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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.

Secretary Daniels is opposed to locating a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river.

A German editor advocates sinking all ships of whatever nationality, bound for Great Britain.

Great Britain will permit shipment to the United States of a cargo of dyestuffs valued at \$5,000,000.

Only three co-eds out of 23 at the University of Oregon have good feet. None have a perfect toe-line.

The momentous battle between the French and Germans before Verdun continues with practically no gain for either side.

Mrs. Carrie Hall, 76 years old, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, dies at the home of her sister, Miss Isabel Hanks, near Louisiana, Mo.

Germany delivers note to United States setting forth her submarine warfare on armed merchantmen to which this government has objected.

A negro enters the Mechanics' State Bank at St. Joseph, Mo., and after forcing the cashier and two clerks into the vault, obtains \$1600 and escapes.

The Russian steamship Petshenga has been sunk. Fifteen of those on board were saved. She was of 1647 gross tons. Seven of the Petshenga's crew were lost.

Thieves in New York steal \$200,000 U. S. mail truck while it was on a ferry bound from the Central New Jersey station. The auto truck contained \$1,000,000 in all.

According to Lloyd's, the British steamer Southford, formerly the Hind-had, has been sunk. Eleven of the vessel's crew were saved. Two were killed. The Southford was a vessel of 897 tons.

Another shipment of gold to Holland from New York under an agreement with the British government against seizure will go forward on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam from Rotterdam. The shipment, amounts to \$1,500,000.

General Felix Diaz, who has been in the United States for several months, and under surveillance of the department of Justice, has succeeded in leaving for Cuba, where, it is reported, he will form plans for another revolution in Mexico.

Base ovens filled with the bodies of roasted babies was one of the verbal pictures of alleged Turkish atrocities drawn by Rev. E. A. Yarrow, an American missionary at Van, Turkey, in the course of an appeal for financial aid for Armenians and Syrians in Chicago.

More than 40 guests, all Methodist ministers and their wives, were rendered seriously ill after they had partaken of food which is alleged to have been poisoned, served at a banquet given by Methodist ministers in the Howard-street Methodist church, San Francisco, February 22.

Senator Root, of New York, is expected to announce his support to Roosevelt for the presidency.

During a friendly sparring bout between William Hildebrandt and August Naisel, both 14 years of age, at the Thirtieth District school, Cincinnati, Hildebrandt was struck on the jaw. He died a few minutes later.

In response to agitation by the newspapers urging England's ministers to set the country an example of economy, preferably by accepting reduction in their salaries, it is announced the ministers have agreed for the future to accept one-quarter of their salaries in the form of five per cent exchequer bonds.

President Wilson, at the end of two days of agitation in congress for action warning Americans off armed merchantmen, wrote a letter to Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, saying that he could not consent to the abridgement of the rights of American citizens in any respect. "The honor and self-respect of the Nation are involved," he said. "We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor."

A crazy Montenegrin runs amuck in Seattle and slays six persons before he is overpowered. One of his victims is seriously wounded.

A Portland school girl, aged 14, was knocked down and killed by a large auto truck, as she was on her way to rehearsal of a school play.

John F. Gillies, deposed claim agent of the Washington State Industrial Insurance commission, was found guilty of grand larceny in connection with the looting of the industrial insurance fund of several thousand dollars by means of false accident claims.

## HOUSE TO REMAKE OREGON & CALIFORNIA LAND GRANT BILL

Washington, D. C.—The house public lands committee has decided to frame its own bill for the disposal of the unsold portions of the Oregon & California land grant, and decided further to use the Chamberlain bill, with the attorney general's amendments, as the basis on which to construct the committee substitute. In doing this the committee rejected the Hawley, Raker and Wilson bills.

The committee also voted to accept the attorney general's construction of the Supreme court decision, and will proceed on the theory that congress can do as it pleases with the land grant so long as it guarantees to the railroad \$2.50 an acre.

