

BRIEF INFORMATION

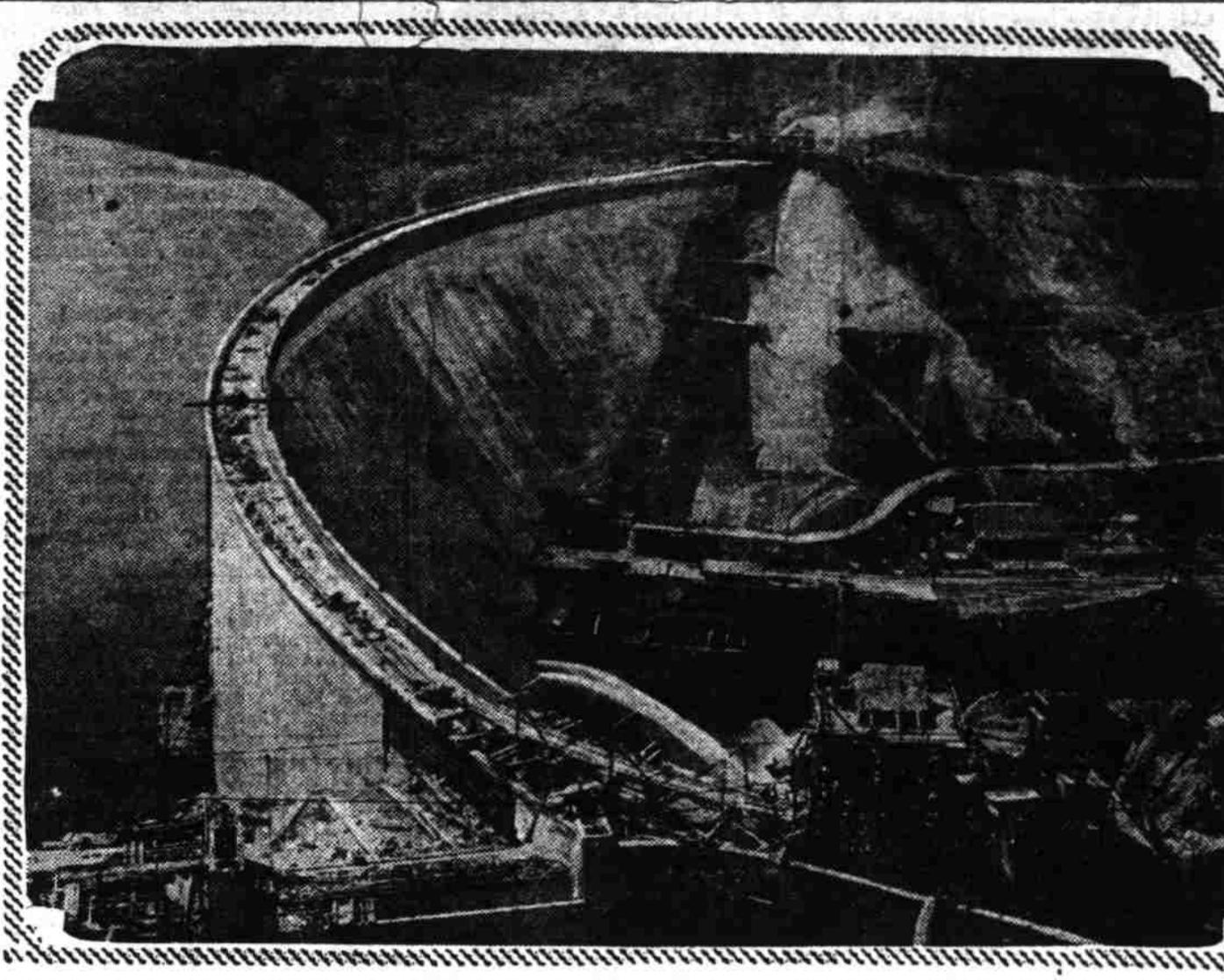
(83D DAY OF 1917.)
Coming Events.
Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon annual convention at La Grange, April 20, 21 and 22.
National Education Association meets Portland, July 7-14.
Pacific Coast Claim Agents' annual convention, Portland, July 18, 19, 20.
Multnomah County fair from September 11 to 16, at Grasmont, Or.

Table with columns: STATIONS, Temperature, Wind velocity, Humidity, etc. Lists various weather stations and their current conditions.

TOWN TOPICS

White Festival \$1500.—The county commission has appropriated \$1500 for the White Festival for 1917.
Whitman Society.—The annual meeting of stockholders and board of trustees of the Oregon Humane society will be held at the Unitarian church, Broadway and Yamhill streets, Wednesday evening, 8 p. m.
British Columbians Coming.—That British Columbia is the coming National Education association in July in Portland seems assured from the receipt of a letter from H. E. Davidson, immigration commissioner of that province, who has written the local committee that he has called a meeting of all the educators of the province, at which time plans will be made for active participation in the report.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT GUARDS ARROW ROCK DAM



Arrow Rock dam near Boise, Idaho, is the largest dam in the world, being 348.5 feet in height. It converts the channel of the Boise river into a reservoir with a capacity of 244,300 acre feet of water for the irrigation of 234,000 acres of land in the Boise valley.

