

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

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

Mrs. Pankhurst made a thrilling escape from London police in a taxicab.

President Wilson has pardoned Bankers Kettenbach and Kester, of Idaho.

All parties to the threatened strike of trainmen in the East have agreed to arbitration.

Police authorities have ordered the closing of sixteen gambling clubs of San Francisco.

Secretary of War Daniels has asked congress to provide a government armor plate plant.

Greece and Servia ignore Russia's proposal for cessation of hostilities against Bulgaria.

Secretary Bryan declares he is obliged to lecture occasionally to help out his salary as secretary of state.

The Western Pacific railroad is to lose its individual identity by becoming a part of the Rio Grande system.

Prince Taro Katsura, ex-premier and foreign minister of Japan, is seriously ill with cancer of the stomach.

Torrential rains are again menacing parts of Ohio, and hot winds are threatening destruction of crops in Kansas and Nebraska.

British authorities believe the war among the Balkan states will end only with the complete exhaustion of the men and resources of the belligerent nations.

Heavy fighting occurred between Northern troops and local residents of the Southern province of Kiu Kiang, China, and it is feared an extensive revolt may follow.

Extensive deposits of rich gold-bearing gravel have been discovered in the Philippine islands, and mining companies are purchasing heavy machinery in this country to work them.

Outstanding bonds of the Economic Gas company, of Los Angeles, to the amount of \$365,000 have been declared void by the California railroad commission, and the company roundly scored besides.

Average crop conditions are said to be slightly lower than last year.

Roumania has declared war on Bulgaria, and recalled her minister.

After drawing a pension fraudulently for 15 years, a Montana man was exposed when he tried to get an increase.

Women will be asked to take part in the creation of a suffrage committee in the house.

President Wilson got lost in the New Hampshire woods and came in an hour late for dinner.

Eastern railroad employees who have voted to strike are "standing pat" and say the question is up to the railroads.

The Duchess Carl Theodore, of Bavaria, is said to have fitted out a naval expedition to attempt to restore the monarchy of Portugal, but the ship was stranded and the move is a failure.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 88c per bushel; bluestem, 92c; red Russian, 84c; valley, 88c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$29 per ton; stained and off grade, less.

Corn—Whole, \$28.50; cracked, \$29.50 per ton.

Barley—Feed, \$23 per ton; brewing, nominal, rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$18@19 per ton; alfalfa, \$13@14.

Onions—Red, \$1@1.10 per sack; yellow, \$1.25 per sack.

Vegetables—Beans, 4@6c per pound; cabbage, 1@2c; cauliflower, \$2 per crate; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per box; eggplant, 25c per pound; head lettuce, 35@40c per dozen; peas, 5@7c per pound; peppers, 10@12c.

Green fruits—Apples, old, nominal; cherries, 4@10c per pound; gooseberries, 4@5c; apricots, \$1.75 per box; cantaloupes, \$2.50@2.75 per crate; peaches, 60c@1.25 per box; watermelons, 1@1.2c per pound; plums, \$1.50 per box; raspberries, \$1.25@1.40 per crate; loganberries, \$1.25@1.50; blackberries, 8c per pound; pears, \$2.50 per box.

Poultry—Hens, 14c pound; springs, 20@21c; turkeys, 18@29c; dressed, choice, 24@25c; ducks, 10@12c; geese, young, 12c.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, case count, 23 @24c per dozen; candled, 26@28c.

Butter—City creamy, cubes, 30c per pound; prints, 32c.

Pork—Fancy, 11@12c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14@15c per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 14@16c per pound; 1913 contracts, 15@15c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 11@16c per pound; valley, 18@19c; mohair, 1913 clip, 31c.

Grain bags—Selling price, 10c Portland.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75@8.50; good, \$7.25@7.75; medium, \$7@7.25; choice cows, \$6.50@7.25; good, \$6.25@6.50; medium, \$6@6.25; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$4@6.

