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### THE EDITOR THEN REBELLED.

A country editor on an Eastern paper had been trying for months to enthuse the people of his town, but they were mossbacks and he could not wake them up. Finally, overcome by disgust, he quit the job, and took this farewell shot at his constituents:

"It is little use for the local editor to waste his lungs and sprain his spine to boom a town when the citizens all stand around with their hands in their pockets and indifferently wait for something to turn up. If the capitalists and business men do not put their shoulders to the wheel and do a little boosting, it is useless for the editor to try to boost things. He can write boom articles till he gets bald-headed, but if the citizens themselves do not hold and push, the town will forever stick in the mud. Of what use is it for the local paper to suggest improvements and new enterprises if the suggestions are never acted upon? One man cannot boom a town. It requires the concerted action of the citizens. When one man shoulders a town and attempts to carry it, there are always a lot of cranky kickers ready to jump on top of the load."

### BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Not a single dollar was lost in Polk county through forest fires this year.

Scandinavian day will be celebrated at the state fair in Salem, October 1.

Between 700,000 and 800,000 bushels of grain will leave Portland in October on sailing vessels alone.

A \$30,000 bathing tank is to be built in Baker, to replace the present wood one at the natatorium near the city.

There are 50,055 children of school age in Multnomah county, of whom 25,104 are boys and 24,951 are girls.

Approximate valuation of property in Marion county for 1915 as given out by Ben F. West, assessor, is \$37,229,460.

Medford Elks dedicated their new \$50,000 temple with impressive rituals of the order in the presence of 1500 Elks and friends.

The combined output of prunes packed in Salem will total well over 100 carloads or 3500 tons, according to estimates made.

Secretary of State Olcott has completed the printing of the journals of the house and senate and they are now ready for distribution.

Thirty of Portland's public school buildings will be immediately thrown open for civic centers and public gatherings may be held in the school auditoriums.

The yield of prunes in the Rickreall district this year has disappointed the growers, who expect, in most instances, that the crop is but little above half the average.

Arrangements were completed by the Oregon Agricultural college extension office for a course of lectures and demonstrations in engineering subjects to be given in Portland this winter.

In compliance with orders issued by the interstate commerce commission the Southern Pacific has raised the rates on numerous commodities between interior points in Oregon and California.

Several small forest fires in the coast mountains west of Corvallis were started during the last week, but prompt action by residents of the district, assisted by the early fall rains, have entirely subdued them.

The construction work on the new \$50,000 state training school building for the Oregon Normal school is being rushed, and according to President Ackerman, the new structure will be ready for occupancy by January 10, 1916.

Plans have been prepared by the Columbia Agricultural company, which has already reclaimed 6000 acres of delta land along the Columbia river near Clatskanie, for the reclamation of approximately 10,000 additional acres.

George Watt, manager of the Klamath Packing company, of Klamath Falls, intends to send to the exposition at San Francisco what is believed to be the largest steer ever produced in the state of Oregon. He is a six-year-old range-fed animal weighing 3000 pounds.

S. P. Williamson, national chief of construction in all reclamation projects, is in Klamath Falls and announces that work on the Klamath project, which was stopped June 1, will resume at once. The work is for the drainage of a large area east and south of the city.

Contending that the supreme court erred in a recent decision upholding an ordinance of the city of Portland imposing a 3 per cent tax on the gross receipts of the Portland Gas & Coke company, the attorneys for the company have filed a petition for a rehearing of the case.

As a result of a court decree following a suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$1,250,000 the entire properties of the Wendling-Johnson Lumber company in Douglas and Lane counties, have been purchased by the bondholders of the Michigan Trust company at a consideration of \$1,050,000. The sale involves a large tract of fir timber near the mouth of the Siuslaw river and a large mill at Acme.

Attorney General Brown has addressed a letter to all district attorneys of Oregon calling their attention to the advisability of making an estimate for the information of the county courts of the amounts that will be necessary next year in obtaining or attempting to obtain evidence or expenses otherwise incurred in prosecuting violations of the statewide law prohibiting the sale and manufacture of intoxicating liquor.

### JAMES ARCHIBALD



J. F. J. Archibald, American correspondent, caught by the British with letters which caused recall of Ambassador Dumba.

### PREMIER RADOSLAVOFF



M. Radoslavoff, premier of Bulgaria, whose negotiations with the belligerents has caused much speculation as to which side Bulgaria would favor.

### CURB ON TIPLERS WHO SMOKE IS AIM

Portland—If the Woman's Christian Temperance Union has its way, no person who uses tobacco in any form will be permitted to receive shipments of liquor in Oregon after the prohibition law goes into effect next January 1.

Mrs. Mattie M. Sleeth, state lecturer for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, told an audience in the Central Methodist Episcopal church Sunday of "a perfectly lovely scheme" the union has in view for depriving tobacco users of their drinks.

