Happenings of the World Tersely Told

Washington

Frederic Wilson in a letter to Secretary Lane expresses the hope that victory ahead will have a replenishing effect on the volunteer war garden crop—the army of school children that in every summer may raise their year product valued at $350,000,000.

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Congress was asked by the army and navy departments for an urgent deficiency appropriation of $400,000,000 for the manufacture of ordnance, principally heavy guns.

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Difficulties being met by the central powers in assimilating the recalcitrant factions in Russia were indicated by information to the state department at Washington that a Polish brigade in the service of Austria had revolted and deserted the main command.

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Fred T. Dubois of Idaho was nominated by President Wilson to be civilian member of the board of ordnance and fortification.

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Railroad purchases amounting to between $1,000,000,000 and $2,000,000,000 this year, will be made through the railroad administration, assisted by a general advisory committee and a new railway purchasing agency to be appointed by Director General McAdoo announced.

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Troops and supplies for General Pershing's forces are now moving to the front on schedule time, it was announced at Washington on high authority. It is for the purpose of the opening of major operations in what the commander-in-chief predicted will be a decisive campaign, that the great war will not be much longer delayed.

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More submarines were destroyed by the British and their allies during December than Germany was able to build during that month, according to information reaching Washington.

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An agreement passed comprising the entire Pacific coast was reached after canvassing all night to the entire satisfaction of all interests emerged from the conference of the Pacific coast food administrators of the old Capital Executive Committee, which met in conjunction with the committee a report showing the food saving campaign in each section here and that communities had responded.

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Dog Tax Bill is Passed By House.

Barking dogs, howling dogs, biting dogs, cats, crowing the roosters and imitating the hens, all must pay a tax to help win the war, according to the senate bill passed by the house. The bill would tax all such dogs $2 each and all cats $1 each. Owners of dogs that kill and pound it by the sum of $5 each.

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The senate has confirmed Secretary Lane's appointment of Edward Hurley, of Chicago, to be chairman of the shipping board. The senate also confirmed the nomination of Admiral Capps to be a member of the board.

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The senate has confirmed the nomination of Admiral Benson to be chief of naval operations with the rank of admiral