

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 government will attempt to break up a country wide ring of bootleggers, with headquarters in New York city, which is charged with operating the maritime liquor mart off Jersey's three-mile limit.

The Florida senate has adopted a house resolution which declares it to be "the sense" of the legislature that Darwinism, atheism and agnosticism should not be taught as "truths" in the public schools or institutions of the state.

W. H. Hussey, member of the territorial house of representatives in Honolulu, Tuesday pleaded guilty in federal court to violating the national prohibition law and was fined \$25 and cost. Both the fine and costs were remitted.

President Harding has decided definitely to make his contemplated trip through the west and to Alaska, leaving Washington about June 20 and being absent from the capital about 60 days, it was announced Tuesday at the White House.

The Prussian diet, discussing art questions, confirmed the report that Cosima Wagner, widow of the great Wagner, is living in distress at Bayreuth. The diet unanimously asked the nation to help support the widow of the great master.

Discussion by President Harding and his cabinet Tuesday of the situation with respect to housing of government activities, principally in Washington, led to a decision to present to congress next December a program for construction of more adequate facilities.

The balance of international trade turned sharply against the United States in March and continued so during April, according to estimates just made by the commerce department, which valued March imports at \$462,000,000 and exports during the month at \$341,152,000.

Upton Sinclair, author and socialist, and three companions were arrested Tuesday in San Pedro, Cal., where a strike of the marine transport workers' branch of the Industrial Workers of the World has been in progress since April 26, and the trio was picked up by police on strike duty.

The death list was increased to 21 Tuesday by the finding of four additional victims of the tornado which swept Mitchell county, Texas, Monday. The list of injured contained about 200 names, a large majority of them Mexicans. Property loss probably will reach \$500,000, according to latest estimates.

Three earth shocks, accompanied by rumblings, were felt in Rome Tuesday. No damage has been reported.

The New York state Mullian-Gage prohibition enforcement act is to be wiped off the statute books. Persons who have been with Governor Smith and are known to enjoy his confidence feel so certain of this that they were offering to bet any amount at 2 to 1 that he will sign the Cuvillier repealer bill before the 30-day period expires, which will be on June 4.

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey Tuesday made public the consolidated income account for 1922 of its own and affiliated companies, showing total earnings of \$46,242,436 as against \$33,845,930 in 1921. The company's own earnings in 1922 totaled \$12,887,741 and those of its affiliated companies \$33,354,695. Gross assets taken at book value totaled \$1,123,760,890 as against \$1,115,939,977 the year before.

Mystery surrounding a sugar secret meeting on the floor of the New York coffee and sugar exchange Tuesday was dispelled when it was learned that John W. Davis, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, now counsel for the exchange, had appeared on the floor and announced the taking of an appeal by the attorney-general against the refusal of the federal district court to grant the government's petition for an injunction against trading in sugar futures.

The children of tomorrow will get their education at schools in which the motion picture screen will supplant the blackboard and the motion picture film will take the place of textbooks, Thomas A. Edison predicted Tuesday at the investigation by the federal trade commission of charges that the Famous Players-Lasky corporation and six allied organizations constituted a motion picture trust. The famous inventor, whose recent questionnaires have led him to say harsh things about present educational methods in the United States, was called for the purpose of developing the importance of the film industry and its possibilities for the future.

SPEAKING TOUR IS OUTLINED

Harding on Trip to Give Account of Stewardship and New Policies.

Washington, D. C.—Having virtually decided on the itinerary of his western trip, President Harding is giving considerable thought to the addresses he will make en route to the Pacific coast and in the coast states.

The itinerary as arranged provides for speeches in about 12 cities, the first in St. Louis and the last probably in San Diego, Cal.

Although Mr. Harding has indicated that he regards these addresses as somewhat secondary to the real purpose of the trip—his trip to Alaska—he nevertheless purposes to prepare them with care. Through them he intends to report to the American people on the stewardship with which he was entrusted two years ago and also to outline the future policies of his administration.

As the first step toward preparation he has begun to select the topics he desires to discuss and to assign them to the various cities chosen for principal addresses. In doing this the president is understood to be following a policy of speaking on a topic of special interest to the community of which the particular city is the center.

The initial address in St. Louis, it is understood, will be of a general nature, somewhat of a preface to the others to come but devoted in the main to a presentation of the president's views on the proposal for American membership in the permanent court of international justice. These views are expected to follow along the lines laid down by the executive in his New York address last month, with the addition of new arguments in support of the proposal.

Passing on to Kansas City, the president, according to some of his advisers, will speak on the transportation problem. In this address it is considered likely that Mr. Harding will outline, at least in a preliminary way, the recommendations with respect to railroad legislation which he will make to congress next December.

As for Seattle, some of those who have talked recently with the president understand that he desires to announce in that city his new policy for Alaska as based on observations made during the more than two weeks he will spend there. This is contingent, however, on whether he returns to that city after his Alaskan trip or lands at Portland, Or. In the latter case the Alaskan address will be made at Portland.

