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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.

Gompers has endorsed the strike of 60,000 garment workers in New York.

More than half a million acres of land have been opened to entry in Arizona.

A new paper mill under construction at Oregon City may be doubled in capacity over the original plans.

The governor of New York signed bills providing for compulsory military training in summer camps and compulsory physical training in public and private schools.

President Wilson spoke intimately for half an hour to the members of the National Press club at Washington, D. C. He took supper with the club after his address. The speech was confidential.

Three students of Willamette University, Salem, Or., were ducked in a nearby creek by fellow members of the D. D. club, a university organization, for using intoxicating liquor, and were afterward dismissed from the school.

The Shanghai and Hankow branches of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications have ignored the recent government mandate forbidding the paying out of silver, and stopped runs upon their institutions by redeeming bank notes.

Because H. R. Saunders, clerk of Yolo county, Cal., failed to advertise the notice of election the number of times required by law the \$200,000 courthouse bonds which were voted last week cannot be sold, and another election must be held.

Two prisoners are dead and another injured as a result of a one-man mutiny in the state prison at Nashville, Tenn. Jody Harris, who caused the trouble, was shot and killed after he had wounded two other prisoners, one fatally, with a rifle snatched from a guard.

According to the Dagens Nyheter, of Stockholm, the International Red Cross conference resulted in a complete rupture between the German and Russian Red Cross, owing to the refusal of Germany to express regret for the sinking of the Russian hospital ship Portugal.

The International Banking Corporation has signed a contract with the Chinese government for the improvement of the Grand Canal for a distance of 200 miles between the Yang-tze-Kiang and the northern boundary of Kiangsu province. The corporation lends the government \$5,000,000 for this purpose, to be secured by canal tolls.

There will be but one graduate from the Wheatland, Cal., high school Friday. The state commissioner of elementary schools will make the commencement address to him. He will be the guest of honor at the alumni dinner and party, the hero in the annual class play, and the board of education will travel more than 75 miles to present him with a diploma.

Senator Cummins, of Iowa, presidential candidate, is touring the Northwest.

A Minneapolis mother of six commits suicide, that her life insurance of \$1000 may revert to the benefit of her children.

Colonel Goethals has announced that he would resign July 1. It is reported that he will not resign if there is trouble with Germany.

Colonel Roosevelt has formally entered the race for the presidential nomination in the Chicago conventions. He expresses desire to run on a "united ticket."

Seventy-five thousand dollars' worth of liquor was seized by the Seattle police Friday in the most sweeping raid made since the state-wide prohibition law went into effect January 1. Two large warehouses and nine drugstores were searched, but no arrests were made, and none of the liquor was destroyed. The police obtained warrants for the search of 12 places of business where liquor was suspected to be stored, and in the first five places searched seized \$25,000 worth of liquor.

A four-day dust storm, the worst ever experienced in Northwestern Minnesota, has abated with a clear sky and a chilly wave from the Northwest.

Survivors of the steamer Roanoke, which sank off the Southern California coast, declare the vessel was overloaded, which caused the disaster in which some 30 persons were lost.

Announcement of a 10 per cent increase in wages for its factory employees, effective May 8, was announced by the Victor Talking Machine company, of Philadelphia. Several thousand workmen are affected.

## Irish Countess Sentenced to Jail for Life.



Countess at Head of Irish Rebels.

New York—Dr. Cecil C. McAdam, of Melbourne, Australia, who was attached to the Royal medical corps of the British army during the Gallipoli campaign and who was besieged in the Shelbourne hotel in Dublin, Ireland, during the recent rebellion there, arrived here Monday on the steamship Philadelphia from Liverpool.

Dr. McAdam said he saw the Countess Markiewicz attired in men's clothing and wearing a brace of revolvers, leading the Irish rebels. He was informed, he added, that she had shot six of her followers because they refused to obey her orders.

Countess Markiewicz has been sentenced to penal servitude for life for her part in the uprising in Dublin.

**FOES OF ADEQUATE NATIONAL DEFENSE LOSE; CONFEREES AGREE**  
Washington, D. C.—A standing army of 206,000 men, capable of being expanded in emergency to 254,000 and backed up by a Federalized National guard of 425,000 as a reserve, finally was agreed on Monday by the house and senate conferees on the army bill. The agreement will be reported to congress at once and the measure, the first of the administration preparedness bills, is expected to be before President Wilson for his signature soon.

Advocates of adequate National defense regard this conference agreement as a triumph.

The minimum enlisted strength would be attained under the conference agreement within the next five years and it is stipulated that at no time shall the total be less than 160,000.

The conference report also provides for government nitrate manufacturing plants to cost not to exceed \$20,000,000, for vocational education in the regular army and for establishment of military training camps for volunteer citizens, whose transportation, clothing and subsistence expenses while in training would be paid by the Federal government.

Other salient features of the measure provide for a board to investigate the advisability of establishing government munition plants and a board to recommend mobilization of industries. Authority is given to the government to seize and operate private munition plants in time of war.

**France Wants Central Powers to Ask, Not to Offer, Peace**  
Nancy—President Poincare, in an address here Monday, responded to Germany's suggestion regarding peace, contained in the German reply to the American note.