There has been no agreement, however, on the details of the bill which the committee intends to report, and no agreement will be reached until after the committee has heard representatives of the Forest service and Interior department, the land commissioner

## MISS OLWEN LLOYD-GEORGE



Miss Olwen Lloyd-George, the daughter of the British minister of munitions, is her father's "right-hand man," assisting him in public duties and ministering to his comfort at home.

of the Southern Pacific and those members of the Oregon delegation who discuss questions of policy and discuss also the recommendations of the secretary of Agriculture and the secretary of the Interior. The report of Secretary Lane has not yet been sent to congress.

## Amendments to Shields Water Power Bill Debated in Senate

Washington, D. C.—Senators interested in legislation for the development of waterpower plan to shorten debate on the subject of attaching an amendment to the Shields dam bill, now up for passage, the Myers water power bill, which has been favorably reported by the public lands committee.

The Shields bill, which would permit construction of dams on navigable rivers for the development of hydro-electric power by private capital, has been before the senate more than two weeks.

Provision is made in the Myers bill for leasing of public lands as water-power sites, regulation and control being left to the Interstate commerce commission when the power is developed in two or more states.

## Protectorate for Haiti Ratified by Unanimous Vote of Senate

Washington, D. C.—The senate unanimously ratified the treaty with Haiti under which the United States assumes a protectorate over the turbulent island republic, taking over control of its finances and police, guaranteeing its territorial integrity and undertaking to develop its resources. The treaty already has been approved by the Haitian congress and its terms virtually are in operation under the eye of a strong American marine expedition.

This treaty was negotiated last year with the d'Arreguave government, a neighbors' quarrel over boundary fences, shot at large and similar matters, of several years' duration.

## Monks Isolated by Snow

Geneva, Switzerland—(Delayed)—Monks and travelers are imprisoned on Mount Saint Bernard by 12 feet of snow, which is banked up to the lower windows of the monastery. The famous Saint Bernard dogs are not able to make their way through the snow. Huge avalanches have interrupted wire communication with the monastery.

Snow has fallen steadily for eight days and nights and the monks will be isolated for a month. They are plentifully supplied with food.

## Man Defrauds Hundreds

Chicago—Six hundred men have complained to the police that they had been defrauded by a man named W. W. Perry, who advertised for persons to hang posters, but who, after making each of them deposit \$1 for a tack hammer, failed to appear at appointed places to deliver the posters. A warrant was issued for Perry, and the police learned that recently 100 women were duped, each being required to deposit \$3 for a uniform as salarwoman.

## BERLIN GIVES ORDER TO DESTROY LINERS

### Armed Traders to Be Treated as Warships by Submarines.

#### U. S. TOLD: "TOO LATE TO POSTPONE"

Washington is Advised That Great Britain is Not Trusted—Many Broken Pledges Cited.

Washington, D. C.—Germany has instructed Count von Bernstorff to inform the United States government that the assurances regarding the future continuance of submarine warfare, given in the Lusitania and Arabia cases, still are binding, but that they apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character.

The Government is understood to contend that armed merchantmen, without regard to the nature of their armament, have shown themselves not to be peaceful, and therefore subject to destruction without warning.

The instructions direct the German ambassador particularly to tell Secretary Lansing that British merchantmen armed ostensibly only for defense, have not assumed the character of peaceful traders, but on the contrary, they carry guns for the especial purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this contention, the Berlin foreign office has sent the ambassador, for presentation to the State department, a list of at least 20 incidents where it is asserted British merchant ships have attacked submarines. Confidential advice received from Berlin says that German and Austrian submarine commanders already have received their new order and that from midnight Tuesday they were authorized to sink without warning all armed merchant ships of the enemies of Germany.

It was said also that many of the submarine commanders probably had left their bases on voyages and that even should the United States request the postponement of the opening of the campaign, it would be impossible to get word to many of the submarines. It was said, however, that so far neither the United States nor any other nation had asked for a postponement.

Count von Bernstorff and other officials of the German embassy declined to discuss the instructions from Berlin in any way Monday.

Count von Bernstorff received his instructions in reply to a request from the United States for assurances regarding the conduct of submarine warfare in the future, occasioned by the memorandum announcing the intention of Germany to sink armed ships without warning, which the administration considered to be inconsistent with the assurances previously given.

