

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.

An earthquake was felt at Batna, Algeria, Sunday, says a dispatch to the London Daily Mail. A girl was killed by the collapse of a house and several buildings were damaged.

Howard Ross, Arthur Tinby and Herbert Gilbert, each 5 years old, were drowned at Iowa City, Ia., Tuesday, when the ice on Willow creek gave way with them. They were playing on the ice.

Submarine No. 43 of the Japanese navy collided Tuesday with the warship Tatsuwa ten miles outside Sasebo harbor and suddenly sunk in 26 fathoms of water. Four officers and 49 men were aboard. Rescue work is proceeding.

A bill authorizing the expenditure of \$7,500,000 for the improvement of roads and trails, inclusive of bridges in the national parks and monuments, under jurisdiction of the interior department, was passed by the house Monday and sent to the senate.

Portland holds 11th place among the cities of the United States in postal savings deposits, according to information received by Postmaster Jones from Washington, D. C. Deposits in Portland office total approximately \$1,250,000, Mr. Jones said.

Its central location, virtual hub of railway systems of the country, ample hotels and market advantages are said by the Chicago Association of Commerce to be contributing factors toward Chicago having become the leading convention city of the United States.

Chinese co-eds are hobbing their hair as a result of seeing pictures of American girls, writes Walter Belt, 1920 graduate in pharmacy, to his sister, Mary Belt, sophomore at the Oregon Agricultural college. Mr. Belt is teaching in the Canton Christian college, Canton, China.

Efforts to secure the repeal of section 28 of the merchant marine act, which provides that lower railroad rates may be granted on exports and imports carried to or from foreign countries in American ships, was authorized by the directors of the San Francisco chamber of commerce Monday.

The New Jersey legislature adjourned Saturday after republican senators had attacked Governor Silzer, democrat, for presidential aspirations. The occasion for the attack was a message from the governor urging the legislature not to adjourn until it had done "something for the relief of the people."

O. P. Hoff, Oregon state treasurer and member of the state board of control, died Tuesday morning at the Emanuel hospital following a lingering illness. Mr. Hoff, who was 55 years of age, had occupied the post of state treasurer since 1918 and previous to this had served for 15 years as labor commissioner.

Secretary Hughes, who has objected to several features of the pending immigration bill, has advised congress that his department would approve a rewording of the proposed amendment applying to Asiatics so as to admit to this country "an alien entitled to enter the United States under the provisions of an existing treaty." Previously a broader wording had been suggested.

Selection of Curtis D. Wilbur, chief justice of the supreme court of California, to succeed Edwin Denby as secretary of the navy was approved Tuesday by the senate in an executive session of less than 10 minutes. There was said to have been no debate on the nomination and no rollcall asked when the motion that he be confirmed was made by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader.

A suit for \$25,000,000 from the Shell Oil companies for alleged patent infringement in the recovery of oil from sands and shale was filed in the United States district court Saturday by Frank Navin of Los Angeles, an inventor of oil recovery processes. According to Phillips S. Khrlich, attorney for Navin, the suit is the first of 100 or more to be filed against oil companies in the United States on like grounds, which will demand the return of hundreds of millions of dollars to Navin.

GERMAN RELIEF IS VOTED

Congress Appropriates \$10,000,000 for Starving People.

Washington, D. C. — Disregarding party lines, the house Monday night adopted a resolution to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the purchase of food supplies for destitute women and children in Germany.

Sent to the senate by a vote of 249 to 97, the measure stipulated that the foodstuffs were to be bought in the United States and transported to Germany in shipping board vessels.

Three hours were devoted to debate, after which a score of amendments were offered. Only one, by Representative Jones, democrat of Texas, which provided that the supplies should be purchased wherever possible through farmers' organizations, was adopted, 165 to 68.

A amendment by Representative Fitzgerald, republican, Ohio, would have sought to prevent expenditure of any of the appropriations until a soldier bonus bill was enacted into law. It was thrown out on a point of order while an amendment by Representative Underhill, republican, Massachusetts, to withhold the appropriation until the German government spends an equal amount for the same purpose, was rejected, 103 to 84.

Representative Fish, republican, New York, author of the resolution, and an ex-serviceman, led the fight for adoption, while Representative Conally, democrat, Texas, directed the attack against the measure.

Representative Burton, republican Ohio, declared the resolution to be constitutional, while an opposite view was taken by Representative Tucker, democrat, Virginia. The Ohio member said it afforded an opportunity for "charity" and needed relief. Mr. Tucker insisted it would tend to consolidate the German vote, but would mean nothing as a relief measure because but 2 1/2 cents per day was available for each of Germany's 2,500,000 children.

