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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.

Rural credits plan was beaten in California by over 14,000 majority.

The wholesale price of gasoline has risen in Portland from 2 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents within a month.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a garage and eight autos and several motorcycles at Woodburn, Ore.

Greek frontier guards were attacked by Austrians and Bulgarians, but repulsed the enemy with heavy losses.

A British submarine on Sunday sank the Turkish transport Carman, laden with munitions, in the sea of Marone.

The proposed plan to make all California state officers strictly non-partisan was beaten in a state election by 19,000 majority.

Robert Fay, German spy arrested in New York, says the diversion of cargoes of copper from Russian to German ports by bribing sea captains was a part of his plan.

According to the T. J. of Amsterdam, 34 additional death sentences against persons charged with espionage and treason have been pronounced by court-martial at Liege.

Four new hydroaeroplanes have been received at the navy aeronautic station at Pensacola, Fla., and the first navy dirigible will be delivered at the station within the next three weeks.

An official announcement made in London says: "The British transport Marquette has been torpedoed in the Aegean Sea. It is understood that only 99 of the personnel of the vessel are unaccounted for."

Suspension of postal money order exchanges between the United States and Greece has been ordered by Postmaster-General Burleson, pending the negotiations of a new postal convention between the two countries.

A report has reached London that Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, will shortly submit to President Wilson and King Alfonso, of Spain, an outline of the conditions on which Germany might be disposed to discuss terms of peace.

Winter has set in in the Russian war theater, according to the London Times' Petrograd correspondent, who says snow has been falling for three days and the roads are frozen so hard that there is no foothold for horses. The conditions, the correspondent adds, are thus worse than in the rainy season.

Twenty-four of the 48 big 36-inch projectors that have formed an important element of the Panama-Pacific exposition illumination system have been sold to the Russian government and are to be shipped at once to European battlefields. It was announced in San Francisco. The price paid is placed at \$24,000.

Drastic action by officials of Kansas City, Kan., to prohibit illegal sale of beer by breweries was taken Wednesday when three drivers were arrested and sentenced to jail and the beer trucks confiscated. The drivers were fined \$500 each and sent to jail for six months. More than 100 cases of beer were destroyed.

Wall street heard on apparently good authority that preparations had been almost completed for the establishment of a French credit in New York of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. According to reports current in the financial section, the sum was to be used solely for the payment of munitions shipped from this country for the account of France.

The London newspapers publish an appeal from M. Pachitch, the Serbian premier, for speedy aid from England in Serbia's superhuman efforts to defend her existence against the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, who have, he says, condemned her to death. "For 20 days," the premier says, "our common enemies have tried to annihilate us, and despite the heroism of our soldiers, our resistance cannot be expected to be maintained indefinitely."

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company of London from Copenhagen says: "Premier Zahle demanded Wednesday that the government intended to put in force June 5, 1915, the new constitutional law conferring suffrage on women, waiving the right to propose a prolongation of the old constitutional law, owing to the war. It is expected that a general election will occur in July, when the Danish women will vote for the first time."

All railways entering New York City territory report business booming.

Every eligible Englishman is to receive a personal letter urging him to enlist.

Three American troops and at least five Mexicans were killed in a border fight.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to get 14 big steamer lines to make that city a regular port.

Governor Major, of Missouri, made an ascension in the balloon St. Louis, which won the recent race at Wichita, Kan.

## THIRTEEN DEAD, EIGHT HURT IN PAPER BOX FACTORY FIRE

Pittsburg.—Thirteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building, the upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box company, on the north side here, Wednesday afternoon. Of the dead all were young women employed by the company except one. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong at once ordered that the police, city council and the coroner make thorough investigation of the fire.

The flames started in a pile of straw in the rear of the feed store of James Brown & Co., on the first floor of the building. William C. Kinabel, general manager of the box factory, at once went to the third and fourth floors and warned the girls employed there. The flames gained headway so rapidly, however, that escape by means of stairways and fire escapes was soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing-room for their hats and there, huddled on the floor, firemen found a majority of the bodies.

