

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 Macovsky, commander of the Guards Corps which headed the Russian retreat on the southwest front, has been ordered shot, according to a dispatch to the London Post from Petrograd.

Conference reports on the priority shipment bill and the bill increasing the membership of the Interstate Commerce commission from seven to nine were adopted late Tuesday by the senate. Both measures now go to the President.

The Russian ministry of justice has ordered the arrest of Leon Trotsky and Dunacharsky for the part they played in the uprising last month. The men and international Socialists and leaders in the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates.

A report that a U-boat had been sighted near the trans-Atlantic lanes off New York caused the War department authorities to close the gate in the net protecting the harbor mouth at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning. The gate was opened again at 6 a. m.

Italian troops in attacks on the Julian front Tuesday extended the Italian lines southeast of Boscomalo. There was also spirited fighting on Mount Ronon, where an Austrian attempt to win an Italian advanced position was definitely negated.

A concerted movement to save white flour has been started in Massachusetts. At the suggestion of Henry B. Endicott, state food administrator, the majority of hotels, restaurants and clubs will refrain from serving white bread during the entire week.

The new war industries board held its first conference with President Wilson Tuesday and took up in general the problems it must face in the purchase of war supplies for this government and the allies. The President indicated his idea of the board's functions.

According to the Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, of Berlin the stocks of corn found in Roumania after the invasion by the German army have been distributed among the central powers, including 90,000 tons of property belonging to the former Bureau Britannique.

Cardinal Gaspari is expected to resign his post as papal secretary of state, according to the Messagero. The paper attributes his intention in part to reasons of health and in part because of the desire of Pope Benedict to exercise more direct control over the Vatican's policies.

It is officially declared that, contrary to rumors of overwhelming losses in submarines, the monthly average is little more than three under-water boats lost during the period from February 1 to August 1, while the monthly increase in submarines constructed is many times larger.

A violent earthquake, which caused great damage, has occurred in the southern portion of North Island, New Zealand, according to a Reuter dispatch from Wellington. North Island is the northern most of the New Zealand group. Two active volcanic peaks on the island are Mounts Ruapehu and Tongariro.

The American steamship Motano, of 2730 tons gross, was sunk by a Teuton submarine on July 31. Twenty-two survivors have been landed.

Germany has notified Turkey and Bulgaria that she will assume all expenses incurred by these countries in the campaign of 1917-1918.

British troops have driven the Germans from their positions on the Lu-gungu river in German East Africa and also are pushing forward in the Kilwa region.

Cuba has turned over to the United States the five German merchant ships seized in Cuban ports when Cuba declared war on Germany. The ships will be made ready for repair and operation.

The semi-official Vienna Fremdenblatt says it is able to announce authoritatively that Germany gladly will act upon peace overtures coming by way of Vienna. The Cologne Gazette reproduces the Fremdenblatt's statement.

The department of Labor has advised Senator Chamberlain that it does not contemplate importing Oriental labor into the United States to overcome the existing shortage.

The Norwegian steamship Gavis has been torpedoed at a point 20 miles to sea from Holmgra. One passenger and one sailor were killed. The crew of the vessel was saved.

An advance of a cent a quart, making the price of milk 12 1/2 cents in New York, will cost the consumers \$7,300,000 a year, it is estimated. The advance is the fourth since last October.

MAIN LINE REACHED

Canadians Storm Strong Posts of Germans West of Lens—British Are Also Nearing Coal Center.

Canadian Headquarters in France—Canadian troops made another successful advance Monday night which carried their outposts to the main line of the enemy's defense on the railway embankment to the west of Lens.

The men of two Canadian battalions, in a dashing attack captured a crater, occupying a cross road to the east of Cite de Moulin, and a crater to the north, on the Lens-Lieven road which passes through Du Moulin.

For several days the enemy had maintained strong posts in these craters, from which harassing rifle and grenade fire was directed at the outposts' line at night.

The attack for the most part was carried out with bombs, the approach being through a maze of partly destroyed houses. When the bombs began to fall the enemy did not stay to the fight it out, but retired toward his main positions, leaving the craters to be incorporated in our advanced lines. An attacking party then advanced to two tunnels known to be occupied by the enemy and bombed them, inflicting, it is believed, a considerable number of casualties on the enemy.

A breaking in the clouds has permitted a resumption of the artillery and aerial activity.

London—Again Monday the British forces operating against the important coal city of Lens made further slight advances west and southwest of their objective, according to the British official communication. In addition an attempt by the Germans to raid British positions north of Arles was repulsed.

