

NEWS OF THE WEEK

General Resume of Important Events Throughout the World.

Montenegro accepts a new frontier line and in exchange yields up Scutari.

A rope-maker of Chorbou, France, has just awakened from a 77-day sleep.

Alabama's senators declare the South has not its proper share of foreign consuls.

Twenty-five per cent of the officials at the coming election in Portland, will be women.

Ortie E. McManigal will soon be released from prison, and declares he will start life all over again.

International lawyers of several countries spoke in Washington in favor of equal canal tolls for all countries.

Miss Margaret Wilson, eldest daughter of the President, spoke before the general council of women's clubs at Baltimore.

The government sees no cause to change its plans for the naval cruise to the Mediterranean on account of the Japanese controversy.

Eighty miners are missing and 39 bodies have been recovered from a Pennsylvania coal mine which was wrecked by explosion of foul gases.

Governor Johnson, of California, declares the dignity of the state as well as the dignity of Japan, is at stake in the anti-alien land bill controversy.

A 2-year-girl at Johnstown, Pa., was washed 409 feet through an 18-inch drain pipe and came out alive and uninjured, though it took nearly an hour to revive her.

Secretary Bryan allowed no wines at his first official dinner to foreign ambassadors, using unfermented grape juice instead, and says he considers the new custom permanently established.

During the funeral services of a 4-year-old boy at Butte, Cal., the child suddenly revived and sat up in its coffin, and the shock caused the instant death of the child's grandmother, aged 81 years.

It is reported in St. Paul that J. J. Hill has let contracts for the construction of four big ocean liners, to cost in the aggregate \$15,000,000, and it is believed to show the expected importance of the opening of the Panama canal.

California refuses to honor the expense bill of Secretary Knox's trip to the Coast.

War talk led to a fight between a Jap and a Finn at San Francisco. Both were arrested.

The government sees a possibility of being forced to intervene in California's lawmaking program.

Robert S. Lovett, of the Union Pacific, has a new plan for the "unmerging" of the transcontinental railway lines.

A hitherto peaceable Chinese tong in San Francisco threatens to begin fighting unless the two warring tongs are stopped.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 87¢; 87½¢ per bushel; bluestem, 98¢; red Russian, 85¢; valley, 87½¢.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$27.50@28.50 per ton; valley, stained, \$24@26 ton.

Corn—Whole, \$27; cracked, \$28 ton. Millstuffs—Bran, \$22@22.50 per ton; shorts, \$24; middlings, \$30.

Barley—Feed, \$23.50@24 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$25.50@26.50 per ton.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, choice, \$16@17; alfalfa, \$12@13; clover, \$9; straw, \$7@8.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 90¢@1 per dozen; asparagus, white, 6¢ pound; green, \$2.25@2.75 per box; cabbage, 1¢@1½¢ pound; celery, \$2.50 crate; hot-house lettuce, 75¢@1 per box; onions, green, 20¢@25¢ per dozen; peppers, 35¢@40¢ per pound; rhubarb, 2¢@4¢ per pound; spinach, 75¢ per box; sprouts, 10¢; garlic, 5¢@6¢; turnips, 90¢@1 per sack; parsnips, 90¢@1; carrots, 90¢@1.

Onions—Oregon, 85¢@90¢ per sack; Spanish, \$2.50 per crate.

Potatoes—Burbanks, 45¢@50¢ per hundred; new, 7¢ per pound; sweet, 4¢ per pound.

Green Fruit—Apples, 30¢@1.50 per box, strawberries, Florin, \$2.50 per crate.

Poultry—Hens, 17¢ per pound; broilers, 35¢; turkeys, live, 20¢; dressed, choice, 25¢; ducks, 18¢@20¢; geese, 12¢@13¢.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, 20¢ per dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 30¢ per pound; prints, 31¢@32¢.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢ per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13¢@14¢ per pound.

Hops—1912 crop, 10¢@15¢ per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 14¢@17¢ per pound; valley, 14¢@15¢.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$7.75@8.15; good, \$7.50@7.75; medium, \$7.30@7.50; choice cows, \$6.75@7.25; good, \$6.50@6.75; medium, \$6.25@6.50; choice calves, \$8@9; good heavy calves, \$6.50@7.50; bulls, \$5.55@6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$8.95@9; heavy, \$7.70@8.8.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$6.25@7.25; ewes, \$4.75@6.25; lambs, \$7@8.

