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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Infor- mation of Our Readers.

Edward J. Daley, Echo's earliest settler is dead.

The farmers of Junction City have organized a cow-testing association. Portland has a population of 286,753, according to Polk's city directory. The first annual automobile show of Baker will open Thursday evening, April 5.

Albany may have a policewoman to give special attention to children on the streets at night.

Condon will hold its fourth annual race meet, beginning Monday, June 5, and continuing for five days.

Lin Sing, believed to be a member of the Hip Sing tong, was shot in his room in Astoria's Chinatown.

Twenty-five cases of chickenpox and mumps have been reported in Amity and vicinity in the last month.

Thousands of tons of baled alfalfa hay are being shipped from Echo to various points in eastern Oregon and Idaho.

The fourth annual convention of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Breeders' Association, will be held at La Grande April 24-25.

The Girls' National honor guard of Oregon will start at once to make comfort bags for members of the Oregon National guard.

The Southern Oregon District Federation of Women's Clubs will convene in Grants Pass for a three-day session, beginning April 12.

W. T. Carroll, who came to Oregon in 1864 and was deputy Sheriff in Union county in early days, died in Eugene at the age of 72 years.

Astoria will be headquarters for the new revenue cutter just completed at Baltimore, which is to replace the Manning on the Pacific coast.

Many requests being received by the state highway department for bridge designs indicate there will be much bridge construction this season.

The Coos county court has turned over to the state highway department the supervision of the expenditure of the \$262,000 county bond issue.

Women students of the Oregon Agricultural college who are registered in agriculture have organized the Women's Agricultural association.

Major Carl Abrams has been promoted to be lieutenant-colonel of the Third Oregon. He will be succeeded as major by Captain Daugherty, of Portland.

Canyon City, Grant county, looks like old times, as the result of a jump in price of chrome iron ore from \$7 to \$22 a ton at Prairie City, the shipping point.

Officials of the Southern Pacific are considering plans to distribute all the fuel oil used by their locomotives in Oregon from a depot to be established on Coos bay.

Forty pages will be included in the elector's pamphlet which will contain the measures to be voted on at the special election in June and the arguments thereon.

The stock industry of Grant county is suffering the heaviest loss experienced in the history of the county, according to estimates of forest officers and others.

The estimate of the reproduction cost of the lines of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company in Oregon, as prepared by the public service commission, is \$10,936,802.

Captain L. E. Davis, who died at Newport, was probably the last survivor of the colony of Eugene people that settled on South beach when the Yaquina bay country was opened.

Reclamation of 951 acres of rich bottom land lying between the Columbia and Oregon sloughs in Multnomah county, involving an ultimate outlay of approximately \$200,000, is sought.

As soon as weather will permit, the United States forest service will make a survey of a road over the mountains through the Wenaha national forest in Union and Umatilla counties.

The setting of the machinery of a \$100,000 clay products plant at Warrenton in motion has been delegated to Governor Withycombe, and he will perform that service on Saturday, April 7.

A study of the Douglas fir timber of Oregon with a view of preventing rotting and other defects in the trees will be made by E. P. Melnecke, forest pathologist of the department of agriculture.

The war department has named a

coast defense battery on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, "Battery Henry Adair," in honor of Lieutenant Henry E. Adair, of Portland, who was killed at Carrizal.

Two hundred and eighty-two industrial accidents, of which two were fatal, is the record for the past week, according to reports received by the state industrial accident commission. The victims of the fatal accidents were K. Onaka of Astoria, who was employed in a sawmill and Fred Williams of Gaston.

Mayor Albee of Portland forced leaders of the warring Chinese tong to sign a 30-day peace, covering Multnomah county, and to agree to sign a permanent peace pact before the end of 30 days.

In order to have at least 500 automobiles at the disposal of the military authorities on a moment's notice in any emergency, the Motor Alliance was formally organized at a meeting at Portland.

With applications on hand for loans amounting to \$52,500 out of the rural credits fund, the state land board has decided to advertise at once for the sale of \$250,000 worth of 4 per cent rural credits bonds.

