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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.

Carranza is said to be preparing a
reply refusing peace proposals.

Yuan Shi Kai is considering the ad-
visability of proclaiming himself em-
peror of China.

Application has been made for the
appointment of a receiver for the Mis-
souri Pacific railroad.

A Georgia mob took Leo M. Frank,
serving a life sentence for the murder
of Mary Phagan, from jail and hanged
him.

A terrific Gulf storm wrecked many
vessels and did much other damage
along the Gulf coast, and particularly
at Galveston.

A German submarine torpedoed the
British transport Royal Edward in the
Aegean sea, off the Turkish coast, and
about 1000 lives were lost.

British agents in San Francisco
charged with recruiting in violation of
neutrality laws, raised technical points
and gained much time by the delay.

The executive committee of the Ger-
man National Liberal party declares
permanent peace can only be had by a
wide extension of German frontier in
all directions.

French find on German prisoners
copies of a military order saying "we
shall take, we must take, Verdun.
Then the war will be finished by De-
cember at the latest."

A German submarine shelled three
towns on the Cumberland coast of En-
gland. Several fires were started by
shells from the under-water boat and
the railroad was damaged, but there
were no casualties.

Nancy Hanks, 2:04, champion trot-
ter from 1892 to 1894, died at Ham-
burg Place, the estate of J. E. Mad-
den, who purchased the horse several
years ago. To pension her until her
death. Nancy Hanks was foaled in
1886.

A Spokane woman, while down town
with her 10-month-old babe in her
arms, recognized a man who had bur-
glarized her home a few days before
and chased him seven blocks, finally
stopping him and holding him until he
was taken by an officer.

A cablegram from Paris announces
the death of Jacques Neyratte, a mem-
ber of the French aviation corps. Ney-
ratte was formerly a newspaper man
of Phoenix, Ariz. He was licensed by
the Aero Club of France in 1908, and
appeared in aerial exhibitions in this
country. He served in the Boer war
as a balloonist.

Representatives of the Italian gov-
ernment have begun the purchase of
12,000 more horses for war purposes
in East St. Louis. These are to be
selected within 90 days. Thus far
more than 160,000 horses have been
sold to the belligerent nations through
dealers at that place. A dealer said
the Allies had spent \$27,000,000 for
horses in East St. Louis.

Russians report inflicting heavy loss
on Turks in Caucasus campaign.

British minister of war munitions
declares he has control of 345 plants.

A recent German military decree is
said to have declared that peace is cer-
tain by October.

Petrograd joyfully announces the re-
pulse of a German naval force from
the Gulf of Riga.

After extensive inspection, the Ore-
gon hop crop for 1915 is estimated at
less than 100,000 bales.

Baron Kikujio Ishii, new Japanese
minister of foreign affairs, is said to be
a firm friend of United States.

Mail order liquor houses of Horn-
brook, Cal., just across the Oregon
line, are said to be preparing for a big
business, in anticipation of the going
into effect of the prohibition law in
Oregon and Washington Jan. 1, 1916.

Sweeping reductions in the anthra-
cite freight rates of railroads handling
80 per cent of the country's anthracite
production were ordered by the Inter-
state Commerce commission in a deci-
sion which held the carriers guilty of
giving illegal preferential treatment
to allied coal companies.

William Barnes, Jr., speaking be-
fore the New York state constitutional
convention, likened Roosevelt to Bis-
marck.

General economy and thrift is being
urged as a regular study in the public
schools by the National Educational
association.

Forest fires in Little Creek canyon,
near San Bernardino, Cal., have leaped
the fire brakes and are on their way
into the spruce timber. The flames
have already destroyed timber and
watered brush covering 2000 acres.
Forty additional men have been sent.

MRS. CHARLES REID RILEY



Miss Minnie Conrad, daughter of the
late William Q. Conrad, a Montana
copper magnate, was married recently
to Charles Reid Riley, who owns a
large farm in Clark county, Virginia,
near the Conrad home. Mrs. Riley and
her sister inherited \$3,000,000.

MEXICAN FORCES CROSS RIVER AND ATTACK AMERICAN TROOPS

Brownsville, Tex.—About 100 Mexi-
cans, under cover of darkness, Tues-
day night forced the Rio Grande near
Mercedes, about 30 miles up the river
from here, and partly surrounded 21
men of the 21st United States cavalry.
They killed one trooper and wounded
two. For a time it was reported that
the Mexicans were advancing on Mer-
cedes, but at midnight all had disap-
peared. Soldiers and posse are
searching the brush for them.

