NEWS NOTES OF **CURRENT WEEK**

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Premier Asquith praises the Belgian heroism in the house of commons.

Queen Elizabeth, of Belgium, with her children, has arrived in England.

Tacoma suffers a \$150,000 fire, which destroyed a large packing plant.

The Germans have imposed a fine of \$300,000 on the Belgian town of Charleroi.

French defeated 50,000 Germans in battle.

A Japanese liner was chased into port at San Francisco, by a German gunboat.

ashore in a fog, was blown up by the Russians.

More than 4000 prisoners were taken by the Russians in battle with the Austrians.

The Russian army is reported crushing the Prussians and making headway toward Berlin.

About 30,000 Grand Army veterans are holding the 48th national encampment at Detroit, Mich.

The conclave of cardinals to elect a new pope was inaugurated in Rome with imposing ceremonies.

Nearly 8000 reserves of Germany and Austria are being held prisoners the German army. The city is being by the British in South Africa.

Boston will have no grand opera this winter, owing to the enlistment of many members in the European war.

Butte, Mont., miners have threatened to lay the city in ashes if the state or federal troops attempt to enter the city.

Americans and all other foreigners in Brussels are safe, according to a message from American Minister Whitlock.

Armies of the allies are battling to save Paris from the Germans. A conflict between millions is believed to be in progress.

It is officially announced that the Russians have occupied Tilsit, a town 60 miles northeast of Koenigsberg, East Prussia.

The ballot in the California election this fall will be four feet long and contain forty-eight initiative and referendum measures.

One of the largest liners in the world, the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, was sunk by a British cruiser off the coast of Africa.

It is said that British marines have occupied Ostend to prevent the Germans from getting a foothold on the English Channel.

son of General Castelnau, chief of staff of the French army, was amo

Congress Is Busy With

Washington," D. C .- To prepare for an emergency arising from the European war, the president and administration leaders are endeavoring to assure the presence of a quorum of both houses of congress in Washington.

House leaders have made imperative demand for return of absentees and they are flocking in on every train. state of large tracts of grazing land in Already there is a substantial quorum. Harney and Malheur counties, control determine the nature of a war revenue obtained by fraud. measure to offset losses in revenue, some aspects of the foreign relations for the recovery of 27,000 acres of of the nation with particular reference school land. The company has entered may be considered.

Philippine exports are giving the time, because of the conflict between its allegations that Mr: McConnell says its delay in bringing suit. The attor-Japan and Germany. A plan to place he found that about 50,000 other acres ney general has appealed on the a ban on all exports from the islands,

A report from Antwerp says the except to the United States, while the war in Europe continues is under consideration. It is argued that should the shipments from the islands to Germany or Austria be captured by the Japanese, an embarrassing situation

might arise. The same might be A small German cruiser which ran true should exports to Japan be seized by Germany. Administration senators who have

been studying the situation believe an of cure, and they are urging action by ongress to avert trouble which might be precipitated through Philippine Island commerce. They recognize, however, that if commerce is stopped some provision must be made to compensate for losses that will follow.

French Capital Storing Supplies for Emergency

rushed its plans to resist a siege by truned into an entrenched camp.

Following the decree issued by the military governor, ordering residents of the district within the city's line of defense forts to desert and enormous stacks of food were placed within the state warehouses. Bois de Boulogne presents a pictur-

esque aspect. It has been transformed into a vast pasture filled with cows and sheep. The animals have been divided into groups and are guarded by reserves wearing the large shirts of drovers. The number of sheep pastured in the parks exceeds 10,000.

The decree calling for the evacuation of the military zone around the forts was a formal notice, although army engineers recently made a tour of the environs of the forts and explained that the residents might be called on to destroy their property,

which was deemed an obstruction. Many of the houses in the line of fire are those of poor people whose wners are now at the front. Many of these families lack resources and will be without refuge. Nevertheless, they took the situation without complaint, although they addressed a petition to the military governor, requesting that he use the power vested in him only as a last extremity.

Xavier de Castelnau, the 12-year-old Japanese Are Cautioned

to Avoid War Discussions

Issues Arising From War Suit to Recover 50,000 Acres State Land Urged

Salem - C. B. McConnell, a lawyer | cattle companies. According to the of Burns, has conferred with Attorney lawyer, the land was obtained several General Crawford in regard to insti- years ago through the use of dummies tuting suits for the recovery by the in conjunction with the company. While the conference primarily is to of which Mr. McConnell charges was Suit is pending obtained by fraud. Suit is pending against the Pacific Livestock company suit to prevent the adjudication of is similar to the one against the livewater rights on the Silves river, and stock company, decided that the state administration concern just at this it was while making investigation of would have to show a good excuse for had been obtained through fraud. This land, he said, is largely held by state.

