

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.

Forty per cent of the wreckage of the navy dirigible Shenandoah has been cleared away, Commander Jacob H. Klein of Lakehurst announced Sunday.

A big doe with horns was shot by W. D. Johnson of Sierravilla, Cal., four miles east of that city, Friday in his belief that the animal was a buck deer.

The wireless telephone is being used so effectively as a new weapon in the coast guard's war on rum smuggling that Secretary Mellon favors extension of its employment.

General John J. Pershing has received the order of Virtuti Militari from President Wojcieszowski at Warsaw. General Pershing becomes the 19th member of the order.

Amendment of the liquor control act to prohibit the issuance of permits to convicted bootleggers will be asked of the forthcoming session of the provincial parliament, the Victoria police commission announced Saturday.

The Louisville & Nashville Railway company was awarded judgment Saturday against the Western Union Telegraph company for \$2,000,000 due for rentals. The decision was handed down by Federal Judge A. M. J. Cochran at Covington, Ky.

So successful has been the performance of the 13 United States light-house service radio fog signal stations that 15 more are now being constructed or equipped with this means of aiding navigation, while approximately 20 others are proposed.

President Coolidge Saturday night took his first official recognition of the controversy stirred up in his last congress over the adequacy of American air power by appointing a special board of nine men to conduct a sweeping investigation into the subject.

The Cairo correspondent of the London Daily Express says representatives of Great Britain will shortly meet with representatives of ex-King Hussein of the Hedjaz and Ibn Saud, chief of the Wahabi tribesmen, in an attempt to arrange peace between the latter's parties.

Calvin E. Workman and Miss Rose Podlesak were killed Sunday when the airplane which Workman was flying northwest of Aurora, Ill., sideslipped and crashed to the ground from a height of 200 feet. Watching it was its owner, George E. Sabat, who was the fiance of Miss Podlesak.

Four persons lost their lives Saturday in an immense wine vat at Valreas, France. Marius Chamblin, a vineyard owner, was overcome by fumes while cleaning the vat. His son descended into the vat to rescue him, but was himself overcome, as were two employes who entered the vat.

Labor in the United States was fully employed at the beginning of September and had a bright prospect for autumn with full-time operations likely in all necessary industries. Conditions in the steel, building and automobile industries are opportunities in construction projects and harvest fields were classed as most satisfactory.

Friends of the late William Jennings Bryan gathered in Washington, D. C., Friday to confer on plans for the erection of a suitable memorial to the commoner. Josephus Daniels, who as secretary of the navy served in the Wilson cabinet with Mr. Bryan, and who has taken a prominent part in the movement for a memorial, was one of the group.

Preparations were made Friday for the removal of what are believed to be the bodies of a royal family of the ancient mound builders discovered Thursday in the Seip group of mounds near Bainbridge, O. The bodies were found wrapped in strands of pearls of extraordinary size and perfection. An unusual quantity of ornaments of copper, silver and tortoise shell were found. Copper helmets covered the two skulls.

Inexperienced.

"I've never kissed a girl before," he said, removing the cigars from his vest pocket and stepping toward her.

OREGON MARKSMEN THIRD-TIME VICTORS

Camp Perry, O.—Oregon's national guard for the third consecutive year fought its way to victory over every national guard in the United States in the national rifle matches here Thursday and won the national guard trophy in the infantry matches.

With every other state in the union struggling for the place, the Oregon riflemen were more than 1000 points ahead of their nearest competitor at the end of the match.

An immense crowd assembled for the annual rifle classic. Oregon in the drawing for place was one of the last teams to fire. Divided into two firing platoons, the picked sharpshooters from Oregon drew the spotlight as they started in skirmish formation down the 500-yard course, firing under difficult conditions. Oregon finished the course in four minutes, a clear winner again by more than 1000 points.

Schools Enrol 324,000.

