

Happenings of the World Tersely Told

Washington

An authorized peace-time army of 289,000 enlisted men and 17,820 officers was approved by the house at Washington, which by a vote of 79 to 25 refused to amend the army reorganization bill so as to fix the maximum strength at 226,000 men and 14,200 officers.

The loss to the government as a result of the Supreme court's decision declaring stock dividends not taxable as income will be nearly half a billion dollars, according to an estimate by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Roper at Washington.

The allied governments will receive no further loans from the American government, Secretary Houston announced at Washington. Loans made to the allies to date total \$9,659,834,649.94 of the \$10,000,000,000 authorized by congress.

Rupert Blue, former surgeon general of the public health service, and Joseph H. White, senior surgeon at Washington, were nominated to be assistant surgeons general at large in the public health service.

Stock dividends cannot be taxed as income, the Supreme court at Washington held in declaring unconstitutional the provisions of the 1916 income tax act, taxing as income such dividends.

President Wilson was riding in an open automobile at Washington. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Rear Admiral Grayson and Randolph Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's brother.

President Wilson's reply to the allies in the Flume controversy, according to the state department at Washington, is an announcement of his determination to stand by the agreement of December 9, which was entered into by the United States, Great Britain and France.

Domestic

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., emphatically denied at Chicago the statement of Louis A. Cuvillier, New York assemblyman, that he is paying the state Anti-Saloon league superintendent of New York a salary.

Washerwomen at Aurora, Ill., are forming a union to fix a minimum price of 45 cents an hour for their work. The present average wage is 35 cents an hour, with car fare to and from work.

The senate at Charleston, W. Va., ratified the federal suffrage amendment, 15 to 14, ending a warmly contested fight. The house of delegates ratified the amendment a week ago, 47 to 40.

Chicago city council wets by 51 to 10 vote secured passage of a resolution asking the legislature to rescind its adoption of the eighteenth amendment and submit the question to a referendum.

The American Legion at New York has received a gift of \$500,000 from the Y. M. C. A., which has recommended that the income from the fund be used for the benefit of men disabled in the service.

John Bloom and Andy Thompson died at a lumber camp near Marquette, Mich., after drinking "moonshine" whisky.

Mrs. Helen C. Statler, granddaughter of the late Governor Woodbridge, announced at Kalamazoo that she would be a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in the Third Michigan district.

An El Paso (Tex.) dispatch says Joseph Williams, an employee of the American Smelting and Refining company plant at Pedreña, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$30,000 ransom.

Six persons were killed when a " jitney bus" in which they were riding was struck by a passenger train at a crossing at Bremen, Ind. The driver attempted to cross in front of the train.

Sixty-six alleged radicals were taken in raids on meeting places at Akron, O., by federal operatives, city police, deputy sheriffs and industrial police, headed by H. W. Kage of the department of justice.

Glenn Shockley, cashier of the South Side bank, located at Thirty-ninth and Main streets, Kansas City, Mo., was killed during an attempt by four bandits to hold up the bank.

Federal agents at Waterbury, Conn., seized tons of literature and locked up 204 persons in radical raids in that city.

Fire partially destroyed the plant of the National Brass and Copper company at Lisbon, O. The fire caused a loss estimated at \$100,000.

Change in the wheat situation at Minneapolis, Minn., was reflected in an advance of flour of 25 cents a barrel there. Flour of standard quality sold at \$13.50 a barrel in 98-pound cotton sacks.

Representatives of 378,000 railway workers in the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Men and Railway Laborers, at a meeting in Chicago, voted to remain on their jobs and give the new labor board a chance.

Charles J. Rogers of St. Louis, said to be an insurance company representative, was instantly killed when he fell or jumped from an eleventh-story window of a Detroit (Mich.) hotel.

Mrs. Sarah Joynes, 5512 West Twenty-sixth street, Chicago, and her three children—Pearl, nine years old; Alfred, seven years old, and Caloni, five years old—were found dead in their home. Gas was escaping from open fixtures in the room.

Vice President Marshall said at Phoenix, Ariz., that he was not to be considered a candidate for the Democratic nomination for president. "In fact," he said, "I intend to retire from public office when my present term expires."

Braxton Bragg Comer of Birmingham, former governor of Alabama, has been named United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Bankhead.

