

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.

General Michael V. Alexieff has been definitely appointed commander-in-chief of the Russian armies. He was appointed acting commander-in-chief a few weeks ago.

Eight men of undetermined nationality were arrested by San Bernardino County, Cal., authorities charged with having damaged a United States U-boat chaser that was being shipped by freight.

John D. Rockefeller's Pocantico Hills estate of 6000 acres is to be transformed into a vegetable garden for the benefit of the residents of Tarrytown, it is announced by Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

The senate adopted a resolution Tuesday by Senator Owen expressing its approval of President Wilson's proclamation to the people calling on all for war service. This action was taken without debate.

The government has saved \$850,000 on cartridge cases bought for the navy under the new agreement made with copper producers by Bernard Baruch, of the advisory commission of the Council of National Defense.

A British steamer reports that she engaged in a running fight with a submarine while off the coast of Ireland on a westbound trans-Atlantic trip recently. The steamer escaped in a smoke screen which she threw out when the chase started.

A special service will be held in Manchester, England, Cathedral Friday "to invoke a divine benediction on the strengthened ties between Great Britain and the United States." The Lord Mayor will attend in his official capacity as representative of the city.

President Menocal, of Cuba, has announced in Havana that the entire Cuban army of 25,000 men will be placed at the orders of the United States government for service throughout the war with Germany, according to Eduardo R. Mendez, a Cuban sugar planter.

Representative Britten, of Illinois, has introduced a resolution that exemption of married men from military duty under any future compulsory service legislation shall not apply to those married after April 1 this year, except under a special order by the secretary of War.

The German legation and consulate at Buenos Ayres, have been attacked by a mob, as have the newspapers Deutsche La Plata Zeitung and La Union. The windows of the buildings were broken. The police dispersed the manifestants, making numerous arrests. The editor of the German newspaper was wounded, as were several of the demonstrators.

The Uruguayan government has issued a decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany.

It is decided in Paris that the Lafayette flying squadron, composed of Americans who have distinguished themselves at the front, will change from the French to the American military uniform. Hereafter they will carry the American flag at the French front.

The Norwegian Shipping Gazette gives the total Norwegian losses to March 24 as 312 steamers of a tonnage of 493,143 and 80 ships of a tonnage of 65,357, as a result of submarines and mines. The number of men and women who perished is given as 312 and the missing as 25.

Lady Walnut Hill, of Lexington, Ky., a pullet in the Federal egg-laying contest, failed Friday to continue her remarkable cycle. The pullet the day before laid her 94th consecutive egg. This is 12 eggs more than the previous known world's record of 82 eggs made in a Missouri egg-laying contest.

A letter from Miss Pauline Jordan, of Haverhill, Mass., who went with a Red Cross party to Bucharest last November, brought the information that she had been imprisoned by the Germans. She wrote that she had been placed in a basement, which was bitterly cold, and was provided with only a little food.

The strike that recently was declared in 60 vaudeville theaters throughout the country by the White Rats Actors' union and Associated Actresses of America, has been suspended by the unions.

Rioting in several towns in Bulgaria is reported in a dispatch from the French headquarters in the Macedonian front. In Sofia German cavalry is said to have charged the rioters, causing many casualties. In some cases, the dispatch reports Bulgarian troops have taken sides with the manifestants.

WARNS OF TREASON

President Wilson Makes Proclamation Defining Offenses Against United States—Penalties are Severe.

Washington, D. C.—All persons in the United States, citizens and aliens, are warned in a proclamation issued Tuesday by President Wilson that treasonable acts or attempts to shield those committing such acts will be vigorously prosecuted by the government.

The proclamation defines treason, citing statutes, provisions of the constitution and decisions of the courts, and declares that the acts described will be regarded as treasonable whether committed within the borders of the United States or elsewhere.

Far-reaching importance attaches to the direction of the warning to aliens and the declaration that resident aliens, as well as citizens, owe allegiance to the United States, "and therefore are equally subject to the laws against treason and like crimes."

At war, the United States is in a very different position from a neutral. Bomb plotters may now be gripped with an iron hand. Not only are conspirators themselves subject to heavy penalties, but anyone, even a German resident, who has knowledge of treasonable acts and fails to make known the facts to the authorities, may be sent to prison for seven years and fined \$1000 for concealment of treason.

