

MOST IMPORTANT NEWS OF WORLD

Big Happenings of the Week Condensed for Benefit of Busy Readers.

TOLD IN A FEW WORDS

Kernels Culled From News of Moment In All Parts of the World—Of Interest to All the People Everywhere.

Northwest

Kallispell, Mont.—Esther Mero, 3 years old, spent 48 hours in the hills and was found, after a search by hundreds of men, little the worse for her experience.

Hot Springs, S. D.—Mayor Juckett died at a local sanatorium this afternoon following an operation for mastoids. Mr. Juckett was also president of the school board.

Dodge, Wis.—Fire which swept through the lumberyard of Andrew Hoesley of this village, caused a loss of \$7,000. The entire yard, including lumber and sheds, were destroyed.

Rapid City, S. D.—Superintendent R. B. Irons of the Rapid City schools has been elected superintendent of the Winona, Minn., city schools, and will take up his new position this fall.

Kelso, Wash.—Two children were burned to death, two young women sustained burns and their mother was injured severely, when the residence of Henry Bloyd was destroyed by fire.

Bozeman, Mont.—The electrical engineering department at the Montana state college has arraigned to send college news once each week to all amateur wireless operators of the state.

Sheboygan, Wis.—Fire at the plant of the Sheboygan Fiber Furniture company resulted in a loss of from \$35,000 to \$40,000 in contents of the building and about \$5,000 in the building itself.

Bowman, N. D.—T. E. Austin, former treasurer of Bowman county pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement, sentence being suspended by Judge Frank T. Lembke of the district court.

Plentywood, Mont.—Conditions for a bumper crop never were better in Sheridan and adjoining counties. Ample rain has fallen and the weather for the last 10 days has been ideal for rushing the work of planting.

Aberdeen, S. D.—Harold Washnak, 21, was killed when an automobile which he was driving overturned near Conde, pinning him under it. The accident was not discovered until some time afterward and the victim was dead.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—While Mrs. William Kennedy of Winner, S. D., was awaiting her husband's coming here to join her, he was killed at Winner by Fern Ross, who is alleged to have crushed Kennedy's skull with a blow with a club.

Fargo, N. D.—Miss Myrtle Lindren of Moorhead, aged 17, was killed when an automobile in which a party of young people were returning from a dance at Kragness, Minn., overturned near Fargo. Other members of the party were only slightly hurt.

New Rockford, N. D.—New Rockford is renewing its fight to obtain the removal of the state capitol from Bismarck and initiated petitions are being circulated in the state for the purpose of submitting the question to the voters at the November election.

Butte, Mont.—The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Robert H. Lindsay, mining engineer of Great Falls, remains unsolved. Searching parties after spending more than 24 hours in the Ticon shaft without finding a trace of him gave up the search.

Tacoma, Wash.—The state minimum wage conference voted to raise the wages of women factory workers in the state to a minimum of \$13 a week. The present minimum is \$13.20. The new scale is expected to be put into effect by the state industrial commission.

Helena, Mont.—Reports from 19 counties in the state for the week ending May 15, received by Charles D. Greenfield, commissioner of agriculture and publicity, indicate spring seeding was actively pushed. In a number of the counties from 50 to 75 per cent of the seed has been planted, while in others the percentage is considerably smaller.

Edgemont, S. D.—To have a bridge collapse under them while crossing it in an automobile, and escape with their lives, was the thrilling experience of Mrs. H. L. Gibboney of Lead, and Mrs. F. V. Babcock of Deadwood, who were accompanied by Harvey Meyers, driver. The car had just started to cross the bridge spanning the Cheyenne river, when, with a report like that of a cannon, the bridge broke in the center and dropped into the river, 30 feet below.

Winnipeg, Man.—Eleven members of a band of whisky smugglers, captured while operating on the southern boundary of Manitoba, have been fined a total of \$2,400 it was announced by Commissioner J. G. Rattray of the Provincial police. Some of the men lived close to the United States boundary. Police suspect of men disposed of their liquor shipments in the United States.

