

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 French government's reply to the recent British reparations note asserts that France refuses to withdraw from the Ruhr except as she is paid, and that she rejects a plan for an international re-estimate of Germany's capacity to pay.

London.—Reports that Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador to the United States, will not return to Washington have been revived in London because of the precarious condition of his eyes.

Official announcement was made in Tokio Wednesday that the scrapping of warships in accord with the Washington treaties, ratification of which have just been exchanged by the signatory powers, would be carried out immediately.

Heavy rains in the region north of Pueblo, around Wigan and Duites, Colo., have sent the Fountain river up to where serious damage is feared, according to reports.

Born while traveling 50 miles an hour is the start Roy Chester Olsen got on life Monday night. Roy first caught sight of this world while his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Olsen, were riding toward Vancouver, Wash., in an automobile driven by Roy's father.

Approximately 200,000 tons of California's estimated crop of 800,000 tons of grapes have been destroyed by mildew, sunburn and windburn, it was announced Monday by E. M. Sheehan, president of the California Grape Growers' exchange.

The parley between anthracite operators and miners over a new wage contract designed to prevent a cessation of work in the hard coal fields September 16, broke up Tuesday. Adjournment was taken subject to call of the secretary of the joint conferences.

The government Wednesday began a check-up of every motion picture theater in the southwest and part of the Mississippi valley which exhibits "feature" films or those released on a percentage basis, to determine whether it has been defrauded of taxes on admissions.

Omaha laundries, bakeries, barber shops, some restaurants and several other local industries were forced to close down Tuesday when the entire city water supply became muddy as a result of a cave-in of a Missouri river bank just above the intake at the Florence pumping station.

The Cuban government Wednesday became the first of America's wartime debtors to pay off the total amount of its loan. The second and final payment on the balance of \$6,988,000 owed by Cuba was paid to the treasury by the National City bank of New York, acting for the Cuban government.

The newest Japanese submarine, just returned from a short trial trip, sank Tuesday morning at the Kawasaki docks at Kobe and 84 members of her crew, missing, are believed to have lost their lives. The captain, chief officer, five deckyard engineers and four other naval officers were saved.

Hair dressers, who opened their convention in Chicago Tuesday night, say a wig will be just as important to the wardrobe this season as a topcoat or a dress for women. The wig enables the bobbed hair woman or girl to wear the new evening gowns and modistes and hair dressers say it is imperative.

The Harling bomber, world's largest airplane, took off from Wilbur Wright field at Dayton, Ohio, at 6:18 o'clock Wednesday, after several minutes of preliminary tuning of the six liberty motors by mechanics. The big plane rose from the ground after a comparatively short run and in a few minutes was about 2000 feet in the air.

A calf with two mouths, two faces, two tongues and four eyes was on exhibit at the home of W. C. Talcott, on the J. F. Forbis place, just south of Forest Grove. The calf was born a few days ago and is living and thriving. The animal has but two ears. When one of the mouths moves the other moves, as also do the two tongues.

Because she came to work in an automobile, one of the charwomen at the municipal courts building in Detroit has been discharged, Joseph Martin, commissioner of public works and custodian of public buildings, informed the common council. He said it was the policy of his department to give cleaning work to needy women. The council upheld his decision.

VISIONS RUIN OF FARMERS

Secretary Wallace Says Going Prices Will Mean Bankruptcy.

Washington, D. C. — Thousands of American farmers will go bankrupt with wheat selling at considerably less than cost of production, Secretary Wallace declared Monday, while thousands of others will be able to hold on only by the most grinding economy. If the present plane of prices of commodities other than agricultural is to be maintained, he added, then, to have general prosperity, prices of farm products must be increased.

Eastern railroads could help by making substantial reductions in freight rates on agricultural products, especially if destined for export, Mr. Wallace asserted, pointing out how, until agriculture, industry and commerce are brought into a more normal relationship, "acute agricultural problems will develop, one after the other."

"The ruinously low price of wheat is not a new agricultural disease," said the secretary in a statement. "It is just one more acute symptom of the general trouble from which agriculture is suffering. The disease itself is the distorted relationship between prices of farm products and prices of other commodities."

"The sooner the people engaged in commerce and industry frankly recognize the trouble, the better it will be for all of us. The farmer could get along fairly well with present prices of what he has to sell if prices of what he must buy were down accordingly. But prices of other things remain high. That is what hurts."

