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## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

The adjourned annual meeting of the Grand Commandery of Oregon of the Masonic order will be held in Salem December 2.

With a loss estimated at more than \$30,000, the flour mills at Pilot Rock were burned early Friday by a fire that started from unknown causes.

Henton county held its first annual corn show last week at Corvallis under the direction of the county farm bureau, with County Agent Kabel in charge.

The assessed valuation of Clackamas county's property is \$23,572,515, exclusive of the property of public service corporations. The increase amounts to \$343,070.

Oregon was the only state in the western division to attain its quota of 150 per cent in the united war work drive, according to State Director Orlando W. Davidson.

Victor J. McCone, formerly secretary for the state socialist party, was drowned at Portland when he drove his automobile off the approach to the Sellwood ferry into the Willamette river.

The residents of Evans Creek valley in the north end of Jackson county, have voted to incorporate the entire valley into an irrigation district, and an early survey will be made of the project.

A statement issued by the Treasury department shows that in total sales of war savings and thrift stamps to November 1, Oregon stands sixth in rank in sales per capita and also sixth for the month of October.

Domestic use of powdered sugar, for some time past restricted solely to commercial manufacturing and baking, is now permitted, according to official advice received by W. B. Ayer, food administrator for Oregon.

The state text book commission will make its selection for books for schools of the state next June, the selections to continue for another six years. Under the law the commission selects these books each six years.

Extension schools in dairying, which will cover the subjects of breeding and feeding dairy cattle, will be held in Ontario, Malheur county, and at Halfway and North Powder, Union county, the first week in December.

In a complete check made on wood ships building in the United States a statement from Washington shows that of 243 hulls launched up to October 31, the Oregon district was first, with 67, and of 92 ships completed Oregon led with 26.

Present and prospective removal of soldiers from the mills and logging camps is already creating a labor shortage on Coos bay and W. J. Rust, government agent, declared there was a call for between 300 and 400 men for mills and camps.

Only two fatal accidents are included in the 538 reported to the industrial accident commission for the week ending November 21, inclusive. These were F. Auterson, shipbuilder, Portland; Henry Fromong, terminal facility worker, Portland.

Dr. Marie Equi, a woman physician and member of the Industrial Workers of the World, was found guilty at Portland of violating the espionage act by referring contemptuously to American soldiers and by other alleged objectionable remarks in the I. W. W. hall.

Three entrances for fish coming up the Willamette river are now in existence at the Oregon City fishways, according to R. E. Clanton, general superintendent of state hatcheries. This improvement will treble propagation of spawn in the Willamette river, it is thought.

Saturday, December 7, was set as Fire Prevention day and the week of December 2-7 as Fire Prevention week for Portland by the committee in charge. The original day, October 9, was delayed until November 2 and then again delayed by the influenza epidemic.

No excellent is the fuel situation in Oregon that dealers are complaining because there is so little demand for their stock on hand and mines are complaining because the dealers are putting in so few orders, according to Fred J. Holmes, federal fuel administrator for Oregon.

Plans for re-establishing a steamboat line on the Willamette river between Salem and Portland were discussed at a meeting held in Salem, when C. K. Spaulding of the Spaulding Logging company and Captain Exson of Woodburn made proposals for financing the enterprise.

Early risers at Baker recently were treated to the sight of one of the well known capitalists of the city out with a bucket of hot water and a scrubbing brush trying to efface the bright yellow paint with which his house had been bespattered, owing to his refusal to help support the united war work drive.

Warden Murphy's resignation as warden of the state penitentiary was received by Governor Withycombe Saturday, effective as of December 16, in line with the request of the governor. It is understood that ex-Sheriff Robert L. Stevens, of Multnomah county, will be on hand to take over the office by that date.

Deputy United States Marshal Frank Tichenor arrested Charles Zimmerman, C. E. Morris and O. W. Morris, of Powers, on bench warrants issued in the federal court at Portland. The men were apprehended in connection with ownership of an illicit still located several months ago in a cave near Powers by secret service men.

