

# 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.

A delegation of Chinese gardeners called on the state pure food commissioner of Idaho and complained that the vacant lot gardening movement threatens to ruin them.

Except for an intensive bombardment by the Germans near Mechichov, there have been only the usual activities along the Russian front and in the Roumanian war theater.

The German ship Steinbek, seized by the United States government after lying in Eagle Harbor near Seattle, since the beginning of the European war, has been ordered repaired after survey by a United States official.

The Arizona governorship contest between ex-Governor G. W. P. Hunt and Thomas E. Campbell, de facto governor, who has held the office since early in the year on order of the Supreme Court, was decided in favor of Governor Campbell.

All students except 30 seniors have "struck" at the Colorado School of Mines, and most of the approximately 140 "strikers" have left the institution, as a result of the faculty's refusal to reconsider suspension of several students for rubbing a professor with sand.

A blizzard of midwinter proportions swept the upper peninsula of Michigan Thursday, completely tying up railroad traffic and causing great damage to telegraph and telephone wires. Six inches of snow fell in Marquette and vicinity. Great damage to crops is predicted.

In the fisheries of Alaska the United States may find millions of pounds of food for the war emergency. Fish Commissioner Smith told a senate committee that the supply of cod, salmon, herring and other edible fish was practically unlimited and that the government might well go into the fishing business.

Secretary McAdoo has announced that the first offering of bonds authorized under the war finance law would be a \$2,000,000,000 "liberty loan" issue, open to popular subscription at par, and that subscriptions would be received until June 15 next. The bonds will be dated July 1 and will be ready for delivery on that date.

Pooling of American war risk insurance with the allies is proposed in an administration bill introduced in congress. American ships and cargoes would be reinsured by the allies and the United States would reinsure allied ships and cargoes. An appropriation of \$25,000,000 is to be asked, which will include insurance on the lives of seamen on American merchant ships.

Notably increased activity, particularly by enemy scouting parties, is reported on the Russian front in Wednesday's war office statement.

No Berlin newspapers have arrived in Copenhagen for several days. Such stoppages are often preliminary to important military developments.

A German who spoke slightly of the flag in Helena, Mont., recently, was seized by a dozen soldiers and forced to kneel and kiss the Stars and Stripes. He then was ordered to start somewhere and keep going. His name was not learned.

Three hundred Villa soldiers surrendered to General Eduardo Hernandez de Carranza cavalry commander, following the battle of Hacienda de Carmen on April 23, General Francisco Murguia announced Wednesday before he left Juarez for Chihuahua City. General Murguia also announced he would continue his campaign against Villa with Chihuahua City as a base.

A war measure designed to raise not less than \$1,500,000,000 by direct taxes during the coming year, will be reported to the house ways and means committee by a sub-committee which has been drafting the bill in secret sessions. Reduction of the income tax exemptions from \$3000 and \$4000 to \$1000 and \$2000 for single and married persons respectively, and an increase of the excess profits tax from 8 per cent on all amounts over 8 per cent and \$5000 to 16 per cent are two of the sub-committee's proposals.

Wednesday fire destroyed two grain elevators of the Hales & Edwards company, Chicago, containing approximately 75,000 bushels of oats and wheat, and causing a total loss of \$500,000. Federal officials have begun an investigation.

The report that King Constantine of Greece is soon to abdicate is reiterated in a dispatch from Rome to the London Star, which says it has been confirmed from neutral diplomatic sources. It is suggested that the king and queen may land at an Italian port and proceed overland to Denmark.

Mrs. Floyd Smith, wife of the noted San Diego aviator, who last year was credited with establishing three hydro-aeroplane altitude records, announced that she has offered her services to the War department for aviation duty.

The order of the London food controller prohibiting consumption of meat one day each week will be rescinded. Speaking for the government in the house of commons, Captain Charles Bathurst said it might be necessary to abandon meatless days as they involved a strain on the consumption of breadstuffs.

## ROOSEVELT HAS ARMY

187,000 Men Ready to Follow Teddy to Trenches in France—10 Millions Pledged to Cover Expense.

