

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Turkish reinforcements are daily arriving from Syria and Kurdistan.

Balkan peace delegates are already talking over the new boundaries of Turkey.

Bulgarian forces around Adrianople maintain strict censorship of press dispatches.

A theater especially for children and their attendants has been opened in New York City.

A Denver man committed suicide on learning that his mother-in-law was coming to visit him.

The Bavarian government has abandoned the idea of establishing a regency over King Ludwig.

Twenty-two of the crew of 27, of the steamer Florence, perished when the ship was wrecked on the Newfoundland coast.

Professor James Israel, noted Berlin surgeon, denies having performed any operation on the young son of the Russian emperor.

The senate committee investigating conditions in Mexico finds the Madero government a failure and that a state of anarchy exists.

Governor Osborn, of Michigan, has given away his horses and two automobiles, and hereafter will take his recreation by walking.

An Italian anarchist chosen by lot to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, tried to commit suicide rather than carry out his task.

A colony of American negroes 20 miles west of Durango, Mexico, was looted by rebels and several of the inhabitants wounded and otherwise mistreated.

Fire in the city hall of Los Angeles burned nearly six and one-half million dollars' worth of currency, bonds and other securities, besides many valuable records.

Roland O. Graves, a French aviator, flew from Tunis, Africa, to Rome, Italy, with but two stops.

Prince Taro Katsura, new premier of Japan, promises to save that country \$25,000,000 during the coming year.

A 45-mile blizzard swept the prairies of North Dakota.

President Taft denies any intention of playing politics in his civil service movement.

It is reported that Turks have massacred all the Christians at Mitylene.

A Greek vessel reports that part of the Turkish fleet was forced to run ashore by the Greeks, and the Turkish admiral was killed.

The proposed inter-state bridge between Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Or., is given renewed impetus by big meeting in Seattle.

Turkeys are a drug on the market in San Francisco at 18 to 20 cents per pound, though chickens and other poultry are higher than ever.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 79c; bluestem, 82@83c; 40-fold, 80@81c; red Russian, 77c; valley, 80c.

Barley—Feed, \$33 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

Corn—Whole, \$36; cracked, \$37 per ton.

Millstuffs—Bran, \$23 ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18 per ton; mixed, Eastern Oregon, timothy, \$12@15; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$11.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25@25.50 ton.

Fresh Fruits—Apples, 50c@1.50 box; pears, 75c@1.50; grapes, \$1.60 box; Malagas, \$8 barrel; cranberries, \$10.50@12 barrel; casabas, \$2.50 dozen.

Potatoes—Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60@65c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2 1/2c pound.

Onions—Oregon, 90c@1 sack.

Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1@1.25 dozen; beans, 12c; cabbage, 1c pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 crate; celery, \$3 per crate; cucumbers, 50@60c dozen; eggplants, 10c pound; head lettuce, \$1.50@2 per crate; peas, 12c pound; peppers, 10c; radishes, 15@20c dozen; sprouts, 7c; tomatoes, \$1.35@1.75 box; garlic, 5@6c pound; pumpkins, 1c; turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 75c; parsnips, 75c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch locals, candled, 30@32 1/2 dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 37c pound; prints, 38 1/2@39c.

Poultry—Hens, 12@13c per pound; broilers, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, choice, 23c; ducks, 12@14c; geese, 12@13c.

Pork—Fancy, 9 1/2@10c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13 1/2@14c per pound.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7@7.30; good, \$6@6.75; medium, \$6@6.25; choice cows, \$6@6.50; good \$5.50@5.75; medium, \$4.50@5.25; choice calves, \$7.50@8.75; good heavy calves, 6@7; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$5@6.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.35; heavy, \$6@6.50.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$4.25@5.35; ewes, \$3.25@4.35; lambs, \$5@6.75.

### REBELS GET CASAS GRANDES

Defeat 800 Federals and Capture General Blanco.

