

## WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

### Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

#### UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

### Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

A shortage of turkeys for Christmas is reported.

A new president has been elected in the republic of Switzerland.

A great increase in demands for wool is predicted when the war ends.

Seattle police capture 14 Chinamen being smuggled in from Vancouver, B. C.

The state banks of Washington increase their deposits \$2,600,000 over 1914.

Lack of vessels to export grain has congested the Western elevators with wheat.

Alien employes of the city of Aberdeen, Wash., will lose their jobs unless they become naturalized.

The plans for the Portland postoffice are classic in design and provision for enlarging the building is made.

Greece believes herself safe for the present, at least, from any incursion by the fighting forces of Europe.

The body of a man missing nearly two years was found in a trunk buried in the basement of a building in Philadelphia.

The Breeden building at Third and Washington streets, Portland, once used as the city hall, has been sold for \$106,000.

College students returning home from Seattle to Spokane for the holidays had fitted for them a car in which to dance.

The French government is considering the extension of the moratorium on all commercial obligations for the term of the war.

The German government has adopted resolutions providing for maximum prices for sugar and by-products, rice and vegetables, also foodstuffs for livestock.

A Boston merchant speaking before the student body of Reed College, Portland, declares that a college degree is worth \$20 per day. That is, the student should earn that much.

Unless congress provides for 60 or 70 additional employes for the bureau of construction and repair of the Navy department, the designing of the ships included in the administration's five-year building program will be delayed six months or longer.

The Portland Market Men's association, composed of most market proprietors and including all the large shops in the city, is engaged in a war to a finish with the Meat Cutters' union. The trouble was started by a strike over a half hour's time in the morning.

The United States will regard the Austro-Hungarian reply to the American note regarding the Ancona as being entirely unsatisfactory and unacceptable should the official text be identical with the unofficial version received in press dispatches from Amsterdam and London.

Vienna is said to see a flaw in the American note concerning the sinking of the Ancona whereby Americans lost their lives.

Republicans will hold the national convention in Chicago, June 7, one week ahead of the Democratic meeting in St. Louis.

Practically the entire business section of Needah, Wis., a town of 1100 inhabitants, is a mass of ruins as the result of a conflagration that had its origin in a department store and spread so rapidly that before it could be controlled more than a score of business houses had been reduced to ashes.

A report from Sofia, declares that Macedonia is free from all foes, the Bulgarian army having driven all hostile soldiers from its borders.

Government inspectors investigating the cause of the mishap to the freight steamer Minnesota, find practically nothing wrong with the boilers.

A British financier declares that England will pay her debts, and also that the trade balance in favor of the United States may reach two billion dollars in 1916.

Both sides of the woman suffrage question was presented to the President by their respective adherents, but no promises were given.

No bigger naval vessels will be built by the United States, according to the report of Secretary Daniels, who says the high-water mark has been reached in 32,000-ton ships.

By the sale to Grace & Co., of New York, of 110,800 shares of stock in the Pacific Mail company, by the Southern Pacific, assurances are given that the lines will remain on the Pacific Ocean.

Eight persons burn to death in a Chicago rooming house.

In an affidavit made by Johannes Henrykus Van Koolbergen, he accuses high officials of the German consulate at San Francisco of instigating plots to destroy tunnels and bridges on the Canadian Pacific railroad.

## TURKS IGNORANT OF WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH FORCE FROM GALLIPOLI

London.—Operations in other sectors of the front on the Gallipoli Peninsula than those from which troops were announced Tuesday to have been withdrawn, are to be continued, it is intimated in an official statement issued here. The withdrawal was effected without the knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is declared.

The British troops at the Suvla and Anzac districts of the Gallipoli Peninsula were officially reported to have been withdrawn.

"Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Suvla zones have been received," says the official statement. "Without the Turks being aware of the movement a great army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied on the Gallipoli Peninsula, although in the closest contact with the enemy. By this, contraction of the front at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out."