The public service commission has made an order increasing fares on the interurban electric lines running out of Portland, and recommended a reduction in service, so as to give the relief sought to meet the increased cost of labor and material. The order applies to the lines running to Bull Run, Casadero, Montavilla and Troutdale.

Plans are being completed for the collection of lady bugs to be scattered in grain and dairy lands of Oregon and Washington infected by plant lice. Great caches have been located from the Crater National forest to the Olympic mountains. One lady bug will eat about 200 plant lice a day. County agricultural agents will make the distribution.

Within the next 60 days the entire equipment of the spruce production division—timber, mills, logging railroads and a wealth of other material—will be advertised for bids and sold to the highest bidder. Estimates on the value of the property place it at approximately \$10,000,000. Demobilization of the spruce division will begin within a fortnight.

The sale of \$300,000 of the \$590,000 issue of bonds, recently approved by the capital issues committee at Washington, D. C., was authorized at a meeting of the state highway commission in Portland. The commission also adopted resolutions requesting county courts to make known what improvements they are desirous of making within their respective counties.

With reports on hand from substantially all of the farmers in the county, County Agent Shrock's figures show that the Umatilla county grain crop for the past year was 3,452,819 bushels and that there were slightly more than 204,000 acres of grain in bearing. The season was a hard one on the light land farmers, but the yield from other sections of the county made a fair balance.

Under the direction of County Agent Gregory a systematic warfare has started at Dallas for the extermination of gophers and moles. The campaign is being carried on by the school children and already encouraging reports reach the county agent's office. The contest ends Christmas week and at that time prize money amounting to \$35 will be distributed to the winners of the contest.

The Astoria chamber of commerce appealed to the public service commission to take action to prevent the North Bank railroad from carrying into effect its order reducing train service between Astoria and Fort Stevens, and between Astoria and Portland. As that railroad is under government control, the commission advised the Astoria chamber that it has no jurisdiction.

Umatilla county's annual irrigation and drainage congress this year will be held in the west end of the county. Two towns will share the honor of hosts. At Hermiston two days will be devoted to the consideration of subjects relating to irrigation problems. The sessions there will be held December 16 and 17. On December 18 and 19 the farmers will meet at Stanfield to discuss drainage subjects.

The policy of State Engineer Percy A. Cupper, who has been appointed to succeed John H. Lewis, will be to cultivate the present tendency toward closer relation with the waterusers of the state so that the interests of the public as well as of the individual wateruser may be served. Mr. Cupper so declared upon receiving from Governor Withycombe certificate of appointment formally making him state

## Hot School Lunch of Vital Importance to Winter Diet of Children

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We wish to bring to the attention of the rural school boards, teachers and patrons the importance of the hot lunch, or the addition of something hot, such as cocoa, soup, etc., to the winter diet of the school child.

The provision of the right kind of lunch for the school child is of double importance this year. The need of using substitutes for accustomed foods, coupled with high prices has meant malnutrition among many more children than in previous years.

The school lunch affects vitally, not only the physical and mental growth of the child but the social and temperamental development. Where school children are poorly nourished they do not profit by their school work.

If you have a county home demonstration agent in your county, get her to help you work out definite plans for starting a hot school lunch. Simple, inexpensive equipment may be used to start the work. It would be a splendid piece of work for a rural club, church, organization or any group of women to undertake.

## YOUTH IS ARRESTED IN MURDER CASE SPRUCE WORK TO STOP SOON

Portland, Or.—John Cyril Liard, an English Canadian youth, of apparent refinement and education, was arrested for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Frank W. Twombly, and the robbery of Bridge Tender Herrman on the interstate bridge on the night of November 19. Through the confession of his pretty wife, who was arrested with him, the murder is clearly fixed on Liard.

Like the pages of a melodrama reads the story of the murder and arrest. He was traced through a laundry mark found in a package he threw away in his flight, a mere straw of a clue, which has been followed by the detectives since the day after the murder. Liard's residence was finally found to be in the Dennison apartments, at East Thirty-fourth and Belmont streets.

