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# NEWS OF WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

## AUSTRALIAN PREMIER IS WONDERFUL MAN

William Morris Hughes Has Taken Part in Almost all Sides of Life

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 9.—William Morris Hughes, who became Prime Minister of Australia consequent upon the assumption of the Commonwealth High Commissioner-ship in London by Andrew Fisher, has had a strenuous and picturesque career. He is a Welshman by birth and has just entered upon his 52nd year. Until he was about ten years old he knew but little English, but when he had acquired a better knowledge of that language he became a devoted student of it through the medium of classic works, the Bible, Shakespeare and Dickens for example. Before he was 20 he was obliged to earn his living as a state school teacher, and, his health having suffered from the strain, he came to Australia.

### Performed Many Tasks

This step he took in 1884. For the next ten years his life was a succession of struggles to find work, keep it and retain his health. He was at various times a boundary rider or ranch hand; a railroad freight station hand; a sled-builder; a post-hole digger, a vineyard helper; an employe in different capacities on coastwise steamers and a driver; and once he tramped 600 miles to obtain employment only to be disappointed.

An illness finally turned him to seeking his fortune in the city of Sydney, where he had to peddle books, mend umbrellas and do almost anything else which came to hand. At this stage he became a socialist and a single taxer, the latter from hearing lectures by Henry George who was then on a tour of Australia and reading Mr. George's work "Progress and Poverty".

Mr. Hughes served in many positions until he became attorney general and finally prime minister.

### Has Been Active

Several landmarks in Commonwealth legislation are largely due to Mr. Hughes' initiative. Notable among these are federal land taxation and the system of compulsory military training which has attracted attention in the United States of late. Since the war in Europe emphasized the value of material for munitions he has attacked with characteristic vigor what he called the "German metal ring" with the result that the British government has taken action against a number of firms engaged in the smelting business.

## HERO OF THE WAR WAS A GREAT PLAYER

Classmates of John P. Poe, Princeton Star, Killed in France, Discuss Quality of His Playing

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—According to his classmates, the playing fame of John P. Poe, the former Princeton football star, who recently was killed during a charge in Northern France of the Black Watch regiment of which he was a member, was due largely to his thorough mastery of the rudiments of the game, a detail which some coaches and players are prone to lay too little stress in their endeavors to think up strategy.

Poe was a deadly tackler, and surer than a mule when it came to catching a kicked or a passed ball. Former college mates of Poe recall that they often would find him in his room throwing the ball into a pile of pillows and sofa cushions in order to perfect his accuracy in passing. He practiced catching by throwing the ball high against the side of a building and taking it on the rebound.

Poe was a deep student of the game and he had learned to appreciate the part that a fumbled ball or a missed tackle has played in the history of football and he never ceased his drill in these elements at any time during the season. This fact so impressed itself on Poe that he made up his mind, as far as he was concerned, that if his team must lose, it would be because the opponent had the better team. Those who watched Poe in his playing days are unable to recall that he ever was guilty of a miff or a missed tackle. During the playing season he religiously began and ended the daily practice period by tackling the dummy from six to a dozen times.

## CENTRAL BUREAU WILL DEAL WITH COMMERCE

Body To Look After All Matters of and Exports Affecting Sweden

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 9.—The Swedish government has decided to establish a Central Bureau to deal with all matters affecting Swedish exports and imports, including the transit trade across Sweden to Russia. The Bureau will have far-reaching powers and will be manned by men of wide commercial experience. One department will deal exclusively with British trade, another with trade with Germany, and another with trade between Sweden and the United States.

## ENGLAND EXPECTS TO BUILD MERCHANT SHIPS

Yards Have Been Busy With Naval Work, but Some of Men Will Be Released

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 9.—While the vast resources of the various ship building yards of Great Britain are largely concentrated on naval work, it is believed that during the next few months much of the urgent naval shipbuilding will be completed and a certain number of men released for mercantile building and repair work.

At present, however, there is great difficulty in fitting new mercantile vessels with propeller machinery and other equipment, largely through the number of men engaged on Admiralty work and more recently by the new recruiting campaign which is slowly but surely depleting the yards of necessary workmen. Despite these drawbacks several new vessels have just been completed on the Clyde, including the New Zealand passenger steamer "Aotearoa" 15,000 tons, the Leyland and motor liner "Bostonian" and the motor ship "Montezuma."

## FEAR HORSE FLESH MAY REACH THE GERMANS

London Man Fined for Sending Product to Rotterdam Without Taking Proper Precautions

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Fear that horseflesh shipped to Rotterdam might find its way as food into Germany resulted in a \$50 fine being imposed on a horseflesh dealer at Hull this week. The defendant had done business with a horse butcher in Rotterdam for six years. But he had exacted no bond from the Rotterdam man to make sure that the meat would not reach Germany. For this lack of precaution he was fined. The butcher testified that the war had made no difference in the price of horse meat in Holland, and he was paid according to the condition in which the meat arrived. His last shipment consisted of twelve carcasses.

## NORWAY TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF LIQUOR

Regard Total Prohibition Impossible and Will Favor Mild Beers and the Light Wines

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 9.—A bill restricting and regulating the sale of liquor has been prepared by a government committee, and as it has the support of two-thirds of the members of the newly-elected Norwegian parliament, it will soon be enacted into law.

Total prohibition has been rejected by the committee as impossible to enforce, and detrimental to real temperance. But it is felt that the sale of strong liquors should be strictly controlled. Beer containing less than three per cent of alcohol is regarded not only as a harmless but a beneficial drink. Light wines will also be favored. The strong drinks will be dealt with according to their relation with the grosser forms of drinking.