Washington, D. C.—Without drum-beat, trumpet flourish or flag waving, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has recruited 187,000 men who are eager to follow him to France to fight against the Germans. He has applications from 20,000 more who want commissions.

All he now needs to convert his recruits into United States volunteers is a word of sanction from the President or legislative authority from congress. Men from every state in the Union have clamored to join the Roosevelt division, most of them men above conscription age, and all men inspected and found mentally and physically qualified for active service.

The Colonel Tuesday was in a position to offer the War department two completely equipped divisions, including infantry, cavalry, field artillery, engineers, signal corps, motorcycle machine gun commands, motor transport, commissary and subsistence, aviation corps, hospital corps and quartermaster's corps.

He has men enough pledged for three divisions, but his desire and ambition are to mobilize an army corps of two divisions. He does not ask to command this corps, seeking merely the junior brigade command, which would make him the ninth officer in the corps, being ranked by the corps commanders and by other brigadier generals, who would be regular army men.

The financial preparations have been such that these two divisions could be mobilized, equipped and sent to France without entailing a dollar of expense to Uncle Sam.

Wealthy volunteers and wealthy citizens who cannot go have pledged vast sums, and returns show that the magic of the Colonel's name can mobilize \$10,000,000 if he but gets permission to go. One Southern city alone has pledged \$1,000,000, and individual pledges of from \$1000 to \$50,000 have been made.

Once Colonel Roosevelt gets the sanction to raise a corps he has assurance that Oregon will furnish one brigade of infantry and one battalion of cavalry; Washington has pledged and recruited two regiments of infantry, one regiment and one company of cavalry.

## ARMY OF ENGINEERS TO GO

Nine Regiments to Be Recruited at Once for Construction Service.

Washington, D. C.—Nine new regiments of army engineers, to be composed exclusively of highly trained railway men, will be the first American troops sent to France. They will go "at the earliest possible moment," the War department announces, for work on communication lines, but speculation as to the exact time when or to what points they will be sent is forbidden because of the submarine menace.

The new forces will be volunteers, raised at the nine great railway centers of the country. Each regiment will be commanded by an engineer colonel of the regular army, aided by an adjutant. All other officers will be railway engineers or officials.

The expeditions will have a total strength of between 11,000 and 12,000 men, each regiment being composed of two battalions of three companies each. Every branch of railway workers necessary to the building or operation of lines will be represented and the War department expects a response to the call that will insure a force already trained to the minute—an army of experts in railway operation.

## Sawmill May Hire Girls

Ashland, Or.—A report from Hilt, a lumber town in Northern California, is to the effect that the Fruitgrowers' Supply company, which operates a sawmill and box factory plant there, is considering the hiring of women and girls to replace the men at many of the tasks in the mills. An embarrassing shortage of labor is said to have caused the move. All of the lumber camps of Northern California and Klamath country have difficulty in obtaining enough men. Many of the tasks in the mills could be handled as well by women.

## Anti-German Pact 'Found'

Copenhagen—As the latest means of keeping the German people aroused, the German newspapers have discovered a "secret Anglo-American treaty," whereby Germany in the future is to be allowed no colonies whatever, Germany's surplus population to be directed to the Anglo-Saxon controlled regions, where "they are to be absorbed as the Germans have been in the United States." The Hamburg Fremdenblatt prints the story "from an absolutely reliable source," urging the necessity of complete victory.

## Two Men Die at Aviation School

Hempstead, N. Y.—Peter Merritt, of Roosevelt, N. Y., and John Stender, of Tonawanda, N. Y., both privates in the recently organized aviation training corps at Hempstead Plains, were killed Monday when their machine fell from a height of over 2000 feet. The accident was witnessed by many persons, some of whom asserted the gasoline tank of the airplane exploded, while others said the steering gear was jammed.

## Sugar Crop is Doubled

Washington, D. C.—The Louisiana sugar crop of 1916 was practically as great as the crop of 1915. Figures compiled by the department of Agriculture show the 1916 crop was 607,800,000 pounds.

## U. S. Diplomat Improves

Washington, D. C.—Ambassador Elihu, sick in Constantinople with typhus, is much better. He may not be able to leave for home for three weeks, however.

