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Notes Covering Most Important Happenings of the Week Compiled in Brief and Most Succinct Form for Quick Consultation.

U. S.—Tectonic Break

While government boats were at work in the outer harbor at New York yesterday a great steel net for protection against submarines was being laid along the coast.

The practice of making public the destinations and manifests of merchant ships leaving American ports is to be discontinued during the crisis with Germany as a step in the protection of American interests.

Great Britain, in a statement received by the state department at Washington from Ambassador Page in London, proclaims the most drastic step which it has taken since the war began to isolate Germany from the rest of the world.

The report of the release of the Yardville prisoners had been ordered by the imperial government was characterized at Berlin as correct by the undersecretary of state, Baron von Dampf.

No German seamen on ships in American harbors are being held except those who are believed to have violated some law.

A fleet of 22 cargo ships arrived at New York on Friday, two-thirds of them having come through the submarine zone.

The situation of American citizens in the countries of the Tectonic belt became the prime consideration of the United States in Germany.

Representatives of the American commission for relief in Belgium will not withdraw from the occupied ports of Belgium and northern France.

Dispatch at London from its office in London stating that the German government had announced that all might remain in Belgium and northern France.

Washington

Despite a time-honored rule against demonstrations of any kind, Democratic members of the senate and house at Washington broke out in wild applause when Woodrow Wilson.

The principal newspaper publisher of the United States and Canada have submitted to the federal trade commission at Washington a proposition providing that they agree to be bound by any price for print paper which the commission declares upon arbitration to be fair and reasonable.

The senate at Washington adopted a drastic amendment to the postal law, fine and from six months to three years imprisonment for persons in dry states to order purchase or cause to be transported any intoxicating liquor into such state.

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With the arrival of American warships at Santiago and Havana it became known at Washington conditions here are more menacing and the United States may be forced to intervene to save the government.

William H. Williams, chairman of the Republican national committee, called on President Wilson at Washington and offered his entire cooperation in the present international crisis.

The right of railroads to charge a single passenger occupying a Pullman berth for the entire night was upheld by the interstate commerce commission at Washington.

European War News

The earl of Derby, secretary for war, speaking at Bolton, England, expressed the opinion that the duration of the war would occur in the next few months.

Lloyd's shipping agency announced at London the sinking of three British steamships of a total tonnage of 12,000 and first information was given out in Berlin.

The Germans began an attack in the Champagne. The Berlin war office announced that they captured round half mile deep over a front of three miles.

German troops in the region between Metz and the River Moselle, France withdrew from some of their advanced positions, in accordance with orders from their commander.

Rev. Gaston B. Buford, pastor of the Moore Memorial Presbyterian church and a leader in Atlanta (Ga.) religious circles, sacrificed his life in an effort to save the lives of two women who were being attacked by Claude Anderson.

Domestic

The plan of the International Paper company at Watertown, N. Y., was damaged \$100,000 by fire. The fire was caused by sparks from boilers.

After deliberating 14 hours, a jury at Keokuk, Ia., returned a verdict of guilty in the second degree of the murder of Edward Scarlett last September and sentenced him to the penitentiary for life.

John Heppner was killed and his wife and daughter seriously hurt when a train struck a jitney bus at Terre Haute, Ind., in which they were returning home from the residence of Mr. Heppner's sister, who had died.

Samuel Jenkins, for 14 years trustee of the government, the only man who knew the location of every motor station and highway in the Frankford arsenal in Philadelphia, was beaten and then shot to death.

The seaman's law was upheld as valid by Federal District Judge Edwin at Mobile, Ala., in a decision which, as far as is known, is the first construing the constitutionality of the act.

For the first time in the history of the American government a Mongolian has been elected as a justice of the peace. He is a Chinese father and a Hawaiian mother, has been appointed to the circuit court bench at Honolulu by President Wilson.

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Foreign

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Mexican Revolt

The entire force of National Guardsmen, estimated at about 15,000 men, has been ordered by the war department to be sent to the border.

A sentry from the Second North Carolina infantry on outpost duty at the smelter near El Paso, Tex., shot and killed an American civilian who refused to halt his car.

Acting under instructions from Col. F. C. Sisk, commanding the Columbus county, La., U. S. army, was ordered to arrest all persons who were able to furnish information as to the whereabouts of the Carranza forces.

COURT RULES ON PRIMARY ELECTIONS

WHEN ONLY ONE CANDIDATE HAS FILED A PETITION ELECTION IS UNNECESSARY.

NOMINATION IS AUTOMATIC

Question Was Raised By Calhoun Judge and Is Now Sustained By Supreme Court.

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

The supreme court has ruled that in counties where only one candidate files a petition for an office there shall be no primary.

When the county clerk certifies to the election commission that the time for filing petitions closed with only one petition filed for an office, the one name for the office will automatically go on the ticket for the general election, according to the ruling.

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Degree of Dryness Up to Voters

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Presidential Primary Law Repealed

The house made last week notable in its record by passing the bill to repeal the presidential preference primary law, passed at the special session in 1912.

After the race last spring between William Howard Taft and Henry Ford, the house voted 270 to 7 for the repeal.

Rep. DeWitt has introduced a bill authorizing county boards of supervisors in counties owning their own fair grounds to make appropriations for the state board of agriculture.

Rep. Person has introduced a bill to carry livestock at a rate of at least ten miles an hour. Rep. Woodworth, in another bill, wants to provide for the payment of a special census taken when it wishes to incorporate as a city.

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Senator Deland has introduced a bill to raise from \$45,000 a year to \$60,000 a year the appropriation for carrying the work of the state seal, which administrator of the workmen's compensation and employers' liability laws. A deficiency appropriation bill also is asked for this department.