Hogs—Light, \$8.75@9.35; heavy, \$7.25@8.35.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@4.50; ewes, \$3@4; lambs, \$5@6.35.

### SET YOUNGER INDIANS FREE

Secretary Would Make Citizens of Capable Red Men.

Washington, D. C.—"The greatest service we can do for the Indian is to set him free," and "the Indian bureau should be a vanishing bureau," said Secretary Lane in a letter to Representative Ferris, of Oklahoma, respecting the proposed investigation of the Indian service.

Secretary Lane is impressed with the idea that the government has "no consistent philosophy, either as to legislation or as to administration touching Indian affairs." He wrote: "An examination should be made into Indian affairs, and it should be most searching. I am satisfied that it will be easy to discover a large number of wrongs that have been done the Indians and certain and serious defects in our method of handling them.

"Instead of a temporary commission, which can do little more than unearth various matters of scandal in the various agencies (some of which are now being examined into), I trust the congress will see fit to establish a permanent commission which shall supersede the present system of administration and be granted the fullest power necessary to reorganize the bureau.

"This commission should be given such powers as will permit it to decentralize the administration of Indian affairs, allowing greater authority to competent, well-paid agents in the field.

"I am satisfied from what examination I have made that there are tens of thousands of so-called Indians, whose property to a greater or less extent is under the control of this bureau, who are as competent to attend to their affairs as any men or women of the white race. There are thousands of others of the half-blood who are an expense to the government, who should not be regarded as dependent, but who should be given their property and allowed to shift for themselves.

"The mature full-blood Indian who is without education or the ability to care for his own affairs, must remain a ward in our hands. The children of these Indians, however, should within a generation be a part of the American people, living outside of reservations and taking up the burdens and responsibilities of all other citizens. Their education should be such as to bring this result and end the bureau.

"These questions of policy are fundamental. To deal with this matter adequately, the investigation proposed should be one that searches for causes, not for symptoms."

### LEAVES MANY DESCENDANTS

Woman 109 Years Old Has Unusual Records.

Philadelphia—Mrs. Freda Videutzky, who died here Thursday in her 109th year, leaves 200 descendants and in this respect was the head of what is believed to be the largest family on record. There are 11 grandchildren and 74 great-grandchildren in this country, while her daughters here say that 11 more grandchildren in Russia have 100 great-grandchildren in that country and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Videutzky was born in Kief, Russia, in 1804. She lived there until she was 99 years old, when she was brought to America. Curiously she had only three children of her own, and all of her descendants come from her daughters, who raised immense families.

Another strange record held by this woman was that she obtained a legal separation from her husband at the age of 80, after having lived with him 60 years.

### Airmen Burned to Death.

Versailles, France—The charred wreckage of an aeroplane with the incinerated bodies of two aviators lying in the ashes was found near Neencourt. The dead flying men were recognized as a man named Percin, who was experimenting with a new monoplane of his own invention, and his son, who accompanied him as a mechanic. Their aeroplane capsized from an unknown cause at a height of 150 feet, and the impact exploded the fuel tank. Pinned beneath the motor, the men were burned to death.

### Strikers Become Unruly.

Lexington, Ky.—Disorder marked the attempt of the Kentucky Traction company to operate cars with strikebreakers Wednesday, and as a result an appeal has been made for state troops. One car was filled with passengers, but every one was ejected by the strikers. Another car was burned on the tracks and the company abandoned its efforts. Many arrests were made and several strike breakers and several deputy sheriffs were badly beaten.

### Slit Skirt Vexes Mayor.

Richmond, Va.—Mayor Ainslie and Police Chief Werner made the first arrest here Thursday for the wearing of slit skirts. Blossom Browning is the name of the young prisoner gave at the station house. Women furnished bail for her appearance in Police court. The girl contends that her dress was the fashion, was bought in a licensed department store, suited her taste and she has retained counsel to defend her.

