

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.

Seaside, Or., is to have a big festival August 19, when a fete will be given at the Hotel Moore for the benefit of the Lewis and Clark Salt Cairn association.

A dense fog that blanketed the entrance to San Francisco harbor was responsible for a series of collisions in which four vessels were considerably damaged, but no lives lost.

Ten thousand Canadian soldiers are to proceed overseas soon, it was announced at the military department in Ottawa. The necessary arrangements have been completed to obtain ships.

The Idaho delegation will confer with Secretary Lane and urge that one of three mining experiment stations for which \$75,000 has been appropriated, be established at Moscow, Idaho, or Butte, Mont.

Instruction in military science is to be included in undergraduate instruction at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal., of which David Starr Jordan, pacifist of international reputation, is now chancellor emeritus.

Louis Miller, a shoemaker, of Santa Cruz, Cal., fired three bullets into Robert Robertson, a policeman, set fire to two cabins, shot five times at the firemen who responded to the alarm, and then killed himself.

Twelve mining men who applied by telegraph to Secretary of State Lansing for passports to Mexico received the following reply: "Passports will be issued if you do not hold the United States responsible for your safety."

Canada's consumption of alcoholic beverages dropped from .872 of a gallon per capita to .745 per capita in the fiscal year just ended, according to the Inland Revenue department. The consumption of tobacco also shows a falling off from 3.427 pounds to 3.329 pounds per capita.

The first official announcement that Great Britain had captured a German submarine of the U-35 class was made in the house of commons by Thomas McNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty. He said that one of these vessels would be brought to London to be viewed by the public.

Twelve one-gallon cans of whisky, shipped in a trunk as baggage from San Francisco to Portland, were seized by city detectives following long hours of watchful waiting. Julius Randazzo, a Spaniard, is under arrest, charged with "receiving a consignment of liquor not properly labeled."

Californians deposited in their state banks the fiscal year ending June 30, \$97,896,168 more than they did the last fiscal year, while at the same time the resources of the state banks increased \$88,985,382 over the last fiscal year, according to the annual report of the state bank superintendent.

The British steamer Adams, which was captured off the Swedish coast by a German destroyer, has been released, according to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent. Sweden made an official protest to Berlin against the capture of the steamer, saying it was effected within Swedish territorial waters.

The British government publishes a list of from 70 to 80 firms in the United States with whom residents of the United Kingdom are forbidden to trade.

General Cipriano Castro, ex-president of Venezuela, and his wife, who arrived in New York Saturday from Port of Spain, Trinidad, on the steamship Vauban, have been ordered deported from the United States by a special board of inquiry at the Ellis Island Immigration station.

The allies continue to make big gains against the central powers on all sides.

The senate naval program includes 16 capital battleships within three years.

In Volhynia, in the region of Lutsk, where the troops of the Teutonic allies have been forced to give ground before the attacks of the Russians and retire behind the Lower Lipa river, the Russians continue to press their foes and are taking additional prisoners.

ASQUITH ASKS COMMONS FOR NEW CREDIT OF TWO BILLIONS

London—Premier Asquith Monday asked the house of commons for a vote of credit of \$2,250,000,000 and the total since the beginning of the war to approximately \$14,160,000,000.

The premier said the recent expenditure was approximately \$25,000,000 daily. All the expenditure from April 1 to last Saturday was \$2,795,000,000. Mr. Asquith said that the navy, army and munitions cost \$1,895,000,000; the loans to Great Britain's allies, \$785,000,000, and food, supplies, railways, etc., \$115,000,000. The average daily expenditure on the war, he said, was \$24,750,000.

The July total, continued the premier, probably would be higher than that of November and it was expected that the present level would be maintained for the near future. The munition expenditure had increased steadily and continuously up to May and in the month and during June and July it was fairly constant.

After a speech by Winston Spencer Churchill, criticising Premier Asquith for not reviewing the war situation, David Lloyd George, secretary for war, replied, saying that it would be premature to survey a military situation and the prospects in the middle of the battle.

"The prospects are good," the war secretary said. "Our generals are more than satisfied with and proud of the valor of our men they are leading. Great as the British infantry was in Wellington's and Napoleon's day, they never have been greater than now."