The teetotalers, however, are not satisfied with the bill as drawn, and are trying to bring pressure on parliament for state-wide prohibition. Many members of parliament, to win the votes of the teetotalers, pledged themselves to extreme measures while personally favoring the moderate. These men may be forced to vote for absolute prohibition because of their pledges, with the amended to a somewhat severe form.

## FALLEN SOLDIERS MAY BE DISINTERRED

Germany Will Allow Buried Men to be Taken up But Only Under Conditions

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—So frequent have been the pleadings of relatives to be allowed to disinter the bodies of their soldier kin who have fallen at the front and been buried there, and bring them back home for reinterment, that the military authorities have relaxed their rules somewhat.

Bodies of soldiers may now be brought back under the following conditions: If they lie in single, individual graves, not in graves in which a number are buried or in graves that form part of a row; the exact location of the grave must be indicated, by sketches if possible; a relative or friend who is vouched for as able to identify the body must superintend the disinterment; the body may be transferred only by horse-drawn vehicles and trains, not by automobiles; transfer on military trains is free, on others subject to the customary charges; the regulations in force in peace time govern the removal of bodies of men who have died from dangerous diseases.

## COLLEGES TELLS HOW TO CLEAN THE HOUSE

Advise Is Given Housekeepers In Bulletin Which Has Been Recently Issued

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CORVALLIS, Dec. 8.—"Since entrance of dust and dirt into a house seems unavoidable, the housewife must spend much time in merely keeping things clean and it is important that she be able to do the work as easily and quickly as possible." In this way the reader of the newly issued bulletin on "Methods of Cleaning" is introduced to the many clear and practical ways of cleaning the house and household materials.

The reader's attention is further called to the improved equipments and more systematic plans of the home, whereby household work is losing much of its drudgery. It is shown that it is almost impossible to perform this work with the old-fashioned implements with which a good many homes are still provided without undue fatigue. Earnest recommendations are made in favor of displacing the antiquated cleaning equipment for that more modern and better adapted to its special use. The inutility of the common broom for cleaning polished floors, rugs, linoleum, and matting, with no reference to material cleaned and dirt removed is made plain. The relatively inexpensive special equipment for doing the work properly is pointed out, and methods of operating them clearly explained.

An edition of 8000 copies will be off the press in a few days, and every housekeeper that desires a copy can secure it by writing to O. A. C., Corvallis, Oregon, for it.

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## MILITARY COAST ROAD HAS BEEN PROPOSED

Eugene Commercial Club Is Asked to Give Support to Scheme for Great Highway

The following press telegram from Eugene tells of a proposal for a military coast road which is in line with the plan presented recently by Fred Hollister of North Bend.

"Support of a proposal to build a Federal military coast defense highway on the Pacific Coast from Vancouver, B. C., to San Francisco with an outlet to the Coast at Eugene, via the Siuslaw, was asked today from the Eugene Commercial Club.

"F. W. Harris, of Renton, Wash., outlined the campaign to obtain Congressional appropriation. The sale of Federal timber in the state through which the road will pass is expected ultimately to finance the project.

"A 100-foot roadway, routed through Seattle, Portland and the Willamette Valley is sought.

"The 'cut-off' from here to Florence is proposed to avoid heavy snow south of Roseburg during the Winter that makes travel impossible, it is said. With the 'cut-off' line to the Coast, via Eugene, the road would be available for traffic at all times of the year.

"As planned now the Government will make all the surveys. The country through which the road passes is to acquire the right of way by purchase or condemnation."

## NEW FOOTBALL LEAGUE HAS BEEN FORMED

Differences Among the Northwest Colleges Results in The Formation of New Organization

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—Although rumors have been rife for weeks that a new football conference on the Pacific coast would be organized as the result of the differences among the Northwestern colleges on the question of eligibility of the freshmen to play on varsity football teams, the formation of Pacific coast intercollegiate conference yesterday caused a sensation.

The new conference is composed of Washington, Oregon and California Universities and the Oregon Aggies and freshmen will be barred. The three former colleges, however, will maintain membership in the Northwest conference, which will continue to allow the freshmen to play.

## NEW RULES FOR THE BASKET BALL GAME

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The following is a condensation of the important changes made in the basketball rules which are in force this season:

1. Roughing a player who is in the act of shooting, gives opponents two free throws (goals also count if made).
2. It is a foul for a player to come in bodily contact with either of two players who are in a scrimmage, but he may snatch the ball away.
3. (Running with ball). A player who receives the ball while standing may, in throwing for goal, take one step and then jump, without fouling. A player who changes his position without materially advancing the ball is not considered to be running with the ball. A player pushed by an opponent is not considered as advancing the ball. When running he may "stop as soon as possible" and then play the ball as though he had been standing still.

## MANY DEER KILLED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY

Deputy Warden Estimates that About Two Thousand Were Slaughtered in the Year

The Roseburg Review tells the following of the remarkable number of deer killed in Douglas county during the past year:

"That approximately 2,000 deer were killed in Douglas County during the recent open season for this game, is the estimate of Oren Thompson, a local deputy game warden.

Mr. Thompson spent much time in the rural districts during the open season for deer and he believes he is in a position to know about how many deer were slain by the hunters who invaded the forests of this county. Mr. Thompson's estimate of the deer killed during the past season exceeds to some extent the number estimated by a game expert who spent some time in this county a few weeks ago, and later published a report in one of the game periodicals of the West.

Although the number of deer killed in Douglas County appears very large, there are still plenty of the animals roaming the forests of this vicinity. No shortage of deer for next year's season is anticipated by the game warden.

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