FOREST SERVICE ARRAIGNED

Expert Practical Lumberman Retires and Points Out Defects.

Washington, D. C.—A scathing indictment of the present-day management of the Forest service is contained in a memorandum filed with the secretary of agriculture by Daniel W. Adams, who, after five years as expert lumberman in the forestry bureau, voluntarily retires to engage in private business. Impracticability, bad business management, improvidence and an excess of bureaucratic methods are the general charges he makes. Mr. Adams gives names, cites instances and refers to records to substantiate his charges. Though less sensational than the charges often made by the late Senator Heyburn, of Idaho, the charges of Mr. Adams are convincing, because they are made by a competent man who spent five years in the service.

Dealing with the timber question, he says that the head of the timber division is one of the most experienced and best-informed lumbermen in the country, but his suggestions are largely disregarded by students in the service and acute disagreements ensue whenever the government undertakes to sell its timber to private lumbermen. He charges that the "personnel of the forest service" is composed of so many theorists and highly-trained young men who have injected such senseless and impossible regulations that the sawmill men purchase timber only when their privately owned timber is exhausted. As these young men conduct the field work, Mr. Adams alleges, it often costs the forest service three times as much as the stumpage is worth to designate the trees which the purchaser may cut. In one instance the forest service got \$1 a thousand for a lot of timber, and it cost the government \$7 a thousand to mark the timber, prior to cutting.

There is a provision of law under which the government gives away timber for domestic use to persons living near the national forests. It the Deer Lodge forest in 1912 Mr. Adams shows that it cost the government \$9 a thousand feet to give away timber, because of the impracticability of forest ranges.

AUSTRALIAN MEAT ADMITTED

San Francisco to Encourage Shipments to Lower Prices.

San Francisco—Following a conference between San Francisco meat dealers and Mayor James Rolph, Jr., it was announced Saturday that shipments of meat from Australia will be admitted at this port, and this, it is said, means there will be a cut in prices to consumers of from 1 to 2 cents a pound. Dealers interested in the shipments from the Antipodes say they have formulated plans to resist any fight in the shape of a meat war that may be thrust upon them.

It is said that 300 tons of beef and mutton will be brought here from Australia in May, and the final purpose is to increase the extent of the shipments until 2000 tons a month are being received. The initial shipment that reached this port several weeks ago was held up temporarily by Federal health authorities, due to a question of tagging carcasses which arose. Dealers say that this meat, when it was distributed to retailers, was pronounced satisfactory.

The health authorities of Oakland also have moved to accept the Australian meat.

Krupps Deny Bribery.

Cologne—Director Hughenberg, chairman of the Krupp Arms company, in an interview published by the Cologne Gazette says that if the Berlin agent of the company bribed officials of the German war office for the purpose of gaining information about armament contracts, it was with his own money and without the knowledge of the company. The secret reports sought were only such as any company should have in order to know what its competitors were doing.

Stockholders Favor Rise.

New York—Owners of millions of dollars' worth of railroad securities and one whose wealth alone is estimated in the hundreds of millions, favored the wage increase awarded Saturday to the Eastern railroad firemen, and made personal appeals to the board of arbitration in their behalf. This fact was made known by Judge Chambers, chairman of the board, who declined, however, to disclose the names of those who had interceded.

Idaho Alien Law Repealed.

Boise, Idaho—All laws prohibiting the ownership by aliens of lands in Idaho were repealed at the recent session of the legislature, so Chinese and Japanese now can own and hold all the land they can purchase in the state. On recommendation of the governor all anti-alien legislation was wiped out because of its effect in deterring European capitalists from investing in the state. The law becomes effective May 1.

Altitude Record Broken.

Annapolis, Md.—The hydroaeroplane altitude record was broken twice here Saturday. Lieutenant P. M. L. Bellenger, of the marine corps, ascended 3710 feet in a Curtiss machine. Later in the day Ensign Victor Herbst climbed to 4450 feet in a Wright machine.



COUNT SHIGENOBU OKUMA

National Leader and Former Premier of Japan, Who Declares Christianity is the Only Thing That Prevents War With United States.

BRYAN WILL ASSIST

Secretary of State Goes to Sacramento to Advise.

Lawmakers Respectfully Await Arrival of Secretary Before Acting on Alien Land Bill.

