

# 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 village of Whatworth, Que., 16 miles from Riviere de Loup, was wiped out Monday by forest fires.

A general wage increase of 3 to 5 cents an hour for skilled mechanics and reclassification of mechanics work are announced by the Southern Pacific lines at Houston, Texas Tuesday.

Two thousand members of the bench and bar heard Secretary of State Hughes plead for America's entrance into the world court Tuesday night at the Kent centennial celebration at Columbia university.

Eugene Meurer, millionaire paper manufacturer of Muskogee, Okla., has married Miss Margaret Wasserman, "his \$40,000 cook," whose especially prepared dishes Meurer repeatedly declared meant "life itself" to him.

Woodrow Wilson was serenaded at his S-treet home Wednesday by a Shriner patrol from Greenville, S. C., which sang "Dixie" under his window and then at his request followed it with "The Star-Spangled Banner."

President Harding will make 14 addresses en route to the Pacific coast on his Alaskan trip and will speak in five coast cities after returning from Alaska, according to an official announcement of the executive's itinerary late Tuesday at the White House.

A Lindsay Craig, general passenger agent for the Union Pacific railroad at Omaha and well known in railroad circles of the nation, died at Omaha Tuesday.

Thousands of young men have been made virtual hobos as a result of their world war experiences, Brigadier Edward Underwood of the Salvation Army said Monday before a conference of representatives of 60 New York agencies dealing with homeless men.

Increases in wages ranging from 1 to 3 1/2 cents an hour and from \$6.84 to \$10 a month, effective May 16 and aggregating approximately \$458,800 annually, have been granted to 3336 employees of the Northern Pacific railroad's maintenance of way department.

Newspaper reports to the effect that Sir Auckland Geddes was retiring from the position of British ambassador to the United States was characterized as entirely unfounded by Ronald McNeill, under secretary of foreign affairs, in the house of commons Monday.

Awarded \$50,000, the amount she asked from Dr. Karl Conell for breach of promise, Miss Violet Johnson of Brooklyn, arrived in New York Wednesday from Omaha, where the suit was tried. The case probably will be appealed, the doctor's attorneys said.

The state department announced late Wednesday it had received a cablegram from Jacob Gould Schurman, American minister at Peking, which said "there was no definite indication of how long it would be before Americans and others still held by Chinese bandits are released."

The United States air service dirigible TC-1 was destroyed by fire shortly after it moored at Wilbur Wright field at 9 P. M. in Dayton, O., Wednesday. The ship, the largest of its kind in this country, was destroyed during a severe electrical storm. It came to Dayton from Scott field, Illinois, on a test flight.

Sofia.—Profiteers will be subject to public beatings with lashes, confiscation of their property and permanent disbarment from business under a bill submitted to the Sobranje (national assembly) Wednesday. This is the government's answer to the many complaints that the cost of living has been unnecessarily increased by speculation.

Army efficiency requires that attention be given to religious matters, General Pershing said Wednesday at the opening session of the conference with churchmen and welfare workers, called by the war department. All military training has in it certain elements of moral instruction, General Pershing said, but he added that "religion contains the secret of the impetus toward clean living."

Authoritative denial was given Wednesday to Moscow newspaper reports alleging British interference in soviet Asia. It was declared that the British government had never made any agreement with the Emir of Turkestan involving a protectorate of that region and that the statement in the Moscow papers relative to an alleged British promise to finance and arm anti-soviet forces was untrue.

## LANGUAGE TEACHING UPHELD

State Laws Prohibiting German Held Void by Supreme Court.

Washington, D. C.—State statutes which would prohibit the teaching or use of foreign languages in all schools below the eighth grade were declared void by the supreme court Monday as an unlawful encroachment upon the rights conferred by the 14th amendment, which provides that "no state . . . shall deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law." Justice Holmes delivered a dissenting opinion, in which Justice Sutherland joined.

The question was presented to the court in cases coming from Iowa, Nebraska and Ohio. Eighteen other states, with similar statutes, participated.

Justice McReynolds, who delivered the majority opinion, asserted that the 14th amendment without doubt "denotes not merely freedom from bodily restraint, but also the right of the individual to contract, to engage in any of the common occupations of life, to acquire useful knowledge, to marry, establish a home and to bring up children, to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and generally to enjoy those privileges long recognized by common law as essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by free men."

This liberty, the court added, cannot be interfered with under the guise of protecting the public interest by legislative action which is arbitrary or without reasonable relation to some purpose within the competency of the state affected.

Final determination of what constitutes proper exercise of police power is within the courts, Justice McReynolds asserted, and does not rest with the legislatures of the states.

While the American people, the court pointed out, have always regarded education and acquisition of knowledge as matters of supreme importance which should be diligently promoted, and while it is the right and natural duty of the parent to give his children education suitable to their station in life, many states have attempted to enforce the obligation by compulsory laws.

"That the state," Justice McReynolds declared, "may do much, go very far, indeed, in order to improve the quality of its citizens, physically, mentally and morally, is clear, but the individual has certain fundamental rights which must be respected."

