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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Two Lumber Mills to Open.

Klamath Falls.—The Algona lumber company sawmill opened for a season's run Monday morning. The mill will give employment to about 200 men, and has a capacity of 125,000 feet of lumber every 10 hours. There is about 15,000,000 feet of lumber to be cut by the plant this season. The box factory at the plant has been running to capacity all winter.

The enlarged and improved Long Lake lumber company plant on Upper Klamath lake will open April 10. That plant has a capacity of 50,000 feet a day, and will employ about 25 men.

Staff is Appointed by General White.

Portland.—Adjutant-General George A. White has announced his appointments to the general staff of the Oregon national guard. The personnel of the new staff is as follows: Colonel, Creed C. Hammond, Eugene; captain, Daniel E. Bowman, Portland; captain, Leo J. A. Pisoni, Portland; captain, John A. Buchanan, Roseburg; captain, Frank P. Tebbetts, Portland, and colonel, Cleland McLaughlin, of the United States army.

Eugene's Whale Wanted in the East.

Eugene.—The museum of comparative zoology, of Cambridge, Mass., wants to buy Eugene's whale, according to James Fullerton, donor and manager. The Field museum, at Chicago, has also written to Mr. Fullerton asking him to set a price on his mammal, the same whale that he brought up from the coast of Lane county and the one that the university of Oregon refused to accept after it arrived, carrying an odor all its own. Mr. Fullerton has refused to sell it, for it has been given to Eugene.

HEALTH LAWS INSUFFICIENT

Sanitary Code for Smaller Cities Arranged by University of Oregon.

Eugene.—"After examining a large number of health ordinances of Oregon cities, I have been impressed with the insufficiency of these to deal with health conditions. Most of them deal in an incomplete manner with communicable diseases and nuisances, but none of them covers the whole field of activities of a modern health department. For this reason it seems that the first and most urgent need of Oregon cities is a complete sanitary code." This statement was made by Don C. Sowers, professor of municipalities at the University of Oregon.

A sanitary code which is suitable for towns and cities outside of Portland has been prepared by the municipal research bureau of the state university. A great number of recent ordinances from American towns were used as references, and the provisions of the Oregon health laws and regulations of the state board of health were incorporated wherever found applicable.

This code may be had free on application to the extension division of the university.

Wool Growers Meet at Baker.

Baker.—Urging that the Portland wool market be encouraged, protesting against the abolishment of the ten-carload rate and favoring an equal valuation of livestock in all counties, 50 eastern Oregon wool men held a meeting here.

The sheepmen were brought here by Miles Leo, of Baker, and R. N. Stanfield, of Stanfield, with the purpose of getting the men closer together.

Bounty Collections Heavy at Baker.

Baker.—Now that coyote and other animal pelts are being paid for out of the fund for the first time since the bounty fund ran out last fall, many hunters are bringing in pelts to the county clerk. The first day nearly 40 were offered here and many bobcat and lynx hides were also cashed in. Hunters have been saving their coyote skins for months.

Junior Civic League Plan.

Albany.—To foster civic pride and interest in public affairs among the children of the city, a junior civic league may be formed here. The organization will be handled probably through the public schools. The suggestion has been made by the civic improvement committee of the Albany commercial club and is meeting with favor.

Hood River Growers Withdraw.

Hood River.—By unanimous vote the members of the Applegrowers' association adopted a resolution withdrawing from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors. However, a marketing alliance between the Hood River organization and the fruit growers of southern Oregon and the Rogue River valley may be made.

COMMANDER PIERCE



Photo by American Press Association
Sir R. H. Pierce, commander of the British fleet of warships which attacked the Turkish port of Smyrna.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

So far as actual fighting is concerned, the official reports contain little news from the western theatre of war. The big effort in the west, which has been so long awaited, seems to be still far off, and the operations are confined to an occasional attack and counter-attack, while the airmen on both sides are kept busy watching the opposing force and dropping bombs where they might be expected to do the most damage.

The Russians now are reported to be on the offensive along the whole of their front, from the Baltic sea to the Roumanian border and in the Caucasus.

The Germans are pouring reinforcements into Hungary to support the Austrian armies, which are being hard pressed by the Russians in the passes of the Carpathian mountains.

The battle in the Carpathians continues by night and day. The Russians are making desperate efforts to force Uesok and Lupkow passes, and on the success of these operations their army which is on the Hungarian side of Dukla, is waiting before continuing its advance.

As the days pass, the operations in the Dardanelles appear likely to be more and more protracted; even the London papers are inclined to admit that the Turkish positions perhaps have not yet been seriously damaged.

German submarines continue their activities, and a number of ships have been reported sunk during the past week.

Right of Embargo is Not Admitted.

Washington.—The United States government made public its note to Great Britain announcing that it could not "admit" either the right of the allies or their assertions for justification in placing an embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries.

The note reviews at length the legal phases of a blockade of belligerent territory and virtual blockade of neutral coasts.

Kitchener Bans Liquor From Home.

London.—War Secretary Kitchener is among the first of the prominent men in England to respond to the suggestion of abstention from the use of alcohol contained in the letter sent by King George to Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George. The war secretary issued instructions that no alcoholic beverages be served in his household for the duration of the war.

Plot to Aid British Warships Charged.

New York.—Dudley Field Malone, collector of port, charged that British cruisers patrolling the waters along the coast of the United States had been violating the neutrality law by coaling and taking on supplies from vessels putting out from the port of New York.

Grants Pass Line to Ocean Assured.

Portland.—Completion of the California & Oregon Coast railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Cal., at a cost approximating \$5,000,000, was assured when Twoby Bros., railroad contractors of Portland, arranged with the city officials of Grants Pass to finance the project and perform the work.

Receivership Asked for Shipping Trust

New York.—A petition for a receiver for the International Mercantile Marine company was filed here by the New York Trust company. It is alleged that the concern, known as the "shipping trust" had defaulted on \$2,300,000 interest on its bonds.

The International Mercantile was formed by the late J. Pierpont Morgan.

Deadlock on Western Battle Front

London.—Reports from Paris and Berlin indicate that the deadlock in France and Flanders continues with virtually no change.

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