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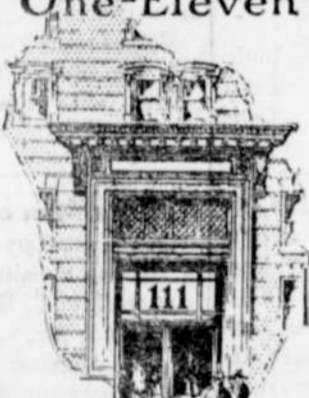
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INTERESTING BRIEFS

The pelican is called the plumber among birds because it has an extraordinarily large bill.

Strike-on-the-box matches were invented for some purpose, but we haven't found out what.

The death rate among the Inca Indians is very high, for the reason that this tribe lives on the top of a mountain.

The first horsehair watch chain was worn by Louis XVIII, king of France, and was considered quite an ornament. The watch worn by the king weighed four pounds and could do anything but keep time.

FLASHLIGHTS.

Nobody ever does as much good as he really could do.

When a woman really has to buy something she wastes very little time shopping.

A man can get rich in a hurry; but it takes a long time to become refined.

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LET RUSSIA ALONE, IS WILSON ADVICE

Integrity of Ex-Czar's Empire Should Not Be Violated, Says President.

Washington.—"Public and solemn" engagement among the great powers not to violate or to permit the violation of the territorial integrity of Russia is regarded by President Wilson as the sine qua non of an attempt at the pacification of Armenia and other states bordering on the former empire. His views are given in a note transmitted to Paul Hymans, president of the league of nations assembly, by Acting Secretary of State Davis.

"The 'distressful situation' of Armenia, invaded by both the Turkish nationalists and soviets is only one detail of the Russian problem, the president said, and he urged his conviction that it is only by a general and comprehensive treatment of the problem, 'only by full co-operation of the principal powers,' that a hopeful approach to the pacification and independence of Armenia can be found.

The president said he has never believed that the problems raised by the bolshevik coup could be solved by outside military actions, and he expressed the hope that the tragic events on the Polish front and in the Crimea have convinced the world that armed invasion is not the way to bring peace to Russia.

The president suggested a "public and solemn" declaration among the powers to refrain from extending such aid to the nations bordering on Russia, declaring that in this way responsibility for any new war on the Russian border would be "clearly placed."

FOREIGN TRADE IS LARGEST IN HISTORY

Washington. — America's foreign trade in 1920 was the largest in the country's history, totaling \$13,507,000,000. Exports were valued at \$8,228,000,000, against \$7,920,000,000 in 1919, and imports were valued at \$5,279,000,000, or \$1,375,000,000 greater than the imports in 1919.

This left a trade balance of approximately \$3,000,000,000 in favor of the United States, against \$4,000,000,000 in 1919.

In announcing the figures, the department of commerce said exports were one-third greater than they were in 1913, the first full year previous to the world war, and imports were nearly three times those in 1913.

FARMERS' OFFER ACCEPTED

Hoover Committee Will Distribute Corn to Needy.

Chicago, Ill.—The recent offer of the farmers of the Middle West to contribute surplus corn for the relief of the starving millions of Europe and China has been accepted by the Hoover relief committee and similar organizations, according to a message from the New York offices of the American Farm Bureau Federation, through which the stocks were offered.

The relief committees expressed the belief that funds for transporting the supplies could be raised without difficulty.

R. D. Henkle, general secretary of the American committee for the China famine fund, has written President Howard that 6000 tons can be transported from Tacoma in February, and expressed hope that the stocks may be available at that date.

Army Recruiting Will Cease.

Washington.—The house resolution fixing the peace-time strength of the army at 175,000 men by directing the secretary of war to stop recruiting until the force is reduced to that size was adopted by the senate. The resolution will be referred to Secretary Baker, who, it is understood, is prepared to recommend to the president that the resolution be approved.

Idaho Mines Show Big Increase.

