

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.

A. B. Williams, Battle Creek manufacturer, running on the republican ticket, was elected to congress from the third Michigan district in Tuesday's special election.

The hottest day in New York so far this year brought death to five persons in greater New York and caused more than a score of prostrations, most of them on the lower east side.

Eight cruisers, four river gunboats and three cruiser submarines will comprise the building program which the navy department will present to the budget bureau and to congress at the coming session.

Pluralities of J. A. O. Preus, governor, and Magnus Johnson, republican and farm labor nominee for United States senator from Minnesota as a result of Monday's primary, continued to increase as belated returns came in.

The government has ended its investigation in New York of the Famous Players-Lasky corporation, charged with being a monopoly, and will resume the inquiry at Philadelphia on June 25.

A gift of \$150,000, to be distributed among 15 hospitals in the United States and Canada to promote the use of insulin in the treatment of diabetes, was announced by John D. Rockefeller Jr. The hospitals are in all sections of the country.

Two deaths were reported Wednesday as a result of the heat wave which struck Chicago Tuesday, although slight relief was found late Wednesday afternoon in a shower which lasted but a few minutes. The temperature reached 91 degrees.

An earthquake lasting 48 seconds occurred at Anchorage, Alaska, at 12:45 Tuesday afternoon. The motion was rotary. Advances stated that the volcanic region on the Alaskan peninsula, where extensive disturbances occurred last winter, is quiet.

Senator Reed of Missouri, addressing a luncheon in San Francisco Wednesday, scored what he termed the growing tendency toward control of business and home by government bureaus and commissions composed of "lame ducks, ward heelers and political tramps."

Henry Ford may decide to become a candidate for the presidency of the United States. The Detroit automobile manufacturer in an interview in Boston, Mass., declared that he had never stated, as was written in the newspapers last Sunday, that he would not be a candidate for president.

Fire cost the lives of three children at Homedale, Idaho at an early hour Monday and mother love, expressing itself in a futile attempt to save the children from the flames, added Mrs. Donato Uberaga to the victims. Mrs. Uberaga died from burns sustained when attempting to save her children.

Captain Roald Amundsen, the explorer, who recently abandoned his proposed flight across the North Pole by airplane, is returning to the United States on the schooner Holmes, according to a dispatch from Nome, Alaska, to the Aftenposten in Christiania. The dispatch said Amundsen's airplane was damaged in a trial flight.

Ellis Island officials have admitted the charge in the British house of commons that as many as 150 persons of different races and color were housed in the same sleeping quarters, but said that this was unavoidable. It was pointed out that to keep races separately classified it would be necessary to have a "gigantic honey-comb" of a building.

A million and a half pounds of wool, representing a pool of clips from the district about Boise, Idaho, has been placed in storage in Portland by W. Scott Anderson of Boise. The shipment was made by the same interests which last year disposed of a 1,000,000 pound pool at auction in Portland, and indicates that favorable market conditions here, together with facilities for storage, warrant the use of the Portland market in future.

President Harding has disposed of his control of the stock of the Harding Publishing company, publisher of the Marion Star, to Louis H. Brush and Roy D. Moore. The sale, however, did not constitute a complete severance of Mr. Harding's connection with the newspaper, whose editor he has been for so many years. It was announced at the White House that he would retain some stock in the company and would continue to be associated with the Star in an editorial capacity.

HARDING TO FIRE WASTERS

Rigid Economy Is Demanded by Chief at "Business" Meeting.

Washington, D. C.—Confident that the government will finish the 12-month period ending June 30 with a surplus of \$200,000,000, President Harding told government officials at a "business" meeting Monday that he expected greater economies to be effected during the next fiscal year. The policy of "economy with efficiency," he asserted, must be pressed further for the benefit of the taxpayers.

The executive, taking official notice of reported attempts by some officials to influence congress to grant larger appropriations than recommended by the budget bureau, warned against repetition of such activities. Departing from his prepared address and shaking his finger emphatically at his audience, he announced he was ready to give consideration to recommendations for the discharge of officials who urged congressional committees to go beyond the budget figures in appropriations. "I do not hesitate to say," Mr. Harding declared, "that a repetition of the acts of any government officer before congressional committees in urging appropriations in excess of the budget's recommendations will be regarded as sufficient reason to cause the giving of consideration to the severance of such officials from the government service."

The president's determination to enforce the program of keeping government expenditures within income was reflected in a speech by Brigadier-General Lord, director of the budget, who, speaking also at the meeting, said he had asked the president to discharge one official who had instructed his subordinates to spend all money available to their bureau before July 1. The official, General Lord declared, sent telegrams to his field service employees, urging them to let no appropriation lapse at the end of the fiscal year, when unexpended funds revert to the treasury general fund.

General Lord made a plea for a stopping or wastage in government operations, the small as well as the large, for both kinds, he said, were equally important in any program of retrenchment of expenditures. The president characterized the efforts of the government "business" organization toward retrenchment as epochal. He said that the benefits accruing were not all directly shown and pointed to the adoption by many states of federal standards and methods as proof that the policy of economy in government was being carried further by the example of the federal government. All of this, the executive asserted means government at less expense to those who pay the bills.

