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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

La Grande held a style show Monday and Tuesday.

A move was instituted in Roseburg recently to establish a public library.

The Tule lake land drawing at Klamath Falls will probably be held between April 5 and 20.

The third annual meeting of the Oregon Clayworkers' association will be held in Eugene, March 15 and 16.

The steam schooner Horace X. Baxter was launched from the Kruse & Banks shipyard at North Bend last week.

Leater C. Jones, of Pacific university, won the annual contest of the State Oratorical association held at Corvallis.

A cougar entered the barnyard at the Felix Sparks farm, near Blue river, a few nights ago, and killed five large hogs.

Fong Wo, aged 60, was killed, and another Chinese was shot through the leg in a shooting affray in Portland's Chinatown.

The Buttercup Dairy Products company plans to build a milk condenser at some point in the Coquille valley in the near future.

The war department has granted permission to the cities of Marshfield and North Bend to use the Coos head military reservation for park purposes.

No president of Pacific university will be chosen for the coming school year to succeed Dr. Charles J. Bushnell, resigned, who will leave the institution next September.

Declaring that he has been hampered by Major J. A. Best, rather than supported in his efforts to enforce the law, Chief of Police Tom Gurdans of Pendleton has resigned.

By a vote of 65 to 26 the people of Clackamas county school district No. 4, West Linn, authorized the sale of \$14,000 school bonds for the construction of a modern grammar school.

Plans for a big "community sing," in which hundreds of voices will participate, either as an attraction during the strawberry festival or as a separate event have been started at Roseburg.

After spending the night in the city jail following his arrest on a charge of drunkenness, John F. Albright, councilman from the first ward, was expelled from his seat in the Oregon City council.

Allan C. Hopkins, of the school of commerce of the University of Oregon, has been commissioned by the United States department of agriculture to conduct a survey of the potato industry in Oregon.

The Polk county court has decided to fight the action for a writ of mandamus to compel the county courts of Polk and Marion counties to start the building of the Salem bridge across the Willamette.

No fatal accidents occurred in the industries of Oregon last week, according to reports received by the state industrial accident commission. A total of 230 accidents were reported during the week.

Taxpayers of several counties in the state are contemplating availing themselves of the provisions of a law, passed by the recent legislature, authorizing the examination and audit of county books and records.

With wheat and oats bringing a record price last season Linn county farmers are working hard for a big acreage the coming harvest, and more fall grain has been planted in that county than for many years.

To encourage the industrial club work among the school children of Albany, the First National bank of that city has agreed to lend the money to any member of an industrial club who wants to take up pig raising.

Loyalty to country, support of President Woodrow Wilson in the present international crisis, and preparedness were the themes of the session of the Oregon conference of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Eugene.

Unless there is an early change for the better in the weather, stockmen of Grant county will meet with a heavy loss. The situation is already serious. Many of the stockmen have only sufficient hay for another week or 10 days' feeding.

Oregon boys between the age of 20 and 25 who desire to become second lieutenants in the marine corps will have opportunity to take a competitive examination July 10. The ex-

aminations will be held at Portland Baker or Klamath Falls.

Exemption of ships and vessels from taxes other than those levied for state purposes under the ship tax exemption amendment passed by the people at the last general election, does not become effective prior to the levy and collection of taxes on assessments made March 1, 1917. Taxes for all purposes, levied on assessments of such ships and vessels as of March 1, 1914, are subject to collection as heretofore.

Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has reported that during the month of February there were 33 fires, in 23 towns of the state, with a loss aggregating \$224,100. The greatest fire loss during the month was a \$150,000 box factory at Astoria.

Representative McArthur has written to the secretary of the treasury urging that a branch of the San Francisco federal reserve bank be established at Portland. Business interests of Portland are urging this project upon the Oregon delegation.

At a mass meeting at Hood River, with representatives present from every rural community, a campaign to aid the passage of the \$6,000,000 bonding act was launched by the organization of the Hood River County Good Roads association.

R. A. Ward, of the United States biological survey, department of agriculture, has been in Josephine county working with County Agent C. D. Thompson in organizing a campaign against squirrels and other rodents that are destructive of farm crops.

Dr. David N. Roburg, state health officer, has been named one of a committee of six to conduct investigations into infantile paralysis for presentation before the conference of state and provincial health officers of North America at Washington early in June.

A footbridge, said to be the longest of its kind on the Pacific coast, if not in the country, is being built across the Rogue river at Agness. It is of woven wire supported on pillars. The main span is 365 feet in length, and the two anchors of the bridge are 635 feet apart.

At a joint meeting of the Grant County Good Roads association and the county court it was decided to submit to the voters of the county, at the state special election in June, the proposition of a bond issue of \$140,000, to be used in the construction of the John Day highway.

As Oregon has received from the government indemnity lands amounting to 5642 acres more than the valid base given by the state, Attorney General Brown has advised the clerk of the state land board to comply with the request of the department of the interior to make up the deficiency.

