

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News
From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Pacific Northwest Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

A "pauper" found dead in his cabin near Toledo, Ore., was discovered to be worth \$15,000.

The Russians lose to the Germans another important fortress in their flight from Warsaw.

The "song of hate" against England and written by a German, is deplored by newspapers of Berlin.

The remains of Mrs. John D. Rockefeller have been interred and the place of burial is being guarded.

The British report regaining 1000 yards of front in their campaign against the Germans in Belgium.

A prominent Chinese speaker at San Francisco decries the exclusion law of the United States, but at that, declares this is the one great nation that has not abused China.

A conference for a supreme "appeal" for peace in Mexico is being held by the ministers and ambassadors of South American republics with the Washington authorities.

United States government has decided to accept pay for the steamer William P. Frye, sunk by a German submarine, but in doing so holds that the treaty of 1828 will not be waived.

The bulk of the \$1,050,000 estate left by John R. Lindgren, late vice president of the State Bank of Chicago, will go to religious and educational institutions, according to his will, which was approved in court.

The preliminary work of raising F-4, the United States submarine which went to the bottom March 26 with a crew of 21 men, has begun. The salvors have succeeded in passing a four-inch line under the derelict's hull.

"The minister of the interior of the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany," says a message from Karlsruhe, "on conferring with the Socialist deputies, announced that good crops soon would permit of an increase in bread portions and of decrease in prices."

The steamship Seward sailed from Seattle for Anchorage, Cook Inlet, with 500 tons of heavy steel rails and 1,500,000 feet of lumber for the government railroad. The rails will be used for construction of four miles of yard tracks at Anchorage. The lumber will construct bridges along the Matanuska river.

Hiram Maxim is credited by the London correspondent of the Petit Parisien with having invented a simple and inexpensive contrivance to protect soldiers from the effects of deadly gases employed in battle. This device is designed to cause the gases to rise and pass over the heads of the men against whom they are directed.

Pope Benedict has determined to make a new appeal for peace, according to the newspaper Roma, which declares the pontiff is resolved to use every means within his power to bring about the desired result. He will ask the help of the Episcopate and, the newspaper asserts, is even considering the convocation of a universal council of the church at Rome.

Germans finally take Warsaw.

Germany makes apology to Norway for sinking steamship Minervia.

Five hundred Austrian troops on a train were burned to death when Italians shelled it.

Taller, darker women, clothed in more sensible dress, hung from the shoulders, will typify the "eugenic woman" of the future, Dr. A. J. Reed, professor of hygiene in the Normal School of Physical Education at Battle Creek, Mich., predicted in an address before the Second International Conference on Race Betterment at the Panama-Pacific exposition.

Reports from Simla say intercessional services are being held in the churches, mosques and temples throughout India, all sections of the British and Indian communities participating. Numerous patriotic meetings also have been organized by Indian citizens. It is estimated that \$5,000,000 has been subscribed to the British war loan through Bombay and Calcutta.

A comet, long "dead," is reported to be coming back and will cause meteor shower.

Wheat yield in the Palouse country, Washington, reaches an average of between 35 and 40 bushels to the acre.

Salt consumed in the United States amounted to 9,998,520,560 pounds during 1914, an increase of 41,575,800 pounds over that consumed in 1913. That amount, announced by the Geological Survey, would mean a per capita consumption of almost 100 pounds for the year. Sugar's per capita consumption during 1914 was 89.14 pounds.

THOMAS A. EDISON



Mr. Edison has accepted the position of head of the new navy bureau of invention. Besides his other great accomplishments, he is an expert on submarines and has in hand several improvements for the undersea craft.

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA IN ACCORD IN DEALING WITH MEXICO

Washington, D. C.—Powers of North and South America already have agreed upon a definite plan for dealing with the Mexican problem, and when the Pan-American conference is resumed in New York the program will be formally ratified.

This information came from Secretary Lansing, who though he would not discuss details, said he was decidedly encouraged over the prospect.

The confidence expressed by officials generally here, that the conferees who are representing the United States, Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala and Uruguay will be able to shape a course likely to bring peace and restore constitutional government in Mexico, is due to the fact that all are agreed that most of the people of the revolution-torn republic are thoroughly sick of war and with encouragement from friendly powers will promptly join in the movement to clean house.

