

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Lord Kitchener, of England, has prohibited the use of liquor in his household during the war.

Secretary Bryan has ordered a case of Oregon loganberry juice for table use instead of grape juice.

Villita and Zapata have agreed to the neutrality of Mexico City, but the consent of Carranza is lacking.

A rate expert declares some of the railroads asking for rate increases are already accumulating a surplus.

The United States begins an investigation into the death of an American on a torpedoed British liner.

Ten thousand men returned to work in the steel mills and factories of Chicago Heights, a suburb of Chicago.

An anarchist on trial for placing bombs in a New York church declared that a detective forced him to do the work and directed it.

A man arrested for vagrancy in San Francisco had \$5000 in bills in his pocket and proved himself to be the owner of buildings worth \$200,000.

Coast artillery companies at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, made from 90 to 100 per cent at ranges of 7000 yards, approximately four miles.

A writer in the London Daily Mail declares that dogs of the German dachshund variety are being treated shamefully in England, out of pure prejudice.

The British steamship Seven Seas and the French steamship Emma were torpedoed by German submarines off Beachy Head, in the English Channel, Thursday.

A commander of a German submarine says the service is improving rapidly with experience and practice, and the ring around England is becoming tighter every day.

Warships of the allies keep up an incessant bombardment of the Dardanelles, to prevent the Turks from repairing their damaged forts and to protect minesweepers.

The Ruseky Slovoe, of Petrograd, prints a note intimating that the Russian government has been approached through neutral channels with overtures from Austria for a separate peace without Germany's knowledge.

An Austrian steamer loaded with arms and ammunition, on its way from Semlin to Panosova, both ports on the Danube river, struck a mine in the river and was blown up. Serbian artillery completed the destruction of the ship and cargo.

German prisoners of war in French camps receive the same rations as their French guards, with the exception of a little less meat, and are in good spirits and well satisfied with their treatment. They all believe Germany is bound to win.

The French government is still buying horses in Eastern Oregon.

All efforts to raise the submarine F.4, in the Honolulu harbor have failed.

Salem, Ore., has a \$40,000 fire which destroys a large fruit plant and its contents.

Four persons drowned at Seattle when an automobile skids and runs into the Duwamish river.

It is rumored that the Germans entrenched near Brussels will abandon their lines on account of the fall of Przemyśl.

Part of the U. S. fleet that will pass through the Panama canal at its formal dedication, will visit Portland as well as other Pacific Coast harbors.

Governor Hunt, of Arizona, has decided that he was becoming too stout and forthwith decided on outdoor exercise—mowing the lawns of the capitol grounds every day. The chosen hour is noon, indicating that luncheon has been taken off the governor's schedule of meals.

A. L. Flynn, of Cottage Grove, Ore., is a puzzle to medical science. He has lived for months with a pulse beat of 30 a minute, that would mean certain death to normal persons. During Mr. Flynn's illness his pulse beat was as low as 13 a minute, remaining that way for several days and missing often.

At a British cabinet meeting recently there was every reason to believe that it considered the liquor question, and the stamping out of the evil, which is now one of the greatest problems of the nation. There still is much talk of prohibition, but it is not generally believed that this course will be adopted, although it is conceded that some step of a drastic and universal character will soon be taken.

According to an opinion of Oregon's attorney general any married woman may hold property in her maiden name.

Streetcar operators in Seattle have gone on strike and the city traffic is much impaired as the result. The strikers declare the jitneys will care for the public until their terms are met by the car company.

Unusually cold weather for this season of the year prevails throughout Pennsylvania. There was snow in some sections and in the mountain regions the thermometer registered as low as 6 degrees above zero.

Right of Embargo Not Admitted by United States

Washington, D. C.—The United States government has made public its note to Great Britain announcing that it could not "admit" either the right of the allies or their assertion for justification in placing an embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries.

"To admit it," says the communication, "would be to assume an attitude of unneutrality toward the present enemies of Great Britain, which would be obviously inconsistent with the solemn obligations of this government in the present circumstances, and for Great Britain to make such a claim would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended in other times and circumstances."

