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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The Mosier Fruitgrowers' association has shipped to date about 40,000 boxes of fruit.

Rains of last week caused a series of heavy slides on the Tillamook line of the Southern Pacific.

The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association will be held in Portland December 27-29.

Organization of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen is meeting with much success in Coos county.

Out of the lump sum appropriated by congress for vocational education, \$15,000 has been allotted to Oregon.

More than 2000 men who volunteered for the army, navy and marine corps enlisted in Portland last week.

Benton county has a war industry that is doing quite a business, a tent peg mill, situated west of Philomath.

Because of the many enlistments at Merrill ranchers are alarmed as to how to handle their crops in the future.

The Linn county court has bought another tractor to be used in hauling gravel to the various parts of the county.

A record price of \$63 for ten boxes of extra fancy Hood River apples was received at an auction sale in New York City recently.

E. E. Ross, of Santa Clara, was awarded first prize for the best bushel of corn exhibited at the western Oregon corn show at Eugene.

A "Simpson for Governor League," was formed by North Bend and Marshfield leaders to inaugurate a boom for L. J. Simpson, for governor.

Ninety cents a pound for seed corn was paid at the auction sale held in connection with the western Oregon corn show, held in Eugene last week.

Lists compiled by the university administration offices show that nearly 525 University of Oregon men are now enlisted in some branch of military service.

Coming in contact with a high tension wire in some unknown manner while working with some plumbing, Frank Day, of La Grande, was instantly killed.

A contract for the erection of a \$100,000 milk condensing plant in Bandon has been let by the Gieblisch & Joplin Condensed Milk company, of Portland.

E. G. Walte was killed and Roy Loomis, a brakeman, was injured, near Canby, when a work train and a gasoline speeder collided on the Southern Pacific tracks.

L. L. Steiwer, of the banking firm of Steiwer & Carpenter, has offered to provide funds to purchase 100 pigs for Wheeler county boys and girls who will enter the state pig club.

Secretary Baker has written Senator Chamberlain that the war department cannot accept the Oregon building at the San Francisco exposition grounds, as it is not suitable for military use.

A contract has been let for the construction of a pipe line across the Ochoco valley a short distance east of Prineville by the Ochoco irrigation district. The length is about 2580 feet.

North Bend was en fete Saturday on the occasion of the launching of the first wooden vessel built under direct contract from the emergency fleet corporation at the Kruse-Banks shipyard.

Lloyd Riches, manager of the weekly Oregonian at Portland, has been appointed secretary of the Oregon State Editorial association to fill the unexpired term of Philip S. Bates, who has resigned.

George Guadick, pioneer resident of Grant county, was found dead near Prairie City. He was hauling freight to Canyon City and it is presumed he sustained the fatal injuries when his wagon overturned.

The shipping board has created a new shipbuilding district at Portland, and named Lloyd J. Wentworth, of Portland, to take charge of it. Portland has been part of the northwest district, with headquarters at Seattle.

Exclusive of Lake county the cost of maintaining the public schools of the state for the year closing in June of this year totaled \$7,874,783.11, according to figures prepared by State Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill.

Thirty-four university of Oregon students, among them several prominent in athletics and other student body activities, have withdrawn from classes during the past two weeks

to enlist in one branch or another of the army and navy.

Seven conventions, three conferences and four schools form part of the program for the coming Farmers' and Home Makers' week, to be held at Corvallis December 31 to January 5. Conventions will be held at that time by the Oregon State Dairy association, Oregon Holstein Cattle club, Oregon Jersey Cattle club, Oregon Guernsey Cattle club, Nut Growers' association, Vegetable Growers' association and the fruit products men.

Approximately six tons of automobile tags went out from Secretary of State Olcott's office in the mail last week. The shipment included 11,038 auto tags, 175 motorcycle tags, 266 chauffeur tags and 119 dealers' tags. The postage on the shipment was \$1.25. The work of determining physical valuations of all steam railroads in the state of Oregon has been completed and the force of engineers of the interstate commerce commission which has been making its headquarters in Eugene will be transferred to the south for the winter.

Out of 439 accidents reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending December 13, four were fatal. The fatalities were L. H. Fletcher, Linnton; C. J. DeFore, Wauna; and Sam Payne, Westport, all sawmill employees, and Robert Foster, Portland, engaged on construction work.

The possible modification of existing federal standards for wheat and shelled corn, for the purpose of rectifying any injustice that may exist in the present system of grading, was discussed at a conference at Portland of Oregon producers, warehousemen and millers with federal representatives.

The chief army engineer, on request of Senators Chamberlain and McNary, has suspended an order of the district officer for the removal of temporary piers of the new bridge at Salem. The Salem Commercial club protested the removal, saying that such removal would stop work on the bridge until spring.

Lumbermen in the Clatsop county, which have previously been confined to a large extent to eight or nine months of the year, will probably be a year-round industry from this time on, as winter logging work will be undertaken on a scale that will utilize all the laborers when the mills have closed.