A large section of the country and a vast majority of the people have not been involved in the fighting which followed the overthrow of Huerta. Moreover, it has been reported to President Wilson and Secretary Lansing that only the fear of reprisals by the military chieftains has kept the people in subjection while the country has been impoverished by the battles of relatively small forces of armed men.

Reaching their conclusion on these reports, the Pan-American conferees are understood to have determined to present the situation to all of the various elements in Mexico, addressing directly not only General Carranza, Villa and Zapata, but the governors of states, all military leaders with any considerable following and other influential men, urging them to come together for a caucus at which a substantial provisional government might be framed.

A government so set up would have the support of the United States and other American republics.

John D. Rockefeller Changed Man Since Recent Death of Wife

Cleveland, O.—There is a changed master at Forest Hill, the big East Cleveland estate of John D. Rockefeller. That is what Rockefeller's closest friends are saying after visits to Forest Hill.

The oldest inhabitant who has cared for the lawns and drives of Forest Hill for years knows why their master has changed. It is because their mistress has gone, they say. For the first time Mr. Rockefeller tramps and drives about his estate without the companionship of his wife.

The attendants tell, too, how the changed master broke down and cried at his first breakfast at Forest Hill after his return because of the vacant chair. Rockefeller used to play golf with a keen delight. He plays seldom now, and without the old-time zeal.

Crop Found in Army Wake

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Among the news items prepared by the Overseas News Agency for transmission abroad is the following: "Reports from the front in Poland say the Russian announcement that farm crops were devastated and that the Russians left a desert behind them is greatly exaggerated. The farmers disobeyed orders to destroy the crops, and a full harvest of rye, wheat and oats is being brought in with the assistance of German soldiers. Only the villages were burned."

Canal Soon to Be Clear

Washington, D. C.—Half a mile of earth which slid into the Panama Canal last week, reducing the depth through Gaillard cut to 19 feet, will have been dredged away within the next three days, canal officials report. Ten steamers are awaiting passage through the cut.

Taft Is Grandpa Now

Bar Harbor, Me.—Announcement of the arrival of ex-President Taft's first grandchild was made here Wednesday. The child, a boy, was born to Mrs. Robert Taft at her summer home three days before, but the fact did not become generally known until now.

SIX INDICTED FOR EASTLAND DISASTER

Charges of Manslaughter and Negligence Are Made.

JURY HOLDS SHIP WAS UNSEAWORTHY

Company Officials Accused of Guilty Knowledge and Ballast Was Not Understood by Engineer.

Chicago—Indictments charging manslaughter and criminal carelessness were returned before Judge Kersten in the criminal court Thursday in connection with the Eastland disaster.

The captain and engineer and four officers of the St. Joseph-Chicago Steamship company, owners of the boat, were named. Those indicted were: George T. Arnold, president of the company; William H. Hull, vice president and general manager; W. C. Steele, secretary-treasurer; Ray W. Davis, assistant secretary-treasurer; Harry Pedersen, captain; Joseph M. Erickson, engineer.

Bonds were fixed at \$20,000 each for the company officials and \$10,000 each for Pedersen and Erickson. The two last named are charged with criminal carelessness, and the officials with manslaughter.

Separate bills were returned against the captain and the engineer, while the four officials were named in a joint indictment. The bill against the officials contained five counts, charging:

1. That they knew the Eastland was unseaworthy and had no stability.
2. That they permitted 2500 passengers aboard the vessel, which is more than its carrying capacity.
3. That they were negligent in hiring an incompetent engineer, who, because of his lack of skill, was unable to control the boat properly.
4. That the crew did not number enough hands to manage and control the Eastland properly.
5. That the ballast tanks were allowed to be out of repair and not filled with water.

Against Captain Pedersen these charges were brought:

1. That he permitted aboard the boat a larger number of passengers than she could safely carry.
2. That he neglected to warn the passengers to leave the Eastland when it became apparent to him that she was about to turn over.
3. That he was negligent in not seeing that the ballast tanks were properly filled and in good repair.
4. That he was negligent in not seeing that the chalk holes and gangways were closed when the ship was loaded.