One of the addresses contemplated by the executive will deal with the results of the arms conference, and he is said to feel that the logical place for such a speech would be a Pacific coast city, the west coast being particularly interested in the four-power treaty as well as many of the other conventions which resulted from the conference.

Five-Cent Carfare Nets Million.

Detroit.—Detroit's unified city-owned and city-operated street railway, one year old on the stroke of 12 Monday night, is a lusty youngster.

During the first 12 months of its existence it has paid \$1,200,000 on its purchase price, paid all other running expenses, set aside \$4,000,000 in a sinking fund, and, after all this, shows a cool million dollars profit.

The gross income for the year was \$19,000,000, and the total number of passengers carried was 475,000,000. The system employs 6000 persons. Of the passengers carried 350,000,000 paid 5-cent fares. The remainder were transfer passengers, each of whom paid 1 cent for the privilege of transferring to another line.

120-Mile Speed Made.

Washington, D. C.—An average speed of 120 miles an hour from Mitchell field, New York, to Langley field, Va., was recorded Monday by Lieutenant Charles B. Austin, flying a new type army seaplane and carrying two passengers.

The 300-mile airline trip was made in two and a half hours, the war department announced, the ship being helped part of the way by a 15-mile favoring breeze.

Air Pullman Promised.

London.—Plans for an aerial Pullman are being examined by British aircraft authorities. A great, slim, metal saloon, like a long, tapering Pullman car, is the basis of the idea. It will run on ordinary railway tracks and will be backed into a railway station to receive its passengers. When they are aboard an engine will take it to an aerodrome, where it will be bolted to an airplane chassis and will shed the car wheels.

Turks Get Ultimatum.

Lausanne.—The allies spent an active day trying to inject motive power into the near east conference Saturday. They frankly told Ismet Pasha, that the conference could not drag on forever. It was a mailed ultimatum, for the allies, worried by the belligerent attitude of the Greeks, fear that Greek withdrawal from the conference might set the near east aflame.

Sugar Drops in Canada.

Winnipeg.—The wholesale price of sugar dropped 40 cents a hundred pounds Monday, due to tariff reduction, agents of Canadian refiners announced. Today's price was \$11.80 as against \$12.20 Saturday. Retail prices declined one cent a pound.

SOVIET EXPECTS WAR WITH BRITAIN

English Fleet Reported Already in White Sea.

BIG DEMONSTRATION

Trotsky Tells Cheering Crowd Peace Is Desired but Nation Is Prepared for Worst.

Moscow.—M. Tchitcherin, the soviet foreign minister, dressed in the uniform of a member of the red army and wearing a red decoration, was the chief speaker at a great meeting held in a theater here Saturday.

The theater was crowded to the doors while in the streets thousands who had taken part in a great demonstration, listened to speakers from motor trucks and balconies, all of whom made reference to what they termed the war threat against Russia in the British note, in the assassination of Vorovsky at Lausanne, and in other recent developments.

Referring to Vorovsky, M. Tchitcherin said: "This is a symptom of the general European situation. The direct responsibility rests with the Swiss government, which took no preventative measures, while the moral responsibility is in England, France and Italy, who originally invited the Russian delegation to Lausanne."

Regretting the British note, which he characterized as insolent, Tchitcherin said: "We are getting telegrams that British warships are already in the White sea; perhaps by now they have opened hostilities against our ships."

"The note contains false facts and messages improperly deciphered but the chief point must be considered the eastern question. We must reply calmly and firmly. Russia will not go back a single step before the demands; we therefore offer a conference. We are ready to discuss the losses sustained by British citizens in 1920, but we will render a bill to England for all those England shot during the intervention in the north. We desire peace, and do not want a break, but we will wait until the enemy attacks us."

The foreign minister was followed by War Minister Trotsky, who told the cheering throng that Russia wanted peace, but the red army was ready, if necessary.

"If war comes, it will be a long one; it will delay the building up of our country for many years, but the red army, which wants peace will carry out its duty until the end," he said.

Leon Kamenoff, the acting premier and president of the Moscow soviet, paid tribute to Vorovsky. M. Bucharin, head of the left wing of the soviet central committee in a more belligerent tone, said that the capitalist powers constituted a barbarous civilization. "We are telling them to go to hell," he shouted. "We will not sell our proletariat even if they send more warships."

The meeting adopted a resolution to send a letter to J. Ramsay MacDonald, leader of the labor opposition in the British house of commons, declaring that Russia would not yield to an ultimatum, but was ready to come to an agreement if England was ready to negotiate.

Mother Memorial Plan.

Philadelphia.—The building of a permanent mothers' memorial at Washington is the goal announced by the Mothers' Day International association. Miss Jarvis quotes from Abraham Lincoln: "All I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother," and continues: "The Lincoln memorial honors the great emancipator. Should not his mother, as well as every mother in this country, be honored in some equal measure?"