Prudential Insurance Company Agents Called Out on Strike

New York—Agents and collectors employed by the Prudential Insurance company were called out on strike Monday by a union recently organized among them and known as the International Insurance Agents' Protective association, with a membership of 6000. Although assertions of the company and the union were conflicting, it appeared Monday night that at least 500 men in the district have responded to the strike call thus far.

The men demanded more pay, recognition of the union and "more reasonable" working hours. Telegrams from branches of the union in different states in the territory east of Chicago, leaders here declared, indicate that unless the demands of the men are met all the 6000 will follow the lead of those already out. About 13,000 agents and collectors are employed by the company.

Lack of sufficient collectors to see that premiums are turned in at the proper time, the strikers assert, will result in the cancellation of thousands of policies. The company announced that none of the men who walked out would be reinstated.

Sixteen in Tube Thought Dead

Cleveland—Imprisoned in a new water works tunnel under Lake Erie as a result of a terrific explosion of gas in the tube, 16 men are believed to be dead.

The blast occurred shortly before midnight Monday and lifesavers and the crews of the fireboats rushed to the outer crib five miles from shore with lung motors, prepared to enter the tunnel and rescue the victims alive.

That any survived the gas explosion is considered hopeless.

At 2:30 a. m., G. O. Van Duzen, with eight members of a rescue party, were overcome by gas in the tunnel trying to rescue the 14 men trapped in the water works tunnel. Two others in the party were saved. It is reported that the rescuers were near death from the gas.

"Conscience Fund" Gets Record Sums.

Washington, D. C.—Contributions to the treasury's "conscience fund," for the fiscal year ending June 30 amounted to \$4,923,15, making a total of \$498,763.54 returned by persons whose consciences were uneasy over frauds against the government.

Returns were much larger during the past year than ever before, chiefly because of two unusual contributions, one for \$30,000 and one for \$10,000.

It was in 1811 when the first \$5 was sent in. It is an unwritten law of the department that no effort shall be made to learn the identity of the contributors, and even in cases where the writer has confessed to theft no effort is made to prosecute.

Boni Has New Evidence.

Rome—On behalf of Count Boni de Castellane his attorney in the suit before the Holy See for the annulment of his marriage with Anna Gould has presented to the Pope new evidence which, according to the attorney, will prove that Miss Gould married Count de Castellane with the intention of divorcing him if later she became dissatisfied with the marriage bond. This is sufficient to annul a Catholic marriage, the attorney says.

O. & C. GRANT LANDS TO OPEN FOR FILINGS

Entries to Be Allowed on Some 160-
Acre Tracts This Fall.

LAND OFFICE ISSUES ORDER

All Lands Classified as Agricultural
to Be Opened—Work of Cruising
Will Begin at Once.

Portland—Just as fast as it can be classified, agricultural land in the Oregon & California land grant in this state is to be opened to entry by actual settlers.

This official information was brought from Washington Saturday by Louis L. Sharp, chief of the field division of the general land office, following his return to Portland from a three weeks' conference in Washington with Commissioner Clay Tallman relative to details of the classification and opening to entry.

By the latter end of next week Mr. Sharp expects to be on his way with a crew of men, including expert timber cruisers, to begin the immense task of classifying the lands, a preliminary necessary before they can be opened to entry.

He will start this work in Southern Oregon, in either Jackson or Josephine counties, which contain a greater proportion of the grant lands than any other counties.

The Oregon & California land grant in this state comprises a total of 2,300,000 acres. Only those lands that are classified as agricultural will be opened to entry.

Just what proportion of the grant is classifiable as agricultural land nobody knows at this time. The best estimate can be no more than a guess. And it was as a guess only, though one based on all the information at hand, that Mr. Sharp expressed the opinion that probably one-half the land will fall under the classification of agricultural.

Deducting to begin with from the 2,300,000 acres of the grant some 300,000 acres that are included in forest reserves, leaves approximately 2,000,000 acres to be classified. If the estimated ratio of one-half is maintained, 1,000,000 acres of this 2,000,000 will eventually be classified as agricultural and opened to entry.

Mr. Sharp said, however, that the public will not be kept waiting for the entire classification to be completed. Just as quickly as enough of the land can be classified to make it worth while, he explained, it will be thrown open to entry. This process will be continued until all the agricultural land is opened to entry.

