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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Portland will hold the rose festival this year as usual.

A chapter of the American Red Cross society has been organized at Bend.

The demand for loganberries promises to eclipse all previous records this year.

Farmers of eastern Oregon expect a good crop, although the season is delayed.

A branch of the federal reserve bank at San Francisco is to be established in Portland.

The Douglas county court has ordered a special county bond election to be held on June 4.

The Union and Walla Walla Counties Fire association held its annual meeting at La Grande.

The Southern Oregon Association of Odd Fellows' lodges assembled in Grants Pass last week.

The Marion county Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor held its convention at Woodburn.

The Albany commercial club and the Albany Retail Merchants' association have decided not to merge.

Quite a number of Umatilla county farmers are showing disposition to contract their 1917 wheat crop.

Approximately 4000 persons from all over Polk county witnessed a flag-raising ceremony held in Dallas.

Portland's recruiting office has provided more than 1000 recruits for the United States navy since April 1.

Boy scouts of Portland are to cooperate with the state fish and game commission in the protection of game and fish.

The ninth annual commonwealth conference will be held on the campus of the University of Oregon at Eugene May 17-19.

All but three counties of the 36 in Oregon were represented by delegates attending the state-wide good roads conference held in Portland last week.

Governor Withycombe is to be the head-liner at the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Forest Grove June 26, 27 and 28.

Stockraisers in the Oregon national forest regions report the past winter to have been a hard one, and as a result stock conditions are below normal.

The war department has notified Senator Chamberlain that authority has been granted to recruit a battalion of engineers for the Oregon national guard.

Oregon was the second state in the union in proportionate recruiting for the regular army between April 1 and 24 by contributing 58.3 per cent of her war quota.

Nine hundred pupils, representing 98 school districts of Washington county, participated in the annual county spelling contest and juvenile carnival in Hillsboro.

A meeting of ministers and laymen of Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties was held at Albany to organize for the purpose of bettering moral conditions in the army.

The Eugene chamber of commerce has decided to abandon the Lane county flax experiment for the coming year, in view of the war and the demand for food crops.

Robert N. Stanfield of Stanfield, speaker of the Oregon house of representatives, is representing Oregon at the meeting of the council of national defense at Washington.

Representatives of four Chinese tong, which have been engaged in warfare intermittently since last February, have signed a permanent peace agreement at Portland.

Samples of rock from a nitrate field said to cover 3800 acres, in Lake and Harney counties, have been brought to Bend by residents of Burns, who have located claims on the tract.

An increase in wages of 3 cents an hour, amounting to more than \$90,000 a year, was granted by the Portland Railway, Light & Power company to its 1200 trainmen on all lines.

That there is not enough hay in Lane county to last the farmers until the first new hay is cut and cured was an assertion made by C. J. Hurd, a prominent farmer of Eugene.

Willford Allen of Grants Pass was appointed on the state industrial accident commission to fill the vacancy caused by Lieutenant Colonel Carl Abrams being called to the colors.

The secretary of war has notified Senator Chamberlain he has decided to purchase a tract of land near Holbrook as a site for the rifle range for the use of troops at Vancouver barracks.

Mobilization of all the boys in Oregon who are not experienced or educated in farm work into the United States boys' working reserve, under supervision of the federal government, was started by a proclamation of Governor Withycombe, at the request of Secretary Wilson, of the department of commerce and labor.

Seventy-nine per cent of the 3373 scales inspected during the quarter ending March 31, were correct, according to Deputy State Sealer Wortman.

E. T. Allen, of the forest service at Portland, will be detained in Washington indefinitely by reason of his appointment on the lumber advisory committee named by the council of national defense.

That all growers of garden products of every kind shall band together and agree not to charge more than a certain price for their products is a plan broached at Bend to reduce the high cost of living.

In order that students of the Albany high school may have most of the afternoon to engage in gardening, a plan is proposed to begin school each morning at 8 o'clock and close at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The date for the Astoria regatta, the big lower Columbia river festival, has been changed from the first part of September to July 4 to 8. The intention is to make the regatta a big patriotic festival.

Whenever a lien of any kind exists on land held in the state, no loans will be made upon that land from the state school fund or the rural credits fund. This policy has been announced by the state land board.

The Klamath city council has accepted the bid of Robert E. Strahorn of Portland, for the construction of the Klamath Falls municipal railway from Klamath Falls to Dairy, 20 miles east, for the sum of \$300,000.

Drainage demonstrations which are being carried out as part of the extension service of the Oregon Agricultural college will be given in Coos county some time next month by Professor W. L. Powers and his associates.