100 Cars of Wheat to Leave Northwest Warehouses Daily

For a time about 100 carloads of wheat will leave the Northwest each day for the Atlantic seaboard, destined for the allies in Europe, the initial railroad lines having agreed to give foodstuffs right of way and the quickest possible dispatch.

It is said the unprecedented action on the part of the railroads was brought about by influence of the British and American governments, the former having demonstrated to authorities at Washington the imperative need of hurrying wheat supplies without delay. They in turn enlisted the aid of the railroad heads.

Purchases by the British government have been exceptionally heavy of late, and while they bought in large amounts before, much wheat remained stored in warehouses in the interior because of the inability of shippers to obtain cars. Furthermore, because of the congestion in the East, cars have been blocked en route and it has proved difficult to keep the movement regular so that vessels held at Atlantic Coast ports could be loaded for Europe.

Germans Lose 4,180,966.

London—German casualties, as reported in the German official lists for the month of March, total 54,803 men, according to a statement made public here.

The statement says that the March casualties, added to those reported previously, bring the total given in the German official lists since the beginning of the war to 4,180,966, as follows: Killed or died of wounds, 960,760; died of sickness, 63,920; prisoners or missing, 512,858; wounded, 2,643,428.

Carranza Forces Near Border.

Calexico, Cal.—Two hundred Carranza soldiers, with an airplane and machine guns, are encamped at the mouth of the Colorado river, opposite La Bolsa, Lower California, 60 miles southeast of here, according to a man who arrived Sunday. He reported the Mexican gunboat Guerrero had returned to Guaymas, after being in the upper part of the Gulf of California several days, but it was not known whether the mission of the vessel was to bring in reinforcements as had been reported.

Villa Again Disappears.

Juarez—Francisco Villa, with his characteristic cunning, is believed to have slipped out of the trap carefully laid by General Francisco Murguia to capture him in Western Chihuahua.

General Murguia was at El Valle, south of Casas Grandes, Monday, and his scouts have been unable to locate Villa and his forces in the Namiquipa district, where he was reported to have gone following the fight at San Andres on April 3.

John D.'s Brother Dies.

Cleveland, Ohio—Frank Rockefeller, 72, youngest brother of John D. Rockefeller, died Sunday. He was not on speaking terms with his brother, John D., as a result of a quarrel they had years ago.

Frank Rockefeller was a brother of John D. and William A. Rockefeller, and was for many years associated with them in the oil business, but was not as widely known as they.

6000 Canadians is Cost.

Ottawa, Ont.—Estimates of Canadian losses around Vimy, based on good authority, place the casualties from the commencement of the Vimy offensive until Tuesday night at between 5000 and 6000. Three hundred and thirty Canadian officers fell last week on Vimy ridge, according to the information. The totals include killed and wounded, with the latter dominating.

Farmers Are Summoned.

Sacramento, Cal.—At the recommendation of the state council of defense, Governor Stephens has issued a proclamation calling upon producers and distributors of foodstuffs to set aside their usual occupations and attend a series of conferences to be held April 28.

'NO MEAL TICKETS FOR AMERICA'

Is Slogan of National League for Women's Service, Which Urges Food Production by Women. Oregon, Washington and Idaho to Help Meet Great Needs.

With the food supply problem becoming serious, the National League for Woman's Service is appealing to every woman to enter the service of her country by practicing economy in her home. Further, through its agricultural division, the league is laying plans to increase the crops by organizing home-garden efforts wherever women can be taught to utilize available space for growing the most needed of foodstuffs.

"No meal tickets for America" is the slogan, and the league is prepared to send out printed suggestions as to how women can help to obviate any need of putting our population on government-ordered rations.

"The woman in the home can help, for example, by saving the water in which she boils her vegetables," said Miss Grace Parker, national commandant of the league. "This water contains nutritious juices and makes very good soups and sauces—only a slight economy, but very worth while when we consider what the women of other countries have done to solve their food problems."

"She can help still further by preserving and canning more than formerly, so helping to save the general stock of food, which will be depleted as a result of the reduction of food-producing activities by service at the front or in the industries."

The National League for Woman's Service, with headquarters in New York City, now has hundreds of thousands of women enrolled through scores of co-operating organizations in 34 states, and is working in conjunction with the National Council of Defense and the department of Labor in urging the women of the country to increase and conserve the nation's food supply.

