

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Mexican rebels have completely routed the federal forces in Northern Mexico.

Many Mexican federal soldiers who refused to fight the rebels were shot down by their officers.

The government is contemplating the withdrawal from entry of lands believed to contain radium ore.

Bank robbers tunneled 150 feet and dug into the vault of the First National bank of Oroville, Cal., securing \$3500.

Methodists have asked the Portland school board to prohibit the teaching of dancing of any kind in the public schools.

It is stated by the department of agriculture that 1913 was the most prosperous year ever known for the American farmer.

It is reported that many Eastern cities are not at all anxious for the location of the reserve banks under the new currency law.

Missionaries report that it is difficult to direct the Oklahoma Indians in the ways they should go, on account of the latter's wealth.

A Kansas City firm is said to have been awarded the contract for building the new interstate bridge between Oregon and Washington.

Ex-President Taft is a director in a new society which has been formed for the purpose of lengthening human life by modern scientific means.

A St. Louis widower who earns \$10 per week offers his son, aged 8, and his daughter, aged 6, for sale, saying he is unable to make a living for them.

The resident commissioner of the Philippines in congress says the islanders are much more friendly towards Americans under Wilson's new policy.

Caddies engaged in a free-for-all fight for the privilege of carrying President Wilson's golf sticks, but the President laughingly separated them and told them each should take his turn.

Part of the equipment to be used by Sir Ernest H. Shackleton on his next expedition across the Antarctic continent will be sledges driven by aeroplane engines and an aeroplane with clipped wings to aid in propelling the sledges over the ice.

A woman has landed a big political plum in the shape of the Denver land office.

Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, crossed the Alps Christmas day in an aeroplane.

It is said that 200,000 Bulgarians are starving, and deaths among them reach 50 a day.

President Wilson is settled in his mid-winter vacation home at Pass Christian, Miss.

A man 60 years old lost his way in a blizzard raging over Southern Illinois and was frozen to death.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 85c; bluestem, 95c@96c; forty-fold, 85c@86c; red Russian, 84c; valley, 85c.

Oats—No. 1 white, 25c 50c@26 ton. Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; brewing, \$25.50; rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

Millfeed—Bran, \$20.50@21 per ton; shorts, \$22.50@23; middlings, \$29@30.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16.50; mixed timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$9@10; valley, grain hay, \$11@13.

Onions—Oregon, \$2.75@3 per sack; buying price, \$2.50 f. o. b. shipping points.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 1 1/2@1 1/4 per pound; cauliflower, \$7@1.25 per dozen; eggplant, 10@12c per pound; peppers, 6@7c; head lettuce, \$2.25@2.50 per crate; garlic, 12 1/2@15c per pound; sprouts, 10c; artichokes, \$1.75 per dozen; squash, 1 1/2@1c per pound; celery, \$3@3.50 crate; rhubarb, 3c per pound; tomatoes, \$1.75@2.25 per crate; turnips, \$1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1.10; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25.

Poultry—Hens, 15@16c per pound; springs, 15@16c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 27@28c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 12@13c.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, 41@45c per dozen; storage, 35@37c.

Green Fruit—Apples, 50c@52.50 per box; cranberries, \$12@12.50 per barrel; pears, \$1.25@1.75.

Potatoes—Oregon, 80c@81 per hundred; buying price, 70@80c at shipping points.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 34@35c pound; cubes, 32c pound.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10 1/2c per pound. Veal—Fancy, 14c per pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 20@21c; 1914 contracts, 16@18c.

Wool—Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Oregon, 11@16c; mohair, 1913 clip, 26c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8.10; choice, \$7@7.50; medium, \$6.75@7; choice cows, \$6@6.85; medium, \$5.75@6; heifers, \$6@6.85; light calves, \$3@3.25; heavy, \$6@7.75; bulls, \$4@5.75; stags, \$6@6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.90; heavy, \$6.50@6.90.

Sheep—Lambs, \$5.50@6.35; wethers, \$4@5.50; ewes, \$3.50@4.35.

Rebels Drive Federals to Death, Defeat, Desertion

Presidio, Tex. — A battle in which 5000 or more rebels are seeking to exterminate or drive across the United States border the northern division of the Mexican federal army is in progress around Ojinaga, Mexico, opposite here.

For 36 hours the opposing forces have been under a fire which caused many dead and wounded on both sides. General Toribio Ortega's rebel army, reinforced by flanks to the right and left, kept steadily on the offensive, gaining and holding foot by foot the approaches to the federal stronghold.