Purchase by the federal government of all liquor stocks in bond is urged by the Anti-Saloon league in a statement issued at Westerville, O., at the league's national headquarters.

Milford Hubbard and a brother-in-law, Jerry Hubbard, were killed and Willard Hubbard, brother of Milford, was seriously wounded in a gun fight between the three at Pounce, Va.

Fire at Dayton, O., destroyed the tobacco warehouse leased by the American Sumatra Tobacco company of New York, causing \$1,000,000 damage.

Personal

Julius Kayser, eighty-three years old, manufacturer of gloves, underwear and hosiery, died suddenly in his home at New York. He was born and educated in New York. A widow and two daughters survive.

President Edmund James James, head of the University of Illinois for 15 years, tendered his resignation to the board of trustees at Urbana.

Foreign

A Shanghai dispatch says warfare has broken out in Honan province because of the effort of the Peking government to appoint Wu Kung-hsin, governor of the province.

A vote of confidence was given the unionist government in the house of commons at Ottawa, Ont.

A wireless dispatch from Moscow announces that the Russian soviet and Ukrainian governments have informed the allies that they are ready to negotiate peace with Poland immediately.

Several hundred persons are dead and thousands are homeless as a result of an earthquake which destroyed Makhit, Grakali and other villages within radius of 60 miles west of Tiflis, Transcaucasia.

Fifty persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion at Demat, Rhenish Prussia. A dispatch from that city says a large boiler in the power works exploded, burying 90 persons.

Sowing of the devastated areas of France has been expedited by deliveries from Germany of oats and barley, according to orders of the reparations commission. The seed is of excellent quality, says a Paris dispatch.

The British ambassador at Washington will hereafter receive \$100,000 yearly. His salary will be \$10,000 and entertainment allowance \$87,500. Sir Auckland Geddes was recently appointed to this post.

Fire in a warehouse at Oran, Algeria, was brought under control after it had destroyed many thousand barrels of alcohol and other property, causing a loss estimated at 70,000,000 francs.

Minister of Transport Farrari at Rome announced that the government would assist all persons desiring to go to Russia on business.

A Warsaw dispatch says the diet foreign commission has asked the government to take measures that the return of Polish emigrants from America shall be under the government's control.

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FEARS DISASTER IN BONUS BONDS

Secretary Houston Says Raising Funds for Veterans Might Peril U. S.

\$2,500,000,000 IS NEEDED

Increased Taxes to Give Aid to Former Fighters Suggested as "Least Harmful Way," but Would Be Hard on the People.

Washington, March 12.—A bond issue of \$2,500,000,000 to pay adjusted compensation to former service men "might result in disaster," Secretary Houston told the house ways and means committee, which is considering soldier relief legislation.

Increased taxes to extend aid to former service men was suggested by the secretary as "the least harmful way," but he said the proposed expenditure of \$2,000,000,000 "would be a serious one for people to confront at this time."

"The present financial situation is not critical," Mr. Houston said. "Economy by the people, avoidance of waste in expenditures and prudence in handling these appropriations will naturally relieve the situation."

Bond Sale Difficult.

An attempt to sell bonds and place other paper on the market at existing rates of interest would be difficult," he said.

"I don't know if we could float bonds at a higher rate of interest," he told the committee. "If such bonds were floated it would tend to decrease values of present obligations."

Further credit expansion which has been a factor in the upward trend of living costs would be inevitable if another bond issue were approved, he said.

"We are doing what we can by prudence to bring about normal conditions of affairs, but I can't predict when we will return to the prewar state," Mr. Houston continued. "The proposal to float additional bonds would set up grave situation which I am not sure we could handle."

Harding Also Worried.

The issuing of two billion dollars in bonds at this time would be "a much more serious proposition than it was during the war," Gov. Harding of the federal reserve board told the committee.

"First, there would be a lack of patriotism which helped in selling bonds during the war, and secondly we would come into competition with all sorts of commercial investments," he said.

Gov. Harding took issue with statements of representatives of soldier organizations that bonds issued to soldiers would be locked up.

"If they could afford to lock up their bonds they don't need them," he declared. "An issue of small bonds for adjusted compensation is only slightly less vicious than the issuance of greenbacks."

TRUST FIGHT TO CONTINUE

Steel Ruling Will Not Halt Government's Drive on Them.