Whitewater, Wis.—Dr. Arthur L. Midgley, 40, former lieutenant colonel who had been in poor health since being gassed during his service in France, shot and killed himself.

Washington

Washington—John Parton Payne has been appointed director general of railroads to succeed Walked D. Hines.

Washington—President Wilson sent a message to congress asking executive authority for America to be a mandate over Armenia.

Washington—Of 132,270 insurance claims filed to date with the bureau of war risk insurance 127,151, including claims for death and total permanent disability, representing a total of \$1,135,552,173 have been liquidated.

Washington—The house passed the Knox peace resolution and sent it to President Wilson. It has already been passed by the senate. The vote was 225 to 139. It indicates the resolution cannot be passed over the presidential veto, as the majority is less than the necessary two-thirds.

Washington—Interstate Commerce Commission acting under its emergency powers to relieve the transportation congestion that is menacing business and threatening credit conditions in the country, issued orders which mean restoration of unified operation of freight traffic such as prevailed under the railroad administration.

Washington—American Federation of Labor protests against the military liability clause of the senate army reorganization bill on the ground that it might permit conscription of labor in peace times were based on a "misconception of the meaning and purpose of the language" of the bill, Chairman J. W. Wadsworth informed President Samuel Gompers in answering the latter's letter.

Foreign

Rome—Pope Benedict received Arthur J. Balfour, lord president of the council in the British cabinet, in private audience.

Ottawa—Elimination of war import duties and substitution of luxury taxes are provided in proposals submitted to parliament by the finance minister.

London—The government's Irish home rule bill was changed to provide for two senates for northern and southern Ireland in the proposed Irish parliament.

Paris—Brigadier General Fournier, commander of the French fortress of Maubeuge at the beginning of the war, and six of his subordinates, court-martialed for surrendering the fortress to the Germans in September, 1914, were acquitted yesterday.

London—Premier Francesco Nitti has formed his new cabinet with the support of the Catholics, according to a Paris dispatch to the London Times. It is composed as follows: premier and minister of interior, Francesco Nitti; foreign minister, Vittorio Scialoja; minister of war, Signor Bonomi; marine.

Berlin—Admiral Von Trotha, former chief of the admiralty; Rear Admiral Von Levetzon, recently governor of Kell and Major Von Falkenhause, at one time an assistant secretary of state, have with 12 other military and naval officers, been dismissed from service because of their participation in the Kapp revolt last March.

Domestic

Chicago—District Attorney C. F. Clynne announced today he would prosecute dealers who forced customers to buy other articles to obtain sugar.

Chicago—John Kikulis, president of the stockyards labor council, died in a hospital of bullet wounds received when he was attacked in front of his home by two unidentified assailants, who escaped.

West New York, N. J.—The death is announced of James Hallock Reid, 56, author of more than 200 successful stage plays, who died here. Among the best known works of Mr. Reid are "Human Hearts" and "The Confession."

Matewan, W. Va.—An official checking disclosed that 10 persons, not 12 as previously reported were killed in the pitched battle here between Baldwin-Felts detectives and coal miners. Three were listed as wounded in the fighting.

Santa Barbara, Calif.—W. J. Bauhaus, was instantly killed and his brother John seriously hurt when an airplane which they had built and in which they were making a trial flight plunged 3,500 feet to the ground near their home in Carpinteria.

Peoria, Ill.—Ethel Dare, aviatrix of Kalamazoo, Mich., after she had changed planes in midair here, plunged into the Illinois river. She was unable to pull herself into the second plane, and the pilot was compelled to swing down low and drop her into the river.

Lafayetteville, N. C.—One white man was killed and another mortally wounded in a clash between whites and Negroes, following an attempt by officers to arrest a Negro, who, it was said, started trouble after his daughter was arrested on a charge of assaulting a young white woman.

Detroit—The 4,000 motormen and conductors employed on city and interurban lines of the Detroit United Railway company will decide by referendum whether to accept or reject what company officials said was their final wage offer, a maximum of 75 cents an hour, as compared with \$1 an hour demanded.