Washington, D. C.—After an hour's conference at the White House President Wilson directed Secretary Bryan to proceed at once to Sacramento to co-operate with Governor Johnson and the members of the California legislature in framing a law regarding the ownership of land by aliens that would not conflict with the treaty obligations of the United States, particularly with Japan.

"I am going in the hope that we may be able to find the best solution of the difficulty," said Secretary Bryan. "I feel sure that they in California will enter upon the work with the same spirit of co-operation as the President and I do."

Sacramento—Definite word from Secretary of State Bryan that he would come to Sacramento reached here Wednesday, and it was announced immediately that all further action on the proposed alien land legislation would be deferred until he should have opportunity to present the views of the Federal administration on the subject.

It was said by leaders of the legislative majority that there was no disposition to act hastily and that all were agreed it would be the part of courtesy to President Wilson and his cabinet to await Secretary Bryan's coming before bringing the land bills out on the floor of the senate.

POLICE JUDGE IS RECALLED

San Francisco Women Rid City of Alleged Incompetent Official.

San Francisco—The first application of California's new law for the recall of the judiciary has been successful. By a margin of 815 votes Police Judge Weller, accused of incompetence, was removed from office at a special election here.

Wiley F. Crist, an attorney put forward by women voters, who were chiefly active in the campaign, was named as Weller's successor.

The vote was light, but the recall contest was spirited and close. Crist's total was 30,722, against Weller's 29,907.

Servians' Joy Unbounded.

Belgrade—Not even the Servian victories during the Turkish war caused anything like the scenes of enthusiasm which were witnessed here over the taking of Scutari by Montenegrins. Business was at a standstill, while the whole population gave themselves over to rejoicing. Lawyers, merchants, soldiers and workmen danced in the streets to the strains of music. Wine may almost be said to have flowed in the gutters, for everywhere barrels were broached and all were free to drink to the victory of Montenegro.

World's Biggest Steamship Afloat.

Hamburg—The new Hamburg-American line steamship Imperator, 919 feet long, ran aground off Altona, in the Elbe, Tuesday morning. She was proceeding from the Vulcan Shipbuilding yards to the lower Elbe to make ready for her official trial trip. She was later floated and proceeded on her way. The Imperator when she goes into commission May 28 will be the largest vessel afloat.

BRYAN SEEKS WORLD PEACE

Outlines Plan for Universal Treaties—Foreign Powers Favor.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Bryan's preliminary outline of his proposed international agreement for peace, which he laid before the senate foreign relations committee Thursday, developed wide differences of opinion.

Nevertheless it was understood that with the indorsement of President Wilson the secretary of state soon would undertake to open negotiations with the leading powers for such treaties as the proposal contemplates. Developments, however, indicated that some of the committee, Democrats and Republicans, were opposed to the idea of the United States binding itself by international agreement not to prepare for war during a specified time while a dispute was in progress, which is one feature of Mr. Bryan's plan.

Briefly, Secretary Bryan's plan, as he outlined it, is that the United States should make treaties under which disputes, even those involving "national honor or vital interests," would be submitted to an international board for inquiry, and that the disputing countries should agree to take no steps whatever toward preparation for war within a specified time of six months or a year.

The extent to which other nations may have been "sounded" on the proposition was not fully disclosed to the committee.

Free Seeds for Farmers.

Portland, Or.—Free seed will be given to any farmers in Oregon, Washington or Idaho who want to plant corn this year by the O. W. R. & N. company. C. L. Smith, agriculturist for the company, has secured a large quantity of excellent, acclimated seed corn and is distributing it in 12-pound lots, which is enough to plant one acre.

Mr. Smith declares that Oregon within ten years will be the premier corn state of the Union, exceeding even Iowa and Nebraska in the volume and value of its production, as well as in the average yield per acre. He says that the theory, held by the early-day farmer, that corn can't be grown in Oregon is a fallacy born of laziness and unprogressive ideas.

Wilson Auto in Peril.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and his youngest daughter, Eleanor, are being congratulated on a narrow escape from accident while automobiling. Just as the President's automobile turned a corner at Peace Monument near the Capitol, a streetcar was brought to a sudden stop within a few inches of the Presidential motor. The President was somewhat disturbed by the incident, but did not stop. The motorcycle men trailing the President took the name of the motorman, but the matter was dropped.

