

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.

To Twohy Bros., of Portland, has been awarded a contract for immediate construction of 300 freight cars for the Southern Pacific.

The scarcity of bread and potatoes has caused an outbreak of rioting in Lisbon. Mobs attacked several stores, but order was restored by the police.

A German airplane dropped bombs on the railroad station at Kishinev, capital of the province of Besarabia, Russia. A soldier and two children were killed and five workmen injured.

Mrs. Mary Louise Hull, wife of Representative Harry E. Hull, of Iowa, died in Washington Tuesday night after taking poison tablets which she thought were headache pills. She was 46 years old.

Secretary Daniels has addressed a letter to Speaker Clark urging that legislation prohibiting the sale of intoxicating beverages to soldiers, incorporated in the army bill, be extended to cover the navy.

A considerable number of mine sweepers are to be added at once to the naval establishment. Secretary Daniels conferred with private builders on plans for getting the craft turned out without delay.

The \$22,000 gold brick stolen two months ago from the Chichagoff Island Mining company, which operates a mine on Chichagoff Island, Alaska, has been discovered hidden near the company store from which it was taken.

A Copenhagen dispatch to London says that since the beginning of the war Denmark has lost 150 ships through submarines or mines. The destruction of the ships has been accompanied by the deaths of 210 Danish seamen.

Berlin now is feeling the potato shortage. The residents of the capital have been warned that it may be impossible to supply five pounds to everybody this week, but that those who are unable to obtain the full ration will receive cakes.

President Wilson has expressed his approval of the daylight saving plan. The delegation to the White House was headed by Representative Borland, of Missouri, and Marcus Marks, of New York, president of the National Daylight Saving association.

"Doing their bit" to help the government increase the food supply, the Utah Wool Growers' association issued a proclamation ordering that all female sheep be conserved for another year. By this action, it was said, the sheep flocks will be increased one-third.

The Italian commission to the United States, headed by Prince Udine and including William Marconi and several other distinguished Italians, has safely crossed the Atlantic and soon will be in Washington to begin conferences with American officials and the Italian ambassador.

A brass attachment of the powder charge, striking the water and returning boomerang-fashion back nearly 200 feet after the firing of a naval gun in the target practice, killed Mrs. Edith Ayres and Miss Helen Burnett Wood, Red Cross nurses of Chicago, who lost their lives Monday aboard the American steamship Mongolia.

Presiding Judge Martin, of Common Pleas court of Philadelphia, signed a decree authorizing the removal of Harry K. Thaw to the Pennsylvania hospital for the insane.

To allay apprehension of Mexicans in this country near the border that they might be drafted into the United States army, the government has issued a denial of any such intention.

According to the best information obtainable, President Wilson, following the signing of the conscription army bill, will offer Colonel Roosevelt a commission as brigadier general in the army.

H. J. Herrin, of Wolf Creek, Montana, and Philip Chevalier, near Johns, have contracted to sell their 1917 wool clips for 52 cents a pound. This is as high as any price ever received for wool in this district.

Assurances of the closest co-operation by the military forces of the United States with those of Cuba will be carried to Havana by the Cuban commissioners, who have concluded their work at Washington and left for home.

The British prime minister has sent a letter to John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, outlining the government's project for the settlement of the home rule question. He asked Mr. Redmond to state his views on the government's suggestions, that the government may be able to consider the matter at once.

ENGINEERS MOBILIZE

American Lake to Be Scene of Gathering and Perfecting of Eighth Reserve Regiment of Coast.

San Francisco—The Eighth Reserve Engineer Regiment, now organizing on the Pacific Coast, will mobilize at American Lake, near Tacoma, Wash., about June 1, it was announced here Wednesday by Lieutenant Colonel James B. Cavanaugh, its commander.

The Eighth Engineers will be one of nine regiments of railroad experts and workers which will be among the first American military organizations to go to France. They will aid in the operation and rehabilitation of existing French roads and the building of others.

Notification that American Lake had been selected as the mobilization camp came from Washington. Immediately afterward Lieutenant Colonel Cavanaugh announced that he would call the men June 1. If the regiment is not recruited to its required strength by then, others will be enlisted later. It is the only volunteer organization now forming on this coast.