The federal army, dazed and disorganized by the first puff of rebel smoke, clung to the trenches dug on the hillside where it had decided to make a last stand. Though whipped in the first rebel onslaught, which drove their outposts to cover, and though some of their wounded, with deserters, jumped into the river and waded to the American side, the federalists put up a plucky fight against insuperable odds. Something like a rally occurred among the federalists when daylight disclosed the position of the enemy and encouraged the federal generals to promise a slight hope. The net results of the battle, so far as they are obtainable on this side, were:

Many fell on each side. It was impossible even to approximate the number.

Several score deserters jumped into the river and waded to the American side. They were disarmed and sent back by Major McNamee, commanding the border patrol. About 15 of the deserters were wounded and were permitted to remain on this side on grounds of humanity. They were cared for by United States army physicians.

That the federals will surrender is improbable, because of General Ortega's explicit orders to execute the so-called volunteers and their commanders, Generals Pascual Orozco, Ynez Salazar, Antonio Rojas, Blas Orpilan, Lazaro Alanis and Roque Gomez. Eighteen hundred volunteers also came under the sentence of death imposed by order of General Villa.

That the federals, with all their generals except perhaps General Francisco Castro, General Joe Mancilla and General Manuel Landa, of the regulars, will be forced over to the United States in case of utter defeat, was believed on the American side to be most likely.

Big Siegel-Cooper Stores In Hands of Receiver

New York — Two great department stores in New York and one in Boston; an express company, a wholesale house and a private banking house run in connection with the departments stores allied with and controlled by the Siegel Stores corporation, of which Henry Siegel, of this city, is directing head and president, were placed in the hands of receivers Thursday through a suit instituted by the holding company in the federal courts.

None of the concerns, according to statements of counsel, is insolvent, and the action was taken to conserve the ability to rehabilitate and reorganize them. The assets and liabilities were not given. Curtailment of bank credit made receivership imperative, it was said. Their gross earnings heretofore have been estimated at \$40,000,000 annually. The Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper company, of this city, has no connection, direct or otherwise, with the firms controlled by the Siegel Stores corporation, and in Chicago the store of Siegel, Cooper & Co., although its stock is owned by the Siegel Stores corporation, is prospering. Counsel here issued a statement to this effect, which was confirmed by Max Pam, general counsel for the Chicago store. The business there, he said, would be continued without interruption.

San Francisco Places Ban on Auto Speeders

San Francisco—Half a dozen speeders were fined Thursday between \$20 and \$50 in Police court, although it was their first appearance. Several second offenders will be sentenced soon. Since the Police court judges adopted resolutions to fine all first offenders and jail all second offenders, the number of arrests for reckless driving has been cut in two. An epidemic of recklessness, culminating last week in two brutal killings within a few days, decided the judges, the mayor and the board of supervisors that drastic action was necessary.

Canned Skin to Be Used.

Baltimore—A departure in surgical operations which will be watched by several leading surgeons will be performed at a hospital here. Twenty square inches of skin procured from volunteers at the Rockefeller Institute, of New York, will be grafted on the body of Harry Stabler, who was burned in an explosion. The skin is in a glass receptacle, kept at a temperature that maintains what is known among medical men as latent life. During the operation the skin will be warmed to the patient's temperature.

Beachey Flies Indoors.

San Francisco—In the first flight ever attempted underneath a roof, Lincoln Beachey, circled successfully the interior of the Panama-Pacific exposition palace of machinery, but made a poor landing and smashed his biplane. Beachey was uninjured.

STORMS LASH LAND AND SEA

Tremendous Rainfall Breaks All Records in California.

Streams Are Out of Bounds—Cities Flooded—One Man Drowned Rescuing Imperiled.

San Francisco—A terrific storm is raging on the coast, and southeast winds of tremendous velocity have lashed the Pacific into a fury. Vessels plying up and down the coast and between here and the Orient are in the grip of a hurricane and practically all Sacramento and San Joaquin river boats are stormbound.

At Napa the Napa river rose suddenly and flooded a portion of the business and residence district. One man, James Clark, was drowned. He met death while rescuing women and children from flooded houses.

The Sacramento river is rising rapidly and flood warnings have been issued in all districts subject to overflow north of the Feather river. The United States weather bureau reports that the river is expected to reach a menacing stage at Sacramento, and has issued general warnings against floods in all sections of the Sacramento valley. Rain has been falling steadily in the upper part of the valley and the river is rising rapidly. The situation, according to the weather bureau officials, is decidedly ominous. At Kennett, 6.3 inches of rain have fallen during the present storm, while a fall of 4.02 inches has been recorded at Oroville.

