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NEWS OF THE WEEK

General Resume of Important Events Throughout the World.

An attack by the allies on the Germans, is declared to be near.

London gives out the lost list on the Neve Chapelle battle as nearly 8000.

The United States is building a submarine that will withstand a 100-day dive.

A big copper mine in Josephine county, Oregon, has been sold for \$250,000.

Condolences for the loss of F-4 submarines are sent the United States by Germany.

The Portland Beavers were defeated 6 to 3 by the Venice team in the opening game of the Pacific Coast baseball league.

Spokane policemen are stopping jitney drivers who have not filed \$2500 bonds, required by a recently passed ordinance.

A Petrograd dispatch reports that the Kaiser personally directs defense of Hungary and that the Russian advance is broken.

Six instructors of Willamette university, Salem, Oregon, have resigned. The move on the part of the teachers is said to be voluntary.

Governor Lister, of Washington, is complained to by Canadian authorities that airmen are violating international law by crossing the border.

U. S. detectives are watching Huerta, who landed in New York recently, thinking he will attempt to start another revolution in Mexico.

Ex-presidents Taft and Roosevelt act as honorary pallbearers to the late Professor Thomas Lounsbury of Yale college. The two ex-presidents shook hands formally.

An expressman on the Oregon Electric railroad saves life of a small child who was standing on the track at Eugene. The trainman dashed ahead of the train and jerked the tot to safety.

The Chinese government stands firm against the demand of the Japanese who demand supervision of China's political, financial and military, also the manufacture or purchase of China's war munitions and to rights to railway and mining operations.

Because Arizona is a dry state, water will be used to christen the battleship Arizona at the New York navy yard June 19. The water to be used by the sponsor, who is yet to be named, will be the first to flow over the spillways of the Roosevelt reservoir dam.

In the West the French forces apparently are satisfied with their recent successes between the Meuse and the Lorraine frontier and say only that they have come in contact with the German entanglements in this region. Official German reports assert that determined attacks by the French have been repulsed along this sector.

Both French and Belgians report gains against the Germans.

Italy has prevented the Germans from penetrating into Abyssinia.

Russia continues to report successes in the Carpathian mountain passes.

Special reports of bank examiners show a nation-wide business revival.

The British collier Lena is anchored outside the three-mile limit off San Diego harbor, Cal.

Both the Villis and Carranza factions in Mexico are preparing to use aeroplanes in their warfare against each other. American aviators will man the machines, and steel darts as well as bombs will be used.

It is estimated that it will cost \$200,000 to repair the turbine engine of the Coast liner Great Northern, and it will be at least 30 days before she can resume her run between San Francisco and Portland.

An diplomatic report from Rome declares that Austria is seeking a separate peace from Germany, and the rumor stirs Italy greatly, as such a move would preclude any possibility of her gaining territorial accessions from Austria.

Under a treaty between the United States and Prussia, made in 1828, Germany has announced that she will pay in full for the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Railroads of the Middle West have called upon employment agents for 10,000 laborers, to be put to work by the end of April. The roads are preparing to put their roadbeds in the best of condition to care for the heavy tourist travel which is expected to the Coast during the summer.

French troops from Africa are resting at Alexandria, Egypt, ready to proceed to help the British expeditionary forces against Turkey.

Persistent rumors that Germany is about to invade Holland are current in London. It is well known that Holland is ready to repel any such invasion to the best of her ability.

Two men and a woman have been arrested near Baker Or., charged with the holdup of a stage recently in which \$7000 worth of gold bullion was stolen. The bullion was found concealed in a badger hole.

General Huerta to Stay in United States

New York—General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, who for nearly a year has been an exile in Spain, arrived here Tuesday on the Spanish steamship Antonio Lopez from Cadiz.

General Huerta was passed by United States immigration officials as a transit alien, after he had declared under oath that he would do nothing that would involve the neutrality of the United States.

The ex-president said that he had come to the United States partly for pleasure and partly to attend to some personal business connected with family matters. He swore that he had no intention of going to Mexico or to Cuba. The length of his stay here, he said, was indefinite, but he would return to Spain, possibly sailing from New York early in May.