DEATH FOR SLACKERS ASKED

Government Agents Declare Oklahoma Rioters Guilty of Treason.

Oklahoma City—The death penalty has been demanded by Federal officials against the leaders of the anti-draft uprising which, led by leaders of the so-called Working Class Union, have thrown the counties of Central Oklahoma into turmoil for the last four days. Their action has been declared by W. P. McGinnis, United States attorney, to constitute treason. Hearings will be started immediately at McAlester before Federal Commissioner McMillen.

The jails in Seminole, Pottawatomie, Uontotoc and Hughes counties were almost cleared of their inmates, virtually all being transported to the county jail here. Federal and state officials at McAlester are still at work at Ada, Wewoka, Dustin and Holdenville, filing informations against the rioters.

Disposal of the cases are still undecided, but authorities believe a special session of the grand jury will be called to take action. Poses are still in the field in Seminole county, in Hughes county and south of Shawnee, in Pottawatomie county. Isolated bands are giving trouble, but no reports from the searchers apparently bear out the supposition that no further clashes will be met with.

TIME FOR PEACE NOT RIPE

President is Ready to Consider Move When Germans Make Overtures.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson had a long conference Monday with Senator Lewis, the Democratic whip.

The President urged haste in the final enactment of the food-control bill and revenue bill and is understood to have indicated that he does not consider the present the time for discussion of peace negotiations with Germany.

Senator Lewis would not discuss the latter phase of his conference, but it was believed the President indicated that he did not consider Germany's recent peace feelers to be genuine and that he can be expected to let the country know when he believes the time has come for discussing peace. Senator Lewis declared the President would not allow the American people to lose any rights or suffer any wrongs which "his diligence could prevent."

The Illinois senator told the President he believed congress could adjourn September 1.

Destroyer Saves Crew.

New York—The Greek steamship Charilaos Tricoupis, 2475 tons gross register owned by the National Steam Navigation company, Limited, of Greece, was sunk July 13 by a German submarine, according to a cable received here by agents of the line. Captain Gouilandriss and his crew of 35 men were picked up and landed at a British port by an American destroyer. Agents here said they understood the steamer had been chartered to the British government. She was built in 1892 at Sunderland, and was 300 feet long.

Texas to Have Fliers.

New York—Official announcement was made by the British recruiting mission here that Lieutenant H. B. Denton, in charge of recruiting for the Royal Flying corps, will go to Texas soon to lay out an aviation camp for the Canadians. "This camp in Texas," the statement said, "will mean a still closer co-operation between the aviation sections of the American and British forces and a further standardization of methods of actual work."

GERMAN OFFICER IS TAKEN IN PORTLAND

Lieutenant in Kaiser's Army To Be Interned in Seattle.

SEATTLE TAKES SPY

Reservist Thought to be in Employ of Krupps—Parole Term After Sentence for Fraud is Broken.

Portland—A. von Alvensleben, a reserve lieutenant in the German army, was arrested at the Benson hotel Wednesday by deputy United States marshals on telegraphic instructions from United States Attorney Reames from the attorney general at Washington, directing that he be interned.

The attorney general's message did not designate the specific charge, if any, against Lieutenant von Alvensleben.

So far as Mr. Reames has information, he is not charged with being a spy, but has been ordered interned merely as a precautionary measure.

Lieutenant von Alvensleben took his arrest good-naturedly and philosophically.

He talked without restraint to Mr. Reames, answered readily all questions asked of him and said he had been a lieutenant in the German army, but on the reserve list for about three years before the outbreak of the war.

He smiled as he told Mr. Reames that he would not even attempt to gain his liberty by trying to make the authorities believe he was not loyal to Germany, or would not fight for Germany if he had the chance.

"I want it understood that I would ask nothing better than the opportunity to get back to Germany so I could fight for my country on the battle line," he declared with emphasis.

He added: "Under the circumstances, I could not expect the American government to do anything else than intern me."

"The facts are that I am an officer in the German army; that I left Germany two days after the declaration of war between Germany and England, and that the natural query is, 'What am I doing here?'" said Lieutenant von Alvensleben, further discussing his case.

Seattle—Louis Hollweg von Bettenhausen was taken into custody here by Federal officers, charged with violation of his parole, after serving 14 of 18 months of a sentence to prison barracks at San Francisco. He will be returned to San Francisco.

Federal agents here gave information that von Bettenhausen was at one time employed by the Krupps, of Essen, Germany, and it is known that he was an officer in the German army before entering the American army for service in the Philippines.