The counts in the indictment of Erickson are in essential similar to those against Pedersen.

The report of the grand jury finds that the disaster was caused by "instability under conditions of loading," and says that the instability was due to "one of three main causes, or any two, or all three of them," as follows:

- First—The overloading of the vessel with passengers.
- Second—The mishandling of water ballast.
- Third—The construction of the vessel.

Public Should Bite the Bubble to Be Safe at Drinking Fountains

Washington, D. C.—"Bite the bubble" is the latest "health hint" from the United States Public Health and Marine Hospital service. An expert for the Marine Hospital service says: "If improperly constructed or improperly used, the bubbling drinking fountain may be a greater menace to health than the common drinking cup."

The other day an inspector of the Public Health service took a seat beside a bubbling drinking fountain in a railway station and watched the way it was used. Forty-seven different persons, 11 men, 22 women and 14 children, used the bubbling fountain. In almost every case the lips were placed almost completely around the metal ball from which the water spouted.

Argentine Warned by Carranza

Buenos Ayres—Dr. Victorino de la Plaza, president of Argentina, has received a telegram from Gen. Venustiano Carranza, first chief of the Mexican Constitutionalists, which asserts that the Washington conference, should it decide to interfere in Mexican affairs, would commit an unpardonable error.

"Argentina," says the dispatch, "has made herself an accomplice in a crime against our race which possibly may help to bring on a war between two American nations."

Northwest Business Big

Washington, D. C.—Reports received by comptroller of the currency from bank examiners in the Northwest on business conditions in that section are digested as follows by the comptroller: "There is unusual activity in Alaska trade. The livestock, agriculture, fruit, dairying and salmon industries are also active. The lumber and building trades alone are reported as being depressed. The cereal crop will be unusually good."

BUSINESS REVIVAL IS NEAR AT HAND

Gain of Confidence Noted in All Lines of Industry.

EVEN POSSIBILITY OF WAR NOT FEARED

Wet Weather Does Good to Wheat, Livestock and Dairy Industry—Big Yields Is Now Seen.

Washington, D. C.—The former feeling of apprehension, of "something is going to happen" because of the "European war," has almost entirely disappeared, according to a special report submitted Monday by the committee on statistics and standards of the chamber of commerce of the United States.

Even with the possibility that the United States might become entangled in the gigantic world conflict, there still remains a pronounced belief that

MISS HANNAH WESSLING



Miss Hannah Wessling is the bread-making expert of the United States department of agriculture.

notwithstanding such untoward conditions, business is bound to show distinct advancement.

Confidence in the future, according to the committee, of which A. W. Douglas, of St. Louis, is chairman, has grown apace with the steady progress of the crops and the slow but continual improvement in industrial affairs.

There still continues, however, to be conservatism and caution in buying and in new commitments. The reason seems to be that it is better business to wait until the results of the crops are known beyond question before venturing a more extended way, and as a consequence stocks of merchandise throughout the country continue light. The continued wet weather has done more good than harm to the crops, it is said.

The conditions of mining vary sharply as to the commodity mined. Copper mines are running full time and new ones are opening up. Zinc and lead mines are busy and the mining of iron ores is improving.

There is little business in naval stores because of lack of demand. Phosphate mines of Florida still remain closed on account of the European war. Unfavorable reports come from the fisheries of Oregon, Washington, the Gulf and the Atlantic Coast.

Manufacturing varies much, according to the article made, though in general it is quiet. Steel and iron business shows distinct improvement, with increasing orders. The manufacturers in different sections who have orders for war contracts are exceedingly busy.

Haitien Brigand Taken

Port-au-Prince—The presidential election to fill the place of General Vilbrun Guillaume, who was removed from the French legation by a mob of Haitians July 28 and shot to death, has been postponed indefinitely. The American naval forces at Croix-des-Bouquets repressed some disorder on the part of a band of brigands. The chief of the band was taken prisoner and placed on board the United States cruiser Washington. Other disorders are reported to have occurred at St. March and Aux Capes.