## GERMANY'S PEACE OFFER IS DELAYED

Kaiser Waiting to See Outcome of Submarine War.

## HOLLWEG IS BLAMED

Battle on Western Front and Crisis in Russia Also Factors For Delay. Internal Troubles Acute.

London—The opinion prevails in British circles that the German chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, is "sitting on the fence" in the matter of announcing German peace proposals. It is believed here that he is playing for time in an attempt to let the fighting run through the summer before he commits himself.

The German chancellor is anxious to see the outcome of the submarine campaign, of the fighting on the Western front and of the Russian crisis before he definitely announces a "no annexation" program. Likewise, it is believed, he is delaying in the matter of internal reforms hoping that the trend of events will make it possible to ignore a large part of the demands for such action.

According to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam, the Pan-German newspapers in Berlin continue their attacks on the imperial chancellor.

Copenhagen—There is still talk in Berlin, according to advices received here, that Germany will make new peace proposals this week. There is no definite basis apparent for the rumors, though the convocation of the Bundesrat committee on foreign affairs perhaps may be confirmatory of them.

## U. S. SHIPS SUPPLY U-BOATS, REPORT

Washington, D. C.—The government is investigating the activities of the steamer Manitowoc and other vessels of the American Trans-Atlantic company, which are said to have carried supplies to German submarines in the Atlantic. This was disclosed at the Navy department Tuesday, but no details of the steps taken were given out.

The American Trans-Atlantic company has offices in New York and Boston, and its ships fly the American flag. Officials here will not say what had aroused their suspicions, but admitted that the ships had been held for investigation at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, by order of the Navy department.

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## TAX LIQUOR AND FORTUNES

Committee Doubles Taxes on Whisky and Increase on Inheritances.

Washington, D. C.—In an extended session Tuesday, the house ways and means committee wrote new and drastic liquor and inheritance taxes into the war revenue bill, but adjourned still in disagreement over many sections and about \$200,000,000 short of \$1,800,000,000 it has voted to raise. The leaders hope to complete the measure soon and a proposed retroactive income tax amendment, which would yield \$140,000,000 during the coming year, and other far-reaching proposals are held in abeyance, to be inserted at the eleventh hour if necessary.

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Proposed taxes on whisky were increased by the committee from \$1.10 to \$2.20 a gallon, and on beer from \$1.50 to \$2.75 a barrel. The amount of exempt liquor in a dealer's possession at the time the law becomes effective was reduced from an unlimited quantity to 50 gallons. These changes, it is predicted, will result in almost \$50,000,000 additional revenue.

Inheritance tax rates were greatly increased over strong protests from Republican members. It was agreed tentatively to increase all such taxes one-third, beginning at the present exemption of \$50,000, and to impose the following graduated taxes for large fortunes:

Above \$8,000,000 and below \$11,000,000, 22 per cent; above \$11,000,000 and below \$15,000,000, 25 per cent, and above \$15,000,000, 30 per cent.

## Wasters to Be Punished

London—An order will be issued soon providing that the waste of any kind of food shall be a punishable offense. Captain Bathurst, parliamentary secretary of the food controller's department, made the announcement. Discussion in the house of the work of the liquor control board, is awaited with considerable interest. The Pall Mall Gazette says it is rumored in quarters generally well informed that the government contemplates introducing a measure for state purchase of the liquor trade.

## Manila Shows Loyalty

Manila—A great parade of the Filipinos of Manila was held here Saturday as a demonstration and pledge of their allegiance to the United States. Speeches were delivered, Manuel L. Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, acting as spokesman for the population and exchanging felicitations on Filipino-American solidarity with Governor General Francis Burton Harrison. The more pro-Filipino administration was the more pro-American were the Filipinos, said Senator Quezon in his address.

## TAKE 5300 GERMANS

French Win Brilliant Victory on Four-Mile Front and Take Important Points Dominating Valley.

Paris—A brilliant success for the French arms is recorded in the official communication Sunday. An important French advance has been made against powerful opposition along the road from Soissons to Laon, over an extent of nearly four miles.

