

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.

Judge J. D. Harvey in district court in Houston, Texas, Saturday granted 212 divorces in 245 minutes.

C. Lee French, formerly auditor and recorder of Power county, Idaho, was sentenced to serve from one to ten years in the Idaho penitentiary Saturday in the district court at American Falls, on a charge of embezzlement.

The French army of occupation in the Ruhr is to be reinforced by another fifteen or twenty thousand men, says Le Matin. It has been decided, the newspaper asserts, to proceed to a still more complete exploitation of the occupied territory.

Busts of Abraham Lincoln, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Henry Ward Beecher, Alexander Hamilton, Ulysses S. Grant, Robert E. Lee and Frances Elizabeth Willard Tuesday were unveiled in the hall of fame of New York university.

Eddie O'Brien and James Colson, convicted Monday of being members of the gang that robbed the Toledo, Ohio, postoffice of \$1,000,000 February 17, 1921, were each sentenced Tuesday by Judge Killitt to 50 years in the federal prison at Atlanta.

A tornado struck the south part of McLean, Texas, Monday afternoon, and destroyed eight homes. No lives were lost and no injuries were reported. Several farm houses and barns were destroyed. A heavy hail storm followed. Considerable livestock was killed.

The army transport Merritt sailed for San Francisco Wednesday with 540 Russian refugees who came to Manila four months ago from Vladivostok. Admiral Stark, their leader, and 50 others will remain in the islands to try to sell the 11 ships that brought the Russians.

A legal battle is in prospect in the Kansas courts and possibly in the United States courts to test the Kansas criminal syndicalism law and to set aside an injunction granted by Judge Ayers of Butler county, Kansas, enjoining the I. W. W. from conspiring to stop work in the wheat and oil fields.

An apparent cure for cancer, consisting of a solution of colloidal lead, which is an enemy of diseased tissues, has been discovered by Professor Blair Bell of Liverpool university. Dr. L. E. Houghley of Concord, Kan., who returned Tuesday after studying surgery abroad for several years, made this announcement.

William J. Bryan was defeated and the evolutionists scored a victory Tuesday when the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of the United States of America in Indianapolis defeated the commoner's resolution to bar schools permitting the teaching of the evolutionary hypothesis from use of church funds.

President Harding of the United States and President Obregon of Mexico may signify the resumption of cordial relations between the two nations by clasping hands across the border at Douglas and Agua Prieta. A campaign to that end was launched recently by the chambers of commerce of the two towns.

Former Premier Clemenceau has refused a senatorship which would have been his for the asking. Representatives of the different parties offered to make him their common choice as successor to the late Senator LeFroux of the "Tiger's" birthplace, the region of La Vendee, where he still retains a seaside residence.

A gift of \$200,000 to the College of Puget Sound from Mrs. Charles H. Jones was announced Tuesday afternoon at the ground-breaking exercises on the site of the new college campus. Mrs. Jones announced that the money will be used for a college building in memory of her husband, a prominent lumberman, who died a few months ago.

Some statisticians assert that either the steel industry or the automobile industry is the largest enterprise in the United States, but other investigators declare that the greatest single business in this country today, legitimate and otherwise, is liquor. In the number of men engaged and the daily amount of turnover in cash, it stands at the top of all American industries.

Approximately 1,250,000 pounds of wool was sold Saturday to George Colby, representing the American Woolen Mills, by J. E. Clinton, wool grower of Boise, Idaho. The sale represents the largest individual sale ever made in the state of Idaho. The price paid for this wool is understood to have been 43 cents a pound, at which figure the price would be \$537,000.

GREEKS THREATEN TURKEY

Indemnity Pay Refused; Battle Preferred—Lausanne Gloomy.

Lausanne.—If Turkey insists on war to settle the question of indemnity she claims is due from Greece, then Greece will accept the gage of battle, M. Alexandris, the Greek foreign minister, told the foreign correspondents Monday night.

The Greek delegates, he added, will be withdrawn from the near eastern conference this week if Turkey persists in her reparation demands.

The Turks have given no indication of an intention to recede from their reparation demands and M. Alexandris' declaration that Greece was resolved not to pay one cent of indemnity brought increased pessimism in conference circles.

The Greek foreign minister denied that he had come to Lausanne in a bellicose mood, but said the Greek army had been reorganized since the overthrow of Constantine and was now well equipped and able to take care of itself.

"I think," he said, "if the worst comes to the worst, the Greek army will be able to defend its honor."

M. Alexandris added that he would like the American people to realize Greece's position, especially that, although Greece had numerous provocations which would reasonably justify her in reopening the war with Turkey, she had ignored them all because she was sincerely desirous of peace.

The seizure by the Turks of the impoverished refugees' funds in the Bank of Constantinople, continued the minister, and the abominable treatment of Greek prisoners of war recently arrived from Asia Minor constituted such provocations. The Greeks and Turks had signed a separate convention at Lausanne in January for the compulsory exchange of populations with the distinct provision that it should be inoperative before May 1, yet the Turks have sent an additional 70,000 refugees since the signature of the convention, in gross violation of its terms.