Lieutenant A. Cantoni, of the Royal Italian Flying corps, is visiting the sawmills of Coos county inspecting the lumber output, a portion of which in best grades of spruce is going for the manufacture of aeroplanes for Italy.

Barring bad weather from now on until July, it is the opinion of H. E. Momyer, in charge of Crater Lake national park during the past winter, that the tourist season there will open on time this year between June 15 and July 1.

Instead of throwing down the bars to the sale of revolvers in the state, as has been the general impression, the law of the 1917 legislature makes the restriction surrounding their sale even more stringent, according to Attorney General Brown.

While weather conditions have improved and cattle are being turned out on the range, from the Long Creek section of Grant county comes a report of heavy losses by sheepmen, hundreds of young lambs being lost as the result of cold weather.

Arrangements were perfected at Eugene for a series of meetings to stimulate interest in bean-growing to meet the national demand for food production, and it is hoped to secure the planting of 10,000 acres to beans in the neighborhood of Eugene.

It is proposed by County School Superintendent Duncan, of Yamhill county, to release all high school students from further school work this spring, providing the pupils will agree to offer their services to farmers and orchardists who are in need of help.

Attorney General Brown advises Governor Withycombe to institute mandamus proceedings against the officials of Curry county if they persist in refusing to call a special election for June 4 to give the electors an opportunity to vote on measures referred by the recent legislature.

Specifications for roadbed sections, culvert designs and grades have been forwarded by State Highway Engineer Nunn to the county courts of the state. He has also forwarded copies of applications to the commission for survey and specifications for preparing subgrade for hard surfacing.

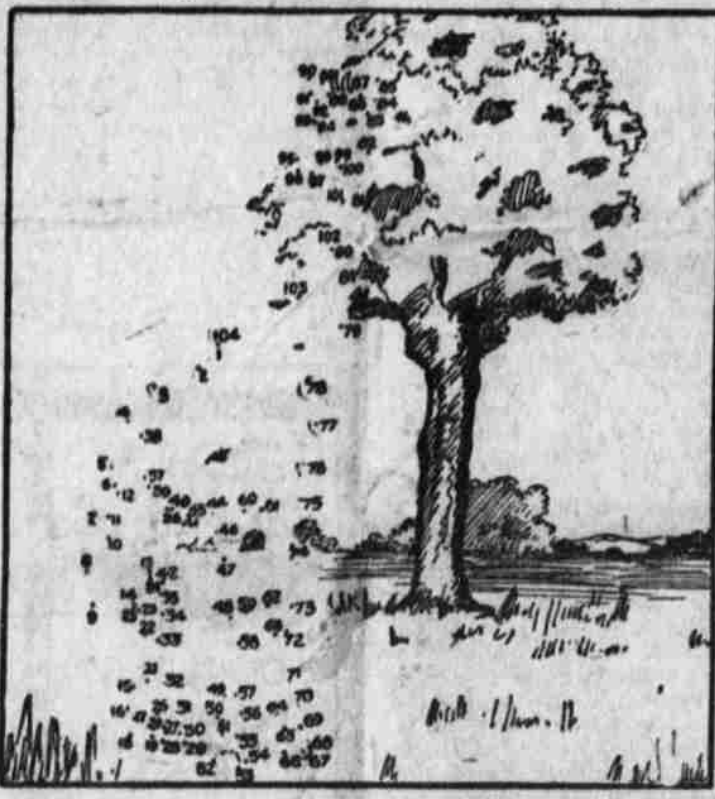
Out of 340 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week from April 30 to April 26, inclusive, three were fatal. The fatalities were H. L. Aumack, Mount Angel, light and power employe; L. C. Stimpson, Wheeler, sawmill employe; John Carlson, Kerry, logging employe.

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Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 4



WELL, children, the last picture you made was that of the animal called man's most faithful friend, the horse. It is true that today the automobile is doing much of the work that the horse once did for man. But, children, you do love a fine horse, don't you? Many rich people who own automobiles also keep their horses to go riding. Now, if you let your pencil run again from 1 to 2, 3, 4, etc., you'll find that you'll have a picture of one of the queerest looking animals in the world.

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HOMAGE IS PAID AT TOMB OF WASHINGTON

Mount Vernon, Va.—The flags of Great Britain, France and the United States floated proudly together Sunday over the tomb of George Washington. Beneath them, spokesmen of the three great democracies paid homage to America's soldier and statesman and pledged themselves, each to the other in the name of the dead, to prosecute the present mighty struggle against autocracy on the lines he himself had followed in bringing America into being.