"I do not wish to be understood as making any definite promise," said Mr. Sharp, "but we hope to open the first batch of land by early fall. This land will be in Southern Oregon, in either Jackson or Josephine counties, for we shall begin work there first."

United States to Ask British to Remove Blacklist Edict

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson and his cabinet determined Friday to insist that England remove American firms from her "blacklist."

The entire subject was considered at the cabinet session held Friday. The conclusion was reached that action should be taken to terminate this method of interference with American trade. In accordance with this decision Mr. Polk sent instructions to Ambassador Page in London directing him to make emphatic representations to the British foreign office, not only against the blacklisting of the firms whose names have been made public, but against the continuance of a practice described as in violation of international law.

There is reason to believe that England expected some such action by the Washington government. The firms blacklisted were selected from a long list in the possession of the British authorities. Against those placed under the ban it is asserted the evidence is conclusive and when made public will convince the American government of the propriety of the measure adopted.

Rotarians Pick Atlanta.

Cincinnati—Atlanta, Ga., was selected the convention city in 1917 of the International Association of Rotary Clubs here late Saturday by the new and retiring officers, who are empowered to make the selection. Kansas City and Salt Lake were also in the field for the next convention. C. R. Perry, of Chicago, was re-elected secretary. This concluded the work of the international convention, which had been in session since last Monday.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Arguments in Favor of Three
New Legislative Acts Are Filed

Salem—Arguments in behalf of the proposed tax limitation amendment, rural credits amendment and the amendment to repeal Oregon's Sunday closing law were filed with Secretary of State Olcott this week for inclusion in the official election pamphlet.

The tax limitation argument was submitted by Robert E. Smith, secretary of the Oregon Taxpayers' League, the rural credits argument by the committee in charge of the Oregon Referendum League, and the argument for the repeal of the Sunday closing law by Dan Kellaher and Ben A. Bellamy, of the Independent Retailers' association of Portland.

The arguments for the three proposed amendments in part are as follows:

"Are taxes in Oregon high enough? Shall we limit their further increase to 6 per cent a year? These are the questions in considering the State-Wide Tax Limitation Amendment.

"Oregon's per capita tax is higher than that of any other state in the Union. During the past ten years taxes have increased 37 per cent a year. Taxes have increased five times faster than population.

"As a result, Oregon has been going backward in population and wealth for the past three years. Last year seven families left the state to each new family coming into it. In the face of these discouraging conditions there are those who have plans which will result in still greater increases in our taxes. Unless a limit is provided the legislature and our public officials will continue to increase our taxes as rapidly as they have in the past.

"The amendment limits the increase in taxation to an annual increase not to exceed six per cent unless a greater increase is authorized by the people.

"The farm debt of Oregon, secured by real and chattel mortgages, is conservatively estimated at \$30,000,000. On this debt the farmers are paying an average rate of about eight and one-fourth per cent interest. Added to this the costs of renewal and commissions, the rate paid is probably little under nine and one-fourth per cent.

"The rural credits amendment proposes to take the burden out of the farm mortgage at interest of five per cent. The cost of title searching and appraisal will be from \$10 to \$50, according to the amount of the loan. The farmer must pay off one per cent of the original sum borrowed each year. That is, the payment of six per cent on the mortgage will pay interest, cost of operation and wipe out the debt entirely in a period of 36 years.

"This system would mean to Oregon an annual saving in interest and mortgage costs of \$750,000. It would mean an end to the perpetual worry and expense of mortgage renewing; practically an end to foreclosures, lost homes and blighted hopes; better equipped farms and greater rural prosperity.

"The continuation of the old blue law, which will be enforced if not repealed, simply means putting the people of Oregon in a straight-jacket on Sundays. If not repealed this antiquated law will be enforced strictly, as it is now being done in Washington, Lane, Linn, and other counties in Oregon, where now you cannot purchase a newspaper, a cigar, refreshments, gasoline or anything else on Sunday.

"If enforced it means that all moving picture theaters must close on Sundays; it means that no baseball games can be played on Sundays; it means that all pool and billiard parlors, and bowling alleys or other innocent exercising sports and recreations operated for pay or profit must not operate on Sundays; it means that Sunday newspapers cannot be printed, sold or delivered on Sundays; it means that all pleasure resorts and recreation delights of all kinds, including picnics, must cease on Sundays, if entrance fees or charges are made.