### \$5,000,000 Contract Let.

Spokane, Wash.—Patrick Welch, Spokane railroad contractor, has just been awarded a \$5,000,000 contract by the Canadian Pacific railway for constructing a five-mile track tunnel in the Selkirk mountains, on the mountain division. Work on the tunnel will be started at once.

## OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

### BULL MOOSE VERY SCARCE

Per Cent of Progressives So Far Registered Very Small.

Salem—Assertions of special writers of prominence for Eastern magazines that the Progressive party is well organized and stronger than when Colonel Roosevelt was its candidate for president are not proved, so far as Oregon is concerned, by the registration figures so far this year. The figures received to date by Secretary of State Olcott from 14 counties show that the Bull Moose party has about 4 per cent of the total registration.

As a matter of fact unless the Progressive party adherents are emulating the Democrats in registering one way and voting another, the new party will have a small following at the next election, if the present ratio keeps up. The figures show a return of Progressive party men to the Republican ranks, with many Democrats pursuing their old tactics of registering as Republicans.

### OREGON "AD" TO GO ABROAD

Resources of State Will Be Given In Foreign Languages.

Portland—Authority has been given by the Oregon Immigration commission to proceed with the translation of accurate information concerning the resources of the state, into German, Swedish, Norwegian, Danish and Finnish languages. An immigration booklet in German has already been prepared by Paul E. Schwabe, an employee of the immigration board, and the other booklets will be issued as soon as possible. The second edition of the Oregon Almanac by E. M. Davis, will be ready before the close of summer.

The immigration board also has given Mr. Chapman authority to prepare for a comprehensive exhibit at the Chicago Land Show. Mr. Chapman will attend the show.

### Pensions Given Widows.

Two applications for widows' pensions have been granted in Lincoln county. In each instance the husbands died from natural causes and the widows were left to maintain their homes and support their children solely by their own efforts.

County Judge Fogarty holds that no pensions should be granted where there is any possibility of the pension money being used for the benefit of any other person or any other purpose than the maintenance of the home and the minor children of a dependent widow.

Those granted amount to \$27.50 a month.

### Treasurer Issues Statement.

Salem—State Treasurer Kay has issued a statement of disbursements for the six months ending June 30, as follows: Total, \$1,976,536.64; balance, \$1,265,128.13; balance January 1, \$1,457,487.02; receipts, \$1,784,177.75; disbursements from the general fund, \$1,408,695.27; balance, \$533,605.19; balance general fund January 1, \$1,072,613.03; receipts, \$869,687.43. The common school fund increased during the period \$135,862.18, the total Jan. 1 being \$6,265,566.40. The total June 30 was \$6,301,428.58.

### New Map Given Teachers.

Hood River—Teachers of Hood River county have each received a topographical map of the district west of Mount Hood. It is one of the latest publications of the United States Topographical survey and is called one of the Atlas sheets of the Mount Hood Quadrangle. It shows in detail the topographical features of the region around Lost Lake and over which the dispute as to the Bull Run citizen has arisen between Hood River citizens and the Portland Water Board.

### Anti-Hanging Bill Appears.

Salem—A copy of a bill to abolish capital punishment, advocated by the Anti-Capital Punishment Crusaders, has been submitted to the secretary of state. It is the intention of the promoters to have the measure voted on at the first election for the initiation of bills. The bill and blank petitions accompanying it were referred to Mr. Olcott for him to determine whether the form and paper comply with the law.

### La Grande Chautauqua Pays.

La Grande—The fourth annual Chautauqua of La Grande, which recently closed, it is believed, netted enough money to clear last year's deficiency of about \$500. The weather was threatening during the assembly and held the receipts down. The camping feature was a decided success this year.

### Farmers After Squirrels.

Airle—Squirrels in the woods surrounding this place are showing themselves numerous this year and efforts are being made to halt an increase. Poisoned wheat is distributed in the timber to kill the pests. The squirrels are the silver gray species and destroy the grain crops.

### Land Cleared for Fruit.

Hood River—One of the largest clearings made in any mid-Columbia fruit section this summer is the 55-acre tract just improved by J. A. Vinchell at Mosier. The task has just been completed at a cost of \$150 an acre.