The process of eliminating them from the privileged ones who under the law can ship in 24 quarts of beer or two quarts of spirituous liquor a month, is to be quite simple, as Mrs. Sleeth outlined it.

In the affidavit for all liquor consignees to sign they must swear among other things that they are "not addicted to the use of narcotic drugs."

The plan of the union is to have tobacco users declared addicts to the use of narcotic drugs.

### ARSON OPERATIONS GIVEN

Confession Says Gang Burned Houses Bought on Installment Plan.

Oakland.—Details of the operations of an alleged arson gang were made public here when the police gave out part of the confession said to have been secured from Charles L. Burright, who with his wife, is in custody awaiting trial on a charge of arson. Burright, the police say, gave them the dates and places of 26 incendiary fires for which he and his gang were responsible, and on which they are said to have realized, by collecting the insurance, an average profit of \$600 a fire.

Their method, Burright explained, was to buy lots on the installment plan, build houses and furnish them, also on the installment plan, take all the insurance they could get and then set the place on fire.

Burright declared, the police say, that he and his gang had burned houses in Tacoma, Seattle, Portland, Or., and in the following California cities: Richmond, Oakland, San Jose, Englewood, Pasadena, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, Calexico.

### Federal Control Idea Beaten 28 to 7.

Portland.—By a vote of 28 to 7, delegates to the Western States Water Power conference in their concluding session declared for control by the states of the water powers of the states, as against federal guardianship by the secretary of the interior.

### Indiana Votes Bring Dime Alepce.

Indianapolis.—Voters were bought for ten cents, "the price of a drink," in the election of November 3, 1914, according to Edward J. ("Big Chief") O'Leary, who testified in the trial of Mayor Bell, charged with election conspiracy.

### THE MARKETS

#### Portland.

Wheat—Club, 84c; bluestem, 89c; red Russian, 81c; forty-fold, 86c; red five, 82c.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.50.

Butter—Creamery, 29c. Eggs—Ranch, 30c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 28c; valley, 28c.

Mohair—30c.

#### Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem, 91c; club, 85c; red Russian, 80c; forty-fold, 87c; five, 81c.

Barley—\$24 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$16 per ton; alfalfa, \$14 per ton. Butter—Creamery, 30c. Eggs—30c.

#### Farmer is Killed by Accident.

Eugene.—John Hornung, a farmer living south of Goheen and about seven miles south of Eugene, was accidentally killed by John Johnson, principal of the Goheen schools, while they were on a deer hunting trip in the mountains about 17 miles south of Eugene. Johnson shot at a pheasant with his rifle and the bullet struck a tree, glanced and struck Hornung in a vital spot, causing instant death.

### BRIEF WAR NEWS

Greece answered the Bulgarian call to arms by ordering general mobilization of her land forces.

Germany's third war loan was oversubscribed \$507,000,000, according to official announcement. Ten billion marks (about \$2,500,000,000) was asked. Subscriptions totaled \$3,007,500,000.

The Italian official communication records the repulse of Austrian attacks at various points and declares that in the region of the Danua and Giudicaria valleys the Italians by a surprise attack succeeded in demolishing part of the Austrian trenches.

All the way from the Baltic port of Riga to the Pripet marshes the Russians are holding their line stubbornly in an attempt to bring their long retirement to an end. The fighting is particularly severe southeast of Vilna and east of Dvinsk. Envelopment of the Vilna army having failed, it is assumed the Germans will develop their offensive movement at Dvinsk, with the view of an ultimate blow at Riga.

American vessels carrying conditional contraband of war hereafter under no circumstances will be sunk by Germans, nor will American merchantmen carrying absolute contraband of war be sent to the bottom except in cases of extreme necessity. These promises are made to the United States in a new note from Germany concerning the sinking of the ship William P. Frye.

That the long-expected "drive" by the Anglo-French allies on the western front has begun is indicated by dispatches from London, Paris and Berlin. The Paris report says that gains have been made. Berlin declares the allies have suffered heavily. The offensive was preceded by an intense artillery bombardment lasting 50 hours. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting ensued at many points.

### SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Mrs. Russell Sage celebrated her 87th birthday by sending checks aggregating \$60,000 to various Syracuse, N. Y., institutions.

Allens residing temporarily in the United States will come under the income tax law, according to recent ruling given out at Washington.

Atlanta, Ga., was selected as the 1916 meeting-place of the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows at the closing session of the sovereign grand lodge in San Francisco.

Mrs. Wallace R. Stauffer of New Orleans, granddaughter of President Zachary Taylor, has presented to President Wilson, for the White house collection, several heirlooms belonging to her grandfather.

Upon their written assurance that they did not drink a toast to the Kaiser, as had been charged, Captain Waldron and Lieutenant Garliner, of Fort Stevens, Or., were exonerated. General Hugh Scott, chief of staff, said he accepted their explanation.

