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 Kansas law creating a state industrial relations court was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court Monday insofar as it attempted to fix wages in packing houses.

Seven dead, many reported missing, thousands homeless and property loss exceeding $5,000,000 was the known toll Tuesday night of floods which have sent virtually every stream in Kansas to the highest stage in years.

The French budget deficit of 3,750,000,000 francs is turned into a surplus of nearly 900,000,000 francs, and cited as comparing favorably with the American and British budgets, in the final report of the senate's finance commission.

After a controversy of 25 years' standing the general assembly of the Canadian Presbyterian church voted in favor of amalgamating with the Methodist and Congregational churches of the dominion. The vote was 426 to 129.

William A. Pinkerton, in an informal discussion of the causes of crime in Buffalo, N. Y., advocated the whipping post and the pillory for the house burglar and "stick-up" man and declared against systems of parole and indeterminate sentences.

Two thousand relatives and friends of cadets thronged about the battle monument on Trophy point, overlooking the Hudson river at West Point, N. Y., Tuesday and witnessed the graduation of the 261 cadets who composed the West Point class of 1923.

Chancellor Cuno, of Germany, in an address at Karlsruhe Monday, is quoted by the Tageblatt as having said that once begun, passive resistance in the Ruhr must be carried through.

The Chicago city council, in a session marked by exciting moments, Wednesday went on record in favor of light wines and beer. A resolution introduced by Alderman Klinke asked congress to amend the dry law so wines and beer could be manufactured and sold.

Dispatches to Jugo-Slav newspapers Wednesday report the existence of a state of civil war throughout the greater part of Bulgaria. Former Cabinet Ministers Oboff and Douparinoff are said to have been killed during an engagement with revolutionary troops.

Scott Stalker of Pocatello, Idaho, was drowned and T. R. Moffett of Cleveland, O., narrowly escaped drowning when a canoe in which they had started for Portland, Or., capsized in the Bowl and Pitcher rapids of the Spokane river near Spokane, Washington Tuesday.

Ten sturdy German girls, who admitted that they had come to this country looking for tall, strong husbands with a little money, arrived in New York, Monday on the Royal Mail line steamship Orca. They were bound for New Haven, the seat of Yale university. Their ages range from 16 to 21.

Drastic federal legislation for the control of firearms as a means of checking the steadily growing homicide rate was urged by the Spectator of New York, an insurance periodical, Wednesday in making public homicide statistics for 1922, which showed a slaying rate in 28 of the largest cities of nine for each 100,000 of population.

Department of justice officials indicated Tuesday that the government will appeal to the supreme court from the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals at St. Paul which permits consolidation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific railroads. That the decision has left confusion in its wake as it affects interpretation of the Sherman anti-trust act and the transportation act was manifest and if for no other reason than to clear the situation on vital points of these laws, it is confidently expected that the department will note an appeal.

Discovery of a simple but effective cure for infantile paralysis, that dread scourge which has baffled medical science, has been made by a Chicago woman, who prefers to retain her anonymity. Her treatment has been tried out with marked success at the Northwestern university medical school and has been adopted by the Visiting Nurse association. The device consists of a large tank, partly filled with tepid water and equipped with a circular bench around the inside. The crippled children merely sit for hours with their feet and legs immersed in the water, while they practice wiggling their toes. The little patients take to the treatment heartily and the results have been highly satisfactory.

RAIL MERGER IS APPROVED

Southern-Central Pacific Union Upheld by Court of Appeals.

St. Paul. — Approval of the interstate commerce commission's action in authorizing the Southern Pacific railroad to acquire control of the Central Pacific road was announced Monday by the United States circuit court of appeals.

Walter H. Sanborn, senior judge of the court, announced that the court "had concluded that the interstate commerce commission had the authority to authorize and approve the control by lease and stock ownership of the Central Pacific railroad by the Southern Pacific company."

This conclusion, in effect approving provisions of the transportation act of 1920, is declared of far-reaching importance, in that it tends to uphold the present railroad consolidation plan covered by the act.