Here are some of the striking points emphasized by the league:

Bread and bullets are equally essential. A nation fights on its stomach. Victory depends on the food supply. Every woman can serve her country effectively by helping to solve the food supply problem, which is already becoming acute.

Plant a kitchen garden; encourage your neighbors to do likewise. Avoid waste in buying, preparing, cooking, and serving.

Do without food that you don't need. Observance of these simple rules on the part of American housewives will obviate the necessity of government-issued meal tickets.

Call at the local branch of the National League for Woman's Service for directions as to how you can co-operate.

State of Idaho to Raise Crops—Idle Acres Bloom

Boise—Governor Alexander has asked B. Harvey Allred, director of the farm markets bureau, to direct the planting of vacant grounds owned by the state in the vicinity of state charitable and penal institutions to crops this spring.

The asylum at Blackfoot has 4000 acres of land that can be cultivated; the state penitentiary has 1000 acres of uncultivated and in the Gem district farm, and the institution for the feeble-minded at Nampa and the state sanitarium at Orofino both have large tracts of land that the governor wants cropped.

If necessary, said the governor in his letter to the head of the farm markets bureau, the state should provide seed for planting purposes and the teams with which to cultivate its vacant lands at the institutions.

Washington Urged by Secretary to Plant More Wheat

Farmers of the spring wheat belt of Washington, Montana and Idaho are called upon by Secretary Houston to plant more wheat immediately to make up the serious shortage threatened by the unpromising condition of the winter wheat crop.

Action at once is imperative, said the secretary, and the best opportunities will be found in the regions in which spring wheat already is produced extensively.

"Attempts to increase the acreage of spring wheat outside the present spring wheat belt, on the other hand, might prove less successful, because of a lack of familiarity by farmers with the crop," continued the statement, "and especially because of the difficulty of obtaining harvesting machinery."

Wilson Behind the Hoe.

Washington, D. C.—The White house is about to join the increased food production movement with a garden, in which President Wilson may wield a hoe when he finds a spare moment. With the approval of Secretary Tumulty Whitehouse employees obtained permission to use for gardening purposes a half acre of vacant land in down town Washington. The assistance of the department of Agriculture will be asked in selecting seed for the land, and there will be a formal breaking of ground.

ery and the added likelihood of the crop suffering for a lack of labor at harvest time.

"A concentration of large crop production will make possible the more effective utility of labor, whether the laborers assemble individually or under a directing agency."

"The bulk of spring wheat of the United States is grown in five states, North Dakota, Minnesota, South Dakota, Washington and Montana. While production is relatively small in the remaining states, a number of communities exist in each of these states in which the growing of spring wheat is well established. Such communities, like those in the principal spring wheat growing states, offer good fields for the extension of the spring wheat acreage."

"Seeding is already under way throughout the greater portion of the spring wheat belt, but in many sections it should be possible to increase appreciably the area seeded to wheat during the next few weeks. Where such increase would interfere with the conduct of an established industry, such as dairying, it would of course be inadvisable."

Oregon Leagues Busy For More Food—Railroads Help

Oregon is going to do its share to meet President Wilson's appeal for bigger crops, more food, thrift and economy.

The Oregon Patriotic Service League has taken official cognizance of the President's message to the people of the nation and will endeavor to spread the doctrine broadcast through the state.

Orders were issued to have 5000 copies of the special message, together with the same number of copies of President Wilson's classic war message, printed and distributed to the farmers. They will be sent to the head of every grange in Oregon.

In addition to this, people in the cities and small rural communities will be asked to turn their back yards and idle acres into gardens.

The season is late and immediate action is necessary. Every piece of land that can be farmed must be farmed this year, says H. H. Ward, president of the league, who is pushing the campaign with vigor.

Governor Withycombe has issued a personal appeal to residents of the state asking them to join in the movement.

He wants every boy and girl in Oregon to do something in the patriotic cause of increasing the state's food production. The children should be employed, during vacation season, in cultivating back yards and gardens, he says.

The government reports on the winter wheat crop show it to be far below normal—only 63 per cent. Unless conditions improve in the next few weeks this means that the country will be short millions of bushels this year. Even if the spring wheat crop is above normal the price will be distressingly high.

The high price of wheat is expected to stimulate the farmers to increased energy. They will sow bigger acreages of spring wheat, but the total crop of the Northwest threatens to be exceedingly short.