Washington, March 12.—The department of justice will proceed against all corporations alleged to be trusts, regardless of the recent decision by the Supreme court in the steel corporation case.

In announcing the department's policy Attorney General Palmer said "the steel case does not indicate what the high court will do in other similar trials."

Efforts of the government to check profiteering have resulted in 1,046 prosecutions under the Lever food control act, Attorney General Palmer announced.

Convictions have been obtained and sentences imposed in a total of 107 cases, Mr. Palmer said. In 754 additional cases indictments have been returned and the accused are awaiting trial.

HOME RULE O. K'D BY ULSTER

Votes Not to Attempt to Defeat Bill Now Pending.

Belfast, Ireland, March 12.—The Ulster unionist council decided at a meeting presided over by Sir Edward Carson in favor of the six Ulster counties being controlled by the Ulster parliament, should the new home rule bill be enacted. The council declined to accept any responsibility in regard to the bill, and it is understood will make no attempt to defeat it.

NO MINE STRIKE IN ENGLAND

British Trade Union Congress Overwhelmingly Favors Peace.

London, March 12.—The special trade union congress, in session here, voted overwhelmingly in favor of continued efforts, by constitutional means, to effect the nationalization of mines.

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BURN 3,000 REFUGEES

MOSLEM'S PCUR BURNING OIL ON THE ARMENIANS.

Turks Break Through the Roots of Seven Churches Where the Christians Were Gathered.

Chicago, March 13.—An Aleppo dispatch to The Daily Tribune says:

"The French in evacuating Marash, which was entirely destroyed, left in their wake thousands of men, women and children. Many were lying in the streets without food, medical care or protection from the severe cold. Casualties among Armenians alone include 10,000 dead.

"Twenty American relief workers are reported safe, while 2,500 refugees were saved by crowding into a hospital flying the American flag.

"The refugees tell a story of almost unparalleled misery. The Turks during the fight from January 21 to February 6 broke through the roots of seven churches where Armenians were crowded, poured burning oil on the congregations and set the buildings afire. Three thousand perished thus.

"Six thousand more Armenians were killed by a bombardment while of the 3,000 accompanying the French troops evacuating Marash on February 12, 1,000 died by the wayside from cold, exposure, lack of food, wounds and other causes."

NEGRO MURDERER EXECUTED

Black, Who Caused Lexington Riot, Goes to Chair—Brothers of Victim See Execution.

Eddyville, Ky., March 12.—Petrie Kimbrough, alias Will Lockett, convicted slayer of Geneva Hardman, and confessed slayer of four other women, was executed in the electric chair at Eddyville prison at 4:32 a. m.

The trial of Kimbrough at Lexington was the cause of a riot in which six white men were killed by soldiers.

Two brothers of the Hardman girl and 17 Lexington citizens, together with eight soldiers and 12 prison guards, witnessed the execution, which apparently was carried out without a hitch in prearranged plans.

PERSHING TO VISIT PANAMA

General Will Inspect Military Defenses of Canal Zone Late This Month.

Washington, March 12.—Gen. Pershing will leave about March 25 for the Panama canal zone to inspect the military defenses there. This will constitute the last lap of his inspection tour of the nation's military posts. He will be away two or three weeks.

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THE MARKETS

Provisions, Etc.

Chicago, March 11. Open—High—Low—Close.

Corn—Mar. . . . 1.54¢ 1.54¢ 1.52 1.52¢

May 1.45—1.48¢ 1.50 1.47¢ 1.45—1.49

July 1.41—1.42¢ 1.43¢ 1.41¢ 1.42—1.43

Oats—May 83—83¢ 84¢ 82¢ 84—83¢

July 76—76¢ 76¢ 76¢ 75—76¢

Rye—May 1.73—1.75¢ 1.73¢ 1.74¢

July 1.70 1.69¢ 1.69¢ 1.69¢

FLOUR—Car lots, per 95 lb sack basis: Rye, white, in jute, \$8.22@7.75¢; dark rye, \$6.50@6.75¢; spring wheat, special brands, \$13.50@13.75¢; to retail trade, \$14.50@15.00¢; hard spring, \$13.00@13.50¢; first clear, \$9.00@9.50¢; second clear, \$8.25@8.00¢; hard winter, \$12.25@12.50¢; soft winter, \$11.25@11.50¢.

HAY—Choice, \$23.00@34