> **Eugene Light and Power** Burns, Or., Fire Destroys **Companies** in Rate War

Eugene - A long-anticipated rate war between the municipal power plant of Burns began Monday at midnight and the Oregon Power company was opened here this week with the announcement by the power company loft of McKinnon's livery barn, supounce of prevention is worth a pound that it will not only meet but will un- posedly by someone sleeping there, and dercut the reduction announced by the city plant.

railroad commission, declining to an- the east were burned and the flames nounce the extent of the cut.

The city's reduction amounted to 11 per cent and before the cut was made the maximum rate of 9 cents for light-Paris - The French capital has than offered in any city in the Willamette valley outside of the vicinity of Portland. The new schedule of 8 cents maximum for power, with a minimum of 1.2 cents for 10,000-kilowatt

quantities, is almost half the rates in Eugene two years and a half ago, bedestroy their homes within four days, fore the entrance of the city plant, saved. In the livery stable 27 horses which claims the credit for the reduc-The tion.

The present rate war was forecast recently when the water board asked the State railroad commission to curb the activities of the private company and the latter responded with a request for unrestricted competition. ty will rebuild. Neither was wholly granted.

Highway Condemnation Suits Are Being Tried

St. Helens-About 100 farmers, several attorneys and State Highway Engineer Bowlby and his assistants, appeared before the County court in the condemnation proceedings for right of way for the Columbia Highway.

Claims for back-hill places on logged-off lands have been put in at \$500 an acre and for agricultural land that is taken nothing less than \$1000 an acre is being asked.

As there are more than 100 clauds, the County court will take several days for the hearings, after which its decision will be given on all claims at the same time.

Flour Holds at \$5.20.

Battle Line of Allies Is Moved Backward

Paris-An official statement issued by the war department says: "In the North the Franco-British lines have been moved back a short distance. In a general way our offensive between Nancy and Vosges makes headway. and other alleged settlers, who worked Our right, however, has been obliged to fall back slightly in the region of The Pacific Livestock company is St. Die.

fighting the suit of the state on the "In the North resistance continues grounds that it obtained the land in a The enemy appears to have suffered legal way and that action by the state considerable loss, more than 1500 bodies having been found in a very Circuit Judge Harris recently, in the small space in a trench. Some had Hyde-Benson school land case, which been stricken as they stood, in the at titude of firing their rifles.

"A series of fiercely contested combats has been going on during the past three days in the region, which were generally to our advantage.

"A decree will be published authorizing special promotions of officers for the period of the war, regardless of seniority."

\$60,000 Worth of Property London - A closer veil than ever eems to be drawn over the progress Burns-The worst fire in the history of the war. Little news has come to hand concerning the operations on and in three hours a large numeither frontier. The Russians, howber of business houses were in ever, appear to be continuing their adruin. The blaze was started in the hay vance in East Prussia towards Posen, with the Germans in retreat.

The only news from the French side is that the French troops were attacked along the Alsace-Lorraine line, but repulsed all the attacks successfully. There is no indication that the German attack was in any great force, but if it was, the French success shows that they are now in a stronger position along this frontier, from which they will be driven only by great sacrifices on the part of the Germans.

A more hopeful feeling prevails in England as to the strength of the French defensive position. The repulse the French sustained at Charleroi has been partly due to the desire of the French army to accomplish a brilliant incursion into Alsace and Lorraine, which led them to weaken their forces on the Belgian frontier. Having recognized the danger of this course, they have now reverted to what appears to experts to be a more logical strategy, abandoning their invasion of the provinces and concentrating their strength in the defense of the northern frontier.

Clash of Butte, Mont., Miners Is Renewed

Butte, Mont.-More than 1000 inurgent miners marched to the mines Thursday night with the announced surpose of preventing any Western Federation of Miners members from descending to work.

Arriving at the Anaconda mine, the nsurgents, who are now known as the Butte Mine Workers' union, massed their forces around the collar of the shaft and notified the shifts going off work that unless they joined the new ing to work by a force of the members

Following their ultimatum to same territory. The blaze on Wilson the members of the Western Federacreek is still burning, required a tion of Miners, the insurgents again month's fighting with crews ranging paraded the streets, ending at the Au-The lowest wholesale price of flour from three to six men. Five hundred ditorium, where a meeting was held,

The British losses are described as follows:

PARIS TO RAZE **OWN SUBURBS**

> **Residences in Way of Forts to** Be Destroyed.

Invading German Army Hopeful of Penetrating Lines Before Russians Reach Berlin.