Helping farmers of the state to perfect their operations so as to eliminate losses is the project which has been started recently by the extension service, of the Oregon Agriculture college in a number of counties.

Authorities are somewhat alarmed over reports from one or two range districts of the Grande Ronde valley that rabid coyotes sometime ago bit several domestic animals and that some valuable animals have died.

Plans to make Crater Lake national park easily accessible to automobilists are being put before members of the highway commission and officials of the forest service by Mayor C. E. Gates and H. L. Walther, of Medford.

With promise of considerable building activity, increased postal receipts and substantial gains in bank clearings, the month of March has been a red letter month for Portland as indicating improved business conditions.

County agent Jay L. Smith of Coos county, has announced that arrangements have been made among the banks of the county to extend a credit of \$50,000 to ranchers who desire to purchase thoroughbred stock for their dairies.

During last year there were organized 577 industrial clubs, with an aggregate membership of 13,808, according to a bulletin issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill, reviewing the Boys' and Girls' Industrial Clubs of Oregon.

About 4000 acres of rich Tule lake land lying between the acreage to be opened by the government next month to homestead entry and the present water line of Tule lake can be leased this year, according to an announcement of Project Manager Camp.

Total deposits in the banks of the state of Oregon on March 5, 1917, were \$162,201,549.49, or an increase of \$35,461,469.51 over the amount shown in the report of March 7, 1916, according to a statement issued by S. G. Sargent, Superintendent of banks.

Plate glass windows were broken and awnings fell under their load when two inches of hail fell in Oregon City in the course of the worst hail and electric storm in the memory of the earliest settlers. Hailstones two inches in circumference were found after the storm.

Two accidents which occurred at the same place within one hour of each other brought death and serious injuries to two employes of the O. W. R. & N. a few miles east of Baker. Joseph Francis, a laborer, was killed and C. Restina is in a hospital suffering from internal injuries.

Governor Withycombe, in common with governors of other northwestern states, has issued a proclamation setting April 14-21 as "western consumers' week," and in that time a movement will be carried forward to encourage the consumption of local products in the northwest for the encouragement of home industries.

Representative Sinnott has been notified he has another vacancy to fill at the Annapolis naval academy, and will hold a competitive examination May 8 at Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Ontario, Bend, Baker, La Grande, Pendleton and The Dalles, open to all bona fide residents of his district, between the ages of 18 and 20.

Spence Wortman, deputy sealer of weights and measures, within a few days will begin gathering a directory of all wood dealers in the state. It is his plan to notify them all that to sell wood by the load rather than by the cord or fraction of a cord is unlawful and that the district sealers will be instructed to prosecute any viola-

# Clean Up

## and Get Next to Godliness

The City Council of Weston has designated Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 18, 19, 20 and 21, as "Clean Up Days."

Clear your premises, burn what rubbish you can and put the rest in readiness for free cartage by the city.

Every citizen and property owner of Weston is invited and urged to co-operate with the Council in this movement for a brighter, cleaner, healthier town.

## City Council of Weston

tion of such provisions.

Sheriffs of two counties are hunting for the slayer of Thomas Cavanaugh, a prominent young rancher of Brownlee district in Baker county, who was last seen on March 12. While there is no proof that he was murdered, a bloody cabin and the fact that the missing man failed to keep an appointment with his cousin in Weiser, Idaho, has convinced the authorities that he met with foul play.

Plans for a big co-operative cannery in Albany were launched at an institute attended by more than 300 farmers and fruitgrowers of the vicinity. W. H. Paulhamus, of Puyallup, Wash., spoke. If the farmers of the section will plant 1000 acres of Wilson strawberries, 500 acres of phenomenal berries and 500 acres of black raspberries, the Oregon Electric Railroad company promises to build a big cannery at Albany and turn it over to a co-operative company to operate and Mr. Paulhamus will handle the product of the plant.