## QUEEN OF BULGARIA



The queen of Bulgaria, whose ability as a nurse has been manifested time and time again since she established in Sofia one of the finest and best equipped hospitals, has again taken actively to the work which she loves so dearly. She is devoting her time and attention to nursing the sick orphans in the orphanage of her country.

"Sir Charles Montle gives great credit for this skilfully conducted transfer of forces to the generals commanding and the royal navy."

The withdrawal of the British troops from Suvla Bay and the Anzac zone ends more successfully than most military men thought possible, the most unfortunate chapter of the British arms in this war. Thousands of lives were sacrificed in gaining these positions, and thousands in holding them.

The question has been constantly discussed by these generals commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the center of the peninsula in the beginning and cut off Turkish troops on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to secure a foothold higher up on the peninsula, the Turks were fully prepared to meet it.

## Ferris Water Bill Will Be Rushed Through Congress

Washington, D. C.—That the Ferris water power bill is to be railroaded through the house of representatives is indicated by the fact that the public lands committee of that body expects to report it favorably.

The committee discussed the bill at some length Tuesday and decided to give no hearings whatsoever, but it was decided to make several minor changes which will not alter the general character of the measure, and if these can be perfected at once the report will then be ordered, and it is planned to call up the bill in the house as soon as congress reconvenes next month.

The bill in its present shape is not at all satisfactory to Representatives Smetton, Oregon; Smith, Idaho, and La Follette, Washington, but Chairman Ferris let it be known he has enough Democratic votes to report the bill.

## Chinese to Rebel.

San Francisco—Tong King Chong, president of the Chee Kung Tong, or Chinese Republic association, received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, which stated that five Chinese provinces had declared their independence against the rule of Yuan Shi Kai. The provinces concerned in the revolution were, according to the cablegram, Kwang Tung, Kiangsi, Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuen. Mr. Tong, who has presided recently at several Chinese mass meetings, said he believed the action would be followed by many.

## Woman Attaches Graves.

Sacramento, Cal.—The filing of an attachment on a lot in the city cemetery owned by Harry Ditman Harms, a rancher residing near Union House, to force payment of alimony and divorce costs proves almost anything can be attached. The attachment is posted at the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Harms, the second wife of Harms, and it encumbers all of the graves in the lot with the exception of the one occupied by Mrs. Mary Harms, the first wife. The amount of the alimony alleged to be due is \$225.

## Huge Taxes in Prospect.

Berlin, via London.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the Imperial treasury, announced in the Reichstag that the next budget cannot be balanced without additional income, and that proposals for new taxation are now being drafted for submission to the Reichstag. The secretary declared that no matter how large a war indemnity was received, the war would impose a colossal burden of taxation on the Germans.

## PRESIDENT WILSON QUIETLY MARRIED

### Ceremony Minus Music at Home of Bride, Mrs. Galt.

#### HOUR OF EVENT HELD SECRET TO LAST

### Couple Go for Honeymoon to Hot Springs, Va.—Episcopal Ring Service Used in Wedding.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and Mrs. Edith Bolling Galt were married here at 8:30 o'clock Saturday night, with a simple ceremony spoken in the bride's home in the presence of fewer than 30 guests, virtually all of whom were relatives.

They left soon afterward for a two weeks honeymoon in the South, at Hot Springs, Va.

Shortly after 10 o'clock the President and Mrs. Wilson entered a waiting White House automobile and motored to Alexandria, Va., across the Potomac, to take their private car there and avoid a crowd at the railroad station in this city.

The President dined as usual at the White House at 7 o'clock with his daughters and afterward drove to his bride's home, about a mile from the executive mansion. A cold, driving rain, which swept the city all day, cleared off at sunset and the evening was cool and pleasant.

Because the wedding arrangements and the hour of the ceremony had been kept a close secret, there were few on the streets about the White House, but near the bride's home the crowd was held back by the police lines spread during the afternoon.

