

## ITALY DECLARES WAR ON TURKEY

### Turkey's Request for Delay Ignored and Hostilities Have Begun.

London.—Italy has declared war on Turkey and hostilities have begun. No sooner had the time limit fixed by the ultimatum expired than, ignoring the Turkish conciliatory request for delay, Italy declared war. The Turkish representatives in Italy received their passports.

The Duke of Abruzzi is reported maintaining his foothold at Prevesa, where he landed following a bombardment, the sinking of a Turkish destroyer and driving two transports ashore to escape capture.

A special edition of the Rome Tribuna published the statement that the Italian cruisers entered the harbor of Tripoli Tuesday afternoon, bombarded the forts and governor's castle, made a landing and hoisted the Italian flag.

The most important naval capture of the war so far is that of the Turkish transport Sabah, with a Turkish general, a large consignment of troops and much ammunition aboard.

The Turkish cabinet resigned when war was declared and a new ministry was formed under Said Pasha, but retaining the former able war minister, Mahmoud Shekfat Pasha.

Constantinople.—Mobilization is being hurried. Turkish troops have been sent to Macedonia and along the frontier. In spite of the government's pacific assurances, the fear persists that if the war with Italy is prolonged a frontier incident will occur which will unavoidably precipitate a Turkish-Greek war.

Replies to the Porte's appeal have been received from most of the powers, but they give little satisfaction. In effect the powers say they will be unable to offer mediation until the Porte suggests a basis of settlement on the lines of Italy's demands.

## CARRY MAIL BY AEROPLANE

### Across Continent Route Laid Out by Postmaster General.

Washington.—Transportation of U. S. mail across the continent by aeroplane, over a designated route, by a special mail messenger appointed by Postmaster-General Hitchcock is a test that will be undertaken this week.

Earle E. Ovington, who was designated by Mr. Hitchcock to carry the mails over a short route between Nassau and Brooklyn, is the man now completing preparations for the transportation of official mail across the continent from New York to Los Angeles.

The aeroplane will carry a small sign bearing the words "U. S. Mail." Ovington also will carry credentials from Mr. Hitchcock which will insure him every possible aid from postmasters and postal officials.

Rolph's Majority 20,583.

San Francisco.—The final count of the election returns from the primary election shows that James Rolph, Jr., was elected mayor by a majority over P. H. McCarthy, of 20,583 votes.

## AVIATOR DIXON IS KILLED AT SPOKANE

Spokane.—Fresh from his triumph of last Saturday, when he topped the Rocky Mountains in a successful flight from Helena, Cronwell Dixon, 19 years old, Curtiss aviator, fell to his death from a height of about 100 feet in his initial performance at the Spokane Interstate Fair Grounds.

A mere handful of spectators witnessed the accident, and thousands who were craning their necks for a glimpse of the aviator did not know of the tragedy enacted just out of their range of vision. Dixon was removed to the emergency hospital on the grounds, where he died 45 minutes after the fall.

Death was pronounced due to concussion of the brain and hemorrhage; Dixon's leg was also broken, the bone protruding from the flesh. His face was battered almost to a pulp.

When rescuers got to him Dixon was lying under his machine, which was smashed to pieces. He was unconscious and remained so until dead.

Mexican Vote Muddled.

Mexico City.—Worried by inability to ascertain who was elected vice-president last Sunday, members of the central committee of the various parties have started a new campaign for votes in the electoral college on October 15. Hundreds of telegrams were sent today to party chiefs, urging them to send in results of the election to give a working basis for this brief and somewhat irregular campaign.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

A total of \$2,892,840 will be required to finance the city of Portland during 1912.

Philomath College, the Oregon school of the United Brethren Church, at Philomath, has opened its 46th year.

The Lane County teachers' institute opened at Eugene for a three days' session with an enrollment of more than 390 teachers.

Governor West has announced that there will be no special session of the Oregon Legislature to consider good road legislation.

The Albany city council is preparing to declare the franchise of the Portland, Eugene & Eastern Railway Company on several local streets forfeited.

Preliminary freight rates between Portland and Bend have been announced by the Oregon Trunk Railway, effective as soon as freight handling starts to Bend.

Bend is making elaborate plans to welcome James J. Hill and the party of prominent Hill and Harriman railroad officials to celebrate Railroad days, October 5 and 6.

Upon the recommendation of the state board of health Governor West appointed J. F. Morel, of Corvallis, as state veterinarian for a four-year term to succeed Dr. W. H. Lytle, of Pendleton.