The note reviews at length the legal phases of a blockade of belligerent territory and virtual blockade of neutral countries.

In conclusion the United States asserts its expectation that Great Britain "after having considered" the possibilities of "serious interruption of American trade under the Order-in-Council," "will take steps to avoid them and in the event that they should unhappily occur, which under the rules of international law constitutes a violation of neutral rights.

The American communication interprets the circumstances under which Great Britain pretends to be justified in adopting retaliatory measures toward her enemies as "merely a reason for certain extraordinary activities" by her naval force "and not an excuse for or a prelude to any unlawful action."

WILLARD WINS WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP FROM BLACK

Havana—Jack Johnson, exiled from his own country, Monday lost his claim to fistic fame as the heavyweight champion of the world, the title being wrested from him by Jess Willard, the Kansas cowboy, the biggest man who ever entered the prize ring.

Monday's fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For 20 rounds Johnson punched and pounded Willard at will, but his blows grew perceptibly less powerful as the fight progressed, until at last he seemed unable or unwilling to go on.

Johnson stopped leading, and for three or four rounds the battle between the two huge men was little more than a series of plastic poses of white and black gladiator.

So it was until the 25th round, when Willard got one of his widely swinging windmill right-hand smashes to Johnson's heart. This was the beginning of the end.

When the round closed Johnson sent word to his wife that he was all in, and told her to start for home. She was on the way out and was passing the ring in the 26th round when a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ring, where he lay partly outside the ropes until the referee counted 10 and held up Willard's hand in token of his newly-won laurels.

Pullman Car Porters' Pay Only \$27.50 Month

Chicago—The first government inquiry into wages and conditions and employment of sleeping car porters and conductors was made here Tuesday by the United States commission on industrial relations. L. S. Hungerford, general manager of the Pullman company, was on the stand most of the day and was questioned by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission.

In the first 15 years of the sleeping porter's service, Hungerford said, he is paid \$27.50 a month. At the end of 15 years he, like other service employes, automatically received an advance of 5 per cent, which makes his pay \$28.87 a month. In the first 10 years of service he buys his own uniforms, but thereafter the company takes on this burden. A bonus system gives men with good records an extra month's pay for the year.

Mr. Walsh then brought up the subject of tips.

"Do you expect the public to pay the difference between these wages and a living wage?" he asked the witness.

"No sir, I don't think that was considered," the latter replied.

"You thought them satisfied with these salaries?"

"No, I wouldn't say that; we received no expressions of dissatisfaction regarding them," replied Mr. Hungerford.

Germans Sink Italian Ship.

Genoa, Italy—A German submarine has sunk the Italian steamer Luigi Parodi, which left Baltimore January 22 with a cargo of coal for Genoa, according to word received here Tuesday.

The report has caused a profound impression here, and there are many expressions of resentment. Great excitement prevails and the authorities have taken strong measures to protect the German colony and German ships from reprisals. Nothing is known as to the fate of the crew of the Luigi Parodi, which was entirely of Genoese.

Suit Against T. R. Is Set.

Syracuse, N. Y.—By agreement of counsel for both sides, the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes, of Albany, against ex-President Roosevelt, has been set down for April 19. The action will have precedence over all other cases on the calendar.

New Line From Grants Pass to Ocean Assured

Completion of the California & Oregon Coast railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Cal., at a cost approximating \$5,000,000, was assured this week when Twohy Bros., railroad contractors of Portland, arranged with the city officials of Grants Pass to finance the project and perform the work.

The people of Grants Pass already have bonded themselves for \$200,000 to pay for the first 10 miles of the work. This portion of the road, from Grants Pass to Wilderville, has been built. The remaining portion, from Wilderville to Crescent City, is approximately 81 miles long. It is estimated that the work can be completed this summer. Twohy Bros. are prepared to put a large force of men to work there within the next few weeks.

