News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

Personal

James A. Hackett, the actor, says tailored a compound fracture of the left leg above the ankle in Brockville, Ont., when he slipped on the wet floor of a bathroom.

Washington

Attorney General Palmer announced at Washington that as long as the wartime prohibition law remains in force it must be obeyed, and that the department of justice would do its utmost "to perform the duty which the congress has placed upon it," in enforcing the law.

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Reductions of appropriations aggregating $200,000,000 were made in the sundry civil bill by senate and house conferees at Washington. The principal cut was in the shipping board's construction fund.

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Washington official reports say 18 American soldiers were killed and 67 wounded and eight men severely wounded, when a band of Mexican rebels attacked with artillery and machine guns Brownsville on June 25.

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President Wilson, on route home from Europe on board the U. S. S. George Washington, signed the Indian appropriation bill and the railroad definancy bill.

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Two more measures aimed at anarchists, bomb throwers and other enemies of law and order were included by the senate in the sundry civil appropriation bill at Washington.

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Dr. Edwin C. Dreyfus, legislative superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league at Washington, declared that the dry forces look to the department of justice to carry out the enforcement of the war prohibition act.

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Senate and house conferees at Washington on the army appropriation bill reached an agreement to fix the average size of the 1920 army at 325,000 officers and men.

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One officer and three enlisted men were killed, one officer was wounded and one officer and four enlisted men were reported in recent fighting with anti-Kolchak forces in Siberia, according to a Washington official report.

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Without debate the senate at Washington approved a committee amendment to the naval appropriation bill, increasing the fund for aviation from the $25,000,000 voted by the house to $50,000,000. The bill carries about $782,000,000, as compared with $685,000,000 provided by the house.

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The post office department cleared $17,000,000 for the fiscal year 1918, Postmaster General Burleson turned over to Secretary Glass at Washington a check for $17,000,000 including $2,000,000 for a working balance.

Foreign

A dispatch to the London Central News from Gibraltar reports, says that Admiral von Reuter, who commanded the German fleet when the Kaiser's navy was surrendered when he raised off a land base. He was struck in the face with rotten eggs and was otherwise assaulted.

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A London dispatch says the allied governments have requested the Norwegian government of Holland the necessity of taking steps to prevent the departure of the former emperor from Holland.

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Italian and Serbian troops have clashed near Zenni, according to an official report of Italy at Rome.

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It is reported from Prangins, where former Empress Charlotte of Austria is staying, that the health is causing anxiety. She has not been well for over a week. He is attended by a Swiss doctor.

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The council of ways of Paris has granted Poland permission to use General Haller's services as an officer in charge in restoring order to ensure Serbia and obtaining reserves from that country.

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Rumors of an imminent plot to assassinate Premier Clemenceau, including the presence of bombs and the reopening of the cortes at Madrid have been more responsible for the sudden change of ceremony.

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TURKS AND HUNS REFUSE TO FIGHT FOR DAMASCUS

Australian Tells of Victory Gained Over Superior Force.

ENEMY MORALE SHATTERED

Interesting Account of Capture of Ancient City by Australian Forces —Could Have Sustained Siege for Months.

Sydney, N. S. W.—An interesting if belated account of the capture of Damascus by Australian forces last fall is given by a returned Australian soldier in the Sydney Morning Herald. The narrative starts with the Australian advance from Tiberias and the subsequent conflicting operations which resulted in the capture of Damascus:

"Leaving Tiberias behind the Australian column pushed northward to Lake Hiuleh, where they tried to cross the Jordan, but the enemy had blown up the big stone bridge, and parts of German machine gunners lined the precipitous river banks. Up and down the river the pursuers hastened, but always they were met with the fire of the rear guard machine guns. But the old Jordan had encountered its match in the Tenth Light Horse, and over it they swam, forced a passage of the lake, while the Fourteenth Light Horse did the same further south. In the morning they converged on the enemy from either flank, capturing a number of prisoners, a few guns, and many machine guns. The rest of the enemy's rear guard bolted. No more men was mentioned the great prize of Damascus.

Enemy Rear Guard Routed.

"Al Kuneitra the rear guard met the active pursuers early in the afternoon and once more at Sasa. At the latter place the enemy had a battery of guns and a machine gun battalion. The fast cavalry was removed, and so was the artillery, and on to the great city.

"Away to the eastward we route two columns of dust rising from the Hedjaz road. It was the remnant of the Fourth Turkish army in full flight. So, in spite of their long start, we had made a dead-beat of it. The battle was already sealed. We had been in the saddle all the preceding afternoon, all night, and all the morning. Our horses were dead beat, and we ourselves were not much better.

Could Have Sustained Siege for Months.

"The battle of Damascus, which followed will be studied in years to come as a classic example of the influence of morale. Napoleon said that moral is to material as three to one. Here one found in a hundred to one a few thousand exhaust horsemen hemmed in and captured with ease. The city was surrounded. The roads to northward were held. Rising under a dance of arms and munitions, food and water, and being in such overwhelming numbers, they could have sustained a siege for months, even if they feared to risk battle in the open. But their morale was shattered.

"There was little fight left in them. A troop of machine guns tried to cover the carriers of artillery but it fled after the sale of beer and wine will be legal, so far as the ones who are concerned, until national statutory prohibition becomes effective January 16, 1920.

The transport Von Steuben arrived at New York from Brest with 2,026 troops, including a large detachment of the Three Hundred and Thirty-sixth infantry, Eighty-fifth division, which was recently withdrawn from Archangel, Russia.

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Governor Lowden at Springfield, Ill., vetoed the hazing bill. He held it is unconstitutional.