Seattle, Wash. — Figures reported here by State Superintendent Preston showed that 324,000 pupils and approximately 11,300 teachers returned to their classes in the state's public schools during the last two weeks. Last year the schools enrolled 79 2-3 per cent of 397,000 children of school age enumerated in the census and circumstances indicate that the percentage of enrollment would show a slight gain this year.

Actual attendance reaches its height in October, experience has showed.

Bolt Taken From Lung.

Philadelphia. — The dislodging and removal of an iron bolt over an inch long and a quarter inch thick from a boy's lung took just four minutes of the surgeon's time last week at the Jefferson hospital here.

Roy Kruger, 11, of Rockford, Ill., was the patient. He swallowed the bolt several months ago, and since had suffered attacks of both pneumonia and diphtheria. The operation was facilitated through the use of the bronchoscope.

Road Plans Up to People.

Marshfield, Or. — Approval of the Southern Pacific-Klamath Falls plans will be left to a mass meeting on Coos bay, as the Marshfield chamber of commerce would not approve the plans last week when Ben C. Dey, the company's attorney, met with the executive committee and made such a request. Dr. Dey said that an east and west road from the Union Pacific connections in the eastern part of the state was only a dream and at best a matter of the future.

Line Issues Booklet on Corn.

Seattle, Wash.—The Northern Pacific railway announced recently the publication of a new booklet containing statistics and photographs of the general resources of Washington and northern Idaho for distribution to prospective settlers. The booklet stated that "Washington is in the corn belt" and pictures showed tall corn on a farm of S. D. Cornell at Grandview, which broke the world's record with 57,610 pounds of silage from one acre.

Candy "Sucker" Kills.

Butte, Mont.—A penny candy sucker, held in his mouth as he fell while playing in his home, brought death last week to Jack Ryan, 2 years old. His mother, after frantic efforts to dislodge the confection from the boy's throat, took him to a hospital.

An examination revealed the boy's neck was broken, presumably in the struggle to dislodge the stick attached to the candy.

936 Miles of Road Improved.

Salem, Or. — There are now 936 miles of improved highway in Marion county, according to J. T. Hunt, county judge, who was the principal speaker at a luncheon of the Salem Rotary club. The improved highway includes 614 miles of gravel, 185 miles of macadam and 140 miles of pavement. There are 237 miles of dirt road in the county yet to be improved.

Ford Action Enjoined.

New Orleans.—The state of Mississippi was temporarily enjoined from proceeding in state courts with the suit of its state revenue agent, W. J. Miller, against the Ford Motor company, in a decision in federal court here recently.

The suit was brought to collect \$12,000,000 alleged to be due for violations of the state anti-trust laws.

Fire Costs \$3,000,000.

Hawkesbury, Ont.—More than 50,000,000 feet of lumber, estimated in value at \$3,000,000, the property of the Hawkesbury Lumber Co., Ltd., situated on the island in the Ottawa river opposite this town, was destroyed by fire Friday.

The town of Grenville, on the Quebec side of the river, was showered with embers.

BAKER STOCKMEN SEEK U. S. LEASES

Present Permit System Declared Unjust.

VIEWES GIVEN AT MEET

Cattle Industry Suffering, William Pollman Says. Congress to Be Asked for New Deal.

Baker, Or.—Testimony favorable to a national policy whereby congress would provide for the leasing of grazing lands within the public domain to adjacent stockmen was given Saturday before three members of the committee on public lands of the United States senate by F. A. Phillipps, W. A. Steward, William Pollman, all of Baker, and William Jones of Juntura, Malheur county.

The senators present were Robert N. Stanford of Oregon, chairman; Tasker H. Oddie, Nevada, and Ralph Cameron, Arizona. The session was held in the circuit court room at the courthouse.

The opinion was unanimous that the present permit system worked an injury on the industry and was an injustice to those trying to make a living out of it. Long-term leases, it was agreed, are the best policy.

William Pollman stated that a permit was practically valueless to a cattleman seeking a bank loan. The bank did not know he would be able to use the forest. He might be evicted at any time.

