

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.

Theodore Roosevelt will give an address in Lincoln, Neb., on "Americanism," Thursday, June 14, the closing day of the Nebraska semi-centennial celebration.

Ambassador Sharp at Paris has notified the State department that he has transferred to Spanish diplomats Turkish interests in France for which he has been caring since early in the war.

So great had the crowd of persons receiving liquor shipments become around the Wells, Fargo express office at Tacoma, Wash., Wednesday, that the police were called to preserve order.

Santos Dumont, the Brazilian aviator, has invented a powerful type of seaplane for fighting submarines, according to a Turin dispatch, which says that the new machine will be manufactured in the United States.

A New York Federal grand jury has indicted 14 individuals and four corporations on a charge of conspiring to defraud through the mails investors of the Emerson Motors company, a Delaware corporation with a stock of \$10,000,000.

Roumania will establish a legation in Washington. Roumania recently asked this government if the establishment of a legation here would be agreeable and has just been told that the United States would be glad to receive a charge d'affaires.

Ruth Law, aviatrix, circled over Cleveland, Ohio, environs Wednesday, dropping "Liberty Loan bombs." Miss Law has started on a 10-days' trip in the interest of the Liberty Bond campaign, dropping literature on several Middle West and Southwestern cities.

Frank C. Webb, of New York, and J. E. Munsey, of Salt Lake City, are en route to their homes following their release from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., where they had served six-year sentences imposed after conviction in the Indianapolis dynamite cases.

The Petrograd provisions committee has decided to reduce the sugar allowance to one-half a Russian pound monthly. Only black or brown bread may be baked hereafter, according to an announcement, under penalty of 18 months' imprisonment, or a fine of \$10,000 rubles.

Applications for admittance to the second reserve officers' training camp at the Presidio will be accepted on and after June 15, according to orders received in San Francisco June 4 from the War department by Lieutenant Colonel Albert Laden, commanding the military camp.

The Chicago Board of Trade directors have fixed a minimum price for corn, as was done with wheat several weeks ago. The price fixed was \$1.65 on all contracts of corn for future delivery. There was less excitement among the brokers than on the occasion of the similar action taken on wheat some weeks ago.

President Wilson's communication to the Russian government on the war aims of the United States has been delivered at Petrograd by American Ambassador Francis. It will not be published in this country or Russia for a day or two, while the State department is clearing up what are officially characterized as "matters of detail."

The Fashion Art League of America has decreed that a woman must spend \$653 for clothes if she's to be properly dressed this year.

Memorial Day celebrations were held at both ends of the Panama Canal, with speeches by William J. Price, the American minister to Panama, and Major Herbert White, of the United States Army.

Ideas embodied in Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske's invention of a torpedo-launching seaplane have been "appropriated" by the Germans, and were used by them in torpedoing the 3000-ton British steamship Genia off Aldeburgh, on May 1, according to a statement given out in New York by the Aero Club of America. Two seaplanes participated in the attack and one was brought down by the British.

Hans Sulzer, who has been appointed Swiss minister to the United States, is on his way to Washington. His appointment has been approved by the American government.

Lieutenant Colonel Fred W. Sladen, commander of the military training camp, reserve corps officers, has ordered the dismissal of the unfit men from the Presidio camp.

On Memorial Day the flood waters of the Clearwater river, Idaho, claimed two victims, Eleanor, 13 years old, and Uretta, 8 years old, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Boyer, of Lewiston.

U. S. BUYING LUMBER

Will Build One Hundred Wooden Ships on Coast at Once—Deal Calls for 168,000,000 Feet, Assorted.

Washington, D. C.—That the Pacific Coast is to build 100 wooden steamers for the Federal Shipping Board was established Thursday when the Council of National Defense, through its lumber committee, signed a contract with the West Coast Lumbermen's association for 168,423,300 feet of lumber at an average cost of \$35 per thousand.

This quantity of lumber, according to the Shipping Board estimates, constitutes 100 ship units.

While the contract was made with the West Coast Lumbermen's association, that association in this instance is acting for all the lumber mills in Western Oregon and Western Washington, by their authority.

The government is to buy its lumber at mills located convenient to yards where the wooden ships are to be built. The total cost of this contract is \$5,880,000.

By this form of agreement with the Oregon and Washington lumber mills the government will save \$900,000 on the lumber going into the 100 ships, but accomplishes this saving solely by reason of the special price quoted by the lumber manufacturers.