The road is bonded for \$5,000,000, and it is understood that Twohy Bros. have made adequate arrangement for disposing of the bonds, as a means of financing the project. It is reported that Canadian and European capitalists have agreed to take some of the securities, which, on account of the glowing reports regarding the territory to be served by the new road, are expected to sell at a high figure.

Test Cooking Qualities of Various Kinds of Apples

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Knowledge of the cooking value of standard varieties of apples on the part of housewives and other persons that prepare this fruit for table use has long been considered by Professor C. L. Lewis, chief of the division of horticulture at the college, as one of the steps to a more satisfactory market system. "Buyers of apples for home use should learn the qualities of the leading Oregon varieties and then call by name for the variety they want," Professor Lewis said several years ago. And he has kept on saying it until the truth of the proposition has been generally recognized and is now beginning to be acted upon in a systematic attempt to cultivate a more intelligent and stable demand for good apples.

In carrying out this policy of learning the fruit and its qualities, a series of experiments to determine the cooking qualities of 71 varieties of apples grown in Oregon the Home economics department of the college has made and reported an exhaustive test. The test includes the cooking qualities of these varieties used as sauce, pies, dumplings, marmalade and jelly.

The fruit was judged on the basis of color, flavor and texture of sauce, flavor, wax cooked, and tenderness of pies and dumplings, and flavor, texture, color, clearness and surface of jellies. In sauce and marmalade 50 points were allowed

Hard-surfacing of County Highway Is Planned

Forest Grove—The Forest Grove commercial club held another luncheon Thursday, at which there were present 100 business men of the community and farmers living in the vicinity. The subject for discussion was "Better Roads for Washington County." D. B. Reasoner, judge of the county court, and Rodell Matteson, county commissioner, were guests.

The project which is being pushed by the Commercial club of Forest Grove and the farmers of Gales Creek and Thatcher vicinity is hard-surfacing of the main thoroughfare leading from Gales Creek and Thatcher neighborhoods into Forest Grove, and the county court is co-operating to obtain some state aid. A committee of five was appointed to co-operate with the Commercial club and the county court in an effort to procure assistance from the State highway commission, and subscriptions to the funds available for the improvement.

Incidentally the membership of the Commercial club was increased 100.

Cows Supplant Babies.

Eugene, Or.—Babies must give way to cows at the 1915 Lane County Fair. The fair board has abolished the eugenics department of the county fair and substituted additional prizes for the dairy department.

"Lane county is a dairy county, and will become more so within the next few years," said a member of the fair board. "The board aims to do all possible to encourage the production of better cattle. We thought it better to put the money into stock than into babies."

Cleanup Day for Dogs.

Baker—Baker will have a cleanup day for dogs, April 12, following the civic beauty cleanup two days earlier. Mayor Palmer says that there are at least 200 worthless canines on the streets and that the danger of rabies is great because of them. The plan is to have the official dog catcher capture every animal that has not a license tag or muzzle.

Grain Fields in Good Condition.

Union—Heavy rains in the valley and snow in the nearby mountains have brought the moisture to about the usual condition for this season of the year. Cloudy skies and south winds promise more rain. The ground has been too wet for cultivating and seeding is delayed. Most of the spring seeding is in and grain is in good condition.

Seattle Car Men Strike; Riots and Disorder Enuew

Seattle, Wash.—A strike of street railway employes working on the Seattle lines of the Puget Sound Traction, Light and Power company was called by a mass meeting of all labor unions held by the Central labor council Wednesday. The vote to call out the carmen was taken at 9 o'clock, and within a few minutes committees were out appealing to the motormen and conductors to leave their posts and join the union. The strike was called to compel recognition of the union.

Service on lines operated by the company was seriously interrupted, and during the first two hours was completely disorganized. On several downtown streets deserted cars blocked traffic until inspectors and shop employees appeared to remove them to the barns.