The resolution, Representative McKown, democrat, Oklahoma, said attempts to excuse the United States "lack of a foreign policy" and instead of relief, France should be made to adopt "a proper course" towards Germany or "pay her debt to the United States." On the contrary, Representative La Guardia, republican, New York, declared the bill would do "more good in five minutes than the league of nations in five years."

A warm appeal for the resolution was made by Representative Cooper, republican, Wisconsin, who said that although Germany might have sufficient food, it was destitute of money with which to purchase it.

PACT WITH JAPAN SCORED BY HOUSE

Washington, D. C.—Immediate cancellation of the gentlemen's agreement with Japan regarding immigration would be justified, in the opinion of the house immigration committee, which Monday submitted a formal report of the Johnson immigration bill modified to meet some of the objections to its provisions, raised by Secretary Hughes.

The committee agreed to give wider latitude for the admission of Japanese coming to this country for business purposes but declined to yield on its contention that aliens, generally, who were ineligible for citizenship, should not be permitted to enter.

Asserting that terms of the "gentlemen's agreement" never have been disclosed, the committee said it gives Japan, instead of the American congress, control over Japanese immigrants. While it has been in force, it was added, the Japanese population in the United States has steadily increased.

In its endeavor to find a solution of the question, the committee declared it had been handicapped by a "lack of information" as to the provisions of the gentlemen's agreement, access to which cannot be had without Japan's consent.

MacDonald for Parley.

London.—Premier MacDonald told a questioner in the house of commons Monday that he had no information concerning reports that the United States house of representatives had asked President Coolidge to call another conference for consideration of naval disarmament, except what he read in the newspapers. "Until the proposal, if there is one, is in my hands," he asserted, "I cannot say what I could do beyond welcoming it."

Reds Would Sign Pact.

Geneva.—Soviet Russia has notified the secretariat of the league of nations that she will sign the mutual guarantee pact and disarmament treaty recommended to all the powers by the last league assembly. The only other nations that have replied are Belgium, Finland and Estonia, which accepted.

RATE CUT FIGHT ON STOCK BEGUN

Cattle Raisers and Shippers Present Evidence.

5 ROADS DEFENDANTS

Approximate Reduction of \$15 Car Is Asked—Lines' Side of Case to Be Presented.

Portland, Or. — Cattle raisers and shippers of the Pacific northwest Saturday began their fight for lower freight rates on stock shipments from the producing centers to distributing and consumption centers on the coast.

Formal hearing of their complaint was started before W. H. Wagner, examiner of the interstate commerce commission. The complainants are the Cattle & Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, Northwest Livestock Shippers' Traffic league and Portland livestock exchange. Intervening with them are the public utilities commission of Idaho, the Idaho Wool Growers' association, the Cattle & Horse Growers' association of Oregon and the Oregon Wool Growers' association.

Arthur M. Geary, as attorney for the complainants, is conducting the case for the growers and shippers. The railroads against which the action has been brought are the Northern Pacific, Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, Oregon Short Line railroad and the Spokane, Portland and Seattle railway.

The approximate reduction asked, although the voluminous tariffs show considerable variation, amounts to about \$15 a car on shipments from Idaho and eastern Oregon to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Additional new rates are asked, including a double deck rate on hogs from eastern Oregon, which it is said would save from \$60 to \$70 a car, a reduction of from \$30 to \$40 a car on the double deck rate on hogs from Idaho and the establishment of rates for diversified farmers providing for a deck of sheep above a deck of hogs or above a deck of calves.

Evidence was introduced to show the high cost of production and the heavy freight rates paid by the livestock industry.

Samuel L. Newton, rate expert of the public utilities commission of Idaho, during the morning hearing presented a detailed study of the traffic situation. He testified to the material volume of shipments and based his figures mainly on the Oregon Short Line railroad, taken as an example for conditions existing on the other lines.

He contended that the cost of shipments on the lines under fire, from the interior points to Salt Lake and points in Colorado, is considerably less than the rate charged on shipments to the Pacific coast, although the distance is the same and the comparative conditions of haul equal. The eastbound rates, he showed, average about \$20 a car above the rates to Portland, Seattle and Tacoma.

Tariff Increase Asked.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge was urged by the Washington state delegation in the house Saturday to increase the tariff duty on sodium nitrate under the authority conferred upon him in the flexible provision of the Fordney-McCumber tariff act.