The Shipping Board is to turn over this lumber to the shipbuilders at cost, and will derive no profit from mere handling of the lumber, as an intermediate party. In fact, save as to bookkeeping, the shipyards will buy from the mills, at the price named in the contract.

The Shipping Board will at once place specific contracts for lumber for 60 ships and will close deals for the remaining 40 ship units within 30 days.

First deliveries will begin within 30 days, and the whole contract is to be filled within a year.

AMERICA'S DELAY WORRIES

Food Situation is Cause of Much Unbusiness in England.

London—In the house of commons Thursday, in reply to a question on the food situation, Captain Charles Bathurst, parliamentary secretary to the food control department, said it was not in the public interest to give any information regarding food supplies, but that it was of the greatest importance to the success of the allies' cause that food exports from America should be on the highest possible scale for the remainder of the war.

Captain Bathurst's statement is somewhat disquieting to the public and the press. The Daily Chronicle, in an editorial on the subject, thinks there is more in it than meets the eye, and proceeds to refer to the delay in the execution by the Washington administration of the food plans, owing to the disagreement in congress.

"It is not for us," says the paper, "to criticize the course of American legislation, but in this case we may be pardoned for feeling considerable anxiety at delays which, if extended further, might entail most serious consequences for the allied countries."

AMERICAN DESTROYS U-BOAT

Battle Lasts Hour and a Half, Sixty Shots Being Exchanged.

Washington, D. C.—A German submarine is believed to have been sunk by an armed American steamer Thursday in a running fight lasting an hour and a half, in which 35 shots were fired by the submarine and 25 by the steamer. An official announcement by the State department says the steamer's final shot "apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern up a few seconds. She then disappeared."

"Upon sight of the submarine, the steamer hoisted the American flag and waited for about 10 minutes. As the submarine approached the steamer fired. The submarine responded. The steamer kept a speed that would permit the submarine to come within range. Then followed a fight lasting for an hour and a half. The submarine came to within a distance of 2300 yards. By that time the submarine had fired 35 shots and the steamer 25. The last shot of the steamer apparently struck the submarine, which raised clear out of the water and stood stern up for a few seconds. Then she disappeared. The captain of the steamer and the commander of the guard believe that the submarine was sunk. The steamer suffered no damage."

Troops to Deal With Strikers.

Helena, Mont.—Troops have been stationed in Whitefish by the Western department of the army, according to word received here, to handle an ugly strike situation.

Governor Stewart was appealed to by Great Northern officials, who represented that a big program of construction work was under way there and that its speedy completion is necessary to handle traffic effectively. The men at work struck. The Great Northern brought in new men, but the strikers refused to permit them to work.

Skipper is Sent to Jail.

Charleston, S. C.—Captain J. R. Klattenhoff, former master of the German steamer Liebenfels, now the United States ship Houston, was sentenced to a year in the Atlanta prison in Federal District court after pleading guilty to sinking the ship in Charleston harbor on orders of the German government. Klattenhoff testified that he got his orders from Dr. Muller, formerly the German consul in Atlanta, who was also indicted.

10,000,000 MEN ENROLL FOR DUTY

America's First Military Census Taken "Without Murmur."

GERMAN PLOTS FAIL

Thousands Disclaim Right of Exemption—Registration 100 Per Cent—Few Attempt Evasion.

Washington, D. C.—More than 10,000,000 young Americans enrolled themselves Tuesday for war service. Registration day, with but a few weeks of preparation, saw the first military census ever taken in the United States completed without a single untoward event of consequence. The manhood of the Nation obeyed the President's call and volunteered in mass, setting at naught all the schemes and plottings of German sympathizers and the few cranks who have agitated against registration. It remains but to select the men who are to go to the front.

From virtually every state reassuring messages came through to Brigadier General Crowder, Provost Marshal General, Federal supervising officer of the great enterprise. While no complete returns from any state were transmitted up to a late hour, the governors were unanimous in reporting that complete quiet had prevailed through the day and that a full registration was indicated.

In some precincts the late-comers forced officials to keep the polls open until long after the 9 p. m. closing hour set in the regulations. General Crowder authorized them to keep open as long as men wished to enroll themselves. The result will be further to delay the transmission of returns, however.

Early reports, showing a full turnout all over the country, indicated that the estimates of the census bureau as to the number of men within the specified age limits would be verified by the count. Wherever partial figures were available, the estimates checked closely.

