

## NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

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

Railroad engineers and firemen west of Chicago have requested an increase in wages.

The army of unemployed at Sacramento, Cal., has dwindled from 1500 to about 350.

The American Society for Thrift says Americans have a nation-wide contempt for saving.

Harvard University reports a deficit of \$20,000 for the past year, over its yearly income of \$2,727,877.

Chicago dressmakers have opened war on Paris designers and declare they will set the styles for Americans.

Inspectors disagree in fixing the blame for the Monroe-Nantucket marine collision, in which 41 lives were lost.

A captain in the San Francisco fire department died from the effects of the heat and smoke at an unimportant attic fire.

President Wilson has expressed approval of four anti-trust bills, and recommended that they be incorporated into one bill.

"Mother" Jones declares neither President nor governor will prevent her from returning to the strike zone at Trinidad, Colorado.

Latest reports say 83 were killed by the Akita earthquake in Japan, and that in many cases entire families were swallowed up in gaping crevices in the earth.

Mme. Henrietta Caillaux, wife of the French minister of finance, shot and killed Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro, of Paris, for waging a bitter campaign against her husband.

Public prosecutor of Cook county, Ill., (Chicago), says it is almost impossible to convict a woman of murder, although their crimes are often more brutal and ferocious than those of men.

Although no proclamation has been issued, practical martial law rules for miles along the border each side of Tecate, where an American store was burned and the postmaster murdered by Mexicans.

George Westinghouse, inventor of the airbrake for railroads, is dead.

The unemployed at Sacramento, Cal., have armed themselves with clubs.

George W. Vanderbilt, who died recently, left \$20,000,000 to his wife and daughter.

The Carnegie Peace fund is attacked as a scheme to further an alliance with Great Britain.

A speech by British Ambassador Page upon the Monroe Doctrine and kindred subjects, has started an investigation.

A Chicago judge discharged a man who tore from a woman's hat a long feather ornament which kept hitting him in the face.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 90¢ per bushel; bluestem, \$1@1.01; forty-fold, 91¢@92¢; red Russian, 90¢; valley, 91¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, milling, \$23.50 @24 per ton.

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

Barley—Feed, \$22@22.50 per 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, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$31.

Vegetables—Cauliflower, \$2.25 per crate; eggplant, 25¢ per pound; peppers, 20¢; garlic, 15¢; sprouts, 10¢@11¢; artichokes, \$1.25 per dozen; celery, \$4.50 per crate; horseradish, \$8@10¢ per pound; rhubarb, \$2.50@2.75 per box; turnips, 75¢ per sack; carrots, 85¢; parsnips, 85¢; beets, 85¢.

Green Fruits—Apples, \$1@2.50 per box; cranberries, \$12@12.50 per barrel; pears, \$1@1.50.

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

Potatoes—Oregon, 75¢ per cwt; buying price, 45¢@55¢ at shipping points.

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

Poultry—Hens, 17¢; broilers, 25¢@30¢; turkeys, live, 19¢@20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢@26¢; ducks, 14¢@18¢; geese, 10¢@11¢.

Butter—Creamery prints, extra, 27¢@29¢ per pound; cubes, 23¢@24¢.

Pork—Fancy, 10¢@10¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14¢ per pound.

Hons—1913 crop, prime and choice, 17¢@18¢; contracts, 15¢.

Wool—Valley, 14¢@18¢; Eastern Oregon, 12¢@17¢; mohair, 1913 clip, 26¢@27¢.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 5¢ per pound.

Grain bags—In car lots, 8¢.

### Assassination of Editor Stirs French People

Paris—Not since the Dreyfus affair has any event in French history so stirred the imagination of the French people as the shooting of Gaston Calmette, editor of Figaro, by Mme. Caillaux, the wife of the minister of finance. The immediate effect is a tense political situation, all the greater in view of the imminence of the elections.

M. Caillaux, broken in spirit, has resigned from his post and the cabinet was subjected to several changes. The lobbies are seething with all sorts of reports and the resignation of Ernest E. Monis, minister of marine, and even the whole cabinet, is rumored.