"Wages in industry and on the railroads are almost twice as high as before the war. Taxes are about twice as high. Freight rates are from 50 to 75 per cent higher. Metals, building materials of all kinds, are from 50 to 100 per cent above pre-war prices. All of these are items in the farmer's cost of production. Until a fair relationship is restored between agriculture and industry and commerce, agriculture will be upset and will have reason to complain."

"The pressing question is 'what can be done to help the wheat growers get more nearly the cost of production for this year's crop?' Some urge that the government ought to fix a fair price. That could be done only by the government preparing to buy unlimited quantities at the price fixed. Others suggest that the government go into the market and buy 200,000,000 bushels of wheat and store it, on the theory that taking off the market that quantity would send up the price to a fair figure."

"I am not hopeful of good results for either of these plans. How would the government dispose of the surplus accumulated? What effect would either action have on wheat acreage? What effect would it have on the acreage and price of other grains and of livestock? Would the same policy be adopted in case of ruinously low prices for other farm products? The wheat situation is had enough in all conscience, and certainly the majority of our people would favor any practical method of helping, but we ought to be reasonable sure that the remedy attempted will do the farmer more good than harm and not make the situation worse instead of better."

\$1,000,000 Policy Taken.

New York.—The theater owners announced Monday they had purchased a \$1,000,000 policy to insure the 540 motion picture houses in Greater New York against loss through property damage during a strike which the motion picture machine operators' union threatens to call on September 1. The theater owners said they could not and would not grant the increase in wages demanded.

Dry Agents' Ruse Wins.

Long Beach, N. Y.—Izzy Einstein and Moe Smith, prohibition agents, noted for their versatile disguises, appeared in the role of fashionable board walk promenaders Sunday night and purchased rounds of drinks at the Nassau hotel, one of the best-known resorts on Long Island. As a result the president of the hotel and the captain of waiters were charged with violating the Volstead act.

Legion To Urge Peace.

Indianapolis, Ind.—An international effort toward world peace on the part of allied world war veterans will be urged by American Legion officials headed by National Commander Owensley, who sailed Sunday from New York to attend the Brussels conference of the Inter-Allied Veterans' federation September 1 to 15.

This was announced at legion national headquarters here.

Six Killed in Plunge.

Nice.—The Rev. Hiram Grant Person and Mrs. Person of New York, Mass.; Charles H. Gray, two women who have not yet been identified and an automobile bus driver were killed Monday when the bus went over the parapet of the road leading from Nice to Evian and plunged 300 feet into the River Var.

Omaha Bakers Warned.

Omaha, Neb.—A plan will be submitted to the Omaha city council for the establishment of a municipal bakery unless prompt action is taken by local bakers toward a reduction in the retail price of bread. John Hopkins, city commissioner, made this announcement Monday.

NAVY LIMITATION PACTS NOW LAW

Final Approval of Powers Recorded at Washington.

CEREMONY IS SIMPLE

Nations Formally Deposit Ratifications—Many Tons to Be Stricken From Navy List.

Washington, D. C.—Seated about a table in the state department Friday, five men recorded the final approval of the powers for the treaties drafted by the arms conference to end naval competition, terminate the Anglo-Japanese alliance and sweep away the war clouds that have hovered for decades over the Pacific.

It was an epilogue to the Washington negotiations, at which it had been planned to give the place of honor to President Harding, at whose call the conference assembled, but instead the formal deposit of ratifications was performed almost without ceremony.

Secretary Hughes and his colleagues met in the diplomatic reception room, in the presence of only a handful of spectators, including officials of the department, messengers and representatives of the press.

Ambassador Hanahari acted for Japan and the other powers were represented by the charges of their embassies here, H. O. Chilton for Great Britain, Captain Andre de Laboulaye for France and Augusto Rosso for Italy.

Mr. Hughes sat at the head of the table, with the foreign diplomats facing each other at the sides. Without preliminary the secretary stated the purpose of the gathering and added that at a preliminary meeting in his office the ratifications had been examined and found complete. He then held up a paper embodying the American ratification and placed it in the center of the table.

"I herewith deposit the ratification of the United States," he said. The others followed suit, each pronouncing the same formula. Then the documents, constituting a record of the day and the hour at which the treaties became effective, were passed from hand to hand for signatures.

By pre-arrangement, a telephone flash went to the navy department at the moment the last name had been written on the navy limitation pact. The ink had not dried on the signatures before orders were speeding over the wires which meant the striking of 750,000 tons in fighting ships, new and old, from the navy list. The process of scrapping will begin at once.

