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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Informa- tion of Our Readers.

N. Y. E. Scott, of Philemath, was accidentally killed while deer hunting on Mary's creek.

Hotels and private homes in Bend are finding it almost impossible to secure female help.

The state board of conciliation recently appointed by the governor held its first meeting at Portland.

The Southern Pacific company reported to the public service commission a net car shortage in the state of 983.

The state Endeavor union will hold its third annual institute at Wichita, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Cranberry raisers of Marshfield report a probable average crop this year, although the berries will be small.

Pines near the headwaters of Lake creek, in western Lane, have destroyed more than 1,000,000 feet of green timber.

Women in wartime work are becoming common on Coos bay and there are many filling places formerly held by men.

With orders to shoot to kill, federal troops have been dispatched to every section of western Oregon to guard the timber belt.

The Oregon Normal school at Monmouth will be opened on September 24 instead of September 10, as previously announced.

The Everfresh plant, at Sutherlin, is installing two huge vats holding 20,000 gallons each, for the manufacture of cider vinegar.

While kindling a fire at her home near Hillsboro, Mrs. J. B. McNew, 68, was so severely burned that she died within a few minutes.

Reports received from Douglas county indicate that most of the forest fires which have been raging for the past few weeks are now under control.

Still Kulkh and Alex Aushiki, employees at the Big Creek Logging company's camp at Knappa, were burned to death while trying to escape from a forest fire.

The annual Hood River apple packing school, held under the auspices of the Apple Growers' association, will begin September 17 and continue for five days.

The snows that covered the earth during the most of last winter and the extremely low temperatures prevailing decimated grouse in the Hood River valley.

The Suttles lake irrigation district, in Jefferson county, is preparing to apply to the state securities commission to certify a proposed bond issue for the district.

Polk county's prune crop, which had promised to be one of the best in several years, now appears to be afflicted with a mysterious disease which is causing the fruit to drop seriously.

The desert land board has petitioned the secretary of the interior to extend the time for the completion of what is known as the Paisley Carey act project, in Lake county, for five years from September 11, 1917.

Willamette valley loganberry crop is very short this year. Sutherlin reports the local juice factory handling only 30,000 pounds of berries this season against 250,000 pounds in 1916. Lack of rain is given as the reason for the shortage.

George W. France, postmaster at Ten Mile, Douglas county, was indicted by the federal grand jury under the federal espionage act, recently enacted, on the specific charge of attempting to influence young men not to enlist in the army or navy.

Several California operators in oil have men in Coos county, securing leases on lands situated about Coos bay and one company of Los Angeles promoters is signing contracts to start drilling within four months from the time of closing leases.

Water rights for irrigation, mining and other beneficial uses that have been acquired upon lands in the Oregon-California railroad land grant will be protected under the federal laws, according to James T. Chinnock, superintendent of water division No. 1.

Special instruction in food conservation will be given at all teachers' institutes and all county and district fairs held in Oregon this year, according to cooperative plans agreed upon

by Herbert C. Hoover and President W. J. Kerr, of the Oregon Agricultural college.

As a result of a conference between residents of Aurora, Hubbard and Woodburn, H. Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, and officials of the Southern Pacific railroad, the location of the 10 miles of pavement to be laid along the Pacific highway in Clackamas and Marion counties may be changed to points on the highway in the same counties where rock is available.

Edna Gregory, wife of Carl Gregory, an employe of one of the sheep companies at Pendleton, was arrested on the charge of sending poisoned candy through the mails. The candy, a small box, was received by Mrs. May Clark, of Pendleton, February 9, by special delivery.

Declaring the selective draft is working a great hardship on the wool-growing industry, by taking away expert herders, a number of prominent eastern Oregon sheepmen telegraphed to Senator Chamberlain to use his influence to secure exemption for benefide herders.

Car shortage and stringency in the labor market are so hindering contractors on state highway work that the state highway commission ordered State Highway Engineer Nunn to make a reduction in his forces to correspond to the slackened pace in highway construction.

The United States war department, through the military attache of the British embassy in Washington, has asked for the release of Lieutenant Colonel Leader, of the British army, from service in England, that he may become military instructor in the University of Oregon.

The public service commission has ordered a number of safeguards installed at the road crossing of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company tracks at Hogan, near Portland, where an accident occurred June 25 causing the death of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lindsey and Miss Helen Metzger.

H. P. Barsa, head of the plant pathology department at the Oregon Agricultural college, has been appointed chief collaborator of the national plant disease survey for Oregon. He is asking for volunteers to assist in gathering and reporting information on plant diseases in every part of the state.

Secretary Lea has made final announcement of the following livestock judges for the Oregon state fair this year: C. A. Saunders, Manila, Ia.; Thomas W. Brunk, Eola, Or.; Carlos W. Hall, Denver, Latimer, Wilson, Creston, Ia.; Harry Wilson, Downers Grove, Ill. and T. B. Johnson, of La Grande.