"The protection of the constitution extends to all," the opinion said, "to those who speak other languages as well as to those born with English on the tongue. Perhaps it would be highly advantageous if all had ready understanding of ordinary speech, but this cannot be coerced by methods which conflict with the constitution—a desirable end cannot be promoted by prohibited means."

"The desire of the legislature to foster a homogeneous people, with American ideals prepared readily to understand current discussions of civic matters is easy to appreciate. Unfortunately experiences during the late war and aversion toward every characteristic of truculent adversaries were certainly enough to quicken that aspiration. But the means adopted, we think, exceed the limitations upon the power of the state and conflict with the rights assured to plaintiffs. The interference is plain enough and no adequate reason therefore in time of peace and domestic tranquility has been shown."

As the statutes before the court undertake, Justice McReynolds concluded, "to interfere only with teachings which involve a modern language, leaving complete freedom as to other matters, there seems no adequate foundation for the suggestion that the purpose was to protect the child's health by limiting his mental activities. It is well known that proficiency in a foreign language seldom comes to one not instructed at an early age and experience shows that this is not injurious to the health, morals or understanding of the ordinary child."

**Charity Bout Misnomer.**  
Chicago.—Charity received \$25 from the \$55,000 receipts of the recent Leonard-Mitchell boxing contest which ended in a riot and Uncle Sam received nothing in the way of an amusement tax. Mrs. George W. Reinecke, internal revenue collector, let it be known, as well as her determination to investigate such entertainments billed as "benefits."

**Girl, Lost, Found, Die.**  
Montrose, Colo.—Helen Gray, 13 years of age, daughter of Warren Gray, living near here, was found Sunday by a posse after a search that lasted since she disappeared Saturday, May 25, when she went to drive some cattle home. The child died of hunger a few moments after she was found and before a physician could be summoned. Authorities believe that the cattle went into the cedars and that in following them Helen was lost.

**Doctor is Busy at 103.**  
Los Angeles.—Dr. Andrew Malcolm Morrison of Santa Monica Monday observed his 103rd birthday anniversary by going quietly about his professional affairs. Dr. Morrison practices his profession and gives lectures on health topics. Dr. Morrison married three years ago, taking a bride then 72 years old. Mrs. Morrison said she arranged a birthday dinner for her husband, but otherwise the day would pass without observance.

## SHIP LIQUOR LID TO BE CLAMPED

New Rules Tossed on International Doorstep.

BAN EFFECTIVE 10TH

Treasury Issues Regulations Barring Beverages From U. S. Territorial Waters.

Washington, D. C.—The treasury tossed on the international doorstep Sunday night its new regulations carrying out the supreme court decision barring all beverage liquors from territorial waters of the United States after 11:01 A. M. June 10. No loopholes have been left, according to a treasury spokesman, and the court's recent construction of the dry law will be rigidly applied.

Having failed to find any way by which conflict with foreign laws could be avoided, the treasury based its new ship liquor rules on a literal reading of the court's opinion and prepared to let come what may. Its only hope of alleviating a situation, which most officials agree will be embarrassing to international commerce, was said to lie in remedial legislation from the next congress.

Except for the exemption granted medicinal liquor, the usual immunity accorded diplomats and the privileges allowed foreign vessels of war, the regulations permit of no inbound passage of alcoholic beverages. Consideration is given, however, to ships forced by the extremity of distress to put into an American harbor. But even such vessels, if they have liquor aboard, must show that the necessity was grave and "the proof must be convincing," after which they will be required to give bond for faithful observance of the American dry law.

Concerning the hope among foreign maritime powers of relief from what is regarded as one of the most drastic interpretations ever given by the supreme court, some treasury officials feel that congress might find a way of circumventing the import deadline. Others were convicted that the barred zone was due to remain until a change was made in the 18th amendment.

In this connection it was pointed out by the latter that the decision of the supreme court was based fundamentally on the sweeping provisions of the amendment rather than on the enforcement act, and that the court held, regardless of whether liquor for beverage uses was being imported, its being carried for any such purpose within the three-mile limit constituted transportation, which is specifically forbidden by the amendment. The legislation to relieve the situation from the foreign viewpoint, it was contended, could scarcely be other than in contravention of the constitution and thereby invalid.

**Moro Fanatics and Chief Slain.**  
Manila.—Fifty-three fanatical Moros, including Akbara, the self-styled bullet-proof prophet, have been killed in a fight with the constabulary on the island of Pata near Jolo (Sulu). No details of the uprising have been received. A total of 806 Moros surrendered to the constabulary after the battle.

It is estimated there were 200 more of the fanatics still at large, including three petty chieftains.

The authorities believed the fight had broken the back of the fanatics' movement, but further constabulary detachments were being sent to the district to gather in all the adherents of the prophet Akbara.