The Eighth regiment will consist of two battalions of three companies each. It will number more than 1000 men. One battalion is being organized in the Northwest and another in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The southern battalion lacks about 300 men of being full now. Track and bridge foremen, bridge carpenters and track laborers are most needed now, it was said. A few stenographers also are wanted.

U-BOAT PROBLEM IS SOLVED

Hudson Maxim Declares Appliance for Protection of Vessels is Invented.

New York—Hudson Maxim announced Wednesday that he had invented and perfected a device which will make ships immune from the dangers of the submarine. He said that torpedoes, even when fired at close range and striking their targets, would explode harmlessly against the hulls of their intended victims.

The inventor made the announcement at a luncheon given in Brooklyn. He asserted that the invention soon will be demonstrated by the government which already had been advised of the details.

"The invention is practical for every type of vessel," he said. "It can be applied within a few months at a comparatively cheap price to the hulls of ships already constructed. The only change necessary in vessels already built will be a slight enlargement in their beams.

"My device is solid material and encircles the entire ship from the bow to the stern. It in no sense or manner resembles either a screen or net."

HIGH BRAZILIAN FAVORS WAR

Traditional Policy is Declared to Be Complete Unity With U. S.

Rio de Janeiro—President Braz has sent a message to congress recommending the revocation of the decree of neutrality in the war between the United States and Germany. Congress is expected to accept the recommendation by a large majority.

The message declares that the order to the Brazilian authorities enjoining the observance of neutrality was only intended to have effect until congress met. It continues:

"Today, in consideration of the fact that the United States is an integral part of the American Union; in consideration also of the traditional policy of Brazil, which has always been governed by a complete unity of view with the United States, and, finally, in consideration of the sympathies of a great majority of the Brazilian nation, the administration invites congress to revoke the decree of neutrality."

Relief Ship Chartered.

New York—The American Museum of Natural History announced Wednesday that it would send out a third relief ship in search of the Crockerland expedition, which has been marooned in the Arctic since 1913.

The steamship Neptune has been chartered for the purpose and will be commanded by Captain Robert A. Bartlett, who was with Peary on his Arctic exploration. The Neptune, now in the service of the British government as a coal carrier, is expected to sail northward about July 1.

Signal Units Proposed.

Chicago—Forty representatives of railroads operating in the Middle Western states are in convention here and conferring with signal corps officers of the Central department of the United States army on plans to organize railway telegraphers into signal units. There is a possibility, it was said Wednesday night, that some of the railroads may be obliged to substitute the troops' service for that of the telegraph.

Berlin Lists 10,000 Dead.

London—German official lists of killed, wounded and missing, issued during the month of April but not necessarily referring to the casualties occurring in April, show: Killed or died of wounds or sickness, 10,979; prisoners and missing, 4308; severely or badly wounded, 9744.

13 Ships Shell Kavaia.

Sofia, via London—Thursday's Bulgarian war office statement, after reporting artillery action in various sections of the Macedonian front, announced that 13 enemy warships bombarded Kavaia, while 12 airplanes dropped bombs on the town.

OREGON'S JUNIOR SENATOR PASSES

Death Comes to Harry Lane as Result of Breakdown.

ILL ONLY SHORT TIME

Two Terms Served as Mayor of Portland, One as Supt. of Insane and One as U. S. Senator.

San Francisco—United States Senator Harry Lane, of Oregon, died at a hospital here Wednesday night, from a nervous disorganization produced by a blood clot on the brain.

Senator Lane was stricken while in Washington. He stopped here on his way to his home in Portland, to recuperate. Last Thursday he was taken to a hospital, and on Monday the doctors pronounced the case hopeless.

Senator Lane was 62 years old. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Mrs. Nina Lane McBride, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Harriet Lane Hicks, of Norfolk, Va.

Senator Lane was a native of Oregon, the son of a pioneer family of the state. His grandfather, General Jo-



SENATOR LANE, OF OREGON, WHO DIED IN SAN FRANCISCO.

seph Lane, was the first territorial governor of the state, its first United States senator, and candidate for vice president on the Democratic ticket with Breckenridge in the memorable campaign of 1860.

His father, Nat H. Lane, was pioneer merchant, establishing the first store on the East Side, Portland.

Senator Lane was born at Corvallis, on August 28, 1855, and was, therefore, in his 62d year. As a youth he was employed on a farm and for a time worked as a laborer on a mining property operated by an uncle in Curry county. He was compelled to leave school at the age of 13 to help support the family. But he studied in his spare hours and by the time he was 20 was able to enter Willamette university at Salem. He was graduated from the medical department there on May 30, 1876. Most of his active life was passed in the practice of his profession as a physician.