ETNA SPOUNITG HOT LAVA

Rome.—Mount Etna, in violent eruption Monday was laying waste the surrounding countryside, said dispatches which reached the mainland.

Great rivers of molten rock, pouring down the steep sides of the mountain from numerous fissures, were overwhelming all before them and the inhabitants of the surrounding settlements were fleeing in despair while crops and homes were disappearing under the hissing flood.

The main crater of Etna, after the fitful displays of the last week, suddenly opened up at midnight Sunday with a noise like the firing of a thousand cannons. There were subterranean rumblings, flames shot to the sky and the populations of the little towns about the base of the cone fled to the plains.

Five great cracks opened in the northeastern side of the mountain and from these mouths, several kilometers from the old crater, came streams of lava.

Thousands of tons of rocks and ashes were hurled to a height of 30 to 60 feet from both the old and new craters and the lava streams, advancing on a frontage estimated at 500 yards, laid waste the vineyards and forests in their paths and progressed at a speed of a mile and a quarter an hour.

Pole Flight Given Up.

Christiania.—Captain Roald Amundsen has abandoned his proposed flight across the North Pole by airplane, it was announced Monday afternoon by the Norwegian minister of defense. The minister received a message from Leon Amundsen, brother of Roald, reading: "Just received the following telegram, dated Norwich, Alaska: 'Trial flight held May 11. Result very unsatisfactory. Sorry forced abandon proposed flight. Have written.'"

American Ships Held.

Nome, Alaska.—The American trading schooners Silver Wave, Iskum and Belinda are detained at East Cape, Siberia, and their crews are under arrest on charges of violating trading laws of the soviet government of Russia. It was learned here Monday. The news of the plight of the three trading schooners was brought by the Rev. N. F. Hoyer, a missionary, after a winter in Bering strait.

Big Kansas Bank Shut.

Wichita, Kan.—The American State bank, one of the strongest state banks in Kansas, closed its doors early Monday morning. The bank was closed following discovery of the defalcation of \$1,500,000 by Phillip A. Drumm, cashier, the Wichita clearing house announced.

FRENCH MAY CLOSE FACTORIES IN RUHR

Germans Given Warning by Occupation Authorities.

PURPOSE TO COLLECT

Plan to Take Control of Coal, Coke and All Raw Material Supplies Is Announced.

Dusseldorf.—Plans to take control of the coal and coke and raw material supplies of all the factories in the Ruhr were announced Saturday at French headquarters here. The occupation authorities decided to adopt this method to enforce payment of the coal tax which all except a few of the smallest plants have heretofore refused to pay.

General Degoutte, the allied commander-in-chief, issued a decree announcing the military's intention to take charge of all overhead conveyors and all rail lines leading from the coal mines to the factories. The French and Belgians will post guards along all such lines, and whenever a plant director refuses to pay the coal tax to the occupational authorities his supplies of coal, coke and raw materials will be immediately cut off, thus causing the shutdown of the plant as soon as its stocks are exhausted.

The Krupp works at Essen, employing 52,000 men, and the Stinnes works at Muelheim, with 40,000 men, will be among the establishments affected.

Indebtedness Issue Bought Up

Washington, D. C.—The treasury department announced Sunday night that it had accepted subscriptions totaling \$189,833,500 to the latest issues of indebtedness. A total of \$342,462,000 was subscribed but the treasury's requirements for the next few months permitted the amount of cash offers taken to be held close to the original estimate of \$150,000,000. Secretary Mellon, however, decided to accept all subscriptions for which matured securities were offered in payment. These amounted to \$38,344,000.

Closing of the issue of certificates which matures December 15 and bears 4 per cent interest, marks the conclusion of the treasury fiscal operations for this finance year, and in all probability nothing will be done in the way of new financing before the middle of September.

Kite Flier, 76, Is "Hero."

Jamaica, L. I.—James A. Poulson of Jamaica, the 76-year-old kite enthusiast, who became famous overnight and won the annual Jersey City kite flying contest by sending his 11x11-foot rocket 2½ miles into the air Saturday, was being congratulated for his extraordinary accomplishment.

Poulson is the boys' hero now and the ease with which he sends his kite high above the rest is still an awe-inspiring mystery to them. Out in Jersey City and in Jamaica the boys consider Poulson the eighth wonder of the world. Poulson, however, did not become famous by accident. He has been flying kites for 66 years.

Coney Island Is Raided.

Coney Island, N. Y.—Determined to rid Coney Island of its week-end pajama parties and gambling seances this summer, two score detectives and patrolmen in a series of raids Sunday arrested more than 150 men and women. Magistrates McCloskey and O'Neill spent most of the day in police court accepting pleas of guilty and imposing fines.

Two hotels and dozens of seaside bungalows were raided. Eighty-one men and women were taken in rooms at hotels.