Joseph L. Bash and Z. J. Seagle, employed on the second floor of the building, were about to jump, when they were attracted by the screams of girls in the window above. The men told the girls to jump. One by one, as the girls leaped, Bash and Seagle caught them, lowered them as far as they could and let them drop to the sidewalk.

C. R. Carlisle, driver of a transfer wagon, drove his wagon into an alley in the rear of the building and threw up a rope to girls in a window above. Making one end fast, they slid down the rope to safety.

Margaret Steigerwald, aged 17, who was injured by jumping from a third-floor window, said she and five other girls were trapped in the building when somebody closed a door at the head of the stairway on the second floor.

One of the heroes of the fire was Peter Vallon, who is among the dead. When the fire was discovered he was working in the building. He groped his way to the street, where he heard the girls calling for help from the upper story. Trying a handkerchief about his mouth, he rushed into the building. Six times Vallon staggered to the street with the unconscious form of a girl in his arms. When he failed to appear the seventh time, however, firemen began a search and found his body on the second floor. Near him lay the body of a young girl, whom he evidently had tried to rescue when overcome by smoke.

**Big Lumber Order Due.**  
Aberdeen, Wash.—Grays Harbor millmen are preparing bids on the government order, soon to be let, for 7,780,000 feet of Douglas fir to be used in the Panama Canal zone.

The specifications, which have been received here, include everything from fancy ceiling to heavy timbers. The request for proposals give the grading rules of the West-Coast Lumber association prominence. Bids will be opened November 5. The material is to be delivered at Colon or Ancon between January 1 and March 1.

**Farmers Flock to Exposition.**  
San Francisco.—It has been estimated that more farmers have entered the gates of the San Francisco Exposition during the last three weeks than during the entire period since the great fair opened, October, especially designed as "Farmers' Month" has had a great drawing card in the live stock exhibits and shows which have been well attended. November promises to keep up with the October attendance average as most of the big live stock conventions will be held in November.

**45,000 Cattle Received.**  
Kansas City, Mo.—Forty-five thousand cattle were unloaded at the local stockyards here Wednesday, 6000 more, it was said, than ever arrived here before in one day. About 300 carloads came from Iowa and Minnesota. The advances in prices last week was the magnet that attracted the large offerings, stockmen said. The big supply caused some depression in prices, except for good corned cattle.

**Austrians Clear Way to Bulgarians.**  
London.—The Bucharest, Roumania, correspondent of the Times sends the following:

"Serbian troops have withdrawn from the neighborhood of the Danube, and the Austrians have crossed the river, traversing the island of Odakale. The Austrian forces will now obtain free passage through Bulgaria from Orsova, near the Roumanian frontier, where 50 steamers and lighters laden with munitions have assembled."

**British Losses Increase.**  
London.—British casualties published since October 1 total 2285 officers and 59,072 non-commissioned officers and men. These figures show an average loss to the British army of nearly 2500 men a day. This is considerably in excess of the casualties earlier in the war, and reflects the heavy losses of the British in the recent severe fighting in Belgium. During the summer the losses averaged about 150 daily.

**Massacre is Reported.**  
London.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Odessa says:

"The Turks have massacred the entire Armenian population of Kerassunt, on the Black Sea."

**Kerassunt is a seaport with a population of 10,000, a large part of which are Armenians.**

**Written Sentenced as Spy.**  
London.—It is officially announced that a British subject has been tried in the Old Bailey Court on three counts of an indictment charging espionage, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

## NEW YORK POLICE TAKE GERMAN SPY

Scheme to Hamper Shipment of  
Ammunition Confessed.

### STOCK OF EXPLOSIVES FOUND IN ROOM

Bribe Offered to Arresting Officer—  
Chart of New York Harbor and  
Official Papers Are Taken.

New York.—In the arrest of Albert Fay, a lieutenant in the German army, and Walter Scholz, his brother-in-law, police and federal secret service agents believe they have detained leaders in a plot to wreck American munition plants and ships carrying munitions.

