

WEEK'S NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

HAPPENINGS OF THE SEVEN PAST DAYS ARE BRIEFLY TOLD HERE.

FROM AROUND THE PLANET

Dispatches From Our Own and Foreign Countries Are Here Given in Short Meter for Busy Readers.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, delivered to the state department a note giving assurances that Great Britain does not intend to delay American ships unduly in searching them for contraband.

Little Rock, Ark., has been designated headquarters for a new United States revenue division embracing Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas. In charge will be David A. Gates.

Andrew Carnegie warned against the adoption by the United States of further defensive measures as a means of protection. "Preparation for war breeds war," declared Carnegie.

Only one person in every thousand in Denmark is unable to read and write, compared with seven out of every thousand in the United States.

Summarizing the results of its inquiry into what has been done in rural public schools toward infusing in both parents and pupils the "stay-at-home" spirit, the federal bureau of education announced it found improvement everywhere in the schools for country children.

Senator Swanson of Virginia will urge Secretary McAdoo to undertake some relief work for the tobacco growers of Virginia and other tobacco growing states, similar to the measures to aid cotton growers.

Lack of long-range torpedoes is pointed to as a paramount weakness of the United States navy by Rear Admiral Joseph Strauss, chief of the bureau of ordnance, in his annual report.

Charles S. Smith of New Hampshire was appointed to serve temporarily as private secretary to Secretary Bryan. Smith recently was a member of a commission sent to the Dominican republic to aid in restoring peace there.

Harry M. Coudrey, former congressman from St. Louis, pleaded not guilty at New York to the indictment for larceny under which he was remanded to the Tombs to await trial.

President Wilson went over with the cabinet his forthcoming annual address to congress. It is short and deals with the legislative program already known in general terms; the conservation bills, the bill for a government owned merchant marine, the Philippine bill and the regular appropriation measures. It does not urge the immigration bill.

Additional orders for 10,000,000 cans of corned beef and 250,000 fat hog hocks have been placed with Chicago packers by the French government, it was announced.

The Harriman railroad strike is ended. After three years 15,000 employees in the shops on virtually all Harriman lines have voted that their strike was a failure and that they would return to work without recognition of their federation.

Rear Admiral Alfred T. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, acclaimed in naval circles as the "greatest modern writer on naval strategy," died at the naval hospital in Washington. He was 74 years old.

The federal reserve board, after discussing changes in the rediscount rates which several of the federal reserve banks desire to make, virtually decided that the rate for the entire country should be uniform, at 5 1/2 per cent for long maturities.

Mrs. Jossie Rodgers, 104 years old, of Beesville, Ark., died at St. Joseph's hospital, Memphis, Tenn., where she had been a patient for more than a month.

The state department received advice from Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople to the effect that up to this time no American missionary has been in any way molested or endangered in Turkey.

Mrs. Grace Patton, accused of killing her husband, Joseph Patton, Dec. 8, 1912, was acquitted by a jury at Wichita, Kan., after an hour's deliberation.

The Turkish commander of the fort at Smyrna lays all responsibility for the firing on the cruiser Tennessee's launch "to the indifference of the helmsman of the launch," who, it is said, did not heed warnings of the presence of mines.

Six hunters have been killed and 12 wounded this season in the Kiamichi and Jackford mountains in Oklahoma, and the residents of that section are appealing to officers, declaring they are alarmed for their personal safety.

W. B. Carhart, president of the Carhart Shoe Manufacturing Co., shot and instantly killed James P. Callaway, a prominent business man, in the Carhart residence at Atlanta, Ga. Carhart claims he mistook his victim for a burglar.

The award of \$525,000 made in favor of the Chicago & Western Indiana railroad and against John C. Fetter by E. C. Field, an arbitrator, four years ago, has been set aside in the Chicago superior court by Judge Sullivan.

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Villa and Zapata conferred in the suburbs of the City of Mexico while awaiting the arrival of Provisional President Guiterrez, and, according to reports, Zapata insisted on naming Emilio Vasquez Gomez as provisional president.

W. E. Emal, 97, said to be the oldest Odd Fellow in the world, is dead at his home at Lexington, Ky. He was a native of Cedarville, N. J., and had been a member of Friendship lodge of that city since 1839. He was the oldest resident of Lexington.