In 1887 Governor Penney appointed him superintendent of the State Insane hospital and he served through the first Penney term.

In 1905 he was elected mayor of Portland and also served a second term.

Through his first term of mayor he displayed a passionate interest in the welfare of the "plain people" as he was wont to refer to them, and it was largely through their vote that he was re-elected in 1907.

As mayor he gave close attention to detail—a characteristic that manifested itself, it is said, in conducting his office as United States senator. And it is this insistence of doing himself many things that could have been left to subordinates that hastened his untimely collapse.

Senator Lane was the last man elected to the senate from Oregon by the legislature under the old law but the legislature merely acted to carry out the wishes of the people as expressed at the polls in the election of November, 1912. At that election he was the nominee of the Democratic party, having defeated a field of other candidates in the preceding primary.

Austria to Be Generous.

Amsterdam, via London—It is the Austrian emperor's idea to offer very generous peace conditions to Russia, according to a German correspondent of the Tjld. These will include the integral re-establishment of Poland, free passage through the Dardanelles and even a loan to Russia.

The proposals were discussed at the recent meeting between Count Cernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, and Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial German chancellor, at headquarters.

Spy Faces New Charges.

New York—Franz Rintelen, the German navy captain convicted recently and sentenced to one year in prison for conspiring to disrupt the munitions trade in this country, pleaded not guilty Thursday to two other indictments. These accuse him of perjury and of illegally obtaining a passport which enabled him to get to England, where he was arrested and sent back to this country. The government plans to place Rintelen on trial again.

WAR CENSUS FACTS

Important Information for Guidance of Public in Registration on War Census Day, Tuesday, June 5.

(From Office of Adjutant General, O. N. G.) War Census Day—Tuesday, June 5, as named by President Wilson in his official proclamation.

Who Must Register—Every male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive. This includes aliens as well as Americans, Japanese, Chinese, Italians, Germans, English, Americans and men of any other nationality who are of the designated ages, must register. Aliens will not be drafted for war duty, of course, but a complete record of them is desired.

Who is Exempt—No male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, is exempt from registering. Those to be exempted from military service will be determined later, but first all must register. Men with physical disabilities, no matter how serious, must register if they are of the designated ages.

Where to Register—Registration must be made in the home precinct of the man registering. Register at your regular voting place.

Hours for Registration—Booths at regular voting place in each precinct will be open on War Census Day from 7 o'clock a. m. to 9 o'clock p. m. Don't wait until the last moment. Register early.

Registration of Absentees—If you find you will be unavoidably absent from your home precinct on War Census Day, you should apply at the earliest possible date to the county clerk of the county in which you may be at the time, whether in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, or elsewhere, who will fill out your registration card. He will then give you the card, which you must mail to the registrar of your home precinct, in time to reach the registrar by War Census Day. If you live in Portland, or a city of over 30,000 population in another state, mail the card to the registrar in care of the mayor.

But remember, the burden of having your car reach the registrar of your home precinct by War Census Day is on YOU.

Registration of the Sick—Men of military age who are too ill to go to the voting booth to register must send a competent person before War Census Day to the county clerk to explain the circumstances, and secure instructions from the Federal regulations which these officials will receive from the government.

Penalties—The penalty for failing to appear to register, or for giving false, misleading or incorrect answers, is imprisonment. There is no alternative of a fine.

ATLANTA, GA., HAS BIG FIRE

Loss Estimated at \$2,000,000, Mostly in Residential Section.

Atlanta, Ga.—Fire that started Monday afternoon in an obscure negro section swept a broad path through the residential section of Atlanta, devastating scores of blocks and destroying many of the city's finest homes and hundreds of negro houses.

Fire Chief Cody announced late Monday night that the fire had been brought under control.

First estimates of the damage placed it at between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. So far as could be learned the only life lost was that of a woman who died from shock.

The fire was confined to the Northwestern part of the city, and the only business houses burned were several warehouses.

A high wind carried the flames northeastward with a speed which soon outran the efforts of the fire department.

Within an hour after the first alarm the blaze began to assume the proportions of a conflagration and fire officials called in several hundred men from the Fort McPherson officers' training camp to aid in the fight. Appeals for help also brought fire equipment from a half dozen neighboring cities.

