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## WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

### Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

#### UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and  
Pacific Northwest Condensed  
for Our Busy Readers.

The 1916 national convention of the Elks will be held in Baltimore.

An Italian merchantman used the Greek flag to avoid German submarines.

Colonel Alden J. Blethen, editor and publisher of the Seattle Times, dies after a long illness.

The German Crown Prince's advance against the French is said to have been materially checked.

Villa is reported to have penetrated the lines of the Carranzistas and completely isolated Vera Cruz.

Views of the American press on the German reply to the recent note are said to be surprising to Berlin.

Many parts of the Canary Islands are shaken by earthquake shocks and considerable damage is reported.

An aviator at a height of 1800 feet at Spokane succeeded in landing safely after being upside down with a broken plane.

England has succeeded in negotiating another huge war loan of \$3,000,000,000, subscribed mainly by patrons of the postoffice.

The Liberty Bell en route from Philadelphia to San Francisco, gets momentous reception in Portland and other Northwestern cities.

It is said that Portland iron manufacturers will soon close contracts with representatives from England and Russia for shrapnel to be used by the allies.

Thomas A. Edison has agreed to head the civilian advisory board, which will assist the U. S. army and navy in perfecting inventions pertaining to warfare.

A fierce fire in the hold of the battleship New Jersey, and only 10 feet from 9000 pounds of powder, was extinguished by heroic efforts of the ship's crew.

President Wilson has not made up his mind as to what he will send to Germany in answer to the recent communication concerning the sinking of the Lusitania.

A favorable trade balance of \$17,674,214 is indicated by the U. S. Department of Commerce statement on imports and exports for the week ended July 10. The trade balance exceeded that for a similar period in June by more than \$3,000,000.

For experimental purposes the U. S. Navy department has bought several torpedoes to hang around battleships and protect them from torpedo attacks. Secretary Daniels said these were of the same type as those employed by the European navies.

The Interstate Commerce commission has suspended the O. W. R. & N., Northern Pacific, Great Northern and other schedules which propose to increase rates on structural steel in carloads from Portland and other Coast points to certain interior points.

Italy closes navigation of the Adriatic sea unless ships are under convoy.

Austrians submarine and sink an Italian warship. Most of the crew was saved.

The steamship Minnehaha, loaded with 15,000 tons of war munitions, is afire in midocean.

Reports of food shortage and suffering continue to reach the State department from Mexico.

Germans complain that the French mistreat prisoners, and reprisals are said to have begun.

Cincinnati is visited by the most severe storm in its history. Many lives are lost and a million dollars' damage is done to property.

Iowa has unearthed a mysterious murder committed, it is said, in 1868, and as a consequence a man aged 70 is in jail accused of the crime.

Belgians have suddenly adopted the practice of wearing sprays of ivy as an expression of loyalty to Belgium and the allies, as a result of General Von Blasing's order prohibiting the display of Belgian colors.

American consuls point to the serious situation in Mexico and urge speedy action by this government.

Naval officers have taken charge of the German wireless plant at Sayville, N. Y., believing neutrality was being violated.

Steel mills in the Pittsburg district have received within the past few days orders for projectile steel which aggregates 75,000 tons. Early in the year steel of this grade was offered at \$31 a ton, but latest sales are said to have been made at \$33. This material is to be sent abroad.

## SUBMARINE FORCES AMERICAN SHIP TO ACT AS SHIELD FROM VICTIM

Liverpool—How an American ship is alleged to have been used as a shield by a German submarine for the sinking of another vessel is the story related by members of the crew of the American bark Normandy, which has arrived here from Gulfport, Miss.

The story is that the Normandy was stopped by a German submarine 60 miles southwest of Tuskar Rock, off the southeast coast of Ireland, Friday night. The captain was called aboard the submarine, where his papers were examined and found to show that the ship was chartered by an American firm January 6.

The captain of the bark, it was asserted, was allowed to return to the Normandy, but under the threat that his ship would be destroyed unless he stood by and obeyed orders. These orders, it was said, were that he was to act as a shield for the submarine, which lay at the side of the bark, hiding itself from an approaching vessel.

This vessel proved to be the Russian steamer Leo. Presently the submarine submerged and proceeded around the bow of the Normandy, so the story went, and 10 minutes later the crew of the Normandy saw the Leo blown up. Twenty-five persons were on board, of whom 11 were drowned, including three stowaways.

These saved included three Americans—Walter Emery, of North Carolina; Harry Clark, of Sierra, and Harry Whitney, of Camden, N. J.

