WORLD HAPPENINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume Most Important Daily News Items.

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Events of Noted People, Governments and Pacific Northwest, and Other Things Worth Knowing.

Serious floods continue in northern and southern Japan. There have been many casualties. Crops and roads have been ruined. Twenty thousand persons are urgently in need of aid.

A Pennlylvania railroad electric train struck an antomobile bus containing 15 persons at Camden, N. J., Saturday night. Eight occupants were killed and four others injured.

Captain W. W. Gilmer, recently relieved as governor of the island of Guam, announced upon his arrival in San Francisco that he intends to resign his commission in the navy.

Lomsea, 75 miles northwest of Warsaw, and Bialystok, 50 miles east of Lomza, have been recaptured by the Polish armies, said an official war office communication Wednesday.

The situation created by the withdrawal of the Russian forces operating in northern Poland now permits of the resumption of the distribution by the Red Cross of American supplies from Danzig to Warsaw by railway.

Exports during July were $23,000,000 greater than in June, while imports decreased $16,000,000. Trade figures made public by the department of commerce place the value of July exports at $654,000,000 and imports at $537,000,000.

What is said to be an Oregon record for altitude reached by an airplane was made at La Grande Monday, when V. M. Rechstiner, pilot, accompanied by F. Bradley as a passenger, ascended to a height of 16,200 feet. The airplane is owned by a local airplane company.

The four United States army airplanes flying from Mineola, N. Y., to Nome, Alaska, arrived there from Ruby, Alaska, at 5:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The actual flying time from New York was 55 hours, Captain St. Clair Street, head of the expedition, announced.

Tacoma's municipal street-railway line lost $5010.38 in July. The operating revenue amounted to $11,879.38 and the operating expenses were $13,916.24, making an operating deficit of $2036.86. Interest on the investment and other charges against the line ran the deficit to more than $5000.

Rumors of Corean plots to kidnap the American congressmen touring the orient have caused the governor-general of Corea to order out the entire gendarmerie of Seoul and five battalions of troops to guard the house in which the visitors will stay, according to a Tokio cable to the Nippu Jiji, Japanese language newspaper.

Warsaw military authorities announced Sunday that the Poles captured 35,000 prisoners today in their counter-attack against the bolsheviki. Many guns, thousands of rifles, hundreds of machine guns and motor cars and great numbers of horses also were taken. Thousands of Russians are thought to be cut off in the forests awaiting an opportunity to surrender.

Certification of Tennessee's ratification of the federal suffrage amendment was en route by mail Tuesday to Washington. On its receipt there by Secretary of State Colby suffrage advocates expect issuance of the formal proclamation making the amendment a part of the organic law of the land and placing 22,000,000 American women on an equality with men at the ballot box.

The ruling of John F. Kramer, federal prohibition enforcement officer at Washington, D. C., announced in San Francisco recently, that home made cider may contain more than one-half of one per cent alcohol if it is "not intoxicating in fact" has been made effective, according to Gordon E. O'Hara, federal inspector in Seattle. Persons may keep fruit juices in the home until they are converted by natural processes into vinegar, Mr. O'Hara said. "If persons desire to drink the 'hard cider while it is in the process of fermentation, there is no way in which they may be prevented," Mr. O'Hara said.

IRISH FIRE CATHOLIC STORES

Sixteen Killed, 100 Injured in Belfast's Worst Riots.

Belfast.—The Shankhill district of Belfast late Monday night was a blazing inferno. Nearly a score of fires had been started and virtually all the grocery stores and public houses, owned by Catholics in the district, were being destroyed.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon a minor battle started in Royal avenue. A crowd of Sinn Feiners crept down from Carrick hill and opened a revolver fusillade on the unionists, who replied vigorously. Windows, crowded with spectators, made a unique scene.

The rioting was the worst in the city's history and was probably the first to take place in daylight. The victims brought the dead for one day up to 16. In excess of 100 persons have been injured during the disorders and there have been 130 fires since Wednesday.