By a deed filed for record at Astoria the Dubois Lumber company sells, to the Oregon American Lumber company large tracts of timber land in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties. The consideration was \$3,500,000. This deed is the consummation of the purchase of vast timber holdings in this section by the Eccles interests of Salt Lake.

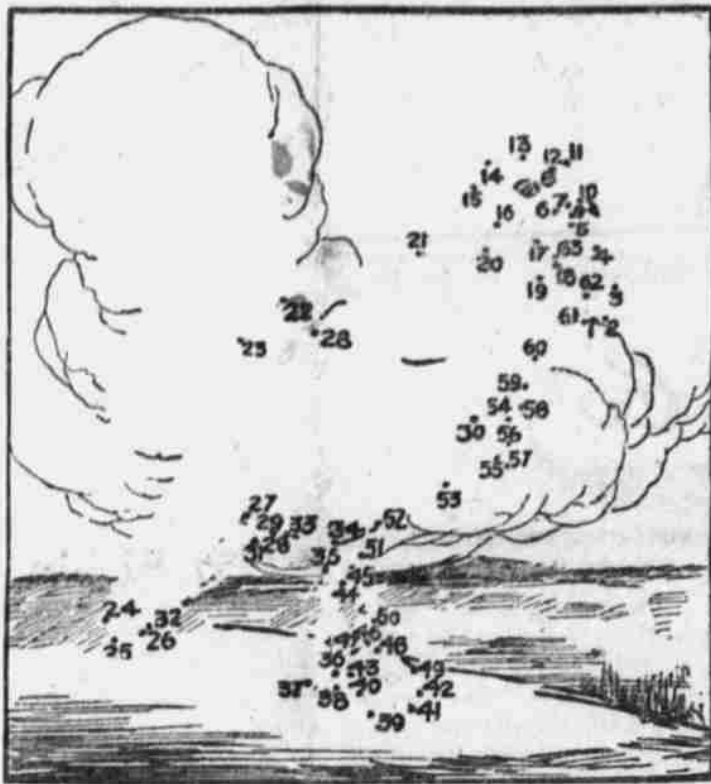
All old officers and employes of the industrial accident commission, with the exception of the commissioners themselves, are to receive increases in salaries, beginning August 1, by an order just issued by the commission. The order affects 36 employes, and amounts to approximately \$400 a month in additional pay.

The last legislature appropriated \$10,563.58 toward handling the flax industry of the state with the express provision attached that the same is to be returned from the receipts for sales of flax during 1917-18. Present indications make it appear that it will be impossible to meet this legislative provision. Apparently there will be a failure of the flax crop, owing to bad weather conditions.

All records for industrial accidents in one week were broken by reports to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending August 23. The number of accidents reached 455, of which six were fatal. The fatal accidents were: A. J. Ribbes, Shedd, construction; Roby Floyd Shull, Myrtle Point, logging; James McCanna, Klamath Falls, logging; Henry Nicmi, Astoria, light and power; G. A. Hardy, Freewater, threshing; James McCoy, Portland, construction.

Habeas Corpus is Denied to I. W. W. Spokane.—A petition for writ of habeas corpus in behalf of James Rowan, district secretary of the I. W. W., and 17 others arrested with him by Major Clement Wilkins, in command of Idaho guardsmen, was denied in superior court.

Fill In Picture Puzzle No. 17



WELL, children, you drew a stork in your last picture. This bird is rapidly dying out, not because of persecution by man, but because swamps, where storks get their food, are being done away with all over the world. Snakes and reptiles which thrive in swamps make food for the stork. Get busy again with your soft pencil. Start at No. 1 and you'll have a bird that makes a great feast. It is the name of a country that is at war now.

DECISION ON EXTENT OF WAR TAX NEAR MEN WITH ACTUAL DEPENDENTS EXEMPT

Washington.—This week's program of congress promises to be one of the most important of the war session. A decision by the senate on how far wealth shall be conscripted in the war tax bill, passage by the house of the \$11,538,000,000 new war credit bill and the soldiers' and sailors' insurance measure and the launching of a new deficiency appropriation bill aggregating between \$4,500,000,000 and \$5,000,000,000 are among the things to be done.

After a month virtually in recess under a "gentlemen's agreement" to transact no business, the house reconvened Tuesday prepared to remain at work until recess or adjournment of the session. Most of the leaders now think that hardly will be before October 1 or 15.

To meet the radical movement for greater taxation of war profits, the senate finance committee agreed to amendments carrying war profits taxes of more than 23 per cent in place of present provisions for 26 per cent. The amendments would increase the war profits tax yield from \$562,000,000 to \$1,060,000,000, in addition to the taxes under the present law, and yield a third of the bill's total taxes.