Although Juan L. Jimenez has been elected president of the Dominican republic by a majority of both the popular and electoral vote, he is unable to take the oath of office before congress. The opposition controlling congress refuses to hold a session.

The Misses Alice and Blanche Nevins of Lancaster, Pa., aunts of Francis Bowes Sayre, President Wilson's son-in-law, shipped to Mr. and Mrs. Sayre at their home in Williamstown, Mass., a beautiful cradle, in anticipation of an interesting event.

Sergt. Manuel Briddia and Gunner Vicente Pina of the Cuban flagship Cuba, were injured in an explosion of one of the guns on board the cruiser as she was firing a salute when entering Vera Cruz harbor.

Overcharges in freight and passenger rates amounting to more than \$1,000,000 are alleged in a report filed in the United States district court at Little Rock, Ark., by J. G. Wallace, special master, against the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway, and the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway.

Two sons of President Cabrera of Guatemala, probably lost between Berlin and Madrid, are being sought by the state department. The young men were in Berlin at the outset of the war.

Proposed increases in freight rates extending throughout the middle west and west, affecting many classes of freight, were suspended by the interstate commerce commission pending investigation.

A syndicate has been formed by B. J. Jordan of Columbus, O., to purchase for \$350,000 the mines and property of the Sanbois Coal company at McCurtain, Ok.

Increased passenger fares in central passenger territory and increases in mileage book rates, becoming effective on Dec. 7, will not be suspended by the interstate commerce commission.

President Wilson will withdraw federal troops from the Colorado strike zone as soon as he receives official word from Gov. Ammons that the state is ready to resume control.

Spanish Ambassador Riano received official dispatches from Madrid saying several Spaniards had been killed and their homes had been pillaged when the Zapata forces entered Mexico City.

Woman's Temple, the memorial building of the Woman's Christian Temperance union at Chicago, is to be torn down to make room for a modern skyscraper.

J. W. Whitmore, 49 years old, a farmer living near Belmont, Miss., blew away the lower part of his face with a shotgun. Then he walked across the room, reloading the shotgun and killed himself.

Sheriff J. A. Riechman of Memphis, Tenn., has announced that he will take special steps to enforce the law prohibiting the movement of seed cotton or the product baled or ginned after sunset.

That the Norris resolution calling for an investigation into the senatorial primary expenditures in Illinois and Pennsylvania will likely die a natural death was reported at the capital.

Seth Low of New York is expected to be chairman of President Wilson's new Colorado strike commission when that body meets here Dec. 12 to organize.

One hundred and eleven dead and 162 injured is the hunting toll in 17 states and Ontario, Can., for the season just ended, as compared with 135 dead and 125 injured a year ago.

The statement of the condition of the 12 federal reserve banks discloses that the resources of the banks have increased in one week about \$23,000,000. No report by districts was issued.

The 200 saloons operating in the district covered by the Chippewa Ining treaty of 1865, recently held effective, have closed. The territory made "dry" is larger than three New England states.

Sir John Henry Crichton, fourth Earl of Erne and grand master of the Orangemen in Ireland, died at London. He was born in Dublin in 1839.

Official returns from the recent election showed that the amendment to abolish capital punishment in Oregon carried by a majority of 157.

Henry Beigel of New York, who says he is an American citizen, was remanded after a hearing in the Bow street police court at London, on the charge of being an alien enemy.

Fifty persons were arrested at Nashville, Tenn., in one haul for drunkenness on the street. Tennessee is a "dry" state.

Twenty-three persons were killed in the earthquake in western Greece and the Ionian islands, says a dispatch from Athens.

Stucco gowns or clothes with a touch of sand paper or putty that are of the latest style, according to the weekly bulletin of the Fashion Art League of America.

MOVE MENACES GERMAN ARMY

Russian Occupation of Plotk May Have Serious Military Significance.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS

Reported to Have Turned on the Czar's Forces and Made Material Advances—Armies of the Allies in France Receive Heavy Reinforcements.

London, Dec. 3.—The Russians have occupied Plotk, which is 60 miles northwest of Warsaw and is ten miles north of Gombin. The significance of the news is that the Russians are now squarely on the north flank of General von Mackensen's army.

London, Dec. 3.—The German army in North Poland has formed a new front, and at some points has resumed the offensive, according to the best information obtainable from the eastern scene of war.