The lord mayor, after strong pressure, made representations to the authorities. As a result General Bainbridge and Commissioner Gelston have given the customary 24 hours' notice before the enforcement of the curfew order.

The men killed Saturday night and Sunday were declared to be Sinn Feiners, while those killed Monday were virtually all unionists.

Mills, factories and schools were closed and most of the shops in the disturbed areas were also shut tight.

The police fired on the crowd during the disturbances, causing several casualties.

Numerous persons with bullet wounds were admitted to hospitals.

In the fighting between Sinn Feiners and Unionists shipyard workers, many shops were wrecked in York and North streets. Soldiers got between the combatants in York street and kept them apart. There were numerous baton charges by the police.

Mesopotamia in Ferment.

London.—Another attack against Hillah, west of the Euphrates river in Mesopotamia, was launched by 1500 rebellious tribesmen Thursday, but the attackers fell back under heavy shell fire, says an official statement Monday. The statement follows:

"The situation in the Muntefik area of Mesopotamia, between the lower Tigris and lower Euphrates, grows more ominous. A violent holy war is being preached and this tribe is expected shortly to throw in its lot with the insurgents. The situation around Samaweth also gives rise to anxiety. Movements of rebel bands have been observed and renewed attacks on our posts are expected."

Bakuba, 30 miles northeast of Bagdad, taken by Arab tribesmen recently, was occupied by Sikh troops Saturday, says a dispatch from Bagdad. Elsewhere in Mesopotamia the situation is unchanged.

50 Cars Melons Are Free.

Sacramento, Cal.—The Sutter Basin Land company in Sutter county will give away to the public about 50 carloads of melons that had been intended for eastern shipment, George Maddock, manager of the company, announced Monday.

Maddock said recent increases in freight rates had wiped out the margin of profit on eastern shipments and invited the public to "bring their automobiles and load up."

Canadian Trade is Even.

Ottawa, Ont.—Canada's exports and imports almost balance for the 12 months ending July 31, according to a summary of Canadian trade, issued by the dominion's bureau of statistics. Total imports are valued at $1,253,191,755, and exports at $1,264,463,537. Imports from the United States totaled $881,147,129, while the exports to that country totaled $499,746,802.

Troops at Coal Mines.

Williamson, W. Va.—Soldiers sent here at request of Governor Cornwell to handle the situation, growing out of the strike of coal miners established their camp Monday at Sycamore Hollow, one mile east of Williamson. Detachments were sent to four Mingo county points.

Sarah Bernhardt is Ill.

Paris.—Sarah Bernhardt the actress, is suffering from a congestion of the lungs and inflammation of the kidneys and is confined to her bed. The attending physicians are not apprehensive of serious developments.

Syrian Premier Slain.

Haifa, Syria.—Droubi Pasha, the Syrian premier, and Abderhaman, member of his cabinet, were killed Friday when bandits attacked their train en route here from Damascus. Several passengers were killed.

ELECTRIC RAILWAY REFORMS URGED

Sweeping Changes Desired to Restore Credit.

RENEDY SUGGESTED

Commission Appointed by President Recomends Service-at-Cost Plan of Operation.

Washington, D. C.—Sweeping reforms in the electric railway industry, designed to restore public confidence and vitally needed credit, were recommended Tuesday in the unanimous report made by the Federal Electric Railway commission to President Wilson. The commission has been investigating the condition of the industry for more than a year, during which time it has heard 95 witnesses and examined hundreds of reports and answers to questionnaires.

Outstanding among the recommendations is that for the installation of the service-at-cost plan of operation. This plan, now operative in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dallas, Montreal and other cities, will, it is believed, remove the industry from the field of speculative gain, furnish rides at the lowest possible cost and restore credit and public confidence. Primarily, the plan provides for furnishing rides at actual cost, which shall govern the rate of fares, and for protecting the investor by guaranteeing a fixed return on an agreed valuation of his holdings.

Chaos faces the industry unless credit is restored and co-operation between public, managements and employes established, the report insists, and no words are minced in telling the three parties to the situation where their respective duties lie.