As an outgrowth of an encounter between A. M. Fanning, mayor of Sheridan, and G. E. Cross, a contractor, the mayor has been indicted on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

Cones, from which seeds will be taken for use in the reforestation of the Pacific Northwest, are beginning to arrive at the drying station at Wyeth, nearly five carloads having been received.

Archibald Gray, assistant general freight and passenger agent in Portland for the Great Northern Railway, tendered his resignation, effective October 15, to become general freight agent of the Western Pacific at San Francisco.

Following an inspection of lands south of Astoria by cranberry culture experts of Washington, options have been taken on several large tracts of land lying along the Astoria & Columbia River road between Warrenton and Gearhart.

The Hyland Fruit Growers of Yamhill County will convene in Sheridan October 14, when important topics relative to fruit and soils will be discussed. State horticultural experts will be present and a county-wide attendance is expected at the meeting.

Speaking before the Lane County teachers' institute on the subject, "Tendencies in Education," I. R. Alderman, state superintendent, said that the tendencies of the people, as judged by those who came to his office to interview him, were distinctly for something new.

That in the near future he will provide all district attorneys in the state with a list of corporations which have failed to submit their annual reports and instruct them to bring suit against the delinquents was the announcement made by Corporation Clerk Babcock of the secretary of state's office.

The aggregate value of Oregon's domestic animals, including poultry and bees, has increased \$25,418,111, or 74.9 per cent, during the last 10 years. The total value of all domestic animals has increased \$24,943,000, or 75.2 per cent. Oregon poultry made a gain of \$485,000 in value, or 83.3 per cent, during the same period.

With the organization of a strict patrol throughout the Willamette Valley and the gaining of closer co-operation from the farmers W. L. Finley, state game and fish warden, declares that within three years the supply of China pheasants will be plentiful enough to permit hunters shooting them with proper discrimination.

A sale of timber involving 73,000,000 feet in the Whitman national forest, partly in Baker and partly in Grant counties, is under way and will probably be made within a short time. The Baker White Pine Lumber Company has made application for this timber and notice of a sale will be published. At this sale the highest bidder will be given the timber.

Declaring the system of accounting employed by county officials to be poor and inadequate, but exonerating officials from any criminal culpability for existing discrepancies and errors, Josiah Richards and Bland & Wilson, Spokane experts who have spent the last several weeks in auditing Umatilla County books, submitted their report to the county court.

One hundred thousand young steelhead salmon and 10,000 Montana speckled trout fry are being cared for at the state's first exclusive fish nursery on Meacham Creek, 24 miles east of Pendleton. The new plan of the state fish and game commission to keep the young fish in nursery ponds until they acquire considerable size is thus being placed in operation for the first time.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Silversides' Run is Easy.

Astoria.—The fall fishing season, like the one that ended on August 25, is peculiar in some respects. While a few silversides are being taken, there has been no run of that class of fish, although large numbers of them are known to be hanging about outside the mouth of the river.

On the other hand, fairly good catches of Chinooks have been made and these fish are of exceptionally fine quality for this season of the year.

Hillsboro Courthouse in Mourning.

Hillsboro.—For the second time in less than three months Washington County's courthouse is draped in mourning and its flag is at half-mast for a dead official. Following the death of Judge Sewell early in July, after less than a day's illness, William M. Jackson, county treasurer, was stricken with apoplexy while walking in one of the principal streets, and died without regaining consciousness.

Indians Want Tribal Funds  
Attorney at Pendleton to Oppose Government.

Pendleton.—In answer to a message from the head men of the three Indian tribes upon the Umatilla reservation, Harve H. Phipps, an attorney of Spokane, arrived in Pendleton to start proceedings in an effort to gain their portion of the \$73,000,000 belonging to the Indians on the several Western reservations and now held by the government.

A memorial will be presented to Congress, and in the event of success, the lawyer and his associates will be paid a percentage of the money they obtain for the Indians. The greater part of the money now held by the government and which the Indians seek to have distributed among them is known as the tribal funds. This was obtained through the sale of unallotted Indian lands.

Oregon Trunk at Bend.

Redmond.—The Oregon Trunk-Deschutes Railway was finished Saturday at 4 o'clock. Train and telegraph service will immediately be established, preparatory to the railroad celebration October 5, when Hill will drive the golden spike. The work has been in charge of Chief Engineer Budd and Superintendent Rogers.