### FRIEDMANN CURE DERIDED

New York Doctor Declares "Discovery" Absolute Failure.

Tacoma, Wash.—With physicians of national prominence attending, the Washington Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis opened its annual convention here. Dr. C. Quevil, president of the association, in his address, spoke of the Friedmann cure, which he investigated on a recent trip to New York. Although he had had many of Friedmann's patients under observation, he was unable to find a single case in which any benefit from the treatment was apparent.

Dr. Livingston Ferrand, of New York, secretary of the National Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis, placed Friedmann's "cure" on an equality with Colonel Mulberry Sellers' eyewater for the "millions of India."

"Not only has it been demonstrated as an absolute failure," said Dr. Ferrand, "but an immense amount of harm has been done throughout the country by Dr. Friedmann. Many spent all they had to get to New York, mortgaging their homes, and, worst of all, a great many dropped the safe-and-sane method of treatment when they were doing well. Dr. Friedmann has used the crudest kind of exploitation in our country.

"The segregation of tubercular patients, rest, plenty of fresh air, proper food and treatment by competent physicians are the elements of the only remedy known today for consumption. There is no absolute cure, but if the disease is taken early enough and the proper treatment is followed one may be reasonably sure of regaining health."

Dr. Quevil spoke of the great decrease in the death rate from tuberculosis in the state of Washington. In 1911, he declared, there were 1240 deaths, while in 1912 there were 1115, a decrease of over 100.

### ARMOR PLATE MILL IS ASKED

Government Would Save \$140 Ton, or \$1,000,000 a Year.

Washington, D. C.—Naval experts' figures, showing that a government armor plate factory costing \$8,466,000 would save \$140 a ton on armor, or more than \$1,000,000 net a year, were submitted to congress by Secretary Daniels. The secretary's report was sent in response to a senate resolution and supplemented a previous statement issued by him advocating a government-owned armor plant.

Mr. Daniels asked instructions to make a full, thorough and early investigation of the cost of an armor plate factory and the cost of manufacturing armor plate in factories owned by concerns dependent on government patronage.

Reviewing the situation in his report, the secretary said the accepted plan had been that the Bethlehem, Carnegie and Midvale plants should get the armor work at practically their own prices.

"This step having been taken," he said, "it clearly followed that the manufacturers themselves conceded that, one-third of the work coming to them without much reference to the price, they have not overlooked the advantage of putting in bids practically at the same figure and at the same rate. They have argued that if one of them put in a bid much lower than the others the only result would be that the other two firms would have to come down in their price to that of the bidder in the eventual distribution of the work."

He explained that the European countries, France, Italy and Russia, have sought relief from the high cost of armor plate by the operation of government-owned plants, while Japan has built two government factories.

### Tariff Board Is Discussed.

San Francisco—Plans to bring about the appointment of a permanent non-partisan tariff commission by the government were discussed at the meeting of the 16 directors of the chambers of commerce of the United States who are visiting San Francisco on their 10,000-mile tour of 11 states. The 360 commercial bodies, national and municipal, that compose the organization have voted in a referendum in favor of the appointment of such a commission.

The directors voted to empower the president of their organization and the executive committee to appoint a special committee to confer with President Wilson, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Chairman Underwood, of the ways and means committee of congress.

In this manner the views of the chambers of commerce of the United States upon the appointment of the tariff commission will be submitted formally to the government.

### Woodmen Rates Subject.

St. Paul, Minn.—At a conference in the office of State Insurance Commissioner Preus, Assistant Attorney General Weeks held that the bill passed by the recent legislature, authorizing the incorporation of the insurgent faction of the Modern Woodmen of America, provides that the rates to be charged must be 50 per cent above those now charged by the present organization. The subject of increased rates was one of the causes of trouble between the parent organization and the insurgents.