Special Message on Budget System

Gov. Albert E. Sleeper and the members of the legislature still have to come to an agreement as to how the state is going to acquire a budget system for the fiscal affairs of the state.

With the senate holding the DeLand-Roberts budget bill in committee and the house holding in another committee Rep. Foy's bill for a budget system, the state is still without a budget.

Gov. Sleeper has come out in favor of a thorough study of the budget problem and the passage of a law creating such a system, based on the report of the committee.

Many of the legislators are of the opinion that they are just as competent to pass a budget as the committee. They would be after hearing from an investigating commission on the subject.

The governor has obtained from Auditor General Fuller, who handles most of the state's financial matters, a statement which backs up the governor's position and has incorporated it in his message to the legislature on the subject.

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Would Curtail "Bargain" Sales

Merchants of the "By night" variety are to be expelled from Michigan if a bill introduced by Rep. Warner, of Lansing, becomes law.

It requires that any one conducting a bankrupt sale, damage sale, closing out sale or any of the other bargain varieties of sales, must obtain a license from the city or village clerk in the license application information must be given as to the reason for the sale and an inventory of the goods.

Rep. Leighton proposes in another bill to place on the record of the state record a bill paid a day and witnesses in justice courts be paid a day.

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WOMEN START FOOD RIOTS IN NEW YORK

THOUSANDS STORM CITY HALL DEMANDING RELIEF FROM HIGH PRICES.

NO IMMEDIATE RELIEF SEEN

Commissioner of Weights and Measures—Predicts That Food Conditions Will Get Worse.

New York—Hunger riots, led by women carrying waiting babies, raged in half a dozen sections of New York Tuesday.

Continued increases in the cost of foodstuffs aroused the anger of thousands of mothers, and thousands of women and marched through sections of the east side and the Bronx, overturning push carts and demanding relief from high prices.

The city hall was stormed by 2,000 of the infuriated women and they were shouting for relief from the high prices of food.

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GOOD ROADS CLUB FORMED

Monroe County Men Form Organization to Develop Roads in County.

Monroe—There has been formed in Monroe county an automobile club, including in its membership many prominent men of that county. At the organization meeting held in Temperance hall, Monroe, on Tuesday, the club was organized.

The club, which is to be known as the Monroe County Automobile club, is the development of good roads in Monroe county.

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SUSPECTS BOUNTY FRAUDS

Game Warden Believes Wolves Were Killed in Minnesota.

Marquette—What is believed to be a wholesale fraud in the bounty on wolves in Minnesota, was exposed by the game warden of that state.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Hastings—Friend Scales, 84 years old, whose bravery at the siege of Sharpsburg in the First Michigan Cavalry, was buried Saturday.

Old Paw—Upon the landing of an old Paw died nearly 90 years ago depends the possession by Michigan to the state of a strip of property on the outside of Saginaw.

Grand Rapids—The resolutions committee of the democratic convention rejected the democratic dry issue and "Thomas Stewart" authorized to appear before the legislature and ask a strict enforcement of the amendment.

Grand Rapids—Ray Matthews, one of the proprietors of the Hill Drug Store, looked up from his work one day last week to find his store being looted by a mob of men.

MARKET QUOTATIONS

Live Cattle.
DETROIT.—Stocks.—Best heavy steers \$24.00; best heavy butchers steers \$23.00; mixed steers and heifers, \$22.50; light steers \$22.00; best cows \$21.50; light cows \$21.00; common cows \$20.50; calves \$20.00; hogs \$19.50; pigs \$19.00; sheep \$18.50; lambs \$18.00; goats \$17.50; chickens \$17.00; turkeys \$16.50; ducks \$16.00; geese \$15.50; geese \$15.00; geese \$14.50; geese \$14.00; geese \$13.50; geese \$13.00; geese \$12.50; geese \$12.00; geese \$11.50; geese \$11.00; geese \$10.50; geese \$10.00; geese \$9.50; geese \$9.00; geese \$8.50; geese \$8.00; geese \$7.50; geese \$7.00; geese \$6.50; geese \$6.00; geese \$5.50; geese \$5.00; geese \$4.50; geese \$4.00; geese \$3.50; geese \$3.00; geese \$2.50; geese \$2.00; geese \$1.50; geese \$1.00; geese \$0.50; geese \$0.00.

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Michigan Happenings

Escanaba—Prairie chickens have become numerous in this section and the protection of the game laws.

Marquette—With open water three miles from this harbor, marine mail boats are beginning to operate.

St. Joseph—The fall meeting of the Oddfellows of the state will be held here.

Ann Arbor—Col. George Gethens, builder of the Panama canal, will address the University students at Hill auditorium March 14.

Sault Ste. Marie—Dairymen and county agricultural agents of the upper peninsula, convened here February 20 to have their annual meeting.

Laurium—James Finley, 85 years old, said to have been the oldest Mason in the state, is dead.

Escanaba—Scarcity of snow this winter has been of great benefit to the game wardens report.

Marquette—Injuries suffered when a train struck a jitney bus at Terre Haute, Ind., in which they were returning home from the residence of Mr. Heppner's sister, who had died.

Fort Huron—Richard Bell, 58 years old, whose neck was broken three weeks ago, is dead.

Owasco—A horse kicked Joseph Tracey, 30 years old, in the head, fracturing his skull.

East Tawas—Fire which destroyed a saw mill and a hardware store at Central Lake, threatened to sweep the whole town and had \$25,000 of property.

Cadillac—Three hundred miles of railroad, nearly twice that built in 1914, will be constructed in the northern section of Michigan this year by the Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids—Plans were outlined at a dinner of the Grand Rapids Rotary club to have a grand round-up of the state's rotary clubs of Michigan next July.