24 Moros Killed in Row.

Manila, P. I.—Twenty-four Moro religious fanatics on the island of Pata, near Jolo (Sulu), were killed Monday by a detachment of insular constabulary, according to a dispatch received at the office of Governor-General Leonard Wood. The dispatch said that Akbara, who styles himself a prophet, and his followers, attacked a constabulary detachment under Lieutenant Angeles at the village of Kiput.

The dispatch said that 24 Moros were killed, but that there were no casualties among the constabulary troops. Akbara is widely known among the Moros as a religious leader who, through his preaching, has gathered about 300 followers around him. They recently became more than usually active. Akbara told his followers he was a prophet, descended from heaven, and that he was bulletproof. Today's dispatch did not say whether the latter statement was borne out. The fanatic also said he had power to cause airplanes to fall.

Governor-General Wood announced yesterday he had ordered all forms of lawlessness practiced by the Moro stopped and that he had sent a constabulary force to Pata to enforce the order.

Pay Dearly for Hasty Training.

Washington, D. C.—Army statisticians see some significance in post-war figures, which show that with a total mobilization of 22,850,000 soldiers for the central powers, 22,000,000 casualties were inflicted on the allies, while with 42,189,000 allied and associated men under arms, the central powers sustained only 15,405,000 casualties. The war department chart shows that per thousand mobilized, the central powers forces inflicted 966 casualties, while the corresponding figure for their opponents was 365.

In this connection it is pointed out that the German and Austrian armies were produced under a universal military training system, while the allied and associated forces, with the exception of the French army, had no such background of training.

"Thus the great mass of soldiers of the central powers," the official comment says, "had been trained and equipped prior to the outbreak of the war, while the soldiers of the allied and associated powers were to a great extent hastily trained and equipped after the outbreak of war."

Ex-Officer Surrenders.

Boston.—William R. Allen, ex-lieutenant governor of Montana, surrendered to the police here Monday night. Indictments charged him with larceny of \$600,000, the property of the Boston-Montana Corporation and conspiracy to steal monies of the Boston-Montana Development company, the Montana Southern Railway company and the Boston-Montana Mining and Power company, all three subsidiaries of the Boston-Montana Corporation.

Leviathan to be Dry.

Washington, D. C.—The Leviathan will be as "dry" as unceasing vigilance can make it, officials of the shipping board said Monday in denying published reports that four bars already had been installed on the great liner, which will be placed again in the trans-Atlantic service.

"I'm no dry myself, but the president has ordered 'no liquor' for government ships and his instructions go," Chairman Lasker declared.

U. S. BILL TO BERLIN IS \$1,479,064,313.92

Settlement Up to Mixed Claims Commission.

OCCUPATION COSTLY

America Leads Those Who Ask Compensation With \$336,113,000 Army Bill.

Washington, D. C.—America's bill of 'ar' claims against Germany amounts to \$1,479,064,313.92 as it has been presented to the mixed claims commission for settlement.

The United States government itself is the largest claimant, asking for \$336,113,000, while the smallest of the 12,416 claims filed with the commission is for \$1.

Heading the list of claims by individuals are those growing out of the sinking of the Lusitania by the German submarine. They totaled \$22,606,000 and may be disposed of first by the commission. Germany already has admitted liability but not in definite amount.

The stupendous total involved in the proceeding is revealed for the first time in a report made to the state department by Robert C. Morris, agent for the United States before the commission. Work on determining the amounts Germany must pay already has been begun by the commission, which organized last October, and which is composed of Edwin B. Parker of Texas, American commission, and Dr. Wilhelm Kieselbach, German commission, with ex-Justice Day of the supreme court as umpire.

The American claims are to be disposed of without regard to the allied reparations claims, the report of Mr. Morris disclosing that the commission has entered a formal order that "the machinery provided by the Versailles treaty and the rules and methods of procedure thereunder governing the disposition of claims, including reparations claims, so-called neutrality claims, claims growing out of exceptional war measures to be dealt with by mixed arbitral tribunals, shall have no application to, and are not binding on this commission."

Neither is the door shut against the United States or its citizens increasing the amount of the claims presented, Mr. Morris having stipulated, on behalf of the American government and Germany having accepted a proviso permitting the claims to be changed in amount later if circumstances and the facts disclosed should require.

The largest claim listed in the report is that by the American government for \$255,544,810.51 for costs of the army of occupation in Germany, now under negotiation with the allies in Paris by Assistant Secretary Wadsworth of the treasury. It is understood, however, this claim will not be pressed in the event the Paris negotiations result in an agreement.

Other government claims are for \$67,296,626.23 for general damages growing out of German submarine warfare; \$37,982,000 by the veterans' bureau for war-risk premiums; \$5,380,000 by the railroad administration, and \$40,075 for war-risk premiums of the shipping board.

The \$1 claim is presented by Emery Roberts for loss of property while a German prisoner of war.