El Paso—Casas Grandes, the most important town in the ranching and lumbering district southwest of Juarez, has been taken by rebels personally commanded by General Pascual Orozco, Jr., it is reported from rebel official sources. Also it is said that the federal column of 800 men marching against the rebels at Ascencion was defeated, with its commander, General Jose Blanco, among the prisoners taken.

Confirming this report, S. D. Ambrose, an American hotel man of Columbus, N. M., has arrived here. He was in Ascencion at the time of its capture and talked with General Salazar, whose forces took the town.

While there a messenger arrived directly from General Orozco with a letter from the rebel leader saying that he had taken Casas Grandes and defeated Blanco.

Blanco's force was entrapped, the official report says, in a canyon north of Casas Grandes. Aside from capturing many rifles and much ammunition the rebels seized two cannon. Details of the battles are lacking, but Casas Grandes was taken easily, Orozco wrote, as the federals left only 200 men to protect the town.

By taking Casas Grandes, the scene of a hard struggle in the Madero revolution, in which the rebels were repulsed, the Orozco revolutionists control the Mexico Northwestern railroad, which runs between Juarez, on the border, and Chihuahua City, the state capital, and territory covered by the American railway, which includes the Pearson syndicate.

### TEST NEW WIRELESS FOR DISTANCE OF 3000 MILES

Washington, D. C.—The final test of the new wireless station of the Navy department at Arlington, which is still in the hands of the contractors, will be made next month when an effort will be made to exchange messages between the station and the scout cruiser Salem, at a distance of 3000 miles.

Orders have been issued by the Navy department for the Salem to fill up her crew so as to be in readiness for the test on January 15. She will put out into the Atlantic and in making the tests will describe a circle, the radius of which will be 3000 miles, the distance called for in the government's contract. The Salem, with as powerful wireless apparatus as any in the navy, will be able to respond to any message flashed from the giant towers on the Potomac.

### MEN'S "EMOLUMENTS" MIXED

Court Deems Servants and Feed for Horses Prohibited.

Washington, D. C.—"Emoluments," or allowances for army officers, include forage for riding and carriage horses and the hire of household servants, according to a decision by the Supreme court of the United States. The decision was announced in the suit of Mrs. Sarah K. McLean, the widow of Nathaniel H. McLean, of Cincinnati, who resigned from the army in 1864, to be reinstated in 1875. In 1905 congress passed an act giving him the pay and all the "emoluments" of a major during the years he was out of the army.

Mrs. McLean sued the government because the controller of the currency would not allow, under the head of "emoluments," forage for two horses used by Major McLean for riding and driving, and for two household servants, hired during these years. The Court of Claims decided against the claim, but the Supreme court held that they should have been allowed.

### Red Hair Frightens Seal.

Los Angeles—Women with red hair will have to be barred from the Venice Aquarium, or the latter will have to dispense with "Old Hundred," a recently captured seal. "Old Hundred," is extremely docile in ordinary circumstances, but the moment a woman appears whose hair has even a touch of sunburn he seemingly becomes panic-stricken. Dr. P. S. Barnhart, instructor of biology at the University of Southern California, who was attracted by reports of the seal's behavior, is unable to explain the matter.

### Fort Wright To Pass.

Spokane—Fort George Wright, near Spokane, practically will be abandoned, according to unofficial information received here Wednesday. The two battalions of the Twenty-fifth Infantry now garrisoning the fort will leave for Hawaii in the near future. A half company is expected from Vancouver barracks to act as prisoners' guard and to police the grounds, but no other troops are expected to replace the Twenty-fifth.

### Railway Officials Blamed.

Zanesville, Ohio—Coroner Walters held officials of the Pennsylvania railroad responsible for the wreck at Dresden on December 3, when a train on the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus division collided with a Cincinnati & Muskingum Valley division train and 11 persons were killed.

### Sail for Treasure Island.

Panama—A party of treasure hunters, headed by Miss Barry Tillies and Genevieve Davis, left here Wednesday for Cocos Island. The island lies in the Pacific about 550 miles southwest of Panama and for years has been the lure of treasure seekers.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

### MUTUAL AID FARMERS' AIM

Meeting at Oregon City Results in Plan to Regulate Market.

