

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 boy of 10 was killed and two girl playmates injured at Portland when their coaster wagon ran into a motor truck.

British authorities say they have proof that two additional German dreadnaughts were sunk in the Jutland battle.

The captain of the German submarine freighter says German freight-carrying Zeppelins will soon visit America.

War's increase of food prices in Europe, as shown by the bureau of labor statistics, has touched neutrals almost as heavily as it has the belligerents.

Russian troops have captured the town of Mamakhatum, 50 miles west of Erzerum, on the Tuzulu river, by assault. The retreating Turks set fire to the town.

By the overturning of an automobile on Prospect road, a few miles from San Jose, Cal., Dorothy Parker, 18, a daughter of "Painless" Parker, a dentist, was killed.

A corporation will be organized by a group of American bankers, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., and Brown Brothers & Co., to lend \$100,000,000 to the French government.

The Georgia house refused, 91 to 21, to adopt a special rule for consideration of a suffrage amendment. The result is expected to end the fight for suffrage at this session of the legislature.

Four men were killed, one is missing and more than a score of others were more or less injured by an explosion of 600 pounds of nitroglycerine in the mixing house of the Du Pont powder plant in Naskell, N. J.

William Zimmer, aged 12 years, was arrested in New Orleans, charged with killing his mother. The boy, according to the police, said he shot his mother because she threatened to beat him when he returned home after an unsuccessful search for work.

The engagement is announced of Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, widow of the late British statesman, and the Rev. William Hartley Carnegie, rector of St. Margaret, and canon of Westminster. Before her marriage, Mrs. Chamberlain was Miss Mary Endicott, of Massachusetts.

Lester Stillwell, 12 years old, was killed by a man-eating shark while bathing in an arm of Raritan bay near Matawan, N. J. Stanley Fisher, 24 years old, who went to his aid, was so badly injured in a struggle with the sea monster that he died while being taken to a Long Branch hospital.

The Bethlehem Steel company plans to spend \$70,000,000 in improvements and extensions to its plants, according to E. G. Grace, president, in addition to \$40,000,000 which it was said would be spent at the plants of the Pennsylvania and Maryland Steel companies, recently acquired by the Bethlehem.

The Socialist newspaper, Tribune, of Amsterdam, asserts that 55,000 workmen employed in the munition factories and electrical works in Berlin and in an aerodrome at Johannisthal have gone on strike as a protest against the prison sentence imposed on Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Socialist leader, for participation in the May Day demonstration at Berlin.

The Dagens Nyheder, at Copenhagen, announces that a sea battle is believed to have occurred in the Baltic outside of Haefringe on Sunday night. Violent cannonading was heard from several points on the coast and it is presumed that the German and Russian patrolling squadrons clashed.

A cherry tree at White Salmon, Wash., yields 1071 pounds of fruit.

The Union Pacific decides to cut the lumber freight to Eastern points 5 cents, making the tariff 45 cents per hundred pounds, instead of 50 cents. The change is due September 1.

General Smuts, in command of the British forces in German East Africa, has occupied Tanganyika, according to a statement issued by the war office. The Germans offered only slight resistance.

PRESIDENT SIGNS RURAL CREDITS BILL CREATING 12 LAND BANKS

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson signed Monday the rural credits bill passed recently by congress. He used two pens, afterward giving one to Senator Fletcher, of Florida, who will present it to the Southern Commercial Congress. Several members of the house and senate were present, among them David Lubin, one of the originators of the National grange, the Framers' Educational and Cooperative congress and the National Council of Farmers' cooperative associations. The President delivered a brief address.

"I cannot go through the simple ceremony of signing this bill without expressing the feeling that I have in signing it," he said. "It is a feeling not only of profound satisfaction, but of real gratitude that we have completed this piece of legislation, which I hope will be immensely beneficial to the farmers of the country."

"The farmers, it seems to me, have occupied hitherto a singular position of disadvantage. They have not had the same freedom to get credit on their real estate that others have had who were in manufacturing and commercial enterprises, and while they have sustained our life, they did not in the same degree with some others share in the benefits of that life."

"Therefore, this bill, along with the very liberal provisions of the Federal reserve act, put them upon an equality with all others who have genuine assets and makes credit of the country available to them."

"I look forward to the benefits of this bill, not with extravagant expectations, with confident expectations that it will be of very wide-reaching benefit, and, incidentally, it will be of advantage to the investing community, for I can imagine no more satisfactory and solid investment than this system will afford those who have money to use."