All these three men, when interviewed, corroborated the foregoing story. They declared that no opportunity was given those on board the Leo for saving life.

The Leo was bound from Philadelphia to Manchester with a general cargo.

## Edison Will Head American Board of Invention for Army and Navy

West Orange, N. J. — Thomas A. Edison has accepted an invitation from Secretary Daniels to head an advisory board of civilian inventors for a bureau of invention and development to be created in the navy department.

His acceptance will go forward at once to Washington, where the new plans await word from the man "who can turn dreams into realities."

Mr. Daniels' idea of utilizing the inventive genius of Americans in and out of the military and naval service to meet conditions of warfare shown in the conflict on land and sea in Europe is outlined in a letter written last Wednesday asking Mr. Edison whether, as a patriotic service to his country, he would undertake the task of advising the proposed bureau. The plan is to have several men prominent in special lines of inventive research associated in the work.

Among the great problems to be laid before the investigators the secretary mentioned submarine warfare, adding that he felt sure that with Mr. Edison's wonderful brain to help them the officers of the navy would be able "to meet this new danger with new devices that will assure peace to our country by their effectiveness."

## New York City Grows

New York—Father Knickerbocker's population has increased almost half a million in the last five years. To be exact, the normal growth of the greater city from the day the national census takers finished their work in 1910 until June 13 last, when the state enumerators started in, was 478,929, an increase of more than 10 per cent. According to census supervisors of Brooklyn, Queens, Manhattan, the Bronx and Richmond, New York had a population of 5,245,812 on June 13, as compared with 4,766,883 in 1910.

## French Contribute Gold

Paris — The flow of gold from the private stocks of the public into the Bank of France continues. More than 10,000 persons deposited gold at the bank during Friday and Saturday. Recently the Bank of France extended an invitation to the public to turn in its private hoards of gold to strengthen the national reserve. The response was such that the bank had to designate a half dozen receiving tellers to take the coin offered.

## Trade Balance Continues

Washington, D. C. — A favorable trade balance of \$20,545,773 was shown by the weekly statement of imports and exports at the 13 principal ports of the United States, issued by the department of Commerce. The statement shows \$29,896,465 for imports and \$50,442,238 for exports. The balance is an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over the first week of last month and \$11,000,000 over last week.

## French Outbuy Bond Issue

Paris—The minister of finance, M. Ribot, introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill raising the limit of the issue of national defense bonds from \$1,200,000,000, as fixed in the law of May 18, to \$1,400,000,000. Subscriptions already have exceeded the previous limit by \$30,000,000. The French public in 11 months has taken \$1,850,000,000 of national bonds.

## War Gets 200,000 Horses

Hinton, W. Va.—Fifty men were added to the forces required to handle the war horses fed and watered here on their way from the West to the Atlantic seaboard. Fully 200,000 horses have been handled since the European war began, according to the officers in charge.

## OREGON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Development is Near.

Newport—S. G. Irwin, of Newport, has just been informed by the United States Engineering department that an appropriation of \$5000 has been made for the survey of the Yaquina Bay bar, with an object of obtaining a 25-foot channel, and Wisconsin capitalists are ready to develop vast timber holdings as soon as large carriers can enter the bay.

J. S. Polhemus, assistant United States engineer, who had charge of the Yaquina Bay jetty construction, will again be in charge of the government work.

J. C. Maupin, of the United States Geodetic Engineers, made a survey of the bar and channel in 1913, but an Engineers' department survey is necessary before an appropriation could be made for improvements, it is said.

Wisconsin capitalists, backed by Senator Stephenson and others, who bought the Smith interests around Coos Bay, have money ready to invest.

A party headed by George A. Stephenson, manager of the North Bend Lumber company, and Edward A. Young, nephew of Senator Stephenson, and Carl Burham, all of Madison, Wis., John Belknap and Steve McAllister, of Vancouver, B. C., timber exporters, and N. C. Ingram and Charles Corgan, of Coos Bay, timber cruisers, have been making various trips of investigation.

Mr. Stephenson has obtained soundings of the Yaquina Bay bar and surveys of roads in view of a logging railroad to extend from Yaquina Bay to Yachats.

It is said to be the aim of the Wisconsin lumbermen to commence work without delay.

### Oregon Crop Report.

July 1 crop estimates by the United States department of Agriculture are as follows:

Winter wheat—Forecast, 16,000,000 bushels; final 1914, 13,584,000.

Spring wheat—Forecast, 3,730,000 bushels; final 1914, 2,920,000.