Everything was in readiness for the ceremony when the President arrived and it proceeded without music. Neither the President nor Mrs. Galt had any attendants and there were no ushers or flower girls. Neither the army, the navy nor the diplomatic corps was represented and the occasion was essentially what both had wished it to be—a home wedding.

On the first floor of the bride's home, in two communicating rooms, a wedding bowler had been arranged with a background of farbyane and maiden-hair ferns, which extended from the floor to the ceiling. Overhead there was a canopy of green in the form of a shell lined with Scotch heather. In the background and at the center was placed a large mirror, framed with orchids and reflecting the scene.

Mrs. William H. Holling, the bride's mother, gave her away. The President stood to the right of the clergyman and the bride stood on their left.

At once Dr. Smith began the words of the Episcopal marriage service, the President making his responses first, and then the bride making hers. After the bride promised to "love, cherish and obey," the President placed the wedding ring, a plain band of gold, on her finger and then, after a prayer and while the couple clasped their right hands together, Dr. Smith declared them husband and wife. The brief and simple ceremony was over.

The entire party then turned to the dining room, where a buffet supper was served.

## Ford Peace Delegates in Bitter Dissension; Some May Desert Ship

London.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail aboard the Ford peace ship, Oscar II, telegraphed from Christiania:

"Disensions among the members of the peace party are as widespread and bitter, as they were on the day following the mutiny, which was precipitated by an attempt to coerce the delegates into signing a declaration censuring President Wilson for his preparedness plan. There is no disguising the fact that a majority of pilgrims now realize that they are on a fool's errand."

"There is an overwhelming feeling of depression in the party. At least a dozen of the delegates intend to desert before they make themselves ridiculous."

"Eight Norwegian and Swedish reporters came aboard at Christiania and were immediately received privately by Mr. Ford and Louis P. Lochner, secretary of the International Peace Society."

"Afterward the stage was set in the second-class saloon to hoodwink the Scandinavian newspaper representatives into the belief that there was a harmonious crowd of innocent merry-makers aboard. A resolution was unanimously adopted pledging the party to all efforts to end the war."

"This was the first motion passed without a dissenting vote since the party sailed. The newspaper men seemed puzzled as to how the reported lack of harmony originated. They were soon enlightened."

"Up sprang S. S. McClure. He said he had heard rumors that seven New York reporters were to be expelled from the party for 'unprofessional conduct' and that a committee at that moment was secretly 'framing up' these men."

## Chinese Threaten War.

San Francisco—Chinese from all sections of California attended a mass meeting here Sunday in the Oriental quarter to protest against the return of China to a monarchical form of government and to arrange for the collection of funds to finance a revolution if Yuan Shi Kai does the crown he has agreed to accept.

Tong King Chong, president of the Republic association, said: "We are willing to permit Yuan Shi Kai to resign peacefully. If he does not there will be war."

## Houquam Hears Balboa.

Houquam, Wash.—A record for amateur wireless apparatus is believed to have been established here when one of the local stations clearly heard the station at Balboa, Panama, sending. The local stations also were able to hear the long-distance wireless telephone conversations recently, though too indistinctly to understand the words.

There are five amateur wireless stations in Houquam, and they are easily able to talk with Tacoma, Portland and La Grande.

## SPAN FALLS UNDER STREETCARS INTO SPOKANE RIVER; FIVE DIE

Spokane.—The north span of the Division-street bridge across the Spokane river gave way under the weight of two passing streetcars Saturday. One of the cars, carrying 15 passengers, plunged into the river and five men were killed and 10 injured. The other car, that had reached the end of the bridge, slid back until the rear end rested on the river bed. The two passengers and crew escaped uninjured.

A seven-ton steel beam was knocked off by the top of the car that fell into the river and fell lengthwise of the car on the seats, holding the passengers on that side under the water for several hours. The passengers on the other side of the car, after being submerged, crawled up the twisted girders of the wrecked bridge and were rescued.