Oregon City—In the parlors of the Oregon City commercial club on Saturday more farmers than ordinarily got together. The Farmers' Society of Equity, an interstate organization of agriculturists, has had an organizer in this district for some time, and the meeting was a result of his labors.

Nearly four-score bona fide farmers came together to see if it is not possible by means of this society to establish a closer connection between the producer and the consumer. Crops are to be regulated so as to avoid waste energy and a glutted market; farmers being notified from headquarters just what price to demand for their products.

Locals are to be organized throughout the county, which will be controlled by the county local. The state committee will report to the National headquarters.

### PORTLAND FOURTH ON LIST

Wheat Export Exceeded Only By New York and Two Others.

Washington, D. C.—Portland's wheat exports thus far reported by the department of commerce and labor have been lighter this year than last, but are still considerably above the total export of Puget Sound. The monthly statement of the department shows that during the last 11 months Portland exported 5,238,139 bushels of wheat, as against 6,244,833 bushels in the same first 11 months of last year.

Puget Sound's total exports this year have been 4,322,707 bushels, an increase from 2,870,087 bushels over same months of 1911. Portland is now fourth on the list of wheat exporting customs districts, New York being far in the lead, with 4,500,000 bushels and Galveston and New Orleans following with more than 6,000,000 each.

### GAME LAW CHANGE URGED

Umatilla County Association Indorses Proposal of Commission.

Pendleton—At one of the largest meetings ever held here the Umatilla county Fish and Game association heartily indorses, by resolutions, the proposed change by the State Game commission of the grouse and deer law, which provides that the season for hunting both will be from September 1 to November 1.

Besides warmly indorsing the excellent work generally done by the State Fish and Game commission since its organization, the matter of removing protection from female deer was also fully discussed, the majority present being opposed to the change.

Another proposal receiving favorable consideration was cutting the deer limit from five to three, while a goodly number stood for even greater reduction.

### Fisher Is Noncommittal.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Hawley and National Committeeman Williams called on Secretary Fisher and entered a protest against the recent cancellation of 17 Siletz entries that came within the provisions of the Hawley act, pointing out that the entries held for cancellation were among those before the department when it drew the Hawley bill and, inasmuch as that bill had been drawn in the department to facilitate the patenting of these identical entries, it was unjust now to read into the law requirements as to cultivation and residence that were not in the law when it was written by the department and passed by congress.

Representative Hawley said after the conference that he had hoped Secretary Fisher would reverse the recent adverse action in the 17 cases, but the secretary made no promises.

### Poultry Association Organized.

Eugene—The Oregon branch of the American Poultry association was organized here by the adoption of a constitution and by-laws and by the nomination of a set of officers. As there was but a single nominee for each office, the following are the probable officers: E. J. McClanahan, Eugene, president; H. Ringhouse, Clackamas, vice president; B. F. Keeney, Eugene, second vice president; Ed Shearer, Estacada, secretary; B. Lee Paget, Portland, treasurer. A banquet closed the meeting.

### Health Resort Planned.

Bandon—A modern sanitarium is to be erected at Bandon by H. C. Dipple. The sanitarium will contain one of the largest covered swimming pools on the Pacific Coast.

Every summer a large number visit Bandon-by-the-Sea to recuperate. The climate is mild, never hot, the air bracing and the scenery beautiful. The erection of a sanitarium with a swimming tank open to the public will no doubt do much to increase the popularity of Bandon as a seaside resort.

### Boy Scouts to Organize.

Albany—Albany will soon have an organization of Boy Scouts. More than 20 boys of this city met and formed a troop and permanent organization will be effected in January. Professor Hans Flo, of Albany college, will be in charge of the organization here.

