

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.

The house voted Monday to appropriate \$360,000 for the free distribution of seeds by members of congress.

Stephen D. Engle, aged 83, inventor and builder of the famous Engle astronomical, musical and apostolic clock, famous a generation ago as a theatrical attraction, died at his home in Hazelton, Pa., Sunday night.

House republican leaders Monday approved a program which calls for appropriations of \$13,000,000 for construction of five hospitals for war veterans suffering from mental and nervous disorders and tuberculosis.

Attorney-General Palmer has charged Samuel Untermyer, New York attorney, with acting "in the German interests" and "with simply serving his old clients" in his criticisms of Mr. Palmer's conduct of the offices of alien property custodian and attorney-general.

William H. Taft and Mrs. Taft sailed for home Tuesday after a visit in Hamilton, Bermuda, of almost a month. Mr. Taft was called home to resume work on arbitrating the value of the shares of the Grand Trunk railway, which is being taken over by the Canadian government.

J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guaranty Trust company announced recently that subscription books for the \$13,000,000 Belgian loan were opened at 10 o'clock and immediately closed. The announcement was taken to mean that the loan had been successfully floated and that it was over-subscribed.

Telephone and telegraph facilities were crippled in Nebraska Tuesday by snow and sleet. It was estimated that 2000 telephone poles had been leveled by the weight of sleet on the wires and that the damage would reach \$75,000. Snow was falling in eastern Nebraska following a heavy fall in the western part during the last 24 hours.

Alameda, on San Francisco bay, is understood to have been selected by the joint congressional committee as the site for the main naval fleet base on the Pacific coast. San Diego is the committee's choice, for the principal aviation base and San Pedro for the submarine base. Establishment of another aviation base on the north coast at Sand Point, Wash., also will be recommended.

Steps are to be taken shortly by federal prohibition officers to block distribution of intoxicating beverages masquerading as patent medicines. Prohibition officials say that permits for the manufacture of medicinal preparations in which alcohol is used would be limited to the minimum. The bureau of internal revenue, one official said, is determined to curb "the well-known abuse of patent medicine permits."

Herman Prey of Myrtle Point, Or., received a price of \$520.50 a thousand for a seasoned Myrtle plank 16 feet long, three feet wide and two inches thick. Myrtle lumber, particular when seasoned, of attractive grain, and sound, brings about \$250 a thousand on Coos bay and throughout the country where there are factories utilizing it for novelties, such as pin trays, napkin rings, nut bowls, serving trays and for other uses.

Earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the final quarter of 1920, made public after Tuesday's meeting of the executive committee and board of directors, totaled \$43,877,882, against \$48,051,540 in the preceding quarter. Net income of \$31,702,810, compared with \$35,739,137, and surplus of \$14,401,446 showed a decrease of \$3,388,493. For the year earnings totaled \$177,174,126, against \$152,290,639 in 1919, and \$208,281,104 in 1918.

LENINE ROCKS SOCIALISM

Radical's Hammer of Red Revolution
Brings Party to Crisis.

New York.—Nicolaï Lenine's ultimatum to the socialists of the world, giving them the "21 conditions" to which they must subscribe before they can be received into the third or communist internationale of Moscow, has met with a widespread, if in many cases negative, response. It indicates a decided split in the ranks of the socialist party in many countries, judging by reports from abroad.

In the 15 nations which such opinions have been expressed, four have been unqualifiedly against entering the third internationale, one is undecided, three are divided and seven in favor are opposed by determined minorities.

Lenine demanded, among other things, that socialist organizations must purge themselves of all moderates, defy all national laws, undermine armies, gain control of the press, throw off the allied "yoke," promote a world economic crisis, condemn any league of nations, aid the soviet government and abandon for the blood and fire of "red revolution" all conservative social democratic programs.

HOMESEEEKERS' RATES TO NORTHWEST BACK

A decisive step toward pre-war conditions has been taken by the Great Northern railway in announcing that it will restore homeseekers' rates to Pacific northwest points along its lines from St. Paul. These rates have not been in effect on any road since they were abolished as an economy measure during the war, and the Great Northern is the first to resume.

Announcement of the rate restoration, received in Portland Monday in a special message from St. Paul, declared that it will mean the resumption of the influx of homeseekers from the middle west to the northwest. Great Northern traveling lecturers, working under the direction of E. C. Leedy, general supervisor of agriculture for the railway, have been telling the farmers and others in the middle west of the opportunities in the northwest, it is explained, and now that low fares have been re-established, the prospective settlers will be able to make the trip out this way to see for themselves what is here.

For a little less than a one-way fare travelers may visit the northwest points included in the rates restoration order and return to their original starting station.

The rates will be effective the first and third Tuesdays of each month, from April to October of this year.

Coal Bill is Denounced.

Washington, D. C.—Because of its provisions taxing coal brokerage commissions as high as 90 per cent the Calder bill to regulate the coal industry is "the most stupendous aid to profiteering ever devised," former Governor Curtis of Maine declared before the senate committee considering the measure.