The battle at the crossings was
short but sharp. The troopers are un-
able to say whether the main body
of Mexicans crossed to attack them
or whether the crossing was a cloak
to cover crossings at other nearby
river points.

In addition to darkness, the Mexi-
cans had the cover of thick brush and
bends of the river. During the height
of the fighting the soldiers said many
shots were fired from the Mexican
camp opposite their camp. This camp
was near Progreso, an excellent ford,
where man and horse could cross with
ease at a gallop, and where for two
days cavalrymen and rangers have
been watching the gatherings of Mexi-
cans in considerable numbers. A Mex-
ican at this point fired on the soldiers
but hit no one.

Ranger Lieutenant Reyan in an
early report said he understood 270
Mexicans had crossed and that they
were coming to attack Mercedes.

The report from Ranger Reyan
said that the Mexicans had crossed
the river in three bands. Mercedes,
according to details of troops in that
region, should have available 70 Uni-
ted States cavalrymen and half a dozen
rangers for protection, besides vigi-
liantes who have been organized in
force there.

Reyan said it was reported that
in addition to the Mexicans who had
crossed the river, a large number of
others were lined up on the Mexican
side.

Reinforcements of rangers and sol-
diers from Harlingen were hurriedly
ordered to Mercedes by automobile.
Harlingen is about 15 miles from Mer-
cedes. Mexicans who crossed the river
would have seven or eight miles to
cover before they reached Mercedes.

Reinforcements to Mercedes should
reach there ahead of the Mexicans, ac-
cording to officers at Brownsville.

Russians Resist Bitterly.

Rotterdam, via London.—No point
is yielded by the Russians to the ad-
vancing Germans until the railroad
bridges and everything else of mili-
tary value has been destroyed, accord-
ing to German reports received here.
The Cologne Gazette admits the diffi-
culties confronting the invaders and
says: "The great area west of the
Vistula is covered by ceaseless pro-
cessions of wagons bringing up sup-
plies. An incalculable amount of work
has to be done. Only by herculean
exertions have we been able to carry
supplies over the Vistula."

Russia Courts America.

Milan, Italy, via Paris.—A long dis-
patch from Petrograd outlining the
situation in Russia, which gives the
impression of being inspired by Ser-
gius Sazanov, Russian foreign minis-
ter, is published by the Corriere Della
Sera. The article says in conclusion:
"The proposal for a Russian-Japanese
alliance finds no opposition on condi-
tion that it be not aggressive against
China and even less so against Ameri-
ca, whose friendship is necessary to
Russia."

Wilson Studies Union Pay.

Washington, D. C.—Demands of machi-
nists at the Washington navy yard
for increased pay were taken up by
President Wilson in a conference with
a committee representing the work-
men.

The president promised to discuss
their demands as soon as possible
with Secretary Daniels. N. P. Alfanz,
president of the local branch of the
machinists' union, said the delegation
was much encouraged by the president's
attitude.

Foodstuffs Price Treble.

Paris.—A dispatch from Bucharest
says that Austrian and German agents
at points along the Rumanian fron-
tier are paying three times the normal
price for wheat, corn, hay, flax, peas
and beans exported from that country.
This is the result of heavy export tax.

ILLS OF BUSINESS HEARD BY BOARD

Federal Commission Is Asked to
Give Remedial Advice.

LUMBER INDUSTRY IS INJURED MOST

Existing Depression Laid at Door of
European War and Removal of
Protection of High Tariff.

Business in the Pacific Northwest is
bad—that was freely and frankly and
almost unanimously admitted before
the Federal Trade commissioners hear-
ing held in Portland. But what caused
it to be bad, and how to improve it,
were elements in the situation that
brought forth many conflicting theo-
ries.

All witnesses were agreed, how-
ever, that the commission can be and
should be of material assistance in
bringing about the improvement.

There was universal agreement, too,
on the proposition that the lumber in-
dustry is the backbone of business in

ORVILLE WRIGHT



New photograph of Orville Wright,
who, as a member of the new board
of experts, will place at the command
of the navy department his great
knowledge of aeroplanes and aero-
nautics.

the Pacific Northwest, and that the
lumber industry, more than any other,
is experiencing distressing demoraliza-
tion.