French troops have captured all the plateau in the neighborhood of Cerny and Craonne and the hills dominating the valley of the Ailette river. The number of prisoners captured was 4300, in addition to the 1000 taken Saturday.

The battle continues with fury and the losses of the Germans are officially characterized as exceptionally high. The German Crown Prince did not hesitate to sacrifice his reserves and he repeated his desperate counter-attacks in an extended endeavor to neutralize the gain of the French, but all efforts to retake the ground were in vain. The assaulting waves of the German forces were everywhere broken and the principal line of the enemy defense was thrown back.

The obstacles confronting the French armies were in many cases natural and it would seem insurmountable, and the French accomplished magnificent exploits in scaling them in the face of the enemy, who had accumulated divisions and batteries.

News from the front tells of the extreme violence of the counter-attacks that the Germans are making in a most determined effort to gain an advantage which might become decisive, but nowhere have they made headway according to the French officers.

There was no diminution in the heavy German onslaughts in the neighborhood of Rheims, where the Germans between Beine and Gapisneul form a pronounced salient which includes Fort Brimont and Forts Witry, Berru and Nogent. The operations that the French have begun in this region have for their object the reduction of this salient and unofficial reports say that some progress has been made by the French in the vicinity of Brimont.

The fighting during the 48 hours along the entire Franco-British front has been the most sanguinary and desperate since the battle of the Marne.

## CUBANS PILLAGE AMERICANS

Rebels on Island Alarm Foreigners and Intervention is Asked.

New York—Charges that Cuban negro rebels are burning and pillaging the homes and properties of Americans and other foreigners in the districts of Palmirito, Bayate and Miranda, Oriente province, were made by 24 American and British refugees who arrived here Monday. They predicted that there would be a massacre of the white residents remaining unless the United States intervenes, and asserted that the Cuban government is powerless to cope with the situation.

Most of the refugees escaped with only the clothes they wore. The refugees appealed for aid for the Americans remaining in the territory threatened by the rebels. Their statement will be forwarded to the State department at Washington. The threat of a massacre is contained in a statement contained in the appeal, alleged to have been written by General Blas Maso.

## Merchantmen at Libau Cause Petrograd to Fear Attack

Petrograd—Petrograd is again warned of an impending German attack upon it by way of Libau, in an army order which directs the disposition of forces to resist such an attack. The warning was given by General Korniloff, commanding the troops in the Petrograd district, who says:

"We have received reports that the enemy is concentrating large forces against our northern front. German merchantmen are at Libau, ready as soon as the ice has melted to embark troops and under cover of the German fleet to carry out a landing which may possibly be made quite close to Petrograd."

"In order to create a new army capable of stubbornly defending our capital against the assaults of an enemy from abroad, and of concentrating the freedom won by Russia, I order the reorganization of the reserve elements of the district in accordance with the orders I have already issued to the first-line troops."

## War Party Gaining in Ceina

Pekin—The entry of China into the war at an early date seems inevitable. President Li Yuan Hung and the senate are opposed to such a step, but the house of representatives, the premier and the conference of military governors are urging war. A dissolution of parliament is threatened if parliament fails to declare a state of hostilities. Owing to the great power exercised by the military party, the senate probably will yield to the war party. Hsu Shih Ying, minister of communications, has resigned.

## Mme. Joffre to Get Ham

Washington, D. C.—Madame Joffre, wife of the Marshal of France, is going to get a fine, big sugar-cured Virginia ham, a gift from Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, when the marshal returns to Paris. During one of the marshal's calls at the White House, Mrs. Wilson learned that Madame Joffre was very fond of American ham, which is very scarce there. Mrs. Wilson sent to Virginia and procured an extraordinarily fine ham and sent it to Marshal Joffre, asking him to take it back to Madame Joffre with her compliments.

## Water Bags Hold Liquor

Portland—Seven hot water bags are the latest whisky containers to be discovered by sleuths of the sheriff's office. These bags, each holding a gallon of liquor, were found Saturday morning by Deputy Sheriffs Phillips, Ward, Flaherty and George Hurlbert and Special Agent Geren, of the district attorney's office, wrapped in blankets in a trunk checked to the Baggage & Omnibus Transfer company. No clue to the owner was discovered.