Under the name of Charles Louis Hollweg, the spy suspect, von Bettenhausen, was first brought to the attention of the Seattle police when he was picked up by City Detective Hayden July 18 on a government description. He was released at that time on convincing the police that he was not the man wanted.

A. B. Wright, special agent of the department of Justice, later took up the case, and on Tuesday, July 31, he was again picked up and identified by Mr. Wright as the man wanted on a desertion charge.

FOOD BILLS FINALLY PASSED

Conference Report Approved by Senate and Ready for Wilson's Name.

Washington, D. C.—The food bill passed through the last stage of legislative enactment at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, when it was finally adopted by the senate in form previously approved by the house. President Wilson's signature now will make it law.

Immediately after the final vote on the control bill, the senate by a viva voce vote also approved the conference report on the first administration food bill, providing for a food survey and appropriating funds to stimulate production.

111 Ships Enter in Day.

New York—To allay any alarm that might arise over reports of U-boat activity in Atlantic waters, an authorized statement from the Treasury department given out here Thursday by customs officials shows that 111 vessels entered American ports during the 24-hour period ending August 5. It is estimated that more than 225,000 tons of shipping is passing through the danger zone daily, headed toward the United States. An official statement showing the number of ships arriving will now be made public daily.

Loan Will Be Earlier.

New York—Preparations for the floating of the second Liberty Loan to be offered to the public some time early in the fall were begun here Thursday by the general loan committee of the second Federal reserve district. Although the date the second loan will be offered to the public and the rate of interest it will bear have not been definitely decided upon, it was said it would be about September 15, and not October 15, as first reported.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Four hundred and sixty acres of the old McGee place near Airie have been sold to Crane Bros., Rollin, Mont., who will take possession at once and develop a model stock farm.

Many reports of damage done by frost last Sunday night comes from Dallas. Beans and potatoes have been damaged most. All sections of Polk county seem to have been affected.

A shortage of men caused by the exodus to enter the war is forcing Grant county women into the hay fields. The women are driving rakes and bucks and some are even forced to pitch hay.

Explaining his reason for appointing an even number of members on the State board of Conciliation and Mediation, Governor Withycombe said the function of the board is conciliation and not arbitration.

Articles of incorporation of the George F. Rodgers company have been filed in the county clerk's office at Astoria. The company has leased a tract of water frontage from the Port of Astoria Commission for a shipbuilding plant.

On recommendation of Lincoln county authorities, Carl Tuel, 16 years old, who confessed that he killed Jess Hall, ex-convict, near Toledo about three months ago, has been paroled from the State Training school and has left for British Columbia with his sister, Mrs. T. M. Joselyn.

George H. Stevenson of North Bend, member of the war spruce council for Oregon, has forwarded a telegraphic invitation to the National Defense commission now in the Northwest to visit Coos county and look over the six mills which are manufacturing aeroplane stock in that locality.

A hay shortage is threatened in the Long Creek section and farmers are even cutting the growth in fence corners and other places where mowers cannot operate. Some are cutting rye grass to feed with what they have.

The Baker crop is coming up to that of last season, but sales are being made at \$15 and \$16 a ton in the stack.

An increase of 15 per cent in all freight rates was granted to the Great Southern Railroad company by the Public Service commission. One hundred farmers and merchants appeared at the hearing at The Dalles and prayed the commission to extend the increase asked or more if necessary. The road runs from The Dalles to Friend.

Larry M. Sullivan, of Oregon City, one of the owners of the Friar's Club, at Milwaukie, has been paroled by Governor Withycombe, according to a telegram from the governor to Gilbert L. Hedges, district attorney. Sullivan had been convicted and sentenced for numerous violations of the liquor law. He was at liberty on bond pending appeal. He had not served a day in jail.

In the first irrigation controversy to come before the Oregon Public Service commission, water users of the Sutherland valley, in Douglas county, were upheld in an order issued Tuesday. The case is that of H. I. Merriam et al, plaintiffs, against the J. F. Luse company, by W. E. St. John, receiver, defendant, and the Northwest Trust company, of St. Paul, and Ira C. Ohler, trustees, as intervenors.

Upon learning that Baker will experience a greater coal famine than has ever before been known, Mayor Palmer telegraphed an appeal for relief to the department of Commerce at Washington, after a consultation with the local coal dealers. Mayor Palmer has been working upon the problem for some time and reports that he has found the local dealers unable to get any coal for storage purposes and not enough to supply current orders.

The apple market is open with an order of 25 carloads of "C" grade Spitzenbergs and Newtowns placed in Hood River by California distributing concerns.