The most reliable opinion seems to indicate that while the elimination of M. Monis is possible, the resignation of the ministry is far from likely, the deputies being unanimous that the budget must pass before the elections.

Among parliamentarians the affair is considered as a great and unexpected boon to the anti-Republican party, which will not fail to exploit it to the utmost with the object of discrediting the government at the elections.

Throughout the day crowds assembled around the Caillaux residence, the Figaro office and Saint Lazare prison, where Mme. Caillaux occupies a cell. For the most part the crowds were composed of curious spectators, although many rowdies circulated and attempted hostile demonstrations. The police, however, had no difficulty in handling them and made many arrests.

### Surgeon Grafts Nerve; Makes Great Discovery

London—The Times reports the result of the important nerve grafting experiments recently carried out by Professor Robert Kennedy, of Glasgow, proving conclusively that a brain cell may be taught to perform two separate functions.

Each nerve connects with a particular set of brain cells which control its activities. It was supposed that these cells were able to perform only the function allotted to them by nature.

Dr. Kennedy made experiments on the fore leg of a dog. He severed all the nerves connecting with the muscles below the joint and then connected all these muscles to the group of nerves controlling flexion or binding.

The dog was for some time unable to direct or co-ordinate his movements. Gradually, however, at about the 93rd day this power returned, and it was completely regained by the 123rd day.

### Borah Says Suffragists Must Apply to States

Washington, D. C.—After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the senate, Senator Borah, of Idaho, shocked suffrage advocates on the floor and in the galleries by declaring it was impractical and impossible to obtain the vote for women by Federal constitutional amendment.

He predicted that after 15 years of endeavor the women would renew their abandoned quest for the ballot before the people of the states, because in seeking an amendment to the Federal constitution they had loaded themselves down with the negro question, the Japanese question and a dozen other state's rights problems.

"You will never carry the required 36 states for a constitutional woman suffrage amendment," he said.

### Nose Is Made From Rib.

Baltimore—With a new nose, made from one of his ribs, strapped to his face, which was denuded of prominent features in a sawmill accident three years ago, Ross Allen, a young Canadian, is recovering from a remarkable operation at a hospital here.

It was the most important of a series of skin grafts which have given him new lips and now a new nose covered with skin taken from his forehead. The last operation was completed a week ago and is considered a success by the surgeons.

### Capital College Opposed.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Lane has written to the house education committee expressing disapproval of the pending bill to establish a national university in the capital.

In a letter to Chairman Hughes he expresses the belief that it is more important to aid the states with common schools. The subject was discussed at a cabinet meeting and the President's official family accepted Secretary Lane's view.

### 218,643 Women Registered.

Chicago—Sixty thousand one hundred and nineteen women registered Tuesday in preparation for their first chance to use their newly granted suffrage at the aldermanic election April 7. Their registration brought the total woman's voting strength up to 218,643 as compared with a total male registration of 474,981. More women than men registered Tuesday.

### Tax for Pension Is Plan.

Boston—Every employe of state, county, city or town in Massachusetts will contribute 5 per cent of his salary toward a pension fund, if the report of the legislative pension commission is enacted into law. The only employe exempted from the 5 per cent contribution are justices of the Supreme court and veterans of the Civil war.

## Home-Made Apparatus For Testing Seed Corn

Testing seed corn may be done without expense by using material about the place and working at odd moments.

Any shallow box of the size wanted will do. Shave sides and ends down until they are about two inches above the bottom. Fill nearly to the top with clean sand. Measure both sides and both ends into two-inch spaces, driving tacks about half way down on the marks. Lace twine strings between each pair of tacks, both crosswise and lengthwise. Letter them A, B, C, along the end and number them 1, 2, 3, along the side.

Take one grain of corn from the third row from the butt of the ear. Revolve the ear a little and remove another one-fifth of the remaining distance to the tip, and so on until six grains are taken. Put them in square

A 1, and number the ear A 1. Treat another ear in the same way, numbering it A 2, until you have enough to provide one ear for each acre to be planted, with a few extra for bad ears.