"Ice cream, confections, foods of all kinds, and regular business of any kind except medicines, and medicines only, at drug stores cannot be sold or delivered on Sundays. It means that you cannot get a shoe-shine, that you cannot buy a cigar, or candies, or flowers, on Sundays, unless you can prove them necessities or charities."

School Terms Increased.

The school directors of Clatsop county have increased the length of their terms of school until the short term of six or seven months during the year has been almost entirely eliminated. The annual report of County Superintendent Byland, which has just been filed with Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, shows that last year there were but two districts in the county having six months of school, while more than three-fourths of the remaining districts had terms of nine months.

PLACED BOMB KILLS 6 VIEWING PARADE

Timed Blast Deals Death on Crowded
San Francisco Sidewalk.

LETTER OF WARNING RECEIVED

Innocent Bystanders Slain by Wave
of "Exiles From Militaristic
Government."—Reward.

San Francisco—At least six persons were killed and 42 or more injured by the explosion here Saturday of a time bomb in the midst of a throng viewing a preparedness parade.

The police arrested Frank Josephs, a lodger in a sailors' boarding-house, but said he had not been charged with the crime.

Charles M. Fickert, district attorney, issued a statement attributing the deed to a mind unbalanced by arguments for and against preparedness which have occupied attention here. The parade was not interrupted.

Lists of dead compiled by the police are:

Mrs. Howard E. Knapp, Alameda, Cal.

Dr. George Painter, Berkeley, Cal.

O. H. Lamborn, printer, Alameda.

George Lawler, Mill Valley, Cal.

The explosion took place at Stewart and Market streets, two blocks from the Ferry building, on San Francisco's main thoroughfare. The bomb, concealed in a suitcase packed with cartridges, bullets, marbles, bits of glass, iron pipe and scrap iron, blew a path through the crowd, hurling men, women and children to the ground.

The holiday throng, cheering a contingent of veterans of the First California Infantry of the Spanish-American war, and members of the Grand Army of the Republic who were forming in Steuart street, stood in a path which became a shambles. The blast of drums drowned the cries of the injured. The sidewalk was strewn with torn bodies, spattered with blood.

All the newspaper offices in San Francisco received a communication written in Roman script, with an indelible pencil, many of the words being heavily underscored. The communication was signed "The Determined Exiles from Militaristic Government, Italy, Germany, U. S., Italy, Russia." In several instances the writer repeated himself. The communication read:

"Editor: Our protests have been in vain in regards to this preparedness propaganda, so we are going to take a little direct action on the 22d, which will echo around the earth and show that Frisco really knows how and that militarism cannot be forced on us and our children without a violent protest."

"Things are going to happen to show that we will go to any extreme, the same as the controlling class, to preserve what little democracy we still have. Don't take this as a joke, or you will be rudely awakened. Awake (sic). We have sworn to do our duty to the masses and only send warnings to those who are wise, but who are forced to march to hold their jobs, as we want to give only the hypocritical (sic) patriots who shout for war, but never go, a real taste of war."

"Kindly ask the Chamber of Commerce to march in a solid body. IF THEY WANT TO PROVE THEY ARE NO COWARDS. A copy has been sent to all the papers. Our duty has been done so far."

\$5000 Reward Offered.

San Francisco—Mayor Rolph offered a reward of \$5000 Sunday for the arrest of the person who placed a bomb Saturday among the crowds watching the preparedness parade, the explosion of which killed six and wounded 42, and the police department established a separate bureau for the single purpose of running down the culprit.

As the result of police investigation, several possible clues to the perpetrator of the outrage were obtained. William Taylor, an aged cripple, who frequents the waterfront, told the police that he saw a man leave a suitcase on the spot where the explosion occurred a few minutes later.

Millions to Be Burned.

Mexico City—Fifty million dollars in Mexican paper money will be burned within the next few days in the courtyard of the National Palace, according to an announcement by the government Saturday. This money is of the old Vera Cruz issue and has been supplanted by a new issue made in the United States.

It is said that \$225,000,000 in paper money will be disposed of in this way during the next few weeks.