\$8 Increases to \$55.

New York.—An \$8 savings bank deposit, made in Boston during the 1873 panic, by George F. Felton, 67, a retired manufacturer and politician, has grown, after several reassignments to a fund of \$55, which Felton Saturday made over to his grandson, Gail Felton, 6, of Brooklyn, to grow up with. If Gail leaves it intact for 50 years more he will have a sizeable bank roll.

Vancouver To Change.

Vancouver, B. C.—The people of this city Sunday voted to repeal the proportional representation system of voting. They rejected daylight saving, and decided to return to a system of four wards with two aldermen from each instead of electing all aldermen at large.

Expenditure of \$1,300,000 on roads, sewers, fireboats, high schools and other civic enterprises was approved.

Soviet Envoy Is Named.

Tokio.—Adolph A. Joffe, representing the Russian soviet government, has been appointed plenipotentiary for the preliminary "conversations" with the Japanese government for the purpose of re-establishing relations between the two countries.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—Tentative plans for a prune federation for the marketing and advertising of prunes under a centralized head were worked out at a meeting of representatives of the various prune interests here Saturday.

Salem.—Bids for the erection of state buildings and other improvements aggregating an expenditure of approximately \$200,000 will be opened at a special meeting of the state board of control to be held in Salem Tuesday.

Baker.—Efforts to secure the recall of Mayor Gleason and Commissioner Jamieson of Sumpter failed Saturday. The recall on Gleason was defeated by 73 to 55 votes and that of Jamieson 75 to 47.

Medford.—In the special election held Friday afternoon the taxpayers of Medford voted on the issuance of \$160,000 in bonds for a new high school. The proposition was lost by 27 votes, there being 372 for it and 399 against.

Salem.—Judge G. G. Bingham of the Marion county circuit court has signed an order declaring constitutional the law enacted at the last session of the legislature remitting to the city of Astoria its taxes over a period of seven years.

Salem.—Fines collected in Oregon during May through the activities of the state traffic officers aggregated \$4425.30, according to a report by T. A. Raffety, in charge of the law enforcement division of the state motor vehicle department.

Salem.—Governor Pierce has announced the appointment of Oscar Hayter of Dallas as a member of the state parole board, to succeed Bert E. Haney of Portland, who resigned following his appointment as a member of the federal shipping board.

Dallas.—Burnice, 4-year-old daughter of Louis Villwock, a Salt creek farmer, was drowned Saturday morning. The child had gone to a spring near the home to get some water and is believed to have fallen in. The body was found a half hour later by her father.

Salem.—Increasing material cost coupled with demands for higher wages by mechanics has proved detrimental to the building industry in Salem. A report of the city recorder issued Saturday indicated that the building permits for June will fall far below those in May.

Salem.—The Loganberry Growers' exchange, which was organized here a few days ago as a selling organization, announced Saturday that it had signed up more than 600 acres of loganberries in Marion county, and that other acreage would be added within the next week.

Seaside.—Fred O. Westberg, 30, a carpenter, died here Sunday as a result of taking a plunge in the natatorium immediately after dinner. His home was in Astoria and an identification card in his pocket requested that Mrs. W. J. Wiese of Gifford, Mont., be notified in case of his death.

Pendleton.—The west Umatilla county school fight, involving a large amount of money in taxation, will go to the supreme court, the objections of school district No. 8 and those of some individual taxpayers in the newly created union school district No. 5, being the basis of contention.

Salem.—The Old People's home, recently completed here at a cost of more than \$75,000, was dedicated Saturday. Dr. N. E. Davis, secretary of the national board for homes and hospitals of the Methodist Episcopal church, delivered the principal address. Bishop W. O. Shepard of Portland presided.

The Dalles.—Rain, which fell intermittently Friday afternoon and night, is not believed to have damaged the Wasco county cherry crop to any extent. The cherry harvest here is now on in full swing, with pickers coming in daily from Portland and Willamette valley points. Buyers are paying 9 and 10 cents a pound.

Canyon City.—The annual three-day celebration in Whiskey Gulch on the banks of Canyon creek here, came to a close Saturday night. The camp was astir until a late hour with hundreds attired in the costumes of the pioneer miners who boomed this district 60 years ago, thronging the various dance halls and gambling places.

Salem.—Bids for furnishing supplies for the various state institutions during the six months starting June 1 and ending December 31, will be opened at a special meeting of the state board of control here Tuesday. R. B. Godin, secretary of the board, predicted that the cost of these supplies will be 5 per cent higher than those for the present six months.

Pendleton.—Prospects for several fairs and agricultural shows in Umatilla county this fall are good, according to a check of the various districts. There will be the northwest grain and hay show at Pendleton during the Round-up, the Hermiston hog and dairy show at Hermiston, the Umatilla school industrial exhibition, the Western potato show and the east end apple show. All of these will receive an allotment from the state fair fund through the Umatilla county court, and several other sections are planning exhibits of their products this season.

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