"We regard a man who may not be able to stay in the business as a poor risk," he said. "The first thing we ask a man is, 'Have you summer grazing?'"

Mr. Pollman stated that if the lands were leased for long periods to private individuals who were allowed to pasture them as they pleased, it would be better for all concerned. He did not believe the right would be abused in more than few instances. He particularly criticized the present system of setting an arbitrary date for opening the forests to pasture. This is done from Washington and takes no account of the seasons. He recommended that the users of the forest in co-operation with the local forest men decide upon the date and suggested a local disinterested board to settle disputes.

Community leases for groups of small stockmen who cannot graze profitably now were endorsed.

"Anything you can do to help the small stockmen will benefit the country as a whole," he said.

William Jones, 50 years in the livestock business, said that the industry had declined 50 per cent in his neighborhood and he believed a leasing policy would within ten years more than double the cattle on the range, improve the quality of the stock and give the business a new lease on life.

"The stockmen would build up the range to the point where it would support twice as many cattle as it does now if he had a long-time lease on it," he said.

Japanese Boy Lauded.

Washington, D. C.—A Japanese boy, Genichiro Yamada of Tokio, was told in a letter Saturday by Chairman John Barton Payne of the Red Cross, that he was responsible for "one of the most remarkable instances of self-denial and generosity I ever encountered or heard of."

Yamada upon receiving his annual allowance of \$1.50 from his parents, forwarded the entire sum to the American Red Cross to help relief work in the Santa Barbara earthquake disaster saying he recalled "the great sympathy and kind assistance" from the United States after the similar Tokio catastrophe.

Two Gunboats Dispatched.

Washington, D. C.—The gunboats Tulsa and Denver are proceeding from Panama to the ports of Corinto and Bluefields, Nicaragua, respectively as a precautionary measure thought necessary by the American legation in Nicaragua, due to the disturbed political situation in that country.

No landing operations are in contemplation as no American lives or property have been actually endangered.

Train Kills 5 in Auto.

Shelby, Mont.—Five persons were killed and another fatally injured when their automobile was struck by a Great Northern mail train at a downtown crossing Sunday. All were residents of Shelby. The dead: Mr. and Mrs. Michael Haquet, ranch owners; Mrs. O. B. McIntire, Virginia McIntire, 11, and Jean McIntire, 12.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Salem.—There were four fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending September 10, according to a report prepared here by the state industrial accident commission.

Corvallis.—Burglars broke into the downtown office of the Fischer Flour mills of this city Thursday night, hampered the combination of the safe and made away with \$75 and a lot of exposition medals.

Silverton.—Merton G. Ellis of Canby, Or., captured first prize at a flower exhibit here last week. He was awarded a silver cup and blue ribbon for the gorgeous and immense spikes of gladioli which he had grown.

Baker.—An assay of ores from the Clover creek mine of the Baker copper belt shows values aggregating \$28.61 a ton. Copper led with a 7 per cent showing with value at \$16.80 a ton, gold \$11.20, silver 61 cents.

Salem.—Plans for the proposed new guard tower at the Oregon state penitentiary were approved by the state board of control at a special meeting here Saturday.

Salem.—Edward Stack, secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, and other officials of the organization appeared before the state board of control Saturday and requested an adjustment of salaries affecting firemen and assistant engineers employed at the state institutions.

St. Helens.—Fall fishing thus far has been very satisfactory to men who deliver to local stations, and, while the run has slackened somewhat, large catches are being made. Twenty-five tons of salmon and silversides were delivered here Friday afternoon, and Saturday's receipts were close to 20 tons.

Eugene.—The Washington-Oregon Linen Mills company, which has been planning establishment of a linen mill at Vancouver, Wash., has made a proposition to the Eugene chamber of commerce to locate the plant here instead, company officials saying Vancouver had failed to meet their requirements.