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Dr. Walter Reese Wilkins, under secretary of state, died at Baltimore of his wife, hanged himself in the jail at Salem, Ore., where he was confined awaited by keepers, but died shortly after being cut down.

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Three-fourths of the business district of Cisco, Texas, was destroyed by fire, according to Eastland, Texas, county. North Dakota's wheat crop is estimated at 70,000,000 bushels.

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Trained for war, and even through southern Mississippi by persons which included a number of women from their own farms, John Hartfield, negro, of Jackson, Miss., and Mrs. Hartfield (Allen) young woman, was captured by a posse of citizens and officers, overpowered by automobile in the sense of the word, and married by the sheriff, pursuant to orders. His victim objected to the change of ceremony.

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TILLMAN'S SUCCESSOR

N. B. Dial of Laurens, S. C., is the senator elected to serve the long term in the United States Senate.

He is, of course, a Democrat and is a strong supporter of Wilson.

Reports reached the Baroda Gorge 6,000 strong, streaming out along the Beirut. In one place a house on the hill overlooks the gorge, and from the roof of the house on the river run within a few yards of each other, and from a party of 12 men of the Fourth Turkish regiment, N. E. W., with Turks and Germans fled in all directions.

"Several were killed and the bombs in the gin rains and blocked the road. The column was cut in two and more than 2,000 surrendered. A mile further along the road others of the fifth left flank reached with machine guns and rifles on the loading portion of the enemy train. The enemy was absolutely at their mercy, and after a futile halfhearted resistance surrendered.

Hun Starts Destruction.

"It was midnight. More men 20,000 enemy had been captured, and still they came. The town had not yet surrendered—probably there was no one there in authority to negotiate. But the Hun started on his work of demolition. Suddenly we saw a huge conflagration near the wireless station. Flames leaped skyward from the ammunition dump at the railway station. Four terrific explosions rounded through the night, and the ammunition dump blew into the air. It provided a gorgeous pyrotechnical display of gorgeous proportions. Ammunition, besides shells, was stored there in huge quantities by the city Hun.

"Then we knew that the Germans had decided to surrender. From the east the victorious Arabs swarmed into the city. Already they were busily blasting a veritable fire de joie into the air. Turks and Germans fought in the streets, then fled to the shelter of the gardens and suburban houses.

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FLAMES SWEEP ELEVATED LINE

DESTROYS ONE TRAIN AND PART OF ANOTHER AT THE SOUTH FERRY TERMINAL.

Both Trains Were Carrying Passengers—Large Number Were Women, Who Had Narrow Escape Until Rescued By Firemen.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

New York.—Fire at the south ferry terminal of the elevated railroad in lower New York destroyed one train and partly another. Both trains were carrying passengers. Many of those on board, a large number of whom were women, narrowly escaped death. They were rescued by firemen who raised ladders to the top of the elevated structure and carried them to the ground. The flames, which are thought to have been started when an electric spark ignited grease that had accumulated under one of the rails, spread to the building which houses the terminal for the elevated and ferries from Staten Island and Brooklyn. Many persons who were in the building were rescued by firemen who carried women and children lapped from the windows. Others, who were in the waiting overhead railway station, were led down the stairs to the street as the flames burst through the floor. But for the speed with which firemen responded to the ladders and took the passengers down, many more would have lapped into the street below.

The entire station of the elevated structure is of iron and concrete, but the flames spread to the wooden floors of the ticket offices and waiting rooms and to the sheds and storage rooms underneath the tracks. Many persons were forced to jump from the platforms of the burning cars. The fire was discovered by Patrolman Thomas Jones on Manhattan Island who was crossing the bridge to the ferry terminal. Patrolman Jones turned in the alarm. Several attacks began to play water on the flames, but the fire was under such headway that it could not be controlled for more than an hour. The heat was so intense that it melted the steel girders and twisted them out of shape. The fire, which was one of the most spectacular that has occurred in the city in many years, was visible for miles around.

Fifteen companies of firemen fought the flames, which caused a loss estimated at $500,000. Fire Chief Kenlon, who directed the fight against the flames, said that the fire was caused by a spark from a passing train which ignited grease that had accumulated on the rails.

MAN IN JAIL AIDS PRESIDENT

California Convict Prevents Sale of Wilson Ranch for Debts.

Los Angeles, Cal.—George A. Fox, convicted of conspiracy to defraud Japanese, prevented the sale of President Wilson's ranch in Riverside county by the deliquent taxes by paying them from his prison cell. Fox, who is serving a year in the county jail, received a telegram from Tumulty, the president's secretary.

"I consider it my patriotic duty," he said, when Fox made.

Fox's action in paying the property is 61 acres in extent and was purchased before Mr. Wilson became president.

FIGHTER LIVES 35 DAYS IN HOLE

British Private's Experience Considered Most Remarkable of War.

AIDS HIS HELPLESS COMRADE

Lives on Food Taken From Dead Bodies—Wanders Too Far Afield and Is Taken Prisoner by Germans.

London.—Private Peters of the British army has been awarded with the helpless comrade in a hole within 200 yards of the German trenches.

Their experience is considered the most remarkable of the war. It was in 1917, at Cholerlies that the fifty weeks swarming with Turks and Germans. But they wouldn't fight and they were overpowered. Some of the men in them and led them away. Another company remained strong. But it was for an hour or so. Then the horsemen broke through. The Tenth Light Horse brigade captured some thousands of the Fourth Turkish army at Amman.

"The Fourth regiment entered the outskirts of the city, found the big barrac