Regardless of the form in which the matter is presented to Secretary Lansing, the German ambassador will lay much stress on the assurances regarding the arming of merchant ships which were given to the United States by Great Britain in a memorandum signed by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, August 25, 1914.

## Southern Oregon Couple On Way To Sunday School Shot From Ambush

Grants Pass, Ore.—Luther B. Akers, and his wife, and their team of two horses were all killed near Wildersville, 12 mile from here Sunday morning about 10 o'clock by a neighbor farmer, Marshall D. Bouman, 63 years old. The slayer was lodged in jail here and confessed to the shooting.

Bouman lay in ambush by the roadside as the Akers couple were driving to Sunday school. Without warning he fired 7 shots from a carbine. The shooting is the culmination of a neighbors' quarrel over boundary fences, shot at large and similar matters, of several years' duration.

Although the shooting took place in the morning, the bodies were not discovered until evening, as the Akers, an elderly couple, lived on a road that is not much traveled.

## Packing Strike Still On.

Sioux City, Ia.—The breach in negotiations between officials of the Armour and Cudahy packing companies and the 2800 strikers at the Sioux City plants was widened Sunday when at a mass meeting of strikers it was decided to demand the original scale of 22 1/2 cents an hour for all common laborers, instead of accepting 21 cents an hour, which Saturday was practically decided on. Unless the packers grant a written agreement setting forth that there shall be no deviation from wage scales for one year there will be no settlement.

## British Lines Extended.

Ottawa, Ont.—British lines in Belgium and France are being extended to replace French soldiers who are being rushed to the Verdun region to take part in the fighting. "which has settled down to a terrific slaughter," according to advice received here from the battle front. Approximately 20 army divisions have been thrown into the battle by the Germans, while the French troops number 15 divisions, cable messages said.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Manner of Protecting Oregon Timber Greatly Improved

Salem—Oregon's forest protection agencies since 1912 have waged a campaign of "preparedness," according to data compiled by State Forester Elliott. During the period from 1912 to 1915 inclusive the State forester said that more than 3000 miles of abandoned and obstructed trails were made passable; 729 miles of strategic new trails built; 442 miles of telephone line were constructed and 25 cabins erected for the use of lookout men in the forest service. This work called for an expenditure of \$50,000, practically all of which was borne by the timber owners.

"The importance of such work is unquestioned," said Mr. Elliott. "Lookout men are of little value unless they can immediately report the fires discovered to their county warden and to the patrolmen in whose district they occur. It is thus necessary that lookout stations be equipped with telephones and the patrolmen must have access to them at several points along their 'beats'."

"Patrolmen finding a fire they cannot handle must be able to telephone to their chief for a fire-fighting crew to be sent to the scene of the fire without delay. To mobilize a crew, together with tools and rations on the fire line in any part of a district in time to control it before it reaches dangerous proportions necessitates a carefully planned system of passable roads and trails."

### "Use Own Judgment" Advice to Woolmen

Pendleton—The National Woolgrowers' association refuses to advise Oregon woolmen whether or not to sell their 1915 clip at the present time. In a letter received here by Senator J. N. Burgess, of Pilot Rock, who is the Oregon member of the executive committee of the association, from Secretary S. W. McClure, he says: "My advice is that around 6,000,000 pounds of inter-mountain wool has now been contracted. Fine wool is selling at from two to three cents above last year's, with cross breeds at from two to five cents above last year."

"On Monday several crossbred clips sold at Dillon, Mont., at 31 cents, and it is reported that the Wood Livestock company's clip has sold at 30 cents, and also that 30 cents has been offered for some quarter-blood clips in Western Wyoming. I hope you will give this information to your sheepmen, but this association refuses to advise whether to sell or not to sell. He must use his own judgment entirely in this matter."

### Road Change Permissible.

Salem—The plans of the State Highway commission are not like the laws of the Medes and Persians, not subject to change," declared Attorney General Brown in advising the members of the commission that they could change the state road map prepared by ex-State Highway Engineer Bowley. The question was put to the attorney general by the commission, which desires to change the route of a state road in Washington county, it being found that another route is more suitable. John H. Albert, of the advisory board of the commission, contended that the commission had no authority to revise the general system of trunk roads to be improved by the state.