Boise, Idaho, March 24.—(U. P.)—Upon information furnished the government that a full set of plans of the big Arrow Rock dam had been secured some months ago by a German reservist, the government has ordered that the big reservoir works be closely guarded, and as a precautionary measure, night and day guards have been ordered stationed at the dam.
It was learned from reliable sources that the information as to the plans being obtained was given to the government by a loyal German-American, who believed that the plans of the dam were taken for no good purpose and, from recent developments, as part of the plan to create havoc in this country in the event of hostilities.

CONSTANT STREAM OF MEN POUR INTO THE RECRUITING QUARTERS

Thirty-eight Enlisted in Navy During Week and Army Maintains 25 Average.

CAUSE IS NOT CERTAIN

Officials Do Not Know Whether Prospect of War or Publicity Campaign Responsible.

Portland recruiting offices of the three federal services—the army, navy and marine corps—report a constant stream of applications for enlistment, although recruiting officers in charge are unable to tell accurately whether the press accounts of possible conflict between Germany and the United States are stimulating recruiting at this time.
Through advertisements, booklets and personal contact the work of arousing interest in the services has been going on for many months and in many instances the international situation is the means rather of determining a half-formed intention to enlist than an inducement to a spontaneous enlistment.
For the week ending Thursday night the United States navy recruiting station in Portland secured 38 enlistments. Saturday ends the week's work for the army and the marine corps in maintaining an average of about 25 accepted applicants a week.
Personal touch is the big secret of getting men, say the recruiting officers, although booklets and ads are found valuable to a degree.
The Portland district for the navy has a branch office in Spokane, is relying almost entirely upon the personal note, letters and talks. Lieutenant-Commander John H. Blackburn, U. S. N., in charge, has abandoned the form of recruiting furnished by the department and is using personal letters written either by himself or his assistants. He is getting the greatest results and what is more to the point the enlistments received here are 96 per cent desirable.
The United States navy needs 20,000 men, once to put her fighting craft in active commission. If war were to be declared at this time many valuable vessels would not be serviceable because insufficiently manned.
Some 150 men comprise the normal strength of the navy and the president has the authority of congress to increase this number to 87,000.
Women Are Signed Up.
With average age of the 50,000 men in the navy today at about 22 years, most of the applicants now enlisting are coming from the 18 to 24 neighborhood of 18 years. Recruits are sent to Goat Island in San Francisco bay for preliminary training.
The term of enlistment is four years with the enlistment period for those entering under 18 expiring at the time they attain their majority.
The navy is also anxious to get recruits in the form of clerical branches and offers the inducement of training and schooling to those who can pass the required examinations.
No instructions have been received by Commander Blackburn relative to the enlistment of women, but it is understood that they are being signed up for shore duty only in the navy reserve, although for clerical branches and offers the inducement of training and schooling to those who can pass the required examinations.
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More Than Quota Expected.
The Portland army recruiting district comprises all of Oregon and the eight southern counties of Washing-

ton. This territory having an estimated population of 808,000, the district is expected to obtain one recruit to each 1000 of population, or 808. Captain E. J. Husebaker, U. S. A., has been in charge since February and the total number of enlistments indicates that more than the required number will be obtained in this district for the year.
Recruits are sent to Vancouver barracks for preliminary training, to be later assigned to posts if they elect the line—infantry, cavalry, coast artillery—and to training schools if they more technical branches—signal corps, engineers, medical corps and the like.

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Warm Welcome for Rev. Calvin Waller

White Temple Congregation and Other Tender New Pastor a Generous Reception; Attended by Ministers.
A welcome that was as enthusiastic as it was earnest, was tendered Rev. Calvin B. Waller, the new pastor of the White Temple, at a reception in his honor Friday night in the church building. Not only did the congregation attend en masse, but friends and ministers from the churches which represented different denominations.
Rev. Luther R. Doyt, pastor of the First Congregational church; Rev. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church; and Rev. Joshua Stansbury, pastor of the First Methodist church, made stirring addresses that reflected the sincere greetings of Portland's ministry and laity to the new minister.
A message of welcome from Mayor Albee was read and Dr. W. P. Hinson, pastor of the East Side Baptist church, presided at the dinner. Dr. Hinson, former pastor of the White Temple, Henry Scougal rendered a baritone solo, and Miss Fay, Rudduck gave a vocal selection. The Hinson family orchestra gave selections.
Dr. and Mrs. Waller and family arrived on March 2, from Asheville, N. C., where they will visit to Portland several weeks before.