Lincoln, Kan.—Judge Dallas Grover of the Lincoln county court refused to accept a plea of guilty from Miss Stella Hyman, charged with first degree murder. Miss Hyman confessed to poisoning her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bunch.

HAPPENINGS IN GOPHER STATE

News From All Parts of Minnesota Given in Condensed Form.

EVENTS BRIEFLY TOLD

Where Busy Readers Will Find News From All Parts of State Tensely Chronicled for Their Benefit.

Redwood Falls—The annual convention of the second district bankers will be concluded here June 9 and 10.

Crookston—The Northwestern Minnesota Fair association fixed the dates for the fair July 7, 8, 9 and 10, just prior to the Fargo fair.

Tyler—Details are now being worked out by committees here for the annual conference of the Danish Lutheran church, from June 2 to 6 at Danebod and Tyler.

Windom—At a meeting of the Southwestern Minnesota Medical association here, Pipestone was elected as the next meeting place for the society in November, 1920.

Fairmont—A special election was called for June 5 to vote on the issuance of \$60,000 bonds to provide a central heating system for the local schools.

Virginia—A traveling orchestra composed of musicians from high schools from Gilbert, Biwabik, and Virginia is being formed to make tours of the range this year.

Hibbing—Very few cases of tubercular cattle were reported to the health department as the result of an inspection of all village and township cattle made by Dr. C. Mason the past few months.

Bloomington—The school board has awarded \$50,000 of additional bonds for the construction of a new high school building, to the Minneapolis Trust company. The bonds bear 5 1/2 per cent interest.

St. Cloud—With a building fund of \$660.15 already subscribed the building committee of the Haven township community church has ordered building operations on the church edifice will commence at once.

Luverne—A world-wide search has been started in an effort to locate Private George W. Snook, formerly of Luverne, now of Pretty Rock, N. D., who has been reported missing in action since July 22, 1918.

Hibbing—Lake docks from which water may be pumped with which to fight fires, may be built at several summer resorts in the wood country this summer, if a suggestion made by forest rangers is followed.

St. Cloud—An historic pageant, depicting the life of the people of this section of the state since the earliest days of the pioneers will be staged at the Benton county fair grounds for two days, June 28 and 29.

Hutchinson—Small grain in this vicinity is well advanced, despite the shortage of farm labor and unfavorable early season conditions. The acreage this year of wheat planted is said to be not more than 75 per cent of normal.

Wilmont—At a meeting of the Wilmont Commercial club, it was decided the club should stage a Fourth of July celebration in connection with a Chautauqua. It is expected it will be the biggest three day celebration in this section of the state.

Virginia—Bringing American sugar from Asia is being done by a wholesale grocery house here, because of inability to obtain a supply elsewhere. The firm has contracted for 2,000 bags in China, of sugar that was exported from the United States.

Langford—At a special meeting called for June 1, patrons of nine school districts surrounding Langford will vote on the question of consolidation of the districts. If the proposal carries the consolidated school building will be constructed here.

Edgerton—Establishments of a building for the use of teachers in the local school is being considered by the board of education. It is the belief that many of the villages of the state will be compelled to take such a step in order to obtain competent instructors.

Bemidji—The Bemidji Manufacturing company has resumed operations on a 10 hour basis after having been idle since May 3, when timber workers struck. There was no trouble when the plant reopened, the men returning under the old wage schedule.

Stillwater—Joseph Anderson, 19, a former resident of Stillwater, son of Mrs. M. B. Anderson, who resided here years ago, is missing. He enlisted at Jefferson Barracks Dec. 19, 1917, was overseas about a year; came back and re-enlisted May 2, 1919, at Fergus Falls. The last his mother heard of him was in October, 1919, in the government hospital, No. 21, at Denver, Colo., supposedly for shell shock.

Cass Lake—Cass Lake is getting ready to entertain the Association of Northwest Commercial club secretaries, who will arrive here for an outing about the middle of July. The secretaries will hold a two-day session here.

Thief River Falls—W. A. Siegler, superintendent of schools here had his right hand so severely injured in a planer in the manual training department that amputation of the first and second fingers were necessary. Mr. Siegler was attempting to feed a narrow strip of board into the planer when the accident occurred.