### TEACH VEGETABLE GROWING

Short Course at O. A. C. Has Work in Home Gardening.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Four courses in vegetable growing are to be given in the short course at the Oregon Agricultural college which opens its four weeks' session January 6.

For the past few years Oregon, unsurpassed for opportunities for the production of vegetables, has seen a large increase in vegetable growing. Hundreds of carloads of vegetables that might easily be raised within the state, however, are now being shipped in.

"The state should be an exporter of vegetables, rather than an importer," says Prof. C. I. Lewis, discussing the situation. "At the present time, with the exception of onions and potatoes, a large per cent of the vegetables we consume are imported. In order to meet the demands for information on vegetable gardening four courses are being offered this year."

Twelve lectures, given Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week, will be devoted to the problems connected with commercial vegetable growing, dealing with such important products as celery, tomatoes, asparagus, rhubarb, onions, cauliflower and cabbage.

Special consideration will be given the matter of soils for these crops, fertilizers, cultivation, irrigation, blanching and storing.

"No matter how good a product we can grow, unless it is marketed intelligently and unless it is properly graded, we will often be unable to realize the profit that we should be able to make," says Prof. Lewis. "One of the greatest problems before the Oregon vegetable grower at the present time is the proper marketing of vegetables. The various markets of the state will be considered in a course given on the same days as the commercial vegetable course. Special attention will be given to grading, packing and marketing the most important vegetables raised in Oregon in such a way as to realize the best returns."

### OREGON IN TIMBER COLUMN

May Soon Occupy Third Place as Lumber Producing State.

Salem—Declaring that Oregon stands pre-eminent among the states in forest wealth; that of the total amount of timber in the United States, this state has one-fifth, and that it now stands fourth among the states in its lumber cut, the preface of the report of the State Board of Forestry further declares that this state probably will advance to the third place next year.

"It is extremely difficult to convey any idea of the magnitude of Oregon's forest resources by quoting figures in terms of board feet or acres of timberland," states the report. "This point can, however, be brought out emphatically by comparison with the forest resources in the other timbered regions of the United States. Statistics prove that Oregon has almost twice as much timber as is found in all New England, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, a territory commonly known as the great northern forest region. "The central forest region, extending from Southern Michigan to Southern Tennessee, and from the west slope of the Appalachian mountains westward to the prairies, has long been famous as a source of our hardwood, yet it contains only half the amount of standing timber as does Oregon."

### Oregon Has Woman Mayor.

Warrenton, Or.—By 16 votes lead Miss Clara C. Munson, daughter of a survivor of the Whitman massacre, graduate of St. Helen's Hall, Portland, and one of the best known Rebecca lodge women of Oregon, was elected mayor of Warrenton over J. W. Detrich and thereby became the first woman mayor in Oregon. Also it establishes a precedent for equal suffrage states, as it is but little more than a month that the women have had the ballot in Oregon.

Miss Munson, who is about 30 years old, headed the Citizens' ticket, nominated at mass meeting. Mr. Detrich, her opponent, headed the Independent ticket.

### Hood River Work Rushed.

Hood River—With the Hood River gradually rising for the past week, a crew of men changing the course of the channel of the mouth of the river, under the supervision of the state game and fish commission has been battling to make the funds available for the work go as far as possible before the waters pour over the coffer dam that has been constructed. Not only is the commission interested in the work, but local sportsmen, who desire to see a return of the game steelhead salmon to the pools.

### Decide Against Jute Bag.

Pendleton—The days of the jute bag in Umatilla county and Eastern Oregon are practically numbered, according to prominent local growers of grain. Believing the price of the jute bag is kept up by the trust, members of the Farmers' Educational and Cooperative union have decided either to purchase cotton bags of Southern manufacture or erect elevators and handle their grain in bulk.

### BRITISH SHIP BRINGS BODY

Late Ambassador to England Receives High Honors.

Portsmouth, England—The British armored cruiser Natal sailed out of Portsmouth harbor Saturday afternoon with the body of Ambassador Reid on board, amid a salute of 19 guns.