The wind blew 60 miles an hour at the Cliff House observatory. The wires to Point Reyes have been blown down and telegraphic communication between there and the city is cut off.

The Southern Pacific tracks down the peninsula were turned into a stream as the storm grew worse. Near Wrights and elsewhere there were washouts in the mountains. Many branch lines are out of commission through the northern part of the state.

In Marin county many families abandoned their homes. The postoffice at Ross was under four feet of water. The heaviest damage was farther north, however.

San Francisco has had two and one-half times as much rain this season as at the corresponding date last year. In the mountains a great depth of snow has fallen, the summit reporting more than 10 feet on the ground.

Redding, with nearly five inches of rain in 24 hours, reports many landslides on the main line to Oregon and all trains proceeding under slow orders. Some idea of the tremendous downpour can be gained from the following, compiled by the Southern Pacific: Redding, 4.7 inches; Dunsmuir, 4.24; Santa Rosa, 4; Ben Lomond, 5.08; Boulder, 3.21; Wrights, 5.04; Calistoga, 9.

Whipped by the gale, the steam schooner Pomo, disabled, was picked up by the big lumber steamer Adeline Smith, according to wireless information sent in early Thursday. The deckload on the Pomo had been washed away and her crew of 20 under Captain Lilland, as well as her passengers, were in distress.

While the railroads may be inconvenienced for a time and some suffering be caused, yet the storm is really a blessing to the state, which has been without sufficient water for three years. The present storm will give a great impetus to all branches of agriculture.

Serum Checks Typhoid in Both Army and Navy

Washington, D. C.—The army got through the year 1913 with only two cases of typhoid fever in the enlisted strength of more than 80,000 officers and men. One was that of a man who had not been immunized with the typhoid vaccine and was believed to have contracted the fever before he enlisted; the other case was among the troops in China, and though the man was immunized in 1911, the history of the case is in doubt.

The navy, which adopted the vaccine later than the army and did not make its use at once compulsory, had among its 50,000 jackies only seven authentic cases of typhoid in the year ending last June.

Kaiser Honors French.

Paris — In recognition of the care given to Captain von Winterfeldt, the military attache of the German embassy to France, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last fall while following the French army maneuvers, the German emperor has sent an autograph portrait to Eugene Etienne, the French ex-minister of war. His Majesty also bestowed decorations on a number of French officers, surgeons and civilian officials and on several women who aided in nursing von Winterfeldt to health.

Intense Cold in France.

Paris — Intense cold, the like of which has been unknown during the past decade in France, Spain and Portugal, has caused several deaths, as the population of the three countries were unprepared for such a rigorous winter. The temperature in the south of France has reached from 4 to 6 degrees below zero, while storms raged along the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic and the Channel coasts, and heavy snow fell in Paris.

Says Appetite Is Not Identical With Hunger

Philadelphia—An apparatus by which blood may be removed, cleaned of impurity and returned to the system, and a contrivance by which it can be determined whether one is suffering from hunger or merely has an appetite were among the inventions demonstrated Wednesday by members of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology, in annual session here.

A dog was utilized to illustrate the blood-purifying apparatus, which was the result of the work of Drs. J. J. Abel, L. G. Rowntree and B. B. Turner, of Johns Hopkins university. Dr. A. J. Carlson, of the University of Chicago, demonstrated on himself the efficiency of the hunger-testing machine, which was his own invention.

Dr. Carlson defined hunger as a sensation which arises in the stomach, while appetite, he explained, is a nervous phenomenon of the brain. Swallowing a small cigar-shaped rubber balloon, to which had been attached long rubber tubes, he inflated the balloon in his stomach through the tubes and then attached the latter to sensitized paper.

Hunger, he declared, caused the muscles of the stomach to grip the balloon and drive out the air, which registered the amount of hunger on the sensitized papers.

White rats and mice were used in an experiment designed to illustrate the diffusion of the blood supply. Dyes injected into their blood vessels circulated in a short time until the little animals changed the color of their flesh without much apparent discomfort. One rat was green to the end of his tail, while even the film of his eyes was the color of an emerald. The other was similarly transformed by the use of red dye.

WILSON SENDS FOR LIND; LATTER STARTS HURRIEDLY

Vera Cruz — John Lind, President Wilson's personal representative, left Vera Cruz at 6 o'clock Wednesday night on board the Chester, the fastest cruiser of the American navy, bound for Pass Christian, Miss., where President Wilson is spending his vacation.

