

BRIEF INFORMATION

(22D DAY OF 1917.)
COMING EVENTS.
Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' association, annual convention Portland, January 22-23.

Today's Forecast.
Portland and vicinity—Tonight and Tuesday partly cloudy; southerly winds.

Weather Conditions.
A moderate disturbance has moved from Alaska to Alberta and Saturday's southwestern storm has moved to the northwest.

Observations.
Temperature.
STATIONS

Table with columns for Station, Max. Temp., Min. Temp., Precip., Wind Velocity, etc. Includes stations like Baker, Hills, Chicago, etc.

TOWN TOPICS

Five Persons Hurt.—When an automobile in which they were riding overturned on the Columbia highway...

Farmer Is Injured.—Henry Victor, an Oregon City farmer, was painfully injured shortly before 8 o'clock this morning...

Oyster Dealer Past Crisis.—Louis Wachsmuth, well known Portland oyster dealer, has been discharged from hospital, recovering from a severe case of pneumonia...

White Visits Portland.—Professor Lee A. White, until recently head of the department of zoology of the University of Washington...

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Flatiron Bill Will Speak.—W. R. Smith, known as Flatiron Bill, Alaskan poet, will tell Rotarians in the Benson hotel Tuesday noon how he came to write some of the verses contained in his book, "Northern Lights..."

Absolves Company.—After a rehearing of the case of Carl Wass versus the Wapama Steamship company, in which a verdict had been found for the...

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H. C. HOOVER, BELGIAN AID'S HEAD, PREDICTS ANOTHER YEAR'S WAR

Sir Gilbert Parker, on Visit Here, Says British Aroused and They Will Not Let Go.

New York, Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—The European year is expected to last at least another year, said Herbert C. Hoover, president of the Union Belgian Relief commission, who arrived here Sunday on the steamer Philadelphia.

"We are basing our preparations for the worst on the theory that the war will last another year," said Mr. Hoover.

"We need \$150,000,000 at once to carry on the work. The commission is caring for 11,000,000 Belgians every month and is expending \$15,000,000 monthly."

Another passenger was Sir Gilbert Parker, who says he expects to be in this country ten weeks. He will remain here until Thursday and will then go to Washington. His only comment on the war was:

"The British people are slow to move and they are slow to grasp, but when they get their teeth in they do not let go. Militarism must and will be crushed."

"The Philadelphia brought a number of clothing manufacturers from England who have come to purchase in the city which has closed down most of the British mills, it was explained.

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Dr. W. A. Wise has returned from the east.

DIPLOMATIC CHANGES AFTER MARCH 4 PLAN OF PRESIDENT WILSON

"Less Politics and More Regard for Efficiency" to Be End in View.

By Robert J. Bender.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(U. P.)—President Wilson is planning a shake-up of the diplomatic service after March 4. Custom decrees that all American diplomats submit their resignations at the close of every presidential term—and this is expected to offer the president his opportunity to improve the diplomatic service, "with less politics and more regard for efficiency."

In this connection, there was an unconfirmed report today that Secretary of State Lansing might succeed Ambassador Walter Hines Page at London.

Deserving Democrats in the diplomatic service are scheduled to go. The president has indicated his desire to secure for the future the services of secretaries in diplomatic service who are themselves especially adapted for such work, by promoting them to the rank of minister and ambassador. In this way, the president hopes to instill into the whole diplomatic service the principle of "promotion by efficiency and not necessarily by seniority."

Changes Are Planned.
The president will hold himself free to choose ministers and ambassadors from outside the diplomatic corps, should he find men "peculiarly qualified" for the job.

The diplomatic shake-up is only one of a number of plans which the president has in mind for improvement in the administration of the government. He desires not only to set a new standard of efficiency in diplomatic appointments, but to carry this same idea into the sections of members of various federal commissions and boards.

A new budget system for national expenditures is contemplated to obtain a maximum of efficiency and minimum of waste, as well as to permit of complete checking up of where funds go.

In this plan for itemization of expenditures, there is also a systematization of rivers and harbors improvements and flood control.

Efficiency Will Be Sought.
The president's general plan for increasing administrative efficiency also includes prompt treatment, which included an operation, brought the patient past the crisis. Mr. Wachsmuth is the son of M. Wachsmuth, retired, one of the oyster growers on the Pacific coast. The father now resides at Oysterville, Wash.

White Visits Portland.—Professor Lee A. White, until recently head of the department of zoology of the University of Washington, was a Portland visitor yesterday en route to Detroit to enter upon the duties of secretary to the board of directors of the University of Michigan.

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STEAMSHIP AGENTS DISCUSS PLANS FOR CONVOY OF VESSELS

Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22.—(U. P.)—Allied steamship agents today were discussing plans for a convoy of allied merchantmen across the seas. The project contemplates "ports of rendezvous" in Europe and South America.

Under such a scheme, allied merchantmen would assemble probably at Lisbon and Pernambuco, and on certain specific dates would sail, under protection of allied warships, all the way across the Atlantic.

British, French and Norwegian consular officials today completed arrangements for transfer "back home" of citizens of those nations included in the prisoners landed from the Hudson Maru at Pernambuco. Many will start the return trip on the next outgoing steamer.