Police Perturbed By Service Request

Enrolled in Naval Militia Band for Summer Cruises—May Be Called for Service at Any Moment.
Four men occupying comfortable berths in the police department were given considerable perturbation of mind Friday, when Chief of Police Clark notified them that he had received word from the government that their services are needed in the navy. These men are members of the naval reserve, but they anticipated no military service when they enrolled on Friday the twenty-third. Great Scott, it never went anywhere on Friday that I didn't strike hard luck."
"Sailed out of Liverpool on a Friday of 1888. I was on the Nova Scotia bark Jordan L. Mott, and 22 degrees west of Greenwich, we were wrecked in a storm.
"Several years later on a Friday I sailed out of Frisco on the Alex Duncan with a cargo of hogs for southern California, and we piled up on Small Mile Rock outside Golden Gate heads.
"Thirteen years ago I was going to Ebers after a horse thief. I left on Friday, and a few miles above The Dalles a fellow put a bolt on the track and we jumped it from the engineer was killed and there was all kinds of trouble.
"So I don't leave Portland no more on Friday. That's all!"

Metschan Family in Birthday Reunion

Metschan From All Over the Northwest Assemble to Honor Father and Son at Birthday Anniversary.
Members of the Metschan family from all parts of the northwest are gathered in Portland today to celebrate the birthday of Phil Metschan Sr., head of the family and veteran Oregon hotel man.
Mr. Metschan is 77 years old today, and, peculiarly enough, it is the birthday anniversary, too, of Phil Metschan Jr., who is 41.
The anniversary is the occasion for the annual reunion of the Metschans, and children and grandchildren are in attendance.
Phil Metschan Sr. was born in Schenfield, Hesse-Cassel, Germany, March 24, 1840. As a lad of 14, he came to America, residing in Cincinnati until he reached his majority. The discovery of gold in the Pike's Peak region drew him westward, and from Colorado he came to Oregon.
In 1862 he established Portland's second bakery, and then the Canyon City gold strike took him to eastern Oregon. He was elected state treasurer in 1890, serving for eight years. Upon retirement from public office he assumed the management of the Hotel Imperial in this city.
Mr. Metschan is one of the best-known citizens of Oregon, and scores of congratulations are being showered upon him. Phil Metschan Jr., who now has the active management of the hotel, is likewise receiving many felicitations.

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Oregon Prisoners Aid Society Session

The Oregon Prisoners' Aid society will hold its annual meeting in the Central library Monday, March 26.
During the afternoon session Dr. George A. Sheafe, superintendent of the boys' training school at Chehalis, Wash., will speak on "Beginnings of Delinquency Among Boys." Mrs. Harriet H. Heller, assistant superintendent of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, is to talk on the care of dependent girls.
At the evening session, W. G. MacLennan, superintendent of the society, will make a brief of the year's work. Captain Charles A. Murphy, warden of the state penitentiary, will talk on "Prevention of Delinquency and the State Penitentiary." Mrs. Minnie Darst, superintendent of the girls' training school, and George Thatcher, there are a number of musical selections on the program.

Night Clerk Wilson Fights Off Robbers

C. B. Wilson, a night clerk at the Salvation Army hotel, 210 First street, fought off two men who attempted to hold him up at 1 o'clock this morning. The men went to the hotel and required for a room. In the corridor one of the men placed a revolver against Wilson's stomach. He clinched with the man but in the struggle the other snatched Wilson's purse, which contained 20 cents. Wilson's cries aroused other men in the house and the robbers fled. One was said to be about 40 years old, while the other was described as being a youth of 19.

Cash Grain Soars To Record Heights

Chicago, March 24.—(U. P.)—Cash grains soared to record heights today. Wheat went above \$2.00 a bushel, with 11½¢ to be had at that price.
Corn sold for \$1.19 a bushel and oats for 65¢ cents for standard.
Rye brought a record price of \$1.65 a bushel.

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Portland Anglers Are Not Poaching

Complaints are without foundation regarding the "man-of-war" trout fishing in the Elsie and Milk creeks, according to Deputy Game Warden E. H. Clark, who with F. M. Brown patrolled the streams thoroughly last Sunday. Charges have been made by certain residents of Clatskanie county that Portland sportsmen have recently been poaching in these streams, but Mr. Clark states that he could find no evidence to that effect.

Fleur de Lis Dance Creating Interest

An affair which is creating a great deal of interest in the high school and college set is the dance to be given by the Fleur de Lis this evening at the Irvington clubhouses. Those on the committee are: Joe F. Trowbridge, Miss Corinne Kellogg, Victor R. Shearer, Miss Imogene Seton, Arden Puratse, Miss Emma Garbade, Albert G. Clark, Miss Janet Peters, W. Biddle Combs and Miss Hope McKenzie.

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