

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

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

Both French and Belgians report gains against the Germans. Italy has prevented the Germans from penetrating into Abyssinia. Russia continues to report successes in the Carpathian mountain passes. Special reports of bank examiners show a nationwide business revival. The British collier Lena is anchored outside the three-mile limit off San Diego harbor, Cal. The knee joint of a mammoth estimated to be 250,000 years old was unearthed in Southern California. French troops from Africa are resting at Alexandria, Egypt, ready to proceed to help the British expeditionary forces against Turkey. The well known American wish for docks in Chinese ports is believed to be one of the main reasons for the demands being made upon China by Japan. A thief cut the hair from the tails of 160 horses which were awaiting shipment in Spokane. He got about 80 pounds of hair, which brings 8 cents a pound. A prisoner who had recently escaped from the chain gang in Los Angeles hired an auto truck and proceeded to a Presbyterian church in that city and stole a baby grand piano. Persistent rumors that Germany is about to invade Holland are current in London. It is well known that Holland is ready to repel any such invasion to the best of her ability. Two men and a woman have been arrested near Baker Or., charged with the holdup of a stage recently in which \$7000 worth of gold bullion was stolen. The bullion was found concealed in a badger hole. Both the Villa and Carranza factions in Mexico are preparing to use aeroplanes in their warfare against each other. American aviators will man the machines, and steel darts as well as bombs will be used. It is estimated that it will cost \$200,000 to repair the turbine engine of the Coast liner Great Northern, and it will be at least 30 days before she can resume her run between San Francisco and Portland. An diplomatic report from Rome declares that Austria is seeking a separate peace from Germany, and the rumor stirs Italy greatly, as such a move would preclude any possibility of her gaining territorial accessions from Austria. Under a treaty between the United States and Prussia, made in 1828, Germany has announced that she will pay in full for the sinking of the American ship William P. Frye by the German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich. Railroads of the Middle West have called upon employment agents for 10,000 laborers, to be put to work by the end of April. The roads are preparing to put their roadbeds in the best of condition to care for the heavy tourist travel which is expected to the Coast during the summer. "Drys" succeeded in voting out 100 saloons in Illinois at the recent election. Butte, Mont., ousts its entire Socialist set of officers and elects Democrats. Twenty-seven Terre Haute, Ind., officials are convicted of election frauds. Chicago elects an entire Republican ticket, including mayor, the first in many years. The steam schooner Speedwell is stranded on the spit off the Oregon coast near Bandon. An Italian senator declares that unless all nations disarm anarchy will prevail universally. An Austro-German force capture 7500 Russians of a mountain line on the Hungarian border. A Zeppelin balloon appeared over Dunkirk Wednesday night, coming from the direction of the sea. The dirigible apparently intended to bombard the shipping in the harbor, but being sighted by the torpedo boats retreated to the German lines. The arrival at San Remo of the American ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, occasioned the rumor that he had gone to Italy to meet foreign diplomats for the discussion of peace negotiations. The ambassador, however, denied that his presence was in any way connected with the international situation. He explained that he was seeking a few days' rest. French government declares that the "ammunition crisis" is past and the allies, including Serbia and Belgium, will have all the shells they need. The Willard-Johnson fight films are barred from the United States by a Federal statute, which expressly forbids interstate transportation of fight films. At the government investigation of Pullman porters' salaries, it is shown that they receive \$27.50 per month, but the "tips" exacted from the traveling public amount to an average of \$75 per month.