When the police went to his room they were informed that the Liards had moved only a few days previous. While they were searching the room Mrs. Liard returned to look for something that they had left behind, and was arrested.

In about two minutes Liard burst into the room, only to be pounced upon by the three policemen and pinioned so that he could make no resistance. He kept up a stolid front and refused to talk until he could see his lawyer.

### Chaos in Germany

London.—The chaotic political conditions in Germany are emphasized in reports from Amsterdam and Copenhagen.

There is a general lack of harmony in different parts of the country and a tendency toward separatism. Bolshevik ideas are declared to be growing in the west, where a Rhenish republic is said to be planned.

The Bremen soldiers' and workers' council has declared itself in complete accord with Bolshevism and resolved to call on the Bolsheviks in Russia to help introduce communism.

The Spartacus group at Dusseldorf is reported to have proclaimed a proletarian dictatorship and arrested the burgomaster of the city.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the radical socialist, was acclaimed at a Spartacus meeting in Berlin which issued an appeal to the workers to emulate the Russian Bolsheviks. The meeting refused to listen to moderate socialist speakers.

Eight counties of the state have met their quotas in the purchase of war savings stamps, Henry E. Reed, associate state director, has announced. The last completions, as of October 31, show Clatsop in the lead, with a record of 159 per cent. Jackson ranks second, with purchases aggregating 128.8 per cent. The six other banner counties, with their percentages, are: Sherman, 114; Wheeler, 111; Coos, 106; Tillamook, 103; Baker, 102; Lincoln, 100.

Five separate irrigation projects are now being organized in Baker county by Henry E. Tweed, county agricultural agent, of Baker. The county agent is cooperating with the state engineer in having the following projects organized under the Oregon irrigation district law: Sparta irrigation district, 14,000 acres; Bridgeport-Durkee irrigation district, 6000 acres; North Fork irrigation district, 4000 acres; Unity irrigation district, 5000 acres; Medical Springs irrigation district, 4500 acres.

## TO HOLD ROADS TO BERLIN AMERICAN TROOPS TO RETURN SOON

All Germany at Mercy of Allied Occupying Forces.

Washington.—To the American army of occupation has been assigned the Rhine bridgehead at Coblenz.

In fixing Coblenz as the objective of the American advance, General March furnished a clew to the military situation that is to exist while the peace conference proceeds at Paris. On the left the British army of occupation will stand along the Rhine with a spearhead thrown across the river at Cologne and spreading like a fan on a 19-kilometer circle. At Coblenz the Americans will occupy a similar position and at Mainz, still further up the river, the French will hold the third great highway into the heart of Germany.

Thus three main roads to Berlin itself, each held by a strong, fully-equipped army, ready to sweep forward at a moment's notice, will be held open and constitute a threat against which there can be no organized resistance. All of Germany will stand at the mercy of the occupying forces.

One Yank in Austrian Prison Camp.

New York.—Clarence W. Young holds a world's record. A statement issued by the Red Cross contained the information he was the only American held prisoner by the Austrians.

Marshal Petain to Visit America.

Washington.—Marshal Petain, commander-in-chief of the French armies, is coming to America to thank the American Red Cross for its aid to France, according to Red Cross cables.

Lemberg Taken By Poles.

Copenhagen.—Polish troops have captured Lemberg, the capital of Galicia, and its environs, according to the Polish Telegraph Bureau at Cracow.

## YANKS ENTER LUXEMBURG

Americans Are Received With Expressions of Joy By People.

Luxemburg.—General Pershing entered the city of Luxemburg ahead of his troops. The American commander and his staff drove into the capital in automobiles. The general was greeted by thousands of cheering Luxemburgers and with the blowing of sirens and the ringing of church and school bells. The Eighteenth infantry of the First division were the first American troops to enter the city.

The Americans were greeted by thousands of civilians, who lined the streets through which the troops marched. School children tossed flowers in their pathway and each soldier was presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

Americans Enter Brussels With King.