## DOCTOR BOBO



This is the only passed photograph of Doctor Bobo, leader of the revolution in Haiti which the United States has undertaken to suppress.

and electric wires which supply the northeast section of the city. Escaping water and gas and charged electric wires hindered immediate rescue of the survivors.

Late in the day the car was still submerged. A railroad wrecking car was preparing to lift it from the water. The police announced that all bodies had been recovered after 10 hours' work. Of the injured, one man's condition is serious. The dead were readily identified as being residents of Spokane. They were passengers on the car's first trip of the day.

## CHRISTMAS CAROL

### FREDERICK R. MERES

O'er Bethlehem's plain there shone a star  
That guided wise men from afar,  
To see the child in manger lain,  
Immanuel Jesus is his name,  
The Prince of Peace has come to dwell  
Hosanna shout Immanuel.

THE long expected, promised Lord  
Is born today, by kings adored,  
While to the world God doth proclaim  
He comes, and Counselor is his name,  
The mighty God on earth to dwell  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

HE comes to man by lowly birth,  
To spread salvation through the earth.  
From everlasting, he's the same,  
Our God and Wonderful his name,  
King David's seed in man to dwell  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel.

PEACE on earth, good will to man,  
Sing of free salvation's plan,  
With angels join in the refrain,  
Jesus, God with us, is his name,  
Hallelujah, peace on earth,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.

REJOICE and loud hosannas sing,  
Hosanna to the new-born King,  
Angelic hosts to man proclaim  
Our Father's love, our Savior's name,  
Hallelujah! Peace on earth,  
Rejoice! Rejoice! the Savior's birth.



## Santa's Secret

"I-VE got out of bed, just a minute,  
To tell you—I'll whisper it low—  
The stockings I've hung by the fire  
Are for me—not mamma, you know.  
For mine are so awfully little,  
Dear Santa Claus, don't you see?  
And I want, oh, so many playthings,  
They won't hold enough for me."



So I want you to remember  
And all these as full as you can,  
Cause I haven't been very naughty,  
And you've been such a nice, kind man.  
I'd like a live doll, if you please, sir,  
That can talk and call me "mamma."  
Not one that is full of old sawdust,  
As all my other dolls are.



The Christmas Card,  
About a hundred years ago the first Christmas cards were used. These were printed in London and consisted of a visiting card with the words, "A Merry Christmas," printed on it. Later the cards were made with a little scenery on them and a picture of the robin. This bird was used because he is called the English Christmas bird, and also "the Savior's Bird" on account of the old legend regarding its red breast. From this time on the cards became more numerous and of more varied kinds.

Short But Useful,  
The Christmas tree does not live long, but its short life is a useful and beautiful one.

## Holly Scratches

By HARVEY PEAKE

NEVER look a gift in the cost mark,  
All that glitters is not diamonds,  
Mistletoe makes the heart grow fonder.

The gift deferred maketh the heart sick.

Belief in Santa Claus is the best policy.

It is a wise merchant who knows his own goods when they are brought back for exchange.

To give hideous gifts is human, to forgive impossible.

Gifts make the man, the want of them the fellow.

One Christmas bargain makes the whole of womankind spin.

Christmas bills are stubborn things.

Santa Claus is not so red as he is painted.

Buy gifts in haste and repent at leisure.

Uneasy lies the head that's trying to make twenty dollars buy forty gifts.

And thereby hangs a stocking.

Every Christmas tree must stand on its own bottom.

Gifts are seldom what they seem.

## A CHRISTMAS VISION

On Christmas eve 'mid all the joyous glee  
That in my plenteousness surrounded me,  
I happened by some chance to turn mine eye  
Out through a window-wreath 'that hung near by

And as I glanced through it into the night  
I seemed to see, lit by some holy light,  
A childish face with wistful, smiling lips  
That thrilled me to my very finger-tips.