A typical message was that from Idaho. "Registration will be 100 per cent," it said. "Spontaneous and without murmur or incident."

The situation was so clear and the response so ready that governors of 46 of the 48 states had sent similar assurances long before registration had closed, and the other two were close on their heels.

A feature of the registration was the refusal of hundreds of thousands of men to make any reply to the question: "Do you claim exemption?" Even men who reported that they had dependent families, men with obvious physical disabilities and those whose occupations are certain to keep them at home, declined to make such a claim. Apparently they have entered fully into the very spirit of the law. They are content to leave the question of exemption to the exemption boards.

With the closing of each registration precinct officials went at once to the task of sorting and classifying the cards. There is much work to be done in order that the brief synopsis which each governor will make to General Crowder of the registration office in his state may go forward promptly. It will take some hours, in many cases, to do the work, and no figures for any state will come to Washington until every precinct has reported.

3000 Chase Anti-Draft Talker.

Omaha, Neb.—E. F. Ensign, a young Socialist and anti-draft exponent, was chased by a mob of 3000 down the principal business street of Omaha Tuesday and is now held by Federal authorities on a charge of opposing registration. Ensign was near a registration booth, talking against conscription. White Eagle, a patriotic Indian, dragged Ensign to a naval recruiting station and insisted that he enlist. Ensign refused and started a tirade. He was knocked down by a corporal and took to his heels, followed by a mob of 3000.

Women Going to Russia.

London—The government has promised facilities to a deputation from the Women's Social and Political Union, headed by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, to proceed to Russia to explain their views on the war. Mrs. Pankhurst last week requested passports from Premier Lloyd George for her party. In her letter she said that if the government let James MacDonald, the labor leader, and his party go to Russia to preach "their unpatriotic doctrine," there could be no excuse for "hindering patriotic women from going."

Socialist Leaves Party.

Omaha, Neb.—G. C. Porter, state secretary for Nebraska of the Socialist party, has resigned his position, declaring he could not sympathize with certain elements within the party who oppose the selective draft. Porter last Saturday tore down a red flag from the walls of Socialist headquarters and substituted the Stars and Stripes, which had been removed on the declaration of war against Germany.

GERMAN WARSHIP SENT TO BOTTOM

Kaiser's Naval Base on Belgian Coast Bombarded by British.

SECOND SHIP INJURED

English Force of Light Cruisers Attack Six German Destroyers in Hot Fight—Capture Men.

London—A German destroyer has been sunk and another damaged in a running fight between six German destroyers and Commodore Tyrwhitt's squadron, the admiralty announces.

The German naval base at Ostend, on the Belgian coast, has been bombarded by British warships. The British forces were undamaged.

The text of the admiralty announcement reads: "The vice admiral at Dover reports that the enemy naval base and workshops at Ostend were heavily bombarded in the early hours Tuesday morning. A large number of rounds were fired with good results. The enemy shore batteries returned our fire, but our bombardment forces suffered no damage.

"Commodore Tyrwhitt also reports that early Tuesday morning a force of light cruisers and destroyers under his command sighted six German destroyers and engaged them at long range in a running fight. One of the enemy destroyers, the S-20, was sunk by our gun fire and another severely damaged. Seven survivors from the S-20 have been picked up and made prisoners. There were no casualties on our side."

United States Trade to Get Ten Billion in Year

New York—Ten billion dollars to be spent during the coming year by the United States and the allied governments for the products of American farms, mines and factories, Secretary McAdoo declared here Tuesday night, will bring to the country the greatest prosperity in its history.

"Some people profess apprehension about the future of business," said Mr. McAdoo. "Why, gentlemen, prosperity in the next 12 months will be greater than it ever has been in our history. You cannot prevent it if you try. The only thing that could stop prosperity would be the refusal of the people to support the reasonable measures of taxation that are needed and to buy the bonds of the government."

The secretary addressed a great mass meeting at Carnegie hall in behalf of the Liberty Loan, which, he warns, would succeed as it must succeed, only if everyone did his duty. He appealed to those who cannot fight on the battle front to supply the means that will enable the government to provide for the soldiers who go to the front.

Judge Lindsey Attacked.

Denver—Judge J. B. Lindsey, of the Juvenile court, and a nationally-known figure in child delinquency study circles, was attacked in his court room here Wednesday by Bennie Huffman, 14 years old, and Mrs. Huffman, the boy's mother, after he had sentenced the youth to the reform school for highway robbery.

