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

Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, was 68 years old January 1.

The Willamette river at Albany reached a lower point in the year just passed than at any time since 1861.

A disastrous fire that occurred at Haines destroyed five buildings and caused damage that is estimated at \$14,500.

Herbert Speckhart, aged 25, committed suicide at the Speckhart ranch near La Grande. He and his wife had quarreled.

A total of 3467 cars completely filled with Klamath county products were exported from Klamath Falls during the year 1918.

Landowners in the vicinity of West Stayton and Turner, in Marion county, are planning the organization of an irrigation district.

Mrs. Roy Herrick and her two children were fatally burned when their home at Silverton was destroyed by fire. All died shortly afterward.

December was a month of exceptionally wet weather in Astoria. According to the official records the rainfall during the month was 11.23 inches.

Instead of having the compensation law optional with employers, a bill will probably be introduced in the legislature making the law compulsory.

Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, has been under quarantine, suffering from an attack of influenza, in Los Angeles, where he spent the holidays.

Publication of retail prices as a check on food dealers has been discontinued by the food administration following advice from Washington that this check is now considered unnecessary.

In justice court at Astoria E. P. Bailey, as manager of the Pacific Power & Light company, was found guilty on a charge of permitting crude oil to flow into the waters of the Columbia river and fined \$250.

Thirty guests escaped in their night clothes when the brick building occupied by the Albert hotel and the Optimist Publishing company at The Dalles, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$40,000.

O. S. Blanchard, of Grants Pass, has been appointed by Governor Withycombe as a member of the Oregon bureau of mines and geology. Mr. Blanchard succeeds J. F. Reddy, of Medford, whose term has expired.

Warden Stevens has proposed to the state board of control to install a lighting plant at the state penitentiary at a minor cost to provide 150 horsepower and furnish night lighting for both the penitentiary and asylum.

Withdrawal of the Spruce Production division soldiers from mills and logging camps in the Coos bay district has caused a marked shortage of help, and workmen can obtain work wherever industries are operating.

Much valuable work was done in Oregon by home demonstration agents, according to a summary just completed. Beginning the year with a single worker the work has enlarged until the close of the year finds 10 workers in the field.

D. B. McKnight, Linn county judge, who has had the distinction of officiating at more weddings than any other person in the county for several years past, maintained his record in 1918. He performed 40 marriage ceremonies in the year just ended.

All employees of the Pendleton Woolen mills who have been on the payroll during the past year will participate in extra earnings amounting to several thousand dollars, the management has announced. The earnings will be based on wages.

The 27th annual convention of the Oregon Dairymen's association will be held January 14 and 15 in Hillsboro. The convention will take the place of the regular farmers' week and short course that usually is held at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Charles H. Gram, labor commissioner-elect, has announced the personnel of his deputies, with one exception. B. H. Hansen, Portland; J. C. Bradford, Corvallis, and J. H. West, Salem, are the three deputies named under the factory inspection law.

Attorney-General Brown was instructed by the state board of control to start ejectment proceedings against the Salem Hospital association, providing the building it now occupies

and which is the property of the state, is not vacated by January 13.

A decided decrease in the number of industrial accidents is shown in the statement issued last week by the state industrial accident commission. However, in the list, which totals 377 accidents, there are five fatal accidents, as follows: E. A. Bealer, Ontario, logging; J. R. Haney, Knappa, logging; Thomas W. Phillips, Powers, logging; T. H. Ebener, Portland, shipbuilding; A. N. Durant, Portland, janitor.

Fred E. Ward, millionaire stockman of Hemet, Cal., has notified A. H. Lea, secretary of the Oregon state fair, that the directors of the Los Angeles fair have Mr. Lea's name under consideration for a possible secretary of that association at a salary of \$5000 a year.

Thirty-one residents of Swiss Home, Lane county, have petitioned the public service commission to order the Willamette Pacific Railway company to maintain a station agent at Swiss Home. They contend there is enough business at that point to justify the expense.

School children of Oregon were instrumental in selling more than \$2,500,000 worth of thrift stamps during 1918 and in every way joined in keeping "Oregon first" in war activities, according to the biennial report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill.

The bodies of George H. Sims and his wife were found in bed at their home in Bend. A revolver was clutched in the hand of the woman, and the police declare there was evidence to show she had shot her husband while he lay asleep and then had turned the gun upon herself.

The department of agriculture, in its annual aggregate crop value comparisons, says that the total value of thirteen crops in Oregon embracing all the crops raised on the farm for 1918 was \$33,287,000. This was a record-breaker yield. In 1917 the aggregate for these crops was \$73,467,000.

Mail service to Canyon City and Prairie City, Grant county, having been cut off by the strike on the Sumpter Valley railroad, Second Assistant Postmaster-General Praeger has promised Representative Sinnott that special service will be provided by stage, either by way of Condon and Fossil or via Yukiah.