General Huerta was met at quarantine by representatives of the press and by an array of photographers. While submitting to being photographed in every desired pose, he declined to say anything as to his mission—agreeing to meet newspapermen at his hotel here at a later date.

Regarding this appointment he said: "I understand that my presence in this country creates in you the desire to know my views about the affairs of Mexico and I promise to satisfy your wishes to the best of my ability. I beg you, gentlemen, to remember that no interview with me should be considered as authentic unless it carries my personal signature."

General Huerta was accompanied by General Jose C. Delgado, who has been his private secretary for 10 years, and by Abraham Ratner, a personal friend of the general, who declared himself as an American citizen, giving his residence as New York.

Indiana Mayor Gets Six Years for Election Fraud

Indianapolis, Ind.—Four men convicted in the Terre Haute election fraud trial were sentenced by Judge Anderson to the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

The other 16, including Donn M. Roberts, mayor, who received prison sentences and appealed, and the 87 who were given sentences ranging from one day to six months in the local jail, are in jail here. It was said the 16 will have two or three days in which to obtain their appeal bonds, which were fixed by Judge Anderson at \$10,000 for each year the men were sentenced. Edward Holler, the former chief of police, who pleaded guilty, also received prison sentence.

The four who withdrew from the appeal are: John M. Messelink, city sealer of weights and measures and former member of the state legislature; Arthur Gillis, Progressive election official; Joseph Strauss, liquor salesman, and George Sovern, gambler. Each had been sentenced to a year and a day in prison and to pay a fine of \$100.

To obtain liberty pending his appeal, Mayor Roberts, who was sentenced to six years and to pay a fine of \$2000, the severest sentence given, will have to furnish a bond of \$60,000. If all secure bonds it will mean a total of \$420,000.

Telegraphers Are Declared Underpaid by Employer

Chicago—President Newcomb Carlton, of the Western Union Telegraph company, and S. J. Konenkamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, testified from their respective viewpoints before the United States commission on industrial relations Tuesday as to wages and working conditions of the commercial telegraphers.

Mr. Carlton caused a mild sensation when, replying to a question from Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission, as to whether telegraphers were adequately compensated, replied: "I believe that the telegraphers are underpaid."

"Overpaid!" exclaimed Mr. Walsh. "No, underpaid. I think they ought to make more money than they do. So far as I can ascertain, wages have increased 30 per cent in the last ten years. Ten years ago a Morse telegrapher received \$18; it is now \$23. It is \$18.50 for women and now it is \$18. My own view is that a first-class telegrapher should be able to earn at least \$5 a day of nine hours. Some of our employees, under the so-called premium plan, are making close to that."

The witness said his company has one of the best pension and relief organizations in the country, and it costs the men nothing. Half a million dollars was expended on it last year, he said.

Airman Killed by Fall

Washington, D. C.—Cecil Malcolm Peoli, an aviator, was killed at College Park, Md., near here, while making a test flight in an aeroplane of his own invention and in which he had planned flights from Washington to New York and from New York to St. Louis. The machine fell 300 feet and Peoli's skull was fractured. The cause of the accident has not been determined. Peoli was the first man to fly across the Andes mountains in South America. The wrecked machine is said to have been the largest in this country.

Belgium to Hear Concert

Berlin—The famous Philharmonic Orchestra of Berlin is preparing to make a concert tour of Belgium early in May, according to announcement by the Overseas News Agency. Felix Weingarten will conduct and the musicians will play twice in Brussels.

Grants Pass Farmers Form Own Water Co.

Grants Pass—The farmers in that portion of Rogue River Valley just west of Grants Pass have organized a co-operative irrigation corporation. Owners of approximately 1000 acres of land have signed up, and nearly two miles of irrigation ditches have been built.

The ditches are five feet wide at the bottom and six feet at the top, and are capable of carrying 10,000 gallons of water a minute. The water is to be pumped from the Rogue River by a centrifugal pump driven by an electric motor. It will be forced first to a knoll, and then piped across the valley to a high line ditch, and from the ditch diverted on the 1000 or more acres of land.

The cost of installing the plant will be \$5 an acre. A 100-horse power electric motor and a 12-inch centrifugal pump have been purchased and will be installed prior to June 1 in order to give water to these lands on and after that date.