Paris-It is officially announced that

the military governor has ordered all residents of the zone within action of the city's defending forts to evacuate and destroy their houses within four days from August 31.

As far as can be learned, the French troops appear to be intact, except for those losses which were inevitable in a week's heavy fighting over a vast front.

If the British and French retire on the western flank it is explained that they do so in order to choose their ground for fiercer resistance. Every new day has seen reinforcements moving up to aid the French troops engaged on the Belgian frontier.

The French operating along the interior lines are able to shift an army corps from one part of the frontier to another swiftly, and it is said that the allies probably are in stronger position than last Sunday.

The Germans, apparently owing to the increasing pressure of Russia, seem to be throwing themselves against intrenched positions and are They are gaining suffering severely. ground and seemingly are hopeful of being able to break through before Berlin is invested.

French wounded are arriving at the provincial towns.

RICHARD HARDING DAVIS, WRITER, ARRESTED AS SPY

London-Only by exceptionally good fortune was the life of Richard Harding Davis, special war correspondent, spared by the Germans, who suspected him of being a spy, according to the story told by James R. Evans, an American engineer, who arrived from Brussels which place he left Thursday night.

For hours the Germans debated whether to shoot Mr. Davis, who had followed in the wake of the German advance. He was some distance south of the Belgian capital when taken into custody by the German officers.

Germany's Naval Loss **Off Heligoland Is 670**

London-Twenty-nine killed and 38 wounded was the price in men paid by the British for the naval action against the Germans in Heligoland waters Friday.

An official statement issued here says that of 1000 men composing the crews of the warships sunk off Heligoland, only 330 were saved.

The light cruiser Arethusa lost

the entire city was not wiped out. Five Fires Burn Over Tract of 2000 Acres

of the forest reserve was burned over in the recent fires in the London country. Probably 200,000 or 300,000 feet of timber was destroyed.

There were five fires in progress at one time, that on Little river, near

gained control of three fires in the

that block, including the Hotel French and a large two-story building contain-The private company has filed its ing a pool hall and living rooms. new schedule of rates with the State Three small dwellings in the block to

it quickly spread to every building in

should have been started earlier.

ground that laches do not apply to the

spread to the block to the south. They jumped the Harney County National bank, which is of stone, and caught in frame buildings, which were two ing and 5 cents for power was lower quickly destroyed. Then they communicated to the roof of the stone building occupied by the Bedell saloon and barber shop and also to another cents maximum for lighting and 41 stone building, occupied by the Donnegan & Logan abstract office and Frank Davies' and Charles Ellis' law offices. The postoffice and Harney County News office, adjoining these, were

were burned to death. The losses will reach \$60,000, with about \$30,000 insurance.

Several buildings on the west side of the street caught fire, but the flames were extinguished.

The owners of the destroyed proper-A heroic fight was made against the

blaze by firemen and citizens. It was due to this and favorable wind that

Cottage Grove-Nearly 2000 acres

Black Butte, being the most serious. union before they went on shift again Fire Warden Frank Brumbaugh and and were wearing the new union's buta crew of eight men have this and ton, they would be prevented from go-

Fire Warden S. P. Shortridge has of the new union

smaller fires under control.

killed in a recent action.

An official statement from the British consulate in Galveston, Tex., says three British warships have been sent Japanese Association of America. at full speed to protect cotton and oil reads: traffic in the Gulf of Mexico.

Home Secretary McKenna, of London, said that no spies had been shot in England. There have been rumors that many persons in the secret employ of Germany had been executed.

Premier Asquith and Arthur J. Balfour, one of the leaders of the opposition in the house of commons, are to city of London, this week in an effort to encourage recruiting.

whereby employes may receive small a year. The system is to save employes from the loan sharks.

The official press bureau of London, in an announcement says the government has gratefully 'accepted an offer from the people of Alberta of a half million bushels of oats for the army from Berlin says the defense of and from the government of Quebec of 4,000,000 pounds of cheese.

Both Germany and Great Britain have accepted the proposal of the United States that the wireless stations at Tuckerton, N. J., and Sayville, L. I., be permitted to send code messages to belligerent countries, subject to censorship by American naval officers.

The British steamship Holmwood has to keep his sword. been sunk by a German cruiser off the coast of South America, according to a cablegram received by the owners of the Katherine Park, at New York, which has the crew of the ship aboard. The cablegram, which was from Rio Janeiro, did not state the time or place of 10,000 fugitives who wish to leave young, and the family became split up, name of the German cruiser.

An American warship has been dispatched to Turkey, presumably to carry gold to American missionaries.