Marshal Joffre, victor of the Marne, and idol of the French people, spoke two brief sentences:

"In the French army all venerate the name and memory of Washington. I respectfully salute here the great soldier and lay upon his tomb the palm we offer our soldiers who have died for their country."

As Marshal Joffre passed back among the spectators Mr. Balfour came forward with the British wreath of lilies and oak leaves tied with the colors of the three allied nations. He, too, entered the tomb and placed the British token beside the French.

JOFFRE STIRS U. S. SENATE

Hero of Marne Acknowledges Ovation With Words "Vive l'Amerique!"

Washington.—France's war mission, headed by Rene Viviani, Marshal Joffre and Admiral Chocheprat, spent more than half an hour Tuesday on the floor of the senate and stirred that body and galleries crowded to capacity first to vigorous applause and then to roars of cheers.

After the senators and members of the house had grasped the hands of the distinguished visitors, and M. Vi-

viani, vice-premier and leader of the mission, had delivered an address that thrilled his hearers, the greatest outburst of enthusiasm came. It was a tribute to the hero of the Marne.

In response to rousing cries of "Joffre, Joffre," from every corner of the chamber, the soldier responded with eight words of French and English, which all understood:

"I do not speak English. Vive l'Amerique!"

Oregon Prepares to Take War Census. Salem, Or.—Governor Withycombe has sent to the sheriffs of the state letters which mark the preliminary step that brings into actual operation in Oregon, conscription plans. The governor has designated the sheriff, county clerk and county physician of each county as the official registration board. Following the lines laid down in instructions received from Secretary of War Baker the voting precinct will be the primary registration area.

Peace Not Considered by Russia. Petrograd, via London.—Premier Lvoff, speaking on the subject of a separate peace, said Russia will not and other nations were asked not to judge the country by the remarks or opinions of isolated socialists.

China May Declare War on Germans. Peking.—A declaration of war against Germany by China is expected within a fortnight.

Brazil Quits German Ex-Consuls. Rio Janeiro.—The Brazilian government has decided that all German ex-consuls must leave the country.

HOME RULE FOR IRELAND IS AIDED

Washington.—The Irish home rule question has been discussed at the conferences between members of the British commission and American government officials. The subject is a most delicate one and the United States has no intention of seeking to suggest even informally an opinion on the conduct of Great Britain's affairs. However, the subject has arisen and American officials have frankly told members of the British commission that a strong element in the United States believes that real friendship between the two nations would be greatly strengthened by a satisfactory settlement of the Irish problem.

It is generally accepted that the present offers a favorable opportunity for settling the question. The interest in it here is great, not only because of the large number of citizens of Irish birth or descent, but because of the strong feeling that no nation with which the United States is joining forces should have unsettled a question involving the right of self-government.

AMERICAN WAR BRIEFS

The total recruiting for the army in April was 40,258.

The enlisted strength of the navy now has reached 86,326, within less than 700 of the full war quota now authorized.

The labor department has enlisted the aid of all the states in organizing its army of a million boys for work on the country's farms this summer.

The German liners Portonia and Clara Mennig, at New York, have been turned over by the American government for use of the entente allies.

All reserve officers of infantry, cavalry, field artillery and coast artillery will be ordered into active service at once, the war department announced.

Lieutenant Thomas, U. S. N., lost his life by the sinking by a torpedo of the oil tanker Vacuum. Twenty-seven men were saved from a total of 45 aboard the vessel.

Mayor Thompson refused to invite General Joffre and members of the French commission to Chicago, partly on the ground that the city's large German population might not approve such an invitation.

The administration's food control legislation has been introduced in both houses of congress. The legislation calls for an immediate survey of the country's food resources and confers power upon the department to prevent speculation and price manipulation.

1,300,000 Germans Have Died in War.

Amsterdam, via London.—Joseph Friedrich Naumann, formerly a Conservative member of the reichstag, lecturing on the "Influence of the War on Population," said in part:

"Until now the war has caused a loss of 1,300,000 dead. This, together with the decrease in births, gives a reduction of 2,800,000. The surplus of females has increased from 800,000 to far more than 2,000,000."

Existence of France, Britain, Menaced

Washington.—Secretary Lane told the governors conferring here with the council of national defense that the federal government had heard 400,000 tons of shipping had been sunk in the last week by German submarines. The destruction, Secretary Lane said, was not only threatening the existence of England and France, but was alarming the United States.

Rate Increase on Northwest Timber.

