

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.

Reductions of freight rates on certain commodities approximating 20 per cent has been decided on by all transcontinental railways west of Chicago, it was announced by G. W. Luce, freight traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railway.

There was a sharp decline to \$3.93 in American exchange in London Tuesday. It was attributed to buying for German account to satisfy some of the reparation claims. It is believed the dollars thus obtained are being held for French account in New York.

A second huge mud slide occurred Saturday on the southwest slope of Mount Adams, according to Sidney Carnine, who, with a party of Hood River folk, motored to Trout lake Sunday and climbed the base of the mountain as far as the snowline.

The nomination of Richard Washburn Child to be American ambassador to Italy was approved Tuesday by the senate foreign relations committee, but action was deferred on that of Dr. Jacob Gould Shurman of New York to be American minister to China.

Mrs. Anna Irene Hopkins was sentenced to from five to 14 years in the Arizona state prison in the superior court Tuesday. She was convicted of assault for having thrown acid into the face of Miss Lucille Gallagher, a Jerome, Ariz., school teacher, Mar. 31.

The New York naval training ship Granite State, once the pride of the American navy, Monday was burned to the water's edge in a spectacular fire in which sailors dived through portholes, after flooding the magazine. The old wooden frigate for years had lain in the Hudson river.

Headquarters of the Great Northern railway Tuesday announced that every shop on its system, except two, will be closed from May 27 to July 5. More than 3000 men will be affected. Light traffic was the reason, it was said. The shops to be closed include those at Great Falls, Mont.; Hillyard, Wash., and Delta, Wash.

Investigation of disturbances in Mingo county, West Virginia, was proposed in a resolution introduced by Senator Johnson, republican, of California. The resolution said conditions in the district along Tug river, the Kentucky-West Virginia border, daily were resulting in bloodshed and violence and were a menace to democratic government.

General Rodriguez, commanding all Mexican troops in the northern district of Lower California, announced Tuesday that a detachment of cavalrymen seeking bandits who fired on the jail and other buildings in Tijuana May 5 had been ambushed by a party of bandits near Ensenada a night or two ago and the lieutenant commanding the cavalry was killed.

Hungry senators no longer need face the toilsome trip to the ground floor of the senate wing of the capitol. Assailed by hunger or thirst when on duty in the senate chamber, a few steps will carry them to the famous marble room and out into an open-air luncheon place on the terrace, where tables, chairs, waiters and electric stoves have been installed for senators only.

The economy drive against the \$495,000,000 naval appropriation bill was shattered in the senate Tuesday when many increases, recommended by the naval committee, were adopted. By a vote of 45 to 23, the senate adopted a committee amendment opposed by the economy forces, providing for a personnel of 120,000 men as against 100,000 authorized by the house. Afterward committee amendments calling for increases aggregating about \$42,500,000 were quickly approved.

TARIFF BILL UP TO HARDING

Battle Over Emergency Measure Ended—Approval Likely.

Washington, D. C.—The long battle of congress over the emergency tariff bill ended Monday when the house, by a vote of 245 to 97, adopted the conference report to which the senate had agreed. The measure was sent to the White House, where it is expected to be signed soon by the president.

The emergency measure passed at the last session was vetoed by President Wilson and was reintroduced in the present extra session.

It carries tariff duties on 30-odd farm products, together with compensatory duties on articles manufactured from them. It also empowers the secretary of the treasury to employ penalties in staving off dumping of foreign-made goods, continues war-time control over importation of dyes and operates to clarify tangles in the assessment of duties which result from fluctuating exchange rates.

During the long debate opponents of high tariff predicted retaliatory action by Canada, South America and some nations of Europe.

Only slight opposition appeared as the bill went into the rollcall Monday. Representative Garner of Texas, a democratic member of the ways and means committee, restated the position of a majority of his party.

Business men of the country were warned by Senator King, democrat of Utah, that "if they keep on trying to destroy competition in business by tariffs and combines which challenge the right of consumers to live they will have socialism to face."

The senator, in an address in the senate, urged congressional investigation of lobbies in the national capital and particularly of efforts which he said were being made by dye interests to get tariff legislation.

"We are confronted," he said, "with a gigantic conspiracy on the part of combinations and monopolies to dominate absolutely the markets of the United States, to maintain prices at high and unbearable levels. We are going to see here the reign of conspiracies, trusts and monopolies. They are here and they will be here by scores to demand their pound of flesh, to write the laws that will enable them to oppress to an intolerable degree the consuming public of this republic."

"I want to say to the American capitalists, the American business man, that it isn't only his duty to his country, but it is his duty to his own business interests, to see that the laws of supply and demand are not set at naught by these activities."

Votes Fund For Dry Workers.

Washington, D. C.—After heated discussion of the prohibition question during which Commissioner Kramer was bitterly criticised and as vigorously defended, the house Monday voted an additional \$200,000 for enforcement of the Volstead act until July 1. Representative Volstead proposed to increase the total of the deficiency appropriation bill to permit retention on federal payrolls of 700 prohibition agents, who Mr. Kramer had announced would be dropped for the remainder of the fiscal year because of shortage of funds.