There will be no opinion filed now, but counsel for the department of justice and for the Southern Pacific were notified to present arguments here on the form the court's decree shall take. Appeal to the supreme court still is open to the government.

The court which, in addition to Judge Sanborn, includes Judges William S. Kenyon, Fort Dodge, Ia., and Robert S. Lewis, Denver, has before it the proposed decree of the railroad company, permitting the control under the conditions laid down by the interstate commerce commission.

Counsel for the railroad on Monday will move acceptance of this form for the decree and the government will have an opportunity to suggest such amendments as it wishes, or may serve notice of intention to appeal to the supreme court.

The court's decree will be under the mandate of the supreme court, issued October 17, 1922, directing the circuit court of appeals to enter a final decree requiring the Southern Pacific to dia decree entered carrying out the terms of this decision.

The supreme court had held the Southern Pacific control of the Central Pacific as in restraint of competition and in violation of the Sherman anti-trust act, and the government sought vest itself of any control of the Central Pacific company.

30 TRAINS CAUGHT IN FLAMING SHED

Philadelphia. — Passengers occupying sleeping cars in the train shed at the Broad Street station of the Pennsylvania railroad were routed out of their berths early Monday by a fire. The shed burst into flames in two or three places. Five alarms were sounded summoning all the fire fighting forces in the center of the city.

Approximately 30 trains were in the shed and several caught fire before they could be moved to safety. Great excitement prevailed among passengers waiting to board outgoing trains until they were ordered from the building by the firemen.

The blaze started shortly after 1 A. M. An hour later the entire train shed was in flames and the baggage room, just outside the waiting room on the second floor, also was burning. One passenger, overcome by the smoke, was taken to a hospital. A number of firemen also have been overcome.

The fire spread to the mail room, under the train shed, between 15th and 16th streets. Scores of men with trucks worked to remove the mail but the blaze drove them out.

The flames spread westward, away from the station proper which is located opposite the city hall, one of the largest municipal buildings in the world. Entrance to the station for trains is on an elevated structure from the Schuylkill river, approximately eight blocks. Under the tracks for about three blocks are express stations and mail room.

All fire apparatus in the city was brought to the scene. Hundreds of streams of water were poured on the flames which shot high into the air. Fire Chief Davis said that he feared the roof, of metal and glass and covering nearly a city block, would collapse.

Hood River, Or.—Monday a valve in a pressure irrigation system in the garden of Mrs. W. L. Smith failed to work. The valve was unscrewed, Mrs. Smith supposing it was clogged by silt. She was surprised when an eight-inch mountain trout shot from the pipe. The system worked well for an hour and again stopped. A wrench was again applied and this time Mrs. Smith discovered a large rainbow trout. It measured 18 inches and weighed 3½ pounds.

$800 Found In Street.

Marshfield, Or.—J. L. Prescott, resident of the east side, found enough money on the street Monday to take him to Arizona, where a cure might be effected in his ailment, but the wallet with $800 in currency belonging to M. S. Taylor, an automobile salesman, was returned to the First National bank without any comment.

Mr. Taylor sent the finder a good-sized check for his action.

FOREIGN NATIONS OBEY LIQUOR LAW

U. S. Government Gratified by Favorable Attitude.

NEW RULES IN EFFECT

Congress May Be Asked to Remove Ban Against Foreign Ships Carrying Beverages.

Washington, D. C.—With the ship liquor regulations effective Sunday, government officials are gratified at the attitude taken toward compliance with the rules by foreign nations.

Announcements coming from Great Britain, France and other important maritime nations that vessels flying their flags will carry only enough liquor to meet requirements for beverage up to the American three-mile limit and that they will return "dry" in this respect have been favorably received. The position of these countries accords with views repeatedly expressed by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon that he did not anticipate difficulty regarding observance of the regulations by important lines.

It is recognized by officials that the regulations are rigid and that they will be a source of inconvenience to foreign lines and will even require suspension of domestic laws of such nations as France and Spain calling for adequate supplies of wines for beverage purposes for ships' crews at all times. Protests from these countries, Great Britain and other nations were conceded to be natural.