The railroads have come to the support of the campaign by offering free use of their right of way and other lands, not otherwise utilized, by people who want to farm them in accordance with the President's appeal.

The O.-W. R. & N. company, the North Bank system, and the Portland Railway, Light & Power company have offered their property to their own respective employees, but if it is not taken up by employees it will be offered to the general public.

The Laurelhurst district in Portland has been particularly active in this connection. Some time ago officials of the Laurelhurst Club opened a "clearing house" for lot owners and persons desiring to use the lots. As a result more than 1200 lots will be cultivated. A few more are available and can be procured by deserving persons who are willing to use them.

So that there will be no conflict of purpose in the conservation work of the state, efforts are being made to direct all such activity through the offices of the Oregon Patriotic Service League, which maintains branches in many cities and towns of Oregon and which hopes to organize in others.

Forest Reserves Add to Food Supply.

North Yakima, Wash.—G. F. Allen, supervisor of the Rainier national forest, is organizing co-operative cattle associations among stockmen with the object of making the grass in the forest reserves available to the greatest extent possible and by that means increasing the number of cattle which will be fattened for market. Stockmen with only a few animals are joining these associations and their stock will be sent to the reserves, the government dealing in all matters of business with the association officers.

ALL ASKED TO HELP

President Wilson Appeals to Every Man, Woman and Child, to Aid U. S. Increase Production.

Washington, D. C.—In a personal appeal addressed Sunday night to his fellow countrymen, President Wilson calls on every American citizen—man, woman and child, to join together to make the Nation a unit for the preservation of its ideals and for triumph of democracy in the world war.

"The supreme test of the Nation has come," says the address. "We must all speak, act and serve together."

Putting the Navy on a war footing and raising a great Army are the simplest parts of the great task ahead, the President declares.

He urges all the people, with particular emphasis on his words to the farmers, to concentrate their energies, practice economy, prove unselfishness and demonstrate efficiency. The address in part follows:

"My fellow countrymen: "The entrance of our beloved country into the grim and terrible war for democracy and human rights which had shaken the world, creates so many problems of National life and action which call for immediate consideration and settlement that I hope you will permit me to address to you a few words of earnest counsel and appeal with regard to them."

"We are fighting for what we believe and wish to be the rights of mankind and for the future peace and security of the world."

"To do this great thing worthily and successfully, we must devote ourselves to the service without regard to profit or material advantage and with an energy and intelligence that will rise to the level of the enterprise itself. We must realize to the full how great the task and how many things, how many kinds and elements of capacity and service and self-sacrifice it involves. "We must supply abundant food for ourselves and for our armies and our seamen not only, but also for a large part of the nations with whom we have now made common cause, in whose support and by whose sides we shall be fighting."

"Thousands, nay, hundreds of thousands of men otherwise liable to military service will of right and necessity be excused from that service and assigned to the fundamental, sustaining work of the fields and factories and mines, and they will be as much a part of the great patriotic forces of the nation as the men under fire."

"I take the liberty, therefore, of addressing this word to the farmers of the country and to all who work on the farms: The supreme need of our own nation and the nations with which we are co-operating is an abundance of supplies, and especially of foodstuffs. The importance of an adequate food supply, especially for the present year, is superlative. Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the people at war, the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will break down and fail. The world's food reserves are low."

"This let me say to the middlemen of every sort, whether they are handling our foodstuffs or our raw materials of manufacture or the products of our mills and factories: The eyes of the country will be especially upon you. This is your opportunity for signal service, efficient and disinterested. The country expects you, as it expects all others, to forego unusual profits, to organize and expedite shipments of supplies of every kind, but especially of food, with an eye to the service you are rendering and in the spirit of those who enlist in the ranks, for their people, not for themselves, I shall confidently expect you to deserve and win the confidence of people of every sort and station."

German Attack on Hindenburg Line Fails; 1500 Dead on Field

London—Fifteen hundred German dead were left in front of the British positions after the unsuccessful attack delivered early Sunday morning by strong German forces along a six-mile front, on the Bapaume-Cambrai road, according to the official report from Field Marshal Haig.

The British gained further ground in their advance upon both St. Quentin and Lens.

"The enemy is still in his machine gun redoubts in some places, these are only rear guards, for the main body has retreated," says a dispatch.

Tree Kills Youth Walking With Girl.