Boise, Idaho.—An increase of over \$13,500,000 in the gross value of the mine products of Idaho in 1920 over those of 1919 is shown in the report issued by Robert M. Bell, state mining inspector of Idaho. The value of the mineral products for 1920 was \$32,854,857, compared with \$19,108,723 in 1919, an increase of \$13,746,134, the report said.

Harding Goes Fishing.

St. Augustine, Fla.—The houseboat Victoria, with President-elect Harding and friends aboard, left here Saturday for a fishing cruise down the east coast of Florida and at dusk tied up near Summer Haven, 20 miles to the south.

More Foreign Loans Opposed. Washington. — A bill to prohibit further loans to foreign governments was introduced by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

A case of smallpox has developed at Fort Klamath and the hotel is quarantined.

The Willamina high school student body is planning to visit the legislature soon.

Klamath county banks have agreed to finance customers who desire to buy registered stock.

First steps towards organization of a post of Veterans of Foreign Wars have been taken at Albany.

During 1920 418,492 tons crossed over the Coos Bay bar, the value of the shipments being \$9,745,510.

This year's taxes in Coos county will aggregate nearly \$1,500,000, which is \$250,000 more than ever before.

The C. E. Spaulding Logging company, which closed its Salem plant last fall, resumed operations last week.

A number of wheat sales were made in Athena last week on the basic price quotation of \$1.50 per bushel for No. 1 grade.

An association which proposes to erect a memorial monument to the pioneers of Linn county was organized at Albany.

Pendleton's library circulation during the past year totaled over 28,000. The branch at Athena had a circulation of 5159.

The Foster Lumber company mill at Ritner, in Polk county, will resume operations in about 30 days with a full force of men.

The Albany Cooperative Creamery company during last year made 544,000 pounds of butter and did \$333,000 worth of business.

College registration at Oregon Agricultural college now totals 3467, as compared with 3350 at the end of the second term last year.

Charles Brown, who escaped from the prison flax field at Salem in 1915, has been captured in Seattle and will be returned to Salem.

The recent high water in Linn county accomplished one beneficial result, in that the floods directly and indirectly destroyed hundreds of rodents.

Alice H. Rien of the Northwest division of the Red Cross has arrived in Roseburg and will remain in Douglas county permanently as health instructor.

Since March, 1917, when the interstate bridge at Portland was opened to traffic, its net returns to Multnomah county have aggregated \$534,621.19.

Farmers of the vicinity held a meeting at Nyssa last week and petitioned the banks to extend loans and credits so that they may be enabled to purchase seed.

Medford is to have one of the best motor speedways on the Pacific coast as a part of the new county fair grounds to be laid out on the outskirts of the city.

Miss Katie Minert, who at the November election was elected treasurer of Morrow county without opposition, has presented her resignation to the county court.

During the recent high water approximately 20,000 yards of earth was washed down on the Roseburg-Myrtle Point highway, doing thousands of dollars in damage.

Owing to the drop in the price of cattle and the high price of materials, the \$15,000 alfalfa meal mill recently completed at Nyssa will not begin operations for some time.

Two big slides on the Lewis & Clarke railroad in Clatsop county have blocked all traffic on the road, and the opening of the logging camps will be delayed for some time.

About 140 skilled and unskilled workers gathered at Hood River recently for the purpose of forming labor unions and taking out charters from the Federation of Labor.

About 3000 acres of desert lands in Harney and Malheur counties in the Vale and Burns land districts will be open to public homestead entry from February 25 to March 17.

Daniel Webster Crigler, aged 84 years, died at McMinnville last week. Mr. Crigler was a veteran of the Indian wars and participated in many engagements with the scouts of Buffalo Bill.

The better sires campaign in Klamath county recently passed the 3000 mark. More than that number have agreed in writing to breed all livestock kept on their farms to pure bred sires only.

