

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.

An advisory committee of 15 builders, architects and bankers met Tuesday to devise a plan to relieve the acute building crisis in New York and check abnormally high wages and cost of material.

Charles E. Ruthenberg of Cleveland Wednesday was found guilty of violating the Michigan law against criminal syndicalism. Ruthenberg faces a prison sentence of 10 years or a fine of \$5000, or both.

County Treasurer Sonder and Deputy Treasurer Baker were arrested at North Platte, Neb., Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff Berthe. They were charged with burning the Lincoln county court last Sunday.

The red flag of the soviet was hoisted over the United American liner Reliance Wednesday by 35 American miners, who departed from New York with their wives and children for Russia to work in the mines of the autonomous industrial colony Kuzbas.

All the records pertaining to 18 months' activities of the American vice-consulate at Chita were destroyed when the baggage car in which the documents were being shipped out of the soviet territory was burned.

A general exodus of the rum fleet that has been off the New Jersey coast for several months began late Wednesday when the British tanker Warszawa and the yacht Istar got up steam and sailed out to sea. Both were out of sight by dark.

Miss Kosie Pultz of Newellton, La., admitted Tuesday, according to United States Commissioner Baas, that she recently mated a newly-born infant from Scott, La., where she was teaching school, to a fictitious person at Duncan, Okla. She is charged with murder.

Edgar I. Fuller of Omaha, ex-Ku Klux Klan kleagle of the realm of northern California, has announced that Mayor James C. Dahlman had been elected "grand lictor," or national head of the "Fascists of America," which Fuller recently said was being organized to combat the Klan.

Germany has placed her latest proposals respecting reparations in the hands of the allied powers and the United States. Their chief feature is an offer of 20,000,000,000 gold marks in payment of her obligations under the treaty of Versailles. The payment of this amount, however, is dependent on the raising of a loan.

Emilio Piccarillo—the Tmeror Pic to the run-running fraternity of Crows Nest pass—and 22-year-old Mrs. Florence Lassandra, his confederate in crime, were hanged at sunrise in the Fort Saskatchewan jail yard Wednesday for the murder at Coleman last September of Steve Lawson of the Alberta provincial police.

President Harding will spend the Fourth of July in Portland and leave the following day on a battletship for Alaska, the Chamber of Commerce was informed Wednesday after the president had had a conference with Senator McNary. Plans for the entertainment of the president were started immediately. He will make one of the set speeches of the trip here.

Umatilla county's wool clip for 1923 of close to 1,300,000 pounds is reported solid. Deals involving the Fred W. Falconer and associate interests and the Smythe brothers were made this week. The price ranges between 40 and 44 cents, between five and seven cents better than that of last year. With the quality of the wool better than last season, buyers have been eager to get the clips.

The proposals contained in the German note, which was delivered at the Paris foreign office at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the German language, were regarded in French official circles as for Anglo-Saxon and neutral consumption only. The terms of the note appeared "so preposterous" to the members of the French government that it was assumed there was no hope or desire on the part of Berlin that they be accepted.

Nell M. Judd, director of the Pueblo Bonito expedition of the National Geographic society, left Washington Wednesday to resume exploration of the most important pre-historic ruin in the United States at Chaco canyon, New Mexico. By May 15 Indians will be swarming over the walls of the ancient village, teams will drag wagon loads of earth and stone away and steel dump cars will scurry back and forth over a miniature railroad. Almost overnight a canyon, which has been deserted since years before Columbus came, will become a bee hive of industry.

SHIPS WIN LIQUOR RIGHTS

U. S. Supreme Court Holds Ban Void Past 3-Mile Limit.

Washington, D. C. — Intoxicating liquors, even under seal, cannot lawfully be brought in American or foreign ships within three miles of the shores of the United States, the supreme court held Monday in a decision which declared, however, that outside the three-mile limit American vessels can legally sell intoxicants to passengers. The right of foreign ships to do so had not been questioned.

The opinion, rendered in ten cases brought by foreign and two by American steamship companies, was delivered by Justice Vandevander. Without expressing his views, Justice McReynolds dissented.

Justice Sutherland in a dissenting opinion agreed with the majority of the court in reference to American ships, but declared that foreign vessels had the right to bring liquors into American ports under restrictions adequately guarding against leakage ashore.

The effect of the decision was to affirm that of Federal Judge Hand in New York insofar as it sustained the opinion of Attorney-General Daugherty that intoxicants could not legally be brought into American ports and to reverse it with regard to the right of American vessels to have liquor aboard on the high seas and in foreign ports.

The court pointed out specifically that congress has the power, if it sees fit to exercise it, to forbid all ships flying the American flag to carry and serve liquors outside the three-mile limit. This view of the court resulted in predictions by many "dry" leaders, after the gist of the decision had become known, that an attempt would be made to obtain legislation on this point at the earliest opportunity.