Commission Denies Rehearing In Astoria Rate Decision

Washington, D. C.—The order of the Interstate Commerce commission in the Astoria rate case promulgated February 19, will become operative on or before September 15, the commission Tuesday having denied the motion of the railroads for a rehearing.

As originally drawn the Astoria rate decision was to have gone into effect May 1, but its operation was suspended when the carriers on March 19 filed a motion for rehearing. When that motion was filed the commission temporarily suspended its order until it could investigate the grounds upon which rehearing was asked.

That investigation has since been made, and the order of the commission is indication that it finds the grounds insufficient to justify a modification of its original order. In denying the petition for rehearing the commission does not state the grounds of its action and makes no statement of the case whatever, merely entering its order.

American Navy Has Longest Range Anti-Air Craft Guns in World

Washington, D. C.—Construction of enough high-powered anti-aircraft guns to supply all active battleships and cruisers of the navy has been completed, it was announced Tuesday by Secretary Daniels. The new weapons is believed by navy experts to be the longest range guns of that type in the world.

The new gun is a three-inch, 50 caliber weapon that will throw a shell 27,000 feet in air at an angle of 90 degrees. On each ship one will be mounted forward and one aft, with an all-round fire so that the pair can sweep the skies in any direction.

Guns Thunder on Vardar.

Paris—The war office has given out the following statement covering the operations of the army of the Orient from July 1 to July 15:

"East of the Vardar artillery actions, often intense, have occurred daily on the front. Advance post engagements of little importance took place July 7 north of Kalinoko, 10 kilometers south of Lake Doinan. West of the Vardar our patrols and light detachments have had frequent skirmishes with the enemy, who always was obliged to retreat."

Bootleggers to Be Shot.

Charleston, W. Va.—Police officers employed by the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad in West Virginia have been ordered to carry rifles as well as revolvers to resist efforts of bootleggers and their agents to bring liquors into this state.

These officers have also been instructed to work in squads of four or singly or in pairs. The orders resulted from the increased numbers of attempts to violate the state prohibition laws.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest

About Oregon

Buyers' Week Dates Are August 7 to 12 Inclusive

The fourth annual Buyers' Week to be held in Portland has been fixed for August 7 to 12, for the convenience of Northwest merchants. Invitations are ready to be sent to all the merchandising trade territory, where Portland jobbers and manufacturers maintain affiliations.

Plans for the event are being worked out by the arrangements committee of that city and it is intended to mix business and pleasure in most alluring proportions.

Following the outline of the highly successful Buyers' Week of 1915, the work of preparing for the 1916 Buyers' Week visitors will be in the hands of the trade and commerce bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, of which Nathan Strauss is chairman.

It is believed that the forthcoming Buyers' Week will attract a much larger attendance than any of its three predecessors.

The number of buyers has grown each year, and the territory they represent has spread, so that the annual Buyers' Week has become one of the fixed institutions of the city. Portland jobbers and manufacturers get together with their retail friends from upstate, downstate, across the river and east of the Cascades for a week of profitable conferences.

Neither the out-of-town merchant or the representatives of the big merchandising establishments of the city would permit Buyers' Week to be thrown overboard.

County Courts Decide to Push Work on Dixie Mountain Road

Baker—Meeting at the dividing line of Grant and Baker counties at Austin, 57 miles west of here, Tuesday afternoon, members of the County courts of the two counties decided to push the work on the Dixie Mountain that will give a thoroughfare connecting the counties. The road on the Grant county side was found in worse shape than that on this side of the line, but this the Grant County court consented to remedy at once, with the ultimate idea of building a road along the John Day river from Susanville, touching at the Dixie Meadows mine, which will make a much safer grade than that on the road now in use.

In regard to the state highway, following the John Day river and connecting Baker, Grant and Malheur counties, the Grant county commissioners announced that they will push preliminary survey. It was ascertained that the United States Forestry department would pay the greater part of the survey in Baker county. No arrangements were made as to how the balance of the expense could be met.

Mills To Pay Families.

Oregon City—Families of guardsmen who were employed in the local mills of the Crown-Willamette Paper company will be cared for by the mill as long as the Oregon soldiers are away from home. Mill officials have found 11 families which were left by guardsmen employed in the local plant. The money will be paid to the wives of the men, the mill giving 26 days' pay a month, less \$15 paid by the government to the soldiers. The Crown-Willamette mills and the Hawley Pulp & Paper company are holding jobs open for men now at the border.

Bond Issue Carries.