Both Mrs. Huffman and her son grasped the judge around the neck. Slight wounds were inflicted by the boy's fingers as officers removed the pair.

Slackers Rush to Altar.

New York—On the eve of registration day hundreds of men and women gathered in the municipal building to obtain marriage licenses, which were being issued at the rate of one every minute and a half. Before noon 125 licenses had been handed out and 50 couples had been married in the chapel. City officials in charge of the license bureau declared the majority of the prospective bridegrooms were taking wives in the hope draft.

Russians Win Positions.

Petrograd, via London—Russian scouts Tuesday broke through four rows of wire entanglements in front of the German position near Kovel and dispersed the Teuton barrier guards. Farther south in the Carpathian mountains Russian scouts penetrated the German wire entanglements near Pnev, drove the Germans from their trenches and captured a machine gun, the War office announced.

Brussiloff in Command.

Petrograd—General Michael V. Alekseeff, commander in chief of the Russian armies, has resigned. General Alexis Brussiloff, commander in chief of the armies on the southwestern front, has been appointed to succeed him. General Gurko, commander of the western front, replaces Brussiloff on the southwestern front.

141 Alien Enemies Taken.

New York—The government's activities against alien enemies, it was learned here Wednesday, have resulted in arrests of 141 persons in recent weeks in this district, which includes parts of Northern New Jersey and Western Connecticut. The specific charge in each case has not been made public.

DRAFT IN TWO WEEKS

First Call Will Be for From 900,000 to 1,500,000 Men Under New Plan—625,000 Will Be Selected.

Washington, D. C.—Plans of the War department to draft from 900,000 to 1,500,000 men of the 10,000,000 who, it is expected, will be registered for the new army, were disclosed Tuesday by Provost Marshal General Crowder to the senate military affairs committee. Exemptions, he said, probably would result in reducing the number to 625,000 men for immediate service.

While the War department had originally planned to select 500,000 men first, General Crowder told the committee the plans have been revised and it now is proposed to require 625,000.

To secure this number he said it probably will be necessary to draft at least 900,000 and possibly 1,500,000 cause of expected exemptions.

General Crowder told the committee the additional 125,000 would be needed to fill up vacancies in the army of 500,000 and to keep training camps in continuous operation.

When the original plans for service for 500,000 men were made, he said, the department had not planned to send American forces abroad so soon.

Casualties from foreign service, he believed, sickness, etc., make necessary a reserve of 125,000 men, in addition to the duty at training camps. General Crowder told the committee he favored immediate drafting of men registering, rather than postponement of the draft for several weeks after registration. He regards it desirable that men drafted may know and have a few weeks to make their personal arrangements before called to the colors.

Details of making exemptions also were explained to the committee by the provost marshal general. He said the government does not contemplate any class exemptions, but that all will be personal. Farmers, factory operators and other special classes would not be exempted as such, nor territorially, but all exemptions will be made individually.

The men drafted probably will be in training camps by September 1, General Crowder said, and added that he favored beginning selections within two weeks after registration so that exemption work may be expedited and notifications of final selections may be made as soon thereafter as possible.

BABY PLAGUE BEING TRACED

Committee Declares Infantile Paralysis Communicated by Contact.

New York—Infantile paralysis is communicated by personal contact, and not from contaminated sources of milk nor from lower animals, insects or by clothing and other extraneous objects, says a report made public Tuesday by the special committee of physicians appointed last summer to conduct an inquiry financed by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The report made to Mayor Mitchell gives the record of a study of 5496 cases. It asserts that slight and non-paralytic cases are the most frequent sources of infection, "as these cases arouse no suspicion and other persons come in contact with them; that the disease usually develops from three to ten days after exposure, and that 'previous good health does not give immunity from attack.'"

The report says that males apparently are more susceptible than females. Parents are urged to isolate sick children.

Warning Given Bankers.

Washington, D. C.—At the request of the State department, the Federal Reserve Board has warned member banks of the reserve system that German interests in Latin-America are seeking to secure American funds for fomenting trouble in this hemisphere, and that all transfers of money to neutral countries on both sides of the Atlantic must be scrutinized carefully. The board suggests that bankers scrutinize accounts of any resident alien enemy and report to the board any suspicious transactions.

Gains Lost by Austrians.

