

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Muncie, Ind., has voted "dry" by a majority of 482.

Ex-President Taft is to be appointed a Supreme court justice.

Senator Fall, of New Mexico, makes an earnest plea for armed intervention in Mexico.

Thirty persons were hurt in riots on the first day of the general workmen's strike in Rome.

Structural ironworkers convicted of dynamiting lost their final appeal to the Supreme court.

Premier Asquith presented his Irish Home Rule bill before parliament and received a chilly reception.

Senator Tillman's long-pending resolution forbidding smoking during sessions was adopted by the senate.

Japan has cut \$20,000,000 from her proposed navy budget, after having made a previous cut of \$11,000,000.

London police succeeded in arresting Mrs. Pankhurst for the sixth time, after a lively fight with suffragettes.

A military aviator and his passenger were killed at Vienna when their motor stopped, causing their biplane to fall.

Secretary of War Garrison takes a hand in the inquiries into the death of Clemente Vergara at the hands of Mexican federals.

A 12-inch gun exploded at Sandy Hook proving grounds while being tested with a new powder. One man was slightly injured.

The Postoffice department is having great trouble securing bids for carrying mails on star routes, owing to the increased business brought by Parcel Post, and the fact that there is no equitable method of fixing the compensation.

General Souder, leader of the Souders faction of the famous Souders-Turner feud, in Kentucky, which was supposed to have ended 25 years ago, died of pneumonia at his home. He was 53 years old and is reported to have killed 11 men. He prided himself, however, on the fact that for the last 20 years he had been a law-abiding citizen.

President Wilson requests congress to repeal the canal tolls measure, and the British press expresses great approval.

Slight earthquake shocks were felt in many towns in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas.

Senator Jones urges his waterpower bill before congress, on the plea that it will reduce the high cost of living.

The army of unemployed en route from San Francisco to Washington, were driven from Oakland by the police.

A Baltimore woman is down with nervous prostration, after having tried 40 different cooks in succession within a year.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 91@91½; bluestem, 1@1.01; forty-fold, 91@92c; red Russian, 91c; valley, 91c.

Oats—No. 1 white, milling, \$24 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$33.50@34; cracked, \$34.50@35 ton.

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 ton; brewing, \$23@23.50; rolled, \$25.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17; mixed timothy, \$14; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$9@10; valley, grain hay, \$12@13.50.

Millfeed—Bran, \$31 ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$31.

Vegetables — Cauliflower, \$2.25 crate; eggplant, 25¢ pound; peppers, 20¢; garlic, 15¢; sprouts, 10¢@11¢; celery, \$4.50 crate; hot-house lettuce, 50¢@75¢ box; spinach, \$1 crate; horse-radish, 8¢@10¢; cabbage, 2¢ pound; turnips, 75¢; carrots, 85¢; parsnips, 85¢; beets, \$1.

Green Fruit — Apples, 75¢@82.25 box; cranberries, \$12@12.50 barrel; pears, \$1@1.50.

Onions—Old, \$3.25@3.50 sack; buying price, \$2.75@3 at shipping points.

Potatoes—Oregon, 75¢@80¢ hundred; buying price, 50¢@55¢ at shipping points.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 18¢@19c dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 17½@18c; springs, 17½@18c; broilers, 25c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 14@18c; geese, 10¢@11c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 27¢@27½¢ pound; cubes, 23@24¢.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@10½¢ pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13½@14¢ pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 16¢@17; 1914 contracts, 13½@14c.

Wool — Valley, 16@17c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15; mohair, 1913 clip, 26@27c pound.

Hides—Salted hides, 12¢ pound; salt kip, 13c; salted calf, 17c; green hides, 11¢; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 25c; salted bulls, 8c; green bulls, 7c.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@7.75; choice, \$7.30@7.50; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.25@7; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6@7.25; light calves, \$8@9; heavy, \$6@7.50; bulls, \$4@5.50; stags, \$6@7.50.

Hogs—Light, \$8@8.65; heavy, \$7@7.65.

Sheep — Wethers, \$5@6; ewes, \$3.50@5; lambs, \$5@6.85.