A reservoir 100 feet wide by 300 feet long will be dug six feet deep on the top of the knoll. From there it

will be taken by gravity through a 24-inch pipe and carried across the valley to the foothills on the north.

The farmers are preparing their lands by leveling and more than 500 acres of alfalfa will be planted this fall. The most of the land will be planted to corn this season, and after the harvesting of this crop will be sown to alfalfa.

The ditch digging is being carried on under the direction of Joe Russell, and the ditching is being done at a few cents less than \$1 a rod. Ditch digging of this kind usually costs not less than 2.50 a rod, it is said.

Alex Hood, owner of one of the largest parcels of land to be irrigated by the system, is directing work on the project. His ranch comprises 176 acres.

H. C. Newell, owner of the Lace House laundry, of Portland, has a ranch of more than 600 acres, a portion of which will come under this ditch. He is improving his ranch, and has one of the show places in the Rogue River valley. The Lathrop and Muller properties are among those which also will come under the project.

State Highway Fund Is Divided by Oregon Board

| Apportionment State Road Fund. | |
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| Douglas county | \$ 20,000 |
| Hood River county | 50,000 |
| Columbia county | 50,000 |
| Clatsop county | 35,000 |
| Jackson county | 50,000 |
| Josephine county | 5,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 20,000 |
| Res. Tigardville road | 7,231 |
| Total | \$237,231 |

Salem—At a meeting of the State Highway commission, apportionment of the state highway fund for the year, which, it is believed, with receipts from delinquent taxes, will approximate \$237,231, was made, seven counties receiving substantial funds.

The largest amounts, \$50,000 each, go to Columbia, Jackson and Hood River counties, the board adhering to its original policy of aiding counties that have bonded themselves to build roads. Of the \$50,000 awarded to Jackson county, \$10,000 was owed from last year and the balance was provided for in a law passed at the recent session of the legislature. The commission set aside \$20,000 for office expenses.

John H. Albert, of Salem, and S. Benson, of Portland, members of the advisory committee recently appointed, met with the board and participated in making the apportionments. It also was announced that the committee would advise with State Highway Engineer Cantine frequently regarding road work. The other member is Leslie Butler.

Central Potato Depot Suggested by Bulletin

How co-operation might be worked out by the potato growers of a given district so as to eliminate what the compiler terms "the financial disaster in the marketing of their potatoes met by the vast majority of Oregon farmers for the past three years," is explained in the concluding paragraph of a 40-page potato bulletin just issued by the University of Oregon. The bulletin is called "Markets for Potatoes," makes a general survey of the potato situation, and may be had on application to the extension division at Eugene.

The paragraph in question is: "It might be advisable to establish a central depot at a convenient shipping plant readily accessible to the growers of the district in which the association is formed. To this depot all the growers would ship all their potatoes, where they would be inspected and sorted. Only those of the very highest quality in every respect would be marketed for seed and for table use, and these carefully packed and sold under a name or brand that would establish their reputation. If this high quality was rigidly maintained and the reputation fully earned and justified (as has been done similarly for apples from certain districts) a premium price above the prevailing market could be demanded and depended upon."

Crowd Out Oregon Spuds. University of Oregon, Eugene—"The rise of potato growing as an industry in Idaho and Colorado is one great cause of the potato depression in Oregon, because the crops of these two states have taken the southern market," says H. B. Miller, director of the department of commercial and industrial survey of the university of Oregon school of commerce. Formerly perhaps 40 per cent of Oregon's potato exports went below the Mason and Dixon line.

Mr. Miller thinks German competition will ultimately be a big factor in

Suit Over Water Argued

Oregon City—The injunction suit of the Milwaukie Water company against the city of Milwaukie was argued before Circuit Judge Campbell and was taken under advisement by the court. However, Judge Campbell decided that the temporary injunction granted by County Judge Anderson no longer could prevent the laying of pipe from the Bull Run mains of the city of Portland to the Clackamas county town. The city has signed a contract with Portland for a supply of Bull Run water and is preparing to install mains.

