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

Multnomah county proposes to spend approximately \$500,000 on its roads in 1919.

The annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation congress will be held in Portland on January 9, 10 and 11.

The service of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has been discontinued at Brooks, Marion county.

Hilliard Bailey, son of Mayor Harry Bailey, and Lane Thornton, son of A. L. Thornton, of Lakeview, were drowned while fishing in Goose Lake.

A recent ruling of the War department prohibiting fraternities from holding social meetings and initiating or pledging new members, has been rescinded.

The fourth Oregon state officers' training camp, which was to have opened at the University of Oregon November 23, has been indefinitely postponed.

Regardless of the fact that 140 convicts at the state penitentiary at Salem were inoculated for the disease, 125 of them are suffering from the Spanish influenza.

According to the figures of the city budget Klamath Falls may have a drop of 3.3 mills in its tax rate. The adoption of an occupation tax by the city is considered.

Storm and high tide last week resulted in greater damage on Coos bay than had occurred in a number of years. The principal damage was to industries, including sawmills, shipyards and allied lines.

A big convention of the Oregon Butter and Cheese Makers' organization will be held in Portland December 11 and 12. In connection with the meet a butter and cheese exhibit will be held in which prizes totaling \$350 will be awarded the winners.

Several hundred Oregon trappers already are at work, according to Carl Shoemaker, fish and game warden, who has issued more than 200 licenses since the trapping season opened the first of this month. The season will close February 1, 1919.

In an effort to provide jobs for soldiers discharged from the United States army upon demobilization, the war department has requested the state highway commission to provide it with information as to how many men can be provided with jobs in Oregon.

As a protest against what they term unsatisfactory wage adjustments by the Macy commission, the boiler-makers' union of Portland will continue to declare Saturday afternoon a half-holiday and quit work at noon, as the men have been doing for a month or more.

Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows: Colton, Clackamas county, Charles P. Hunter; Crystal, Klamath county, C. O. Brown; Odessa, Klamath county, Miss May Kinkaid; Redne, Marion county, Mrs. Marie E. Parker; Three-pines, Josephine county, Mrs. Flora A. Corlies.

Sheriff Christman and Deputy Sheriff Jarvis made an important arrest at The Dalles when they captured three convicts who escaped from the Shoshone, Idaho, jail November 6. The convicts are C. W. Darcy, Frank Sullivan and Edward Miller. They are said to be three of the most dangerous criminals in the country.

Power extended to the supreme court to call to its assistance three circuit judges of the state to sit as a part of that court when it is deemed necessary and also power extended to the chief justice of the supreme court to direct circuit judges to sit in any county of the state will be asked by the committee on law reform created by the last legislature.

Small railroads are denied 24 hours' free time on interchange of cars with larger lines in a letter received by Public Service Commissioner Corey from Regional Director Aishton. Mr. Aishton states that he thinks the small roads are given very favorable concessions now, considering the fact that they own no cars and what cars they use are turned over to them by the larger roads.

Marion county boasts of about 1200 acres planted in English walnuts, according to a census made by County Fruit Inspector Van Trump, and 10 per cent of these are either yielding or paying big returns to their owners. Many trees this year yielded 100

pounds, the product selling on the market at as high as 30 cents. The walnut industry in this section is steadily forging ahead as a money-maker.

Totals compiled by Henry E. Reed, associate director of the state war savings stamp campaign, indicate that Oregon counties for the most part are well up in their war stamp purchases. Eight counties are "over the top." More than half the remaining counties are in such position as to indicate that they will make the goal on scheduled time, December 31.

Aroused over the proposed increase in telephone rates, a mass meeting of business men was held at Albany and a committee was appointed to investigate the possibility of consolidating the two systems.

The annual meeting of the presidents and faculties of the independent colleges of Oregon will be held at Newberg November 29-30. Faculty members from eight institutions of the state will be present.

The Rogue River Valley Canal company, of Medford, recently enlarged its main canals and laterals in order to cover 1000 acres more farm land for next year's crops. The Medford Irrigation district board, which recently voted \$1,500,000 for the installation of an irrigation system to cover 20,000 acres adjoining Medford, is prosecuting the work of preliminary surveys for its main canal from Butte creek.