At the same time, it is pointed out, the treasury department had no alternative but to obey strictly the decision of the supreme court and administer it as the law of the land. To do otherwise, it is maintained, actually would involve violation by treasury officials of their oath of office and lay them open to impeachment. It was stated that they had nothing to do with the making of the law and are not seeking to pass one way or the other upon its merits or its effect in international relations. Nor, it was added, did the supreme court have any authority other than interpreting the law. Making of the law, it has been emphasized, rests entirely with congress.

Consequently, it is pointed out, if any relief is to come to foreign shipping interests, the source of appeal is congress, which cannot be taken until it meets next December. Meanwhile it will be the purpose of the treasury department to enforce its regulations through the public health office. It has been suggested, though not plainly stated, that the treasury department may take the initiative and ask congress when it convenes to remove the ban against foreign ships carrying liquor for beverage purposes. It is reported that the possibility of such a proposal has been one reason why foreign lines have indicated their purpose to comply strictly with the regulations.

Poincare's Note Sent.

Paris.—Premier Poincare's note on the subject of German reparations was delivered in London Sunday for presentation to the British cabinet tomorrow. It expressed the hope that Great Britain would join France and Belgium in telling Germany that passive resistance in the Ruhr must cease.

It says if Germany complies, France will be disposed to consider with her allies a solution of the reparations question, provided the discussion keeps within the limits of the French proposals of January.

$18,000 To Be Saved.

Tacoma, Wash.—The expenses of the internal revenue district of Washington for the fiscal year beginning July, will be reduced by more than $18,000, Burns Poe, collector of internal revenue, announced Saturday. The reduction of $18,000 will be effected by reducing the number of employes, and also cutting the salaries of a few. It is in keeping with the policy of the treasury department to minimize the expenses of the government.

Georgia Has Big Storm.

Macon, Ga.—Damage estimated at $1,000,000 was caused to Macon property by a storm that broke over this city at 12:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. More than six inches of water fell in less than an hour and a half, the weather bureau announced. All of the storm sewers of the city were overloaded. Many of them gave way.

The storm was local, extending about 20 miles from this city in any direction.

Wage Agreement Made.

Chicago.—The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad notified the railroad labor board Saturday that it had made an agreement with its maintenance of way employes affecting 10,000 men. The agreement grants foremen increases in wages of from $4 to $10 a month and 1 cent an hour to other employes.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Dalles.—Wasco county's bumper crop of cherries this year will total 650 tons of Royal Annes and 400 tons of black cherries, according to estimates.

McMinnville.—L. W. Riley, president of Linfield college, who has just returned from the east, Sunday night conferred degrees upon thirty-one graduates of the college.

Corvallis.—Fire Friday night totally destroyed a barn and contents belonging to Jarvey Bullis of this city. Five head of horses and one motor car were among the property destroyed.

Salem.—The state tax on gasoline and distillate produced a total of $115,639.82 in April, according to a statement prepared here by Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state. This exceeded the revenue from the same source for the preceding month by approximately 25 per cent.

Astoria.—In the presence of several hundred persons the cornerstone of the new $50,000 Masonic temple at the corner of Sixteenth street and Franklin avenue was laid Friday with elaborate ceremonies.

St. Helens.—A report submitted to the county court by Lester Clark who was employed to re-cruise certain sections of timber in Columbia county, shows an increase of 191 per cent over the figures as shown on the assessment roll.

Eugene—Cherry growers of Lane county have their troubles this year. The crop is short and now wild pigeons in some sections of the county, especially in the hill orchards, are devouring what few cherries are on the trees. The loss will be heavy.

Baker.—The first carload of ore for the Sumpter smelter, which has resumed operations, was received at the plant last week. The ore came from the Psyche mine in the Greenhorn district and was loaded on the railroad at Tipton. Another car was at Tipton ready for the smelter.