Dallas.—Prune harvest is nearing an end in the Dallas district. It was the lightest crop ever grown here, estimates placing it at less than 20 per cent normal. In many of the orchards the fruit was not gathered at all and only a small percentage of the driers of the district have been operated this year.

Baker.—Business conditions in Baker county are better and the outlook for a steady, consistent growth is brighter than at any time in the last seven years that he has visited this district. J. P. Pulliam of Milwaukee, Wis., president of the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, said on his return from inspection of the company's property.

Salem.—Schofield Hayden post, Grand Army of the Republic, with headquarters at Retsil, Wash., has notified Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, that an old flag which was part of the equipment of the battleship Oregon at the time it passed around the horn will be returned to this state and restored to the warship, which is anchored in Portland harbor.

Dallas.—The Polk county fair, which closed here Friday, was the most successful in the history of the fair organization. For the first time admission was free and as a result the attendance was much larger than ever before. Brush college won the first premium on community booths, with Liberty second. Governor Pierce was present and delivered an address Friday night.

Bend.—One more scenic drive through the Deschutes national forest was opened for the use of tourists last week. This is a combination of the Century drive with the Sisters and Three Creeks lake route, joined by a road which is practically completed from near Todd late to a point about one mile east of the Tumalo ranger station. The entire loop is about 125 miles in length.

Baker.—The number of stockraisers grazing herds in the Whitman national forest is decreasing steadily, a report here Saturday shows. In 1921, 448 permits for cattle and sheep were issued; in 1922 there were 420; in 1923, 375, and last year only 332. The number of animals has declined in proportion. Last year permits were issued for the grazing of 21,944 cattle and 129,427 sheep.

Salem.—Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of Portland, in August aggregated \$189,675, according to a report issued Saturday by the state fire marshal. In all 70 fires were reported for the month. The most disastrous blaze was near Salem, where a barn, silos and other property were destroyed with a loss of \$18,000. Three fires were of incendiary origin, three were due to overheated flues, while five were caused by defective wiring.

S. P. CO. WINS BIG AWARD

Land Grant Case Ends in \$4,077,478.35 Decree. May Not Appeal.

Portland, Or.—The last chapter, unless an appeal is taken, in the historic Oregon and California land grant case, involving title to 3,727,889.94 acres of land granted by the government to the Oregon & California railroad, or its predecessor, in the '60s, was written Monday when Federal Judge Wolverton handed down a decision in the court allowing the Southern Pacific railroad \$4,077,478.35.

The Southern Pacific company absorbed the old Oregon & California company many years ago and the suit was really an accounting between the government and the defendant company. The railroad sought an award of about \$8,000,000 for the land involved and the government originally conceded \$1,200,000.

In the decision, which covered 146 typewritten pages and which took one hour and 30 minutes for the reading Monday morning, the court held that the railroad company was entitled to \$2,500 an acre for the land, totaling \$9,319,724, but that the government had a counter claim of \$5,242,246.50 which was deducted.

The land is said to be worth approximately \$30,000,000 at present.

The Central Union Trust company of New York, successor to the Union Trust company, is the holder of a mortgage which covers all of the granted land except that sold prior to May 12, 1887. The mortgage is dated July 1, 1887.

The Southern Pacific company was represented by Dey, Hampson & Nelson, who stated that a copy of the court's decree would be sent to the head office of the company at San Francisco and any decision relative to further appeal would be made there. They were of the opinion that the case would not be contested further.

The accounting suit was the result of merging some 100 individual actions and was brought under the provisions of the Chamberlain-Ferris act, passed by congress in 1916.

The present decision determines the total amount of money the Southern Pacific company, as ex-owner, should receive from the government as a result of its taking over the land grant in 1915. The district covered by the grant is in two parcels, one known as the west side grant and the other the east side. The first grant was made in 1866 and the other in 1870.

The grant was awarded the Oregon & California company with but two major restrictions — that the land should be sold only to actual settlers and that the parcels should not exceed 160 acres at a price of \$2.50 an acre.