Dr. K. A. Leep and wife, of Myrtle Point, are en route to New Orleans in response to a telegram stating that their son had been seriously injured by falling from an aeroplane.

Robert Ankeny, owner of an 1800-acre farm near Rickreall, and son of Levi Ankeny, Walla Walla millionaire, has just passed the examination at Salem to join the navy as second machinist.

Members of the I. W. W. are charged with \$165,000 of the total fire loss of \$420,870 in Oregon during July, in a report issued by State Fire Marshal Wells, by causing fires at Klamath Falls, which was the heaviest sufferer of 47 towns in the state last month. Albany and vicinity report a loss of \$28,000; Huntington, \$25,000; Dallas, \$10,000; sawmill near Dallas, \$25,000; Crawfordsville mill, \$15,000; shingle mill at Weaver, \$10,000; Sherman county grain field, \$6000.

The Astoria police and justice court departments were more than self-supporting in July. The receipts from fines in the police department were \$1067.50, while the salaries of the officers amounted to \$925.

Fire destroyed the J. B. Morrison combine harvester in the wheat field of G. A. Meloy between Moro and Grass Valley Saturday. The cause was not determined. It was discovered when the crew appeared for the day's work. The caterpillar tractor used to pull the harvester was saved and no wheat was destroyed.

KERENSKY IS UPHELD

Russian Premier Withdraws His Resignation When Vote of Confidence is Tendered Him by Duma.

Petrograd—By a vote of 147 to 40 a joint meeting of the executive of the Workmen's and Soldiers' and Peasants' councils confirmed the decision of the all-night, Monday, political conference of continued confidence in Premier Kerensky. The Maximalists strongly protested and 42 of the members of this party abstained from voting.

The Duma committee also has confirmed the vote of confidence in M. Kerensky.

Premier Kerensky has returned to Petrograd and withdrawn his resignation. He attended a ministerial meeting on Saturday evening, and afterwards conferred with various political leaders.

M. Kerensky has issued a manifesto in which he declares that he considers it impossible when the country is threatened with defeat without and disintegration within to refuse the heavy task again entrusted to him, which he regards as an express order from the country to construct a strong revolutionary government to carry out the principles already laid down.

"At the same time," said the manifesto, "I consider it inevitable to introduce changes in the order and distribution of government work without allowing myself to be influenced by the thought that these changes will increase my responsibility in the supreme direction of the affairs of state."

General L. Korniloff, in accepting the position of commander-in-chief of the Russian armies, has telegraphed to Premier and War Minister Kerensky the conditions under which he is willing to take the supreme command.

"First—I wish to be responsible only to my conscience and to the people," says the general.

"Second—No one shall intervene in my fighting orders and appointments.

"Third—The measures adopted during the last few days at the front also shall be applied at the depots in the rear."

DRAFT OBJECTOR IS KILLED

Posse Fires on Renegades When They Resist Officers of Law.

Holdenville, Okla.—Edward Blalock, a draft objector, was killed and a posse man, Jack Paige, was wounded in the leg in a fight between officers and objectors to the selective draft, 12 miles southeast of here Sunday night. Henry Johnson, another posse man, was wounded in the head.

The fight, according to meager reports received from Calvin, took place about three miles north of that place. About 50 objectors, alleged members of the "Working Class Union," have been congregating in the woods near here for the last week, posse members declared, and it was with members of this organization that the battle was waged.

Two members of the resisters were said to have been wounded, but it had not been determined whether they were captured. The country where the brush took place is especially wild, being located in a bend of the South Canadian river.

Previous to the clash, nine objectors were captured in the hills after they had been surrounded in a deserted cabin.

EXEMPTION PLEAS VICIOUS

Wording Declared Treasonable by San Francisco Board Chairman.

San Francisco—John L. McNab, chairman of an exemption board in San Francisco, Sunday addressed a letter to John W. Preston, United States district attorney, urging the latter to take official cognizance of what he alleged to be a concerted plan to hinder the progress of the selective draft.

Mr. McNab, writing for the board which he heads, invited the attention of the district attorney to certain affidavits presented in support of exemption claims. The affidavits, he said, were in similar form, and indicated the existence of a plan to combat the selective draft. He told the federal official that the board had refused to file the papers and by unanimous vote had directed that they be forwarded for attention. His reasons he stated as follows:

"To tolerate such vicious utterances made under the guise of an exemption claim is to encourage disloyalty and place a premium upon treason."

Picture Record Planned.

