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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

Temporary organization of a Salem branch of the Insurance Federation of Oregon has been effected.

Lane county growers are contracting to sell their hops on board cars at local stations for 20 cents per pound.

A detail of Oregon military police will be stationed in La Grande to help protect the rapidly ripening grain fields.

Construction of a cement drydock costing \$150,000 will be commenced in Portland January 1, next, by Joseph Supple.

A loss of \$60,000 is estimated as the result of a fire which destroyed a warehouse at Waconda, nine miles north of Salem.

For the month of July there passed through the Pendleton office of the federal employment service approximately 500 hands.

Statistics for July indicate increased industrial activity, good business conditions and an unusual period of prosperity in Portland.

Oregon again took the lead in ship launchings for July, 26 vessels having left the ways having a combined dead-weight capacity of 110,900 tons.

Edward Harris, of the department of agriculture, of New South Wales, is in Pendleton for the purpose of studying methods of bulking wheat.

In the last five years the amount of revenue collected by the internal revenue office in Portland has increased from \$1,000,000 to more than \$12,000,000.

The disappearance of Lew Barr, a merchant at the Modoc Lumber company's mill on upper Klamath lake, is causing some excitement in Klamath Falls.

A convention of delegates from all the locals of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen west of the Cascade mountains was held in Portland Monday.

Fruit canneries in the Brownville section are prepared to pay 5 cents a pound for evergreen blackberries this season and to take all the fruit they can get.

Six women lookouts are now employed in the Cascade national forest and they have been making good, according to Supervisor C. R. Selts of that forest.

Seventy-seven per cent of the 1918 class of selectives in Umatilla county are fitted for full military service, according to a statement by the county draft board.

Insurance clerks are not included in the work-or-fight order, according to an advice received by Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells from Provost Marshal Crowder.

A total of \$376,401.42 will be divided among the counties for the school children of the state, according to figures prepared by Superintendent Churchill. The per capita will be \$1.83.

The public service commission has issued an order denying the application of the American Railway Express company for a blanket increase of 10 per cent in its intra-state rates.

McMinnville college has just received a draft for \$50,000 in payment of the pledge of the educational board of the Northern Baptist convention made in the endowment campaign of two years ago.

The rainfall in the forest region around Waldport has been so great that it will require 30 days for the brush to dry, according to Supervisor R. S. Shelley, of the Siuslaw national forest.

Owing to too much automobile speeding and danger of accidents, and the damage to the gravel road, a motorcycle officer is to be appointed to police the road between Newberg and McMinnville.

Unless there is more rain in Oregon between now and August 15, the opening date for the hunting season, State Forester Elliott will be in favor of keeping the season closed until there is further rainfall.

The Pacific highway between Eugene and Junction City has been ordered closed for 30 days. This order was made to prevent interference with construction work at a point about six miles north of Eugene.

The railroad administration's order requiring soft fruit shippers to furnish bond guaranteeing payment of freight charges will not affect larger shippers materially, it is said, but may work hardship on smaller ones.

The salmon egg take at the upper Willamette, McKenzie and Santiam stations of the Oregon fish and game commission will be greater this year than ever before, according to Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden.

A disease or poison is killing hundreds of sheep in Grant county, according to word received at Baker. Growers going to Prairie to ship sheep found many dead in loading pens. The cause of their death has not yet been determined, but indications point to poison.

Wheat harvest is in full blast in Morrow county and farmers report very satisfactory yields and excellent quality. No serious complaints are heard about scarcity of labor, although every available man is at work.

Trout raising to increase the food supply of Oregon is being urged by State Biologist William L. Finley, who says that the propagation of this game fish is easier than raising chickens, and if put on a commercial basis, more profitable.

R. S. Shelley, supervisor of the Siuslaw national forest, has announced the employment of the first woman lookout in that forest. Miss Jennie Walker, a school teacher, has been assigned to a post on Dean's mountain, south of the Umpqua.

A carload of mohair containing more than 50,000 pounds and valued at \$28,000, was shipped from Albany by M. Bender & Co. It included the Lebanon and Scio pool and was one of the largest shipments of mohair ever made from that city.

According to statistics compiled, 24,703,326 feet of lumber and logs were shipped from the lower Columbia river district during the month of July. In the same period the up-river mills shipped 6,226,550 feet, making a grand total of 30,929,876 feet.

Oregon mohair growers will be affected by an order soon to be made fixing a price on their product. Under normal conditions mohair sells at a little less than wool, but since the price of wool was fixed the price of mohair has been booming.

A number of dairymen of Clackamas county met at Oregon City for the purpose of considering a method for cooperative buying of feed. The extreme shortage of hay and mill feed has made it advisable to form an association to look after the dairymen's interest.

The fifth annual reunion of the descendants of Eben Blachly and Alexander Seavey was held on the bid Seavey donation claim on the McKenzie river six miles from Eugene. About 50 persons, many of them descendants of these Lane county pioneers, were present.