Male Zebra Born In Zoo

New York—A lively 70-pound male zebra baby was added to the Central Park menagerie Monday. The zebra is three feet tall and three and one-half feet from tip to tail. Both mother and baby are doing well and the new pet will be shown to the public in few days. This zebra is the first that has ever been born in this country, and so far as records show the first ever born in captivity.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat: Bluestem, \$1.04 bushel; forty-fold, \$1.01; club, \$1.01; red Fife, 98c; red Russian, 94c.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$27 ton; shorts, \$28; rolled barley, \$28.50 @29.50.

Corn—Whole, \$38 ton; cracked, \$39. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16 @17; valley timothy, \$15; alfalfa, \$12.50@13.50; cheat, \$11@11.50; oat and vetch, \$12@12.50.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, Oregon, 15 @20c dozen; artichokes, 90c; tomatoes, 25 @50c box; cabbage, 1 @1 1/2c pound; head lettuce, \$1 crate; beans, 2 1/2 @4c; pound; green corn, 15 @20c dozen; garlic, 10 @12c pound; peppers, 6 @7c; eggplant, 6 @7c; pumpkins, 1 1/2c.

Green Fruits—Cantaloupes, \$1 @2.25 crate; peaches, 30 @60c box; watermelons, 1 1/2 @1 1/2c pound; plums, 50c @1.25 box; new apples, Astrachans, 75c @ \$1; Gravenstein, \$1.25 @1.50; pears, \$1 @1.50; grapes, \$1.25 @1.50 crate; huckleberries, 8c pound; casabas, \$1.75 crate.

Potatoes—New, 70 @75c sack. Onions—75c sack.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 24c dozen; No. 2, 19c; No. 3, 15c. Jobbing price: No. 1, 26c.

Poultry—Hens, 13 @14c pound; springs, 16c; turkeys, 18 @19c; ducks, 8 @12c; geese, 8 @10c.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, extras, 27c pound; first, 25c; seconds, 24c; prints and cartons, extra; butterfat, No. 1, 28c; second grade, 2c less; country creamery cubes, 20 @25c.

Hops—1915 contracts, 13 @14c; 1914 crop, 14c; olds, 12 @13c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25 @28 1/2c; Eastern Oregon fine, 18 @21 1/2c; valley, 26 @30c; mohair, new clip, 30 @31c.

Cascara bark—Old and new, 4c. Cattle—Best steers, \$6.50 @7; good, \$6.25 @6.50; medium, \$6 @6.25; choice cows, \$5.35 @5.50; heifers, \$4.75 @5.50; bulls, \$3.50 @5; stags, \$5 @6.25.

Hogs—Light, \$7 @7.30; heavy, \$6 @7.20.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4.75 @5.10; ewes, \$3 @4.25; lambs, \$5 @6.

Portland—At the opening of the market Thursday morning there were over 1300 head of cattle at North Portland and three loads arrived from Central Oregon during the forenoon, says the Portland Live Stock Reporter. Buyers from all the smaller local packing plants were on hand, as well as from Puget Sound points, and trading opened with considerable spirit. A Puget Sound packer bought the greater part of the best offerings, paying \$7 for the top steers, and he got some very good steers for \$6.75. The smaller local packers were interested bidders and each got some good cattle. Just before noon a load of fat steers of poor type were sold to a local packer at \$6.05. Up to noon the majority of the purchases had been made by the Puget Sound and nearby packers, and nearly half of the stuff had been sold.

The market was practically on a steer basis, as there were only a few cows offered and only three or four bulls. Most of the steers offered, however, were of killer quality and of weights that killers require. While the market started out steady and most of the best stuff was sold before noon at prices which correspond with those of last week, the larger local packing interests are bidding lower.

Oregon Crop Report

August 1 crop estimates by the United States department of Agriculture are as follows:

Winter wheat—Forecast, 14,000,000 bushels; final, 1914, 13,684,000.

Spring wheat—Forecast, 3,650,000 bushels; final, 1914, 2,920,000.

Oats—Forecast, 14,300,000 bushels; final, 1914, 12,740,000.

Barley—Forecast, 4,240,000 bushels; final, 1914, 3,660,000.

Potatoes—Forecast, 6,730,000 bushels; final, 1914, 4,753,000.

Hay—All tame; forecast, 1,740,000 tons; final, 1914, 1,716,000.

Apples—Forecast, 3,400,000 bushels; final, 1914, 3,600,000.