Eugene, Or.—Sidney Leroy Barnes, aged 18, while gathering wild flowers in company with a girl companion at Pingree, near Lowell, Lane county, was instantly killed by a falling snag from a dead tree Sunday. The young man was employed at the Gibson sawmill. Barnes and Miss Neva Grace Gibson, aged 17, daughter of the owner of the mill, had gone but a short distance in the woods when the top of the tree came crashing down. The trunk of the tree, 14 inches thick, struck Barnes squarely on the head.

Anti-Plot Bill Favored.

Washington, D. C.—The senate bill imposing a maximum penalty of \$10,000 fine, 30 years' imprisonment, or both, on "whoever in the United States, during time of war, shall wilfully injure or destroy by fire, or by use of explosives, or by other violent means, or shall attempt to injure or destroy any war material, war premises or any war utilities, building or other United States property," was favorably reported to the house.

RUSSIA PROMISES NEVER TO YIELD

Dispels All Fear That Socialists May Force Separate Peace.

WASHINGTON EASIER

Workingmen Are Going Back to Shops and Soldiers Falling in Line to Renew Campaign in Field.

Washington, D. C.—Assurances reached Washington Thursday that under no conditions that are now conceivable will the provisional government of Russia yield to the overtures from German and Austrian socialistic representatives to negotiate a separate peace.

The entente embassies with this assurance before them, frankly confessed great relief. The gathering of socialists at Stockholm, known to be fomented by Germans and Austrians, was looked upon with dread and suspicion, and it was feared that cunning appeals to the altruistic principles of socialism, the universal brotherhood of working men and such considerations, might force the provisional government to consent to a separate peace to terminate the war.

It is now learned from an authoritative source that these apprehensions and misgivings were based on misunderstanding of the aims of the extreme socialist element in Russia and of the real strength of the provisional government. So far from contemplating any peace on the basis of existing governments, the advanced Russian socialists want to carry their democratizing ideas by force into the enemy countries, and to appeal to their brother socialists in Austria and Germany to rise in revolt, overturn the monarchies and establish true socialistic republics in their places.

This movement is reported gathering strength rapidly in Russia among the soldiers and workingmen. The former are falling in line again to renew the campaign in the East and the workingmen are going back to their shops to turn out shot and shell and powder on the greatest possible scale. From every quarter comes assurances of support for the provisional government.

Rehabilitation of the crippled Russian railways by a corps of more than 500 trained American railroad men will be the early result of an appeal to the President from several of Russia's ablest engineers. The new government thus will be strengthened against the pressure to make a separate peace with Germany.

Plans to lend the Russian government some \$2,000,000,000 out of the new \$5,000,000,000 war bond issue have already been formulated, but American aid is to go still further and make effective the expenditure of the great sums of money the new Russian democracy is to receive from the United States.

T. R. May Become General.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in a statement Thursday night declared that in furtherance of his plan to lead an army division to France "it may be that conditions will become such as to make it wise" for him to accept a commission as major general of the National Guard of New York offered by Governor Whitman.

His preference, however, he said, would be to raise a division of United States volunteers similar to the troops he commanded in Cuba during the Spanish-American war.

America Censors Letters.

San Francisco—Uncle Sam's censorship of mail has begun. The first American censored letter to arrive in San Francisco came to a local newspaper accompanied by 50 cents for a month's subscription. It was written aboard a government warship. The envelope bore the imprint, "Passed by censor," and the postmark on the outside of the envelope, as well as the date line indicating the whereabouts of his ship, were blotted out.

U-Boat Carries Disguise.

New York—A German submarine disguised as a sailing ship, carrying three masts, was sighted by the British steamship Southern Down on April 3 when about 300 miles west of Lisbon. For two hours the British freighter was chased, escaping capture or destruction through her superior speed, according to officers of the Southern Down on arrival of the vessel Thursday at an American port.

Railway May Offer Land.

San Francisco—The Southern Pacific railroad, it has become known, is considering a plan to aid the campaign to increase the country's food supply by which it would permit farmers, rent free, to use its agricultural lands. Many millions of acres are held by the railroad along its right of way.

Britain to Fly U. S. Flag.

London—The American flag will fly from the great Victoria tower of the Houses of Parliament on Friday, this being the first time in history that any but the British flag has flown there. The sale of American flags in London has been enormous, many dealers being sold out.