Reduction of Tariff Has Not Flooded Markets

Hartford, Conn.—William C. Redfield, secretary of commerce, addressing the State Business Men's association of Connecticut, asked what had become of the threatened flooding of American markets with foreign-made goods attracted by the new tariff schedules.

"All men are witnesses that the flooding of our markets with the products of the so-called pauper labor of Europe has not occurred," he said. "Nay, the total imports for the entire period since the tariff came into effect are actually less than they were for a like period a year ago. What has become of the millions on millions in value of goods waiting to be unloaded upon us whereby the power to purchase more cheaply was to bring disaster and distress upon American industries?"

"Instead, as editors and speakers look back over the cold, hard facts of our foreign trade their remarks about the flooding of our markets must come to their thought as those things one would rather not have said.

"Meanwhile the current has run strongly the other way and particularly is this true in the shape of fully finished materials, our foreign trade in which continues to grow despite the normal fluctuations from month to month in the total export business. If there were any who felt the flooding had come when December imports rose to the largest ever known, namely, \$184,500,000, they must have experienced a rude shock when the imports for January fell off over \$30,000,000, so as even to be less by almost \$9,000,000 than the month of January, 1913. It is normal and we expect a growth in the imports of manufactures under the new tariffs, in order that competitive conditions may exist to the general good. It is equally normal and we expect that as great or a larger growth will take place in the exportations of manufactures in order that business may run more steadily in our American shops and that the gold of the nations may be brought in increasing quantities into the pockets of our people."

Four Fall in Fight on Crowded Railway Train

Welch, W. Va.—R. L. Taylor, a deputy sheriff, is dead; A. D. Beavers, ex-United States deputy marshal, is dying, and D. W. Beavers, a deputy sheriff, and T. E. Hickey, are seriously wounded as the result of a pistol battle on a Norfolk & Western train between Jaeger and Berwind, W. Va. It is said that the shooting followed a quarrel between Taylor and the Beavers brothers. Taylor was shot five times and instantly killed. A. D. Beavers received a bullet in the abdomen, his brother was shot through the leg, and Hickey, who had no part in the fight, received a thigh wound.

Bob Evans, one of the combatants, as arrested. All those who took part in the battle are prominent and well known as officials in the coal fields.

The car in which the shooting occurred was crowded with passengers, but the duellists shot nearly true to their aim and only one non-combatant was injured.

Idaho Buys Up Defunct Irrigation Project

Boise, Idaho—The defunct King Hill irrigation project located in Snake River valley, surrounding the town of King Hill, was sold at public auction to the state of Idaho for \$30,000. The sale was ordered by the Federal court because the King Hill Irrigation & Power company had not met its financial obligation.

The state made the only bid at the sale and the amount offered was the minimum price set by the court that could be received. The project will be financed by Carey act trust money and later it is hoped that the state and government can co-operate.

Doctor Victim of "Cure."

New York—While laboring to discover a cure for the opium-smoking habit, which wealthy patients had contracted, Dr. Herman H. Seidler fell a victim to the persuasion of the drug, according to his testimony in the United States court, where he is charged with having manufactured smoking opium without a license. Most of his acquaintances were opium smokers, he said, and to cure them of the habit he had experimented with the drug. Many of Dr. Seidler's patients are said to be prominent.

Roads See Trouble Ahead.

Albany, N. Y.—"The railroads of the country are face to face with the greatest financial problem in the history of railroading in the United States," says a petition submitted to the New York legislature by the presidents of 12 large railroads, asking for the repeal of the full-crew law.

"This law in the past six months has cost the railroads \$600,000," the petition declares, "and no additional safety has been given the public."

Man of 104 Saws Wood.

Penn Yan, N. Y.—Samuel Keefer, of Turry, celebrated his 104th birthday Wednesday. He is apparently as vigorous as a man of 70 years and mentally appears much younger. When he was interviewed Mr. Keefer was resting on a snow shovel. He said he expected to saw up quite a bit of wood before the end of his 104th birthday. He attributes his long life to his strict rules of living.

Suffrage Bill Advances.

Boston—The proposed amendment to the constitution, which would give the right to women to vote, passed the state senate Wednesday.