The thousands of homeless were being cared for by a citizens' committee and by the Atlanta Red Cross chapter. Most of them were quartered in public buildings.

The fire started in a storage house on Decatur street and swept unobstructed into the better residence sections. A large part of the devastation, however, was in neighborhoods composed largely of homes ranging in value from \$2500 to \$6000.

Paris Meat \$1 a Pound.

Paris—With the inauguration of the regime of two meatless days a week, beef went to \$1 a pound Tuesday, and vegetables and fish followed the upward tendency.

The rush for meat supplies to carry over until Friday swamped the butchers, although they had laid in extra amounts. There was a good deal of crowding and some sharp talk was heard against rich buyers who paid any price the dealers asked, sending the quotations too high for modest purchasers.

Munitions Ship Wrecked.

Boston—The Leyland liner Colonian, 6440 tons, was wrecked Tuesday on the south coast of England, according to a cablegram received by the agent of the line. The message said that the steamer, which was carrying a cargo of munitions, grain, lumber and cotton from this port, probably would be a total loss. The cause of the accident and the fate of the crew were not mentioned. The steamer with her cargo was valued at \$2,000,000.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Contracts for 14 wooden ships to cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000 each were let on the Pacific Coast Tuesday, 12 of them going to Oregon yards and involving an expenditure of about \$6,000,000 in Oregon alone.

If no par bids are received by the State Land Board on the \$500,000 issue of rural credits bonds now being advertised, it was intimated by the members of the Board, bonds in the future may be sold at par to any who desire to invest.

Owing to conflict in dates with hearings before the Interstate commerce commission, the Public Service commission has postponed hearings on four cases to investigate the advance in rates on diversion and reconignment of carload freight from May 29 to June 26.

The city of Eugene is merrily for the Oddfellows of Oregon. Every train brought large delegations to the grand lodge meeting and the Rebekah assembly, which convened Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. The streets were crowded with visitors and gay with decorations.

James Sturgis has purchased the remaining 825 acres of the Barnhart ranch, west of Pendleton, from the J. E. Smith Livestock company, at a reported price of \$30,000. The part of the ranch on the south side of the river was sold some months ago to the Umatilla Sheep company.

C. E. Cotton, who is associated with the Empire Lumber company, of Pittsburg, Pa., one of the largest lumber firms in the country, has opened a branch office of the company in Klamath Falls. He is in the market for all kinds of lumber in wholesale quantities, either mill cuts or upper grades.

June 25 has been named as the date of the wool sale to be held in Bend this summer, according to a message received from J. N. Burgess, of Pendleton, member of the executive committee of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association. A sale will be held at Redmond on the same day, the buyers going from Bend by automobile.

Little Letha Harness, of Roseburg, 6-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Harness, died late Sunday as a result of injuries sustained by being run down by an automobile earlier in the day. Eyewitnesses to the accident said the child was playing on what is known as the Brown bridge and did not notice the approaching car, which was driven by Charles Fields, an employee of the Roseburg postoffice.

The American Poland China Record association, the Chester White Swine Record association, the American Duroc-Jersey Swine Breeders' association, the American Yorkshire club and the National Duroc-Jersey Record association have offered prizes to the swine department of the Oregon State Fair this year aggregating \$1140, which are to be special prizes offered in addition to the prizes hung up by the State Fair board itself.

The referendum petition directed against the Gill bill of the last legislative session has been filed with Secretary of State Olcott by the Clackamas Fishermen's union. The petition contains 16,160 names.

The past week has seen several mad dogs in Lakeview, and it is feared that an epidemic is about to break out. A dog belonging to F. M. Duke went mad a short time ago and had to be killed. It is feared that this dog ran at large during one night and infected a number of dogs throughout the town.

Governor Withycombe has appointed the men who will serve on the State Lime board under the provisions of chapter 397, enacted at the last session of the legislature. The appointees are: Benton Bowers, Ashland, recommended by the Taxpayers' League; B. G. Leedy, Corvallis, recommended by the State Grange; John Simanek, Crabtree, recommended by the Farmers' union.

With the business streets of Roseburg gaily decorated with carnival colors and patriotic emblems, the citizens entertained several thousand people at the festivities attendant on the opening of the Ninth Annual Strawberry Festival Thursday. Although a "strawberryless" Strawberry Festival, there was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the visitors, and the first day's program was pronounced the best ever witnessed in Roseburg.