Managements are advised that their primary duty is to serve the public with the highest efficiency at the lowest cost, and not to use the industry as a means of obtaining profits beyond what may be necessary for upkeep, to pay a fair return upon the agreed value of the property and to secure the investment of funds further required. The public duty is declared to be the supervision and control of railway properties, with the view of safeguarding the public interests, and the allowance of such return upon the fair valuation of the property as may be agreed upon in the contract between the city and the company. Employes, it is said, should have a living wage and humane hours of labor and working conditions and a right to deal collectively with their employers, through committees or representatives of their own selection, but it is added that "all labor disputes should be settled voluntarily or by arbitration and the award of such board should be final and binding on both parties."

POPE FOR FIRST TIME POSES FOR MOVIES

Rome.—For the first time in history, a Pope has posed for the motion picture camera. Not only was permission granted for the filming of scenes in the Lourdes chapel grounds, but Pope Benedict took a leading part, posing first with various groups and then for "close-ups" and expressing much amusement at the persistence of the American photographers who went with four feet of the Pontiff and snapped him smiling.

This occurred after the pope had celebrated mass for the visiting American Knights of Columbus in the open Vatican gardens and had given holy communion personally to each knight. Vatican officials were amazed that the pope appeared in these scenes for about 20 minutes, and which proved the most complete pictures ever taken of Vatican ceremonies.

Soldiers Get On Land.

Winnipeg, Man.—Up to date 3667 returned men, out of a total of 18,257 for the whole of Canada, have been placed on the land as settlers in the Winnipeg district by the soldiers' settlement board. The loans approved in the Winnipeg district have been represented as $12,247,732, the total loan for the dominion amounting to $72,236,142. A new branch of the soldier's settlement work is in helping the settlers' classes of domestic science.

Paris. — Cardinal Leon Adolphe Amette, archbishop of Paris, died suddenly at 6 A. M. at Antony, near Paris, while on a vacation. The body was brought to his Paris residence.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

STATE AND OTHER FAIRS

The fair season of 1920 began last week with the Southwest Washington exhibition at Centralia-Chehalis. Other fairs in the region between the Rocky mountains and the Pacific ocean will be held on the dates that follow:

STATE

Oregon—Salem, Sept. 27-Oct. 2.
California—Sacramento, Sept. 4-12.
Montana—Helena, Sept. 13-18.
Washington—Yakima, Sept. 20-25.
Idaho—Boise, Sept. 27-Oct. 2.
Utah—Salt Lake, Oct. 4-9.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT

Oregon.

Round Up—Lakeview, Sept. 4-6.
Fan-'Em-All—Mitchell, Sept. 9-11.
Industrial—Shedd, Sept. 10.
Coos-Curry—Myrtle Point, Sept. 13-18.
Stampede—Antelope, Sept. 16-18.
Hood River—Hood River, Sept. 17-18.
Clackamas—Canby, Sept. 20-23.
Lane—Eugene, Sept. 20-23.
Lincoln—Toledo, Sept. 21-23.
Malheur—Ontario, Sept. 21-24.
Round-Up—Pendleton, Sept. 23-25.
Grant—John Day, Sept. 29-Oct. 2.
Wasco—Dalles City, Oct. 4-7.
Linn—Albany, Oct. 4-9.
Multnomah—Gresham, Oct. 4-9.
Oregon Interstate—Prineville, Oct. 6-9.
Clatsop—Astoria, Oct. 7-9.
Dairy and Hog Show—Hermiston, Oct. 8-9.
Sherman—Moro, Oct. 11-16.

Washington.

Grays Harbor—Elma, Aug. 30-Sept. 4.
Interstate—Spokane, Sept. 6-11.
Klickitat—Goldendale, Sept. 14-18.
Walla Walla—Walla Walla, Sept. 15-18.
Cowlitz—Woodland, Sept. 22-25.
Whatcom—Lynden, Sept. 29-Oct. 2.
Western Washington—Puyallup, Oct. 5-10.

Idaho.