Five Men Drop 2200 Feet.

Butte, Mont.—Five men were killed in an accident at the Leonard mine, an Amalgamated Copper property, when William Peters, the engineer, lost control of one of the big hoisting engines, which flew to pieces, causing one cage on which were four men to drop 2200 feet and another cage on which were eight miners to drop 800 feet. Nine other men sustained injuries, none of which is believed will result fatally.

Federal Judges Cannot Agree.

New York—Judges Lacombe, Cox, Noyes and Ward have filed in the United States District court a memorandum to the effect that they were divided in the matter of the government's Sherman law suit against the Periodical Clearing house and other defendants, constituting the so-called magazine trust. Being unable to reach a conclusion, they will send the case to the United States Supreme court for review.

OREGON STATE NEWS IN GENERAL

Industrial and Educational Items of Interest To Oregonians

VETERANS GIVEN WARNING

See Physician Before Going to Gettysburg, Says Finzer.

Salem—Old veterans who will attend the 50th anniversary celebration at Gettysburg in July from Oregon are advised in a bulletin issued by Adjutant General Finzer, through Governor West, to consult their family physician before deciding to take the long trip in the hottest time of the year.

Rules and regulations have been issued relative to the expenditure of the state appropriation providing for paying the expenses of survivors of the battle back to attend the anniversary. These are signed by James P. Shaw of department headquarters, and Colonel Lewis C. Garrigus, Confederate veteran, and commissioners.

The camp will be open for the reception of visitors June 29, and will close July 6. No one not a veteran of the Civil war will be given food or shelter within the camp. Those not provided with proper credentials will be barred from the camp. The camp will be at the High Water Mark monument on the battlefield, complete in all its equipment of tents, cots, blankets, etc., but each veteran must provide his own towel, soap and toilet articles. The "mess kit" provided by the government will become the property of the veteran upon breaking camp. No trunks will be allowed in the baggage.

LIVESTOCK RULING IS MADE

Ballot Wording Knocks Out Clackamas Provision, Says Judge.

Oregon City—The "double negative that means a positive," was the basis of a decision by Circuit Judge Campbell that knocks out for the time being the county provision that livestock shall not be allowed to run at large. Judge Campbell based his action upon the wording of the ballot when the matter was voted upon at the last election. The instruction on the ballot at that time read:

"For stock running at large—Yes."

"Against stock running at large—No."

The form, as prescribed by the legislative law of 1907, indicates that the same title for the matter to be voted upon shall precede both the words "Yes," and "No." In ruling the present vote inadequate to express popular opinion in the matter, the judge, after reviewing the statement printed on the ballot, said:

"No fair interpretation can be given the words as they appeared upon the ballot, using their ordinary meaning, save that every elector who voted was in favor of stock running at large."

Astoria Wants Public Dock.

Astoria—A modern public dock, not less than 1000 feet in length, built with slips to accommodate several vessels at a time, and equipped with all the modern electrical appliances for handling freight, and not less than 35 feet of water in the channel across the shoal at the mouth of the Columbia river are two things which the people of Astoria are demanding.

The movement in support of these projects was started a few days ago. Under the leadership of Dr. Alfred Kinney, a committee of direction of over 200 members from the various sections of the country is being formed, and each member is pledged to back the Port of Astoria commission in bonding the port to the extent of \$1,000,000 if necessary to raise the funds required.

\$800,000 Bonds Secured.

Astoria—A mortgage given by the Kerry Timber company to the Central Trust company of Illinois to secure \$800,000 in bonds was filed for record in the county clerk's office Wednesday afternoon. The mortgage covers several thousand acres of timber land in Clatsop and Columbia counties and bonds which are dated January 1 of this year and run from two to 11 years, were issued to secure funds for the purpose of building a logging railroad from Woods landing on the Columbia river, to the Nehalem valley, a distance of 31 miles, as well as to erect mills and establish and operate logging camps.

Seaside Cheese Sells High.

Seaside—Cheese brought \$1 a pound here at a public auction held at Main and Bridge streets, when the first output of the Clatsop County Incorporated Cheese company was placed on sale. Dan J. Moore acted as auctioneer.

James Peterson, a grocer, was the first successful bidder and paid \$25 for 25 pounds; Seaside Cornet band was second and R. E. Stewart was third. Bruce Perry, a lad of 10, was among the successful bidders. The plant plans to put out 400 pounds of cheese a day when in full running order.