The tariff commission recently completed an investigation of the duty on sodium nitrate as the result of an application for the maximum 50 per cent increase possible under the flexible provision made by the American Nitrogen Products company of Seattle. Submission of a report to the president has been withheld pending the outcome of mandamus proceedings directed against the commission by the Norwegian Nitrogen Products company.

House Gets Flood Bill.

Washington, D. C.—A bill directing preliminary examination of the Columbia river from Martins bluff to the mouth of the Lewis river, with a view to flood control, has been introduced by Representative Thomas D. Scheff, chairman of the house committee on flood control.

The project was placed before the committee by Representative Albert Johnson of the southwestern Washington district.

Senate Mostly Absent.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Curtis of Kansas had the senate all to himself for a while Saturday. When the gavel fell calling the body to order, he was the only member present. It was 15 minutes before insistent ringing of call bells dragged enough senators away from other engagements to make a quorum.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—The city council will hold a special meeting this week to consider the new tariff filed by the Salem Street Railway company, looking to an increase in the city fares from 6 to 7 cents.

Forest Grove.—Earwigs are reported to have appeared here and steps will be taken to eradicate the pest which has wrought so much havoc in the larger cities.

Salem.—The Malheur Railroad company, which is constructing a line between Burns and Seneca, has notified the public service commission that it has withdrawn its application for a certificate of convenience and necessity. The railroad will confine its activities to interstate commerce.

Haines.—It has become known that many homestead land entries within the La Grande district, of which Baker county and the Haines community are a part, have lately become vacant and reverted to the government. These lands are again subject to homestead filing under the various acts of congress.

Baker.—Interest in the old Oregon Trail is becoming stronger and stronger among citizens of cities and towns along the trail in Idaho, according to Walter E. Meacham, president of the Old Oregon Trail association, who returned to his headquarters here from another speaking tour in the gem state.

Salem.—Members of the state tax commission, through I. H. VanWinkle, attorney-general, have filed in the Marion county circuit court here a demurrer to the complaint in the suit brought by the Standard Lumber company to test the constitutionality of the state income tax law now in operation in Oregon.

Salem.—Baker, Kelly & McLaughlin, who have been heavy dealers in strawberries during past seasons, this year will barrel more than 200 tons, as against 200 tons last season. This was announced by officials of the corporation here. The work of barreling the berries will require about six weeks, and more than 150 persons will be employed.

Oregon City.—The Oregon Iron & Steel company has sold to Antone Schleich, a dairyman, 150 acres of land near Stafford, Clackamas county. The new owner has begun clearing the land and will plant it to orchard. For some time Mr. Schleich has operated a large dairy on the Iron Mountain farm near Oswego, but this farm is to be converted into a golf course.

Forest Grove.—Prune growers of Washington county will meet at the Knights of Pythias hall in this city this week to discuss the marketing situation and hear prominent growers, bankers and officials of the Oregon Growers' Co-operative association on the proposed new organization of prune growers. The Forest Grove chamber of commerce is back of the movement.

Salem.—The Oregon Short Line Railroad company has filed with the public service commission application to establish tri-weekly service on its Ontario-Brogan branch. Under the present schedule daily service is now being maintained on this line. In event the application is approved there will be round-trip service on the Ontario-Brogan branch on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Brownsville.—Another Fourth of July celebration with round-up, parades, games and races will be held at the little town of Crawfordville, situated about seven miles above Brownsville. The celebration will last two days, July 4 and 5. Officers elected last week were Duncan McKercher, president; Elmer J. Henderson, secretary; J. G. Dennis, treasurer; Grant Pirtle, Mac Moss, I. E. Wimer, James Smith and Walter E. Frum, directors.

Forest Grove.—Porter C. Starrett, local contractor and builder, was the successful bidder on the construction of the new Masonic temple, the contract for which was let here Saturday. His bid was \$16,267. The plumbing went to Norman Armes, Forest Grove, at \$802.35; the heating was secured by Rushlight & Hastorf, Portland, at \$1825, and the wiring was awarded to R. C. Walker, local electrician, for \$400. The building bids varied from \$16,267 to \$22,800.

Pendleton.—Will Wyrick, who has 3000 acres of wheat in the Nolin district, declared Saturday that his Jenkins wheat has been damaged some by the heavy frosts that have prevailed lately. The wheat is a spring variety that was planted last fall, and the mild weather of this winter has caused it to make a growth which farmers say is phenomenal. The wheat is now in the joint. Mr. Wyrick declared that he cannot estimate the exact damage, but that the plants were severely nipped.

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