News of the Week Cut Down for Busy Readers

Personal

Maj. Henry D. Lindsley of Dallas, Tex., was elected chairman of the American legion over Sergt. Jack J. Sullivan of Seattle, Wash., at the St. Louis convention.

Peace Notes

A Berlin dispatch says Emil Barth, German minister of labor, said: "I will step down from every crown without reading it. Why not frustrate the allied demands by decreeing German expulsion and socializing all Indian wives?"

Germany's reply to the terms of peace presented at Versailles will be a proposal "for a peace of right on the basis of a lasting peace of the nations," according to a proclamation to the German people issued at Berlin by President Ebert.

The German government has telegraphed to the delegates at Versailles ordering them to present to the allied and associated powers within the 15 days allowed a proposition demanding verbal discussion on the peace terms, a dispatches from Berlin say.

The Chinese delegation at Paris has received instructions from Peking not to sign the treaty of peace because of the Shantung-Kiaochau settlement.

A Paris dispatch says the Italian delegates are for from settlement yet, according to the French press, which asserts that President Wilson maintains his position and it is not thought will depart from it in the slightest. He has not adhered, it is said, to any formal compromise but to which Italy would administer Fiume as mandatory of the league of nations until 1925.

The German delegation to the peace conference at Versailles completed history to one of the French forts and received a reported handsome of the conference of peace.

Foreign

A Rome dispatch says that, by ministerial decree, workers on the Italian railways are to have an eight-hour day, with one day off duty weekly.

A Berlin dispatch says big demonstrations against the signing of the peace treaty by Germany were held in Berlin, Dresden, Zurich, Switzerland, Cassel, Bochum and other places.

President Wilson, in his address to the French Academy of Moral and Political Science at Paris, expressly declared that the American people were hereby materialists or dollar worshippers.

The second chamber of parliament at The Hague adopted the woman suffrage bill by a large majority.

With a view to preventing possible acts of sabotage, the maritime authorities at Madrid have taken charge of the German ships interned in Spanish ports. Six of these ships have been provided with French crews.

A Berlin dispatch says President Ebert has issued a decree to the German nation that all armsmovers be suspended for a week. The manifesto virtually amounts to a "workers'-and-soldiers'" proclamation. The strikeout has been ordered closed for three days.

When the Irish-American delegation, Messrs. Dillon, Frazier and Ryan, failed to enter Newport they encountered a battalion of armored cars and armed soldiers, refusing to allow them to enter, says a Dublin dispatch.

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Government troops have occupied Leipzig, it was announced at Berlin.

Twenty-two unnamed bandits raided the town of Cienaga, Sonora, Mex., robbed a bank, killed four police officers, including the chief of police and the city jailer, and released all prisoners.

A Buenos Aires dispatch says within the next few days 300 automobile and motor trucks will be imported, the most of them being Buenos and Spanish. Among them are 17 women. The chief of police expects none of them to be stolen.

A Berlin dispatch says sentiment throughout Germany is solid against signing the peace. The Berlin press is unanimous in having Germany nothing but a skeleton.

The military authorities have taken possession of Mansion House, the official residence of the lord mayor of Dublin.

Washington

A "complete and comprehensive tax revenue" of all claims between the United States and Great Britain from growing out of the military operations has been arranged by the American-Anglo liquidation commission, Secretary Baker said at Washington, announced that under the settlement the British government would pay the United States $33,500,000 as a net and final settlement.

Locomotives, cranes, railroad cars and other equipment to the value of $15,000,000 will be purchased soon by the war department at Washington from the railroad administration for sale to the railroads.

A method of disposing of about 100,000,000 cans of beef and of more than 50,000,000 pounds of bacon included in the surplus food stocks of the army has been worked out by conference between the war department at Washington and representatives of the packing industry.

Tentative arrangements are being made at Jerusalem to begin the withdrawal of American troops from the Holy Land early in April, it is said.

Appropriations by the American Red Cross during the year ended June 30, 1918, for its work overseas and at home totaled $107,756,340, according to the annual report of Charles Hurley submitted to Secretary Baker at Washington.

A Washington dispatch says permanent occupation of the 50 forts recently ceded to the United States by Great Britain in the Bermuda islands by the United States as the second maritime power in the world. Great Britain is of course ranks first, and Japan is third.

With the number of applicants for passports increasing daily, officials of the state department at Washington have issued a statement announcing that passports would be refused to all persons whose applications the department believes were not made in good faith, or whose purpose in leaving or in attempting to leave the country is not apparent.