Professor G. R. Hyslop, chief in farm crops at the Oregon Agricultural college, has returned to Corvallis after two weeks spent in eastern Oregon in promoting the system of bulk handling of grain. Professor Hyslop reports that everywhere the bulk-handling idea was received with open arms.

Mayor E. L. Swartzlander, of the Umatilla Indian reservation, has received word that the Indian appropriation bill has passed congress and provision will soon be made for allotting the tribal lands on the reservation to the members of the tribe. Each unallotted Indian will get land not exceeding 80 acres in the spring.

Governor Withycombe has appointed the following as delegates to the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences to meet in Philadelphia: P. L. Campbell, president of the University of Oregon; W. J. Kerr, president of the Oregon Agricultural college; W. T. Foster, president of Reed college; Mrs. A. C. Newell, Portland; Mrs. L. R. Alderman, Portland.

With the contention that the lands of the lower Klamath marshes were ceded by the state to the federal government for the purpose of reclamation, and that they cannot be dealt with except in accordance with the reclamation law, Representative Sinnott is working for the exclusion of the national bird reserve near Klamath Falls. The bird reserve occupies a territory of more than 25,000 acres.

Standing on a point of land overlooking the Pacific highway and the confluence of the coast fork and the middle fork of the Willamette river, Darwin Bristow, of Eugene, son of one of the earliest pioneer families of Lane county, recited some little known history of early days, as he made the principal address in the dedication of a bronze marker at Coryell Point, erected by the Lewis and Clark chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Mrs. Anna Booth, of Willamina, jointly charged with William Branson, recently convicted of murder, and per-

HOPE FOR THE BEST, PREPARE FOR THE WORST.



—Harding in Brooklyn Daily Eagle.

ing a life sentence for killing William Booth, confessed to manslaughter in the circuit court at McMinnville for her part in the killing of her husband, and was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of from one to 15 years. She was once convicted of murder in the second degree, but the supreme court reversed the judgment, and she pleaded guilty to the lesser charge.

Distribution of architectural work on state buildings to be constructed has been made by the State Board of Control. L. W. Thompson won the work on a \$20,000 building at the soldiers' home; Houghtaling & Dougan, of Portland, received the contract for the amusement hall addition and tubercular pavilion at the Oregon state hospital, \$13,000; Fred Legg, of Salem, work at the school for feeble-minded, \$30,000, and W. C. Knighton, of Portland, work on a \$6000 barn at the eastern Oregon hospital, at Pendleton, a \$4000 building at the penitentiary and some small work at the training school and the tubercular sanatorium.

GENERAL MAUDE



General Maude, Commander of the British troops which captured Bagdad from the Turks.

ARMED MAN FORCES WAY TO GOVERNOR

Olympia, Wash.—Charles Wagner, who also gives his name as Lens, declaring that he would shoot if anyone came near him, walked from a cafeteria on Main street two blocks to the capitol, followed by two policemen, and forced his way into Governor Lister's private office, with a 38-caliber revolver in his hand.

The man entered the offices of Secretary Irwin W. Zieshaus, who tried to prevent him gaining access to the governor's office.

Drawing a revolver from a bag he

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Local artillery actions are in progress along the entire Austro-Italian front.

The Norwegian steamer Starstad, a Belgian relief ship of 6028 tons, with one American on board, has been sunk by a submarine.

Ex-Premier Venizelos, of Greece, who is now at the head of the provisional government at Saloniki, says three corps of 60,000 Greeks will aid the entente allies.

In an advance on a front of more than three miles in the Aisne region in France, British troops attacked and captured the village of Iria, north-east of Grandcourt.

A smashing blow struck by the French in the Champagne region on Thursday resulted in the capture of German positions on a front of nearly a mile to a depth of 600 to 800 yards.

Austria cannot give up her right to sink "enemy merchantmen," she declared in her reply to the American aide memoire received at the state department. Austria does not however, include merchant ships under this right. Hence, authorities are inclined to feel that she has stretched a point in order to meet the American effort to avoid a break.

U. S. SHIP U-BOAT VICTIM

Steamer Algonquin Sunk by Shell Fire From Submarine.

London.—The American steamship Algonquin has been sunk without warning by a German submarine. The crew was saved.

According to advices from Plymouth, the German submarine opened fire upon the Algonquin from a distance of 4900 yards, firing about 20 shells. These were not sufficient to sink the steamer, so she was boarded by men from the submarine, who placed four bombs, and the Algonquin was then blown up. The crew was given plenty of time to leave the vessel.

MEXICANS ELECT CARRANZA

Old Residents Say It Is First Real Election Ever Held in Mexico.

Mexico City.—General Venustiano Carranza was elected president of Mexico by an overwhelming vote.

Although the voters had the privilege of writing in or declaring any name they desired, General Carranza received all but a few scattering ballots. The estimated vote cast runs all the way from several hundred thousand to a million.