"I'm just explaining why the coal men are anxious to see this bill go through," he said. "It amounts to a conspiracy between the government and the profiteers to raise the price of coal. It tempts men to profiteer. As a coal man I've no objection, but as a citizen I'm telling you what it will do."

Tobacco Threat is Made.

Lexington, Ky.—Night riders Saturday night visited farmers in Bath and Fleming counties and warned them not to haul any more tobacco to market until prices were higher, according to reports. The reports said that the growers were told that their barns would be burned and that they would be dealt with severely unless they complied.

Court Upholds Seizures.

Washington, D. C.—The supreme court Monday upheld the authority of the alien property custodian to seize securities deposited in this country by German insurance companies to protect American policy holders. The court said there could be no doubt that the trading with the enemy act authorized such a seizure.

War Wool To Be Sold.

Washington, D. C.—Approximately 4,000,000 pounds of wool will be offered for sale at auction by the war department it was announced Monday. The sale will be held at Boston, February 3.

56 BILLIONS AMOUNT GERMANY MUST PAY

Agreement by Allies Calls for
Forty-two Installments.

TEUTONS TO DISARM

Full Agreement on Reparations Is
Reached by Premiers—France
Held Fully Satisfied.

Paris.—Full agreement on reparations, German disarmament and all other important questions before it had been reached by the supreme council when it adjourned Saturday evening to meet in London February 21.

The greatest result obtained was, as Premier Briand expressed it "maintenance by the allies of a front as united in making peace as in waging war." The conference has resulted to the satisfaction of all concerned.

A protocol was signed approving the reparations scheme as agreed on by the special committee and also the report on the disarmament of Germany as presented by the military committee. Germany must disarm by July 1, disbanding all her civic guards not provided for in the peace treaty.

Germany will be called on to pay in 42 annuities on a sliding scale 226,000,000,000 gold marks. Her exports, in addition, bear an export duty of 12 per cent for the allies. On the basis of last year's exports this would give the allies 1,250,000,000 gold marks, the export tax being paid in cash.

It is pointed out that besides being a sure method of collection, it will act as a protective tariff in countries near Germany which are likely to be flooded with goods made in Germany at low cost.

Penalties agreed on for violations will apply to all agreements alike—reparations, disarmament and coal deliveries. A feature of the reparation plan, from the French point of view, is that it associates the allies in the benefits of Germany's prosperity.

Seizure of German customs was added as fourth of the penalties adopted. The other three are: Extension of the area of occupation; occupation of the Ruhr district, refusal to admit Germany to the league of nations.

The proposal to apply penalties was presented by Premier Lloyd George. According to the arrangement the annuities and export taxes are payable semi-annually. Discount for advance payments will be 8 per cent the first two years, 6 the third and fourth years and 5 thereafter. Germany is forbidden to establish foreign credits without approval of the reparations commission.

The decisions were communicated to Germany Saturday night. As to Austria it was agreed that the allies should forego reparations, the cost of the army of occupation and certain other Austrian debts to enable Austria to obtain aid more easily. It was also decided to convene a conference of Austria and adjoining countries to endeavor to improve relations between central European states.

Approval was given M. Loucheur's proposal for a 200,000,000 franc corporation to assist Austrian industries, in which the different governments may participate. A commission will be appointed to inquire into the conduct of the Austrian administration.

Great resistance is expected from Germany over reparations. The allies will hear the Germans at a conference in London, February 28.

6171 Commit Suicide in 1920.

New York.—Suicides in the United States in 1920 numbered 6171, including 707 children, members of the Save-a-Life league were told Sunday by Dr. H. M. Warren, president. This exceeded the figures of 1919 by more than 1000, he said. During the year 2604 women, a large increase, died through self-destruction.

The increased percentage among women was ascribed to their entry in commercial and political life.

The youngest suicide was 5 years of age, while the oldest was 103. More than 300 soldiers have taken their lives, the report stated.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Philomath.—Fire, believed to have been started by the hot air pipe leading to the chapel, was discovered Sunday morning. The damage will not exceed \$300 or \$400.

Willamina.—The Willamina high school student body is planning to visit the legislature soon. The students expect to visit several state buildings should time permit. Few students have seen the capitol buildings and all look forward to the excursion.

Astoria.—R. Bruce McPherson of Howell, Mich., has sold to the William McPherson Estate, Inc., of the same place, a tract of several hundred acres of timberland located in the southern tier of townships of Clatsop county. The consideration was \$54,000.

Stanfield.—Work has started on the drainage ditch through the city which will drain the whole of Stage gulch, in which Stanfield is located. The district has been bonded for \$30,000, which will be sufficient to construct a ditch of such proportions that there will never need be alarm of flood water again.

Salem.—Receipts of the Oregon state board of barber examiners for the period June 30, 1920, to December 31, 1920, aggregated \$4729.36, while the expenses for the same term totaled \$2,525.35. The report was filed with Governor Olcott and will be submitted to the ways and means committee later in the legislative session.