Resignations of the members of the industrial board of the department of labor were announced by Secretary Redfield at Washington.

A winter wheat crop of 500,000,000 bushels is assured, according to a statement by the department of agriculture at Washington, announced that the 1918 crop was harvested under the most favorable conditions and estimated that the total crop is 50,000,000 bushels. Only 54,500,000 acres will be planted in spring wheat, a total wheat crop of 1,000,000,000 bushels is possible for the United States.

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HARD TO ENFORCE RULES

Treasury Department Bombarded With Requests for Flights in planes and Hydroplanes Classed as Automobiles for Time Being.

Washington.—Smuggling by airplane seems startling, and is proving an to the customs division of the treasury, which is so to speak, "up in the air" about it. For the time being, the department has ruled that airplanes and hydroplanes are automobiles so far as it is concerned, but it is well aware that sailing a bird a wagon will not bring it down to earth where it can tell what kind of a bird it is.

So far there has been no report of illicit importation by air line, but exportation of such traffic is not denied. Slow to prevent it is a problem to be met, growing more and more pressing as requests for information from duty officers on our northern and southern borders come in. Some of these they have had to do before when brought in from Cuba by way of Key West and Tampa.

Here is an entirely new problem for the treasury to deal with, for the collection of revenue through customs duties. It is true to be solved by legislation (body of decisions) for which no additional appropriation is needed. That it may be solved by a commission appointed by the secretary of the treasury is the last thought of the customs officers, although the need of dealing with the situation has been put before foreseen, has not been able to hit upon any method to cope with the problem of importations thrown upon by a modern method of transportation now definitely, if not impossible, to control.

May Require Registration.

It is believed that some scheme may be worked out whereby all airplanes leaving the country will be registered at the nearest customs station to the border, where a certificate will be issued to the pilot, and that on the return of the machine a new certificate will be issued in case of cancellation. This would not be the case on a new trip out, but would permit search in suspicious cases and would lead to duty being remitted to Secretary Baker at Washington.

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"I guess you understand that all I have to do is to issue instructions to the Key West air station that civilian passengers will not be permitted to be carried in airplanes unless permission has been granted by the customs officer in charge of the port, and to have issued instructions that all airplanes arriving at this port from foreign countries will comply with the navy's rules in regard to entering and clearing with the reporting to the customs officer the arrival of American naval vessels from foreign ports."

United States Marines Lost 5,199 of 8,000

Washington.—Of the 8,000 officers and men who composed the first marine brigade when it went overseas, Major General John Thlerbach told a House subcommittee that on July 1 to stay the United States throat at Paris, 126 officers and 5,199 men were killed or wounded. The marines took part in Belleau, at Tampa, that it was almost a daily occurrence for airplanes to go over to Cuba and return. One day his messenger boy overheard a man say that he was going over on a boat from Havana to tell the difference between traveling that way and by airplane. He said he had just paid $20 duty on a lot of cigarettes, when the other day he had brought the same amount home by air and did not pay a cent. Collector Bruggeas wanted to know, "How about it?" Collector Watson told him to wait until he can carry people about it. He replied:

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Retail grocers in Seattle, Wash., decided to discontinue giving credit to striking shipyard workers.

Greek Refugees Tell of Outrages

Salonika.—High upon the hills of the Macedonian mountains, in a pine [illegible] encampment from Asia Minor by the commission for relief in the Near East. Hundreds of other refugees are encamped in the Struma garrison in Dobrudja during the war [illegible] of the Near East. Many of the homes in this refugee camp were constructed in the days when Constantine importations thrown upon by a modern method of transportation now definitely, if not impossible, to control.

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BIG GUNS OF THE BATTLESHIP IDAHO

Three guns looking out of the muzzles of the big guns on our latest and largest battleship that was recently launched at Philadelphia. The Idaho is the largest ship in the United States navy.

WORK FOR DISABLED

Technical Agriculture Offers Thousands of Positions.

Serve as Stepping Stones to Higher Promotions and Better Compensation.

Washington.—Technical agriculture offers thousands of positions as expert assistants, scientific aids, inspectors, and county agents, and the work is particularly suitable for the disabled, disabled men will be given a statement issued by the federal board for vocational education.

These positions serve as stepping stones to higher promotions and better compensation soon in the agricultural colleges, experiment stations, and the federal extension service and to state and experimental enterprises. Salaries and employments look those

BOY MAKES PECULIAR FIND

Stone When Broken in Two Reveals Charming Marine Picture Inside.