### Lumber Outlook Bright.

Kalamath Falls—Lumbermen have reason to expect the most prosperous season in years, according to Robert A. Johnson, head of the Klamath Manufacturing company, of this city, who has just returned from San Francisco where he passed the winter. "There is a material increase in the demand for the upper grades of lumber, and the prices offered are from \$5 to \$6 per 1000 feet better than they were in the fall," said Mr. Johnson. "In the past few days I have received telegraphic inquiries for five carloads of lumber at \$5 to \$6 more than was offered a few months ago."

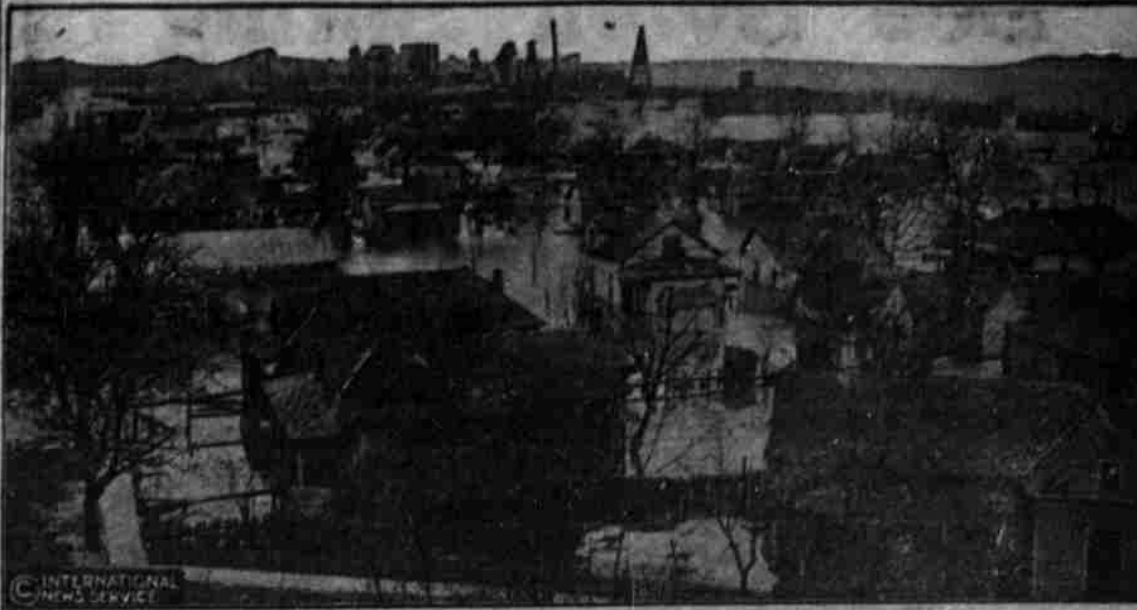
### Hood River Men Pleased.

Hood River—News that the Rogue River Fruit & Produce association, which decided to withdraw from the Northwest Fruit exchange, probably would accept an offer of the Applegrowers' association of this city to cooperate in the distribution of its apples and pears was received with gratification by local market men. Wilmer Sieg, sales manager of the Applegrowers' association, says: "During the past we have cut under each other on prices of our fruit, each trying to reach the buyer, and as a result the growers of both districts have suffered."

### Farm Bonds Proposed.

Salem—Insurance of 4 per cent state bonds, and the lending of the proceeds direct to the farmer at the same rate of interest and in the same manner as the irreducible school fund is now lent, are advocated by Percy A. Copper, assistant state engineer. As a means of presenting his proposal for a system of rural credits for consideration of the people before the irrigation, drainage and rural credits conference meets in Salem March 9, Mr. Copper has prepared a bill, which contains the essential requirements for rural credits.

## KENTUCKY CITY SUFFERS FROM FLOOD



Scene at Hickman, Ky., when that city was inundated by the waters of the flooded Mississippi river. Hundreds of residents were driven from their homes.

