

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Wool manufacturers threaten to cut wages if the tariff on wool is reduced.

It is believed the inter-state liquor traffic bill is almost sure to pass congress.

San Francisco has removed the alleged ban on lumber products from the Northwest.

Testimony shows that Andrew Carnegie was regarded as a trouble-maker by the steel trust.

Governor Sulzer, of New York, advocates prison sentences for crooked operators in stock exchanges.

The Balkan allies have drafted a note to Turkey and the powers declaring off all peace negotiations.

Suffragists in England are becoming more threatening than ever, and their leaders are urging them to acts of violence.

Application has been made to a Chicago court to adopt a "child about the age of 45 years," the applicant desiring to make her a legal heir.

The messenger conveying the electoral vote of Arizona to Washington failed to arrive on time, so the three votes of that state for Wilson are lost.

The Seattle council refused to submit to the people at the next election the proposition to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds to buy or build a municipal telephone system.

An unidentified airship was seen hovering over Fort Stevens and along Clatsop Beach Sunday evening, but no one seems to know whence it came or where it went.

Two English tourists were fined for carrying concealed weapons in New York. They said they understood it was necessary to be armed for self-protection when they landed in this country.

The Sac and Fox Indian athlete who won great honors as an amateur in the Olympic games at Stockholm, has confessed that he is a professional, and will lose all his records and trophies won there.

Indications are that the cotton tariff will be made even lower than at first intended.

W. E. Corey, ex-head of the steel trust, says steel prices were fixed at Gary dinners.

J. P. Morgan says he favors combination under supervision rather than open competition.

Prominent railroad men admit that free passes are still used to influence freight shipments.

Mexican rebels fired on United States troops along the Texas border.

Not only will the inaugural ball be dispensed with, but it has been decided to dispense with the official reception also.

Jews throughout the East have contributed over \$200,000 towards the support of the Hebrew Union college at Cincinnati.

Postal inspectors have unearthed an illicit brokerage in stolen postage stamps amounting to several millions of dollars yearly.

After being deadlocked since January 2, the West Virginia legislature has elected Samuel V. Woods, a Democrat, as president of the upper house.

Cipriano Castro, enraged at telegrams showing that he ordered the killing of certain of his opponents, orders inspection officials from his rooms.

The mayor of Tacoma refused to sit at the table with Dr. Cook, the alleged discoverer of the North Pole, at a banquet given by the commercial club of that city.

### HELP FARMERS WITH LOANS

#### Grangers Propose Postal Savings Deposits Be Used.

Washington, D. C.—Farmers' opposition to the national monetary commission's plan was voiced by W. T. Creasy, master of the Pennsylvania State grange, before the house currency reform committee. Creasy told the committee that he believed farmers generally were "bitterly opposed to the Aldrich scheme."

"We believe," he said, "that the big financiers are much more interested in maintaining control of the currency than they are in any effort to obtain its elasticity."

C. S. Barret, of Union City, Ga., president of the National Farmers' union, an organization with branches in 21 states and 3,000,000 members, appeared heading a delegation including J. D. Brown, Arlington, Or.; O. F. Darnblaser, Brunswick, Neb.; Peter Radford, Fort Worth, Tex., and A. F. Swift, Baker, Or. The spokesman for the delegation said farmers objected to the present monetary system because it led to undue speculation. A system of incorporated clearing-houses was suggested.

Farmers need long-term loans, it was argued, in order that they may become owners instead of tenants. To meet this need, the delegation proposed that postal savings bank deposits be made available for loans on farm lands and outlined a system of land banks to be operated separately from commercial banks.

### MORO STRONGHOLD IS TAKEN

#### Americans and Native Allies Wipe Out Troublesome Band.

Washington, D. C.—Forty or 50 Moros died in the struggle which took place in the Philippines six miles west of Jolo last Thursday, a report of which has just reached the War department from Major-General Bell, commanding the Philippine division.

Following up his proclamation of two years ago, ordering all natives of the Jolo group to disarm, General Pershing despatched Colonel Eben Swift of the Eighth cavalry to clear up the country near Jolo. An expedition was organized under Patrick McNally, captain of the Philippine scouts, who lost his life in the fight.