Sweeping in its scope, the decision left administration officials somewhat at sea as to how they would proceed as a matter of permanent policy. Chairman Lasker, of the shipping board, announced that for the present at least the ban on liquor would be kept on all shipping board vessels. The treasury, it became known, intends to begin at once to re-draft its prohibiting arrangements to make them jibe with Monday's decision.

Federal Prohibition Commissioner Haynes, expressing gratification at the court's interpretation of the law, declared it would greatly simplify prohibition enforcement within American territorial waters, his view being that a benefit would be gained as a result of foreign and American vessels being placed on the same basis within the three-mile limit.

Sugar Boycott Planned.

Salem, Or.—Salem's women's clubs have decided to offer vigorous protest against the increasing sugar prices. The women propose to resort to the boycott and will urge that the sweet be eliminated from the fruit-canning process this season. This action is in line with steps already taken by many of the women's clubs in the eastern states, it was said.

Mayor Giesy and several members of the council are urging a demonstration against the rising sugar prices.

Robbers Take \$80,000.

Atlantic City, N. J.—After binding and gagging Mrs. Florence Richardson, her daughter Mary and a maid, four armed men Monday ransacked the Richardson seashore home and escaped with \$80,000 in jewelry, silverware and other valuables. Mrs. Richardson is the wife of the president of a Philadelphia exporting firm and part owner of the Washington American league baseball club. Mr. Richardson is in England.

Living Costs Still Up.

Washington, D. C.—The cost of living in the United States last March was 68.8 per cent higher than the average of the year 1913, according to a computation by the federal bureau of labor statistics, based on retail commodity prices in 32 cities. Food was 42 per cent higher, clothing 74.4 per cent, housing 62.4 per cent, fuel and light 86.2 per cent, furniture 17.4 per cent and miscellaneous commodity prices 109.3 per cent.

Hecla to Pay \$500,000.

Spokane, Wash. — A \$500,000 dividend—50 cents on each \$1 share—was announced here Monday night by the Hecla Mining company. This will be twice the size of the distribution paid in March. The present dividend will be payable June 15 to stockholders of record May 15.

This dividend will make the total for this year \$750,000 and the grand total \$10,705,000.

Carnarvon Is Buried.

Newbury, England.—In a grave dug in the chalk atop Beacon Hill, the scene of his childhood's games and overlooking his old home, Highclere castle, the body of the earl of Carnarvon was laid to rest Monday. A motor tractor conveyed the body up the hillside. Only members of the family were present.

American Bill Filed.

Washington, D. C.—The state department has filed with the American-German claims commission a claim for \$255,000,000, the cost to the United States of maintaining an army of occupation in Germany.

FARMERS TO FIGHT FOR PRICE-FIXING

Bloc Leaders in Congress to Revive Measures.

RADICALS GAIN AID

Agricultural Coterie May Temper Clamor for Aid if 1923 Quotations Are High.

Washington, D. C.—Government action to stabilize the price of agricultural products will be pressed in the next congress by farm bloc and radical republican members who are seeking to control the balance of power in both houses.

The farm bloc leaders who controlled the agricultural committee in the last congress but did not have strength enough to swing their legislation, succeeded in getting favorable committee action on several bills proposing federal control of prices. Now with the radical strength greatly increased in both houses, the bloc leaders have high hopes of pushing some of these measures through.

It is admitted by the bloc pilots of both parties that the movement for federal price stabilization depends considerably upon prices which the farmers will receive for crops this year.

If there should be a general high level of prices to the farmers and crops are abundant, the American agriculturalist may temper his clamoring for government aid, but if the present level of agricultural prices continue and at the same time the farmer is still called upon to pay the prevalent prices for his supplies, the agitation for price stabilization legislation will be greater than ever.

During the last session of congress wheat growers of the northwest sent delegations to Washington to urge legislation to insure a proper return to the farmer. Support for the legislation was centered chiefly in the northwest, although growers of a few farm products other than wheat also joined in the request for legislation.

Most of the proposed bills create some sort of a corporation to buy a sufficient amount of farm products to stabilize prices. Some of them specify minimum prices, while others do not. One of the bills which is certain to be revived in the next session of congress is that of Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, creating a wheat stabilizing corporation. This bill was introduced in the senate just a month before the adjournment of congress and was reported favorably by the committee on agriculture during the closing weeks of the session.

The Gooding bill provides that the guaranteed price of No. 1 northern spring wheat of the crop of 1923 should be \$1.75 a bushel. Guaranteed prices for grades of wheat other than No. 1 northern spring wheat would be established upon a proportionate basis by the corporation.

Under the Gooding measure the government would subscribe \$300,000,000 as the capital stock of the corporation. The corporation would be authorized to purchase wheat at the guaranteed price whenever the market price dropped below that figure.

BOAT AND \$100,000 LIQUOR LOAD TAKEN

San Francisco.—The trawler Heron, supposed rum-runner, loaded with 1000 cases of liquor valued at \$100,000, was captured in San Francisco bay Saturday after a chase by the coast guard boat Tulare. The crew of the Heron was overpowered by the Tulare's men after pistols had been drawn by both sides. No shots were fired.