## WASHINGTON SHOWS PATRIOTIC SPIRIT

Washington. — President Wilson's appearance before congress was marked by a scene of the greatest enthusiasm ever shown since he began delivering his addresses in person. Crowds on the outside of the capitol cheered him frantically as he entered and as he left. Congress roared cheer after cheer in an outburst of patriotic enthusiasm.

It was noticed that Senators La Follette, Lane, Stone and Cummins, who helped defeat the armed neutrality bill in the last session, did not join in the applause.

By far the greatest outburst came when the president declared for an army of 500,000 men, selected on a universal service basis.

Applause also greeted the declaration for supplying needs of the allies and also the statement that principles of peace and justice should be vindicated against autocratic power.

"We have no quarrel with the German people," was another remark which received an enthusiastic reception. Mention of the recent overthrow of the Russian monarchy brought loud cheers.

Wave after wave of applause met the president's reference to German spies infesting the country and his suggestion of a partnership of democratic nations in the cause of peace.

## CONGRESS BEGINS EXTRA SESSION

House Elects Champ Clark Speaker; Both Houses Introduce War Resolution.

Washington. — Congress assembled at noon Monday for a session generally agreed to as the most momentous in the history of the republic.

President Wilson went before congress in joint session at 8 o'clock Monday night to deliver his war message.

Immediately after the president left the capitol, the senate and house reconvened, and an identical joint resolution was introduced in both houses declaring the existence of a state of war and directing the president to employ all the resources of the country to carry on war against the imperial German government and bring the conflict to a successful conclusion.

Because of the opposition to the measure of Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, the resolution was introduced in the senate by Senator Martin, of Virginia, the democratic floor leader. Representative Flood, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, introduced it in the house.

Text of War Resolution.

"Joint resolution declaring that a state of war exists between the imperial German government and the government and people of the United States, and making provision to prosecute the same:

"Whereas, the recent acts of the imperial German government are acts of war against the government and people of the United States;

"Resolved, by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, that the state of war between the United States and the imperial German government, which has thus been thrust upon the United States, is hereby formally declared; and

"That the president be and is hereby authorized and directed to take immediate steps, not only to put the country in a thorough state of defense, but also to exert all of its power and employ all of its resources to carry on war against the imperial German government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination"

Champ Clark Re-elected.  
Speaker Clark was re-elected by a

vote of 217 to 206 over his republican opponent, Representative Mann, as the first step in organization of the house of representatives—the necessary preliminary to the delivery of President Wilson's war address.

Clark was placed in nomination by Representative Schall, of Minnesota a progressive. Mann was nominated by Representative Green, of Massachusetts.

All of the democrats present and four of the so-called independents, Martin, progressive-protectionist, of Louisiana; Schall, progressive, of Minnesota; London, socialist, of New York, and Randall, prohibitionist, of California, voted for Clark.

## AMERICANS KILLED IN U-BOAT ATTACKS

Washington. — Destruction without warning of four merchant ships carrying Americans in their crews was reported to the state department in official dispatches indicating that several Americans lost their lives.

The vessels were the British steamer Crispin, on which two American negroes probably perished and from which 18 other Americans are reported missing, the Portuguese sailing ship Argo, from which three American negroes are missing, and the British steamers Eptafolo and Snowden Range, on which there apparently was no loss of life, though Americans in the crews suffered from exposure.

## ARMED AMERICAN VESSEL IS SUNK

Washington. — Dispatches from the French admiralty announced the sinking without warning of the first armed American merchant ship, the freighter Aztec, by a German submarine. They reported that apparently Lieutenant William F. Gresham and 12 American blue-jackets, the armed guard of the vessel, had been saved.

A dispatch from Ambassador Sharp dated at Paris said 19 survivors from the Aztec were landed at Brest and 28 persons still were missing and their rescue was doubtful because of the heavy sea and storm.

The admiralty report said the Aztec, bound from New York to Havre, was torpedoed without warning off Quessant. The torpedo struck squarely amidships, emitting a powerful gas and putting the wireless out of commission.