Medford—By a vote of nearly 3 to 1—1009 for and 366 against—the people of Medford Monday approved the contract with Mr. Bullis for the construction of a railroad to the Blue Ledge mine, just over the California line, about 36 miles from Medford. The Blue Ledge boosters celebrated their victory by a parade of automobiles with tooting horns through the streets, bright with red lights, led by the Medford band. Leaders of the movement were serenaded and speeches were made on the street by enthusiastic citizens.

Forces To Be Combined.

Bandon—Roderick L. Macleay, manager of the Wedderburn Trading company, which a few months ago purchased the Fishermen's Co-operative Cannery, on the Lower Coquille river, announces that forces of the local plant at Wedderburn, on Rogue River are to be combined. This is made possible by the fact that the salmon do not commence to run here until after the season is over on the Rogue.

Improvements and additions to the local plant are being made in preparation for the fall season.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, 79c per bushel; fortyfold, 97c; club, 86c; red Fife, 86c; red Russian, 86c.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$23 @24 per ton; valley timothy, \$19@22; alfalfa, \$14@15.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$26@26.50 per ton; shorts, \$29@29.50; rolled barley, \$31.50@32.50.

Corn—Whole, \$37 per ton; cracked \$38.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c@81 per dozen; tomatoes, \$1.50@1.65 per crate; cabbage, \$2@2.25 per hundred; garlic, 1c per pound; peppers, 25c; eggplant, 1c; horseradish, 8½c; lettuce, \$1@1.25 per crate; cucumbers, \$1@1.25 per box; rhubarb, 1½@2c per pound; peas, 3@4c; cauliflower, \$1.25 per box; beans, 5@7½c per pound; celery, \$1.10 @1.25 per dozen; corn, 5@6c per dozen.

Potatoes—Old, \$1.50@1.65 per sack; new, 2@2½c per pound.

Onions—California red and yellow, \$3@3.25 per sack.

Green Fruits—Apples, new, \$1.75@2 per box; cherries, 4@7c per pound; cantaloupes, \$2.75 @ 3.75 per crate; peaches, 75c@81 per box; watermelons, 1½@2c per pound; figs, \$1@1.50 per box; raspberries, \$1@1.25 per crate; plums, \$1.15@1.50 per box; prunes, \$1.25@1.50; loganberries, 50c @81 per crate; blackcaps, \$1.50@1.75; currants, \$1@1.25; pears, \$2.75@3 per box.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, Exchange price, current receipts, 23½c per dozen. Jobbing prices: Oregon ranch, candled, 25c; selects, 26c.

Poultry—Hens, 14@15c per pound; broilers, 17@18c; turkeys, live, 20@22c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 9@11c.

Butter—Cubes, extras, no bid; prime firsts, 24c. Jobbing prices: Prints, extras, 27@29c; butterfat, No. 1, 26c; No. 2, 24c; Portland.

Veal—Fancy, 12@12½c per pound.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10½c per pound.

Hops—1915 crop, 8@11c per pound; 1916 contracts, nominal.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, fine, 23@26c per pound; coarse, 30@32c; valley, 30 @33c.

Cascara Bark—Old and new, 4c per pound.

Cattle—Steers, choice, \$7.50@8.30; good, \$6.75@7.25; cows, choice, \$6.25 @6.50; good, \$5.50@6.25; heifers, \$4 @6.50; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$4.50@6.

Hogs—Prime light, \$8.20 @ 8.80; good to prime, \$7.75@8.10; rough heavy, \$7.50@7.75; pigs and skips, \$6.60@7.10.

Sheep—Yearlings, \$6@6.50; wethers, \$5.50@6.50; ewes, \$4.75@5.25; lambs, \$6@8.25.

Northwest Wheat Crop Estimated at 55,000,000 Bushels

The wheat crop of the Pacific Northwest is estimated by grainmen at from 54,000,000 to 56,000,000 bushels. The remarkable improvement made in the past few weeks justifies them in raising their estimates to these figures. At the present time the weather could not be better for filling out, and glowing reports are coming in from all sections.

As to the future prices, the situation is as uncertain as it ever was, but one thing seems sure that is that the market will be on the basis of Chicago. The tendency now is to get on a parity with the East. The late Chicago bulge put that market up about 7 cents, whereas prices here have advanced only about 3 cents. The coast market is not yet on the Chicago parity, but it is not far from it.

Ship 12 Cars Fruit Daily.

Puyallup, Wash.—With more than 8000 berry pickers in the valley and the berries ripening very fast, President W. H. Paulhamus, of the Fruit Growers' association, said that the association will ship a dozen cars of berries a day for the coming week.