Albany.—Ten tons of strawberries were packed in barrels Friday by a crew of 50 persons in the Stenberg packing station. This sets a record for daily packs in this plant. The fruit is packed in sugar in barrels and is sent via Portland to San Francisco, where the berries are further processed.

Salem.—The state bond commission, at a special meeting held here Friday, invested approximately $131,000 of funds of the state industrial accident commission in school district bonds. The commission is composed of Governor Pierce, State Treasurer Hoff and E. E. Bragg, member of the accident commission.

The Dalles.—Accompanied by a terrific cannonading of thunder and brilliant flashes of lightening the heaviest rain fall within so short a period in years was recorded in The Dalles Saturday night. Water literally fell in sheets, the total precipitation being .7 of an inch. The previous heaviest shower during the year was .23 of an inch.

Pendleton.—Umatilla county Saturday was relieved from a sudden attack of hot weather in which the mercury reached 90 degrees, when a violent dust storm, followed by thunder, lightning, hail and rain, cooled the air. The precipitation was an eighth of an inch. The hail and heavy rain did some damage to the rank growth of wheat, which is falling every day.

Tualatin. — Boldly backing their truck up to the J. Martinazzi ranch at Tualatin at 9 o'clock Friday night, chicken thieves took 60 fine Rhode Island Red hens. Members of the family were entertaining company and piano playing with a chorus of voices gave the robbers opportunity to get the birds without being heard, although the poultry house was quite near the residence.

Grants Pass.—After selecting Hillsboro as the next convention city, the delegates to the forty-second annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic adopted a few resolutions, thanking the people of Grants Pass for their entertainment, and ended their sessions. The veterans were unanimous in their declaration that this was the best convention in recent years and adopted a resolution to that effect.

Medford. — Seven-year-old Bobby Lewis suffered minor injuries Friday in a strange accident on the sleeping porch at his home on the second floor. He was playing on his bed, diving into the mattress, circus-like. The bed springs functioned well for the first few dives but finally they bounced him so violently that he catapulted out the window for a 20-foot drop to the sidewalk, where he landed in an old baby carriage left standing there.

Reedsport.—A loss of $7500 was sustained and the city of Reedsport endangered when the city meat market owned by Robert Boyer and Frank Ruhe burned at 2 A. M. Friday. The blaze started in the rear of the shop, and before water could be applied three terrific explosions of ammonia tanks spread the flames greatly, throwing sparks and endangering the lives of the fire fighters. The blaze was shooting along the wooden streets and the building had caved in before any water could be applied.

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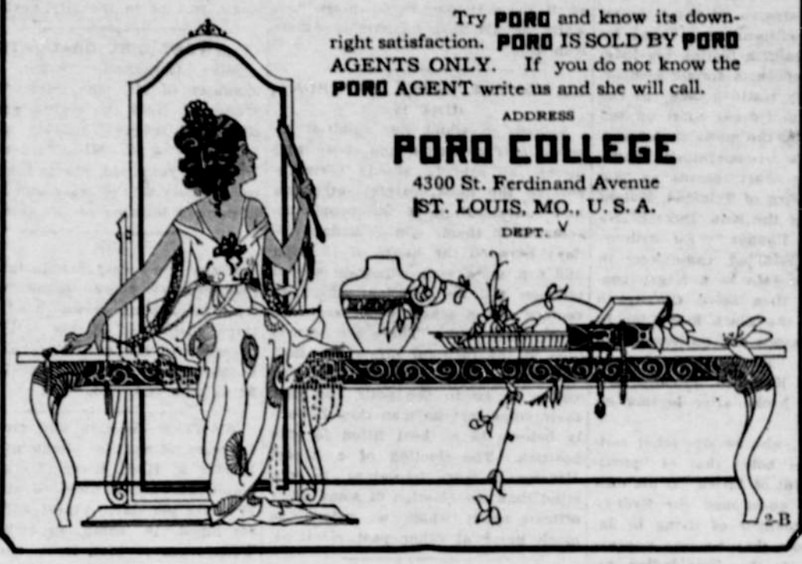

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