INVENTION MAKES FILMS LOOK NATURAL

Chicago.—Invention of a "natural vision" motion picture film, which adds depth to the two dimensions of width and height of the standard picture, was announced Sunday by the George K. Spoor Essanay Film company, which expressed its intention of opening up the old Chicago Essanay plant, closed seven years ago, to begin the production of the new pictures and the equipment for their production on a vast scale.

Seven years of effort and \$1,500,000 was spent by George K. Spoor and P. J. Berggren, the inventors, in perfecting the new films, camera projection machines and screens, the announcement of the company's intentions said. The three dimension pictures, according to the company, have a field 40 feet long and 20 1/2 feet high, an area from three to ten times as great as that of the pictures now shown. The camera with which the pictures are made is four times as large as the ordinary motion picture camera. It is equipped with two lenses, employs the principle of superimposing one picture on another and uses films twice as wide as that now used.

Diphtheria Cure Found.

Chicago.—That the deaths of children due to diphtheria are entirely needless and can be prevented, is the declaration set forth in a bulletin from the health department. All diphtheria in children can be prevented by simple and painless vaccination. Three doses of toxin-antitoxin injected through the skin, the bulletin says, will provide permanent protection against contraction of the disease.

Hornets Stop Logging.

Nelson, B. C.—Hornets have forced the cessation of timber operations in the region around Erie, B. C. The principal camp affected is at Fruitvale, which was forced to close down. The insects not only made conditions unbearable for the workers, but created a great accident risk.

Hornets, wasps, bottle and gray flies are reported to be thicker this year than ever before in the woods in that vicinity.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—The Automotive Carriers' association of Oregon has filed with the public service commission a petition asking that the maximum workday for automobile stages be fixed at 10 hours.

Salem.—James Lewis, warden of the state penitentiary here, under the Olcott administration, Saturday was appointed deputy sheriff of Marion county by Oscar Bower, sheriff. Mr. Lewis will enter upon his new duties next week.

Salem.—The Southern Pacific company Friday reported a shortage of 208 cars. Of this number 165 are closed cars and 43 are open cars. The report was filed with the public service commission.

Salem.—Establishment of a beet sugar factory at Prineville at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000 was the proposal discussed here Friday at a conference held in the offices of W. E. Crews, state corporation commissioner.

Hood River.—Y. Kegayama, Dee flat Japanese rancher, arrested by State Fire Warden Barnes, was fined \$15 and costs Friday by Justice of the Peace Othman on a charge of carelessly setting a brush fire in a dangerous place.

Salem.—Hop picking in the Independence district will start this week, according to reports received here. It was said today that the demand for hops and the improved market conditions had had the effect of encouraging the growers.

Salem.—The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company has a surplus of more than 4000 cars, according to a report filed with the public service commission here Saturday. The Southern Pacific company reported a shortage of 253 cars.

Salem.—William Bray of the Sprague River Lumber company has sent a letter to the public service commission protesting against the service afforded by the Klamath Telephone & Telegraph company, with headquarters in Klamath Falls.

Salem.—William M. Peare of La Grande has been removed as a member of the state board of optometry by Governor Pierce. He will be succeeded by George S. Birney, also of La Grande. The governor said that the services of Mr. Peare had been very satisfactory.

Gold Hill.—Gold mining in southern Oregon during the first half of 1923 has been fairly active, with development and prospecting in progress at a number of properties. The Gold Hill district is the most active with the Sylvanite, Millionaire, and Gold Ridge mines in operation.

Salem.—Members of the public service commission have been invited by Franklin Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, to visit the corporation's properties in the vicinity of Oak Grove. The company is now expending more than \$5,000,000 on a power project at this point.

Eugene.—The Eugene chamber of commerce has taken steps to have the name "Natron cut-off," which is the designation of the new railway soon to be built between Oakridge, in Lane county, to Kirk, in Klamath county, changed to "Eugene-Klamath cut-off." The Klamath Falls chamber will be asked to co-operate.

Salem.—Remarks dropped by tourists here during the past few weeks indicate that the law enacted at the last session of the legislature compelling non-resident automobiles to register in this state is unpopular and has caused travelers much inconvenience. California is the only other state in the union having such a law in operation.

Salem.—The state highway commission announced Friday that the bridge over the Willamette river at Springfield will be closed for repairs for a period of 30 days, starting Monday, August 20. All traffic for Springfield and points on the McKenzie river will be routed over the Willamette river bridge at Eugene. This detour is macadamized and in good condition.