Full naval honors were paid to the body of Ambassador Reid on its arrival at this port from London.

Admiral Sir Hedworth Meux, the commander of the port, and all the high naval officers stationed here were present at the station when the train drew in. As it halted at the platform Nelson's flagship, the Victory, fired a salute of 19 guns.

The coffin was borne across the jetty on the shoulders of eight petty officers of the British navy and taken on board the armored cruiser Natal, from the mainmast of which vessel the United States ensign was immediately broken.

All the ships in the harbor and at Spithead raised the Stars and Stripes to their mainmasts as the coffin was taken on board the Natal and then lowered them to half mast. The jetty was carpeted with purple, while guards of honor of marines and blue-jackets stood with reversed arms on each side as the casket was taken through.

The petty officers bearing the casket walked slowly to the mortuary chapel, lined with purple, which had been erected on the weather deck of the Natal, and as they deposited it on the catafalque, the ship's bugler sounded the "Last Post," while the crews of the warships lined the rails. The wreaths sent by President Taft and members of the royal family completely filled the little mortuary chapel, which was so placed that it could be lowered in case of heavy weather.

By a coincidence, the hospital ship Maine, presented to England by American women, was moored just outside the cruiser Natal.

There was no service on board the Natal, which left port immediately on schedule time, passing through the lines of the other vessels, which all had their flags at half mast, and their crews standing at the salute.

### SPEED WOULD BE ECONOMY

Engineer Recommends Rapid Work Done On Celilo Canal.

Washington, D. C.—How \$100,000 in cash and more than a year in time can be saved on the construction of the Celilo canal is fully set forth in a report by Captain H. H. Roberts, of the Army Engineer corps, recently transmitted to congress. It remains to be seen whether congress will be willing to direct this economy by increasing the appropriations for the canal, so the work can be completed by January 1, 1915. The report of Captain Roberts, heretofore reviewed briefly, summarizes the appropriation to date, showing a total of \$3,150,000, and adds:

"The amount required to be appropriated for completion of the existing project is \$1,808,392.64.

"The delay incurred since January 1, 1912, as compared with what would have been the rate of progress had ample funds been available, is estimated as at least six months, there having been necessary reservation made of a portion of the then available funds to provide for the possibility of no funds becoming available by the last river and harbor act. This delay was made up of reduction of force and partial suspension of work for several months, total suspension of work for about two months, together with additional delays incident to delivery of materials, collection of force, etc., necessarily incurred in starting the work again.

"After careful consideration of present conditions, it is believed that in view of the above-mentioned delays already incurred, the canal cannot be completed to best advantage before January 1, 1915, even with ample funds available for the work. The canal can, however, with funds available, be completed by that date, which is one year and six months in advance of June 25, 1916, the time originally proposed in the river and harbor act of June 25, 1910.

### Beggar Proves Slugger.

Kansas City—When a young man met E. W. Andrews on the street here and asked for something to eat, he was surprised at Andrews' willingness to comply. "Yes, I will buy you something to eat," Andrews said, as he led the way to a restaurant. Then Andrews summoned an officer. Andrews had recognized him as one of two men who slugged and robbed him a few nights before. "I hope I have secured free board for you for a long time," Andrews said as he gave him over to the policeman.

### Death May Free Suspect.

New Westminster, B. C.—On January 7 next Charles Dean, the only Bank of Montreal robbery suspect now held in this city, may regain his freedom. The prisoner's solicitor was granted an order calling upon the attorney general to show cause why the prisoner should not be discharged. Since the preliminary trial one of the principal witnesses, who claims to have seen the accused in the automobile with four other men, has died.

### Destroyer Balch Launched.

Philadelphia—The torpedo boat destroyer Balch was launched Saturday from the Cramp shipyard. Miss Grace Balch, of Washington, a descendant of Commodore Balch, christened the vessel. The destroyer is a sister ship to the Aylwin, launched from Cramp's a month ago. The vessel is 300 feet long and has 37 feet beam.