Except for these delays no line was completely tied up, although blockades occurred frequently when crowds which filled the streets at the principal junction points cut trolley ropes, broke windows and endeavored to take off crews who refused to strike. In a few instances trolley wires were broken and fell sputtering to the street but no one was injured, and the company quickly repaired the damage.

Sam Atkinson, international organizer of the Amalgamated association of Street & Electric Railway Employees of America, and W. B. Fitzgerald, chairman of the executive board of that organization, directed the movement. They said that 100 carmen had left their posts in response to the call and that they had 800 members who have applications on file as a result of their campaign. They said this demonstration was only the beginning of the strike and that within a few days the tie-up would be complete. They said the only question at issue was the right to organize.

A. L. Kempster, general manager of the company, disputed the union officials concerning the result of the strike call.

During the night the police were kept busy preventing attacks on the cars, which soon were without passengers. Many arrests were made on charges of disorderly conduct. None were streetcar men. Although several men were bruised or slightly cut during fights around the cars, no one was reported seriously injured.

Supporters of the strike movement advanced the argument that with jitneys available to handle traffic the public would not be inconvenienced.

Four Prominent Pioneers of Seattle Die in River

Seattle, Wash.—Four persons, members of prominent Seattle families, were drowned in the Duwamish river late Tuesday when an automobile belonging to Mrs. Morgan J. Carkeek ran off the bridge at Allentown, on the Tacoma road, 10 miles south of Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Prosch, Miss Margaret Lenora Denny and Mrs. Harriet Foster Beecher, an artist, were killed. All were members of prominent pioneer families.

The party, a delegation from the Seattle Historical society, was going to Tacoma to inspect the exhibit of the State Historical society there.

The chauffeur jumped clear as the automobile fell and swam safely to shore. Mrs. Carkeek also succeeded in getting clear of the wreckage and took refuge on top of the car, where she stood waist deep in the water until rescued.

Thomas W. Prosch was 65 years old, son of Charles Prosch, who founded the Puget Sound Herald at Steilacoom in 1858. He bought the Seattle Intelligence in 1879, the paper being merged two years later with the Seattle Post. Mr. Prosch was editor of the Post-Intelligencer for some years and was the principal authority on Washington pioneer. He was postmaster of Seattle under President Grant.

Mrs. Virginia McCarver Prosch was a daughter of General Morton M. McCarver, founder of the city of Tacoma. She was 64 years old.

Margaret Lenora Denny was the daughter of Arthur A. Denny, who founded Seattle in 1851. Miss Denny was one of the last survivors of the schoonerload of people that landed at Seattle in November of that year. She inherited a great fortune from her father. She was 70 years old.

Mrs. Harriet Foster Beecher was the wife of Captain Herbert R. Beecher, son of the late Henry Ward Beecher, the famous Brooklyn clergyman. Mrs. Beecher was well known as a portrait painter and musician. She was 55 years old.

\$1500 Educator Tutors One.

Madison, Wis.—There is an average of one professor or instructor to each seven students in the University of Wisconsin, according to the report of the state university survey, compiled by Dr. William H. Allen, of New York. The report charges extravagance and criticises the regents as unable to learn from the faculty the needs of the institution. In many cases, the report asserts, there are classes of less than 10 students. A case is alleged of a class of one having as its instructor a \$1500 educator.

French Buy Union Horses.

Union, Or.—A buyer for the French army has been here for several days contracting for all available heavy horses. The prices ranged from \$125 to \$175 a head. Some farmers are selling their older work teams and breaking in colts to finish seeding and do their summer's work. The supply of available animals is diminishing notably.

ALLOTS BIG SUM FOR NORTHWEST

\$2,926,175 for Improvement of Oregon and Washington.

Other Projects Are Designated, but Finishing Touches on Celilo Canal Deferred.

Washington, D. C.—One million five hundred thousand dollars has been allotted by the secretary of war to continue work on the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river during the 15 months ending June 30, 1916.