There are a few other small claims of \$1.50 and \$2 for loss of parcel post property by shippers, but most of the claims run into hundreds of thousands and millions. Every class of American shipping, manufacturing and business concern is found among the long list of claimants.

1000 Macedonians Slain.

Vienna.—A dispatch from Sofia declared 1000 Macedonians were killed and 5000 taken prisoner during a battle Sunday between Bulgarian regulars and Comitateli bands. The battle took place on the rocky mountain, Irin Planina. Premier Stamboulsky has ordered the arrest of the political leaders of the Macedonian separatist movement, including Thomas Koladochevoff, ex-general procurator of Bulgaria.

Squaw and Baby Slain.

Chihuahua City, Mexico.—Because his squaw drank from the cup of another Indian during a native feast, Felipe Correta, a Tarahumara Indian, with a single blow of an ax killed the woman and her infant son, whom the woman was carrying on her back, according to other members of the tribe. The slaying took place near here in a Tarahumara camp. Correta was sentenced to 20 years in the state penitentiary.

Two I. W. W. Sentenced.

Sacramento, Cal.—William Flanagan and Albert Strangland, members of the Industrial Workers of the World, were sentenced Saturday to serve from one to 14 years in San Quentin prison. They were convicted last night on charges of criminal syndicalism.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Bend.—Annual round-up of cattle will be started this week by high desert stockmen. The round-up is one of the largest of the old-time cowboy events of the kind in Oregon.

Baker.—The country is being accused to get the worst possible bucking horses, and wild cattle are being brought in from the range for the Haines stampede May 31, June 1 and 2.

Salem.—Governor Pierce has received from the Building Material Dealers' Credit association, with headquarters in Portland, a lengthy resolution protesting against the sale of prison-made brick in the open market.

Salem.—Members of the state board of control will meet here Tuesday and decide upon a site for the new state training school for boys. Forty sites have been offered, all of which were inspected by the board this week.

Salem.—The public service commission within the next few days will start an investigation to determine the condition of the roadbed and equipment of the Oregon Electric railroad.

Salem.—The public service commission has authorized the Portland, Astoria & Pacific Railroad company to put in effect reduced rates on logs hauled to Buxton. Under the order of the commission only one day's notice of the reduced rates must be given.

Albany.—New features for this year's fair announced after a meeting of the fair board Friday afternoon, will include a wedding and the offering of three automobiles, one to be given away on each day of the fair.

Salem.—Appointment of a state highway commissioner to succeed Robert A. Booth of Eugene probably will be announced by Governor Pierce this week, according to a statement made by attaches of the executive department.

Salem.—Work of paving the six-mile section of the west side Pacific highway between Rickreall and Holmes Gap in Polk county will start Wednesday, the Oregon Contracting company announced. The work will be rushed and the road should be opened to traffic late in the summer.

Cottage Grove.—Clay England, employe at the J. H. Chambers mill, was killed instantly Saturday morning when he became entangled with a shafting while he and several others were making repairs to the sawdust carrier. Evidently his jumper caught and lashed him to the machinery.

Salem.—John G. Wright, pioneer resident of Salem, and steward at the Oregon state hospital for 30 years, died here Sunday night. In the early '60s Mr. Wright was in the mercantile business in Salem and carried supplies to the Snake river country during the gold mining activity. He was a veteran of the Indian wars.

Salem.—It was reported here Friday night that a suit will be filed in the Marion county circuit court within the next few days to restrain the state, county and municipal officials from enforcing a law enacted at the last session of the legislature providing that all persons engaged in public work must be citizens of the United States.


Heppner.—Six clips, aggregating 2,400,000 pounds of wool, were sold by growers here Friday for an average price of 44 cents a pound, or a total of approximately \$1,056,000. The clips were bought by George Colby and Edward Cox, representing the American Woolen company. The highest price obtained for fleeces was 45 cents a pound.

Salem.—Salaries in connection with the conduct of the various state activities under the governor and board of control for the month of April, 1923, aggregated \$162,729 as compared with \$198,614 for the month of November, 1922, according to a statement prepared by the executive department here. The comparative monthly reduction in salaries was \$35,885.

Klamath Falls.—The serviceable blue serge skirt, plain middie blouse and sturdy low-heeled shoes worn for the past year by Klamath county high school girls will be worn next term only at the wearers' preference. Last year by the majority vote of the girls the plain uniform was adopted. Friday they voted 52 to 45 to discard the plain things and return to more sophisticated dress.

Salem.—As a result of a collision between an automobile driven by C. M. La Porte of Eugene and a Portland-Salem stage manned by Earl A. Hatfield, the latter Saturday filed suit in the Marion county circuit court to collect damages in the amount of \$1840 from La Porte. The plaintiff alleges that La Porte was on the wrong side of the road, and that the accident was due to his carelessness.

Albany.—Louis J. Hill has bought 61,000 acres of land in Linn county from the Oregon & Western Colonization company for a consideration of nearly \$1,500,000, according to a deed which was filed at the office of the county clerk. The land was originally granted to the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Road company by the government with the stipulation that the company build a road from the Idaho line to Albany.



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