The Kaiser's forces, with the aid of reinforcements, have succeeded in escaping from the ring the Russians had forced around it, and from Berlin comes the message that in these maneuvers, by which the Russians were checked, 30,000 of the latter have been taken prisoner.

The Russians in a statement issued through Rome say the number of prisoners they have taken greatly exceeds those taken by the Germans. Both sides agree that the losses have been very heavy, and that the battle still is indecisive, as it probably will be for several days.

The Russian official report tonight says that the fighting has lost some of its violence, but indicates some progress for the Russian troops north of Lodz. It is unofficially reported that the Russians are "nearly in Cracow."

Admit Germans Hold Lines. The Army Messenger, the semi-official authority of Petrograd, in a review of the fighting from November 25 to 29, says:

"On the Russo-Prussian frontier the Germans have maintained their fortified positions and have been making attacks of little importance. These operations were without success and our army corps have kept their dispositions."

"The German offensive in the region of Lovicz was repulsed by the advance guards and cavalry, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The same fate befell the German offensive at Dombrowa and Schutsoff."

Russ Gain Near Cracow. "On the Thorn-Cracow front the German guard which attempted the offensive suffered a serious defeat in the Trzbitz-Rogomiloff district. Our troops took a large number of prisoners, assumed the offensive, and captured several important points. Counterattacks by the enemy were repulsed."

"The Austrian troops defending the approaches to Cracow have been defeated and are falling back in disorder in the region of the fortress."

It was announced at Kiev that 120 German and Austrian officers had been brought there as prisoners. Among them were two generals, six colonels and 18 majors.

German Official Statement. The official statement of the war office at Berlin says:

"In northern Poland battles are taking their normal course. In southern Poland the enemy's attacks were repulsed."

The report circulated in the foreign press that the 25,000 prisoners taken by the sitting front on the 40,000 Russian prisoners reported by us previously is untrue.

"In the battles at Wloclawek, Kutno, Lodz and Lovicz the eastern army has taken between November 11 and December 1 more than 80,000 un wounded Russian prisoners."

MAY BE DECIDING BATTLE.

Armies in Flanders Believed to Be Preparing for Big Battle. London, Dec. 2.—Heavy reinforcements have reached the British and French ranks on the battle line in Belgium and France and a decisive conflict of stupendous proportions appears imminent. Instead of the Germans attacking in an effort to break through the allies' line and march for the French coast, however, it is believed the Anglo-French forces are about to take an offensive designed to roll back the hosts of the invader.

The latest press news from the front is that the allies are awaiting the first sign of a German movement of troops in any considerable force from the western scene of war to the Russian

TURKEY MAY MAKE TROUBLE

Situation in Ottoman Empire the Cause of Some Uneasiness at Washington.

Turkish recognition of the protection extended by foreign powers over Christian aliens in the Ottoman empire ended at midnight November 22, when the notification of the Turkish government abrogating her capitulations took effect. Officials of the

LAUDS PLUCK OF OFFICER

German Aviator Describes Attack With Bombs on English Troops in Vicinity of Dunkirk.

A German aviator, writing from the front, says: "Yesterday an observation flight took me to Dunkirk, where we threw bombs on English troops that were landing. On the return flight through the southern part of Belgium to Lille we made important discoveries, which, for obvious reasons, I am not able to tell you. Unfortunately my military observer, Lieutenant Sch., was wounded. At Poperinghe we got into infantry fire, and he was shot in the right leg. I was untouched. Sch. turned unconcernedly to me and said: 'I'm hit.' 'Heartly congratulations,' I answered, 'but if you can, keep on taking observations.' He'd do so, and now the brave fellow is lying in the hospital."

Don't apologize for doing your duty.

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A NEW WAY TO RAISE MONEY

Missouri Christian Endeavor Society to Grow Pigs to Pay Expenses of Missionaries.

Enters now into the lists of the world's expert money raisers for beneficent purposes, one C. E. Pigg of Missouri, a heavy-weight hope-red, black, white or spotted—who will meet all comers of 350 pounds and over.

The entry of Mr. Pigg into the competition came rather dramatically at a recent session of the Christian Endeavor Society convention in its headquarters in the Gumbel building at Kansas City. The delegates, thirty-four in number, were considerably worried over the manner in which the yearly \$5,000 for missionary maintenance and other expenses is to be forthcoming. A large part of this fund is raised by subscription—but the work grows apace, Chairman F. M. Lowe, Jr., said. Two missionaries are kept in China by the Missouri organization. Others should be sent at once. Who then, he demanded, has an idea for a practical solution of the difficulty. Homer T. Newton of Columbia, who has spent some time within the shadow of the state agricultural school, arose with a beaming countenance.