Attorney General Brown has advised W. H. Bennett, superintendent of banks, that under the laws of Oregon state banks are not permitted to borrow money in excess of their paid-in capital and surplus, irrespective of the collateral which may be deposited as security.

As a result of an increase of 30 per cent in labor costs since April 1 of this year and the government's freight rate elevation of 25 per cent, Fuel Administrator Holmes has allowed wood dealers of Portland a straight increase of 50 cents a cord on slabwood, and an increase of \$1 a cord for cordwood.

If a person borrows money from the state rural credits fund, giving a mortgage on his farm property, that does not prevent such borrower from leasing or selling the place which is mortgaged to the state, according to an opinion given by the attorney general to the clerk of the state land board.

Receipts of the motor vehicle registration department of Secretary of State Olcott's office from January 1 to July 31 of this year total \$439,480.50, which is considered more than twice as much as was received during the entire year of 1917. The total receipts of the department for last year was \$196,787.50.

Out of a total of 595 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending August 1, three were fatal. The persons injured fatally were: Arthur Bennett, Corvallis, construction; Darius Bright, Salem, traveling on highway and struck by street car; Erwin McNully, Astoria, trespasser.

That the average yield per acre of fall wheat in the Willamette valley will be about 15 bushels is the estimate of an Albany grain dealer. This is said to be about 25 per cent under the normal yield but this year's aggregate fall wheat crop will be much above the average because of the large increase in the acreage.

Secretary Baker wants the American people to stop guessing about the number of American troops in France. That sort of guessing should be left exclusively to the German people.

DOCTOR RUMELY



Dr. Edward A. Rumely, publisher of the New York Evening Mail, arrested in connection with alleged German ownership of the paper.

MAJOR CLARK



Major Bennett Clark of the National Army, who is a son of Speaker Champ Clark of the house of representatives.

300,000 AMERICANS CROSS DURING JULY

Washington.—Major General Hunter Liggett, commanding the first American army corps, is in active charge of that corps on the center of the allied drive in the Aisne-Marne salient, General March, chief of staff, told newspaper correspondents at the semi-weekly conference at the war department.

The American divisions forming this corps are serving contiguously on this sector, the control of which is in the hands of Major General Liggett, as commander of the first major American unit to get into action in France.

General Pershing, as a result of recent transfers of American divisions which had been brigaded with the British, now has 1,000,000 men under his direct command, the chief of staff stated.

The number of American divisions actively engaged on this sector has been increased to eight, now including the 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th regulars and the 26th, 28th, 32d and 42d national guard. General March announced that it was the 42d division which met and defeated the Prussian guards during the present week.

Total embarkation of American troops during July broke all records, it was announced officially, more than 300,000 men having been shipped.

The grand total embarked to the end of July has passed the 1,300,000 mark. The previous high monthly record was for June when 276,000 men were sent overseas.

FRENCH TROOPS ADVANCE

German Attacks at Vesle Fail to Break Allies' Hold.

Paris.—The French troops have reached the west bank of the Aisne between Braches and Marisel, north of Montdidier, says the official statement from the war office.

North of the Vesle the Germans have been repulsed in efforts to dislodge French and American units which crossed from the south bank.

Much importance is attached to operations north between Braches and Marisel, north of Montdidier. These are pointed to as a direct menace to the junction point of the armies of General Von Hutier and Crown Prince Rupprecht.

The determined attacks which the Germans have been dealing against the allied advanced guards north of the Vesle have failed to disturb the temporary stabilization of the Vesle front. The allied command is retaining the initiative in these operations.

China Will Send Troops to Siberia. Peking, China.—The Chinese government appropriated \$100,000 to finance the sending of a Chinese regiment to Vladivostok.

Some of the fellows who enlisted in the army to fight Germans may be pretty much disappointed with digging ditches, peeling potatoes and picking up cigarette stubs. But when they are turned loose on the Germans they will be ready to fight.

HOSPITAL SHIP TORPEDOED

Many Sick and Wounded on Board Die in Trap.

London.—The torpedoing of the British ship Warilda was one of the most harrowing disasters in the history of submarine warfare. The number of dead is variously estimated from 105 to 130 and upward and includes several women nurses.

The ship carried 600 sick and wounded. Among them were seven Americans—two officers and five enlisted men—all of whom have been accounted for.

The torpedo struck the after part of the engine room, killing the third engineer and two other members of the engine room force. The dynamo was destroyed, plunging the vessel into darkness.

Just over the dynamo was the ward room, which contained more than 100 patients. Most of these were killed outright by the explosion, and the others, many of whom had been freshly injured by the torpedo, found themselves trapped.

Gen. March Wants 5,000,000 Soldiers.

Washington.—In urging enactment of the administration man power bill extending draft ages to from 18 to 45 years, General March told the senate military committee that the war department plans an army of 5,000,000 men to be raised as soon as possible.

Washington and Oregon Over the Top.

San Francisco.—According to an official statement by the twelfth federal reserve bank here Washington and Oregon were the only states in the twelfth federal reserve district to over-subscribe their allotments in United States certificates of indebtedness. Washington's over-subscription was \$2,840,500 and Oregon's \$1,816,500.