The Dalles.—The Oregon State Grain Growers' association, a co-operative non-profit organization, designed to control the marketing of the major portion of wheat grown in the state, was formed Saturday at a meeting in The Dalles of representatives from Wasco, Sherman, Moro, Gilliam, Umatilla and Wallowa counties.

Salem.—County warrants are not proper security in lieu of United States bonds, school district bonds, county bonds, school district bonds, municipal bonds and securities accepted by the government for savings banks, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Van Winkle. The opinion was asked by the district attorney of Curry county.

Salem.—The 1919-1920 edition of the Oregon Blue Book has been exhausted, and many requests for the book remain unfilled, according to Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state. Approximately 2200 copies of the book were printed. Mr. Kozer said that he probably would appeal to the legislature for additional funds in order that the next edition of the book may be increased by several thousand copies.

Eugene.—The Lane county grand jury will investigate the report that moonshine has been manufactured on the state game farm near this city, according to Clyde N. Johnston, district attorney. The district attorney questioned one of the employees of the farm suspected of making the illicit liquor and he is reported as having told that the alleged mash found buried was a mixture that he used to feed the chickens on the place but that it had soured and he had buried it to get rid of it.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county's greatest expenditures for the year 1920 went for roads and highways and road bonding, according to a summary of expenditures completed by the county clerk's office. Total expenses for the year were \$799,265.72. Of this amount \$673,318.77 went for roads and road bonding, while the balance, or \$125,946.95, went for the various departments of county government. The general highway expense is divided into \$193,872.57 for highway work in the county proper and \$489,446.20 for road bonding.

Pendleton.—Fire of undetermined origin Sunday destroyed the Pilot Rock Elevator company's warehouse, containing more than 100,000 bushels of grain and several carloads of salt, mill feed and similar merchandise, at an estimated total damage of \$140,000. The warehouse and its contents were owned by the Pilot Rock Elevator company, a co-operative organization composed of practically all the farmers of the Pilot Rock district. The grain, part of which may be salvaged, was valued at \$125,000; the warehouse, totally destroyed, at \$10,000, and the other destroyed merchandise at \$4000 to \$5000.

Doings of the Legislature

State House, Salem.—By one vote the house pledged itself Tuesday to take up reapportionment of the legislature at this session. The skirmish in the house was as lively as when the same subject was threshed out in the senate last week. Upton's joint resolution calling for a committee of ten to handle all reapportionment legislation has been adopted by both branches and President Ritner and Speaker Bean are now authorized to select the ten men who will work out the scheme of redistricting.

The ax fell on two house bills Tuesday, both of which related to hunting of game. The bills were introduced by Representative Belknap. One amended the present game law so as to permit the killing of one doe and buck or two bucks in a single season and the other prohibited the use of dogs in hunting China pheasants.

Turning over to Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European relief council, all surplus food and clothing now in the hands of the war department, to be used in relieving the starving people of Europe, is proposed in a senate joint memorial introduced by Senator Hare. Copies of the memorial were transmitted to Oregon's representatives in congress by telegraph.

Twenty-two new bills were introduced in the senate Tuesday, making a total of 172 since the session convened.

Exemption of Oregon road bonds from taxation as property is provided for in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Sheldon.

The house has passed the bill providing for completing and furnishing the babies' dormitory at the state feeble-minded institution. The bill carried an appropriation of \$11,357.85 and was introduced by the joint ways and means committee.

By a vote of 28 to 27 the bill defining methods of determining circulation on newspapers published in Oregon was tabled on motion of Representative Kay of Marion county, who requested time in which to check up possible defects in the bill.

The senate passed senate bill No. 13, approved at the special session of the legislature last January, over the veto of Governor Olcott. This bill provides that county courts may fix the salaries of county assessors and their assistants.

Two bills carrying an appropriation of \$40,000 and vesting in the state board of control authority to establish an Oregon employment institution for the blind were introduced in the senate by Senator Moser of Multnomah county.

Representatives Egbert and Roberts introduced a joint house memorial urging congress to pass a law compelling every manufacturer, handler or seller of woolen goods to place a tag on such goods showing the exact percentages of wool and other materials in such cloth.

Members of the legislature who visited the state penitentiary during the last two weeks have expressed themselves as well pleased with the management and will support a bill providing for installation in the prison of some industrial plant whereby the prisoners may assist in defraying the cost of operating the institution.

When Senator Smith Tuesday afternoon attempted to smother a bill introduced by Senators Staples, Farrell and Hume providing for the regulation of drugless doctors and creating the Oregon board of drugless examiners, by requesting the adoption of the minority rather than the majority report of the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, he started a barrage of oratory in which more than half of the senators participated. The majority report favored the passage of the bill and was signed by Senators Iume, Staples and Farrell. The minority report was adverse to passing the proposed law and was signed by Senators Ellis and Smith.

Charles Clifford, at the head of the Oregon branch of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, arrived here Monday from La Grande to confer with the legislators with regard to passing a bill providing that drivers of motor vehicles shall bring their machines to a full stop before crossing railroad tracks.