U. S. HAS FAITH IN RUSSIA

In Face of Disquieting Rumors a New Credit is Extended.

Washington.—In the face of persistent disquieting rumors from Russia, and following Secretary Lansing's declaration that the United States is not worried over the Russian situation, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo announced a new credit to Russia of \$100,000,000. This brings the total Russian credit up to \$275,000,000. The new Russian credit announced brings the total advanced to the allies up to \$2,066,400,000. This is more than the sum of the first Liberty loan.

Minnesota Pacifist Meeting Prohibited

St. Paul, Minn.—Governor Burnquist has issued a proclamation prohibiting the People's Council of America from holding its proposed meeting in Minneapolis or elsewhere in Minnesota. In his proclamation, the governor said the meeting could only aid and abet the enemies of the United States.

Wilson Pledges Support to Russia.

Washington.—President Wilson sent to the members of the national council assembly at Moscow assurances that this government is willing to extend "every material and moral assistance" to the government of Russia.

Speculating in Wheat Futures Ends.

Chicago.—Trading in wheat futures on grain exchanges ceased Saturday until after the war.

See Sarah Bernhardt at Athens.

Washington.—Married men with actually dependent wives and children will not be drafted into the new national army, Provost Marshal General Crowder ruled.

Acting upon suggestions of President Wilson for ameliorating the lot of certain families, Crowder held that a man ought to be exempted in case his wife and children were really dependent on his labor; in other words, that boards ought not to force a wife to go to work for herself and children where the soldier's pay, or his pay plus relatives' contributions did not suffice to meet the family needs.

President Wilson wrote that such hardships should be avoided as far as possible. Crowder concurred, but reiterated that there ought not to be exemption in cases, for instance, where the wife is wealthy, or where her relatives are willing to take over the task of supporting her.

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

The German general staff reports that the British lost 21 tanks during futile fighting last week.

Troops under Prince Leopold of Bavaria, advancing on the Russian city of Riga, have reached the River An at some places on the Gulf of Riga coast, the German general staff announced.

The British, French, Italians and Russians have captured 167,780 war prisoners since April 9, when the 1917 campaign opened, according to a statement issued by the British war department.

Canadian troops are still advancing against Lens. West and south of the coal city the fighting was one continuous battle of assaults by the Canadians and immediate counter attacks by the enemy.

The Italian troops on the Isonzo front are marching to complete victory. The Italian second army, General Cadorna reports, has broken through the Austro-Hungarian line of defense at several points and is closely pursuing the Austro-Hungarians, who are retiring and defending the difficult ground yard by yard.

In Roumania the Russo-Roumanian forces still are holding their own against the invaders, having retaken height positions northwest of Soveia which the Germans captured last week. On the Fokshani sector, Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces seemingly have been unable to make further advances, owing to the stiffening in the line of the defenders.

Hill 204, the last remaining important stronghold of the Germans fronting Verdun, fell into French hands. Hill 304, together with Le Mort Homme, commands all the ravines and approaches as far as Douaumont. The loss of these positions deprives the Germans of all observatories from which they could watch the French movements.

BEET SUGAR PRICE FIXED

Saving of \$30,000,000 to Be Made in Six Months.

Washington.—An agreement by the country's beet sugar producers to limit the prices of their product so as to effect a reduction of about one-half cent a pound in the present prices of sugar was announced by the food administration, with a notice to the public that this should mean a saving of \$30,000,000 between now and the first of the next year.

It was announced that wholesale grocers had agreed to limit distribution charges to prevent exorbitant charges.

In the near future the administration will state the price at which wholesale sugar should be delivered at large consuming centers. The beet sugar price fixed is the equivalent of \$7.25, cane sugar basis, f. o. b. seaport refining ports.

Order Bibles for Soldiers.

New York.—An order for 1,000,000 khaki pocket testaments for American soldiers and sailors has been placed by the national war work council of the Y. M. C. A. with the American Bible society.

Bees Sell For \$16.30 in Chicago.

Chicago.—Choice bees sold at the Union stockyards at \$16.30, a new high-price record for cattle on the hoof.

THE MARKETS

Portland.
Wheat—Club \$2.05; bluestem \$2.10; red Russian, \$2.05; forty-fold, \$2.05.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$48 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$26 per ton; alfalfa, \$25.
Butter—Creamery, 40c.
Eggs—Ranch, 36c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 60c; valley, 60c.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem \$2.16; turkey red, \$2.16; forty-fold, \$2.13; club, \$2.12; five, \$2.12; red Russian, \$2.11.
Barley—\$47 per ton.
Butter—44c.
Eggs—Ranch, 48c.

Finns Fight Russians.