Aged Man Killed by Auto.

Eugene.—Driving his auto at what is said to have been a high rate of speed, Paul Thomsen, a traveling salesman for a Portland implement company, ran down and fatally injured Peter Herbert, 75, a resident of Hazel Dell.

Prune Packing Starts.

Forest Grove.—Prune picking commenced in most of the yards in this vicinity this week and small yields are reported. The growers report a crop far below the normal, due to the recent rains which have both cracked the fruit and prevented complete maturity.

## GOOD ROADS FOR JACKSON

### Bond Issue of \$1,500,000 Passes by Big Majority.

Medford.—With one of the largest votes ever cast in the history of Medford and with the excitement throughout the county at white heat, the \$1,500,000 bond issue for good roads was passed by a majority estimated at 2000.

A study of the returns shows that the election was carried by Medford. With a total vote of 1638 and a majority in favor of the bonds of 1593, the issue was given a lead which it was impossible for the country districts to overcome.

Falls City to Hold Fair.

Falls City.—The second annual agricultural fair will be held here, October 5 and 6. The citizens are taking a lively interest in the success of this exhibition and prospects are fair that it will be far better than last year's fair.

Hood River Owns Water Plant.

The Pacific Power & Light Co. has notified City Attorney A. J. Derby that it was ready to turn over to the city the water plant, condemned by the municipal government, and the value of which on a trial here was found to be \$32,441.

Omaha Land Display Ready.

Albany.—The products of the Willamette Valley which will be sent to the Omaha land show will be on exhibit here Thursday.

## HARRIMAN LINES' SHOPMEN STRIKE

### Campaign to Enforce Recognition of Systems Federation Commences.

Chicago.—The threatened strike of the shopmen of the Harriman lines to enforce recognition of the newly organized Federation of Shop Workers became a reality. The number of men who quit in the 15 states affected was estimated at between 20,000 and 30,000 by the union men, although Julius Kruttschnitt, vice-president of the Harriman lines, tonight said the number was much smaller.

The strike order called out boiler-makers, machinists, car men, blacksmiths and helpers, clerks, steamfitters, sheet metal workers, painters and laborers. It involved all the far western lines of the Harriman system, the main lines being the Union and Southern Pacific and the middle western and southern lines of the Illinois Central.

Jackson, Miss.—In a fight in the freight yards of the Illinois Central at McComb City, between strikers and strikebreakers, several persons were seriously injured, one probably fatally. Governor Noel ordered out troops and two companies are now hastening to the scene.

Portland, Ore.—Both the Brooklyn and Albina shops of the Harriman railroad system are almost completely tied up as the result of the strike order issued to the men in Portland.

So far, traffic has not suffered. Train service remains normal, but it has been necessary to draw upon the reserve supply of engines.

Rival Portuguese Parties Fight.

Lebanon.—There was fighting in the streets of Oporto on Saturday between Monarchists and the Republican troops, following the discovery of the Monarchical conspiracy. A number of persons were killed and others wounded. The Republicans easily had the better of the conflict.

## RAILROADS EVADE RULING

### Strive to Get Around Decision by Raising Coast Rates.

Washington.—By means of new rates filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, it becomes evident that the railroads expect to defeat the plan of the commission to lower freight rates to Spokane, Salt Lake and other inter-mountain points after November 1.

Proposed new rates, instead of lowering tariffs to inter-mountain points to bring them within the ruling of the Commission, are made to conform to the relative requirements of the decision by raising the rate to the Coast. If the new rate is allowed to go into effect, jobbers in inter-mountain cities, of course, will not lose the advantage gained by the decision, but the consumer will find very little comfort by the commission's action. If the rate is accepted now, a fight is likely.

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100 Bodies Come Ashore.

Antwerp.—Two hundred and forty lives are known to have been lost in wrecks of coasting craft during the storm of Sunday. More than 100 bodies have been washed ashore.

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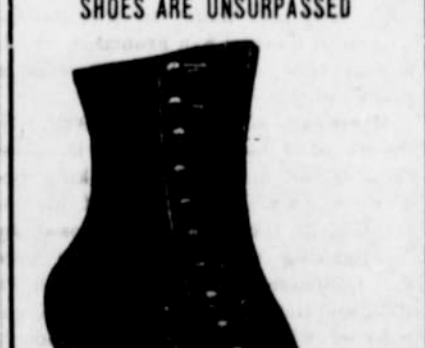
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