Plans have been made to obtain 300 goats to be used in connection with the new milk goat project which is being added to the boys' and girls' club work department of the Oregon Agricultural college extension service. Mr. Seymour has made arrangements with the Portland clearing house to loan to every boy and girl in the state wishing to be a member of the goat club, money with which to purchase an animal.

Pressure from two sides is being vigorously brought to bear to prevent the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company from increasing telephone rates. Through the public service commission, which threatens criminal prosecution, steps are to be taken to declare an increased tariff invalid. The Portland city council is taking drastic action which may result in the revocation of the company operating license in Portland.

In line with the general letting up of restrictions following cessation of hostilities, the capital issues committee has given its sanction to the sale of \$590,000 worth of state highway bonds. Already \$2,190,000 worth of bonds out of the \$5,000,000 issue has been sold. The state highway commission will take under consideration the question of whether or not the bonds will be sold at a meeting to be held in Portland Friday, November 22.

The work which the state highway commission plans to complete with the proceeds of the issue of bonds, the sale of which has now been approved by the capital issues committee, is chiefly the Pacific Highway in the counties of Douglas, Josephine and Jackson, and the Columbia River highway in Hood River and Wasco counties. With the exception of the section of the Columbia River highway between Hood River and Mosier most of the work will not be undertaken until next spring.

A mixture of barley and cottonseed meal is an excellent substitute for bran and shorts—mill run—so extensively used as stock feed and now difficult to obtain, points out E. B. Flitts, extension specialist in dairying at the Oregon Agricultural college. "This mixture costs more than the wheat feeds but its feeding value, pound for pound, is 18 1/2 per cent greater," says Professor Flitts. "It also provides greater certainty of securing uniform value than the mixtures of bran and shorts sold by the flouring mills as mill run."

Flitts was written to the part that spruce and fir forests of the Pacific northwest have played in the war, when orders were issued by the spruce production division to cease at once practically all activities in aircraft work among the camps and mills. All shipments of spruce and fir cants to the huge cut-up plant at Vancouver, Wash., were halted by the order, while no more airplane material shipments are to be made. Similar orders stopped nearly all logging operations, and instructed that falling of airplane timber was to cease at once.

Housewives and all consumers of flour and sugar are elated at the issuance of orders from the food administration, which lift the edicts against these commodities and restore them practically to a pre-war basis. The flour order becomes effective immediately, while the new sugar regulations will be in force December 1. Under the flour order, the four pounds to

GENERAL DICKMAN



Major-General Dickman, commander of the American army which will occupy German territory under the armistice.

MATTHIAS ERZBERGER



Matthias Erzberger, civilian leader of the German armistice delegation.

GERMAN DEBT ESTIMATED

Three Hundred and Forty Billion Francs is Total.

Paris.—Germany's debt to France is estimated at 340,000,000,000 francs by the Matin in an editorial. The newspaper apportions the debt as follows: Return of the indemnity of 1871 with interest, 60,000,000,000 francs; expenses of the present war, 140,000,000,000 francs; pensions, 40,000,000,000 francs; and reparation for damages, 100,000,000,000 francs.

Germany and Austria, it adds, should return to the allies a minimum of 7,000,000 tons of shipping in payment for that destroyed in the war, but they have at their disposal only 3,000,000 tons. Consequently the delivery of the entire German-Austrian merchant marine would constitute only half reparation.

Government Issues Warning.

Washington.—Government agents see evidence that German propaganda machinery in the United States is being put in working order again to promote sentiment of leniency toward Germany in peace terms. Consequently, department of justice officials have warned that the public should remain watchful against resumption of propaganda by interests formerly active pro-German and for the past year passive.

Head of Mormon Church is Dead.

Salt Lake City.—Joseph F. Smith, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon) died at his home here Tuesday after a long illness.

Allies Will Get German Fleet.

London.—All of the German warships that must be turned over according to the terms of the armistice will be in allied hands by Saturday, a day earlier than stipulated by the agreement, it was learned on good authority.

General Pershing Decorated.

With the American Army in Eastern France.—A distinguished service medal was conferred on General Pershing at his headquarters by General Tasker H. Bliss representing President Wilson.

BOARD CALLS VOLUNTEERS

5000 Men Needed to Man Ships Carrying Troops.

Washington.—Arrangements for bringing home the troops in France are being worked out rapidly from a shipping point of view, the shipping board announced, in issuing a call for 5000 volunteers to man the ships that will be used for that purpose.

