

# WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

## Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

### UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

The Federal baseball league has quit. Seized "opium" valued \$450,000 at San Francisco, proves to be bogus goods.

The French make considerable gain at Hartmans-Weilerkopf, and capture 1200 Germans.

Canada will raise a total of 250,000 men for England; 135,000 have already gone overseas.

It is estimated that the Federal government will lose \$250,000 in revenue when Oregon goes dry.

Eighty-five thousand pupils of the Chicago schools are absent because of an epidemic of influenza.

The barkentine S. N. Castle is in distress off the coast of Washington, with six feet of water in her hold.

According to a dispatch an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

Nine Portland lawyers win a damage suit for \$10 started by a woman over possession of a hen and eleven chicks.

A large number of cannon hidden by the Serbs in their flight from Austria-Hungary, have been recovered by the latter.

Voluntary retirement of the British in Gallipoli is denied by the Turks, who claim the English were defeated by their troops.

The Washington board of parole are withholding the freedom of paroled convicts until after January 1st, when the state goes dry.

Fifteen hundred men working on the Alaska railroad are icebound and will be compelled to live through the winter on canned goods.

Members of the Ford peace party are reported experiencing an epidemic of gripple, Mr. Ford himself being unable to appear at a meeting in Christiania.

The Roach Timber company of Muscatine, Ia., has raised \$300,000 by trust deed and will build a logging railroad to its holdings near Sutherland, Ore.

Twenty-six food dealers of Washington, D. C., charged with raising prices on eatables during the first few months of the war, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each.

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zeppelin, builder of dirigibles, has been elected a member of the first chamber of Wuerttemberg.

The movement for an increase of taxation by the German states has begun with Baden, where the Diet has just passed a bill increasing the income tax 20 per cent on incomes above 2400 marks.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, is reported dying in Paris.

Great Britain now demands enlistment of her eligibles to full strength.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, gave considerable evidence before the grand jury investigating the activities of the Labor's National Peace Council in fomenting strikes of employes in munition plants.

According to figures announced in London the number of casualties in Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria and Wurtemberg up to November 30 were 2,524,460. Of this number 484,228 men were killed or died of their wounds, 354,198 were severely wounded, 27,674 died of disease and 331,149 were missing. Naval casualties were not included in these figures.

The Northern hemisphere produced in 1915 3,590,000,000 bushels of wheat, an increase of 19.4 per cent.

An Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamer Leroy and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

The nitro-glycerin plant of the Aetna Powder company at Fayville, Ill., was blown up when 3000 pounds of nitro-glycerin exploded. The explosion was due to chemical reaction.

One woman is killed in Klamath county, Oregon, and one man wounded in a feud over ownership of a piece of property.

It is announced from Teheran, that the Russians have occupied the town of Kum, 80 miles southwest of Teheran, after a great battle. The opposing force was completely defeated.

The National Tidende, of Copenhagen, prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupp works outside Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by British airmen.

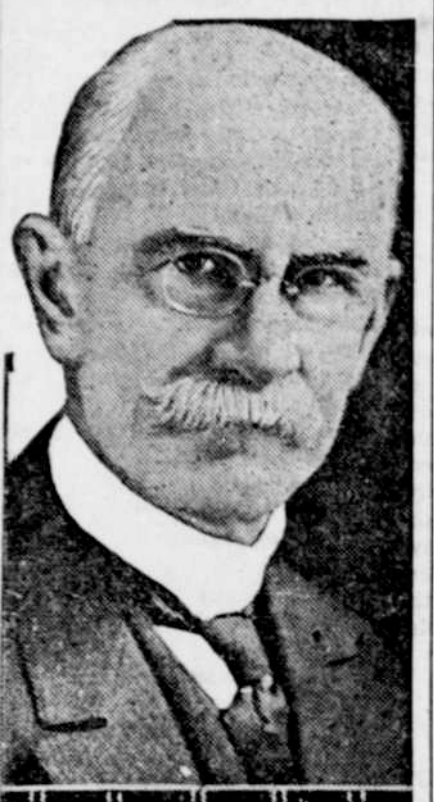
## ALL RAILROAD TRAFFIC RECORDS BROKEN FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Chicago—All records in the history of railroad traffic were broken in October, when the flood of export shipments for Europe, coupled with the unusual peak of Autumn activity, gross revenues of United States railroads were carried to a total of more than \$313,000,000.