Most attention was given to the
lumber situation in the hearing that
occupied the attention of the commis-
sion for four hours, but the grain situ-
ation, the fruit situation and various
other industries that represent the
Pacific Northwest received ample at-
tention.

The commission's hearings were in-
formal, although all the testimony was
transcribed for future reference by the
commission. The session was opened
by Joseph E. Davies, the chairman,
who subsequently asked C. C. Colt,
of Portland, to preside.

The various elements that have con-
tributed to the present stagnation of
the lumber industry were presented for
the commission's review.

Foremost in the list of causes was
placed the diminishing demand due to
the European war, but next in order
and closely behind it were placed care-
less financing and speculation. Diffi-
culty in obtaining charters also was
named as a contributing factor, and
this condition, it was pointed out, was
due entirely to the war.

The commission also received some
written testimony in addition to the
oral evidence, and some of these docu-
ments emphasized the tariff as the
probable cause of depression in some
branches of the lumber industry, par-
ticularly the shingle industry. Re-
moval of the shingle tariff has permit-
ted shingles manufactured in British
Columbia to enter into unnatural com-
petition with the shingle manufac-
turers of Oregon and Washington.

Argentine Warned by Carranza.

Buenos Ayres—Dr. Victorino de la
Plaza, president of Argentina, has re-
ceived a telegram from Gen. Venustiano
Carranza, first chief of the Mexi-
can Constitutionalists, which asserts
that the Washington conference, should
it decide to interfere in Mexican af-
fairs, would commit an unpardonable
error.

"Argentina," says the dispatch,
"has made herself an accomplice in a
crime against our race which possibly
may help to bring on a war between
two American nations."

Young Turks Scorn Chief.

Rome.—Reports have been received
from Constantinople that the Young
Turks held a meeting at which Enver
Pasha, Turkish minister of war, argued
the necessity for breaking relations
with Italy and thus freeing Turkey
from the "leading spy," namely, the
Italian ambassador, and simultaneously
adopting severe measures against the
Italians. After a long discussion, it
is reported, the meeting decided to
postpone a definite decision.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Insurance Report Is Issued.

Salem.—Investments of all classes
of insurance companies in Oregon
bonds, their mortgage loans on real
estate and real estate owned total
\$23,225,963, according to Harvey
Wells, state insurance inspector. Fig-
ures are based on the year 1914.

Life and accident insurance com-
panies lead all others in the amount
of their Oregon investments, with a
total of \$15,924,254. Of this sum, \$10,
015,511 is in mortgages, \$2,999,923 in
municipal, school, road and miscellan-
eous bonds, \$2,894,000 in interurban
and street railway bonds, and \$14,776
in real estate.

Fire and marine insurance com-
panies have \$2,650,118 invested in bonds,
mortgages and real estate; foreign
mutual fire, \$25,000; domestic mutual
fire, \$145,650; fraternal benefit \$3,
987,640, and miscellaneous companies
\$622,401.

In distributing their investments in
Oregon, the insurance companies have
seemed to favor mortgage loans on
realty, for these figures total \$11,328,
718. It is to be noted, however, that
life and accident companies, especial-
ly, have favored this class of invest-
ment.

Fraternal benefit societies operat-
ing in Oregon have confined their in-
vestments for the most part to munic-
ipal, school and road bonds, for the
report shows that of the \$3,987,640 in-
vested, all but \$887,394 is in bonds of
this character.

Although property owned by local
lodges in the state aggregate several
millions, only the property owned and
controlled by the general lodge is
mentioned in the report. This totals
\$115,000 and is credited to the Women
of Woodcraft.

Assess Land Grant \$5 Per Acre.

Eugene.—The Oregon & California
lands in Lane county have been placed
upon the assessment rolls at valua-
tions of from \$5 to \$20, the total ap-
praisal amounting to \$3,350,000,
by E. F. Keeney, county assessor, dis-
regarding the recent ruling of the su-
preme court of the United States,
which held that the Southern Pacific
Railroad company's interest in this
land amounted to \$2.50 per acre:
"Whether we have a right to assess
these lands only for the amount of the
railroad's equity of \$2.50 per acre, or
whether we have a right to assess it
at all, is a matter for the board of
equalization to determine," he said.
"This land is assessed at virtually the
same figure as last year."

Salmon Fishing Improves.

Astoria.—There was quite an im-
provement in the catch of salmon the
past few days. This was especially
true in the section of the river oppo-
site the city and above Tongue Point,
where several gill-nets were secured in
the neighborhood of a ton each, and
catches of 500 to 600 pounds and
common. The upper seines and traps
also made good hauls.