The expedition consisted of the Fourteenth, Thirty-First and Fortieth companies of the Philippine scouts, a detachment of American troops, with a field gun and some of the Moro Philippine constabulary.

This force was sent against a cotta, six miles west of Jolo, where a large band of Moros had been a standing menace to the city and garrison at Taglibi. The Moros had not hesitated to attack American troops in camp, and it was decided to break the power of their chief, Sahipa. The Moro position was strongly defended by walls, bamboo entanglements and deep ditches.

### INCOME TAX MAY BE NEEDED

#### Reduction of Tariff Would Greatly Decrease Revenues.

Washington, D. C.—A feature of the tariff revision programme of the extra session of congress may be the raising of \$100,000,000 from an income tax, including the corporation tax. Representative Hull, of Tennessee, a Democratic member of the committee on ways and means, who has been active in income-tax problems, plans to introduce a bill which would provide such a source of revenue.

This would be considered by the committee in connection with contemplated early ratification of the constitutional amendment to sanction income tax legislation. Of the necessary number of states required for ratification, only two are lacking. Mr. Hull expects these to be drawn from New Jersey, Wyoming, New Mexico or West Virginia, or possibly Florida, whose legislature, however, will not meet until April.

The Democratic majority of the committee favors an income tax, but in the event of failure of ratification will renew the excise tax plan as an extension of the present corporation tax law.

### Land Move Is "Forward."

Chicago—A national "forward to the land" congress will be held next summer, either here or in Boston. This announcement was made here by Professor H. Heath Bowden, of San Isadora, Cal., who addressed students of the University of Chicago. Representatives of the following organizations are expected to attend: Soil Fertility League, Rural Credits Commission, Garden City associations, Vacant Lot Cultivation associations, Vocational School Farms and many other organizations.

Reply Is Made to Sulzer.

New York—Governor Sulzer's strictures on the New York Stock exchange in his recent special message to the legislature are "not justified by the facts," in the opinion of the governors of the institution. Moreover, the governors "earnestly protest" against his action, and while they strongly desire to co-operate in legislation, they ask for a conference to discuss the situation.

This request was made in a telegram sent to the governor by President Mahon, of the Stock exchange.

### Cooper Favors Memorial.

Washington, D. C.—The Washington monument was characterized as "an Egyptian obelisk," the postoffice department building as a "cross between a cathedral and a cotton factory," and the pension building as a "lovely red shell that disguised Judiciary Square," in a speech by Representative Cooper, of Wisconsin. Mr. Cooper spoke in defense of the \$2,000,000 Lincoln memorial, on which the house is endeavoring to vote.

### Taft Host of Congress.

Washington, D. C.—President Taft made a cordial farewell Thursday to members of the senate and house of representatives. The occasion was the final reception of the Taft administration in honor of congress. The White House was thronged with senators and representatives, with their ladies and other invited guests.

### MEN OF NEW REGIME IN TURKEY WHO PLAY IMPORTANT PART IN DECIDING COURSE IN BALKAN CONFLICT.



Above, Shekhet Pasha, Grand Vizier; Below, Enver Bey, New Minister of War.

### ALLIES EXPECT TO RESUME WAR

#### Bombardment and Capture of Adrianople First Move.

#### Young Turks Believe Resumption of War Absolutely Necessary—No Fear of Result.

Vienna—A dispatch from Sofia says: "In accordance with the decision of the government, army headquarters have been ordered to terminate the armistice."

London—The Balkan peace negotiations, which reached a deadlock over the cession of Adrianople on January 6, finally were broken Thursday by a note which the plenipotentiaries of the Balkan allies presented to Rehad Pasha, head of the Turkish delegation.

Notwithstanding this rupture, there still are optimists in the diplomatic world who yet a resumption of the war may be averted, either through fresh proposals that Turkey is reported to be including in the note she will deliver to the powers, or through the fall of Adrianople before activities can be begun again at the Tchatalja lines.

A majority of the Balkan delegates refuse to admit the likelihood of either contingency, believing that the life of the young Turk government depends upon the resumption of the war, even though the allies should be willing to postpone the conflict. They are of the opinion that the present failure of diplomacy, at the worst, only is an interlude, however, for they will leave four representatives in London to undertake the settlement anew.