A number of farmers are making application to come under the Workmen's Compensation act, since the recent ruling of the Supreme court, which declared farm hands were protected under the Employers' Liability act when engaged in hazardous occupations. At the present time, a statement issued by the commission recently says, an average of 11 employers are daily bringing their operations under the act, and during the last 20 days 215 additional employers have been listed.

E. B. MacNaughton, an architect of Portland, has been named by Governor Withycombe as a member of the Industrial Welfare Commission to succeed Father E. V. O'Hara, of Portland, who has resigned. The appointment becomes effective June 1.

The State Highway commission will hold a joint session on June 1 at Fossil with the Wheeler County court and award a contract for six miles of improvements between Fossil and the Wheeler County line on the John Day highway. It is expected the improvement will cost about \$10,000.

HOOVER TO HANDLE COUNTRY'S FOODS

Volunteer Plan Outlined by Wilson as War Policy.

NEED CURB ONLY FEW

Absolute Authority is Declared Necessary and Government Asks All to Help While War Lasts.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson in a statement Sunday outlining the administration's food control policy, announced he had asked Herbert C. Hoover to become American food administrator and that Mr. Hoover would accept the offer.

A statement given out by Mr. Hoover after the White House announcement was made, gave his plans for food administration and called on the country to render voluntary assistance in carrying it out.

Explaining that it is absolutely necessary to vest unquestionable powers in the government, the President declared he is confident that exercise of the authority granted will be necessary only "in the few cases where some small and selfish minority proves unwilling to put the nation's interests above personal advantage."

He makes it clear that the food administration is only for an emergency situation and that since it will be composed for the most part of volunteers "there need be no fear of the possibility of a permanent bureaucracy arising out of it."

Mr. Hoover proposed that the food administration be divided into four great branches, whose duties he defined in detail. Most of the work would be carried out by men and women of the country on a voluntary basis.

"If this cannot be done," Mr. Hoover's statement says, "I shall certainly and willingly surrender the task to some other method of emergency. I hold that democracy can yield to discipline, and that we can solve this food problem for our own people and our allies in this way, and that to have done so will have been a greater service than our immediate objective, for we will have demonstrated the rightness of our faith and our ability to defend ourselves without being Prussianized."

PATRIOTISM TO RULE

Portland Rose Festival Will Celebrate National Flag Day Second Day of Yearly Spring Carnival.

Portland—Between 35,000 and 50,000 men and women will participate in the huge patriotic pageant on National Flag Day, the second day of the 1917 Rose Festival, June 13, 14 and 15, while 20,000 school children will take part in the children's parade, June 13.

Oregon's great floral event with this year have patriotism for its theme, and the flag will be entwined with the rose. The eight Italian societies represented in Portland, the Italian Red Cross, the Girls' National Honor Guards, the Spanish-American War Veterans, the Grand Army of the Republic, the Woman's Relief Corps, and other semi-military organizations have signified their desire to take part in the military pageant. Other entries are pouring in daily. The Festival Center this year will also be the Court of Patriotism. The heart will be a replica of the Statue of Liberty, towering 50 feet in the air and composed of roses and myriad electric lights.

President Wilson has endorsed the Rose Festival as a demonstration of patriotism and of loyalty to the Oregon rose, and at the White House on the evening of June 13 he will press the buttons which will set the lights of the statue aglow and mark the formal opening of the Festival.

June 15 will be given over to the annual floral parade and in the evening the spirit of the rose will blend with the spirit of patriotic America.

High Food Prices Hit.

Seattle, Wash.—Robert Bridges, president of the Port Commission announced Saturday that he is working on a plan by which the commission will engage in the commission and wholesale business in food products, acting as a selling agency for the farmers who store their products in the public warehouses. The object, he declared, is to regulate the price of food products brought here for local consumption. The commission will not enter the retail business, but will leave that field to the grocery stores.

Streetcar Men Receive Raise.

Tacoma, Wash.—The Tacoma Railway & Power company and Pacific Traction company voluntarily have increased wages of all motormen and conductors in their employ effective June 1 the increase ranging from 5 to 10 per cent.

This is the second voluntary increase that has been made in six months to trainmen the last increase being made December 1, 1916. About 300 men are affected by the increase.