According to Captain Tenney, of the New York anarchists squad, Fay confessed that he came here to work out a plan for stopping the shipment of munitions. He said, Tenney avers, that he was supplied with \$2000 for carrying out his operations. Papers found in his room showed he was a German secret service agent.

A vast quantity of high explosives were found in the prisoners' room in Weehawken, N. J.

Both men are held on technical charges of disorderly conduct. An additional charge of attempted bribery may be made against Fay. He is said to have offered \$1000 to a police officer for his release. He is said to have offered an advance payment of \$50 when the officer agreed to his proposition.

Police who have been watching outgoing vessels for explosives caused the arrests.

Explosives and survey charts of New York harbor are said to have been found in their possession.

The men are accused to have been fitting a bomb in a small grove when apprehended.

Five steel mines, said by the police to belong to the prisoners, later were found in a West Hoboken storehouse.

Each was packed in a separate wooden case, and fitted with an attachment which might be fastened to the stern of a ship by a wire. Contact with the propeller of a ship, it is said, would explode the mine.

Two cases found in the men's room in Weehawken were filled with explosives, letters written in German and official-looking documents. Among the explosives were small sticks of dynamite and various kinds of acid used in the manufacture of explosives.

One of the papers, it is asserted by the police, showed Fay to be a lieutenant in the German army and connected with the German foreign office on the Wilhelmstrasse.

The police assert that the prisoner had admitted the ownership of a high-powered automobile and a speedy motorboat, both of which are in Weehawken.

## 1000 Bulgars Killed in Bombardment.

London.—The bombardment of De-deagach caused the death of ten civilians and more than a thousand soldiers, and a large number of soldiers were wounded, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens.

A large proportion of the military casualties, the correspondent adds, were in the barracks which housed the Fortieth Bulgarian regiment. The barracks were crowded with soldiers, who were preparing for their meal, when the bombardment was opened at 1 o'clock with accurately aimed shells, which demolished the barracks, burying the occupants in the ruins.

Troops engaged in digging trenches around the town also sustained heavy losses.

Fires caused by the exploding shells destroyed the railway station and surrounding buildings, doing enormous damage. It is said that the entire loss from the bombardment, which lasted four hours, will be several million pounds.

The correspondent says the bombardment was directed by aeroplanes.

## OREGON STATE NEWS

### Railroad Business on Increase.

La Grande.—There are fewer "dead engines" on the O. W. R. & N. division of the Union Pacific this week than in any time for more than a year. Daily for the past two weeks the line of idle engines has been diminished, until the local supply is nearly entirely in the service.

No engine crews and train crews have been put on to meet the spurt in business. Railroad men and shippers generally attribute the major portion of the latest revival in freight to the Panama canal slide, which hinders steamship traffic, while transcontinental business is brisk, local crops are scarcely moving at all, farmers holding their wheat tenaciously.

With the present sharp increase in business coming on before a concerted movement of wheat from inland points, railroad officials foresee a good winter. Twenty machinists have been added to the shop force here during the fall, and from time to time.

Train crews scratched a year or more ago are coming back to service, two such crews being re-employed out of here within the past day or two.

### Boy Makes \$830 on Acre of Spuds.

Portland.—The chamber of commerce has received many letters from different sections of the state, attesting the effectiveness of the campaign of the "Flying Squadron" last week to arouse interest in the Manufacturers' and Land Products show.

One of the most striking letters received came from Alfred Guggenberg, a boy farmer near Drain. The letter, which resulted from the visit of C. W. Robinson of the "Flying Squadron" to Drain, follows:

"C. W. Robinson was at the Drain High School today and invited us all to come to Portland and see the Portland Land and Manufacturing Show. I am unable to come, but I am very interested in it just the same."

"I planted one acre of potatoes last year. I am a boy of the age of 17 and I was very successful in raising potatoes. It cost me just \$130 for planting and harvesting, etc. I raised just 1200 bushels from the one acre. The potatoes brought me \$830, making a net profit of \$700 on the one acre of land. The potatoes were called the Nett Gem variety."