Rehad Pasha, after reviewing the note, said:

"The consequences may be of the gravest nature. The responsibility lies not alone with the allies, but with the powers, who encouraged the Balkan states and have shown no fairness toward Turkey, although before the war they had proclaimed solemnly the principle of the unchangeability of the statu quo."

The plan of the allied governments, so far as the plenipotentiaries are informed, is to concentrate their forces on Adrianople immediately after the expiration of the prescribed four days, if the surrender of that fortress does not occur in the meantime. They believe that a few days' bombardment by the big siege batteries which now surround Adrianople will bring about its capitulation.

### HOUNDS TO SEE INAUGURAL

#### Qualified M. F. H. Guarantees Behavior of Keen-Nosed Dogs.

Washington, D. C.—Dogs of high degree are to participate in festivities attendant upon the induction into office of President Woodrow Wilson and will march in the inaugural parade.

"Finely-bred, splendidly-trained, keen-nosed fox hounds are going to have a section of the parade all their own," says an announcement from the inaugural committee in heralding this menial feature of the coming pageant.

"The finest pack of hounds in all the world," is the description given to the canine group, which Mr. Lester Jones, of Culpepper, Va., is assembling to lead ahead of a mounted brass band that will escort hunt club riders from the president-elect's native state in the civil section of the parade. Dr. Jones declared the hounds would be so well trained that they would "stick to the middle of the road," and not scatter all over the line of march. A competent M. F. H. will serve as grand marshal to the canine corps.

### Homes of 120,000 to Go.

Paris—The problem of finding accommodation for 120,000 people, who are to be evicted from their dwellings owing to the sale of the antiquated fortifications of Paris to city authorities by the French government, is now before the Municipal council for solution. The space occupied by the 21-mile wall encircling Paris and the "firing zone," 500 yards in width, facing it, is to be converted into public parks. This space is now covered by many thousand ramshackle houses, occupied by the poorer working people.

### Twelve Drown, 3 Are Saved.

Great Grimby, England—Twelve of the crew of the bark Agda were drowned when that vessel foundered at the mouth of the Humber. Three sailors, the only survivors, were picked up by a trawler and landed here. When the Agda went down in a violent storm, the members of the crew took to boat, which was capsized three times. On each occasion some of the struggling sailors were swept away and sank.

The three survivors clung to the boat and drifted 12 hours.

### Penalty Bill Recalled.

Washington, D. C.—Several persons sentenced to be hanged in the District of Columbia would have escaped death had President Taft signed the bill recently passed by the senate and house substituting electrocution for hanging as a method of capital punishment in the District. The senate, discovering that the new law, which was to have become effective immediately, abolished the penalty in pending cases, adopted a joint resolution recalling the bill from the White House, where it awaited the President's signature.

### Educator Advises Rod.

New York—"An instrument that would improve the New York public schools, says Professor Frank M. Murray, of the Columbia Teachers' college, is the rod. Professor Murray urged the adoption of corporal punishment, which is forbidden now, in his report to the committee which has been making a searching investigation of the school system.

### Rebels Near Capital.

Washington, D. C.—Rebel activities continue without abatement within 15 miles of Mexico City, according to advices received at the State department

### INTERSTATE SPAN ASSURED

#### Oregon and Washington Delegations Agree on Action.

Results of Conference on Columbia Interstate Bridge.

Senators and representatives of both Washington and Oregon declare themselves in favor of the bridge and pledge their support of measures to carry it to successful completion.

Announcement follows a secret meeting of legislators of both states that arrangement has been made which, they believe, will make possible the success of the movement for the interstate bridge.

Plans for a bill making possible the issuance of county bonds by Multnomah county suggested, as a method for Oregon to carry out its share in the work. Washington announces probably an effort to secure a straight appropriation for the bridge.

Washington favors interstate commission of six to have full charge of the project after it is launched.

### Portland—This highway bridge

across the Columbia river between Oregon and Washington I consider to be the most necessary of the great highway projects that have been proposed to us this year," was the sentiment expressed by Senator Ralph Nichols, of Seattle, at the dinner at the Commercial club, which closed the day of activity of the joint representatives of Oregon and Washington in investigating the plans for the Columbia river interstate bridge at Vancouver.