Brand Whitlock in Switzerland. Berne, via Paris. — Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has reached Berne. Mr. Whitlock described his departure from Brussels as extremely touching. The Belgians, who since the breach of relations between the United States and Germany have been pathetically anxious lest the departure of the Americans might mean starvation for them, gathered by the thousands at the Gare Dudord to say farewell.

Mayor Gill is Not Guilty. Seattle. — A verdict of not guilty was returned in federal court here against Mayor H. C. Gill, Chief of Police C. L. Beckingham and City Detectives Meyer Peyer, John Poolman, Daniel McLennan and James Doom, who were on trial for more than three weeks on charges of conspiring to assist the Billingsley bootlegging ring to violate federal interstate commerce laws.

Maine Has \$1,000,000 for Defense. Augusta, Me. — The legislature of Maine has appropriated \$1,000,000 for general defense purposes.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$1.66; bluestem \$1.74; red Russian, \$1.65; forty-fold, \$1.68. Barley—No. 1 Feed, \$40 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$22 per ton; alfalfa, \$20.

Butter—Creamery, 39c. Eggs—Ranch, 28c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 40c; valley, 40c. Hops—1916 crop, 4@7c; 1917 contracts, nominal.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$1.74; club \$1.68; forty-fold, \$1.69; red Russian, \$1.66; turkey red, \$1.75. Barley—\$40 per ton. Butter—Creamery, 42c. Eggs—30c.

## WILSON DELIVERS HIS WAR MESSAGE

President Declares Germany Has Forced United States Into Conflict.

Washington. — Rectifying the aggressions of Germany which have virtually thrust the United States into the world conflict President Wilson Monday night asked congress to declare that a state of war exists.

To carry on an effective warfare against the German government, which he characterized as a "natural foe to liberty," the president recommended:

Utmost practical co-operation in counsel and action with the governments already at war with Germany.

Extension of liberal financial credits to those governments so that the resources of America may be added, so far as possible, to theirs.

Organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country.

Full equipment of the navy, particularly for means of dealing with submarine warfare.

An army of at least 500,000, based on the principle of universal liability to service and the authorization of additional increments of 500,000 each as they are needed or can be handled in training.

Raising necessary money for the United States government so far as possible without borrowing and on the basis of equitable taxation.

All preparation, the president urged, should be made in such way as not to check the flow of war supplies to the nations already in the field against Germany.

Denounces German Government. In a dispassionate but unmeasured denunciation of the course of the imperial German government, which he characterized as a challenge to all mankind and a warfare against all nations, the president declared that neutrality no longer was feasible or desirable where the peace of the world was involved; that armed neutrality had become ineffectual enough at best and was likely to produce what it was meant to prevent, and urged that congress accept the gage of battle with all the resources of the nation.

"I advise that the congress declare the recent course of the imperial German government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States," said the president, "that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it, and it take steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense, but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the government of the German empire to terms, and end the war."

Submarine Warfare Without Compassion or Principle. Referring to the German submarine policy the president said: "The new policy has swept every restriction aside. Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, their character, their cargo, their destination, their errand, have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without warning and without thought of help or mercy for those on board, the vessels of friendly neutrals along with belligerents. Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely bereaved and stricken people of Belgium, though the latter were provided with safe conduct through the proscribed areas by the German government itself, and were distinguished by unmistakable marks of identity, have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion and principle."

The objects of the United States in entering the war, the president said, are to vindicate the principles of peace and justice against "selfish and autocratic power." Without selfish ends, for conquest, or dominion, seeking no indemnities or material compensations for the sacrifices it shall make, the United States must enter the war, he said, to make the world safe for democracy, as only one of the champions of the rights of mankind, and would be satisfied when those rights were as secure as the faith and freedom of nations could make them.

No Time for Pleasure. Neighbor—"Does your man take you to the movies?" She—"Not much. Time I get my dishes washed and the house redd up and the babies to bed and the children's clothes mended, I'm dead for sleep. And besides, you know, he's so busy agittin' for the eight-hour day."