1913 Colonists Bring Families.

Hood River—"It seems that all of the colonists that are coming West this year have small families," says Mrs. Harrison Miller, who arrived here recently for a visit with her father, D. I. Stone, a local orchardist. "I don't think I ever saw so many babies together as were on one of the cars attached to the Soo-Spokane train. There were 23 little fellows in the car, and the oldest was not over 5 years. I can assure that they kept things gay."

COFFEE CLUB IS ATTRACTIVE

Various Cities and Towns in State Watch Eugene Innovation.

Eugene—Much interest throughout the state is being taken in the Eugene Coffee club, according to Professor E. E. DeCou, president of the organization backing the undertaking. Two students of Pacific University have written him for information, as they plan to open a similar institution in the "North End" of Portland this summer.

Dr. Alfred G. Schmidt, banker and a philanthropist of Albany, has invited Professor DeCou to go to that city and address a meeting of business men on the subject of a coffee club, and President Homan, of Willamette University, when he was here attending the dedication of the Methodist church recently, said Salem would do well to follow the plan.

The Eugene Coffee club is intended to be a self-sustaining club for workingmen, offering free reading and game rooms, and a lunch counter, where plain food may be obtained at a minimum price. A free employment bureau is maintained in connection with the club.

The Coffee club was an outgrowth of discussion in the Municipal league nearly a year ago of methods to be used in keeping Eugene in the "dry" column.

TORRENS LAW MOVE IS MADE

Land at Issue Consists of 84.78 Acres in Elliott Prairie Country.

Oregon City—Application for initial registration of land under the Torrens law, rarely used in this county, but much simpler in form than the usual method of quieting title, has been made by L. A. Coldren. The land at issue consists of 84.78 acres in the Elliott Prairie country, and is valued at about \$80 an acre. Through confusion of previous deeds and mortgages on the property, title to it is confused now, and as Coldren has a purchaser for the land, he desires to clear up this legal tangle.

In acting on the case the court will order the recorder of the county to issue a certificate of title to the property, and on this certificate all encumbrances to the property will be entered.

FINE IMPORTED CATTLE HERE

Bank President Brings in Wisconsin and Iowa Herds.

Cloverdale—Charles Ray, president of the Nestucca Valley bank, of this place, has received a carload of pure-bred Holstein cattle, which he purchased in Wisconsin and Iowa, having sent an experienced dairyman from Portland early in January intending to buy two carloads, but was unable to secure more than one car, good cattle being scarce there as well as here.

This carload consists of 30 heifers and five bulls, all yearlings. They will be sold one or two head to different ranchers in this valley. Pure-blooded cattle are becoming more popular in this vicinity each year, since they are the best producers and demand the highest prices.

Road Ordered to Improve.

Salem—An order issued by the State Railroad commission requires the Corvallis & Eastern railroad, within the next two years, to replace its present 50-pound steel tracks between Corvallis and Yaquina with 75-pound steel rails. It also recommends that the road be ballasted and the roadbed improved in certain places. It is estimated that the cost of the improvements will be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. This order follows the recent trip of inspection made by the commission over the road to Yaquina.

Tax No Longer Exempt.

Portland—In a long opinion citing many authorities, sent to County Assessor Reed, the ruling is made by Attorney General Crawford that personal property of insurance companies is no longer exempt from taxation. The reason is that an amendment to the law providing for the taxation of insurance companies does not provide, as the statute did formerly, that the companies shall pay 2 per cent of their net receipts in lieu of taxation of all kinds except taxation on real estate.

Ashland Chautauqua Set.

Ashland—The dates of the Southern Oregon Chautauqua assembly have been set for July 7-18. President Billings has selected the main portion of the talent, and the grounds are being prepared for the event. The Atkinson bridge, a concrete structure spanning Ashland creek, is completed, while the Anderson arch, another memorial feature promised in the near future, will be a notable adornment to the entrance to Chautauqua grounds.

Indian School Gets Ice Plant.

Chemawa—The machinery and equipment for the new ice plant at the Salem Indian school were placed on the ground this week and will be installed in the new building being erected for that purpose. For many years the problem of handling fresh food has been one of difficulty to those in charge of affairs and has made it necessary that a cold storage plant be provided for use at the school.