### SHEEP'S CLOTHING

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#### CHAPTER II—Continued.

The Dowager Dragon glared fore and aft; but there were no other passengers within earshot, and the ports behind them, though alight, were shut and sound-tight. "Betty Merrilees," she said.

"You're warm—as the children say in hide-and-seek." "Aha!" the lady cried in triumph. "Well, then! Betty doesn't mean to beat the customs. She told me so herself. The row that man Loeb has kicked up about smuggling has scared her so that she's made up her mind to declare every blessed trinket. So you see, Quoin, you're simply wasting your time trailing Betty Merrilees."

Quoin smiled vaguely at his finger tips. "No, I'm not," he contradicted. Mrs. Beggarstaff sniffed suspiciously. "I've guessed wrong?"

"For once in a way. The truth is, I don't care whether Mrs. Merrilees demands the government or not. It's over a year since I left the secret service. I don't like the work—too tame—and having learned all it could teach me, I quietly dropped out and returned to my old field."

"Private investigation, eh?" "There's some fun in that," Quoin said with mild enthusiasm. "Odd jobs—I love 'em. They're generally so very odd—unexpected besides."

"Quoin," the lady inquired with a change of tone, "you remember the Joachim collection?" "Do I remember it!" Quoin protested with reproachful sincerity. "I wish I might hope ever to be repaid for the sleep I lost on that case!"

"You never got a clue?" "Never one. That was a masterly job."

"Has none of the stuff ever turned up?" "Oh, plenty of it, here and there—mostly in Europe. In fact, I'm told that Joachim has reassembled most of the collection; but it has cost him five times his original outlay."

"There are, of course, pieces still missing?" "Oh, naturally!"

"Well, then," said the lady deliberately, "I don't mind telling you that there's one piece I distinctly remember, on board this ship—a magnificent sardonyx cameo."

"Truly?" "Would you care to see it? Then—look!"

Mrs. Beggarstaff unclosed her left hand. In its palm lay Miss Carteret's brooch!

With a wondering exclamation, Quoin bent forward to examine the cameo, while Mrs. Beggarstaff regarded with a triumphant smile his startled head. It was something to have started the greatest living detective, which was precisely the distinction the keen-witted old woman accorded this man.

"Take it to the light and have a good look."

"Thank you," said Quoin, rising instantly and moving forward to the lighted commandway, where he lingered a long minute, intently inspecting the brooch with a small magnifying glass.

"Unquestionably one of the missing pieces," he declared flatly, returning, "and, if I'm not mistaken, one of the finest in the collection. How did you come by it, please?"

"It's the property of the young person who shares my cabin; name, Lucy Carteret. She's an American, about twenty, and has lived abroad all her life. Now she's going to New York to join her father, who—she says—gave her this on her fifteenth birthday."

"The question is, who is Carteret?" "I'm not psychic," Mrs. Beggarstaff objected. "The woods are full of Carterets; but I know none that this child resembles in any way. Besides, she has denied every relationship I've suggested so far."

"But we mustn't forget that, when found, this paternal Carteret will probably prove to be a perfectly honest bourgeois who picked up the cameo casually in some out-of-the-way shop, at home or abroad. I've often thought that the widespread distribution of that loot might be taken as pretty good evidence in support of something I've always contended was a popular chimera—the existence of a regular organization of social freebooters. You're going to help me?"

"I don't mind telling you in the least. This isn't a case—just simple curiosity on my part. Did you ever know anybody by the name of Hicks-Lorrimer—in London?"

"Bless my income!" exclaimed Mrs. Beggarstaff indignantly. "No! Who is he—or she?"

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## MRS. BEGGARSTAFF DISCOVERS THAT LUCY CARTERET OWNS A BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE WHICH HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM A VALUABLE COLLECTION SOME TIME BEFORE

A beautiful, well-bred English woman, nervous and suspicious, finds when she boards the steamer *Albatra*, bound from Liverpool for New York, that her stateroom mate is Mrs. Amelia Beggarstaff, a fascinating wealthy American widow of about sixty years. The girl says her name is Lucy Carteret and that she is going to America to meet her father, who has lived there many years. Something about the girl's manner makes the widow wonder what's the trouble. She is much surprised to find Lucy possesses a magnificent necklace which the girl said her father had given her for Christmas.