With the British Army of Occupation.—American soldiers headed the procession of troops which entered Brussels with King Albert. One battalion of fine looking fellows from the 51st Division, which comes from the coast states, was followed by a battery of artillery from the 53d Brigade. No finer troops marched through Brussels than the Yankees, and none, except perhaps the Belgians, were given a heartier reception. These boys are fresh from the battlefields, for they are the troops which fought so brilliantly in the drive for Audenarde just before the armistice was signed.

President Will Be Absent a Month.

Washington.—About one month is the time President Wilson expects to be in Europe for the opening of the peace conference and preliminary discussions. No definite limit has been fixed, but it was said authoritatively that the president plans to be back on American soil within six weeks after his ship sails for the other side.

Ludendorff Flees to Swedish Soil.

Copenhagen.—General Ludendorff, reputed to have been long the actual directing head of Germany's military affairs, has quit German soil, according to the Frankfurt Gazette. It says he has left Sasmitz, Prussia, for Sweden. His titular position in the German military system was that of first quartermaster general.

Automobile shows planned for next year are being canceled. The motor situation has become one of such gloom that it is impossible to smile even at the flivver joke.

A more general use of lady barbers is among the probabilities. And why not? Let us avoid, however, those women who take a great delight in cutting men.

## General Pershing Furnishes List of Those Selected to Sail for Home.

Washington.—Demobilization of the American expeditionary forces already in progress with the movement homeward of sick and wounded will be hastened by the return at an early date of eight divisions of national guard and national army troops, eight regiments of coast artillery and two brigades of field artillery.

This announcement was made by General March, chief of staff, on receipt of dispatches from General Pershing.

In addition the following general classes of troops will be returned: Railroad artillery troops, army artillery troops, gas troops, tank corps, air forces and those divisions which were broken up to be used as replacements for other divisions which had seen active service.

Troops returning immediately from England, General March said, will include practically all of the air squadrons, 18 construction companies, one sailmakers' detachment, one Handley-Page training station and several photographic and radio sections.

Secretary Baker supplemented General March's outline of demobilization plans later by stating that General Pershing was reducing his army to a strength of 30 divisions.

At an average strength of 50,000 men to a division, which would cover all necessary auxiliary forces, this would mean that General Pershing would retain 1,500,000 men in France.

The American forces in France, General March said, had taken 64,000 German prisoners, in round numbers, and 1400 guns. He added that the casualties among the American forces in northern Russia were not severe, contrary to reports, and that encouraging accounts of the situation of the forces there had been received.

## WILLIAM G. M'ADOO RESIGNS HIS OFFICE

Washington.—William G. McAdoo has resigned office as secretary of the treasury and director general of railroads, to leave the treasury on the appointment of a successor and the railroad administration on January 1 next. It was announced that he had asked President Wilson to relieve him now that the war is over so that he might return to private business after six years in office.

President Wilson has acceded to Mr. McAdoo's request and accepted his resignation. Retirement was made necessary, Mr. McAdoo said, because of "inadequate compensation" allowed cabinet officers.

The secretary also explained that he is seriously in need of rest, although there is no actual impairment of his health.

The secretary plans to take about three months' rest and then may resume the practice of law in New York.

## CONSTRUCTION BAN LIFTED

Government Removes All Wartime Restrictions on Building Operations.

Washington.—Removal of all remaining restrictions on non-war construction by the war industries board was announced by Chairman Baruch.

All building operations of whatever character may now be proceeded with without permits either from the board or the state councils of defense.

This action was taken, Chairman Baruch said, on recommendation of the building industry and the state councils of defense. The councils had been co-operating with the war industries board in passing upon applications for building permits. Officials expect that resumption of work will afford employment for thousands of workmen now being released from war industries.

Total American Casualties Reported.

Washington.—Total casualties of the American expeditionary forces up to the signing of the armistice were divided as follows: Killed and died of wounds, 36,154; died of disease, 14,811; died from other causes, 2204; wounded, 179,623; prisoners, 2193; missing, 1390.