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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The teaching of German will be stopped at once in all of the schools of Linn county.

John Stevens, a pioneer farmer of Josephine county, was killed by the accidental discharge of a rifle.

Over 100 delegates from many parts of western Oregon attended the convention of the Oregon State Sunday school at Salem.

Machinery is now being installed by the Black Butte quicksilver mines near Cottage Grove that will double the output of the property.

One of the duties of the Oregon military police will be the enforcement of the Oregon prohibition laws. Governor Withycombe has announced.

After lying at death's door for over 12 weeks, Earl Withycombe, son of Governor Withycombe, is expected to recover. He is in Washington, D. C.

District attorneys of western Oregon held a conference at Salem relative to ways and means of suppressing violation of the Oregon prohibition law.

Representative Sinnott, of Oregon, was appointed a member of the special house waterways committee to succeed Irvine L. Lenroot, elected to the senate.

A big slide in the tunnel of the Columbia & Nehalem River railroad has practically suspended operations in the nine logging camps of the Nehalem valley for an indefinite time.

A large delegation of county farm agents of eastern Oregon, members of county agricultural councils and Oregon Agricultural college faculty members attended a conference at Baker.

By way of keeping a more watchful eye on dealers in foodstuffs, the state food administration has appointed 45 new price reporters in about a score of different cities and towns of Oregon.

Members of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon held their annual meeting at Ontario. About 400 persons attended the convention. Bend was selected to entertain the next convention.

D. M. Cooper, resident of Linn county for the past 56 years, died at his home three miles north of Albany, aged 78 years. He crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862 and had lived near Albany ever since.

Lane county, with 28 companies of home guard organized and in process of organization, claims the distinction of leading the state in the training of civilians to meet any emergency which might develop in connection with the war.

Portland leads the world in per capita contributions for the Armenian and Syrian relief fund. The news in this statement was received from New York by J. J. Handsaker, state secretary of the Armenian and Syrian relief committee.

Two deaths were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending April 25 out of a total of 498 accidents. The fatalities were: S. Makloski, Hoskins, logger, and H. Campbell, Oakland, construction worker.

By the "50-50" policy adopted by the state board of control for the use of cereals and cereal products at the state institutions during the coming six months, the consumption of wheat flour will be cut from 400 barrels a month to 200 barrels.

Acting upon authority of the state council of defense, J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of schools, has sent to all Oregon school teachers an insertion for the textbooks in geography to contradict teaching relative to the German empire.

Secretary of State Olcott has made the apportionment to the counties of \$3466.87, being 5 per cent of the receipts from the sales of public lands during the year ending June 30, 1917, as allotted, to the state of Oregon by the federal government.

Forty interested mohair and wool-growers met at Eddyville and organized the Eddyville mohair and wool pool. Forty proxies were also represented by those present. Organization resulted in the selection of five directors to manage the business of the association.

Action taken by the capital issues committee relative to irrigation bonds has changed the prospect for immediate irrigation development in Oregon in the last three months for the

reason that only a few of the smaller projects, under which much of the land already in irrigation and capable of increasing production at once, will secure the approval of their bond issues.

The hull of the wooden steamer Caponka was launched at Portland April 24, in 49 actual working days. This establishes a new world's record for wooden hull construction. The best previous time was 52 working days on the hull of the steamer Wakan. Builders of both vessels was the Grant Smith Porter Ship company.

The destroyed machine shops of the Sumpter Valley railroad at Baker, with a loss estimated at \$11,000. It is believed the fire was incendiary.

The war has opened a new and important industry for Benton and Lincoln counties. This industry consists of gathering and drying fox glove leaves, from which digitalis is extracted. There is a heavy demand for this product in the hospitals of Europe.

Jesse C. Applegate, sheriff of Washington county; John W. Bailey, vice president of the commercial club at Hillsboro, and Charles B. Buchanan, a prominent business man of Hillsboro, were sentenced to 10 days in the county jail and fined \$250 each for importing liquor into Oregon.

Large quantities of machinery, railroad material and supplies are arriving at Toledo and Yaquina daily. Camps are being established all along the line from South Beach to the Alsea bay. It has been definitely decided to build a logging railroad from Alsea bay to Kings slough, on Yaquina bay.

The reclamation service has awarded contracts for grazing 58,000 acres in Umatilla, Gilliam and Morrow counties, the leases to run for 10 years. The aggregate of contracts is about \$75,000. The largest contracts were awarded to H. L. Stanfield of Stanfield, 32,000 acres for approximately \$26,000, John F. Kenny, trustee, of Heppner, 12,000 acres for \$19,000.

That registered men called into military service may avail themselves of the expert counsel and guidance of the government's legal advisors, the state council of defense is sending to each quota called the names of those advisors. The state organization also performs an appreciated service in summarizing the duties the legal helpers were appointed to perform, and which may be asked of them by the registrants.

Junction City, Lane county, is determined to have fewer or cleaner tramps. Free baths have been installed in the city hall for transients who travel on freight trains and find the town a convenient stopping place. Bathing is not voluntary upon the part of the visitors. Citizens, who believe that in this time of national need of labor there is no excuse for idleness, have charge of the shower, and have so far effectively treated all cases.

The secretary of agriculture has advised Representative Hawley that the department, in co-operation with the state of Oregon, will push soil survey work in Washington county. Representative Hawley had been urging a soil survey in Josephine county, but the secretary has concluded that the Washington county work is the more important at present, as it has a more direct bearing on the development of agriculture in the state.