"France does not want Germany to tender peace," said the president, "but wants her adversary to ask for peace."

"France," he continued, "will not expose her sons to the dangers of new aggressions. The central empires, haunted by remorse for having brought

**Rate Rise is Suspended.**  
Washington, D. C.—Tariffs proposing increases of from \$5 to \$20 a car in refrigeration charges on fruits and vegetables from points in Oregon and Idaho to points in Colorado, Arizona, Illinois and other states were suspended by the Interstate Commerce commission until September 12, pending investigation. The present refrigeration charge to points in Colorado is \$40 a car and the proposed charges, \$45. To Arizona the charge is \$50 and the proposed charge \$70. To Illinois the rate is \$50 and the proposed rate \$60.

**Girl Accepts \$12,500.**  
Seattle—Twelve thousand five hundred dollars in real money is better than a gamble that might win \$25,000 or nothing. Mrs. Corla B. Jones, the 19-year-old wife of Thomas C. Jones, who obtained a verdict for \$25,000 against her father-in-law, Thomas E. Jones, for alienation of her husband's affections, so decided in the Superior court here. Judge Frater offered to give her a judgment for \$12,500, or grant a new trial.

**Islands to Sell Silver.**  
Manila—Jeremiah L. Manning, insular treasurer, has gone to China to investigate the silver market with a view to selling a portion of the 20,000,000 pesos silver which the government has at Corregidor.

Owing to the demand for silver in China, which has caused the Chinese government to declare a partial moratorium, the silver held by the government is salable at a profit of 35 per cent.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Oregon and California Land Grant Title is Not Clear

Washington, D. C.—As the Oregon & California land grant bill stands on the house calendar, it will not enable the government of the United States to pass a clear title to any settler or purchaser, in the opinion of Representative Hawley, and he has the supporting opinion of several of the good lawyers of the public lands committee in this opinion.

"The bill," said Mr. Hawley, "makes provision for the payment of back taxes—that is, for taxes that have accrued for the past three years, but I believe it does not provide for the payment of taxes which are now becoming collectable. Moreover, the bill fails to make provision for the payment of interest on back taxes and fails also to provide for the payment of penalties on those accrued taxes. These omissions, in my opinion, render it impossible for the United States to give an absolutely clear title and I will call attention to this shortcoming when the bill is before the house."

"The prime reason for providing in the bill for the payment of back taxes was to enable the government to give a clear title. Unless that section is enlarged and made complete it will fail of its purpose and those who acquire these lands from the government will be liable for interest and for the unpaid penalties and for the taxes that are not paid by the government under the Ferris bill."

### Smudging Need Shown in Southern Oregon Fruit District

Medford—In the opinion of local fruit men the year 1916 will mark the final demonstration of the necessity of crude oil smudging in the growing of fine fruit and apples in Southern Oregon.

At the beginning of the season there was a distinct movement against smudging, chiefly because of the annoyance involved and damage to trees from overflowing pots. In fact an injunction against smudging was obtained by one group of orchards shortly before the May freeze.

All this anti-smudge agitation is ended now in the opinion of local growers, for from May 8 to May 14 smudging in Rogue River valley orchards was worth at least \$500,000.

Those orchardists who smudged, and fortunately a large proportion of them did, lost practically nothing from the low temperature, while except on the high hillside those who did not smudge were wiped out. While the loss has been serious, it is certain according to experts who examined the orchards that the first reports were greatly exaggerated.

### 100,000 Acres in Willamette Valley Can Be Watered

Salem—Approximately 100,000 acres of land can be feasibly irrigated in the Willamette valley at the present time, results of an investigation just completed by the United States Reclamation Service in co-operation with the state engineer's office show. A joint report of the inquiry into irrigation and power development possibilities of the Willamette valley was issued this week.

The survey extended from Canby at the mouth of the Molalla river to the head of the Willamette river above Cottage Grove and included the area in the immediate vicinity of Portland.

It is pointed out that the water supply for the proposed irrigation of the valley lands in many cases may be obtained from wells by pumping. The report declares that the average economic duty of water which seems to be indicated for the valley as a whole is eight inches delivered to the land, varying with local conditions of soil and crops.

Those employed in the survey investigated the water power development possibilities on the north fork of the Santiam river with storage at Marion lake; the upper reaches of the McKinzie river and the middle fork of the Willamette river.

On the McKinzie river there are two existing plants and at least two new developments proposed, one at Vida and the other between the outlet of Clear lake and the mouth of Smith river, involving the use of Clear lake for regulation of flow.