Oats—Forecast, 13,900,000; final 1914, 12,740,000.

Barley—Forecast, 4,320,000 bushels; final 1914, 3,660,000.

Potatoes—Forecast, 6,800,000 bushels; final 1914, 4,763,000.

Apples—Forecast, 3,320,000 bushels; final 1914, 3,600,000.

Hay—Condition, 92; 7-year average, 91.

Clover—Condition, 92; 10-year average, 94.

Alfalfa—Condition 92; 9-year average, 92.

Pasture—Condition, 97; 10-year average, 96.

Hops—Condition, 92; 9-year average, 89.

### School Talks Are Heard.

Salem—"Standardization of the Rural School," was discussed at a meeting of the county superintendents who are here grading the examination papers of applicants for state certificates to teach. Fred Peterson, Klamath county; E. J. Moore, Lane county; Roy Cannon, Benton county, and W. W. Austin, Grant county, led the discussion.

"Club Work" will be discussed also. Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill announced that those who will participate are: F. L. Griffin, field agent of Oregon Agricultural College; N. C. Maris, field worker of the State Board of Education; L. P. Harrington, field worker, State Board of Education; H. C. Seymour, superintendent of Polk county, and Miss Fay Clark, superintendent of Malheur county.

### Roseburg Railroad Sure.

Roseburg—A conference which both parties admitted had its connection with the railroad which Kendall Bros. propose to construct here during the present summer was held here Saturday.

F. L. Burkhalter, superintendent of the Portland division of the Southern Pacific railroad, and H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent, were closeted with S. A. Kendall and his associates for more than an hour.

Mr. Kendall and the Southern Pacific officials spent an hour at Winchester, where they inspected Kendall Bros.' holdings in that vicinity. At the conclusion of the conference it was given out that a complete understanding had been reached between the parties concerned.

### Flax Crop Outlook Good.

Salem—That the outlook for the success of the state's venture with flax growing is most promising is the opinion of Governor Withycombe, who has just looked over the flax fields in this vicinity. "There is every assurance of a good crop," said the governor. "Also, the quality of the flax appears excellent. I believe it will run from one and a half to three tons to the acre." J. C. Cady, the flax man employed by the Board of Control, has just returned from the East, where he purchased retting machinery.

### Stings of Bees Kill Cow.

Monmouth—Stung by thousands of Italian bees, a valuable Jersey cow, owned by O. A. Wolverton, ex-postmaster of Monmouth, died Tuesday. The animal had been turned into the grass on the Normal campus. On a small lot adjoining the campus were 35 hives. When Bossie began to fight several of the Italians, hundreds, then thousands, "mobilized," and stung the distressed cow was impossible.

### Mining Activity Gains.

Cottage Grove—Reports of renewed activity in the Bohemia district include a rumor that the large Champion property will again become active. This closed down last season after a short, but successful run, because of some difficulty over the ownership. It is expected that as soon as Manager Hard returns from his extended Eastern trip he will announce an active season at his properties. More small properties are active than there have been for a number of seasons. Several tons of supplies are being hauled into the Long placer claim.

The advance in the price of copper and lead gives encouragement to the development of copper and lead properties. The Bohemia district is the only one in the state having shown lead in paying quantities and one of two camps in the state having a copper production last year.

With quicksilver steadily advancing in price there is a hope that the big quicksilver mine at Black Butte, which has been active for several years, will resume. Quicksilver has more than doubled in price since the mine closed.

### Land Board Must Decide.

Salem — The Desert Land Board at its next meeting will be called upon to take definite action on the excess acreage on the Central Oregon Irrigation company's project, John Thyen, of Bend, having applied for a deed to lands involving that question. Mr. Thyen has a contract for 80 acres, for seven of which the company refused to deliver water.

The Federal government recently warned the state against issuing deeds under the Carey land act until there was a water right and a sufficient water supply for every irrigable acre in the tract. It was indicated that if these conditions were not complied with the title to the land would be defeasible and it might be necessary to revoke the state's patents. The board must now either pass defeasible title to the settlers on the project or else adjust the excess acreage question before issuing deeds to these lands.

### \$10,000,000 Bonds for Roads Urged

Roseburg — Expected along the Pacific Highway by county judges and commissioners of the counties through which they passed, S. Benson, J. H. Albert and Leslie Butler, members of the advisory board of the State Highway commission, accompanied by E. I. Cantine, assistant state highway engineer, are meeting with a demand for state aid for roads through Western Oregon.