Cover the box with a piece of cloth, press it down over the corn, and sprinkle sand or sawdust over it to keep it moist. Now put the box away where it will be kept at about house temperature for a week. Examine by rolling back one edge of the cloth, and unless six seedlings are appearing, good and strong, in each square, reject the ear with the corresponding number. The squares with six strong plants are filled from the best ears for seed.

There are many good ways, but this is quite satisfactory on the farm. It is the method used by the Oregon Agricultural College.

## Garden Meet Favored for Children at Fair

Salem—That a majority of the state will be represented at an industrial congress of school children to be held at San Francisco during the Panama-Pacific exposition is assured. The plan which was suggested by J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has met with the approval of many superintendents of other states, and Mr. Churchill has assurances that they will co-operate.

Mr. Churchill wrote to various state superintendents several weeks ago, asking that they send winners in the school industrial contests to the proposed congress, explaining that programs could be arranged for boys and girls of the various states detailing their experiences in preparing exhibits.

"In nearly all the states," said Mr. Churchill, "the departments of educa-

tion have answered, indorsing the movement and many have offered to co-operate in arranging for the industrial congress. The industrial work in some states is being directed by O. H. Benson, of the United States department of agriculture, and these states do not wish to pledge themselves to sending their winners until Professor Benson sanctions the plan."

Montana, Nebraska, Washington, California, Oklahoma, Minnesota, Utah, Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, Kansas, Vermont, West Virginia, Wyoming, Massachusetts, Iowa, Wisconsin and Louisiana, Mr. Churchill said, were arranging to send children to the congress.

Oregon has arranged to send the winners of the 10 classes at the State Fair next fall to the congress.

### Supreme Court Decides "Dry" Vote Is Valid

Salem—In denying a rehearing in the case of W. B. Wiley against the County court of Washington county, the Supreme court applied the finishing touches to its opinion written some time ago that the local option elections last November were valid. With the action of the court the last recourse of the liquor interests vanished, and the various cities and towns that voted "dry" will be so until the rule of the people is reversed.

The Washington county opinion was the main one, all other local options hinging upon the decision in that suit. Additional arguments, but no points that had not been considered before, were submitted by lawyers for the saloon men in briefs tendered with the motion for rehearing. Justice Eakin, who wrote the original opinion, in an oral statement said that the court adhered to its original decree.

### The Dalles Plans Big Celebration at Rodeo

The Dalles—The Dalles Rodeo, the Wild West show which was inaugurated here last fall with such great success, will be staged July 2, 3 and 4 this year, making it include a celebration of Independence Day.

The Rodeo was held last year combined with the County Fair. The farmers objected to the Wild West show in connection with the fair, contending that it detracted from the exhibits and other features. So it has been decided to hold the County Fair in the fall and the Rodeo in July.

J. L. Kelly has been chosen as general manager of the Rodeo, Judd S. Fish, secretary, and M. Z. Donnell, treasurer.

### Women's Political Clubs Brush Up On Live Issues

Hood River—With two political research clubs formed, the women of the Hood River valley are holding weekly meetings for the purpose of studying political questions of the day. One club has been organized in the Barrett district, of the West Side, while the other is composed of the Pine Grove women of the East Side.

"These meetings are not partisan or political," says Mrs. L. H. Diamond, president of the Barrett club, "but for educational purposes, placing issues of the day before the women that they may cast an intelligent vote."

### Cheese Company Elects.

Seaside—At the first annual meeting of the Clatsop County Co-operative Cheese association, the following directors were elected: Hugh McCormack, John Sundquist, Fred Pool, C. A. Anderson and David Tagg. The board elected John Sundquist to succeed himself as president of the association. David Tagg was chosen for vice president. During the year the association received \$15,760, of which nearly \$13,000 was paid to the farmers and dairymen of the vicinity. A one-ton auto truck was ordered.

### Grange Opposes 8-Hour Law.

Ablany—Believing that an eight-hour law having application to farms, dairies and other agricultural pursuits would be an injustice, the Linn County Pomona Grange has passed a resolution protesting against such a regulation. It is recited that such a law would be wholly impracticable to the conditions peculiar to farm industries.