Simultaneously, for the first time in almost two years, expenses recorded an increase over the year before. These are features of figures for the month compiled for roads which operated mileage of more than 256,000 miles, omitting the smaller roads.

October, 1912, the previous record month, reported a total of about \$306,000,000. The old record thus is beaten by about \$7,000,000. Striking as this October gross seems against the poor earnings of recent years, it is

### SENATOR CHARLES S. THOMAS



Senator Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, chairman of the senate committee on woman suffrage, pacified the suffragists by providing for a hearing before the committee on the Susan B. Anthony amendment removing from the ballot the qualification of sex.

noteworthy that the growth in three years since October, 1912, was only slightly more than 2 per cent.

Since then about 7500 miles of operated mileage have been added. Normal growth in traffic, with which single exceptional months cannot wholly be compared, is considered about 8 per cent a year.

Abnormal conditions in expenses, which left in September a record-breaking net revenue, continued in October, and another new high point for net was set at nearly \$120,000,000, over \$7,000,000 above September's record.

### Hardwood Lumber Yard Burns At Portland With Great Loss

Damage of probably \$100,000 to \$150,000 was caused to the plant of the Emerson Hardwood company, at Twentieth and North Front streets, Portland, at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The fire broke out in a dry kiln at 12:05 o'clock. One block of the yards burned. It was estimated that 200,000 feet of hardwood lumber had been destroyed. It was valued at \$50 to \$150 a thousand feet, according to the grades of wood.

The plant was located in North Portland between the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Eastern & Western Lumber company, on the waterfront.

The Eastern & Western plant was not in any danger, but the firemen began playing water on the iron works. The Northern Pacific oil train, leaving Portland at 12:30 o'clock, was halted by the fire.

The fire was most spectacular, being visible through the mist from nearly every part of the city.

### Estate Goes to Charity.

New York—Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller, who died last March, left an estate valued at \$1,490,471, according to the appraisal filed in the Surrogate's court. The bulk of the estate, as announced when the will was probated, goes to charitable and educational institutions. Mrs. Rockefeller's wedding ring, which she bequeathed to her son, is appraised at \$3. Her most valuable piece of jewelry, a diamond watch chain, valued at \$12,000, goes to her daughter, Mrs. Edith McCormick.

### War Airmen Not Citizens.

Washington, D. C.—State department officials have indicated that no action would be taken on demands for the internment of Elliott Cowdin, Norman Prince and William Thaw, three Americans now home on furlough from the French army. The department probably will take the position that when the three men joined the army of a foreign power they renounced their American citizenship and entered this country as soldiers unarmed.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Field Crop and Seed Growers' Conference to Be Held

Corvallis—One of the most important meetings during Farmers' Week, January 3 to 8, 1916, will be that of the Oregon Field Crop and Seed Growers' association. This association was organized last year. Its object, on the one hand, is to bring together all of those growers in the state who are producing seed crops, such as clover seed, vetch seed, alfalfa seed, potato seed, corn, grains, etc., and, on the other hand, to effect a general organization of those farmers particularly interested in field crop production and allied subjects. The specialized agricultural pursuits, such as that of the fruit grower, the dairyman, or the live stock breeder, all have their state organizations. As a matter of fact, organization of these, because of the limited number of men concerned and the highly specialized interests involved, is a natural procedure. The great mass of farmers of the state, however, are not specializing in live stock production or dairying or fruit growing but are devoted chiefly to the production of field crops.

The chief agricultural wealth of the state is produced by these crop growers. It is highly important that they should have an organization which will bring them together and promote their interests.