Druggists Get Warning.

Washington, D. C.—Druggists profiting on whisky sold for medical purposes are to receive the attention of the federal prohibition agents when the full force is again in the field in July, Commissioner Kramer said Monday. Complains have been received, he said, that whisky sought on prescriptions for sick people had in some instances been found to have been adulterated with water and prune juice or other liquids.

Druggist in Death Trap.

Grangeville, Idaho.—P. M. Grangeville druggist and former county superintendent of schools, was drowned in the basement of his store building at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon during a cloudburst which caused the creek passing through the town to overflow and flood the basements. Mr. Grangeville had gone into the basement to remove goods and was caught by the flood waters.

Six persons were killed late Friday when 12 freight cars piled up in a ditch at Eagle Flat, Tex., on the Texas & Pacific railway, according to a report made by train crews.

AMBULANCE PLANE FALLS; 7 KILLED

Two Civilians and Five Army Men Lose Lives.

HIT BY WIND STORM

Accident Declared by Observers to Be Worst in History of Aviation in United States.

Washington, D. C.—Seven men, five of the army and two civilians, were killed in the wreck of an army Curtiss-Eagle ambulance airplane near Indian Head, Md., 40 miles southeast of Washington, Saturday night in a terrific wind and electrical storm.

The Dead.

Lieutenant-Colonel Archie Miller, U. S. A., M. H., Washington, D. C.
Maurice Connolly of Dubuque, Ia., ex-representative in congress.

A. G. Batchelder of Washington, D. C., chairman of the board of the American Automobile association.

Lieutenant S. M. Ames of Washington, pilot.

Lieutenant C. W. McDermott, Langley field, Virginia.

Lieutenant J. M. Pennewill, Langley field, Virginia.

Sergeant Mechanic Richard Blumentkranz, Washington, D. C.

Army air service officers said the accident was the worst in the history of aviation in the United States, and one of the few in which all passengers in a plane had been killed almost instantly.

The ship struck nose first and the force of the impact was so great that the 400-horsepower Liberty motor was thrown back into the cockpit on top of the pilot and the passengers. All bodies were badly mutilated.

The Curtiss-Eagle was returning from Langley field near Newport News, Va., and had just crossed the Potomac when it ran into the storm.

The exact cause of the accident probably never will be known, as those in the machine were dead when witnesses from Morgantown, a village near Indian Head, reached the scene.

An official investigation will be ordered. Air service officers said that when the plane left it was apparently in perfect condition.

Captain De Lavergne, military attaché of the French embassy, who went in the Eagle from Washington, said that in his opinion the Eagle was unbalanced.

"It had a small motor," he said, "of only 400 horsepower. The weight was too much; the pilot could not control it."

Brigadier-General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, who accompanied the Eagle to Langley field, and who had a battle with the storm during his return, said Lieutenant Ames, piloting the Eagle, was considered a very good pilot.

Apparently the motor either failed to respond or the high wind checked the ship, for it was seen to turn over and fall nose first when only a few hundred feet up. Officers at Indian Head sent out a detachment, but word of the accident did not reach Bolling field here until 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Estate Is \$10,000,000.

Butte, Mont.—Marcus Murray has filed a petition in the district court of Silver Bow county for letters of administration of the estate of the late James A. Murray, Montana millionaire. In asking that letters of administration be given here the petition alleged that James A. Murray, who died May 11 at his home in Monterey, Cal., was a citizen of Montana and that the bulk of his estate, valued at between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000, is in Montana.

North Bend.—L. J. Simpson Sunday afternoon turned the first sod in the ground-breaking ceremonies attendant upon stationing the new Mercy hospital at Kittyville, between this city and Marshfield.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—Punchboards are lotteries under the meaning of the statutes, according to a legal opinion given by I. H. Van Winkle, attorney general. The opinion was asked by Robert D. Lytle, district attorney of Malheur county.

Salem.—Approximately 175,447 tons of grain were inspected under the direction of the grain inspection department of the Oregon public service commission last April, compared with 29,085 tons during April of 1920, according to a report prepared here.

Eugene.—Nine of the 18 airplanes of the 91st squadron, which is to make its headquarters in Eugene this summer during the forest fire patrol season, arrived Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Mather field and alighted on the municipal aviation field.

Eugene.—The postoffice clerks, rural carriers, and city carriers of the state will hold their separate conventions in Eugene June 25, according to an announcement by I. P. Inman, clerk in the Eugene postoffice, who is a member of the committee on arrangements.

Salem.—The irrigation securities commission has under consideration the certification of \$75,000 in bonds of the Grants Pass irrigation district. The proceeds from the sale of these bonds will be used in taking care of the expenses for construction work in the past few months.

Salem.—The Southern Pacific company, in a letter to the Oregon public service commission, has declared its intention of starting work immediately on the construction of a tunnel through Elk rock bluff on the Portland to Oswego line. This tunnel will eliminate a dangerous trestle.

Salem.—The tax on Oregon sales of gasoline and distillate by the Standard Oil company and the Shell company of California for April aggregated \$52,424.98, according to checks received by the secretary of state Friday. The Standard Oil company remitted \$48,415.62 and the Shell company \$4009.36.