Work under way or contemplated by the state highway commission on the Columbia and Pacific highways will cost \$2,368,386.21, according to a statement completed by G. Ed. Ross, auditor of the commission. This will cover a mileage of 153.2 miles, and will open up to heavy truck travel 786 miles of road in the state.

At a meeting of the interstate bridge commission the final report of the engineers on the construction of the Vancouver bridge was approved. According to the final and complete estimate of John Lyle Harrington and Ernest E. Howard, consulting engineers, the total cost of the bridge, including all approaches, was \$1,683,558. The estimated cost was \$1,750,000.

After carefully weighing all features entering into the offer from Kansas Agricultural college and his present position as head of the Oregon Agricultural college, Dr. W. J. Kerr announced that he will remain here and devote his undivided attention to a continuation of the development of this state. Dr. Kerr's salary has been advanced from \$7000 to \$8400 a year.

Bulk grain handling will be one of the big issues of the second annual northwest grain convention to be held in Corvallis January 3-5. According to George H. Hyalop, of the Oregon Agricultural college farm crops department, the shipment of grain in bulk is the only possible solution for northwestern grain farmers and they should begin at once to get equipment for next year's crop.

Governor Withycombe, in response to a request from Adjutant-General McCain, has issued an appeal to county officials not to destroy alcoholic liquors which are seized in compliance with law, inasmuch as pure alcohol may be redistilled from these spirits and utilized by the war department. The governor asks that the confiscated liquors, wherever safe and feasible, be turned over to the federal authorities for the uses mentioned.

It is evident from the annual report of the commissioner of the general land office that the sale of the timber on the Oregon & California land grant is to be held back, awaiting action by congress on a bill introduced last session, permitting the consolidation of private holdings within the grant limits, and the exchange of private lands for government lands in certain areas, in order that the timber may be advantageously logged when sold.



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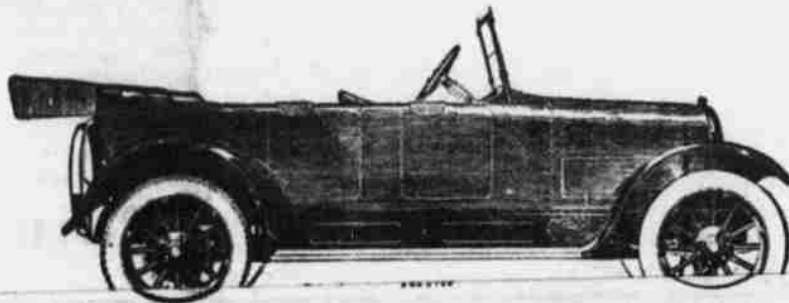
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Improvement of highways and rapid development of water transportation should go hand in hand, and should not be slackened because of the war, was the keynote of the meeting of the Northwestern Society of Highway Engineers, held in Salem.

Charges laid before Representative Sinnott by the master of Ignace Grange, of Ajax, allege that improper influence has been brought to bear on the Indian bureau to secure the segregation of a tract of land in Gilliam county for the Klickitat and other Indians.

An order practically prohibiting veneer mills and companies from using high grade spruce was issued by Colonel Bruce P. Disque, commanding the spruce production division, signal corps, U. S. A. The use of balsam as a substitute for spruce was suggested.

The first sale of timber by the United States land office from the land embraced in the Oregon & California railroad grant was made at Roseburg when the transfer of the timber from a 320 acre tract took place, the consideration being \$12,000.

## U. S. TO HELP FARMERS

Bill Authorizing Purchase of Farm Loan Bonds Favored.

Washington.—The secretary of the treasury is authorized to purchase not exceeding \$100,000,000 of farm loan bonds each year for two years upon recommendation of the farm loan board, in a bill favorably reported by the house banking and currency committee.

Requests for the legislation came from the farm loan board, which plans to resume within a few weeks the sale of bonds, stopped December 1, when a selling agreement with private bond dealers expired. Authorization of purchase by the treasury is sought in order to stabilize the interest on the bonds and to enable bankers to have time to float them instead of throwing them on the market under emergency conditions with high interest rates.

The bill as reported limits the interest on the bonds that the treasury may purchase to 5 per cent.

Frank Gotch, Noted Wrestler, Dead. Des Moines, Ia.—Frank A. Gotch, retired champion heavyweight wrestler of the world, died at his home, Humboldt, Ia., of uraemic poisoning. He had been in failing health for two years.

## NAVY DEPARTMENT TO BE INVESTIGATED

Congress to Probe Expenditures and Policies in Conduct of War.

Washington.—Congress has extended its investigation of the administration's war preparations to the navy. While the senate military committee continued its army hearing the house naval committee unanimously decided to begin immediately a general inquiry into naval affairs.

It was officially announced that the purpose of the naval investigation would be to scrutinize past and future expenditures and policies and insure greater co-ordination between congress and the executive departments in the conduct of the war.

Congress is determined to smoke out incompetence, greed or any other fault which might seriously interfere with speedily putting this country's war aims across and ending the war.

"Congress is not trying to 'get' anybody," said one senator. "Some individual congressmen doubtless would like to unseat some individual members of the government. But congress as a whole has but one idea in investigating the government—to learn how things are going and, if they are going badly, correct by whatever means is necessary."