"None whatever. You haven't told me what you know about him."

"Why—of course!—what the world knows. He's an entertaining little man who came out of nowhere to cheer us up about fifteen years ago. Never was heard of before one fine morning when we all woke up to find he belonged. No money, so far as I know—or just enough to enable him to live well without working too hard. Nowadays New York teems with just this type of unaccountable persons—decent, diverting, well-bred, and three-quarters idle. That's all—except I like the man."

"You never heard he was married?" "He isn't!" Mrs. Beggarstaff exclaimed, dumfounded.

"I don't say so. I only wonder. Of course, if you never heard he was married, you never suspected him of having a daughter—you're too pure-minded."

"Thank you for nothing. What are you driving at?" "And if he hasn't a daughter, who in thunder is Lydia?"

"Quoin," said the Dowager Dragon solemnly, "I warn you, if you keep me on tenterhooks another instant—"

"Here you are, then," the detective interposed hastily; "but keep it to yourself. Yesterday afternoon, when I was killing time in the wireless house, a message came in which I read over the operator's shoulder as he wrote it down. It was for Craven, and ran something like this: 'Lydia disappeared. What shall I do? Await advice before notifying police.' Signed, 'Hicks-Lorrimer.' And after

instinctively the girl crouched in the shadow of her bedstead, in deadly terror lest she be detected at her involuntary eavesdropping—so strong upon her sensitive perceptions the psychological effect of this surreptitious passage.

But her fears were quickly dissipated, the interview terminating as abruptly as it had begun.

"Good-night!" that well-remembered voice continued incisively. "And for the last time I warn you: Don't approach me again about this ship!"

"But—listen," the other pleaded and threatened in the one breath. "We got to get a straight answer out of you—"

"I've given it already—twice. For the third time—no!" With this the last speaker strode briskly forward.

Rising as silently as any shadow, Miss Carteret again turned her face to the port.

The man who had hissed was still there, watching the other way. She fancied something sullen and menacing in the lowering inclination of his head, the stoop of his narrow shoulders.

Suddenly, with a mumbled word, inarticulate with anger, he turned and went swiftly aft.

Do you believe that Lucy Carteret is telling the truth and that she is an honest, high-class girl; or do you think she is one of a band of shrewd crooks? The next installment brings important developments.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## AMERICAN WEDS A RULER

Alice Heine, Who Enjoyed Unusual Distinction, Soon Tired of Life as Princess of Monaco.

Alice Heine, the only American woman to enjoy the distinction—and suffer the disillusionment—of being the wife of a sovereign, was born in New Orleans fifty-nine years ago. Her father was Michael Heine, a Jewish banker, and her mother Miss Amelle Miltenberger, who came of a prominent Louisiana family.

Having made a fortune in New Orleans, Michael Heine settled in Paris after the Franco-Prussian war, and rose to be a noted financier. His daughter, Alice, became the bride of the duc de Richelieu, scion of an ancient French line. She bore him a son and a daughter, after which he died. The son inherited the title, and a few years ago followed the example of his father by taking an American wife, Miss Eleanor Douglas Wise of Baltimore.

Alice Heine, duchess of Richelieu, remained a widow many years before she was won by the prince of Monaco, whose prior marriage to Lady Mary Douglas Hamilton, an Englishwoman, had been annulled by the church. Life with the sovereign prince of the tiny country of Monaco—noted principally for its great gambling resort, Monte Carlo—was not a bed of roses, and she soon tired of it. The prince was given a divorce.

## Few Individuals Honored

France delights in naming its streets after some particular building, or some happening, or a great victory, and this is also true to a certain extent in Canada, where there is only one capital city which commemorates an individual. This is Charlottetown, the capital of Prince Edward Island. The Charlotte so remembered was the daughter and only child of George IV, who died only a year after her marriage in 1817.—Philadelphia North American.

## Jury Qualifications

In England aliens can sit on a jury after ten years domicile. In Ireland they are absolutely disqualified.