It is hoped the Field Crop and Seed Growers' association will become one of the largest and strongest associations in the state as the years advance.

All farmers interested should drop a line to the secretary of the association at Corvallis and secure information regarding it. The meetings of the association will occur on Wednesday and Thursday (January 5 and 6) during Farmers' Week, Thursday being devoted especially to the interests of the potato growers. Prominent seed and crop breeders and growers and seed buyers and dealers from Oregon, Washington and California are on the program for these meetings.

### Thousands of Girls Are Taking Domestic Science and Art

Salem—"It is impossible to tell what lines of work our school boys will pursue when they grow up; but it is pretty safe to predict that most of the girls will become housekeepers," said Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, in speaking of the vocational courses offered in the high schools. Mr. Churchill continued saying that 7194 girls are now learning cooking and sewing in the public schools of the state. Of this number, 3840 are in the high schools and 3354 are in the grades. If one may judge by the number of students enrolled in the two courses, cooking is not quite so popular as sewing, there being 3214 girls taking Domestic Science, and 3980 taking Domestic Art. The total value of the equipment for teaching the former course, consisting of stoves, cooking utensils, dishes, etc., amounts to \$24,916, while the equipment for the latter, including sewing machines, tables, etc., amounts to \$14,950. Nearly all of the teachers employed in these courses are graduates of the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Churchill states that Domestic Science is being offered in 69 standard high schools, and Domestic Art in 73.

### Siuslaw Valley Gets Big Shingle Mill

Eugene—A shingle mill on the Siuslaw river to employ 20 men at full capacity has been announced by L. C. Reynolds, formerly of Coos Bay. Construction on the plant will be commenced as soon as a location can be selected and two are under consideration, one on an old mill site a mile west of Florence and the other at Cushman, the most western point on the new railroad.

Mr. Reynolds has a body of timber on the Siuslaw, it is said, which will be handled. His machinery is now located on Coos Bay. The plant will cost approximately \$10,000. His location will allow him to ship both by water and rail.

A delegation of Siuslaw business men is expected in Eugene at the annual taxpayers' meeting to lobby for the construction of more than \$17,000 worth of road on the Siuslaw river.

### Liquor Patrons Stock Up.

Marshfield—As January 1 approaches the determination of Marshfield liquor dealers to rid themselves of stock is noticeable in countless advertisements appearing in the local newspapers. One firm is running half-page advertisements. Another firm, the National Bottling Works, reports heavy business in "futures," in barrels of bottled beer and general sales in bonded goods. District Attorney Liljeqvist has announced he will be looking about January 1 for infractions of the liquor law and expects to prosecute vigorously.

### Robins Visit Hood River.

Hood River—Hundreds of Alaskan robins are now making their winter home in the Hood River valley. The birds, while similar to the robin that nests here in the summer and seeks a warmer clime further south at the close of fall, are duller in color.

Orchardists welcome these winter guests, for the birds clean up any fruit left in the orchards to harbor possible disease pests. The robins also feed on insects and seeds of troublesome weeds.

# LOVE in a HURRY

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### CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

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"Well, she asked me to go down to the city hall with her, for to get a marriage license. This afternoon, it was, and you know what I thought. Well, we went up to the desk and we got a application—a printed paper it was tellin' all about what we was and how old, like, and we sat down to a table and Miss Fisher, here, she took a pen and ink."

"Hurry, Alfred, hurry!" cried Flodie impatiently.

"Well she went to work and wrote 'Yeases' and 'noes' on the line. And then she signed her name, Miss Fisher did, and she handed me the pen." Suddenly Alfred turned his head, and busied himself for a moment with his handkerchief. He returned to his narrative almost choking. "I was just a-goin' to sign Alfred J. Smallish; that's my name and what I always sign it, when she says to me, Miss Fisher did, 'You write down this here name what I tell you: Hall Cutler Bonistelle' she says. 'You asked me to ask you to do something hard for me, for to prove your love for me!' she says, and indeed I did, Mr. Bonistelle—and so I signed the paper, and we had it swore to."