## AUSTRIAN BATTERY IN SNOW-COVERED ALBANIA



An Austrian battery in action in the snow-clad hills of Albania where the remnants of the Montenegrin army were resisting the advance of the enemy.

## SUBMARINE H-3 AGROUND OFF SAN DIEGO



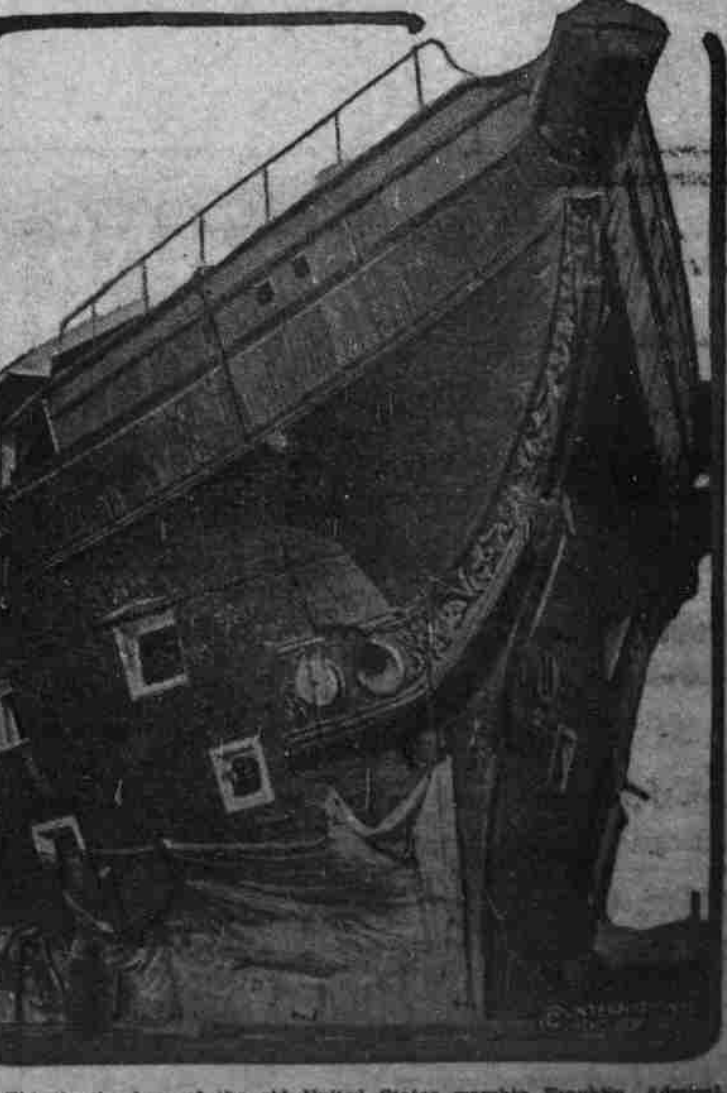
This photograph shows the submarine H-3 high and dry on a mud flat at San Diego, Cal. The H-3, one of the largest submarines in the United States navy, was just completing a half-submerged run in San Diego harbor when she struck the mud flat bow on at full speed and turned over on her port side. A mistake in location of the channel, which is deep enough to accommodate the largest sea-going vessel at low tide, is believed to have been the cause.

## PLACED IN STATUARY HALL



Statuary hall in the capitol at Washington has a new inmate. It is a shaft representing Henry Mower Rice, the first delegate in congress from the territory of Minnesota and the first representative in congress from the state of Minnesota. The Rice shaft was unveiled February 8, Senator Knute Nelson of Minnesota delivering the speech of dedication, and Vice-President Marshall accepting in behalf of the United States. Each state is entitled to two statues. This is the first erected by Minnesota.

## FARRAGUT'S FLAGSHIP TO BE JUNKED



This is the bow of the old United States warship Franklin, Admiral Farragut's flagship, as she lies at the government docks at Norfolk, where she is to be broken up and sold as junk.

The empire of Japan includes nearly 4,000 islands.