Boston, Mass.—A strange freak of nature has been discovered by Francis Barton, a young telegraph messenger boy, in the lower scene inside a stone which he found of sand on the seashore.

While delivering a message, young

PLAN TO ENDOW MOTHERHOOD

British Family Endowment Committee Seeks to Increase Marriage and Birth Rate.

London.—The family endowment committee would endow motherhood, the birth rate and the family by a national insurance measure, is that the committee appointed by the government to consider the question reports after 15 years of age.

The committee, representative of the British parliament, the labor party, the co-operative movement and social reformers, has been considering the question for more than a year and has received evidence from many sources.

The committee advised, wherein opportunities are given to employ all of the unemployed, that the government would be to induce earlier marriages and to increase the birth rate.

Mrs. Frank Thurston, of Boston, Mass., has been appointed to the school committee, the first woman to be appointed to the school committee.

FABLES OF WHICH MEN TIRE

Among Them Are Those of the Ground-Hog and Superstitious Belief.

A scribe whose duty it was to color the annual groundhog story rejoiced that other things were stirring besides this trouble-and-gave him something else to write about, when the Seattle Post-Intelligencer observes. There are a lot of other fables that are recurring annually that every city editor thinks it is his religious duty to have covered. Along in the fall we have the prophecy-monger grouped as the man who can tell what kind of a winter we are going to have by the color of the trees and the hair on a bear, and then along in the spring we have the hundred and eight years old, who is always good for a groundhog real how and groundhog day story. Then a thousand of the groundhog coming out and looking at his shadow and scampering under a dull gray sky, sniffing for weather signs. Then with the early days of spring editor print a picture of the fussy bespectacled fat and let on all our thoughts. Friday and unlucky 13 stories and the guy who predicts his spook in the dark of the moon and his bones in the new one. Then there periodically a dozen seasonal stories recurring regularly. The man who has been married for them for 20 years he begins to have some doubts about whether those he have them; he longs for wonderful tangible—facts that he can tie to—and then he finds that he has married a woman, and is now considered the standard remedy for such cases.

PRESIDENT OF MEXICO CHARGED WITH ROBBERY

ACCUSED OF HAVING LOOTED BANK OF $18,000,000 BY ILLEGAL DECREES.

In 1916, Mr. Mitchell Alleges, Carranza Issued a Decree Depriving of All Laws Giving Concessions to Banks of Issue.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

New York.—Venustiano Carranza, President of Mexico, was charged with "a colossal bank robbery," in a suit for injunction filed in the Supreme Court by William B. Mitchell, former manager of the Banco de Londres y Mexico City, seeking to restrain Alfred Bosworth, counsel here for Carranza's "Commission Monetaria" from prosecuting a $18,000,000 suit against the Bank of Montreal. The money claimed is the proceeds of a draft drawn by the institution, Mr. Mitchell alleges, before the bank was taken over by Mexico, which he claims Carranza looted of $18,000,000 in 1916 by means of a series of illegal decrees, Mr. Mitchell says.

In 1916, Mr. Mitchell alleges, Carranza issued a decree forbidding foreign banks of issue to establish branches in Mexico was one. The decree, it is alleged, prohibited the banks from making to increase their notable reserves to meet the demands for bills of withdrawal.

A subsequent decree, however, it is alleged, authorized the establishment of "agencies" with authority to regulate the issue of bank notes in such a manner as to make it impossible for the banks to increase their notable reserves at the time of the withdrawal of the bills of withdrawal, the bill alleges.

Immediately after the issuance of the decree in 1916, the bill continues, Carranza ordered the withdrawal of all bills of withdrawal, and the Bank of Montreal was forced to withdraw from Mexico City, leaving behind it $18,000,000 in bills of withdrawal, which Carranza refused to redeem.

Tall Bitter Experience.

The older residents of this refugee camp are from Asia Minor. Many of them have had a tall bitter experience. Hundreds of other refugees are encamped in the Struma garrison in Dobrudja during the war [illegible] of the Near East. Many of the homes in this refugee camp were constructed in the days when Constantine

One refugee declared to the correspondent that the Greeks were driven from more than sixty deaths a day among the refugees in the camp. Many of the children are orphans and are being cared for. In certain sections, he said, the Turks would not allow the Greeks to bury the cribs of watermelons which the Greeks had raised on the farms in the streets