Town is Wiped Out.

Santiago, Chile.—Northern Chile was shaken by a strong earthquake at about 6 o'clock Saturday night, according to telegrams received here. No casualties were reported, but the inhabitants of Copiapo, La Serena and Valparaiso were alarmed by the shock, which was described in some dispatches as equaling that of last November in intensity. Communication with some points was interrupted.

Harding Leaves June 20.

Juneau, Alaska.—A cablegram received Saturday by Governor Scott C. Bone of Alaska from Secretary Christian, said that President Harding planned to leave Washington June 20 on a tour of the west and the north. The telegram stated that the president would reach here about July 9. "All schedules are tentative thus far," added the telegram.

Offer Brings Billion.

Washington, D. C.—The treasury's call for \$460,000,000 with which to complete the refunding of victory notes has brought subscriptions in excess of a billion dollars in cash and offers a exchange old securities for new.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Sheridan.—May day will be observed by the Sheridan high school Friday, May 18. The programme will open with the crowning of the queen, Miss Vera Junghoann, by an alumnus at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Oregon City.—In the near future the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will expend approximately \$10,000 in the improvement of the telephone leads at Oregon City, Gladstone, West Linn and Willamette.

Brownsville.—Brownsville students of primitive life in Oregon were thrilled this week when Mrs. East and her brother discovered on the edges of the hills north of town one of the heaviest and largest paleoliths ever seen in this section of Linn county.

The state convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be held in Lebanon June 6 and 7. It is expected that 400 will attend. Holton Hammell, state department commander, will preside at the business session.

St. Helens.—Lumber shipments from St. Helens for the past week have been unusually large and the waterfront has presented an active shipping scene. Close to 5,000,000 feet of lumber was shipped, most of it being destined for San Pedro, Cal.

Due to the youthful barrenness of the new journalism building four journalism societies have set afoot a movement to hold an annual planting day, whereby shrubs and vines will be started growing around the brick walls of the new structure.

Hood River.—Surveyors Saturday began work laying out plots for a number of bungalow cottages, tennis courts, unique walks and children's playgrounds on the grounds surrounding the Columbia Gorge hotel. Work will follow immediately on the extensive expansion of the resort hostelry.

Salem.—So-called measured or meter telephone service will enter prominently into the rehearing of the case involving the rates of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company which starts in Portland June 4, according to announcement made by members of the Oregon public service commission here Saturday.

Bend.—Revised estimates of damage done by the fire which destroyed one-third of the town of Sisters Friday gave the total loss as \$25,000. Ten business and residence buildings were in flames within 15 minutes after the first alarm was given, and firefighters devoted all their efforts to preventing the continued spread of the fire.

Salem.—Members of the state board of control will spend practically all of this week inspecting the 40 or more tracts of land offered as a site for the proposed new state training school for boys. Definite selection of the site probably will be made within the next ten days in order that actual construction work can be started some time in June.

Salem.—It was learned here Saturday that Frank H. Shepherd, director of vocational training in the rehabilitation department of the state industrial accident commission, will be retired May 15. Rumors indicate that he will be succeeded by H. L. Brown, at one time county judge of Lane county and a close friend of Governor Pierce.

Salem.—The Coos Bay Water company, with headquarters at Marshfield, had a net operating revenue of \$25,967.86 during the year 1922, according to the annual report of the corporation filed with the public service commission Saturday. Operating revenues of the company were \$64,270.61, while the operating expenses aggregated \$38,302.75.


Silverton.—The spray used by the Southern Pacific company to destroy weeds and grass growing along the railroad has caused the death of two valuable cows and one bull, according to reports made by J. W. Stay of Silverton, who owns a cattle herd. The two cows, one of which was registered and the other a grade cow, together with the bull were valued at \$875.

Salem.—The state board of horticulture has the power to control the eradication of earwigs, according to a legal opinion handed down by the attorney-general Saturday. This pest has been found on more than 10,000 lots located in the city of Portland, it was said. An appropriation for the eradication of the pest was authorized at the last session of the legislature and will be available May 24.

Toledo.—During the past week, County Agent J. R. Beck, co-operating with the veterinary department of the Oregon Agricultural college experiment station, started the work of cleaning out the disease known as infectious abortion of cattle in one of the leading dairy districts of the county. The work is being carried on in this district because of the present low percentage of infected cows and the willing spirit of the dairymen residing in that territory.

Heppner.—John Christopherson, eldest son of J. W. Christopherson, Eight Mile farmer, accidentally shot himself Saturday afternoon while shooting crows in a field on his father's farm and died soon after being removed to the house. His two brothers were plowing in the same field and found him soon after the accident occurred. He regained consciousness for only a moment and was not able to tell how the gun was discharged.

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