Few persons in Vera Cruz knew of the orders to Mr. Lind, and that small portion of the Mexican population which saw him walk from the American consulate to the waterfront, two blocks away, where the admiral's launch awaited him, regarded his suit cases with expressions indicative of varied opinions.

Offers Husband for Sale; Prefers Company of Cat

Boston—"I am willing to sell my husband for \$1000 cash," wrote Mrs. Agnew Bedell, of Quincy, to Miss Mary E. Chandler, in a letter which Miss Chandler has made public. William Bedell, the husband, is alleged to have expressed his willingness to be "sold."

The letter, after explaining that Mrs. Bedell had seen Miss Chandler's name in the newspapers, continued: "I see where you need a husband to take care of your property and to be a father to your baby. My husband is a working man, tired of supporting a family on small pay. I want money to open a boarding house. He will be content to sit with you and to tend the baby. As for me, I'd rather have my cat."

Wilson's Golf Improves; Health Also Much Better

Pass Christian, Miss. — President Wilson's vacation is greatly improving his health. As he climbed over the bunkers at the golf links Wednesday there was a vigor in his walk that revealed to those who have been constantly observing him, how much he has benefited by a week of rest and recreation in the mild gulf climate.

The President played 18 holes of golf again Wednesday. He is growing accustomed to the stubby grass on the links, with its retarding effect on the roll of drives, and made a better score than usual.

Many letters and telegrams of felicitation on the new year have been received.

Pay for Spur Cars Asked.

Washington, D. C.—The right of railroads to charge extra compensation for the delivery of cars on industrial or spur tracks in cities was defended in a brief filed in the Supreme court of the United States by attorneys for the Southern Pacific and the Atchafalaya, Topeka & Santa Fe railways. The railways are seeking to have the court uphold the Commerce court in enjoining an order of the Interstate Commerce commission, which held invalid a charge of \$2550 for this service in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

School Lands Affected.

Washington, D. C.—Ownership of school lands, granted to many states upon their admission to the Union, may be affected by a suit filed here involving more than 250,000 acres in Alabama, ceded to the state in 1819. The Alabama courts have held the title of an individual good, as against the state. The Supreme court is asked to dismiss the state's appeal.

English Weaving Mills Close.

Blackburn, Eng.—Eighteen weaving mills in this district have been closed within the last few days, owing to a slump in the cotton trade. It is understood that many other mills are about to cease.

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Not Liberal. Sims—While in Paris I paid five dollars in tips alone. Walter (assisting him on with his coat)—You must have lived there a good many years, sic!

Blank Meter. "Who is that man over there—the one counting his fingers?" "That's Blobs, the poet. But he isn't counting his fingers; he's counting his feet."—Judge.

"BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER"

Without good red blood a man has a weak heart and poor nerves. Thinness of the blood, or anemia, is common in young folks as well as old. Especially is it the case with those who work in ill ventilated factories—or those who are shut up indoors in winter time with a coal stove burning up the oxygen or emitting carbonic (oxide) gas. This blood, or blood which lacks the red blood corpuscles, in anemic people may have been caused by lack of good fresh air breathed into lungs, or by poor digestion or dyspepsia. Sometimes people suffer intense pain over the heart which is not heart disease at all, but caused by indigestion. Whatever the cause, there's just one remedy that you can turn to—knowing that it has given satisfaction for over 40 years.

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Modern Artificial Teeth.

Until a little more than a century ago humanity had to rub along without false teeth, of which nowadays one firm alone sells more than 12,000,000 a year. One of the first successful makers was Giuseppe Ponzel, an Italian dentist, who began practice in Paris in 1798, and, thanks to his skillful treatment of Lucien Bonaparte, soon made his way. After years of experiment he discovered the substance from which artificial teeth are made and received the gold medal of the French Academy of Science. One of the earliest persons fitted with false teeth was the Empress of Russia. After Waterloo Ponzel emigrated to London and then to Madrid, where Ferdinand VII rewarded him with a yearly pension of 1000 ducats for a set of false teeth.—London Echo.

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The Hammer and Hammering.

Johnnie rushed into the dining room, his voice lifted to a loud, quavering wail. He was giving a star exhibition of the art of separating himself from tears and trills. "What's the matter?" asked mother. Johnnie removed both fists from his eyes and explained mournfully: "Papa was out on the back porch nailing down a plank and he had a big hammer, an awful big hammer. Then he missed the nail and hit his thumb." "Then what are you crying about?" asked mother. "Why didn't you laugh?" Then Johnnie told the whole story thus: "I did."—Popular Magazine.

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