Mr. Newton then explained his plan. It was that each of the twelve districts of Missouri purchase a 3-week-old pig and find it a home with some country member. Its initial cost, he declared, will not exceed \$2 and in a year or two it will weigh 350 pounds, which at 8 cents a pound will bring \$28 above the investment.

Columbia to Vote on New Rule.—The citizens of Columbia are circulating a petition calling for an election to vote on a commission form of government. The vote at the last city election was exceptionally light, so those behind the movement will have little trouble in obtaining the necessary per cent of voters.

Beans for Belgians.—Miss Clara D. True of Santa Fe, N. M., a former resident of Fulton, has advised the Belgian relief workers that she will give two carloads of "frjolies," Mexican beans, to the Belgians. Miss True is a wealthy ranch owner of New Mexico. She has been employed in the Indian department of the government service for many years.

Woman Named as Sheriff.—The Webster county court has appointed Mrs. Bertie Brixey sheriff of Webster county to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sheriff Brixey, who was killed at Niangua by Edgar Bartlett.

Marshall Kills Night Prowler.—J. H. Dittelman, night marshal of Kirkswood, shot and killed a man whom he saw prowling near a bank the other night.

Gives Free Movies.—The business men of Harrisonville will give free moving picture shows to the public every Saturday afternoon. The entertainments will consist of high class comedy and educational films, the latter pertaining chiefly to agriculture.

Forest Fire in Ozarks.—Reports received from Barry county told of the first outbreak of forest fires in the timber belt of Southern Missouri. Persons arriving at Springfield said that fires on the mountain side were visible from passenger trains between Cassville and Exeter on the Cassville & Western and between Exeter and Monett on the Frisco.

Boy Accidentally Killed.—Clevy Blythe, a 16-year-old farmer boy, was killed near Galena by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of William Craft. 16. The boys were hunting ducks.

War Contracts to St. Louis.—Bids for 1,700,000 flannel army shirts for the Allied army were submitted by several St. Louis firms to representatives of the British war department recently. It is believed the contract will amount to more than \$2,000,000.

Boy Accidentally Shot.—While cleaning his father's revolver, Charles Prewitt, 15 years old of Carthage, was accidentally shot in the stomach. His recovery is doubtful.

Child Burned to Death.—Myrtle, 3-year-old daughter of W. C. Chastain of Carthage, was burned to death recently. During the absence of the mother, the child ignited a piece of paper from a fire in the kitchen stove and her clothing was ignited.

Infant Burned to Death.—Jasper Gullio, 1-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gullio, was burned to death recently near Beaver. The child and her 3-year-old sister were left alone by their mother. The eldest child removed a piece of burning wood from the stove and the infant's clothing took fire.

Mailed Ham to Pekin.—An 11-pound ham, consigned from the postoffice at Rocheport to Pekin, China, was transferred recently in the handling of parcel post business. The ham carried postage to the amount of \$142. It will reach Pekin about December 20 and is a Christmas gift.

Eldon Block Burns.—The Hickok Block at Eldon, containing the Haynes general store, Hickok furniture and the Electric Theatre, burned recently. The loss was about \$10,000, with practically no insurance.

Falling Bridge Kills Boy.—Otis Watson, 18 years old, of Nevada, was killed, his father, George Watson, was probably fatally injured, and John McAninch was seriously hurt five miles east of Nevada when a concrete bridge from which they were removing the false work, caved in on them.

Leper Found in St. Louis.—Anastolos Loizos, who was found living over a cave near the heart of St. Louis, was pronounced a leper by the city bacteriologist in a report to the health commissioner.

LIEUT. GOV. AND 12 OFFICIALS INDICTED

INDIANA GRAND JURY CHARGES FRAUD IN SIGNING PAY WARRANTS.

34 COUNTS IN INDICTMENTS

Salaries in Excess of Amount Fixed By Law Said to Have Been Paid—Speaker of House Among Men Charged.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Lieut. Gov. William P. O'Neill, Homer L. Cook, speaker of the house of the 1