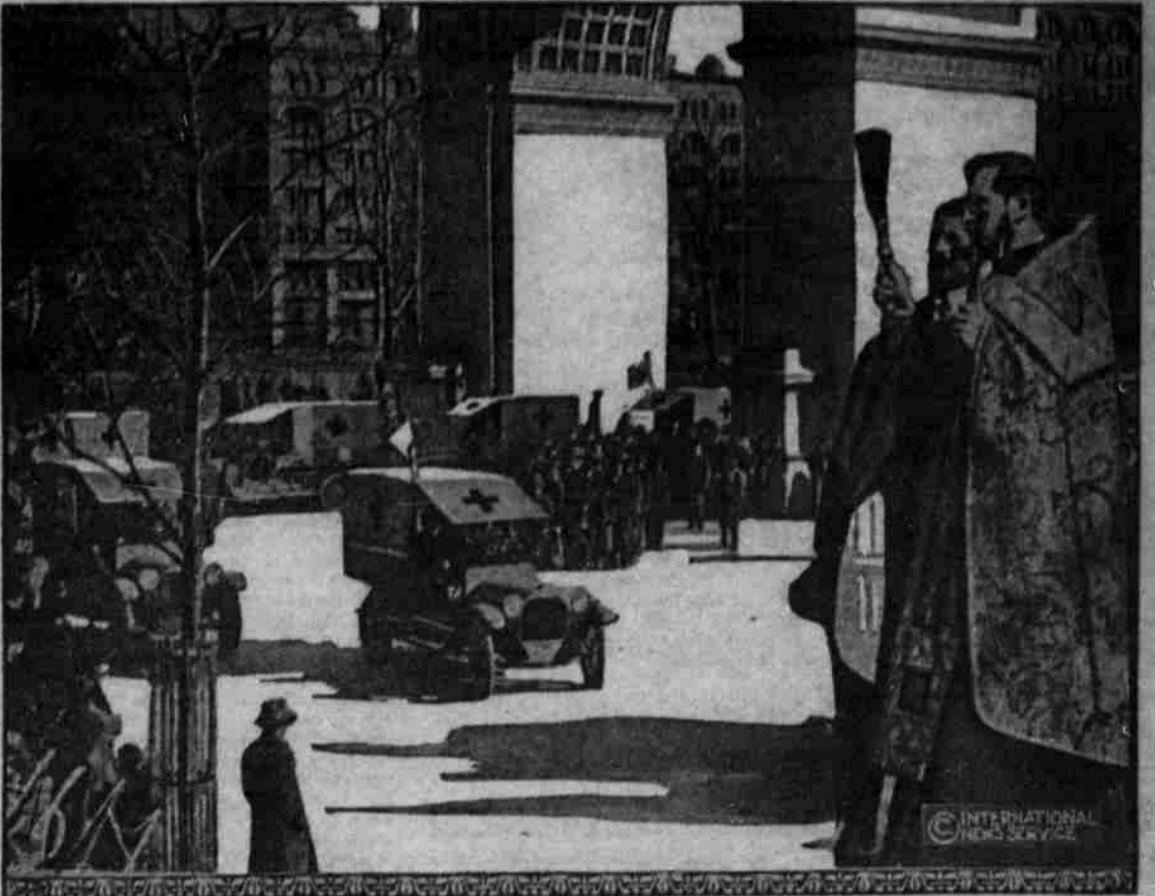
### Mill Will Reopen.

Hood River—The Stanley-Smith Lumber company, which has been delayed in the commencement of operations at its plant at Green Point, in the southwestern part of this county, because of weather conditions, will start work in its lumber camp and open the mill next Monday. During the past week, according to Manager J. E. Robertson, who visited the plant, a snow of eight inches prevailed in the Green Point hills. The Green Point mill will employ about 175 men. It cuts between 80,000 and 90,000 feet.

### Oregon Grange Elects.

Grants Pass—The Oregon State Grange elected officers at its annual convention in progress here, as follows: Master, C. E. Spencer, Oregon City; overseer, C. D. Huffman, La Grande; lecturer, Mrs. H. E. Bond, Eugene; treasurer, H. H. Hirschberg, Independence; secretary, Mary S. Howard; legislative committee, M. M. Burrows, Dufur; James Stewart, Foster; executive committee, B. G. Leedy, Corvallis.

## AMERICANS GIVE AMBULANCES TO RUSSIA



Crowds gathered in Washington square, New York, the other day to witness the dedication of a string of army ambulances presented to the Russian government by Americans. At the right in the illustration is seen a priest of the Orthodox church blessing the ambulances.

## APACHE SCOUTS HELPING GENERAL PERSHING



These are the Apache Indians who have been sent to the front in Mexico as scouts to aid General Pershing in tracking Villa.

## POINCARE VISITS THE VERDUN TRENCHES



M. Poincare, president of France, accompanied by officers, on a visit to the trenches in the Meuse district. M. Poincare is attired in a military cloak and cap of a color not easily discernible from the enemy's trenches.

## HERO OF KUT-EL-AMARA



Gen. C. V. F. Townshend, commander of the British expedition against Bagdad. He has been holding off a superior force of Turks for months on the Tigris at Kut-el-Amara.

## CAMP BARBER AT WORK



The camp barber of one of the detachments of the American force pursuing Villa is here seen doing his best to make a soldier presentable.

## NO ONE WILL EAT THESE BAD EGGS



It required fifty gallons of kerosene and five hours time for two deputy United States marshals to cremate 89,250 bad eggs, which were condemned by the supreme court of the District of Columbia as being unfit for use. These eggs were seized in the municipal market where they had been offered for sale, bakeries being the usual purchasers of the canned product.