Luverne—Joe Willers, 32 years old, a farmer living a short distance west of here, committed suicide here. He slashed his throat with a razor. No cause has been assigned for the deed.

Truman—At a meeting of Martin county sheepraisers here a wool growers association was formed. The county will have about 20,000 pounds of wool to market through the association this year.

Triumph—Triumph and Monterey, twin villages, will have a consolidated school as the result of an election here. The districts will join in building an up to date educational structure to serve all.

St. Paul—Crop prospects are excellent in the Red river valley and northern Minnesota, Hugh J. Hughes, marketing director of the state department of agriculture, reported on his return from a trip through those sections.

Willmar—C. E. Johnson was killed here when a vulcanizing machine in a tire service station exploded. Johnson was struck by a heavy piece of the machine. All the windows in the building were blown out by the explosion.

St. Paul—The recent forest fires near Craig destroyed \$60,000 worth of logs and cedar products, John H. Nelson, forest ranger at Deer River, reported to State Forester W. T. Cox. The loss on state timber in the same fire was small. The origin of the fire has not been established.

Brainerd—Albert Lunde, son of Gilbert Lunde of Brainerd, according to Sheriff Claus A. Theorin, was the suspected robber killed by Marshall Marman of Delano when he attempted to escape from an automobile in which he was being taken to Minneapolis, it was learned here. It was at first thought the man was A. A. Anderson of Slayton.

St. Paul—Two prominent St. Paulites was occupy places on the program of the 30th annual Minnesota Christian Endeavor convention at Alexandria, June 24-27. Dr. J. W. Bean, Dayton Avenue Presbyterian church will conduct a series of devotional periods. Peter MacFarlane, director of the Union Gospel Mission, will give the closing address the evening of the 27th.

St. Paul—Governor Burnquist has appointed Col. Albert F. Pratt of Anoka, assistant attorney general, to prosecute former Hennepin county attorney, W. M. Nash, now under suspension from office under charges of irregularities in his office in connection with the alleged whisky smuggling cases, as the governor intends there shall be a thorough investigation of the whisky conspiracy.

St. Paul—To prevent the spread of the forest fire menace in northern Minnesota the state relief board will be asked to retain the 50 additional patrolmen now on duty in these regions when the state forestry board meets. W. T. Cox, state forester, said the expenditure to maintain this corps would be slight in comparison to the amount of property which would be saved, Mr. Cox said.

St. Paul—Progress in work in the state soldier bonus department resulted in the dismissal of 31 men and 16 women employees, by order of Adjutant General W. F. Rhinow, chairman of the board. The board retained 153 employees. Nearly 3,000 bonus claims were paid the past week. Bonus claimants are becoming more anxious for their money, and many are writing the board to hurry their checks.

Bemidji—Northern Development association boosters from all parts of Northern Minnesota will gather here Friday and Saturday July 18 and 19, at the regular summer meeting of that organization. Speakers of national prominence have been secured and a special feature of the meeting this year will be exhibits of various industries of the state. Experts will explain the details of each exhibit.

St. Paul—Governor Burnquist has issued a proclamation establishing a closed season during 1920 on Chinese ringneck pheasants. The 1919 game law permitted the hunting of these birds from Oct. 15 to Dec. 1, except in the event that the governor issues a proclamation declaring the season closed during any year. The proclamation was recommended by Carlos Avery, state game and fish commissioner.

Minneapolis—Three indictments, charging jury bribing, were returned by the Hennepin county grand jury against two men who recently pleaded guilty in Federal district court on a charge of conspiring to smuggle whisky into Minneapolis from Canada. The two men named are expected to be witnesses before the grand jury as to matters alleged to involve public officials. Their names were not made public.

Minneapolis—With a book which she had been reading still clasped in her hands, Wilhelmina Schulte, 19-year-old university girl, was found dead in the bathroom of her residence here by an older sister. The air in the room was tainted with escaping gas. She had been suffering from heart disease for the last year and the gas charged atmosphere had brought on a sudden collapse, according to physicians, rather than gas poisoning.