In extending the welcome of the Portland Commercial club and the city of Portland to the visiting delegations President Piper voiced the same idea when he said:

"The Portland Commercial club, through me, desires to tell you that it considers the interstate bridge across the Columbia river the greatest of all recent projects for the upbuilding of the Northwest."

Every representative and senator, either from the Oregon or the Washington delegations, spoke in a similar vein, and the keynote of each address was the prophecy that the Columbia interstate bridge is to become a reality.

### HOBOS RUN AFOUL OF LAWS

#### Freight Trains Late; National Convention Is Postponed.

New Orleans, La.—Belated freight trains and enforcement of vagrancy laws in the Southern states combined to postpone the first session of the annual national hobo convention in this city. Police authorities of Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas and other nearby states are interrupting the itinerary of many of the delegates, according to Jefferson Davis, president of the "Casual, Unskilled and Migrant Workers of America."

Seventy-five of the "workers" are in the New Orleans house of detention on vagrancy charges and Chief of Police Reynolds has announced that every man under arrest must give a good account of himself or remain in prison until after Mardi Gras.

James Earls Howe, of St. Louis, and recalled "millionaire hobo," and President Davis have made unsuccessful efforts to rent a hall for the convention, but they hope to convene soon.

### O'GORMAN FOR FREE TOLLS

#### Declaration by Wilson's Friend Regarded as Significant.

Washington, D. C.—In view of the friendship between President-elect Wilson and Senator O'Gorman, of New York, some significance is being attached to the senator's statement, when asked whether the incoming administration would recommend a repeal of the free tolls provision of the Panama act.

"It seems to me," said Senator O'Gorman, "that Democrats who favor a repeal of the free tolls provision must wait for the declaration of another national convention. The last national convention adopted unanimously a declaration in favor of free tolls. That is Democratic doctrine and I think it will stand for four years."

### Girls Give Up Cuticle.

Kansas City—Ten girls, ranging in age from 8 to 16, bared their arms to the surgeon's knife here to furnish skin to heal the burns of Reba Hains, 10 years old, who nearly perished Christmas day in a fire which brought death to her father, mother and baby sister and destroyed the Hains farmhouse near Arnett, Okla. Skin from the arms of ten more girls, who have volunteered to furnish it, must be applied before the operation is completed. Most of the burns are on the face.

### Balloon Hits Mountain.

Los Angeles—Tom McLain, an aeronaut, received congratulations on his remarkable escape from a balloon which hit the pinnacle of Mount Wilson, 5000 feet up, and sent him sprawling on the rocks just below the crest of the mountain. McLain was assisting in taking panoramic photographs from a captive balloon. While adjustments were being made preliminary to an ascent, the leash slipped and the balloon leaped upward with McLain dangling in the web. The balloon has not been found.

### Fright Cause of Death.

Milwaukee, Wis.—"Frightened to death" was the verdict in the death of William Youngquist, a saloonkeeper, who died here while his son-in-law and a friend were attempting to get into the place. The two men, it is said, ordered Youngquist to let them in so they could clean up the place. When Youngquist refused, a gun was fired. Youngquist fell to the floor dead, although the bullet did not touch him.

### Twenty-Six Perish in Collision.

Havre—Twenty-six of the crew of the German bark Pangani perished Wednesday when that vessel was sunk by the French steamer Phryne in the English Channel. The vessels collided in a fog and the Pangani sank.

# DOINGS OF OREGON'S LEGISLATURE

## A Brief Resume of Proceedings of the People's Representatives at the State Capital, Bills Introduced, Passed, Rejected, Etc.

### SUFFRAGISTS TAKE A HAND

#### Lawmakers Deluged With Letters From Women Voters.

Salem—That the women of Oregon, with their new-found possession of the ballot, are taking an intimate interest in public affairs, was indicated by the testimony of many members of the house that they had received from a dozen to 20 letters from ladies' aid societies, new thought circles and mental improvement clubs protesting against the passage of the bill introduced by Representative Schubel, of Clackamas, which would make every school supervisor in the state an ex-officio fire warden.