### German Aviator Killed.

Muehlhausen, Germany—A young German aviator named Dietrikha was killed here Wednesday. While landing he brought his aeroplane too abruptly to earth, it overturned, and he was crushed beneath the motor.

## BOYS' PRANKS KILL TWELVE

### Los Angeles Interurban Trains Crash Together.

Injured Probably 200, Many of Whom Will Die—Crowds Mob Photographers.

Los Angeles—To "horse play" by youths who played with the train whistle is attributed the loss of about 12 lives and the injuring of some 200 persons near here Sunday night. Two Pacific Electric trains collided, telescoping two cars and wrecking another at Vineyard station, in the city limits.

Three trains loaded with excursionists from the beaches at Venice had stopped at a curve where a switch is turned. The last train began moving forward while the foremost trains remained at a standstill.

Carroll Bartholomae, the conductor of the last car on the center train, jumped to the track with his light to "flag" down the approaching car. Some youths on his train, say some passengers who escaped death, pulled the whistle in jest. This, it was explained by railroad men, was interpreted by the motorman of the moving train, as the signal to come ahead.

With a crash of breaking glass, splintering timbers, men's groans and women's screams, the motor car of the last train plunged into the rear of the center train. The youths who had played with the whistle were crushed in the debris.

The two colliding cars were nearly telescoped. The second car of the stationary train was almost demolished. The motorman of the moving train, hearing the whistle, had given full speed ahead. The curves evidently had prevented his seeing the standing cars of the next train. The third train was not affected. The three trains were said to have been running at three-minute intervals.

Most of the killed were cut into pieces. Their identification was slow. Special trains rushed the injured to Los Angeles hospitals and the dead to morgues here.

The cries of the wounded could be heard above the din of the crowd, which became frantic and which mobbed the newspaper photographers who tried to take pictures of the wreck.

### HUSBAND AND WIFE PERISH

Portland Couple Lost in Blizzard on Mt. St. Helens.

North Fork Logging Camp, Wash.—Giving up all hope of recovering, for at least four or five days, the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith, of Portland, who were lost in a blizzard on Mount St. Helens Sunday, July 6, 26 mountaineers returned here.

They were completely exhausted from hardships and exposure encountered in the week they have been searching the snow fields.

Settlers of the North Fork of Lewis river and mountaineers and trappers of the Mount St. Helens country, who have been scouring the snowfields for a week, have narrowed the search down to one particular place on the mountain which cannot be reached until the weather is good and the snow has melted.

The tracks of the missing couple were found near the top of the mountain on Friday, and were followed to a point where they went down a steep slope with a rock formation on one side and a snow field on the other. It is believed the couple went down over this slope and perished. Because of the storms on the mountain it has not been possible for the searchers to make their way down this slope.

### Mysterious Power Guides.

Tacoma, Wash.—Directed by some mysterious power to the spot where her son, E. B. Mygatt, on June 20, leaped from Lincoln bridge, Mrs. C. P. Mygatt, of Independence, Mo., accompanied by W. H. Mygatt, her other son, went straight from the depot to the scene of the tragedy and announced to the young man that they were on the spot where his brother died.

Mrs. Mygatt had no guide, she only knew Edward Mygatt met his death by leaping from Lincoln bridge. She did not know the location of the bridge, and asked no questions, but found the exact spot.

### Banana Finds Advocate.

New York—President Wilson may be deluged with hundreds of letters in defense of the banana as the "poor man's fruit," it was said by some of those present Saturday night at a meeting in Cooper Union, at which speakers advised protest against the proposed tax of one-tenth of 1 per cent a pound on bananas imported into this country. Mrs. Julia Heath, president of the Housewives' League, and other women speakers urged that all present send to President Wilson a personal letter of protest.

### Aviator to Attack Ship.

Nogales, Ariz.—Didier Masson has invented an apparatus to carry 12 bombs on each flight, together with a sighting system for dropping bombs from his aeroplane. The French aviator declares that within a few days he will attempt again to sink the Federal gunboats lying in Guaymas harbor.