### Oregon Hens Cinch First Prize.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—With but six weeks of the Pacific coast egg laying contest to be run, the O. A. C. White Leghorns have firmly established themselves in first place. Even if they were to lay off altogether for the remainder of the term their position would still be secure. The October 1 report shows that they are 245 eggs ahead of the nearest competitor, not counting the other O. A. C. pens—a lead that cannot now be overcome.

The three Oregon college pens continue their lead, Leghorns first, Orpington second and Barred Rocks third. The Oregon are 52 ahead and the Rocks 16 ahead of the closest pen, Adams' Sanada White Wyandottes. The college Rocks suffered an accident last month when one of them was accidentally killed, that may affect their lead.

### Loop Road Survey Made.

Hood River.—A crew of government engineers has completed the survey for the proposed loop highway from the upper Hood River valley to the Barlow road, the route emerging from the forest reserve on the east fork of Hood river a few miles south of Parkdale. A crew will run another line this week, cutting out the east fork canyon and passing around the base of the mountain through Elk Meadows.

### Saw Destroys Orchard.

Albany.—When a light wind Saturday blew down 72 peach trees on the farm of A. W. Martin, seven miles east of Albany, he discovered that all had been sawed more than half through near the base of the trunk. Only four trees in the whole 4-year-old orchard were not sawed. The trees were just coming into bearing, many had yielded a light crop this year, and next year would have been in full bearing. Martin had depended upon these trees to yield money to pay off a mortgage on his place.

### Toledo Hears W. L. Finley.

Toledo.—State Biologist W. L. Finley left here after a series of lectures on the habits and propagation of the fish and game of Oregon. Mr. Finley used moving pictures of the capture and transportation of the herd of elk that was brought from the Jackson Hole country in Montana to Wallawa county.

Mr. Finley was greeted with packed houses at Waldport, Newport and at Toledo. He reprised the citizens of the county for allowing the state to discontinue the Big Elk fish hatchery.

### 60-Pound Chinook is Caught.

Newport.—Corey Smith, an Alsea Bay fisherman, caught a chinook fish on his regular drift Saturday night that tipped the scales at 60 pounds. This is the record fish for this season. The record fish on that bay last season, for chinook, weighed 73 pounds.

### 350 Teachers at Institute.

Salem.—With 350 teachers present the annual Marion County Teachers' Institute convened here for a session of three days. W. M. Smith, county superintendent, is in charge. Well-known educators of the state will deliver addresses. The schools of the county are closed during the institute.

Ornamental handkerchiefs formerly were worn in the hat by men as tokens.

## TROPICAL HURRICANE DEVASTATES THE SOUTH



Five hundred persons are believed to have lost their lives in the tropical hurricane that raged over the lower Mississippi valley. The extent of the tremendous damage wrought has not yet been fully calculated, but probably the figure will be well over \$12,000,000. The upper photograph shows the wreckage of the railway depot and St. John's Rowing club buildings at West End, on Lake Pontchartrain near New Orleans. The lower photograph shows the wreck of a ferry boat, barge and gasoline boat at the Tugger landing on the Mississippi river.

## JOINING THE ENDS OF HELL GATE BRIDGE



When the last girder of the 19,000-ton bridge over Hell Gate, New York city, was put into place recently, the largest, heaviest and most expensive structure of its kind in the world was nearly completed. The bridge, built for the New York Connecting railroad, is 1,017 feet long and its cost is \$12,000,000.

## VON HINDENBURG IN WOOD



This huge wooden statue of Field Marshal von Hindenburg was unveiled recently in Berlin in the presence of many notables. Its making required 53,000 pounds of alderwood. Gold, silver and iron nails are being driven into it by the donors to war hospital funds. The picture, taken during the unveiling ceremonies, shows a Zeppelin hovering overhead.

## EXPLOSION SHATTERS OKLAHOMA TOWN



Many persons were killed or injured and great damage done to property in Ardmore, Okla., by the explosion of a tank car of gasoline and the resulting explosion of a quantity of dynamite in the railroad yards. This photograph of the east wall of the Whittington hotel shows how numerous buildings were shattered.