Many old residents declare it was the first real election ever held in this country. Reports from various parts of the republic indicate that there was no disturbance or intimidation.

Mexico will now have a constitutional president for the first time since 1911, when Francisco Madero received more than 300,000 votes.

German Crew is Sentenced.

Florence, S. C.—Eight officers of the steamship Liebenfels, sunk in Charleston harbor the night of January 31 last, were sentenced to a year in the Atlanta federal penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500 each. They were convicted of sinking a vessel in a navigable stream in violation of the navigation laws.

Score Killed, Many Hurt by Tornado.

Newcastle, Ind.—More than a score of persons were killed and 26 were seriously injured, some fatally, in a tornado which wrecked 300 residences in this city. The property damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

Germans Retire on Wide Front.

London.—A further retirement of the Germans on a front of between 4000 and 5000 yards and to an unknown depth was reported by a Reuter dispatch from the British front in France.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$1.67; bluestem \$1.67; red Russian, \$1.58; forty-fold, \$1.63.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$38.50 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$20 per ton; alfalfa, \$16.

Butter—Creamery, 39c.
Eggs—Ranch, 25c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 40c; valley, 40c.
Hops—1916 crop, 3¢8c; 1917 contracts, nominal.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$1.71; club \$1.64; forty-fold, \$1.64; red Russian, \$1.61; fifty, \$1.64; turkey red, \$1.71.

Barley—\$38 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 33c.
Eggs—28c.

COUNT ZEPPELIN



Count Zeppelin, inventor of the airship which bears his name, who died in Germany last week.

Navy is Preparing for Coast Patrol.
Washington.—Preliminary steps have been taken by the navy department toward contracting for the quick construction of 100 or more high-speed coast patrol-boats of a new type for scouting against submarines.

China Breaks With Berlin.

Washington.—China has severed diplomatic relations with Germany and taken possession of all German ships in Shanghai.

AMERICAN SAILORS TELL OF SUFFERINGS

Men Report Severe Treatment From Captors in German Prison Camps.

Zurich, Switzerland, via Paris.—Laden with presents showered upon them by the Swiss, 59 of the Yarrowdale prisoners arrived in Zurich. Although emaciated from their imprisonment and lack of food since their arrival in Germany on December 31, they are in fair condition.

The men told of the severe treatment to which they had been subjected in the German prison camps, and where they, as Americans, they said, were apparently singled out from all others. During their stay in Germany, they reported, they had subsisted on one allowance of soup daily and had made their long journey to the border on one such "meal." There was hardly one of them who at one time or another, they declared, had not felt the fist of a German camp guard, and the squad of five soldiers which brought them to the border had exercised the privilege of abusing them up to the last possible moment.

Since their entrance into Switzerland, at Rorschach, they say, they have been royally treated by the Swiss.

The party includes all of the Americans detained except one seaman named Bulleit, of a French Canadian family, claiming to have been born in Massachusetts, who at the last moment was held in Brandenburg.

BRITISH CONTINUE GAINS ON SOMME

British Headquarters in France, via London.—The ridge overlooking Bapaume from the northwest, which has come to be looked upon by the British as a sort of promised land ever since the battle of the Somme began last July, has passed in the hands of General Haig's troops. For the first time since the great struggle on this front opened the British have the advantage of the highest ground and can now look down upon the famous German stronghold and a wide extent of the country beyond.

British officers believe that they are now in a position to take Bapaume whenever the word is given.

In this latest forward movement the British have taken possession of the noted Loupart wood, consisting of great clumps of trees situated on the shoulder of the high ridge and overlooking the entire Somme battle front.

BRITISH CAPTURE BAGDAD

Principal Turkish City in Mesopotamia is Taken by General Maude.

London.—As the climax of its sensational drive against the Turks, following the capture of Kut-el-Amara, the British army under General Maude occupied Bagdad early Sunday morning. Bagdad is the chief Turkish city of Mesopotamia.

After announcing the fall of Bagdad in the house of commons Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, said there was every reason to believe that two-thirds of the Turks' artillery had fallen into the hands of the British or had been thrown into the Tigris.

German Raiders' Removal is Asked.

Washington.—Formal request for the removal from the Philadelphia navy-yard of the interned German commerce raiders Prince Eitel Friedrich and Kronprinz Wilhelm, or the 700 men comprising their crews, was made personally to Secretary Daniels by Mayor Smith, of Philadelphia, on the ground that they constitute a menace to the safety of the city.

Labor to Stand By Country in Crisis.

Washington.—Organized labor in America, through its representatives in conference here, offered its services to the country in every field of activity. This offer is made in the event that despite all endeavors and hopes, the United States should be drawn into war.

Harry Thaw Declared Insane.

Philadelphia.—Harry K. Thaw was adjudged a lunatic by the common pleas court of this city and, under the law, cannot be taken to New York on requisition to stand trial on charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, Jr., a high school student, at Kansas City, Mo.