Secretary Bryan cabled all American embassies and legations in Europe to urge Americans to leave Europe without delay.

the money was paid.

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"Japanese should endeavor to avoid Europeans and Americans on the war situation.

"In California there is a large population of German subjects and special care should be taken in your attitude toward them.

"Japanese should refrain from conversations and actions which might the same date in 1912, \$4.95 three speak in the historic Guild hall, in the tend to excite the sentiment of Europeans and Americans. "As the United States declared neu-

The United Railways company of trality, Japanese in America should San Francisco, has inaugurated a plan recognize and bind themselves to the neutrality obligations. Outside of loans from the company at 5 per cent the necessary and proper support of their mother country, they should not give any support or assistance to any of the belligerents."

German Honors His Foe.

Rome - (Via Paris) - A dipsatch Longwy, department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, was the most heroic since the beginning of the war. The town surrendered only after an extraordinary display of valor. Of 36 siege guns, all except one had been dismantled.

The Germans so admired the brilliant resistance that Crown Prince commander at the moment of surrender

10,000 to Flee Albania.

compnay's correspondent at Barri. Italy, says that the Italian government say. The elder Guriado and his wife has arranged for the transportation quarreled when the children were of the sinking, nor did it give the Albania as soon as Prince William, of the children going with their mother. Wied, departs, as they fear anarchy. The mother died a few years ago. Prince William has asked Italy to leave the armored yacht Mysuratta at his disposal, as he may be forced to abandon the throne at any time.

Opera Singers Off to War.

Chicago - So many singers are encontracts had been canceled.

San Francisco - Japanese associa- in the Portland market now is \$5 a acres were burned over in the three no one being admitted except those tions in this city are circulating a note barrel, the only mill that quoted less fires handled by Mr. Shortridge and wearing the buttons of the new union. of advice to Japanese residents in than that figure having advanced its about 100,000 feet of timber de-America, which was issued by the price 20 cents only a day or two ago. stroyed. He thinks that the fires Other mills are asking \$5.20 a barrel. heated talks and discussions with stem sold at \$1.03 a bushel, a gain of a cent over a preceding day's price. river country during the past week. Farmers are holding very firm and are taking advantage of the situation to

get all they can for their wheat. The present price of \$5 a barrel for flour compares with the quotation of \$4.70 on this date last year, \$5.10 on

five years ago, and \$4.85 in 1908.

Water System for Fair.

Salem-An independent water system for the State Fair grounds has rectors, and the drilling of the first a month, which is being paid by the well has been started.

According to Mr. George E. Scott, the contractor, a large river flows under the grounds and Salem, and he advises that the city eventually obtain its water supply from the stream. Secretary Meredith announced that the cottage city district at the fair west of the new pavilion before the opening of the fair September 28.

Big Estate Is Inherited.

Frederick William begged the French laborer, are on their way to Los Angeles with Colonel James A. Raley, a prominent attorney of Pendleton, to claim their shares in the estate of their father, John Guriado, who died recent-London - The Exchange Telegraph | ly, leaving \$150,000 and no will. Their identity has been established, attorneys

Canadian Company Sued.

Salem-A temporary restraining order against the National Mercantile company doing business in Oregon was issued by Circuit Judge Galloway. The action was started by Attorney General langering their lives and voices in the Crawford at the instance of Corpora-A Boulogne dispatch to the Standard European conflict that the directors of tion Commissioner Watson, who aling in Portland a loan business.

handled by Mr. Brumbaugh covered The flour market is keeping pade with 1500 acres. It is probable that at the advance in milling wheat. Blue- least 200,000 feet of timber was lost. Several fires occurred in the Row

Two Months' Work Needed.

Astoria - Captain Groves, superintendent of dredges for the Port of in the house-the greatest number in Portland commission, says he expects about two months' work with the years ago, \$5.35 four years ago, \$6.25 dredge Multnomah will be required to open up the Tongue Point channel. The intention is to dig a channel 300 feet wide and 25 feet deep from No. 2 buoy down, a distance of approximately 4000 feet.

The operation of the dredge entails been decided upon by the board of di- an expense of between \$8000 and \$9000

Hood River Relic Goes.

Commission.

Hood River - The oldest structure now standing in Hood River, built 28 years ago by Robert Rand, and occupied by the city's first barber, was destroyed by fire Wednesday. The grounds would be moved to a tract structure was occupied by a plumbing company and the fire started in a pile of tar-covered ropes. Its frame walls were dry as tinder, and the flames Drachman is president. It is being were pouring from doors and windows Pendleton - John Guriado and his in an instant. Adjoining business the union, with the request to use it sister, Mrs. Tulita Adams, wife of a blocks were saved by quick work of the volunteer fire department.