This is within \$250,000 of the amount that would have been appropriated had the rivers and harbors bill been passed as it was reported to the senate and \$250,000 greater than the amount proposed to be appropriated by the house. Furthermore, this allotment is the largest made out of the \$30,000,000 lump appropriation, except the allotments for the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

The total amount allotted by Secretary Garrison for Oregon and Washington is \$2,926,175, or within \$645,500 of the amount carried by the rivers and harbors bill when it failed. Some Oregon projects will receive the same amount provided by the bill, and in all instances the amount allotted to these projects is higher proportionately than the average for the entire country.

The only important project for which no allotment was made and for which an appropriation was proposed is the Celilo canal, and this was left out because the \$80,000 first recommended was for finishing touches, which can be put on later.

Other allotments for Northwest waterways are as follows: Columbia and Willamette, below Portland, \$450,000; Coquille river, \$76,000; Coos bay, \$70,000; Coos river, \$8000; Siuslaw river, \$117,500; Yaquina river, \$8000; Nehalem bay, \$116,175; Snake river, \$20,000; Upper Columbia river, Celilo Falls to mouth of Snake river, \$37,000; Willamette and Yamhill rivers, above Portland, \$25,000; Cowitz and Lewis rivers, \$15,000; Clatskanie river, \$1000; Gray's harbor and bar, \$460,000; waterway connecting Port Townsend Bay and Oak bay, \$15,000; waterway connecting Puget Sound and Lakes Union and Washington, \$17,000.

For other work on the Pacific Coast, allotments were made as follows: Los Angeles, \$75,000; San Francisco, \$12,000; Oakland, Cal., \$80,000; San Pablo bay, \$15,000; Humboldt bar and bay, \$300,000; Petaluma creek and Napa river, \$150,000.

The Mississippi river and its tributaries receive the largest allotment of all. The Hudson receives \$1,500,000 in all. General allotments for the country at large include:

Hudson river, \$877,780, in addition to which there was appropriated by separate acts \$622,220, making the total for the Hudson \$1,500,000; Delaware river from Philadelphia to the sea, \$1,000,000; Savannah, Ga., \$233,000; Jacksonville, Fla., to the ocean, \$350,000; Southwest Pass, Mississippi river, \$400,000; channel work at Galveston, Port Bolivar and Texas City, \$190,000; Houston ship channel, \$200,000; inland waterway on coast of Texas, \$625,000; Mississippi river between mouths of Ohio and Missouri rivers, \$300,000; mouth of Missouri to Minneapolis, \$1,065,000; Missouri river, Kansas City to mouth, \$1,000,000; Ohio river, open channel work, \$310,000; locks and dams, \$3,000,000; Chicago harbor and rivers, \$560,000; St. Mary's river, Mich., \$1,006,000.

Threat Stirs British.

London—In an editorial on Germany's threat of reprisal against British officers held prisoners in Germany if the prisoners of submarine boats held in England receive treatment different from other war prisoners, the Daily Chronicle says: "It is time to realize the pass to which things are leading. At the end of the war, the allies will have two alternatives: They can allow the practice of submarines sinking merchantmen to become usage recognized by international law, or they can, after trial, hang the German officers responsible for initiating it, including, if his responsibility is shown, Admiral von Tirpitz (the German minister of Marine). We do not at present see any third alternative."

Rout Attributed to Spy.

Petrograd—Sensational disclosures explaining the recent disastrous rout of the Russian Tenth army corps in the Masurian lakes fighting were hinted at in official circles, following the official announcement that Colonel Misoyedoff had been proved to be a German spy and was hanged after a trial by court martial. Several of Misoyedoff's alleged accomplices are in custody. A thorough investigation is being made of their cases and it is believed possible the world may soon know why an entire Russian army corps was lost.

Vessel Dives 200 Feet.

Quincy, Mass.—The new submarine L-1, built here for the United States navy, returned Monday after a successful trial trip to Cape Cod bay. The boat, one of a group of four required by contract to submerge to a depth of 200 feet, and remain under water at rest for 48 hours, settled to the required depth, and, according to those aboard, showed no effects from the strain of water pressure. The 48 hours' test will be made later.