In the lower harbor, however, the
catch was not so good, indicating that
the school of fish which began to en-
ter the river on Saturday hastened up-
stream.

Day of Rock Roads Ends.

Oregon City.—The ultimate solution
of the rural road-building problem is
not in the construction of macadam
or rock roads, County Judge Anderson
said here.

In the future it will be the policy of
the Clackamas county court, at least
as far as Judge Anderson is concern-
ed, to replace worn-out rock roads
with bituminous macadam, and the
carrying out of this program has
already begun. Next year a bituminous
road to Portland from Oregon City
may be completed.

Polk Prune Yield Normal.

Monmouth.—Prune trees in the hills
about Falls City, Monmouth, Dallas
and Airie are expected to yield nor-
mally this year. The growers report
a favorable season for fruit develop-
ment and claim only in a few in-
stances the early frosts have injured
the fruit. While not as large as last
year, the size of the prunes will rank
well up with the past few years, ac-
cording to the growers. Many new
orchards will bear this fall.

Sumpter and Auburn Fires Checked.

Baker.—That fire in the Sumpter
Valley and Auburn districts is now
well under control was reported by
County Fire Warden Palmer, who re-
turned from Auburn, where he directed
trenching operations. Mr. Palmer
believes that new fires will hold the
only danger to timber in the section
through which he was working, as
those now burning are well safe-
guarded.

Pumpkin Show Planned.

Junction City.—The seventh annual
Junction City Pumpkin Show will be
held on September 16, 17 and 18. The
show will have six departments:
Pumpkin, forage, orchard and vine-
yard, vegetables, grain and seed, cul-
inary, flowers and art, industrial
school exhibits, fancy work and poultry.
The state exhibitors of poultry
are invited to compete. B. F. Keeney
will judge the poultry exhibits.

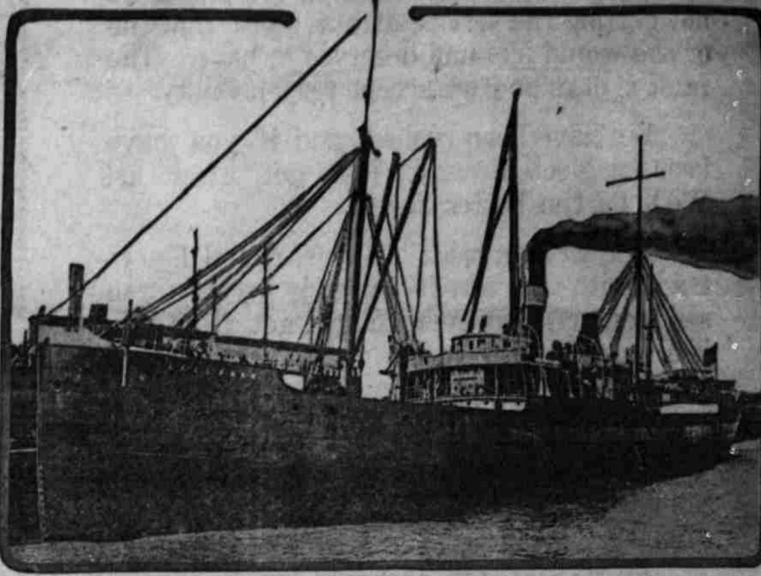
Artesian Well Borings Succeed.

Klamath Falls.—Success obtained
by R. S. Grigsby, of this city, a few
weeks ago in obtaining artesian water
on his ranch near Fort Klamath, north
of here, was such that five other wells
have since been put down, and more
likely will follow. The record for get-
ting water is on the Grover Neal place.

Percheron Prizes Up.