**Cape May, N. J.—Captain Francis Holmes of Norbury's landing and a party of two fishermen broke all records on the southern Delaware bay shore for one day's channel bass fishing, when just at sundown Sunday they reached the landing with 21 channel bass. The combined weight of the fish tipped the scales at 1590 pounds. More than 600 fishermen arrived here this morning on the Reading fishermen's special to try their luck at the fish.**

**Picador Play is Fatal.**  
Mexicali, Lower Cal.—Ramon Earlequez, 14 years old, was killed Sunday while playing at bull fighting with a number of other boys a few miles south of Mexicali.

While taking the part of a picador, a bucking pony threw him. He landed on the horns of a bull, which tossed him under the pony's feet. The bull's horns passed through his body and the horse's kicks fractured his skull.

**New York Berries Low.**  
New York.—The heaviest strawberry shipments of the season were received in New York last week. On the markets Friday there were 1,500,000 quarts, according to an estimate by the state department of farms and markets. This was said to be a record for recent years. Most of the berries came from Maryland and Delaware, but from now on New Jersey is expected to be the principal producer.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Eugene.—Mrs. Annie V. McClaren, for 76 years a resident of Eugene, died suddenly at her home here early Sunday at the age of 77.

Klamath Falls.—Engineers' field equipment, including transits and other instruments, is being assembled here preparatory for engineering work in connection with construction of the Natron cut-off.

The Dalles.—Thrown from a wagon in which he was riding, when the team became frightened and ran away, Henry John Hendricks was killed instantly Saturday night at his ranch home four miles from The Dalles on Cheenoweth ridge.

Pendleton.—More than 300 pupils of Umatilla county, in addition to those who are attending accredited schools, have passed the final eighth grade examinations and are ready to enter high schools next fall.

Salem.—Comparative receipts of the state corporation department, if they can be accepted as a fair barometer of financial conditions in the state, indicate increased prosperity and a tendency on the part of industry toward expansion.

Salem.—Appointment of the county tax supervising commissions, which had been slated for next week, will not be announced until the return of Governor Pierce, who leaves Monday night for eastern Oregon. The governor will not return here until next Saturday.

Eugene.—Carpenters of Eugene have demanded a wage scale of \$7 a day instead of \$6, which has been the prevailing scale here for a number of years. Officials of the local union say that the wage scale here is lower than in any city on the coast, in most of which it is \$8 a day.

Salem.—Mrs. Pauline Needham of West Salem was arrested by officers Sunday charged with passing approximately 25 worthless checks aggregating \$150. Local merchants were said to be the victims of Mrs. Needham's operations. The largest check was in the amount of \$27.

Salem.—Reports received at the offices of the state market agent, which was created under an act of the last legislature, indicate that many farmers and fruit growers in Oregon apparently have little or no conception of the functions of the department.

La Grande.—The last emblem of the old west is not yet gone. At North Powder, June 21-23, inclusive, will be held a big rodeo under the direction of O. R. Olson, a resident and business man of North Powder. Mr. Olson announces that he has had splendid responses to big purses posted for contestants.

Woodburn.—According to a survey just completed by R. J. Glatt, secretary of the Woodburn Fruit Growers' Cooperative association, the berry crop tributary to Woodburn promises to be a bumper one this year. The strawberry crop, which is quite large, is 40 per cent harvested. Loganberries and raspberries will have the largest and heaviest yield per acre ever recorded here.

Roseburg.—A lone and unmasked outlaw Saturday morning held up the cashier in the Glendale State bank at Glendale, 50 miles south of this city, and escaped into the hills near town with approximately \$1000 in cash and currency. Although posses were out all day, they failed to locate the man, but obtained evidence leading them to believe that he was heading for the coast.

Haines.—The growing of head lettuce on a commercial scale will be attempted in the Haines valley this season. The Intermountain Producers' association of Nampa, Idaho, under the management of W. H. L. Niemeyer, has made a survey of climatic and soil conditions in the agricultural section adjoining this city, and this district is believed to be ideal for the production of this crop.

Salem.—The seriousness of the earwig in Portland and other sections of Oregon probably will result in a special meeting of the state emergency board next Saturday to consider a request of the state horticultural board for an appropriation of \$30,000. It was said that this amount will be enlarged by smaller appropriations to be made by the city of Portland and Multnomah county.

Salem.—Poor families of Salem and vicinity will not want for potatoes during the next few months. This was the announcement made by Governor Pierce Sunday after Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the Oregon state hospital, and Dr. J. N. Smith, superintendent of the state home for the feeble-minded, reported that they had several thousand bushels of spuds in excess of the amount needed for their respective institutions.

Salem.—Motor vehicle fees received by the secretary of state up to June 1 aggregated \$3,531,712, according to a report prepared here Saturday by the state automobile department. For the month of May the registration fees totaled \$226,404.50, of which \$172,818 was received for passenger car permits. Truck registration fees aggregated \$39,636, motorcycle registrations \$1827, chauffeurs \$2054 and operators' licenses \$5404. Other fees included dealers' licenses, transfers and duplicate licenses.

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