The Sumpter Valley railroad company has filed with the public service commission a new passenger tariff, increasing the rate from 4 cents, the old rate, to 5 cents a mile. On the basis of the passenger business done on the road for the last three years, this would mean an additional revenue of about \$12,000 a year.

With but 264 appeals filed in 1918, a remarkable decrease in cases coming before the supreme court is shown in a statement issued by Court Clerk Benson. In 1917 there were 322 cases. The falling off is attributed largely to the prohibition law and the workmen's compensation act removing personal injury cases from the courts.

Figures included in the report of the state industrial accident commission show that accidents reported to the commission during 1918 have averaged 84 for each day of the year, or a total of more than 25,000. For 1917 the total was slightly more than 15,000. The increase is due largely to increased activity in shipbuilding.

While no definite action has been taken by state or United States authorities, the federal government, it was recently announced, may apply \$40,000 to the construction of the proposed Loop road, which will connect the Columbia highway with the old Barlow trail, located in the upper Hood River valley. In this case Oregon will expend a like sum.

County Clerk Brown estimates that 4000 Umatilla county citizens whose names appear on the registration books of the county have failed to vote at any of the three elections during the past two years. The office is now engaged in eliminating these names from the rolls. Four thousand names is about 40 per cent of the total registration for the county.

The Baker Commercial club will send Joseph N. Teal, of Portland, and D. C. Eccles and Frank Gardiner, of Baker, to Washington to confer with railroad administration authorities there on the situation on the Sumpter Valley railroad, provided the railroad administration has "an open mind" on the subject, according to advice received by the public service commission.

A state fund for providing subsidies for high-class bulls in order to eliminate entirely low breeding strains, is a plan which is being advocated by cattle men of the state, particularly for dairy herds and legislation to prevent the sale of bulls for breeding



purposes unless such are eligible to registry, will be presented to the legislature. State Veterinarian Lytle has announced.

Organization of an \$800,000 concern with E. B. Kingman as president and A. W. Miller, vice-president and treasurer, to build and operate a sawmill of 100,000 feet capacity, either at Eugene or in the company's timber in the Alsea country, has been announced at Eugene. Construction work on the plant is expected to start soon and the mill probably will be in operation early in the spring.

A flock of 278 milk goats, inspected and graded by experts of Oregon Agricultural college, will arrive at the Portland Union stockyards about January 20 and will be offered for sale to the children of Portland city schools in the hope of developing an important industry among city children. The milk-goat project has received the endorsement of the school authorities of the city, who have arranged for the formation of "goat clubs" among the school children.

Polish Battalion Sails for America. New York.—The French line steamship France, which sailed from here, carried a battalion of Poles, numbering 1554 men, recruited in America for the Polish army.

War Vessels Returning. Washington.—Thirty-one destroyers and seven submarines have sailed from Europe and should reach their home stations within the next 10 days or two weeks.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Oats—No. 2 white feed, \$53 per ton.
Barley—Standard feed, \$49 per ton.
Corn—Whole, \$59@73; cracked, \$71@75.
Hay—Timothy, \$30@33 per ton; alfalfa, \$27.50.
Butter—Creamery, 65c per pound.
Eggs—Ranch, 73c per dozen.
Potatoes—\$1.50@1.75 per hundred.
Poultry—Hens, 28@30c; springs, 30c; roosters, 23c; ducks, 20c; geese, 20@25c; turkeys, 40c.

Seattle
Hay—Eastern Washington timothy, \$38 per ton; alfalfa, \$34 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 66c.
Eggs—Ranch, 76c per dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 26@29c; springs, 27c; roosters dressed, 27@29c; ducks, 21c; geese, 26c; turkeys, 44@47c.



U. S. MUST FEED HUNGRY EUROPEAN ROOSEVELT DIES IN HIS SLEEP

President Pleads for Relief of Destitute Europeans.

Washington.—President Wilson's first recommendations based on his study in Europe look to the relief of distressed populations "outside of Germany" which are threatened with starvation.

Request for immediate appropriation of \$100,000,000 to supply food to liberated peoples of Austria, Turkey, Poland and Western Russia, who have no recognized governments and are unable to finance international obligations was transmitted to congress by Secretary Glass on cable instructions from the president.

The president's message said that food shipments worth \$1,500,000,000 must be made from the United States to Europe in the next seven months.

Civil War in Berlin.

Copenhagen.—Civil war has broken out in Berlin. Violent street fighting is raging between the Spartacists (Belsheriki) and the loyal troops supporting the socialist government. The banks have all been barricaded and the Spartacists have occupied many public buildings, from which they are sweeping the streets with machine gun fire.

Troops Rescued From Stranded Liner.