Men between 18 and 35 will be accepted without regard for their draft rating or previous experience, and will be put aboard training ships at Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, New Orleans and Cleveland for six weeks' special training. Opportunity will be afforded those who enlist in this service to remain permanently in the merchant marine after peace has been signed and the entire army returned to the states.

Deputy Sheriff Killed By Robber.

Portland, Or.—Frank W. Twombly, deputy sheriff, was shot and almost instantly killed at 11:10 p. m. Tuesday at Union avenue and Portland boulevard by a robber who had held up C. G. Herrman, bridge tender on the Oregon end of the interstate bridge, and robbed him of \$123, and was speeding away in an automobile with a woman companion. Twombly, who had been assigned to chase speeders, pursued the robber because the automobile was exceeding the speed limit. The deputy knew nothing of the hold-up and was shot by the robber when stopped for speeding.

Oregon State Engineer Resigns.

Salem, Or.—John H. Lewis, state engineer, Tuesday submitted his resignation to Governor Withycombe to become effective immediately. He has held the office for nearly 14 years. Mr. Lewis resigns to become chief engineer and manager on the Warm Springs Irrigation project in eastern Oregon.

Crown Prince Interned in Holland.

Amsterdam.—Frederich Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former German crown prince, has been interned at Swaelmen Castle, near Ruremonde.

France has become a great admirer of the "jazz band." This fact may not show great musical taste, but it is an unquestionable evidence of affection for America.

AMERICAN ARMY ON MARCH TO RHINE

Precautions Are Taken As General Pershing's Forces Move Forward.

Paris.—The American Third army has been designated as "the army of occupation." It will be under the immediate direction of General Pershing, the commander-in-chief, who will be in command of the American positions in occupied territories. The Third army will be commanded by Major-General Dickman.

With the American Forces in France.—The American army began to move toward Germany at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning.

No chances were taken. The engineers were the second unit to press forward, and they carefully began their work of looking out for mines and tainted water. Every obstacle was tested before it was moved, in order to find out if it masked explosives.

It has been impressed on officers and men alike that this is an operation under an armistice; that war still exists and that the possibility remains that at any time it may be necessary for them to play their part with the same grimness of the past year.

Fraternization not only with the German soldiers who may be found either as stragglers or voluntary prisoners, but with the civilian population, has been sternly prohibited. Looting and even souvenir hunting also have been forbidden the Americans.

The advancing Americans are flanked by the armies of France.

The American advance began on a front from Mouson to Thiaucourt, the extending lines embracing Luxembourg and Briey, up the valley to the Moselle. Besides Luxembourg, the more important towns falling to the lot of the Americans are Longwy and Briey.

GERMAN APPEALS ARE UNNECESSARY

Washington.—In the almost hysterical appeals of the German provisional government for supplies of food and for permission to address itself directly through a commission to the American public, officials here see a purpose to excite the sympathies of a large element of the American population more or less connected by blood ties with Germany.

President Wilson already has promised to do everything possible to prevent suffering among the civil population of the conquered states. The entente powers have endorsed this attitude.

It is known officially that there is sufficient food in Germany to meet immediate needs. The supreme war council is planning to supply food in the future and before the present stocks are exhausted, assuming the exercise of economy in food distribution.

To correct what appears to be a general public misunderstanding on the subject, it may be authoritatively stated that none of this food to be sent from America to Germany or Austria will be given away. It must be paid for by the governments of those countries.

GERMAN MISSION PROPOSED

Solf Tries to Enlist Personal Interest of Wilson.

Berlin, by Wireless to London.—A direct appeal has been made to President Wilson by Foreign Secretary Solf for permission to send a German commission to the United States at once. The object of the proposed mission is personally to lay before the American government the conditions existing here and to assure the taking of steps to produce foodstuffs. In his message to Secretary of State Lansing, Dr. Solf, after appealing to him to intercede with President Wilson to send peace delegates to The Hague as soon as possible, "in order to save the German people from perishing by starvation and anarchy," he suggested that Herbert C. Hoover, the American food administrator, be assigned to the task of assisting the German people.

To have hanging in closets discarded clothing that might protect needy Belgians against the winds of winter is to misplace one's generous instincts.