Fergus Falls—The Otter Tail County Fair association has completed its program for the summer race meet, June 10, 11 and 12 at Fergus Falls, which dates coincide with the grand council meeting of the United Commercial Travelers to be held in this city.

La Porte—Search of almost seven months for the bodies of George Child, 63 years old, and his son, Earl, 35 years old, of Federal Dam, was ended when an Indian, named John Drumbeater, discovered the body of the father in Leech lake. The son's body was found two weeks ago.

SOUTHERN GROGERS' CONVENTION BACKS LEAGUE MARKETING PLANS

Chain Stores Threaten Merchants—Sinclair Lauds North Dakota's State Ticket—Labor-Hating Congressman Asks Slush Fund—Bryan to Battle Profiteer Politicians—Shoe Prices, and Who Gets the Profits.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Congressman Baer of North Dakota is receiving from every corner of the country a great mass of letters of indorsement and thanks from the wholesale grocers and other dealers for his bill prohibiting gambling in necessities of life. He has now returned from the annual convention of the Southern Wholesale Grocers' association at St. Louis, where he spoke for an hour to 5,000 grocery men, who not only applauded him at every point in his argument but adopted resolutions approving his bill and pledging their active support of the measure until it shall become law.

Baer pointed out to the grocers that there are three significant tendencies in their field today. First is the demand that the price paid the producer by the dealer shall be stamped on all articles offered for sale, in order that the consumer may know how heavily he is paying for the distribution of the article. Second is the demand for public ownership and operation of marketing facilities, as a protection of the people against the speculators and other profiteers. Third is the swift and menacing growth of "super-business" corporations, which are running ahead of the public ownership sentiment with their formation of chains of retail stores that get along without the wholesaler.

"The Wheelan-Duke tobacco interests have launched the monster retail store enterprise that is going to secure all the most favorable sites throughout the country," said Baer, "and you know enough about the other chain store enterprises to know that they will run their own wholesale departments without your help. They are buying up, for instance, the buildings formerly occupied by saloons, and are preparing to put their retail stores in these locations. I believe the Du Ponts are also going into the merchandising business on a great scale. These big profiteers of the war period realize the trend toward public ownership of marketing facilities and they plan to get on the ground first with an organization that eliminates the waste of old-fashioned competition between many independent dealers, but which will crush out all competition only in order to raise prices to the consumer."

One of the wholesale merchants in this convention proposed that Asiatic immigration should be again permitted, in order that production in this country may be increased. Baer called to his attention the influx of Syrian and Greek competition into their own field, and suggested that it would be wiser to see that profiteers and gamblers be put to work for the benefit of the present population of the United States than to leave the profiteers alone and encourage the coming of an element that will live at a still lower level than do the immigrants from the Balkans and the Near East. This suggestion was adopted.

"These merchants have opened my eyes to one thing," said the congressman on his return to the capital. "They are just as radical as the farmers in their opposition to those who are getting rich without rendering any service to society. And they see the chain store corporation coming, with its crushing private monopoly. They are going to fight. They see that the program of the Nonpartisan league, for public ownership of certain marketing facilities, is the only safeguard to honest business."

In the opinion of Congressman Sinclair of the third North Dakota district, the state ticket named at Fargo by the Nonpartisan league convention is strong in the places where it is necessary that it be strong in order that the industrial program of the League may be carried out in good faith and despite all its enemies.

"In the renomination of Governor Frazier, and in the renomination of Commissioner Hagan," he said, "the convention showed the good sense we all expected of it. And in choosing as the nominee for attorney general the man who has been counsel for the industrial commission, as well as for the League which produced this program, the convention has made the harmony and effectiveness of the industrial commission absolutely certain. William Lemke has been largely responsible for the program, and will defend and advance it, through thick and thin. Frazier, Hagan and Lemke will be an ideal industrial commission."

Among the other state nominees for whose election Sinclair congratulates the convention is Senator Cahill, chosen for secretary of state, who was Sinclair's chief rival for League indorsement for congress two years ago. The enemy later approached Cahill with extravagant offers of support if he would turn traitor, but he kept him.