The Tulare sighted the Heron with her lights doused, while she was stealing into the harbor. A chase ensued and the Tulare crew with drawn pistols boarded the other craft. Captain Gottfried Benson of the trawler and his men, after some show of resistance, surrendered to the coast guard force, which was commanded by Captain August Anderson.

Explosion Rocks City.

Atlantic City.—Explosion of a steam boiler in the plant of the Atlantic City Gas company Sunday wrecked the engine room, shattered windows within a radius of a mile, and frightened hundreds of residents throughout the city. The detonation rocked buildings in the district and was followed by a fire. One man was injured. The north wall of the building collapsed while firemen were inside, but it fell outward.

Drunkenness On Wane.

Washington, D. C.—Elias Marsters, federal prohibition director of Idaho, has advised Commissioner Haynes that a survey of that state shows that arrests for drunkenness decreased from 3632 for the two wet years 1914-1915 to 1888 for the two dry years 1921-1922, a decrease of 47.7 per cent. Arrests for crimes related to drunkenness for the same period show a decrease of 34.8 per cent.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—Governor Pierce Saturday denied a report from Bend that he intends to oust Percy Cupper, state engineer, and appoint Floyd Allen in his place.

Medford.—A large number of dairymen of Jackson county have organized as the Southern Oregon Milk Producers' association in an effort to put their industry on a paying basis.

Salem.—There were three fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending April 26, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission.

Eugene.—The Booth-Kelly Lumber company has laid off the third shift at its Springfield mill and the men will be transferred to Wendling where the company is erecting a new mill to replace the one destroyed by fire several months ago.

St. Helens.—After having been shut down for a week because of the destruction of 500 feet of trestle leading to its log railway, the Milton Creek Logging company resumed operation.

Salem.—A total of 42 sites for the state training school for boys have been submitted to the consideration of the state board of control, it was announced Sunday. The proposed sites range from 200 to 1200 acres, while the prices are from \$25 to \$800 an acre.

Newport.—The tugboat Douty left here for the Columbia river at noon Sunday having a log raft in tow belonging to the Multnomah Lumber & Box company of Portland. The raft drew about 18 feet and is the sixth to leave Yaquina bay this season.

Baker.—Ernest Crooke, 3-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Crooke of this city was suffocated Saturday night while sleeping with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Crooke had placed the child between them and the covers in some manner had been pulled over him, shutting off the air and causing death.

Salem.—Petitions for the proposed referendum of the state income tax law enacted at the last session of the legislature were filed in the offices of the secretary of state here Friday by R. W. Hagood of Portland, president of the Oregon Just Tax league. E. Isler of Portland is secretary of the league.

Salem.—George F. Jones, at one time superintendent of the Oregon State School for the Blind here, has been employed by the state board of control to supervise construction of the plant for the Oregon Employment Institution for the Adult Blind in Portland. Work on the structure is now in progress.

Port Orford.—Joseph Lissner, resident engineer for the federal bureau of roads, arrived last week to assume charge of the unit of Roosevelt highway between Linville Hill and Arizona Inn, south of this place. The contract was let last year to John Hampshire, but work was halted when the storms began last winter.

St. Helens.—Local fishermen are ready for the opening of the spring fishing season and indications are that more gear will be in the water than at the same time last year. The basic price for chinook salmon is 14 cents a pound, flat, in the lower river section, but prices paid in this vicinity usually are 1 to 2 cents higher.

Pendleton.—Lambs of a probable market value of \$1200 have been killed in the Butter Creek country in the last few days by lynx, according to the report of stockmen of that section. A government trapper has been placed on the trail. The big cats, one of which has been caught, have been passing into the sheep corrals while the herders slept.

Eugene.—Work on a new home for the Pi Beta Phi sorority of the University of Oregon to cost \$35,000 started Monday, according to announcement of Stein Bros., who have the contract. The new building will be located at the corner of Fifteenth avenue east and Kincaid street, adjoining the campus and will be of brick veneer construction.

Ashland.—With 55 women already signed up for membership in the chamber of commerce, an effort is being made to obtain 1000. Rollcall for new members will be held Tuesday night. E. J. Adams, secretary to Senator Stanfield, will be the main speaker. The total membership now reaches more than 400 as a result of an expansion campaign.

Salem.—Efforts of certain packing interests to beat down the high prevailing price for cherries during the last ten days have been futile, according to the growers. A number of contracts have been made here recently, and in no instances have cherries been sold at less than 10 cents a pound. Even higher prices are predicted before the close of the season.

Salem.—Owners of the Salem tulip farm, a short distance west of this city, estimated that approximately 5000 persons visited their fields Sunday. The tulips are in full bloom, and thousands of them are being shipped to various markets through the United States. On next Sunday which has been set aside as blossom day in the Willamette valley, an even larger crowd is expected.

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