength, with the winged and powerful strength of written thought, this gigantic crusade of universal brotherhood which already binds with strong links the youth of all countries, without distinction of race or frontier.

"The boy scouts of Spain, who are working for their country and for their well-being, follow the inspiration of Baden-Powell's immortal doctrine, cannot forget that they are part of that enterprise, or that in all nations they have brothers with the same desires and ideals; and for this reason they rally with enthusiasm to the work of their common publication, which will find in us fervent propagandists if it serves, as we hope, to strengthen and encourage the noble scout aims."

ELECTION OF SCOUT OFFICIALS.

At its annual meeting, March 7, the National council elected the following new officers: Honorary president, Warren G. Harding; honorary vice president, Woodrow Wilson; vice president, Harold McCormick of Chicago. New members of the national executive board are Messrs. Richmond Dean of Chicago, Mr. McCormick, and Mr. James J. Phelan of Boston. Former officers re-elected are as follows: Executive board members, Daniel Carter Beard, Alfred W. Dater, Lewis B. Gawtry, Walter W. Head, Jeremiah W. Jenks, George D. Pratt and Mortimer L. Schiff; honorary vice presidents, Hon. William H. Taft, Daniel Carter Beard, Hon. W. G. McAdoo; president, Colin H. Livingstone of Washington; vice presidents, Benjamin Dulaney of Bristol, Tenn., Arthur Letts of Los Angeles, Cal., Milton A. McRae of Detroit, Mich.; Mortimer L. Schiff, New York City; National scout commissioner, Daniel Carter Beard; treasurer, George D. Pratt, Brooklyn, N. Y.