## General Huerta to Stay in United States

New York—General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, who for nearly a year has been an exile in Spain, arrived here Tuesday on the Spanish steamship Antonio Lopez from Cadiz. General Huerta was passed by United States immigration officials as a transit alien, after he had declared under oath that he would do nothing that would involve the neutrality of the United States. The ex-president said that he had come to the United States partly for pleasure and partly to attend to some personal business connected with family matters. He swore that he had no intention of going to Mexico or to Cuba. The length of his stay here, he said, was indefinite, but he would return to Spain, possibly sailing from New York early in May. General Huerta was met at quarantine by representatives of the press and by an array of photographers. While submitting to being photographed in every desired pose, he declined to say anything as to his mission—agreeing to meet newspapermen at his hotel here at a later date. Regarding this appointment he said: "I understand that my presence in this country creates in you the desire to know my views about the affairs of Mexico and I promise to satisfy your wishes to the best of my ability. I beg you, gentlemen, to remember that no interview with me should be considered as authentic unless it carries my personal signature." General Huerta was accompanied by General Jose C. Delgado, who has been his private secretary for 10 years, and by Abraham Ratner, a personal friend of the general, who declared himself as an American citizen, giving his residence as New York.

## Indiana Mayor Gets Six Years for Election Fraud

Indianapolis, Ind.—Four men convicted in the Terre Haute election fraud trial were sentenced by Judge Anderson to the Federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The other 16, including Donn M. Roberts, mayor, who received prison sentences and appealed, and the 87 who were given sentences ranging from one day to six months in the local jail, are in jail here. It was said the 16 will have two or three days in which to obtain their appeal bonds, which were fixed by Judge Anderson at \$10,000 for each year the men were sentenced. Edward Holler, the former chief of police, who pleaded guilty, also received prison sentence. The four who withdrew from the appeal are: John M. Messelink, city sealer of weights and measures and former member of the state legislature; Arthur Gillis, Progressive election official; Joseph Strauss, liquor salesman, and George Sovern, gambler. Each had been sentenced to a year and a day in prison and to pay a fine of \$100. To obtain liberty pending his appeal, Mayor Roberts, who was sentenced to six years and to pay a fine of \$2000, the severest sentence given, will have to furnish a bond of \$60,000. If all secure bonds it will mean a total of \$420,000.

## Telegraphers Are Declared Underpaid by Employer

Chicago—President Newcomb Carlton, of the Western Union Telegraph company, and S. J. Koenekamp, president of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America, testified from their respective viewpoints before the United States commission on Industrial Relations Tuesday as to wages and working conditions of the commercial telegraphers. Mr. Carlton caused a mild sensation when, replying to a question from Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission, as to whether telegraphers were adequately compensated, replied: "I believe that the telegraphers are underpaid." "Overpaid!" exclaimed Mr. Walsh. "No, underpaid. I think they ought to make more money than they do. So far as I can ascertain, wages have increased 30 per cent in the last ten years. Ten years ago a Morse telegrapher received \$18; it is now \$23. It was \$18.50 for women and now it is \$18. My own view is that a first-class telegrapher should be able to earn at least \$5 a day of nine hours. Some of our employes, under the so-called premium plan, are making close to that." The witness said his company has one of the best pension and relief organizations in the country, and it costs the men nothing. Half a million dollars was expended on it last year, he said.

## Airman Killed by Fall

Washington, D. C.—Cecil Malcolm Peoli, an aviator, was killed at College Park, Md., near here, while making a test flight in an aeroplane of his own invention and in which he had planned flights from Washington to New York and from New York to St. Louis. The machine fell 300 feet and Peoli's skull was fractured. The cause of the accident has not been determined. Peoli was the first man to fly across the Andes mountains in South America. The wrecked machine is said to have been the largest in this country.

## Belgium to Hear Concert

Berlin—The famous Philharmonic Orchestra of Berlin is preparing to make a concert tour of Belgium early in May, according to announcement by the Overseas News Agency. Felix Weingarten will conduct and the musicians will play twice in Brussels.