Although S. B. Huaton has announced his intention of withdrawing as a candidate for the republican nomination for United States senator for the long term, it is possible his name may have to remain on the primary ballot. In an opinion of Attorney-General Crawford, given in April, 1912, he held that a candidate could not withdraw his name after he had filed his nominating petition and after some official act had been taken thereon.

Withdrawals of public lands suitable for water power development, aggregating several thousand acres, have been made by the government from the Oregon California railroad grant acreage, according to information received at the office of State Engineer Lewis, and it is stated that the withdrawals are made as a result of investigations by the federal authorities. About 100 townships are affected by the order along the Nehalem, Umpqua, Singlaw, Siletz, Rogue and Smith rivers and their tributaries.

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CLARK WOOD, Publisher.

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## BRIEF NEWS OF THE WAR GERMANS HELD UP ON FLANDERS LINE

In Flanders the Franco-British forces not only continue to block the thrust toward Amiens, but are improving their positions by counter attacks.

In Palestine, Arab forces, cooperating with General Allenby, seized 53 miles of the important Hedjaz railway at a point south of Mann, on the edge of the Arabian desert.

Thrilling land battles between fleets of French and British tanks on one side and those of the Germans on the other were recorded for the first time in history in the fierce struggles before Amiens.

For the Americans, the battle of Solchepey was everybody's fight—cooks, stretcher-bearers, signal men and chaplains joining in a heroic battle, new details of which are revealed in the hospitals back of the lines.

Von Hindenburg continued his ceaseless slaughter of German manpower the past week by developing a double offensive toward Amiens and Ypres. No success of tactical importance resulted from the Amiens operations, but the capture of Mont Kemmel, in the northern area of operations, has emphasized the German threat against Ypres.

The loss of Mont Kemmel has evidently failed to disorganize in any way the allied resistance in the Ypres region. The line, in fact, seems to have stiffened. Loere, west of Mont Kemmel, and Voormezele, two miles south of Ypres, were the chief-points under attack by the Germans in their vain effort to develop their success.

The successful allied defense was one of the bloodiest yet experienced by the enemy, as attack after attack was smashed by artillery and infantry fire. The Germans suffered heavily when their concentration of troops were caught and shattered by gunfire. Their waves were mowed down and the British wings and French center neither bent nor broke.

**New Missouri Senator Named.**

St. Louis.—Xenophon P. Wilfley, member of the St. Louis board of election commissioners and prominent democrat of Missouri, was tendered by Governor Gardner, and accepted, the seat in the United States senate vacated by the death of Senator W. J. Stone. Wilfley is the fourth man to be offered the senatorship by the governor. Ambassador to Russia Francis was first offered the place, but Secretary of State Lansing said that Francis was needed in Russia at this time, and he hoped he would not accept.

Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, next was tendered the appointment, but he declined. Chief Justice W. W. Graves, of the Missouri supreme court, also declined the appointment.

**Swiss Press Resents German Attitude**

Washington.—Germany's attitude toward the small European neutral nations, particularly Holland and Switzerland, has caused sharp protests from the Swiss press, according to an official dispatch from France.

The lure of high wages and the eight-hour day in the shipyards and sawmills is causing a large number of farmers and homesteaders throughout the Coos Bay country to leave their land and seek employment in these branches of industry. It is reported in some sections where the production of the farms is limited and not sufficient to justify the hiring of high-priced farm labor, or where the homesteader has found it difficult to eke out a bare existence from the raw land, that from 50 to 60 per cent of the farmers and homesteaders have disposed of their livestock, nailed up the buildings and left to seek work in the shipyards and sawmills.

Oregon has 500 carloads of surplus potatoes, say \$250,000 worth at retail, which will spoil by summer if not eaten. Our soldiers and the Allies on the blood-drenched fields of France must have 75,000,000 to 80,000,000 bushels of wheat between now and harvest or quit fighting. Potatoes are cheap. We must eat them and send the wheat to the front. We are actually not eating as many potatoes this year as last, when potato prices were sky high. To use this Oregon surplus every person in Oregon over ten years of age should eat about half a bushel of potatoes more in the next three months than he usually eats. There are 270 meals in three months, and this means we should add an average of nearly two ounces of potatoes to every one of our meals each day until July.

Further north, where the Germans gained Kemmel hill by the employment of nine divisions, the allied commander-in-chief regarded it as unnecessary to make the sacrifice which would have been entailed in regaining the lost territory, since it is not essential to maintenance of the allied positions. In this way the allied reserves are spared intact for future use. There is confidence among the allies in the ability to hold the Germans wherever they choose to make a stand.

**REICHSTAG IS DISSATISFIED**

**Erroneous Reports on Zebrugge Events Are Assailed.**

Amsterdam.—A carefully censored report of the discussion at a session of the main committee of the Reichstag in Berlin does not conceal the fact that there were lively expressions of dissatisfaction with the military administration. Herr Schoffemann, the Socialist leader, complained that information given the committee regarding the events at Zebrugge were "at least erroneous." He also attacked the war press department for sagging the press and for preventing the criticism of "stupidities." He also reiterated to discontent in the Ukraine and the refusal of the military to allow representatives of the border people to place complaints before the German government.

**Ice Dealers Must Keep Down Prices.**

Spokane, Wash.—No undue increases in the price of ice will be permitted this summer, according to a telegram received by Charles Hebbard, state food administrator, from the national food administration and which he said he would forward to all county food administrators of Washington.

Full Address Asked on Troops' Mail.

— addressed to members of the American expeditionary force in France should have the word "American" written or spelled in full so that in the address the designation will read "American E. F." according to a request made by the postoffice authorities. The new order is deemed necessary in order to distinguish American mail from that addressed to the expeditionary forces of other countries.

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