Vast Tract Re-forested; Work Still Goes On

Eugene—Completion of the five-year task of re-foresting Mount Hebo, in Tillamook county, and the beginning of an experiment with the forestation of the sand dunes about Gardiner, are announced by H. L. Rankin, supervisor of the Staslaw national forest.

The Mount Hebo burn, which was one of the largest tracts of burned-over land in the West, was caused by the great fire of 1861, when the Indians set fire to the timber of the Coast and destroyed vast areas. Much of this was re-forested through national agencies, but the tract in Tillamook county was too vast an area for the wind to carry the tree seeds, hence the work has had to be undertaken by man's hand. In all 6000 acres will have been re-planted, and it is estimated that the whole tract will be bearing saw timber within 40 years.

Another tract of equal size lies in the northwestern portion of Lane county, back of Cape Perpetua, and the re-forestation of this tract next will be undertaken.

Court Rules State Obeys 8-Hour Law

Salem—The Supreme court, in an opinion given by Justice Moore, holds that the employees of the state, institutions do not work more than eight hours daily and ordered that Governor West, State Treasurer Kay and Secretary of State Oleot, arrested at the instance of Labor Commissioner Hoff to test the eight-hour law as it applies to state institutions, be discharged from custody. As a result of the decision it probably will not be necessary to create deficiencies for any of the state institutions. The Supreme court having decided recently

Drain Summer Lake; Get Much Fine Land

Summer Lake—One of the largest reclamation projects in Northern Lake county is under way here with the draining of Summer Lake and utilizing the flow of Ana river, which maintains the body of water at a general level by turning the stream flow into irrigation canals to supply the land on the east side of the valley.

There is an irrigation plant supplying water to about 1500 acres which is operated by pumping, the motive power being supplied from the stream flow, but only a small per cent of the water can be used this way, and the new company will build a large dam and raise the water high enough to flow upon the lands above the river, thus accomplishing a two-fold purpose—that of securing the salts of the lake at a smaller cost and furnishing irrigation at a low cost. Some 25,000 or more acres will come under the new project.

Artesian wells were discovered a few years ago in the Summer Lake valley and the largest flowing well in Oregon is said to be supplying water for stock and irrigation. There are perhaps 15 wells flowing at depths that range from 90 to 700 feet, the latter being a test well that went through several strong flows at different depths, the most popular supply being in the neighborhood of 200 feet. Settlers are pouring into the area and soon every available acre will be used for agricultural purposes.

Until the railroad comes this will involve growing the crops that can walk to the railway, and livestock, with grain and hay, will be the principal products.

Farmers Plan Cannery; Will Buy or Build

Eugene—Seventy farmers, at a meeting here, voted to incorporate within a few days the Eugene Farmers' Creamery as a co-operative company, with a capital of \$6000, the greater part of which has been subscribed. A committee was appointed to draft a constitution, and it is expected the company will be in operation shortly.

Chris Myhre, of Junction City, president of the Oregon-Idaho Butter makers, presided and suggested that one of the present creameries in Eugene be purchased in preference to the establishing of a new one. Both creameries have set prices, and the owner of one has offered to remain a manager of a co-operative plant. The offers are being considered.

The farmers interested in the project own about 600 cows.

National Balloon Race at Portland Rose Festival

Portland—Portland's Rose Festival this year will be of national prominence as the scene of the annual National Balloon race which is to be held here under the auspices of the American Aero club, of New York. The club will furnish six professional balloon pilots, entries to be made from Kansas City, St. Louis, Akron, O., Salt Lake and other Eastern cities.

The balloon race will be a contest of sustained flight, the gas bag remaining the longest in the air winning the capital prize. The festival management has hung up \$3000 in prizes for this event, which will be managed by Captain Honeywell, of St. Louis, one of the world's famous air pilots.

The most imposing military turnout of the Pacific Northwest is planned as a feature of the great pageant on Friday, June 12, the closing day of the celebration.

Man Starves to Death.