Home-Coming—Sandpoint, Sept. 2-4.
Twin Falls—Filer, Sept. 14-17.
Jerome—Jerome, Sept. 21-23.
Cassia—Burley, Sept. 22-24.
Bonneville—Idaho Falls, Sept. 23-25.
Idaho—Woodland, Sept. 25.
Lewiston-Clarkston—Lewiston, Sept. 27-Oct. 2.
Oneida—Malad, Sept. 30-Oct. 2.
Latah—Troy, Oct. 6-8.
Bonner—Clarks Fork, Oct. 8-9.
Farm Bureau—Nezperce, Oct. 8-9.
Kootenai—Coeur d'Alene, Oct. 12-13.

Utah.

Cache—Logan, Sept. 21-23.

Montana.

Midland Empire—Billings, Sept. 21-24.

British Columbia.

Vancouver—Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 13-18.
Victoria—Victoria, Sept. 20-25.
New Westminster — New Westminster, Sept. 27-Oct. 2.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Stevens County—Colville, Wash., Sept. 29-Oct. 1.
Livestock Show—Los Angeles, Oct. 4-10.
Southern California—Riverside, Oct. 13-19.
Western Royal—Spokane, November 1-5.
Northwest—Lewiston, Nov. 7-12.
Pacific International—Portland, Nov. 15-20.

Corvallis.—Just outside Corvallis is the chicken ranch of G. B. Coon, who has a pullet that has laid an egg each day for 131 consecutive days. The previous world record was for 114 consecutive days.

Marshfield.—Myrtle Point's water supply has failed, and the springs which are the city's sole source are drying up, so that the city is lacking in ordinary daily supplies for family use and in danger if fire occurs.

Tillamook.—A conference of representative timbermen, dairymen and business men was held at the office of the Tillamook County Creamery association Saturday night to consider building a jetty on the south side of the harbor.

Salem.—O. P. Hoff, state treasurer, Thursday signed road bonds aggregating $1,500,000. These securities were sold recently by the state highway commission and the money made available through their sale will be used in constructing permanent highways.

Portland.—R. L. Simmons, salesman for the Hazelwood company dairy department, has just returned from Southwest Washington, where he has been calling on Hazelwood customers. Mr. Simmons is the first man in the Northwest to use an airplane for commercial traveling.

Salem.—The California-Oregon Power company has filed with the Oregon public service commission application for an increase in rates at Klamath Falls. The hearing has not yet been set, but consideration of the application probably will be held in abeyance until some time next month.

Astoria.—Records of the submarine mine target practice just completed at Fort Stevens indicate the phenomenally high score of 98 per cent on the figure of merit. This result is so exceptional as to justify the belief that the defense of the Columbia will hold the United States record for this year's practice.

Marshfield.—G. M. Willoughby & Son of Bandon have procured machinery for operating a logging camp and sawmill in the Rock creek district in southeastern Coos county in a white cedar tract of 7,000,000 feet. The company will ship by rail to Coos Bay or Bandon and thence by coasting steam schooners. The cedar tract on which the firm will operate is claimed to be one of the finest stands along the coast.

Astoria.—The spring fishing season on the Columbia river closed at noon Wednesday, with a good run of fine Chinook salmon entering the river, splendid catches being made by all classes of gear and every packing plant on the lower river operating almost to its capacity. Far from being the failure that was talked of for a time, the pack averaged well with that of former years, and will exceed that of 1919 by from 10 to 15 per cent, although the pickled or cold storage output is over 20 per cent less.

SCHOOL DAYS

Rann-dom Reels

By HOWARD L. RANN

CURIOSITY

CURIOSITY is an effort to secure information which belongs to somebody else.

There is a great deal of information lying around loose which would not look well if printed on the front page, and if it were not for curiosity it could kick around on the four corners for weeks at a time without being picked up and woven into a lawsuit. There is considerable complaint about the activities of curiosity, but it probably keeps more people from helping build good roads for the state than the prickings of conscience.