### Harrowing Scenes As Big Store Is Closed

New York—The Fourteenth-street store and that of the Simpson Crawford company, properties of Henry Siegel and Frank E. Vogel, under indictment in connection with the failure of the Siegel private bank and mercantile enterprises, closed their doors Saturday night by order of the Federal court in response to a petition by receivers and creditors.

But for the assistance promised by other department stores and by charity workers and employment agencies; 2500 men, women and children would be thrown out of work. Most of these have promises of jobs, however, and others, it is expected, will find places before another week is out.

Aisles crowded with patrons seeking last-hour bargains, the arrest of a few shoplifters, the appearance of organizers of the Industrial Workers of the World, the reported presence of agents of questionable employment bureaus offering girls work, and the hysterical weeping of women who had lost their savings in the Siegel bank were incidents that attended the closing of the stores.

Printed lists of reputable employment agencies and respectable boarding houses were distributed among the women and girls by social workers who had been informed representatives of white slave agents were mingling with the discharged employes.

Hand bills bearing "A Call to the Unemployed" to organize were distributed, inviting clerks and shopgirls to attend an I. W. W. mass meeting. Workers of the Girls' Protective league urged the employes not to attend the I. W. W. meeting.

Several men who attempted to make street-corner addresses to the departing employes advised them to steal bread if they got no opportunity to earn it.

A committee representing the depositors in the Siegel bank called on the attorneys of Siegel and Vogel and was informed that the partners had not prepared a new offer of settlement as the depositors had been told.

"In view of the present turn the case has taken it would be impossible for us to make any offer," said Louis S. Levy, of counsel. "We do not want to hold up the hopes of the depositors only to shatter them. We will not countenance the offer of bad securities, and the depositors can rest assured that whatever is offered with our sanction will be bona fide."

### Quake Kills Hundreds; Does Great Damage

Tokio—A serious earthquake occurred in the prefecture of Akita, Island of Honshu. Several persons in the city of Akita were killed and many houses destroyed. In the village of Kowakubi, which was ruined, there were many casualties.

The volcano Asama Yama, 90 miles northwest of Tokio, is in eruption. Full details of the disaster have not been received, due to the interruption of communication. Sixty bodies were found in the basin of the Omono river, where 320 houses were destroyed. The village of Kitameno was burned.

As a result of the earthquake a copper mine at Tsunmdato collapsed. The fate of the 300 workmen in the mine is unknown.

Simultaneously with the earthquake came explosions and the bursting of flames from the volcano Asama Yama, which terrified the inhabitants.

### Navy Needs 30,000 Men.

Boston—"The government is looking on the new United States powerboat squadron as one of the ultimate component parts of the naval reserve," Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, said at the annual meeting of the Boston Yacht club.

He argued for a bigger navy and referred to the need of 30,000 additional men.

He said the fleet recently organized among the yacht clubs along the Atlantic Coast was expected to prove a feeder for the navy in time of war and to serve as an auxiliary to it eventually.

### Ships Talk by Phone.

Rome—The Duke d'Abruzzi, reported to the ministry of the navy that excellent results were obtained by William Marconi last week in his experiments on board the battleship Regina Elena with a new radio-telephone apparatus. Communication was had with ships nearly 45 miles away and with ships 13 miles away with land between the communicating vessels. Telephonic connection continued uninterruptedly between the ships for 12 hours, according to the report.

### Russia Has Mud Storm.

Tiflis, Russia—An unusual phenomenon occurred here and in adjacent country Monday. The sky was covered early in the morning with dark yellow clouds and fog. Later there was a heavy snow fall, mixed with dust, which covered the ground in a thick layer of pasty mud. The phenomenon is attributed to storms in the Baku district, where the wind raised such tremendous clouds of dust that railroad traffic was stopped.

### Japanese Held for Graft.

Tokio—Vice Admiral Tsurutaro Matsuo, inspector general of naval reserve, was arrested, charged with complicity in alleged graft in naval expenses. Admiral Matsuo, who is 50 years old, was graduated from the engineers' department of Tokio University in 1885. He served the government abroad for several years and several times had been decorated. On his retirement he went into business.