Salem—Starvation and exhaustion are given as the cause of the death of George Smith, 65 years old, whose body was found in a barn at West Stayton. Smith and a friend, J. Haseman, walked from Mount Angel to West Stayton, the latter spending the night in an old cabin and Smith going to the barn. Coroner Clough, of Salem, was notified and Dr. C. H. Brewer made an investigation. Haseman said that his friend had complained of being weak for some time and that he had eaten little.

Thirty Civet Cats Trapped.

Albany—The skins of 30 civet cats were brought to this city by C. J. Nelson, of Brownsville, who has been trapping in the Cascade mountains. There is no bounty on these animals but the skins are valuable in the fur market. Mr. Nelson also had the skins of a coyote and six wild cats on which he collected bounties.

330-Acre Ranch Is Sold.

Dufur—James H. Johnson has sold his 330-acre ranch, located near here, to Clifford Chase, formerly of Russell, Ill. This is the largest real estate transaction which has been made in this section for some time.

Americans Get Body of Man Slain by Mexicans

Laredo, Tex.—A party of Americans who secretly crossed into Mexico Sunday night brought to the American side the mutilated body of Clemente Vergara, Texas rancher, and established the fact of his execution after he was seized by Mexican federals.

The invaders were not opposed, accomplishing their search without the slightest violence, taking the body from a grave in Hidalgo cemetery almost within sight of the Texas border. The seizure was divested of possibly grave aspects in international complications by reason of the fact that the party was virtually making use of permission granted officially by Mexican federal authorities several days ago for the recovery of the body. This permission had been given to United States Consul Garrett at Nuevo Laredo, but he did not get the body because of what he reported as dangers attending the search for it in the immediate vicinity of Hidalgo.

Vergara was shot twice through the head and once through the neck, his skull was crushed as by a blow from a rifle butt and the charred fingers of the left hand indicated that he had been tortured before being put to death.

Identification was made by Vergara's son and by numerous friends, many of whom were in the party of nine, which made the grim journey to the Hidalgo cemetery during the early morning hours.

Suffragettes Use Clubs in Battle With Police

London—Militant suffragettes again engaged in battle with the police Sunday on their favorite field, Trafalgar Square, and in a pouring rain. The arrest of Sylvia Pankhurst for the sixth time under the "cat and mouse" act precipitated the conflict. In addition to Miss Pankhurst seven women and three men were arrested.

Among those arrested was Miss Zella Emerson, of Jackson, Mich. Miss Emerson has been arrested several times for participation in suffragette demonstrations and recently there were rumors that steps were being taken by the British government to deport her as an undesirable alien. Replying February 26 to a question whether this report was true, Reginald McKenna, the home secretary, asserted no such steps were being taken.

"If Miss Emerson again commits an offense, bringing her within the provisions of the alien act, the question of applying to the court for a recommendation for her expulsion will be considered," he added, however.

Says United States Is "International Boob"

Washington, D. C.—Senator Poinsette, in an interview, parted company with President Wilson on the Panama canal tolls issue. Generally he has supported the President on major issues. He said senators and representatives seemed to be "falling over themselves" to keep up with the "acrobatic procession" that is following the President in this matter, "being entirely satisfied if they can yield their own judgment to the wishes of the executive."

Commenting further on this line, he said: "Impartial foreign critics are laughing at us and we are making ourselves an international 'boob.'" He added: "The canal might have been built by the United States 25 years earlier than it was but for the insidious opposition of transcontinental railroads and the same influences can now be depended on in the same insidious way to minimize its results in every way possible, now that it is constructed."

Spain Votes; Lives Lost.

Madrid—Rioting and bloodshed attended the balloting in the general elections for the chamber of deputies Saturday throughout the kingdom.

Four men were killed. At Erge one man was killed and ten persons injured. At Barradeles another man was killed and eight men injured. In a village near Durango a conservative electoral agent was killed. At Bilbao and Gijon shots were exchanged between republicans and conservatives, resulting in one man being killed and several persons being wounded.

3,500,000 Eggs Coming.

Vancouver, B. C.—The Canadian Pacific's steamship Empress of Asia arrived here with 3,500,000 Chinese eggs consigned to points in the United States. This consignment is from Northern China, and is said to be in much better condition than other shipments recently brought to San Francisco. Consumers of the first shipment of Chinese eggs were not satisfied with the quality of the Oriental product.