Salem.—The Oregon public service commission, in a statement issued here Saturday night, has taken all credit for the recent order which makes possible the construction of the Natron cut-off, by the Southern Pacific company. The statement is lengthy and sets out much of the testimony introduced at the hearing before the interstate commerce commission.

Salem.—The Oregon public service commission has fixed a tentative valuation of \$764,401 on the Great Southern railroad, which operates between The Dalles and Dufur. A tentative valuation of \$597,632 has been placed on the Mount Hood railroad, which operates between Hood River and Dee. Protests against the valuations must be filed with the interstate commerce commission before September 10.

Gold Hill.—The local cement plant, which has been closed the past three weeks, will resume this week. Only minor repairs are being made, while annual repairs usually require six weeks. The new quarry opened at Marble Mountain will supply the plant with limestone on resumption, while the clay and shale will be quarried adjoining the plant at Gold Hill. The quarry two miles below the plant at Gold Hill will be closed and the equipment moved to the Marble Mountain quarry.

BOY SCOUTS

(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

SCOUTS AID COMMUNITY

A combination of scout good turns with an unforeseen and spectacular climax was rendered by the boy scouts of Macon, Ga., during the recent local gigantic celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of that city.

In the history of Macon there had never been one parade unbroken by traffic until the recent ceremony when three parades took place within three days without a single interference—and to the boy scouts a grateful city has given the credit.

During the last day of the pageant the scouts were put to the real test of "preparedness" when a bleacher stand containing 600 people suddenly collapsed. A wave of horror arose from a crowd of 10,000 who witnessed the sight. Immediately a great rush was started for the scene of the accident. Panic was imminent. The scouts rose to the emergency immediately and took charge with a promptness and efficiency that would have done credit to the situation if it had been rehearsed with the greatest attention to detail.

Scattering themselves in the crowd, a number of the boys quieted the people and within a few minutes induced them to be seated. Other scouts formed staff lines about the wrecked stand and the injured people, administered first aid, called ambulances and automobiles, and actually aided the doctors, for every scout, under headquarters' instruction, throughout the celebration carried his first-aid kit. All medicines, antiseptics and bandages came from scout first-aid kits and dozens of scout neckerchiefs were used for bandages. The whole thing was done so quietly and with so little ostentation that the progress of the pageant was not disturbed in the least.

The success of the entire celebration hinged for about ten minutes on the outcome of that collapsed grandstand, and the scouts saved the whole thing. The mayor in his proclamation made specific recognition of the scouts' service. The chairman of the Centenary committee paid the boys the following compliment: "It would have been impossible to have held the celebration without the valuable services rendered by the scouts."

SCOUTS KNOW HOW TO COOK

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FOR WANT OF A SCOUT

In an editorial entitled "Hugh Kirk, Hero," and paying high honor to the brave engineer, who, in the recent crisis when his train had been wrecked at Van Cortlandt Park, N. Y., by contact with a log on the track, remained at his engine to the end warning others of the danger of the impending explosion, a New York daily makes fine recognition of the spirit of helpfulness, responsibility and thought for others which lie at the heart of scouting. The editorial in part says:

"A story for boys to read and ponder is that of the train wreck in Van Cortlandt Park and the death of the engineer, Hugh Kirk. "An eight-foot strip of timber across the track caused the accident. It is supposed that the youngsters at play thus blocked the rails. One is loath to believe they could have done so in wanton mischief; surely never if they could have dreamed of the consequences."

"If only there had been a boy scout around! These are pranks of the sort that no boy with scout training or associations would ever think of playing or permit to go on. When all boyhood goes scouting, there will be no thoughtless foolery that ends in tragedy."

SCOUTS AID MOTHER AND DAD

Scout mothers and dads of Milwaukee had a day off during the recent local Good Turn week when one day was set aside for good turns in the home. On the list of good turns for the occasion were cleaning up the basement, attic, garage, mowing lawns, weeding gardens, painting and putting up screen doors, taking care of the younger children, washing dishes, running errands, polishing silverware, woodwork and furniture, chopping firewood, scrubbing floors and washing the auto.

Eskimos Have Strongest Teeth. Less than two Eskimos out of 100 have any signs of tooth decay. Chewing coarse frozen food keeps their glands active and their teeth safe. One of the domestic duties of the women is the chewing of thick walrus hide to make it pliable enough for the men to work it into shoes.

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