Fire Island, N. Y.—Every one a veteran of European battlefields, and more than half of them, helpless on their coasts, all the 2000 soldiers who were passengers on the stranded army transport Northern Pacific were removed safely ashore on board naval vessels at the close of the second day of one of the most remarkable rescues in the history of the Atlantic coast.

Typhus Spreading in Russia.

Washington.—Typhus is spreading in Russia, according to advices to the state department.

While the expected declaration of an Irish republic by the Sinn Feiners has not materialized, the countrywide demonstrations Sunday indicate that secret plans have been formed to keep up constant agitation so that the Irish situation will be held in the foreground during the peace conference.

The influenza epidemic, which swept the country during the latter part of last year, caused 111,688 deaths in the 46 largest cities and increased the combined death rate for those communities in 1918 to 19.6 per 1000, according to statistics made public by the census bureau. Total figures for the country were not available.

I. C. C. Against Federal Ownership.

Washington.—Opposition to government ownership or operation of railroads at this time was expressed by the interstate commerce commission in a statement presented to the senate interstate commerce committee at its hearing on railway legislation by Commissioner Edgar E. Clark.

Ford Petitions Senate For Recount.

Washington.—In a petition received by Vice-President Marshall, and laid before the senate, Henry Ford, democratic candidate for United States senator, who was defeated on the face of returns by Truman N. Newberry, republican, gave formal notice of a contest of the senate seat, and asked for a recount of the ballots.

Copenhagen.—Riga is in the hands of the Lithuanian soviet troops, according to a wireless dispatch from the Russian Bolshevik headquarters received here.

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General Snow said that 300,000 American artillerymen were in service abroad during the war, using guns bought in England and France. He said American production of guns was beginning in quantity when the armistice was signed.

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THEODORE ROOSEVELT DIES IN HIS SLEEP

End Comes Unexpectedly at 4:15 o'Clock Monday Morning.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, 26th president of the United States, died at his home on Sagamore Hill at 4:15 o'clock Monday morning. He was laid to rest without pomp or ceremony in Young's Memorial cemetery in this village Wednesday afternoon. He was buried on a knoll overlooking Long Island Sound, a plot which he and Mrs. Roosevelt selected soon after he left the White house.

After prayers at the Roosevelt home, at which only members of the family were present, the funeral service was held at 12:45 o'clock in Christ Episcopal church, the little old frame structure where for years the colonel and his family attended divine worship.

Funeral Was Simple.

At the request of Mrs. Roosevelt no flowers were sent. Also in conformance with Mrs. Roosevelt's wishes, there was no music and no eulogy, but only the simple service of the Episcopal church, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. George E. Talmage.

The following statement was made by Dr. G. W. Fuller, of Oyster Bay, the physician who last saw the colonel:

"Colonel Roosevelt retired at 10 o'clock last night feeling much better. At 4:15 o'clock this morning he simply ceased to breathe. Death was probably caused by a pulmonary embolism."

This pulmonary embolism, Dr. Fuller explained, is a blood clot upon one of the arteries of the lung.

Colonel Roosevelt spent Sunday evening reading, conversing with Mrs. Roosevelt and chatting with Dr. Fuller, who left him apparently much improved and in excellent spirits.

He also dictated a number of letters. Despite his recent return from the hospital, he had much of his old vigor.

When Dr. Fuller left him Roosevelt was laughing and called "Good night" most cheerfully.

End Comes in Sleep.

At midnight he retired. Mrs. Roosevelt sat with him for a while, then as he fell asleep, she went to her own room.

At 4:15 a. m. the man servant became alarmed and called the nurse. There was nothing that could be done. Roosevelt was dead!

Mrs. Roosevelt was called. She took the shock bravely.

He did not move in the bed as he died, but lay just as he was when his wife stepped out of the room shortly after midnight.

Colonel Roosevelt was 60 years old. He was born in New York, October 27, 1858.

His health had not been very good for some time. In fact, he had left Roosevelt hospital only a short time ago after a severe case of sciatica.

Was Twice Married.

He was twice married, the first time to Alice Hathaway Lee, daughter of George Cabot Lee. She died in 1884. His second wife was Edith Kermit Carow, daughter of Charles Carow of New York, whom he married in 1886. She survives him.

One son, Lieut. Quentin Roosevelt, was shot down in an airplane on the western front last June.

He had two daughters, Alice, daughter of his first wife, married Congressman Nicholas Longworth of Cincinnati, O. Ethel married Dr. Richard Derby.

DEFENDS RAILWAY CONTROL

Extension of Government Control is Strongly Urged by McAdoo.

Washington.—Only through the proposed five-year extension of government management of railroads can the government move toward a permanent and comprehensive solution of the railroad problem, Director-General McAdoo insisted in testifying at the senate commerce committee's hearing on railroad legislation.

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