Mr. Benson at a meeting of Roseburg business men struck the keynote to the situation by voicing the need for a state bond issue of \$10,000,000 to build main trunk lines through Oregon, the interest and principal of bonds to be paid from the current tax revenues of the state.

It is considered impossible, in view of the low tax levy for road purposes, to meet the demands of the various sections of the state, and the only way is predicted in the bond issue.

### Warrants Good for Taxes.

Salem — The Supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Harris, held that Klamath county must accept county warrants totaling \$10,400 as part of the Southern Pacific company's taxes for 1914. The warrants were issued in 1912 by the county because, in error, the assessor had collected several thousand dollars too much in taxes on personal property.

According to the complaint the company owed \$179.95 taxes on personal property in 1912, but through error \$17,454.99 was collected. When the mistake was discovered, Klamath county had expended the money, and the authorities directed the issuance of warrants for all over \$179.95. When the warrants were tendered as part payment for taxes for 1914 the county treasurer would not accept them.

### Mr. Olcott Explains Duty.

Salem — Having received numerous letters from all parts of the state regarding alleged violations of the motor vehicle law, Secretary of State Olcott has had postcards printed announcing that his office has nothing to do with enforcing the law. Its duties consist in registering motor vehicles and chauffeurs as applications are filed. The postal says: "Under this law it is made the specific duty of all police officers, sheriffs and constables, within the limits of their respective jurisdictions, to enforce its provisions."

### Road Survey Begun at Umatilla.

Pendleton — County Surveyor Willard Bradley has begun at Umatilla to make a survey for one of five proposed new county roads. Some work on the survey for the Pendleton-Umatilla road was done at this end last week, but operations have been shifted to complete the work between Umatilla and Echo sooner. The surveys were authorized by the County Court recently on petition of the Umatilla County Good Roads association.

### Burned Cannery to Be Replaced.

Astoria — While in this city recently, F. M. Larmon, superintendent for Libby, McNeill & Libby, of Chicago, stated that his company will erect a new cannery at Koggiung, Alaska, to replace the one recently destroyed by fire. The new plant will be double the capacity of the old one.

## GERMAN DRAGOONS PHOTOGRAPHED BY BELGIAN SPY



This photograph, which was made inside the German lines by a daring Belgian officer armed with a camera, shows a detachment of German dragoons en route to replace some of the worn-out men in one of the trenches in the immediate vicinity. Their mounts have been left behind them.

## ALLIES LANDING TURKISH PRISONERS



Turkish soldiers taken prisoner by the allies on Gallipoli peninsula being landed near one of the camps for captives.

## HOPES TO GAIN ANCIENT KINGDOM



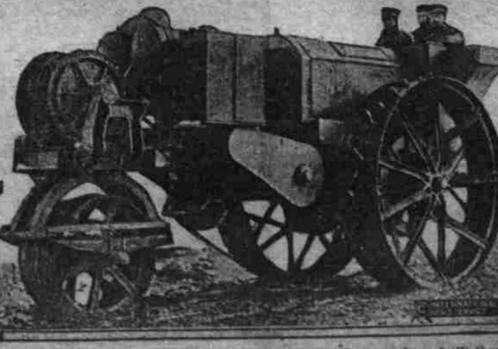
Abdurrazzak, the subject of this photograph, is a descendant of an ancient king of Botan in Kurdistan, who in 1263 was defeated and captured by the Turks. He has been secretary of the Turkish embassy at Petrograd and master of ceremonies at Constantinople and is now in the military service of the czar, hoping to regain the kingdom of Botan.

## "LADY BIRD" GUARDED PARIS



Mlle. Helene Durieu, twenty-five, pretty and petite, world's champion airwoman who helped guard Paris from air raids in the early part of the war, has come to the United States to lecture on the use of the aeroplane in war. She was decorated by the French government with the ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

## BIG GERMAN MILITARY TRACTOR



Most of the roads in Russia being very bad, the Germans have built these giant tractors to haul their guns and ammunition and supply wagons.

## Patriotism Makes Her Wealthy.

The other day an old woman came into a bank in Prague and handed to the clerk an antique savings book, which showed a credit of \$48. She asked whether this would serve for the war loan, since she had no other money. She explained that this book was left by will to her mother, who, dying, gave it to her. "Anyhow," she added timidly, "I would like so much to help a little bit." The clerk took the book and disappeared. After a while he came back and with him his superior, including even the president of the bank. And then they broke it gently to her that the book dated since 1848 and that therefore the \$48 amounted now, with compound interest, to about \$3,500. Without her patriotism she would never have known how rich she was.