County Judge Clark, of Columbia county, and J. H. Johnson, representing the Consolidated Contract company, requested the board to have the engineer make estimates of the work done by the company in that county, so the County court could make certain payments. Under the law the payments cannot be made until the estimates are furnished. State Treasurer Kay called attention to the fact that H. L. Bowby, ex-state highway engineer, had made the estimates, but had not furnished a copy to the county judge. Mr. Cantine was instructed to do this. Mr. Johnson said after the meeting that the estimates of Major Bowby were not satisfactory to the company and would not be accepted. He declared that under them the company would lose about \$60,000, and that, if satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the county, litigation would result.

A delegation from Yamhill county, which asked for state aid, was informed by the board that it probably would be helped next year, but not this one, because of a lack of funds. The spokesman said Tillamook and Yamhill counties each had raised \$15,000 for use on the Grants, Ronde road and suggested that the state provide a similar sum.

The apportionment of the state fund suggested by Major Bowby was as follows: Clatsop county, \$40,000; Douglas county, \$27,000; Columbia county, \$60,000; Hood River county, \$60,000; Jackson county, \$40,000; miscellaneous, \$20,000.

southern markets if the duty remains off potatoes as at present. The German with his cheap labor, cheap fertilizers and water transportation can in normal times meet the Idaho grower on even terms in the south or extreme east.

White Pine Mill Resumes

Baker—Because of large orders, the Baker White Pine company started its mill at White Pine with about 160 men. The resumption was due to lumber orders which Manager Frank Gardiner believes will keep the plant running all summer at least. The South Baker mill also is running full capacity and will continue to do so indefinitely.

The company recently purchased more than 1,000,000 feet of timber, and with the large number of orders from the East it expects to be able to keep its 250 men busy all summer, and probably longer.

"The outlook is good," said Mr. Gardiner. "We have all the orders we can handle and expect to keep every man busy for some time."

Sheep Shearing Is Begun

Arlington—The annual sheep shearing at this point is now in full swing, with about 15,000 sheep in town and 40,000 at the large Smythe Bros. plant near here. There will probably be 500,000 pounds of wool marketed through Arlington during the month. The first shipment left upon the Inland Empire for the Portland wool warehouse Wednesday. The quality in all cases is better than last year, with much cleaner fleeces and better staple. There has been a strong tendency toward improving the grade ewes.

Two Mills Begin Work

La Pine—The J. N. Matsen Lumber company started work at its big mill Wednesday. The Pringle Falls mill started work last week. Both are working at full capacity on big contracts. The Pringle Falls mill is turning out stuff for the power company, and the Matsen mill is working on flume material, presumably for the Moore syndicate. The La Pine Lumber company expects to start its mill in a few days.

Klamath Land to Open

Klamath Falls—Several lots of land in townships 87 and 88 south, range 8 east, Klamath county, have just been released from withdrawal under the first form in connection with the Klamath irrigation project, and will become subject to homestead settlement under the public land laws of the United States. The aggregate acreage released by this order is about 100 acres.

MEAL TIME IN A GERMAN CAMP IN POLAND



RUSSIANS REMOVING THE GERMAN DEAD



Russian Red Cross workers gathering up the German dead after a battle in Poland.

GETTING NEWS OF THE WAR IN THE WEST



For the information of the German troops fighting in the eastern war zone bulletins telling of the progress of the struggle in the western zone are posted in Polish villages.

SMASHED BY THE AUSTRIAN SHELLS



View of the army museum in Belgrade, Serbia, after its destruction by Austrian shells.

ADMIRAL T. B. HOWARD



Admiral T. B. Howard, recently appointed admiral of the Pacific fleet, is in the harbor of San Francisco and the four-star flag of an American admiral is flying at the Golden Gate for the first time.

One Good Reason for Being a Woman.

By nature man belongs to the hunt in the open, and woman to the fire indoors, and just here lies one of the best reasons for being a woman rather than a man, because a woman can get along without a man's out-of-doors much better than a man can get along without a woman's indoors, which proves woman of the two the better bachelor, as being more self-contained and self-contented. Every real man when abroad on the hunt is always dreaming of a hearth and a hob and a wife, whereas no real woman, if she has the hearth and the hob, is longing for man's hunting spear or quarry. If she is indeed a real woman she is very likely longing to give a man the comfort of the fire, provided he will not stay too long at a stretch, but get out long enough to give her time to brush up his hearth and rinse his tassets satisfactorily to herself.—Atlantic.