"Well, give me the paper, Alfred! Do hurry!" Flodie cried anxiously.

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"But I told you what time to set it!" Flodie fairly yelled now. "And I told you half an hour ahead on purpose!"

Mr. Doremus held up his hand. "Silence!" he thundered. "Mr. Hassingbury," he declared solemnly, "there are witnesses enough present to prove that Mr. Bonistelle was married before midnight. As you are aware, I seldom take sides in any controversy, but in this case, my little friend here, Flodie—Bonistelle—completely won me over. There's no possible doubt that Mr. Bonistelle will inherit his uncle's fortune."

Hall burst out of his trance with a whoop. "Hurrah!" he screamed, "I've won four millions of dollars!"

Flodie stretched up on tiptoe and pulled down his dramatically extended hand. "No, sir," she announced, "I won it myself!"

THE END.

### MOST PERFECT OF PLANTS

Working of the Human Body Makes Any Invention of Man Seem Like Plaything.

The most complicated manufacturing plant that ever existed is the human body as controlled under the scientific management of the brain and nervous system. No factory ever boasted a more efficient producer plant for converting fuel into energy. No plant ever had so well-designed a pumping system, nor one so perfect for the disposal of waste and sewage. Talk of up-to-date heating and ventilating, or interdepartment telephone! The best that our modern science can put into our shops is crude indeed as compared with that furnished by the Great Designer. Suppose that you went to a pump manufacturer with the following specification:

Wanted, a pump with capacity of one-quarter gallon a minute, to handle warm salty fluid, to work for seventy years night and day without a shut-down, at the rate of seventy strokes per minute. Must be guaranteed to operate for the full period of time without repairs or adjustments, to require no attention; must have automatic control and contain its own motive power, and must have a duty per million foot-pounds superior to the best triple-expansion high-duty unit ever made.

Do you think the manufacturer would bid for the job? If he were a timid man he would probably agree with you and tell you to come around next week, meanwhile edging you toward the door before your insanity took a violent form. Or if he were not afraid of lunatics he would say: "Your poor bug, such a pump as you speak of never existed nor ever will except in the brain of a perpetual-motion freak such as I see before me!"

Which shows how much he knows about it, for both you and he carry just such a pump around with you, and each of you thinks too much of your possession to sell it for any money.—John H. Van Deventer, in the Engineering Magazine.

### SAVED MASTER FROM DEATH

Small Dog is Patted as a Hero in the Paris Hospitals, as Reward for Faithfulness.

In one of the Paris hospitals lives a dog, a brown-and-white setter, named Fend l'Air (cleave the air), who is a real hero of the war. His master, a sergeant of zouaves, is a patient in the hospital, and he owes his frail hold on life to the devotion and intelligence of Fend l'Air. When the regiment left Algeria for France the dog was left behind, but the faithful little creature leaped into the water and swam along behind the ship until the captain, taking pity on him, had him taken on board. From that time he has never left his master.

During the fighting at Rochincourt, near Arras, an exploding bomb buried the sergeant and seven other men with earth. They were badly injured, and so deeply covered that no man had the strength to fight his way out. But, luckily, Fend l'Air escaped the bomb. He at once began to scratch, and he scratched and scratched until he had reached his master and dragged him out to safety. The seven other men died.

The wounded sergeant and his dog were sent from one relief station to another until they found permanent care in this Paris hospital. Good nursing has saved the man, but too much attention almost killed the dog; so the nurses and orderlies fed him so lavishly that promiscuous feeding had to be forbidden.

Now Fend l'Air lives in the hospital kitchen, where he has assumed the duty of guard, and growls savagely at anyone who enters the kitchen—unless they belong there. Every day a nurse takes him to the wards to visit his master, and Fend l'Air puts his nose on the sergeant's shoulder and stands contented as long as he is permitted to remain. The great affection that exists between the sergeant and his dog is very charming.—Youth's Companion.



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