It was freely charged by those favoring the bill that the letters addressed to members of the legislature on the question by various women's clubs throughout the state had been sent to these clubs by an organized lobby in the interests of big holders of timber, and then mailed to the legislators. Many of the letters were identical though coming from different parts of the state.

### PAPER-MAKERS VISIT SALEM

#### Officers and Employes of Oregon City Mills Are Heard.

Salem—A small army from the mills at Oregon City invaded the capital on a special train, 100 coming from that town to appear before the senate committee on industries at the hearing on Dimick's eight-hour bill.

Testimony was heard not only from officers and stockholders in the mills, but from employes in the mills.

In general the testimony was to the effect that there is no dissatisfaction among the men over the present hours; that the employes enjoy good health; that their wages are high as compared to other pulp and paper mill employes in British Columbia and Washington; that they like the work and that there is no demand from the employes to have the hours reduced.

One particular feature of the employment in the mills came in for a grilling from Chairman Smith, of the committee, when he attacked the Hawley mill for allowing an 18-hour shift once a week for the men.

### WEEKLY PAY DAY IS DESIRED

#### Measure Would Prohibit Issuance of Store and Money Orders.

Salem—Prohibiting the issuance of store and money orders and providing that all employes of certain firms and corporations shall be paid weekly, a bill was introduced by Thompson, by request.

The measure applies to mining coal, ore or mineral, quarrying stone, lumbering, logging, canning, manufacturing iron, steel, lumber, staves, shingles, heading barrels, brick, tile, machinery, agricultural implements or manufacturing implements, any article of merchandise or to those engaged in buying or selling of merchandise or in the operation of any mercantile business, or to those engaged in the railroad business, street railway, or in any building trades or in the construction of street railways, roads, bridges, sewers or viaducts.

### MORE VETOED BILLS PASSED

#### Legislature Administers Severe Rebuke to Governor.

Salem—Lined up with an invincible front, both houses of the legislative assembly Friday administered a severe rebuke to the governor for the attitude he has taken toward house members in connection with the passage of the Thompson bill. Five vetoed bills were passed over his head. The vote was overwhelming in both bodies.

In the house the first vote was 55 to 4 against the governor; the second, where some switched on a matter of principle, 46 to 9, and the third swung to 55 votes against the governor. On this vote there were but two with him, others being absent. On the fourth measure the vote stood 45 to 13.

In the senate the Thompson bill, which caused the governor to become infuriated because of the actions in the house, when that body passed the bill over his head, was passed by an enormous showing against the governor.

A crowd that packed the lobby surged into the senate chamber to hear the debate on the bill, and when the smoke cleared away 27 senators went down the line against the governor, while a bare showing of three—McCulloch, Miller, and Von der Hellen—stayed with him.

### Rule Amendment Attacked.

Salem—The expected attack on the proposed constitutional amendment to go before the people repealing the home rule amendment of 1910, came when the resolution was reported into the senate with a majority that it not be adopted. Calkins, introducer of the resolution, and Miller sent in a minority report favoring adoption of the resolution. An attempt on the part of Calkins to have the subject made a special order of business later in the session met opposition, but finally carried.

### Seats or Free Fares Demanded.

Salem—Either provide a seat for every person paying full fare on railroads or street cars or issue a receipt good for another full fare ride is the ultimatum delivered to passenger transportation companies by Representative Lawrence, of Multnomah, in a bill introduced by him. These receipts are to be valid any time within 30 days and transferable. Passengers must be allowed to the full standing capacity of any car, except where cars are operated at intervals of not less than two minutes.

### Free Express Deliveries Aim.

Salem—Express companies will deliver free of charge, to all parts of incorporated cities and towns of Oregon, express parcels addressed to persons in any town or company having

### Lifesaving Crews Honored.

Salem—The house concurrent resolution expressing appreciation for the heroic work of the life-saving crews at Cape Disappointment and Point Adams in aiding in the work of life-saving from the wreck of the steamer Rosecrans off Peacock spit was adopted unanimously in the senate and two copies of the resolutions, signed by the governor and the heads of the respective houses, will be neatly engrossed and forwarded to the two stations. The resolutions give at length the names of all the men concerned.