London.—Serious rioting at Bjornborg, Finland, is reported in a private telegram from Haparanda to Copenhagen, forwarded by the Central News to London. It is said fighting between Finns and soldiers of the Russian garrison lasted for several hours and that a number of persons were killed or wounded.

American Destroyer Saves Vessel.

A Gulf Port.—The destruction of a German submarine by an American destroyer and the killing of four members of the submarine's crew who had boarded a British steamer, is reported by William Raymond Brown, an American seaman, who arrived here aboard a British steamer.

Live as in Stone Age.

An Indian tribe in Bolivia shuns the whites and lives as in the stone age, making tools and weapons of stone, bone and wood.

Whether fishing for salmon is the act of catching the fish only or includes also the act of landing the fish is a question put up to Attorney-General Brown by State Game Warden Shoemaker, and the attorney-general holds that it includes the act of landing the fish as well as taking it in the net. Under a law of the last legislature fishing for salmon with a purse net is prescribed inside of a certain dead line near Astoria. Purse seiners caught fish up to the deadline, closed the purse and dragged their fish in the net across the prescribed waters, where they were landed.

Seven women nominated by the Oregon Agricultural college for county agent work in connection with the food conservation campaign in Oregon have been appointed by the United States department of agriculture and are to report at once for duty in their respective districts, as follows: Miss Martha Bechen, of Hillsboro, Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties; Miss Clara May Murphy, of Portland, Umatilla, Union and Baker counties; Miss Anne McCormick, of Lebanon, Josephine and Jackson counties; Miss Ruth Corbett, of Corvallis, Douglas and Lane counties; Miss Bertha Edwards, of Monroe, Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties; Miss Lorene Parker, of Salem, Marion and Clackamas counties; Miss Nell Sykes, of Salem; Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties.

GERMAN ASSAULTS AT VERDUN REPULSED

Crown Prince Fails to Beat Petain Back in Fierce Counter Attacks.

Paris.—General Petain is holding all his gains of the great Verdun offensive in the face of formidable counter attacks which the crown prince is now launching. The French commander reports the repulse of strong assaults on newly won positions in this sector.

France has taken 7600 prisoners, 201 of them German officers, in the Verdun drive. The sixth German division of reserves, formerly ranked as one of the strongest enemy units, was literally wiped out. After the first French assaults the division was reduced to three regiments (approximately 3750 men) and of these the French took 2794 men and 60 officers prisoners. Even the regimental band was taken. The musicians had been forced into the front trenches for fighting.

The large number of officers captured by the French is striking proof of a decreasing German morale. In the French assault on Verdun, December 15, only 208 officers were taken out of a total of 11,000 prisoners.

With a checking up of prisoners and German casualties, it developed that of one German regiment the French captured 860 soldiers and 28 officers.

DESPERATE SITUATION OF RUSSIA REVEALED

Moscow.—Russia is passing through a period of mortal danger, Premier Kerensky told the national conference which opened in Moscow to consider the present situation of the country and plans for a new national government.

The premier declared that any attempt to take advantage of the conference for an attack on the national power, as embodied in the provisional government, would be repressed pitilessly "by blood and iron."

General Korniloff, the commander in chief, entered the hall in company with Premier Kerensky. His appearance was the signal for prolonged cheers.

In the present month, General Korniloff said, soldiers had killed four regimental commanders and other officers, and ceased these outrages only when they were threatened with being shot.

"Thus we are implacably fighting anarchy in the army," declared the commander. "Undoubtedly it will finally be repressed, but the danger of fresh debacles is weighing constantly on the country."

"The situation on the front is bad. We have lost the whole of Galicia, the whole of Bukovina and all the fruits of our recent victories. At several points the enemy has crossed our frontier and is threatening our fertile southern provinces. He is endeavoring to destroy the Roumanian army and is knocking at the gates of Riga. If our army does not hold the shore of the Gulf of Riga, the road to Petrograd will be opened wide.

"If Russia wishes to be saved the army must be regenerated at any cost."

ITALIANS FORCES ADVANCE

Series of Victories Have Pushed Austrians Back Along a Wide Front.

London.—Italy's fighting legions have within one week scored a series of victories that have sent the Hapsburg foe reeling back along the whole front from Piava to the Adriatic. As a triumphant climax to the first phase of their drive, they captured the 2245 feet high Monte Santo, the "Deadman's Hill" of the Gorizia front, seven miles north of the city.

The capture of Monte Santo indicates that the Austro-Hungarian center has been pierced and that the Teutons' lines to the north and south of that sector are in grave danger.

Ex-Governor West Declines Office.

Portland, Ore.—Ex-Governor Oswald West will not be a member of the interstate commerce commission. The position was offered to Mr. West by President Wilson a few weeks ago, but was declined on account of his health.

Social dance tomorrow evening at Weston opera house.