## MORGAN DEPOSITS HIGH IN MILLIONS

Financier Confirms Figures of Government Prosecutors.

Investigating Committee Goes Deep Into Secrets of Big Banking Institutions of World.

Washington, D. C.—J. Pierpont Morgan occupied the center of the stage Thursday before the so-called money trust investigating committee of the house of representatives. The noted financier reached Washington in response to a subpoena from the committee, but it was not until 2:40 in the afternoon that the way was cleared for his testimony to begin.

Meantime Mr. Morgan sat for nearly an hour listening to the mass of statistics which Mr. Untermeyer and the committee were piling up concerning the colossal financial operations of leading New York, Chicago and Boston institutions, through so-called interlocking directorates.

Mr. Morgan heard his own name and that of his firm referred to many times as tables were presented showing the affiliations of that concern with many banks, trust companies, transportation and industrial corporations. He appeared unmoved throughout it all.

Mr. Morgan's testimony lasted barely 20 minutes and was largely preliminary.

The chief point made was that he favored allowing interstate corporations to deposit their funds in the hands of private bankers without restricting them to institutions under government supervision. He said this was a matter to be left to the discretion of the board of directors of the corporations in question.

Mr. Morgan confirmed data prepared by members of the Morgan house showing that 66 accounts with the Morgan firm in January last had deposits of \$68,113,000 and that 78 accounts on November 1 had deposits of \$81,968,000. The total capital, surplus and funded debt of these depositors, Mr. Untermeyer said, was \$9,765,000,000. Mr. Morgan agreed to this.

Prior to Mr. Morgan's examination the committee heard testimony bearing upon the so-called concentration of money and credits. This was presented in the form of charts prepared by Philip J. Scudder, which were placed in the records. This explanation showed that the charts dealt with the affiliation of 180 directors in 18 banks and trust companies in New York, Chicago and Boston. It showed that "these 180 men held directorships in 134 banks and trust companies, transportation and industrial corporations having total resources or capitalization of \$25,325,000,000."

### AIRMEN FOUND OCEAN GRAVE

Biplane Seen to Lurch and Disappear—Wreckage Identified.

Los Angeles—A section of a biplane, a life preserver and a gauntlet, further evidence of the fate of the aviator, Horace Kearney and his passenger, Chester Lawrence, were found on the beach about nine miles south of Redondo. Two boys discovered the articles entangled in a heavy mass of kelp, part of which had been cast on the rocks.

That Kearney's hydroaeroplane plunged into the ocean soon after it had passed out of sight beyond Point Firmin was indicated by the discovery of the wreckage, and this theory was strengthened by the story of R. J. Kinney, a ranch hand on the Palos Verdes ranch near Point Vicente, who may have seen the fatal fall of the two men. Kinney reported that he was working some distance from the ocean Saturday afternoon and caught sight of the aeroplane as it rounded the point. He saw the machine suddenly lurch as if caught in a changing current of wind and then drop down behind a high bluff which intervened.

### Elk Will Cross Oregon.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Raker recently secured permission from the department of the interior for the transfer of 50 elk from the Yellowstone national park to the Shasta forest reserve, at the request of the Redding Game association. Raker was notified that the game warden of Oregon would not permit the transportation of the animals through that state. Raker protested to the United States biological survey, which has telegraphed the Oregon authorities to permit the passage of the elk.

### Guile Denied By Russia.

St. Petersburg—"There is no ground for suspecting Russia of selfish designs in the Balkans," was the statement of Premier Kokovosoff in the Douma in the course of a speech on the policy of the Russian government. He said that as the great Slavonic and orthodox power, Russia could not be indifferent as to "whether the Balkan peoples obtain better conditions of existence and thus avert dangerous complications in the future."

### Cananea Miners Strike.

Cananea, Sonora, Mex.—One thousand Mexican miners have struck for more pay and shorter hours at the mines of the Cananea and Democrata companies. They demand a 25-cent increase in daily wages and an eight-hour day.