Congressman Thomas L. Blanton of Abilene, Texas, whose interruptions, outbursts, points of order and speeches of denunciation of progressive ideas appear in almost every issue of the Congressional Record, has a resourceful campaign manager in his relative, William W. Blanton. As

Blanton has capitalized his hatred of trade unions in his speeches, and has drawn the fire of Samuel Gompers and other labor officials for his reckless statements regarding them, he or his manager conceived the idea of passing the hat for "campaign funds" among the anti-labor employers in the East. A circular letter was issued by Manager Blanton, describing Congressman Blanton as a "very poor man," and saying that "I am of the impression that you would deem it a privilege to contribute to his campaign, and I am writing this letter only to a few business men who have evidenced a special interest in his work."

Incidentally, Manager Burton says that Congressman Blanton was largely responsible for turning back the railroads to private hands, thus "saving the government from bankruptcy," and that because of this and other patriotic service the American Federation of Labor, the "pernicious Plumb Plan league, the 168 locals of federal employees, the I. W. W.'s and other organizations" will spend \$100,000, if necessary, to defeat him.

Other members of the Texas delegation say that Blanton is not poor, that his family is conspicuously well-to-do, that the opposition candidate has not strength nor support worth mention, and that the fight is largely located in Blanton's imagination.

A congressman's salary is \$7,500 a year. The other day Blanton put into the Record affidavits declaring the cost of his campaign efforts thus far, and they run at the rate of over \$6,000 a year for printing and addressing speeches alone.

What about Bryan and McAdoo at San Francisco? Administration Democrats are worrying over the recent Bryan statements as to the choice of Homer Cummings by the national committee to act as temporary chairman of the convention, and the neat and workmanlike slaying which the Governor administered to Governor Cox in that connection. The wise old leader from the Platte is just commencing the quadrennial housecleaning, with the slogan: "No embezzlement of political power! Prison for the public official who betrays his trust!" They don't like that, at all.

At first glance Bryan seems to be aiming his gun at the "wet" candidate, Governor Cox, and at such other Democrats as may try to use their freedom from instructions to commit the party to a return of the beer and wine traffic. But a second survey gives one the suspicion that Bryan has looked over the field, found McAdoo the only candidate with any large following among the delegates, and has decided to put the president's son-in-law to the test. For, after all, McAdoo is a mere newcomer in political crusading, compared with Bryan and his ideas are virtually unknown.

Bryan would like to know, therefore, whether McAdoo, if nominated, intends to appoint a man as his campaign manager who will furnish guarantees to the producers in this country that the profiteers and gamblers are to be put out of business. The Nebraska knows, far better than McAdoo ever will know, how nearly universal is the resentment of the people toward Woodrow Wilson for his keeping Palmer and Burleson in the cabinet. These two agents of the Wilson administration personality, to the Bryan following the "embezzlement of power," for which Bryan says a prison sentence is the just reward.

McAdoo is trying, apparently, to evade the direct issue, but at every turn he finds the Bryan challenge meeting him. Bryan will head the resolutions committee that will report the platform. Either that platform will represent Bryan's principles or it will be fought on the floor of the convention by the Commoner. And if Bryan is defeated there he still has his appeal to the people. What the administration politicians are trying to estimate is the probable amount of Democratic revolt that would follow a steam-rolling of Bryan and Bryanism at San Francisco.

W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad brotherhoods and unions, has filed a brief with the railroad labor board, showing that "of a representative increase of \$3.50 in prices during the war on a pair of shoes, labor received only 15 cents. . . . The retailer's profit is by far the largest, absorbing over one-third the price, but it does not show so large an increase as the packers' and tanners' profits. As the largest tanneries are indirectly a part of the big packers' varied interests, it can be said without danger of contradiction that their profiteering is very largely responsible for the high prices of shoes."

Great Falls, Mont.—Montana parcels are shipping sugar by parcel post to friends in Minnesota, North Dakota and other states, according to reports presented to the state convention of wholesale grocers here, and Montana is accordingly threatened with a shortage of sugar.