Marconi Testing Phone.

Syracuse, Italy—William Marconi has arrived here with apparatus for experiments in radio-telephony. He was received on board the battleship Regina Elena by the Duke d'Abuzzi, who gave a dinner in honor of the inventor. Mr. Marconi expects to spend ten days on the battleship, exchanging messages with points on the Mediterranean.

100 PERISH IN ST. LOUIS FIRE

Pavement Strewn With Bodies of Dead and Dying.

Every Fireman and Ambulance in City at Scene—Only 50 Out of 235 Acre Accounted For.

St. Louis—More than 100 persons are believed to have lost their lives in a fire that destroyed the Missouri Athletic club at Fourth and Washington streets, early Monday morning.

Of 135 members and more than 100 guests registered at the club at the time the fire was discovered not more than 50 have been accounted for.

Bodies of seven men, who lost their lives in jumping from the upper stories of the burning building, were picked up on the pavement.

The fire was discovered bursting from the windows of the lower four stories. The blaze spread rapidly to the Boatmen's Bank.

At 2:30 o'clock every fireman in the city was on the scene, but the blaze spread in all directions and was far beyond the control of the firemen. The entire block bounded by Fourth street, Broadway, Washington avenue and Lucas avenue seemed to be doomed.

At 2:45 a. m. the roof of the massive structure, covering half a city square, caved in, carrying down with it several floors, on which it is believed there were more than 100 sleepers.

Every available ambulance and police patrol wagon in the city was called to the scene.

A careful census of those who escaped from the building was taken by the police and an officer of the club and not more than 50 men were accounted for.

The Missouri Athletic club was one of the most exclusive organizations of the city.

IDLE ADVISED TO STEAL; ALL HAVE RIGHT TO LIVE

Boston—Resolutions advising men and women who are out of work to steal food and clothing to maintain themselves were adopted at a mass meeting of the unemployed here.

"Society having failed to give him work, the man who is unemployed is excluded from operation of its laws," the resolution said, adding that such a man "is henceforth authorized and obliged to preserve life by his own efforts; that he must therefore take food, clothing and shelter where he can, regardless of social edicts against him doing so."

Trans-Atlantic Flight By Aeroplane Predicted

Washington, D. C.—Trans-Atlantic aeroplane flights with present-day flying machines are a possibility of the near future, in the opinion of Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone, who spoke here before the Federal School Men's club. A system of gears for increasing the speed of propellers in the decreased resistance of higher altitudes, he said, probably would solve the problem. Machines of 50 miles an hour speed under ordinary conditions, he said, at proper altitude traveled 100 miles an hour.

"I think," he added, "we may safely say that we will see airships crossing the Atlantic at a height of two miles above the earth, driven by warm and comfortable aeroplanes."

"The question of sufficient oxygen for the driver is solved by the tremendous speed itself, for the air striking the face would be condensed. As for the cold at such a height, the exhaust of the machine furnishes a source of heat easily applicable to keep the aviator properly warm."

Convicts Hear Mrs. Booth.

Folsom, Cal.—Maud Ballington Booth, the "little mother," spoke to 1200 convicts in the open prison yard at Folsom penitentiary Sunday. The prisoners gave her close attention. Mrs. Booth is the only woman ever accorded the privilege of talking to the convicts and one of the few ever permitted within the prison walls.

Explosions Wreck Car.

New York—The bursting of a 48-inch water main and a subsequent series of explosions of gas mains in the heart of the city lifted a trolley car from the tracks, shook the buildings and flooded streets and cellars. Seven persons passengers of the trolley car, were slightly injured.

Cigarette Fatal to Twenty-four.

Ekaterrinoslav, Russia—Twenty-four men were killed in an explosion of gas in a coal mine here. The explosion was caused by a miner's opening his safety lamp in a gas-filled chamber to light a cigarette.

Pheasants Are Liberated.

Tillamook—Deputy Game and Fish Warden Leach released 24 pairs of Hungarian pheasants east of town, and he expects to release 25 pairs of Reeves pheasants, 25 pairs of China pheasants and 25 pairs of Bob White quail in the near future.