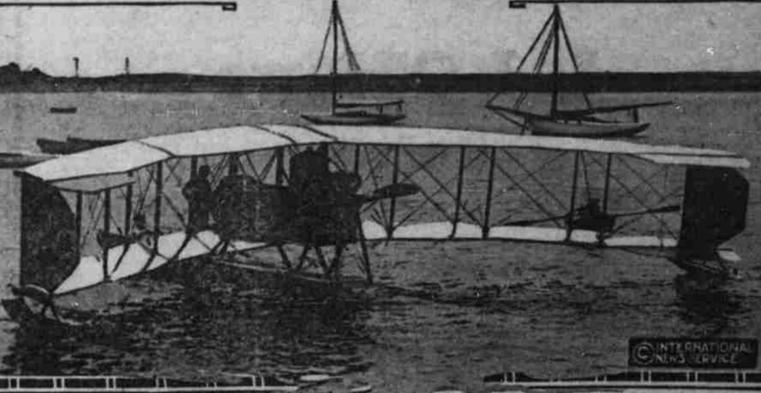
Salem.—W. Al Jones, secretary of
the state fair, announced that the Per-
cheron Society of America had offered
13 special premiums for stallions and
mares exhibited at the meeting, which
opens September 27 and continues six
days. The fair board has offered prizes
totaling \$622 and a banner each for
champion stallion and champion mare
in the Percheron exhibit.

ANOTHER AMERICAN VESSEL SUNK BY GERMANS



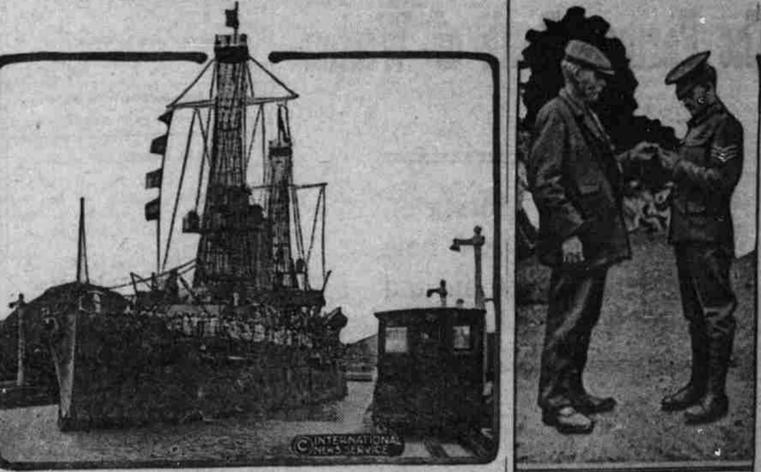
American steamship Loelanaw which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Scotland because it had a cargo of fax for Belfast. The crew was saved.

VINCENT ASTOR'S NEW HYDRO-AEROPLANE



The first hydro-aeroplane made for Vincent Astor having been smashed in its trial flight, he ordered various changes, and the result is the machine here shown, the first of its type. The seats are not on the pontoon, but higher, in the center of the plane, and the wings are in the form of a broken V.

FIRST BATTLESHIP THROUGH CANAL



This photograph shows the battleship Missouri in the west chamber of the Pedro Miguel locks as the first battleships to pass through the Panama canal were going through. At the right is one of the electric towing ma-
chines.

KINDNESS ON THE BATTLEFIELD



War is not always as supposed by most people. Even the officers of the armies find other things on the field than mere fighting. Pity creeps forth even from the hardest of hearts. The photograph shows a German officer helping a wounded Russian soldier. The soldier had crawled for shelter into a large hole dug by an exploded shell. Here he lay patiently awaiting the end of the day's battle. A German officer passing noted the plight of the Russian and stopped to minister to his wants.

IRISH HERO AND FATHER



The return home on short leave of the popular Irish Guardsman hero, Sergt. Michael O'Leary, V. C., who "practically captured an enemy's position by himself," killing eight Ger-
mans singlehanded and taking two
others prisoners, at Cuneby, did not
pass unobserved. The king sent for
him to Buckingham palace and pinned
the cross on his breast, with the queen
and princess warmly congratulating
the sergeant; Cork gave O'Leary an
ovation as he drove through the city
with the lord mayor. We see him here
at his cottage home at Inchgleelah,
near Macroom, County Cork, with his
father, to whom Sergeant O'Leary is
showing his cross.

May Give Bruin Bread Card.

The authorities of Elberfeld, Ger-
many, are confronted with the most
puzzling problem that they have had
to solve since the bread card became
an institution in Germany—and all
because of a show bear that is so fu-
gacious about his food that he will eat
nothing but bread.

The owner of the animal recently
was haled before the lower court and
fined and sentenced to prison; because
he had shared his weekly portion of
bread with the bear. With two
month's incarceration staring him in
the face he appealed, alleging that the
bear was his only means of support.
A kind-hearted judge changed the
sentence to a fine of 100 marks, and
advised the owner to apply to the
president of the government in which
Elberfeld lies to issue him a bread
card just like any regular human be-
ing.