About 2000 pickers can still be used in the valley. Mr. Paulhamus estimates. Ranchers in the vicinity of Puyallup are in greater need of pickers than are Sumner ranchers, because most of the Puyallup berries are Antwerps and Marlboros, and ripen much faster than the Cuthberts.

Hay Harvest Starts on Coast.

Marshfield, Or.—Haying season, which comes later on the Coast than elsewhere in Oregon, is in full swing and the crop is abundant. The ranchers on Coos river have been busy with their mowing machines for the past week, and the Coquille valley farmers are also harvesting their hay. Many Coos county stockraisers depend upon corn ensilage rather than hay and that crop will be gathered later in the year.

Roseburg Shipping Sheep.

Roseburg, Or.—More than 1000 sheep were brought here Sunday by George Kohlhaugen, preparatory to being shipped to the San Francisco markets. As many more were shipped to California Saturday by Pelton & Seelmann, local livestock buyers.

FLOOD DAMAGE IN CAROLINAS LARGE

Hundreds Homeless and Many Persons
Believed Drowned.

STREAMS ARE RISING RAPIDLY

Property Loss Is \$10,000,000—Railways and Telegraph Lines Demoralized—Five Perish.

Atlanta, Ga.—Serious floods in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia Sunday caused five known deaths, rendered hundreds homeless and damaged property and crops to the extent of \$10,000,000, according to early estimate, and demoralized railway, telegraph and telephone communication. Following the hurricane that struck the South Atlantic coast Thursday, unprecedented rains have fallen, driving rivers and smaller streams from their banks and imperiling many lives.

The French Broad river has broken from its course near Asheville, flooding factories and homes in the lower part of the city. At Biltmore three persons—Captain G. C. Lipe, Miss Nellie Lipe and Mrs. Leo Mulholland—were drowned when the Lipe house was flooded. The Vanderbilt estate at Biltmore was not damaged.

Two persons were drowned at Asheville while trying to get food to flood refugees in the second story of the Glenn Rock hotel.

Throughout Western Carolina the situation is reported serious. Two dams at Hendersonville collapsed, releasing great volumes of water, and fears are felt for the big dam at Lake Toxaway.

The Southern Railway bridge over the Catawba river at Belmont, N. C., has been washed away, carrying 10 or 12 workmen into the river. Whether they were drowned has not been learned.

Charlotte, N. C.—Eighteen men, 14 of whom are construction officials and employes of the Southern Railway, and four linemen of the Western Union Telegraph company, were missing Sunday night and are believed to be either drowned or marooned in trees on the Catawba river about 12 miles from Charlotte. The river is rising rapidly.

One Slain, One Wounded in Tacoma Strike Battle; Two Shot in Seattle

Tacoma, Wash.—Rangval Leinann, a strikebreaker, was shot and killed and Sam Jones, a union longshoreman, sustained a probably fatal gunshot wound in a pitched battle Sunday, when union men attacked an automobile carrying nonunion workers to the Milwaukee docks.

Four men were in the automobile returning from the city to the docks when they were ambushed near the Eleventh-street bridge by about 15 strikers. The latter began hurling bricks at the occupants of the automobile and when the drivers put on more speed a shot rang out.

Leinann, who had a revolver but who had not been able to use it, according to the others in the car, fell over dead. One of the other occupants, which one the police have not been able to learn, picked up the dead man's gun and returned the fire, wounding James.

The automobile turned and sped for the central police station with the body of the strikebreaker, while the strikers, who had a car standing near the scene of the shooting, rushed James to a hospital.

Seattle, Wash.—Two men were shot, but not dangerously wounded, and a third was severely beaten, during a fight between 16 non-union longshoremen and strike sympathizers at the Pike Place Public Market Saturday night. Several other men received less serious injuries.

F. A. Webb, a butter and egg dealer, in the market, was struck in the leg by a stray bullet. William Clarke, a union longshoreman, was shot in the leg. O. W. Bridgefarmer, a special policeman employed as a guard at Pier 6, was seriously beaten and kicked.

Flames Threaten Athens.

Paris—The fire which destroyed the summer residence of King Constantine of Greece, situated at Tatou, on the outskirts of Athens, is still raging in the forest in which the royal chateau stood. A Havas dispatch from Athens says it is feared the flames will reach the city. Among those who lost their lives in the fire were Colonel de la Partha, of the engineers; M. Chrysopepathis, the head of the royal secret service and 20 soldiers.