Eugene.—Logging Camp No. 29 of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company will resume operations soon to take out timber that is down and subject to fire, according to A. C. Dixon, manager. The crew required to do this work will probably not exceed 60 men, said Mr. Dixon, and the work will occupy several weeks.

Salem.—The Union Oil company of California Saturday remitted to the secretary of state a check in the sum of \$14,108 covering its tax on sales of gasoline and distillate in Oregon during the month of April. The tax of the corporation on its general stations aggregated \$13,291.77, while the tax on sales of the Klamath Falls substation amounted to \$816.23.

The Dalles.—Farmers and business men from all parts of Wasco county assembled at Maupin Saturday, to attend the big good-roads rally being held there in the interest of the proposed \$800,000 bond issue and resultant construction of the Dalles-California highway. The rally was made a holiday affair with a big basket picnic and trout feed at noon.

Roseburg.—That Douglas county will be the banner prune section of the state this year, is the prediction of Professor Clayton C. Long, who has just finished a survey of the prune crop situation in the principal counties of the state. Professor Long completed his inspection here recently and said crop prospects in this county were excellent. Marion, Lane and Polk counties will have light yields.

Toledo.—Ira P. Hutchinson, manager of the Corvallis and Brownsville cannery, was in Toledo recently investigating cannery conditions here with a view of possibly taking over and operating the local cannery the coming year. Mr. Hutchinson was in conference with County Agent Cooter and Peter Frederick, secretary of the Toledo chamber of commerce, and also with a number of prominent growers.

Salem.—Members of the executive committee of the Oregon Jersey Cattle club met here Saturday and went on record in favor of protecting purchasers of cattle from diseased animals. Under a resolution adopted by the committee, cattle offered for sale by members of the club will be examined by a veterinary surgeon and the animals will carry a guarantee that they are free from communicable disease.



DRIVE FOR RE-REGISTRATION

The fact that a large number of scout troops fail annually to re-register, and consequently have to be stricken from the national records is causing the national council so much concern that they are endeavoring to investigate each case of a dead or lapsed troop to see what ended its dormant condition and what, if anything, can be done to revive it and put it in good working order again.

In many cases the trouble has been traced to the lack of proper leadership, of laxness in handling troop business on the part of those in charge. This is, of course, a serious injustice to the boys themselves, who are usually not only willing but anxious to "carry on." Scout leaders everywhere are being reminded that unless a troop is regularly registered at the national council headquarters it cannot be included in the boy scout membership nor so reported to congress. This means even more to the boy according to act of congress: No unregistered scout is entitled to wear the scout uniform and insignia.

The chief scout executive has this to say on the subject:

"The fundamental objectives of scouting are character development and citizenship training. Good citizenship means law and order. That is, not only knowledge of laws, but observance of laws, rules and regulations. Surely every scout leader wants to have members of his troop lawful and orderly in the matter of membership in the Boy Scouts of America."

"Only scouts and scout officials who are duly registered in accordance with the regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, adopted pursuant to federal charter granted by congress, can lawfully represent themselves as scouts authorized to wear the uniform and official insignia."

"Scouts whose membership is allowed to lapse violate the regulations and therefore are not lawful and orderly."

"This is an important matter. Act promptly!"

It is to be hoped that every person interested in scouting will concern himself with the question involved and see to it that no scout troop is allowed to lapse for want of adult leadership and action in behalf of the boy and community who both need scouting.

THAT SOMETHING.

What is it that makes a Troop? IT IS THAT SOMETHING!

What is it that makes the Troop boom, what causes the wonderful attendance at each meeting?

Why does the Troop make such wonderful progress?

IT IS THAT SOMETHING!

You can have the best cannon in the world, and thousands of pounds of shells, but the metal and powder is absolutely useless unless you have a flame to touch off the fuse.

IT IS THE FLAME THAT DOES THE WORK!

You can have the best bunch of boys in the city, the best scoutmaster, the best meeting place and the most money in the treasury—but all this amounts to nothing unless you have the flame to set the things going, and the flame which will start the Scout Troop going is

THAT SOMETHING.

No, it is not pep alone; nor is it loyalty alone that makes the good troop. It is not co-operation or team work alone, nor is it obedience alone. But the flame which will set the scout troop off—which will make it hum right along—is all of the above qualities rolled together and called

THE TROOP SPIRIT.

—From Service, Philadelphia scout magazine.

SCOUTS STAR IN PENROD.

Over near the river in New York city three small boys, by name, William Blair, Richard Ross and John Call lived and played and got into mischief with the rest of the "gang." One day they heard of the scouts and decided they wanted to see what scouting was like. Accordingly they presented themselves at Kennedy house and demanded to know all about it. The result was they joined the boy scout family of Kennedy house and began to do all the interesting things scouts do and to understand what scouting stands for in health, happiness and outdoor life, as well as for comradeship and clean living. The three are today good scouts, in every sense of the word and are also known to every film lover for all three are playing in Booth Tarkington's famous boy play "Penrod." Young Ross is Penrod himself, Blair is "Georgie Bassett" and John Call is "Sam Williams."