Mule's Machinery Good

Olympia, Wash.—Edward Kelly, a teamster at Vancouver, Wash., was given a blank to report to the Industrial Insurance commission on his injuries, resulting from his being kicked by a mule while in pursuit of his duties. The commission received the following: "State part of the machinery on which accident occurred." Answer, "Hind part of a mule." "Was the machinery in good working order?" Answer, "Yes." Kelly's claim for \$27.65 for 24 days' lost time on account of the accident was allowed.

Hopyard Reports Are Better

More favorable reports are coming in from the Oregon hopyards. The warmer weather, in combination with the vigorous spraying operations, has at last got the better of the lice. The yards are by no means clean as yet, but good progress is being made toward that goal, and if the weather only continues right, there will be little to fear from mold. No business is passing in local market, and quiet conditions also prevail in California.

Wenatchee Pears Moving Fast

Wenatchee—Wenatchee pears are going into the market in full force. The shippers say the fruit is of extra fine quality this year and that the growers are putting up a good pack. Thirteen outbound cars rolled Saturday. Warren O. Dow, manager of the Wenatchee-North Central Fruit Distributors, has received notice of a large sale of apples to Steinhardt & Kelley, of New York, at good prices.

AMERICANS OCCUPY HAITIEN POSITIONS

U. S. Naval Force Used to Take National Capital.

GUNBOAT ALSO TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

President of Senate Cables Protest In Name of Haitien Republic, Which Falls on Deaf Ear.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti—American naval forces Monday took possession of the office of the port, the national palace and the Haitian gunboat Pacificque.

During the movement to take the office of the port, the Americans opened fire on the Haitians and one Haitian was killed.

The occupation of the office of the port and the national palace gave the Americans the last positions held by the Haitians. The populace has been thrown into consternation by the operations of the Americans.

The president of the senate, in the name of the nation, cabled Solon Menos, Haitian minister to the United States, a new protest against the occupation of Haitian territory by the American naval forces.

The American authorities have notified the diplomatic body and the consular agents that Colonel Eli K. Cole, United States Marine corps, and commander of the American expeditionary forces, is entrusted with the maintenance of order and the safeguarding of life and property.

Captain Edward L. Beach, chief of staff to Admiral Caperton, remains in charge of the work of settling any differences of an administrative nature which may arise with the Haitian authorities.

Dr. Rosalvo Bobo, leader of the revolution, arrived here on board the United States refrigerator ship Celtic. On landing, he was cheered by the populace.

A meeting of the national assembly has been called for Sunday to elect a new president.

EX-PRESIDENT TAFT TO BE GUEST OF BAR ASSOCIATION

Ex-President William H. Taft will be in Portland Monday, August 23. He will deliver an address at the Heilig theater. Ex-President Taft has accepted an invitation to address a joint convention of the Bar associations of the states of Oregon and Washington. His address will be open to the public generally, and his subject will be "Law and Government."

Other speakers will be Senator George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, Governor James Withycombe, of Ore-



gon, and Ex-senator George Turner, of Spokane, Wash. The meeting will extend over three days, beginning August 23d. Lawyers and judges all over the United States and Canada are expected to attend. Extensive preparations are under way for the entertainment of the visitors. Hotel accommodations will be arranged by addressing Mr. A. B. Ridgway, Northwestern Bank Building, Portland. Among other entertainments, it is planned to take visitors for an automobile trip over the new Columbia Highway.

Warship Fire Explained

Philadelphia—After a thorough examination while the damage was being repaired, officials of the New York Shipbuilding company are convinced that the fire which swept the hold of the dreadnought Oklahoma several weeks ago was caused by spontaneous combustion.

Work on the latest dreadnought is being rushed. The Oklahoma was to have been ready for delivery in October, but it is expected the fire will delay completion until early in January of next year.

Rails Going to Russia

Seattle—The Great Northern liner Minnesota sailed Monday for Vladivostok with 8000 tons of steel rails for the trans-Siberian railroad, to be used in building sidetracks that will relieve the blockade at Vladivostok and expedite the shipment of munitions to the war front in Europe.

The rails are valued at \$1,500,000. The remainder of the cargo, part of which goes to Japan, is valued at \$500,000.