KAISER'S ABDICATION NOT YET ESTABLISHED

London.—The rumors that William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, may possibly return to Germany, as supported by the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's hint that he would not be refused an entry to that country, have created a considerable stir here. They are featured by several of the morning newspapers as creating an uncertain situation, which is rendered more doubtful by accounts of the activity of German propagandists in several countries. The fear mainly is that the former emperor would sooner or later become the center of a reactionary movement in Germany when the present revolutionary storm has blown over.

The Daily Express sees the possibility of a plot to trick the allies and create a federation far exceeding in strength and resources the former German empire. This newspaper contends that the former emperor is back of Chancellor Ebert. Former Chancellor Maximilian of Baden and Field Marshal von Hindenburg, and it lays emphasis upon the fact that the emperor signed no formal abdication and issued no valedictory message.

A number of leading allied diplomats and statesmen, including Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary of state for foreign affairs, believe that something is brewing in Germany in the direction of a plot to trap the allies, the Express declares.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.

Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$54 per ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$50.25 ton.
Corn—Whole, \$73@77; cracked, \$75 @79.
Hay—Timothy, \$33 per ton; alfalfa, \$28.
Eggs—Ranch, 68c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$1.75@2 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 26@28c; springs, 27 @30c; roosters, 18c; ducks, 27@30c; geese, 18c; turkeys, 30@31c.

one rule, or white flour and substitutes, is cancelled, and consumers are now permitted to make their purchases without the handicap of substitutes. The sugar order provides for an additional pound in the per capita allotment, or four pounds per person each month.

Five fatalities were reported to the state industrial accident commission for the week ending November 14 among a total of 522 accidents, and in addition there were five fatalities resulting from injuries previously reported. The fatal cases resulting from accidents during the week were: Frank E. Baldwin, Knappa, logging; Charles A. Brooks, Astoria, iron works; Ray Norton, Coquille, logging; Ellis Pinkerton, Klamath Falls, lumbering; Benjamin L. Ward, Astoria, shipbuilding. The deaths resulting from accidents previously reported were: Frank Dempsey, Bridal Veil, lumbering; George Magli, Lakeside, lumbering; Luther Schumaker, Placer, mining; S. Ota, Westport, lumbering; W. H. Gardner, Portland, steel works.

LUMBERING WAGES TO BE CONTINUED

Portland, Or.—Lumber manufacturers of western Oregon and western Washington are determined to maintain the wages of their employes at the standard which has prevailed during the war, despite the industrial uncertainty of the immediate future.

This is the substance of one of the principal resolutions adopted at a meeting of representative lumbermen and loggers of the two states held here Saturday. Reduction of wages, "even should lumber fall in value," is opposed by the operators.

Continuation of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen was urged as an absolutely necessary part of the organization of the lumber industry, in resolutions adopted. The meeting was conducted under the auspices of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, and was largely attended. Leaders of the industry from all parts of the northwest were present.

INFLUENZA TOLL IS HUGE

Deaths From Epidemic Exceed Casualties of Yankees in War.

Washington.—The recent epidemic of influenza in the United States has caused more deaths than occurred among the American expeditionary forces from all causes from the time the first unit landed in France until hostilities ceased. This announcement by the census bureau was based on unofficial estimates of the total casualties among the overseas forces, and reports from 46 cities having a combined population of 23,000,000, which showed 82,306 deaths from influenza and pneumonia from September 9 to November 9.

"Total casualties in the American expeditionary forces," said the announcement, "have recently been unofficially estimated at 190,000."

Kiev Taken by General Denikin.

Copenhagen.—The Ukrainian government has been overturned and Kiev has been captured by troops from Astrakhan, according to Kiev dispatches to Swedish newspapers. The Ukrainian national assembly has fled and a provisional government has been established by the captors of the city, who apparently are commanded by General Denikin, leader of the anti-Bolshevik forces.

Canadian Soldiers to Have Farms.

Winnipeg, Man.—Thousands of acres of farm lands in the Canadian northwest are being set aside for returning soldiers. It is understood that scores of Canadian soldiers who have married English and French girls have already applied for homesteads and that a movement is on foot to establish "soldiers' colonies" throughout the western provinces.

Loose change lends a better fire when invested in Thrift stamps.

Of course, the profiteer always hits us at an unexpected moment.

It's getting cold enough for the girls to put aside their summer furs.

Sweetness and light may penetrate Germany through the shell holes.