Two eager hands stretched forth called, "as in stress,  
To me to carry help to Helplessness,  
And in the sad eyes of that child I saw  
In all its loveliness the Christmas Law—  
Not a command, no everlasting Must,  
Upon Hesitance for its teaching thrust,  
But just a pleading hint to him who runs  
That all who suffer are God's Little Ones!"

And then the picture in the wreath was gone,  
And in its place the Eastern Star-beams shone—  
The same that thirteen centuries ago  
Led on the Wise Men with their heavenly glow:  
And 'as they I wandered through the drifts  
And into lowly places carried gifts  
To cheer, and give release, and pay my due  
Unto my Lord through them that suffer run.

—John Kendrick Bangs, in Scribner's.

A little knowledge is a dangerous thing, especially on Christmas eve, when a kid discovers his father acting the part of Santa Claus.

Crowned on Christmas.  
William the Conqueror was crowned on a Christmas day.

## Old Santa's Christmas List

The reindeer are harnessed and ready  
For their Christmas eve drive through  
the sky;  
They whinny and stamp; sleigh bells  
tingle.  
And old Santa Claus' sledge is piled  
high  
With an abundance of toys, books and  
goodies.  
For all good little boys and girls;  
Santa'll fill up the stockings while the  
clock is tick-tocking,  
And the snow flakes drift down in  
whirls.

He'll slide down the chimney as usual—  
Fat, jolly, red-gloved, full of glow—  
He's been keeping tabs on each one of you;  
In the picture he's looking to see  
Which kiddies have minded their parents,  
Which youngsters have done as they  
ought;  
If you have been good and done as you  
should,  
Old Santa'll bring you a lot.

See! He's looking his list of names over,  
Yes, and scratching the naughty ones  
out.  
If Freddie had minded his mamma  
Today he'd never need doubt  
That Santa would fill up his stocking;  
And if Maizie hadn't been bad.



That yellow-haired dollie that's going to  
Molly  
Is one present she might have had.  
For Molly behaved herself nicely,  
She doesn't grumble, tell fibs or be  
mean;  
So her papa has written to Santa  
To get her a good girl and a  
boy.  
Then there's Tommy's name on the paper:  
A real boy, but never saucy nor swears,  
Nor is cruel to kitties. It's a thousand  
pities  
That Freddie's mother had as few cares.  
Now there's the names of Mildred and  
Jessie,  
Of Margaret, Julia and Kate—  
When they go out to play and hear moth-  
er say,  
"Home early," they never are late.  
Next comes Bobbie, that jolly young rascal,  
And Henry—the boys call him "Hen"  
—There's a red sled for Bob, and for  
Henry a job  
Playing war with his tin soldier men.

How the sleighbells are jingling and tinkle,  
How the reindeer are prancing to go  
Skimming along o'er the housetops,  
Unmindful of cold, ice or snow,  
Santa's sack is crammed to o'erflowing:  
Is your name on his visiting list?  
Now in bed abide; down the chimney he'll  
slide  
If you're good, your house won't be  
missed.

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS

Scandinavian Custom of Providing Feast of Barley for Feathered Creatures.

Among the other delightful traits of the Scandinavian people is their custom in their Yule festivities of thinking not only of the happiness of their little ones, but of teaching these children to bear in mind the happiness of others, and in particular of the animals about them.

At the Yuletide season, we are told, the market place of Christmas presents a very gay aspect, filled in as it is with spruce trees of all sizes for the children's festival. But there is a feature in the Norse Christmas that I have not heard of in any other country in that in this market place there is for each Christmas tree a Julenog, or little sheaf of barley; each person who buys a tree also buys a sheaf. Then, when the tree is set up in the main room of the house at Yuletide for the hairn (born, as they are called in Norway) the sheaf of grain is fastened on the end of a pole and put out in the yard for a Christmas feast for the birds!

Had One Already,  
"I don't know what to give Lizzie for a Christmas present," one chorus girl is reported to have said to her mate, while discussing the gift to be made to a third.  
"Give her a book," suggested the other.  
And the first one replied, meditatively: "No, that won't do; she's got a book."  
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