"Let the states tax the products of government lands that are developed by private parties under government leases," is the answer made by Secretary Lane, of the interior department, to the western protest against the contemplated government leasing system.

### Sofia Denies Aggression.

London.—The Bulgarian government officially communicated to the powers a note declaring, in the most categorical fashion, that the mobilization of the Bulgarian army was ordered in the national interest and had not the slightest offensive character.

### American Consulate at Stuttgart Hit.

Washington.—The American consulate at Stuttgart, Germany, in the recent raid upon that place by French airmen, according to a message from Consul Higgins, was struck by a fragment of a bomb. He said no one in the consulate was injured.

### Suspect Held for 4 Train Robberies.

Oregon City.—James Taylor, aged 35, who is believed to have been involved in four streetcar robberies near here and in Portland in June and July of this year, was captured near Milwaukie in a shack in a lonely, deserted part of the country by Sheriff Wilson and Special Agent Lillis, of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Co., aided by B. McShane and Morris Cetti.

### Mill at Lebanon Burns.

Lebanon.—The sawmill of the Lebanon Lumber company was destroyed by fire, which started in the rear of the mill near the "cyclone" in sawdust. The only property saved was the team barn and mill office, which are disconnected from the mill proper. The loss is estimated at \$40,000, with insurance on the mill lumber and light plant of about \$40,000.

### Another fire is reported at Baker

the past week.

### ALLIES START LONG ANTICIPATED DRIVE

Terrific Bombardment Precedes Attacks on German Western Front.

Paris.—By a combined, simultaneous onslaught with overwhelming forces on every sector of the battle front, stretching 300 miles from the North Sea to the Vosges mountains, the French and British armies have captured more than 20 miles of German trenches and fortifications for a depth in many instances of two and one-half miles, have seized various villages and vantage points and have taken more than 20,000 prisoners and many guns.

The battle was preceded by preparatory thunder of the hundreds of huge new cannon built for the supreme conflict and which, for 50 hours, literally rained fire on the German fortifications, both explosive and incendiary shells being hurled into the positions held by the Teutonic soldiers.

With almost startling suddenness the roar of big guns ceased. In the next instant tens of thousands of British infantrymen leaped from their trenches south of the region of La Bassée canal and raced forward to the first-line trenches of the Germans. Many of these had been utterly destroyed; only mounds of earth freshly turned by the bursting shells remaining where they had been.

The French attacked at the same instant on a front 15 miles wide. Division after division of infantry swept across the open space between the opposing trenches and cut their way through for distances varying from two-thirds of a mile to two miles and a half.

The French made their chief onset against the German lines around Perthes, Beausejour and Suippes, in Champagne, where the attack gave them possession of more territory than they had retaken from the Germans since the latter dug themselves in after the battle of Marne.

The French also have regained the cemetery of Souchez and trenches east of the "Labyrinth," in the Arras district, which was the scene of heavy fighting earlier in the year.

### GERMANY ADMITS LOSSES IN WEST

Berlin, via London.—A repulse of a German division near Loos, northwest of Lens, with considerable casualties and the loss of materials, is admitted in the German official communication made public here.

The evacuation of an advanced German position north of Perthes between Rheims and the Argonne forest is also admitted by the war office. The communication says:

"The battles in the continuation of the British and French offensive have progressed without bringing our assailants considerably nearer to their aim.

"In the sector of Ypres the enemy suffered heavy losses and had no success.

"Southwest of Lille the enemy succeeded in repulsing one of our divisions near Loos from its advance line of defense to its second line. Naturally we had considerable losses, including material of all kinds enclosed between the two positions.

"In the struggle between Rheims and the Argonne, north of Perthes, one German division was obliged to evacuate its advanced position by a bombardment for 70 hours and retire to its second position, situated from two to three kilometers behind the first. However, all attempts to break through failed."

### CHANGES IN GERMAN STAFF

Opponents of Modified Submarine Policy Have Been Removed.

Berlin, via London.—Admiral von Holtzendorff, ex-commander of the German high seas fleet, is now head of the naval general staff, succeeding Vice-Admiral von Bachman. Rear-Admiral Behncke, vice-chief of the naval general staff, also is out, and it is understood his successor will be Admiral von Koch, inspector of marine instruction at the naval academy.

The changes took place in connection with the modification in the submarine policy signalized by Ambassador von Bernstorff's declarations at Washington. The displaced admirals, it is understood, were opposed to the modifications.

### Marines Kill 40 Haitians.

Cape Haitien.—In an attack by Haitien rebels on an American force about two miles from Cape Haitien 40 Haitians were killed. Ten Americans were wounded.

The rebels have refused to disarm and the Americans are marching on Haut-du-Cap. In the plain of the north



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