An investigation of the shipping board is also planned by the house committee. The "inside" of the Deamman-Gothals row and of Admiral Capps' retirement will be aired. Chairman Hurley will be called on to show how much speed is being made to launch 8,000,000 tons of shipping in 1918. Details of contracts with the country's leading steel magnates will be sought. And the old wooden-steel ship controversy may be opened.

Teutons Swoop on Convoy, Sinking 11. London.—One British and five neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North sea by German naval forces. The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway, Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, announced. The total tonnage of the lost merchantmen was \$900.

## BRIEF WAR NEWS

The strength of the Austro-German invaders in Italy is placed by official dispatches from Rome at 60 divisions.

Further extension of the British lines beyond Jerusalem was reported in the official statement from General Allenby.

Generals Kaledines and Pototsky and staffs have been arrested by Bolshevik forces, it was officially announced in Petrograd.

The Germans already have begun to obtain fats and other sorely needed supplies from Russia, according to information from Petrograd.

The agreement for an armistice between the Bolshevik government in Russia and the Teutonic allies has been signed. It will run from Monday until January 14 and then will continue in force automatically unless seven days' notice of its discontinuance is given. Upon the signing of an armistice peace negotiations are to begin.

Notwithstanding the terrible losses they have sustained, the German and Austro-Hungarian armies in the mountainous region of northern Italy continue their efforts to break the Italian line and open a passageway to the plains below.

East of the Brenta the Teutons have been able, by throwing huge volumes of men into the fray and seemingly disregarding the enormous casualties that are being inflicted on him, to advance on Caprille hill, dominating point at the head of the San Lorenzo valley, which leads to the Venetian plains. Here, however, he has been forced to stop under the terrific defense of the Italians.

17 Americans Missing in France.

Washington.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States army engineer corps were reported missing in action by General Pershing in a dispatch to the war department. They were missing November 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans.

Swiss Ready to Fight.

Washington.—In thanking the United States for the declaration to strictly observe the neutrality of Switzerland, the Swiss confederation, in a communication made public by the state department, declares it will maintain its neutrality by its own forces and will repel a violation of its frontiers.

## RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BEGUN

Agree Not to Transfer Troops  
From Eastern Front Until  
January 14.

London.—When the armistice between the Russian government and the central powers went into effect on the eastern front Monday the emissaries of the several countries began negotiations looking toward peace between Russia and her former enemies.

The armistice between Russia and the central powers is to continue for 28 days and for an indefinite period afterward unless a seven days' notice is given. Both sides agreed not to carry on military transfers on the eastern theater except those begun when the treaty was signed.

Terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued in Petrograd, obligate no transference of troops until January 14 (January 1, Russian), no increase of troops on the fronts or on the islands in the Moon sound or a regrouping of forces.

London newspapers forecast that the allies will give recognition of the Bolshevik "in order to prevent Russia from passing under the political and economic heel of Germany." Great Britain is said to have decided to release Tchitcherin, a Russian political prisoner, and the Bolsheviks are now permitting British subjects to leave Russia.

To the Russian delegates at the Paris conference is said to belong the credit for the tempering of the allied attitude toward the Bolsheviks.

Petrograd.—The German and Austrian foreign ministers, Dr. von Kuehlmann and Count Czernin, have notified Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik leader, for a general European peace.

## TEUTON INVASION OF ITALY COSTLY

With the Italian Armies.—The Austro-German drive in Italy has cost the combined Teuton forces a loss of 150,000 men, it is estimated at the Italian headquarters.

General Hoetzendorf, the Austrian commander, and General von Buelow, the leader, are making a desperate effort to pass over the Alps in their drive on the Italians before severe winter weather hampers their movements.

The enemy has brought a large number of his heaviest guns to the Piave and northern fronts and the bombardment has taken on increased range and violence. Some of the shells have reached Mancino, eight miles back of the Piave and a few miles from the city of Treviso. Four hundred of these monster projectiles were concentrated on one point.

After a heavy sacrifice of men and five days of continuous fighting, the enemy has succeeded in making another slight advance, bringing his position up to Caprille hill, just east of the Brenta river.

This represents an advance of about three-quarters of a mile, its chief importance being that Caprille is one of the dominating heights at the head of San Lorenzo valley.

## NAVIES OF ALLIES TO JOIN

Council of All Sea Forces Approved in Washington.

Washington.—Co-ordination of the naval resources of the governments at war with the central powers decided upon at the inter-allied conference at Paris, was viewed here as one of the first important moves towards a general consolidation of allied military strength.

The decision of the conference to establish a naval council which will supervise in an advisory capacity the naval operations of the allied fleets was announced to Secretary Daniels in a cablegram received from Admiral Benson, ranking American naval representative at the conference. As the meetings will be held in Europe flag officers will represent both the United States and Japan.

Kaiser's Message May Offer Peace. Geneva.—Kaiser Wilhelm's Christmas message to the German people will contain his "final" peace offer, according to an unofficial report received here from Berlin.