Paris—The Signal Corps of the United States army, has perfected plans for the establishment in France of a huge plant for taking, developing and printing motion and still pictures. From the plant, which is expected eventually to become one of the largest of its kind in the world, will be issued the photographs which are to form a historical record of America's participation in the war. Within a week it will begin giving out photographs for use in American newspapers. The pictures will be censored in France.

27,000 Bales of Hay Burn.

El Paso, Tex.—Twenty-seven thousand bales of hay were destroyed by fire which broke out at the cavalry camp at Fort Bliss shortly before midnight Sunday night. Firemen from El Paso and soldiers worked until 9 o'clock next morning before the blaze was brought under control. Hundreds of motor trucks were employed in hastily moving more than a million bales of hay from the danger zone. The origin of the fire is unknown.

RAILROAD PROFIT SHOWS INCREASE

New Prosperity Record is Made for June Over Last Year.

WESTERNERS IN LEAD

Eastern Roads Show Increase in Revenue of \$600,000,000—Operating Revenues Gain \$15,000,000.

Washington, D. C.—Record prosperity for the railroads is shown in Interstate Commerce commission returns for June.

The 153 roads covered by the figures, operating three-fourths of the country's mileage, reported that their net revenue increased nearly \$8,000,000 over June, 1916, the previous record month, and reached a total of \$88,283,329. Operating revenues increased more than \$38,000,000, totaling \$273,867,527, while expenses were approximately \$30,000,000 higher than a year ago.

The greatest increase is shown by Western roads whose operating revenues jumped from: \$94,000,000 to \$110,000,000. Expenses increased approximately \$10,000,000, leaving net revenue from operation of \$39,616,950, or about \$6,000,000 more than in June, 1916.

Eastern roads show an increase in net revenue of approximately \$600,000,000. Operating revenues increased \$15,000,000, totaling \$120,665,262, while expenses increased approximately \$14,400,000. In the Southern district, operating revenues show an increase of more than \$7,000,000, reaching \$42,719,588. Expenses increased approximately \$6,000,000, leaving net revenues \$13,494,159, approximately \$1,000,000 higher than a year ago.

Total operating revenues of the 153 roads during the first six months were \$1,489,248,702, an increase of \$163,000,000 over the first six months of 1916. Expenses totaling \$1,065,281,720 were approximately \$160,500,000 greater than a year ago.

PLAN ARMY REORGANIZATION

New Arrangement Will Increase Mobility of Forces in Field.

Washington, D. C.—A reorganization of American army units, under which the division totaling 28,000 men, found unwieldy for service on European battlefields, is abandoned for the continental unit of about 19,000 men, has been ordered by the War department.

Under the new plan a division will include only two infantry brigades of two regiments each, in place of three brigades of three regiments each under the old system. Many other organizational changes were made, including a material increase in the artillery and machine gun strength of each division. The cavalry regiment now included in each division is detached, a new trench mortar battery is added and the old army corps plan, abandoned after the Civil war, is again put in operation.

The 16 divisions of the National guard as now constituted will be realigned in conformity with the new plan after the guardsmen reach their training camps.

BRITISH NAVY CHANGE MADE

Thorough Shake-up in Bureau is Predicted—Admiral Wemyss Chosen.

London—Official announcement was made at the Admiralty Tuesday night that Admiral Sir Cecil Buxey, second sea lord, had been replaced by Vice-Admiral Sir Roselyn Wemyss. Allan Garrett Anderson, hitherto vice-chairman of the wheat commission, succeeds Sir Eric Campbell Geddes, the new first lord of the admiralty, as controller of naval construction.

The changes in the British admiralty are attracting much attention, and are interpreted as the first step in a reorganization which it is supposed Sir-Eric Campbell Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, was appointed to carry out.

Canada's Cost is Figured.

Ottawa, Can.—Canada's war expenditures are now about \$850,000 a day, the total to July being \$623,000,000, according to figures. This sum includes upkeep of Canadian troops in France, for which Canada owes Great Britain \$272,000,000. Advances to the munitions board amount to \$288,000,000, while \$22,000,000 was spent for hay, cheese, flour, etc. Canada is supplying about \$10,000,000 a month to buy cheese and contributing \$25,000,000 a month to the treasury for the purchase of munitions in Canada.

Interpreters in Demand.

San Francisco—A corps of interpreters consisting of 175 men able to read, write and speak English, French and German will be organized here immediately, the censor for the Western department of the army announces. All but 72 members of the organization will be commissioned. The others will rank as non-commissioned officers. Men who have seen service in the German and French armies and who are now citizens are particularly desired.