Curiosity is caused by the nose becoming elongated and prying into other people's business. Many a man

An Effort to Secure Information Which Belongs to Someone Else.

has begun life with a nose of normal dimensions, and after becoming addicted to the curiosity habit has sprouted a proboscis longer than the ant-eater. There have been instances where this roving tendency has been resented by its victim, who pushes the nose back to its proper location with an irate fist.

Curiosity should be guarded against especially in the case of husbands who were formerly in the prize ring. It is a dangerous matter to pry into the personal transactions of a citizen who carries a left-uppercut and enough ready money to pay his fine. Scores of happy homes have been broken up by the gossip whose curiosity has run over the dam and convinced a credulous wife that she had married a gay Lothario instead of a master bricklayer.

Curiosity which is not fenced in can be cured by reading the parable about the mote and the beam and training the nose to keep on the sidewalk. There would be less baleful curiosity at work in this country if people would look inside a little oftener and not worry so much about how their neighbors can afford pork tenderloins twice a week. If nobody would go off his own premises when he feels like doing a little promiscuous prying, there would be better feeling and fewer blackballs cast in the lodge.

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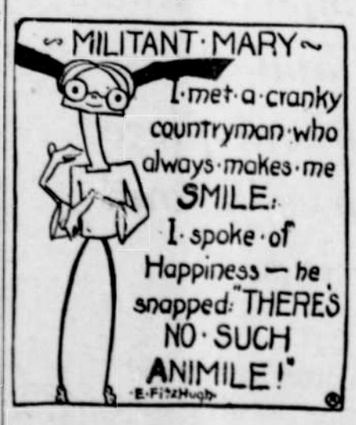

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The world uses between three and four million needles daily.

Just Folks

By EDGAR A. GUEST

DADDIES.

I would rather be the daddy
Of a romping, rougish crew,
Of a bright-eyed chubby laddie
And a little girl or two
Than the monarch of a nation
In his high and lofty seat
Taking empty adoration
From the subjects at his feet.

I would rather own their kisses
As at night to me they run
Than to be the king who misses
All the simpler forms of fun.
When the dreary day is ending
He is dismally alone,
But when my sun is descending
There are joys for me to own.

He may ride to horns and drumming,
I must walk a quiet street,
But when once they see me coming
Then on joyous flying feet
They come racing to me madly
And I catch them with a swing
And I say it proudly, gladly,
That I'm happier than a king.

You may talk of lofty places,
You may boast of pomp and power,
Men may turn their eager faces
To the glory of an hour,
But give me the humble station
With its joys that long survive.
For the daddies of the nation
Are the happiest men alive.

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Last Night's Dreams —What They Mean

DID YOU DREAM OF CHILDREN?

NEARLY all those who claim to be versed in the affairs of Dreamland declare the dreamchild to be a blessing. There are others—a few old cynics—who seem to look upon dreamchildren from the viewpoint of a modern landlord of the actual world. According to the majority it is a good omen to hear or see many children laughing and playing about the house-of-dreams. The little ones will bring you success and if you join in their play there is much happiness in store for you; especially if you have no children of your own. To the childless married and to the unmarried the dreamchild brings all the happiness and good fortune which actual children ought to, and frequently do not, bring their parents. Girls are thought to be a luckier omen than boys; but both mean good fortune—and be sure to play with them if possible.

It is not necessary, however, to dream of seeing children in order to be fortunate; though for a generally, all-round good luck dream there should be many of them. To dream of a single child means, if you are married, that one is soon to be born to you. If the child is pretty, great pleasure and considerable good fortune await you. If the child is ugly the omen is not so favorable.

If you have a child and dream of seeing one in illness it is a warning to you to look more carefully and with better judgment after your child's health. This is the generally accepted rule regarding dream-children.

The old grouches on the other hand, say that to dream of talking with a lot of children means losses, and to see a child at its mother's breast, illness, if you are not more careful of your health. However, the lovers of the dream-child are in a great majority.

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Just in Style.

Customer Trying on New Dress—Don't you think it makes me look too babyish and innocent?

Modiste—Oh, no, madam. Quite the contrary.