

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Turkish reinforcements are daily arriving from Syria and Kurdistan.

Balkan peace delegates are already talking over the new boundaries of Turkey.

Bulgarian forces around Adrianople maintain strict censorship of press dispatches.

A theater especially for children and their attendants has been opened in New York City.

A Denver man committed suicide on learning that his mother-in-law was coming to visit him.

The Bavarian government has abandoned the idea of establishing a regey over King Ludwig.

Twenty-two of the crew of 27, of the steamer Florence, perished when the ship was wrecked on the Newfoundland coast.

Professor James Israel, noted Berlin surgeon, denies having performed any operation on the young son of the Russian emperor.

The senate committee investigating conditions in Mexico finds the Madero government a failure and that a state of anarchy exists.

Governor Osborn, of Michigan, has given away his horses and two automobiles, and hereafter will take his recreation by walking.

An Italian anarchist chosen by lot to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy, tried to commit suicide rather than carry out his task.

A colony of American negroes 20 miles west of Durango, Mexico, was looted by rebels and several of the inhabitants wounded and otherwise mistreated.

Fire in the city hall of Los Angeles burned nearly six and one-half million dollars' worth of currency, bonds and other securities, besides many valuable records.

Roland O. Graves, a French aviator, flew from Tunis, Africa, to Rome, Italy, with but two stops.

Prince Taro Katsura, new premier of Japan, promises to save that country \$25,000,000 during the coming year.

A 45-mile blizzard swept the prairies of North Dakota.

President Taft denies any intention of playing politics in his civil service movement.

It is reported that Turks have massacred all the Christians at Mitylene.

A Greek vessel reports that part of the Turkish fleet was forced to run ashore by the Greeks, and the Turkish admiral was killed.

The proposed inter-state bridge between Vancouver, Wash., and Portland, Or., is given renewed impetus by big meeting in Seattle.

Turkeys are a drug on the market in San Francisco at 18 to 20 cents per pound, though chickens and other poultry are higher than ever.

## REBELS GET CASAS GRANDES

Defeat 800 Federals and Capture General Blanco.

El Paso — Casas Grandes, the most important town in the ranching and lumbering district southwest of Juarez, has been taken by rebels personally commanded by General Pascual Orozco, Jr., it is reported from rebel official sources. Also it is said that the federal column of 800 men marching against the rebels at Ascencion was defeated, with its commander, General Jose Blanco, among the prisoners taken.

Confirming this report, S. D. Ambrose, an American hotel man of Columbus, N. M., has arrived here. He was in Ascencion at the time of its capture and talked with General Salazar, whose forces took the town.

While there a messenger arrived directly from General Orozco with a letter from the rebel leader saying that he had taken Casas Grandes and defeated Blanco.

Blanco's force was entrapped, the official report says, in a canyon north of Casas Grandes. Aside from capturing many rifles and much ammunition the rebels seized two cannon. Details of the battles are lacking, but Casas Grandes was taken easily, Orozco wrote, as the federals left only 200 men to protect the town.

By taking Casas Grandes, the scene of a hard struggle in the Madero revolution, in which the rebels were repulsed, the Orozco revolutionists control the Mexico Northwestern railroad, which runs between Juarez, on the border, and Chihuahua City, the state capital, and territory covered by the American railway, which includes the Pearson syndicate.

## TEST NEW WIRELESS FOR DISTANCE OF 3000 MILES

Washington, D. C.—The final test of the new wireless station of the Navy department at Arlington, which is still in the hands of the contractors, will be made next month when an effort will be made to exchange messages between the station and the scout cruiser Salem, at a distance of 3000 miles.

Orders have been issued by the Navy department for the Salem to fill up her crew so as to be in readiness for the test on January 15. She will put out into the Atlantic and in making the tests will describe a circle, the radius of which will be 3000 miles, the distance called for in the government's contract. The Salem, with as powerful wireless apparatus as any in the navy, will be able to respond to any message flashed from the giant towers on the Potomac.

## MEN'S "EMOLUMENTS" MIXED

Court Deems Servants and Feed for Horses Proper.

Washington, D. C.—"Emoluments," or allowances for army officers, include forage for riding and carriage horses and the hire of household servants, according to a decision by the Supreme court of the United States. The decision was announced in the suit of Mrs. Sarah K. McLean, the widow of Nathaniel H. McLean, of Cincinnati, who resigned from the army in 1864, to be reinstated in 1875.

In 1905 congress passed an act giving him the pay and all the "emoluments" of a major during the years he was out of the army.

Mrs. McLean sued the government because the controller of the currency would not allow, under the head of "emoluments," forage for two horses used by Major McLean for riding and driving, and for two household servants, hired during these years. The Court of Claims decided against the claim, but the Supreme court held that they should have been allowed.

## PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 79c; bluestem, 82@83c; 40-fold, 80@81c; red Russian, 77c; valley, 80c.

Barley—Feed, \$33 per ton; brewing, nominal; rolled, \$26.50@27.50.

Corn—Whole, \$36; cracked, \$37 per ton.

Millstuffs — Bran, \$23 ton; shorts, \$25; middlings, \$30.

Hay—Timothy, choice, \$17@18 per ton; mixed, Eastern Oregon, timothy, \$12@15; oat and vetch, \$12; alfalfa, \$11.50; clover, \$10; straw, \$6@7.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25@25.50 ton.

Fresh Fruits — Apples, 50c@1.50 box; pears, 75c@1.50; grapes, \$1.60 box; Malaga, \$8 barrel; cranberries, \$10.50@12 barrel; casabas, \$2.50 dozen.

Potatoes — Jobbing prices: Burbanks, 60@65c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 24c pound.

Onions—Oregon, 90c@1 sack.

Vegetables — Artichokes, \$1@1.25 dozen; beans, 12c; cabbage, 1c pound; cauliflower, \$2.25 crate; celery, \$3 per crate; cucumbers, 50c@60c dozen; eggplants, 10c pound; head lettuce, \$1.50@2 per crate; peas, 12c pound; peppers, 10c; radishes, 15c@20c dozen; sprouts, 7c; tomatoes, \$1.35@1.75 box; garlic, 5@6c pound; pumpkins, 14c; turnips, 75c per sack; carrots, 75c; beets, 75c; parsnips, 75c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch locals, candled, 30@32c dozen.

Butter—Oregon creamery, cubes, 27c pound; prints, 38@39c.

Poultry—Hens, 12@13c per pound; broilers, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 20c; dressed, whole, 23c; ducks, 12@14c; geese, 12@13c.

Pork—Fancy, 9@10c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 13@14c per pound.

Cattle — Choice steers, \$7@7.30; good, \$6@6.75; medium, \$6@6.25; choice cows, \$6@6.50; good \$5.50@5.75; medium, \$4.50@5.25; choice calves, \$7.50@8.75; good heavy calves, 6@7; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$5@6.

Hogs—Light, \$7.25@7.35; heavy, \$6@6.50.

Sheep—Yearling wethers, \$4.25@5.35; ewes, \$3.25@4.35; lambs, \$5@6.75.

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