Car Line Pays \$74,000.

was collected Tuesday in the tax collecting department. Tuesday was the last opportunity for the taxpayers to settle their account with the county without paying the 10 per cent added penalty. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company paid more than \$74,000, the largest amount. Less than \$50,000 will be turned over to the sheriff's office on the delinquent tax list.

Buena Vista Clover Poor.

Buena Vista-Clover hulling, which is in progress in this district, is exposing a poor yield. The midge, grasshoppers, and the long dry spell are high mark.

ABSENTEE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE RETURNING

Washington, D. C. - Prospects of losing a day's pay for each day's absence brought Representatives trooping back to the house and the rollcall showed 267 of the 435 in their seats

weeks. "This is the second line of reserves arriving," announced the leader of one returning party, "the third line is on

the way. "Who is that man?" demanded

Speaker Clark, pointing with his gavel at a strange face. A clerk explained that it was a returned member.

A deluge of applications for leave 'on account of illness" came down on the clerk. Majority Leader Underwood announced that the sergeant-atarms would have to be satisfied of the validity of every such application.

Jews Pray for Peace.

Brooklyn -- A prayer for peace between the warring nations of Europe has been prepared by members of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, of which Bernard sent to all congregations affiliated with in the services during the war. The trend of the prayer is a bitter denunciation of the men who are now ruling the destinies of their soldiers and asks Oregon City-More than \$100,000 for a quick ending of the slaughter and massacre taking place in Europe.

"All-Water" Voyage Made.

New York-The first all-water voyage from San Francisco to New York by way of the Panama canal was com- regiment, the Royal Scots Greys, is pleted here Thursday on the arrival of fighting with Russia against the comthe Pleiades, of the Luckenbach mon enemy. Convinced that they Steamship company. The Pleiades, will uphold the gracious traditions Steamship company. The Pleiades, from San Francisco on July 24 and passed through the canal August 16.

Prince, Surrounded, Dies.

Rome - How Prince Frederick William of Lippe died in the fighting beblamed for the noted decrease. From fore Liege is described tersely in a Albert constantly mingles with his at London says the town of Tournai, the Chicago Grand Opera company, leged that the company had not com- one bushel to two and one-half bushels dispatch received here from the head- troops, and was in the trenches in the capital of the Department of Hainaut, after a despairing two days' meeting, plied with the corporation laws of the are being obtained. Some growers quarters of the German army. The fighting around Malines. He was al-Belgium, occupied by the Germans, announced that there would be no per- state. The company is a foreign cor- report even less than a bushel an acre. Prince's regiment was surrounded by ways at the points of the greatest was compelled to pay an indemnity of formances the coming season. Ber- poration, having headquarters in Van- The Polk county acreage this year is the Belgians under the walls of Liege danger, assisting the encouraging the \$400,000 within an hour, the burgol nard Ulrich, manager of the company, couver, B. C., and, according to the said to be the largest yet planted and and he was struck by two bullets while men. He went among them attired master being held as a hostage unti- cabled the singers notifying them their corporation commissioner, is conduct- estimates for its value has been at a standing among his men. He died in- simply as a soldier, and his sympathestantly.

Lieutenant Eric Westmacott and nine men killed, four seriously wounded, and Lieutenant Robinson and 11 men wounded, but not seriously.

"The torpedo-boat destroyer Liberty lost commander Bertellot and six men killed, one man has since died from wounds, one dangerously wounded, five seriously wounded and five slightly wounded.

"The destroyer Laurel suffered ten men killed, one has since died of his wounds, two men dangerously wounded, seven seriously wounded and two slightly wounded.

London Paper Holds Up America as Good Example

London-The Daily News, in an editorial denouncing secret diplomacy SAVS:

"Can Europe ever again tolerate the appalling peril of secret diplomacy? Can we ever again play about on the deck with sails and compasses, making our little laws and imagining that we

are self-governing, while down in the hold of our ship of state there is a powder magazine, the existence of which we are not permitted to know?.

"Secret diplomacy belongs to the traditions of autocratic and personal government. It has no place in a democratic world, and the example of the United States must become the model of the civilized world on this vital matter, if Europe is to be free from menace in the future."

Czar Lauds Scots Greys.

London - The official press bureau has issued the following notice:

"His Majesty the Emperor of Russia, who is colonel in chief of the Scots Greys, has sent the following gracious message to his regiment: am happy to think that my gallant which flies the American flag, sailed of the past, I send them my warm greetings and wish them victory in the battle.'"

King Mingles With Troops.

London-According to the Antwerp correspondent of the Daily News, King tic conduct had a remarkable effect.