When the Southern Pacific took over the Oregon & California road the land was considered as its property in fee simple and the latter company proceeded to sell as it desired. The government was fully aware of this and yet for many years the practice continued without interruption. About 15 years ago, however, the government started its action.

Merger Declared Lawful.

Washington, D. C.—The merger of the Armour and Morris packing companies was declared legal Monday by Secretary Jardine, who dismissed the complaint initiated in 1923 by the late Secretary Wallace.

Announcement of the opinion was preceded by a conference at the White House, at which the secretary discussed the case in detail with the president.

The complaint dismissed charged the merger violated the packers' and stockyard act by creating a monopoly in restraint of trade to control prices and cause unfair competition. A mass of evidence was taken in hearings throughout the country and arguments were heard in Washington by the secretary of agriculture.

Mr. Jardine ruled the merger in itself did not constitute a violation of the act, but asserted that if a violation should result from the consolidation of the two packing houses he had "ample power and authority to take appropriate and effective action."

Neither the purpose nor the effect of the merger, he held, involved price fixing, monopoly or unreasonable restraint of commerce.

Ex-Spy For South Dies.

New York.—Alone and friendless in Greenwich Village, Miss Virginia Moon, 81, who as a confederate army spy slipped through the union lines many times, died Friday. It was only the chance scanning of the death notice column in a New York paper by an artist of the village, that led to the discovery that the little old woman, known to half the southland in the civil war days as "Miss Ginger," had succumbed.

Seattle.—Mayor Brown of Seattle delayed a convention conference here Saturday to arrest five taxicab drivers for reckless driving and disorderly conduct. The disturbance was caused when two taxicabs collided.

NORMA SHEARER



This popular "movie" star spent her early life in Montreal, Canada. She is especially fond of winter sports and outdoor exercise. Miss Shearer advises girls and women to give special care to their complexions. She won a beauty prize in her home town before she entered the pictures.

Your Health By ANDREW F. CURRIER, M. D.

URIC ACID CONDITION

THE uric acid condition is a perverse and obnoxious one, and often visits those who have lived a perfectly abstemious and correct life, and seemingly overlooks others who have recklessly disregarded the laws of health.

But that would not justify disregarding sanitary precautions and throwing scientific rules overboard.

We are surely safer, as a rule, in being particular about our habits and modes of living.

An eminent physician and dietitian of New York, Professor Porter, says that uric acid results from the chemical changes which take place in the albuminoid foods—fish, meat, milk and eggs principally; but that it is never found in these foods nor appears anywhere during the digestive process, nor in the blood under normal conditions, but is manufactured only in the cells of the kidneys and is a waste, or final product of food changes.

When it is discharged with the urine, and when there is too much of it oxidation is not going on properly in the body.

When oxidation proceeds as it should uric acid combines with other substances in the kidneys or bladder and is discharged from the body as such compounds.

One of these compounds, for example, is sodium urate, which is formed by combination of uric acid with sodium chloride (or table salt) which circulates in solution in the blood.

Too much uric acid also means improper chemical changes in the albuminoid food, and that the uric acid has produced disease.

The tendency to excessive formation of uric acid is common in middle life and old age.

It may come from worry and want of sleep, overexertion, improper diet and free use of alcoholic beverages. It is seen in such joint diseases as rheumatism, gout, joint diseases, and various forms of indigestion.

It may lead to the formation of hard stones in the kidney or bladder, which are very much more troublesome than those which are soft and easily broken.

It may be absorbed from the kidneys into the blood and deposited in the joints and other tissues.

When it is present or suspected the bowels and kidneys must be kept moving freely, water and milk drunk in abundance, and simple, laxative food eaten, such as bran, oils, prunes, figs and baked apples.

Albuminoid foods must be eaten sparingly, especially meat, fish and eggs.

As these substances are responsible for uric acid, the less they are eaten the less, as a rule, will there be of uric acid.

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