Washington.—A proposed increase of 10 cents per 100 pounds in freight rates on long timbers from North Pacific Coast and intermediate points to eastern and Canadian destinations was approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Irish Freedom is Urged.

Washington.—A cablegram urging a settlement of the Irish problem was sent to Premier Lloyd George by 200 representatives in congress, headed by Speaker Champ Clark.

Two Oregon Companies Quarantined.

Portland.—Companies A and B, of the Third Oregon Infantry, are quarantined on account of two well-defined cases of spinal meningitis that have developed.

Guatemala Breaks With Germany.

Washington.—Guatemala has severed diplomatic relations with Germany and offered all her resources to the United States.

Change in French Command.

Paris.—The appointment of General Petain, the hero of Verdun, as chief of staff to succeed General Nivelle, is generally welcomed.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$2.65; bluestem \$2.70; red Russian \$2.60; forty-fold, \$2.65. Barley—No. 1 Feed, \$5.35 per ton. Hay—Timothy, \$30 per ton; alfalfa, \$33. Butter—Creamery, 35c. Eggs—Ranch, 31c. Wool—Eastern Oregon, 44c; valley, 45c. Hops—1916 crop, 3@6c; 1917 contracts, nominal.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$2.71; club \$2.64; forty-fold, \$2.65; red Russian, \$2.61; fifty, \$2.64; turkey red, \$2.71. Barley—\$55 per ton. Butter—Creamery, 33c. Eggs—37c.

Petrograd.

There is open rupture between the provisional government and the workmen and soldiers.

BRITISH TURN END OF HINDENBURG LINE

Germans Throw Men Forward Without Limit to Stop Advance.

London.—In fighting that for intensity and separation equaled any of the conflicts of two and a half years of the great war, British forces had apparently turned the first of Germany's great defense lines of the famous "Hindenburg front" and part of Oppy, pivotal point of this defense sector, was in British hands. The town lies six miles northeast of Arras. All of Arras, a mile north of Oppy, had been taken.

Both positions were centers for German counter attacks that for sheer violence surpassed any recent fighting on the western front.

The British thrust is toward Douai, northern pivot point of the Hindenburg line. To stop it, Field Marshal Hindenburg is recklessly throwing thousands of his troopers in massed attack. Every word from the front emphasized the enormous total of the German losses.

Dispatches now indicate that Germany is opposing the Franco-British advance with forces superior to the attacking armies. And still these divisions do no more than slow up the advance. It is evident that the whole strength of the French and British attacking armies was being made ready for another bolt to be hurled at the German line in a resumption of the concerted offensive.

RAID ON STOCK MARKET PLANNED

New York.—Intention to destroy J. P. Morgan's office, tap telegraph trunk lines between Chicago, Washington and New York, send out false reports of President Wilson's assassination and U-boat raids on the Atlantic coast, and then disrupt wires to prevent denial, all to affect the stock market for speculative benefit, was the ambitious plot confessed, the police declare, by Wolf Hirsch and George Meyringer, two Germans arrested and charged with having a picric acid bomb in their possession. The men were employed at Roosevelt hospital.

Hirsch, the police assert, besides being a chemist, is a former German secret service officer and a reserve petty officer in the submarine division of the German navy, while Meyringer, who was a kitchen man in the hospital, is an expert telegrapher and a student of finance.

ONLY 6 SUBMARINES LOST

German Naval Chief Says England Will Ask for Peace.

Amsterdam, via London.—According to the statement regarding submarine warfare made to the reichstag main committee by Vice Admiral von Capelle, minister of the navy, the Germans in the first two months of unrestricted submarine operations lost only six U-boats, a number which in the same period was surpassed several times by new construction.

Dwelling on the submarine campaign, the admiral said neither the British nor their allies dare publish the names and tonnages of ships sunk. The minister expressed the opinion that the day was not far off when Great Britain must declare her readiness to enter into peace negotiations.

U-BOAT TOLL 1,600,000 TONS

German Puts British Tonnage Now at 7,000,000.

Amsterdam, via London.—In the first two months of unrestricted submarine warfare more than 1,600,000 tons of shipping was sunk by the Germans, Dr. Karl Helfferich, German secretary of the interior, told the reichstag main committee. He asserted that the submarine campaign was proving a great success.

"From our figures one may estimate the total tonnage still available for British trade at 7,000,000 to 10,000,000. It is clear the British merchant fleet cannot long bear sinking at the present rate. Adequate substitutions by new construction are impossible."

A Hint to Snorers.

If you are the object of continual jibes from your family on the score of snoring, try fastening vertical strips of isinglass plaster over the lips.