Rome—Italian troops Tuesday withstood a heavy attack by the Austrians on the western slopes of San Marco in the Gorizia area. The war office announced that at the points where the Austrians had been able to penetrate lines leveled by their artillery they had been promptly driven out again and back to their own positions with severe losses. Austrian attacks elsewhere between Vertobizza and the coast were stopped in their incipency.

Spain Sends Sharp Note.

Madrid—The Spanish government, it is announced in the newspapers, has instructed its representatives in Berlin, Vienna and Constantinople to present an urgent note demanding that there be an end to the persecutions, deportations and lootings practiced against the Jews in Palestine. King Alfonso, it is said, has intervened directly in this question.

Britons to Be Retried.

Washington, D. C.—Ralph K. Blair and Dr. Thomas Addis, British citizens, by a Supreme court ruling Tuesday, must undergo a second trial at San Francisco on a charge of conspiracy to violate American neutrality in recruiting Englishmen in this country for service in the British army. The court refused to interfere with a second trial ordered.

AMERICANS SAID TO BE GERMAN SPIES

Military News Sent to Berlin by Mexican Wireless.

FLEET'S MOVE IS TOLD

Arrest of Three Men in New York May Explain How Naval Secrets Reached Kaiser's U-Boats.

New York—With three men under arrest who are alleged to be only minor figures in a conspiracy to transmit information of military value to Germany through regular mail channels, the Federal authorities Monday indicated further arrests which they said might result in disclosures of a German spy system.

Apparently the government officers hoped they could uncover an explanation of how Germany knew in advance of the approach of the American destroyers to the British coast so that an Irish port could be mined.

Two of the men, whose names were kept secret, are said to be American born, and the third a naturalized citizen of Switzerland. Examination of a quantity of mail seized by federal agents indicated transmission of information on steamships to Mexico and thence possibly by wireless to Germany.

MOON SHINES OVER BATTLE

Long Lull Broken by British Armies in Desperate Fighting.

London—The infantry lull of several weeks was broken Sunday night, when under the light of a nearly full moon, the British made an attack southwest of Lens and in the direction of that besieged city.

The point of attack was due west of Avion, which is one of the southern suburbs of Lens, the latter being the center of a mining district which sprawls for miles along the valley of the Souchez river.

Most of Sunday night's fighting was south of the river although an advance post was established north of that stream. The British by early dawn had captured all the intended positions and were still fighting Tuesday along the Lens-Arras road.

They had captured the electric power station just south of the river where the Germans had been established for many months and which was fairly stiff with machine guns. The station had been pretty well blown about by artillery fire, but was still a formidable fortification.

Further south the British captured some brick chimneys which had been transformed into a strong point.

These objectives sound rather strange, but most of the bitterest fighting in the world-war on a vast front has, from time to time, swirled about sugar factories, windmills, farm buildings, cemeteries, breweries, slag heaps, unimposing mounds like the Butte Warlencourt, churches, monasteries and even asylums for the insane.

Socialist Paper Raided.

Minneapolis—Agents of the department of Justice Saturday night raided the offices of Alexis Georgian, editor of a Socialist publication, and seized more than 25,000 leaflets said to contain anti-conscription matter. According to the government officials, the circulars were to have been distributed Sunday and Monday throughout Minneapolis. It was the first direct action taken by Federal authorities in Minneapolis as a result of the announcement by Minneapolis Socialists that they would oppose conscription.

Law Suspension Disliked.

Washington, D. C.—The section of the immigration law under which Secretary Wilson has been suspending the rules and permitting Mexican farm laborers to enter the United States would be repealed by a resolution introduced by Chairman Burnett, of the house immigration committee.

The committee contends that if the secretary can make suspensions for Mexicans he can do likewise for Asiatics.

Lumber Bought by Goethals.

Washington, D. C.—Lumber for 100 wooden ships has been ordered from members of the Southern Pine association by Major General George W. Goethals, general manager of the shipping board's emergency fleet corporation. The price is \$35 a thousand feet at the mills.

The orders call for approximately 140,000,000 feet and delivery will be made as fast as the mills can cut the timber.

Mexicans Rob American Ship.

Galveston, Tex.—The American fishing schooner Arcas, was boarded by the crew of a Mexican gunboat off the coast of Tehautepec, Mexico, on the high seas on May 31 and looted of clothing, fishing gear and medicine chest. This news was brought here by Captain S. A. MacDonald, of the Arcas, who arrived in port directly from the scene of the robbery.