The mid-Columbia is now without boat service, the Northwestern Transportation company having taken off its river steamers plying between Portland and The Dalles. Service will not be resumed before spring.

Good roads enthusiasts of the northwest are urged by Representative McArthur to keep up their courage, because he believes yet he will be able to pull a liberal appropriation out of congress for continuing federal aid in highway building this year.

UNIFORM AUTOMOBILE LAWS ARE AGREED ON

Lights, Brakes and Speed Regulations to Be Same in Northwest States.

Portland, Ore.—Automobile lights, brakes and speed consumed a large part of the time of the joint legislative conference here of the roads committees of the Oregon and Washington legislatures, which was called as a result of the meeting of secretaries of state several weeks ago when uniform traffic regulations for the Pacific Northwest were discussed.

The committee will offer duplicate bills in the respective legislatures so that drivers in one state will not be violating the laws of a neighboring state when touring. It was finally decided that each automobile must display at night two headlights and a red rear light. The headlights must be seen 500 feet ahead and reveal objects 150 feet ahead and 10 feet on either side. On the brake proposition there was a difference of opinion.

The speed limit will remain at 30 miles, although some favored an increase to 35 miles.

Those attending the conference were Chairman Wright, of the roads and highways committee of the house in the Oregon legislature; Representative Carter and Korrell and Senator Robertson, of Oregon; Senator Hall and Senator Carlyon and Representatives Hubbel and Wolf, of Washington; S. F. Spencer, from the secretary of state's office, Washington; Douglas Shelor, of the Western Washington Automobile Club, and Secretary of State Koser of Oregon.

RADICAL MEETING STOPPED BY POLICE

Portland, Or.—A scheduled meeting of the Union Liberty league, said by the police to be a radical organization, was stopped and thirteen members of the league were arrested by police who were stationed at the entrance of Columbia hall, across the street from police headquarters Sunday night.

Following the arrest of the alleged ringleaders, Mayor Baker announced that he would permit no meetings of radical societies.

The meeting was to have been addressed by Elmer Smith, Centuria attorney, who was one of the defendants at Montesano, but was acquitted, and Ragnar Johanson, Seattle radical leader.

A large crowd gathered when the police stationed themselves at the door and refused admittance to the hall. No violence was attempted.

ROBBER KILLS POLICEMAN

Desperado Shot in Attempt of Police to Make Arrest.

Seattle, Wash. — Detective James O'Brien is dead, two patrolmen were fatally injured, John Smith, bandit, is in the city jail slightly wounded, and Dean Carman, bystander, is in the hospital with two bullet holes in his leg, as the result of a bandit battle on Seattle streets.

Patrolmen W. T. Angle and Neil N. McMillan are the two wounded officers. They were hit when Smith suddenly opened fire on them near Broadway and Harrison streets early in the evening.

Detective O'Brien was killed and Carman was wounded and Smith captured about an hour later in front of the Hoge building at Second avenue and Cherry street.

Pilot Rock Fire Causes \$140,000 Loss.

Pendleton, Or.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Pilot Rock Elevator company's warehouse, containing more than 100,000 bushels of grain and several carloads of salt, mill feed and similar merchandise, an estimated total damage of \$140,000. The warehouse and its contents were owned by the Pilot Rock Elevator company, a co-operative organization composed of practically all the farmers of the Pilot Rock district.

Oregon Gasoline Tax is \$804,558.

Salem.—Approximately \$804,558 has been received by the state covering the tax on sales of gasoline and distillate during the period February, 1919, when the law became effective and December 1920.

Find Evidence of German Red Army.

Berlin.—A semi-official statement says that evidence of a red army created by the German Communist party has been revealed by house to house searches in Dusseldorf, Essen, Elberfeld and Bismarck.

Roosevelt Memory is Honored.

Oyster Bay, N. Y.—A slab of limestone taken from Culebra cut on the Panama canal has been placed beside the grave of Theodore Roosevelt, who brought about the building of that waterway.