Pershing Honored by French.

Paris.—General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American expeditionary forces in France, was awarded the grand cross of the Legion of Honor by the French government.

THE MARKETS

Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$59 per ton. Barley—Standard feed, \$54 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$75; cracked, \$76. Hay—Timothy, \$34 per ton; alfalfa, \$27.

Butter—Creamery, 48c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 44c per dozen. Potatoes—New, \$3@3.25 per cwt. Poultry—Hens, 23@24c; broilers, 26@27c.

Seattle.

Butter—Creamery, 54c per lb. Eggs—Ranch, 52c per dozen. Poultry—Hens, heavy, dressed, 36c; light, 35c; broilers, 36c; roosters, dressed, 27c; ducks, live 30c, dressed 35c; geese, live, 27c, dressed 35c.

Submarine Sinks U. S. Light Ship

Washington.—The Diamond Shoals lightship off Cape Hatteras, N. C., was shelled and sunk by an enemy submarine, the navy department was informed. The crew has reached shore safely. The submarine came within a half mile of shore, according to the report which reached the navy department.

Idaho Mine Owners Ask For Troops.

Boise, Idaho.—A request for troops in the Coeur d'Alene mining district was made in a telegram to Governor Alexander from six of the biggest lead and zinc producing mines in the northern part of the state. All of the miners at the Morning and Gold Hunter mines have quit work and the strike threatens to spread to the other producing properties which furnish nearly 40 per cent of the lead output of the U. S.

July W. S. S. Sales Smash Records.

Washington.—Total July sales of war savings and thrift stamps was \$211,417,942.61, the largest on record, the treasury announced. This represents over \$2 per capita for the entire country.

Germany Admit Albert Retreat.

Berlin, via London.—The Germans on both sides of Albert have retreated from the western to the eastern bank of the Ancre river, according to the German official communication. The statement says the withdrawal was made without opposition.

If the height of shoes is to be limited what is going to be done about lengthening skirts, or will that naturally follow without official regulation? And if it does, will the extra cloth needed offset the shoe tops saved?

MEN 18 TO 45 ARE INCLUDED IN DRAFT

Increase of Manpower of U. S. Is Planned by War Department.

Washington.—Draft ages of from 18 to 45 years will be recommended to congress in the bill embodying the war department's new manpower programme.

Secretary Baker said all the possible combinations of age limits were carefully studied and it was found that in order to get the men into class 1 for the programme proposed 18 to 45 was necessary.

He said the bill, as recommended to congress, will contain a provision authorizing the president to call men out of class 1 by classes according to ages, so that if it is found possible the men between 18 and 19 will be called out later than the older men who are found eligible to class 1.

In recommending this extension of the age limits, Mr. Baker said, the department had it in mind simply to get the army the number of men which it believed necessary to defeat Germany.

The secretary was not prepared to say how many that would be, nor to give any estimate as to the proportion of males between the ages of 18 to 45 inclusive, which would be found eligible.

In making up the list and classes, the same rules would be followed that had governed in the first draft, with the same exceptions from the first call of married men with dependents and those engaged in essential industries. He said so far about 1,600,000 had been taken from class 1.

U. S. AND JAPAN TO ENTER SIBERIA

Washington.—Official statements by the American and Japanese governments, made public here, announce that the plans for extending military aid to Russia in Siberia will be undertaken by the United States and Japan alone, with the other allied co-belligerents assenting in principle.

The United States and Japan will each send "a few thousand men" to Vladivostok to act as a common force in occupying and safeguarding the city and protecting the rear of the westward moving Czechoslovak army.

The only present objects of the Japanese-American forces will be to give such aid and protection as is possible to the Czechoslovak forces against the armed body of German and Austrian prisoners of war and to steady any efforts at self-government and self-defense in which the Russians themselves may be willing to accept assistance.

Later the United States will send a commission of merchants, agricultural experts, labor advisors, Red Cross representatives and agents of the Y. M. C. A.

BIG FLOUR MILLS ARE SOLD

Max H. Houser Secures Control of Large Milling Companies.

Portland, Ore.—Financial control of the Portland Flouring Mills company, one of the largest and oldest milling companies on the coast, has passed from the Wilcox estate to Max H. Houser, vice president of the grain corporation, and several associates. It was announced by Mr. Houser. While the consideration was not announced, it is believed to have been close to \$10,000,000.

The deal involves complete control of the Portland Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Flouring Mills company, Puget Sound Warehouse company, Pacific Coast Elevator company and subsidiary corporations. The company owns and operates 11 mills in the northwest having an aggregate capacity of more than 11,000 barrels of flour daily. The principal mill is in Portland, having a capacity of 4000 barrels.

Wilson Urges Suffrage.

Washington.—Enactment of the Susan B. Anthony suffrage amendment to the federal constitution is characterized as a "great and new critical reform" in a letter written by President Wilson to David Baird, the new senator from New Jersey, asking the senator to vote for the amendment.

Waste nothing—not even time.