The Brazilian government is taking no chances of violations of its territorial waters. A big fleet of belligerent war vessels is patrolling the coast line. The cruiser Deodoro was additionally assigned to this squadron today.

It was one of this fleet of "neutrality guards" that today reported the finding of the decapitated bodies of eight Paraguayans and six Argentinians floating in the river near Porto Murinho, Brazil. It is presumed they were enticed aboard a river steamer by cattle thieves and massacred, although the motive behind the crime is unexplained.

Rumor Has Raider Sunk.
Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A German commerce raider, believed to be the ship which wrought such havoc among British shipping, has been sunk in the Atlantic, 130 miles off Para, according to an unconfirmed report circulated here today.

The raider is said to have been sunk by the British cruiser Glasgow which was recently in port at Pernambuco. The report of the destruction of the raider came from Pernambuco.

It had previously been reported that a mysterious ship, believed by many to be the German commerce destroyer, had been sunk off the Brazilian coast, near Para, speeding through the Atlantic under a full head of steam.

The British auxiliary cruiser Edinburgh Castle, which was engaged in the hunt for the raider, arrived at this port Sunday.

A machine that permits a singer to hear his own voice just as an audience hears it is the invention of an Englishman.

Brail added to her fleet of war vessels watching to prevent violations of neutrality by German submarines, a number of captured British steamers.

Chileans to Do Patrol Duty.
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EMPLOYEE OF PORTLAND RAILWAY FOUND DEAD AT SELLWOOD STATION

E. P. McDaniel Believed to Have Come in Contact With 11,000-Volt Wire.

Electrocuted by wires carrying 11,000 volts, the body of Ernest P. McDaniel was found lying on the floor of the Sellwood sub-station of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock.

The body was found by H. C. Ristau, another employee of the company, who came to relieve McDaniel at that time. From an investigation made by Deputy Coroner Smith, it is believed McDaniel had climbed a rail to make some repairs and fell against the wires.

No inquest will be held. The company dispatcher, who calls the sub-station every hour, failed to receive a response at 3 o'clock, but did not think anything wrong until Ristau telephoned about the accident.

McDaniel, who was about 35 years old, had been in the employ of the company for 15 years. He is survived by his mother, with whom he lived at 337 Fargo street.

NEW HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT UP TO LEGISLATURE

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World Tax Gasoline Dealers.
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COURT DISMISSES ANTI-TRUST SUITS

Washington, Jan. 22.—(U. P.)—The supreme court today dismissed without prejudice government anti-trust suits against the South Atlantic and Asiatic shipping pools, by which steamship lines were alleged to have "split up" ocean business.

CHAMPION MOTHERS' PENSION LAW

Eugene, Or., Jan. 22.—The Portland club, of this city, one of the leading women's organizations of the state, has adopted resolutions against the repeal of the present mothers' pension law. The resolutions...

LANE SOCIETY ELECTS

Eugene, Or., Jan. 22.—The Lane County Agricultural society, which owns the fair grounds in this city, has re-elected Henry W. Stewart as president, and the other officers follow: F. B. Wetherbee, vice president; J. M. Williams, secretary, and W. T. Gordon, treasurer. Directors are: M. M. Davis, F. M. Wilkins, Henry W. Stewart, W. T. Gordon, F. L. Armitage, R. S. Spencer and F. R. Wetherbee. At the annual meeting the stockholders authorized the directors to make a proposition to the Lane county court to rent the fair grounds for a term of five years at an annual rental of \$1000, with an option to buy.

DOLLAR SAWMILL AT COQUILLE TO RESUME CUTTING VERY SOON

Stanley Dollar, at Eugene, Says Prospects Good for Lumber Industry After War

BANDON PLANT IS LEASED

Believed That Destroyed Cities and Industries Will Be Rebuilt With Products of the West Coast.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 22.—The Dollar company's big sawmill at Coquille will soon resume operations, according to Stanley Dollar, son of Captain Robert Dollar, head of the Dollar company, who passed through Eugene Friday afternoon on his way home to San Francisco from a trip to Coquille, where he made arrangements to lease the plant to E. E. Johnson, who has also recently leased the Dollar company's mill at Bandon.

The mill at Coquille has capacity of 100,000 feet of lumber a day and the plant at Bandon is about half that large.

"The lumber business seems to be improving," said Mr. Dollar while here, "and there are bright prospects ahead for it."

CHILE PATROLS COAST TO KEEP RAIDERS AT SEA

to elicit anything like an agreement as to the raider's appearance. The widest publicity is being given additional credence to the story of the capture of the British steamer Radnorshire, that the raider had not let go and was in the hands of her captives, presumably the British merchantman St. Theodore.

The South Atlantic today was literally swimming with searchers for the ship, or ships responsible for the blow at allied commerce.

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CALIFORNIA MAY GET LAW LIKE MANN ACT

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 22.—(U. P.)—A white slavery law similar to the Mann act will be written into the statutes of California if a bill to be introduced Monday by Assemblyman Samuel Knight of San Bernardino becomes a law. The bill is designed especially to prevent men taking girls from San Diego across the Mexican line to Tijuana and back again to San Diego.

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