## MEXICANS RAID CUSTOM HOUSE

### Kill American Postmaster and Burn American Flag.

### Postoffice Looted and General Store Robbed—Mexicans Jeer As Ruins Are Searched.

San Diego, Cal.—The United States customs office and postoffice at Tecate, 45 miles from this city, on the American side of the international boundary, were destroyed by fire Sunday night, following a raid. Eyewitnesses said the raiders were Mexicans.

Frank V. Johnston, of San Diego, postmaster at Tecate, was shot to death when he resisted the bandits and his companion, Warren Didenback, was wounded. The charred remnants of an American flag was found at daybreak when a posse started on the trail of the desperadoes.

The customs office and postoffice occupied parts of the general store operated by Mountain Brothers. The bandits, it was proved later, were bent on robbing both of the government offices. Johnston was shot when he refused to give the combination of the safe.

Johnston's torso was found in the smoldering ruins. An autopsy developed the fact that he had been shot through the heart. His pistol was found not far from the body.

Elliott D. Johnston, the dead man's brother, has sent telegrams to Secretary of State Bryan, Governor Johnston and Representative William Kettner, at Washington, demanding a thorough investigation. In his telegram to Mr. Bryan, Mr. Johnston placed the entire responsibility for the affair on Mexicans.

Bitter feeling prevails along the border as a result of the outrage, and this feeling was intensified later when a crowd of jeering Mexicans watching the search of the ruins objected to Fred Vollmer, a newspaper photographer, taking their pictures. When the photographer, standing on the American side of the boundary, continued working his camera, one of the Mexicans deliberately fired at him. In an instant the posse that had made a futile all-night search for the bandits, leveled their guns at the Mexicans and for several minutes an open battle appeared inevitable. The photographer was not wounded.

Major Davis, commander at Fort Rosecrans, San Diego, with several officers and a platoon of men, left for Tecate in automobiles. Major Davis said he would conduct a rigid examination in behalf of the War department. The affair, he said, would be reported immediately to the department commander at San Francisco.

### Women Daub Paint About English Church

Birmingham, England—Worshippers in the cathedral Sunday found the walls and floors of the edifice covered with suffrage proclamations painted in white letters a foot high reading "Votes for Women."

"The clergy must rise in our behalf and stop the torturing of women in prison."

Every foot of space except the altar had a sign painted on it, including the pews.

Glasgow—A band of suffragettes rose in the cathedral in the course of service Sunday and chanted "Oh, Lord, we beseech thee to save Emmaline Pankhurst, Helen Crawford and all the brave women who are suffering for their faith." The congregation took no notice of the demonstration.

London—Sylvia Pankhurst has written to the dean of Westminster, acquainting him with the intention of the East London suffragettes to march to the Abbey next Sunday and participate in the evening service and pray for the success of their cause. She said she would be present personally, and that she desired the dean to adapt the service to a special occasion for the suffragettes.

### Llama Is Sent to Bryan.

New York—Comfortably housed on the after-deck of the steamer Verdi, which arrived from South American ports Monday night, was a llama, which the mayor of Buenos Aires, Argentina, has presented to Secretary Bryan. When Mr. Bryan visited Buenos Aires he expressed to the mayor the desire to get one of the animals for his farm in Nebraska. When the llama came under the inspection of J. F. Horne, of the bureau of animal industry, he declared that it had foot and mouth disease and could not be landed.

### Huerta Increases Army.

Mexico City—Another increase in the army is announced. It is said that the regular establishment is to be raised from 200,000 to 250,000. Including the irregular service, this increase, if the official figures of the strength of the army are correct, would give President Huerta 300,000 men.

### Florida Man Dies at 114.

Pensacola, Fla.—Isaac Cooley, reputed to be 114 years old, died at his home in Escambia county, Florida, Sunday. He was born in South Carolina and has more than 100 grandchildren. He attributed his old age to regular habits.