## Grants Pass Farmers Form Own Water Co.

Grants Pass—The farmers in that portion of Rogue River Valley just west of Grants Pass have organized a co-operative irrigation corporation. Owners of approximately 1000 acres of land have signed up, and nearly two miles of irrigation ditches have been built. The ditches are five feet wide at the bottom and six feet at the top, and are capable of carrying 10,000 gallons of water a minute. The water is to be pumped from the Rogue River by a centrifugal pump driven by an electric motor. It will be forced first to a knoll, and then piped across the valley to a high line ditch, and from the ditch diverted on the 1000 or more acres of land. The cost of installing the plant will be \$5 an acre. A 100-horse power electric motor and a 12-inch centrifugal pump have been purchased and will be installed prior to June 1 in order to give water to these lands on and after that date. A reservoir 100 feet wide by 300 feet long will be dug six feet deep on the top of the knoll. From there it

## State Highway Fund Is Divided by Oregon Board

Apportionment State Road Fund.  
Douglas county.....\$20,000  
Hood River county.....50,000  
Columbia county.....50,000  
Clatsop county.....35,000  
Jackson county.....50,000  
Josephine county.....5,000  
Miscellaneous.....20,000  
Rex-Tigardville road.....7,231  
Total.....\$237,231

Salem—At a meeting of the State Highway commission, apportionment of the state highway fund for the year, which, it is believed, with receipts from delinquent taxes, will approximate \$237,231, was made, seven counties receiving substantial funds. The largest amounts, \$50,000 each, go to Columbia, Jackson and Hood River counties, the board adhering to its original policy of aiding counties that have bonded themselves to build roads. Of the \$50,000 awarded to Jackson county, \$10,000 was owed from last year and the balance was provided for in a law passed at the recent session of the legislature. The commission set aside \$20,000 for office expenses. John H. Albert, of Salem, and S. Benson, of Portland, members of the advisory committee recently appointed, met with the board and participated in making the apportionments. It also was announced that the committee would advise with State Highway Engineer Cantine frequently regarding road work. The other member is Leslie Butler.

## Central Potato Depot Suggested by Bulletin

How co-operation might be worked out by the potato growers of a given district so as to eliminate what the compiler terms "the financial disaster in the marketing of their potatoes met by the vast majority of Oregon farmers for the past three years," is explained in the concluding paragraph of a 40-page potato bulletin just issued by the University of Oregon. The bulletin is called "Markets for Potatoes," makes a general survey of the potato situation, and may be had on application to the extension division at Eugene. The paragraph in question is: "It might be advisable to establish a central depot at a convenient shipping plant readily accessible to the growers of the district in which the association is formed. To this depot all the growers would ship all their potatoes, where they would be inspected and sorted. Only those of the very highest quality in every respect would be marketed for seed and for table use, and these carefully packed and sold under a name or brand that would establish their reputation. If this high quality was rigidly maintained and the reputation fully earned and justified (as has been done similarly for apples from certain districts) a premium price above the prevailing market could be demanded and depended upon."

## Crowd Out Oregon Spuds

University of Oregon, Eugene— "The rise of potato growing as an industry in Idaho and Colorado is one great cause of the potato depression in Oregon, because the crops of these two states have taken the southern market," says H. B. Miller, director of the department of commercial and industrial survey of the university of Oregon school of commerce. Formerly perhaps 40 per cent of Oregon's potato exports went below the Mason and Dixon line. Mr. Miller thinks German competition will ultimately be a big factor in

## Suit Over Water Argued

Oregon City—The injunction suit of the Milwaukee Water company against the city of Milwaukee was argued before Circuit Judge Campbell and was taken under advisement by the court. However, Judge Campbell decided that the temporary injunction granted by County Judge Anderson no longer could prevent the laying of pipe from the Bull Run mains of the city of Portland to the Clackamas county town. The city has signed a contract with Portland for a supply of Bull Run water and is preparing to install mains.

will be taken by gravity through a 24-inch pipe and carried across the valley to the foothills on the north. The farmers are preparing their lands by leveling and more than 500 acres of alfalfa will be planted this fall. The most of the land will be planted to corn this season, and after the harvesting of this crop will be sown to alfalfa. The ditch digging is being carried on under the direction of Joe Russell, and the ditching is being done at a few cents less than \$1 a rod. Ditch digging of this kind usually costs not less than 2.50 a rod, it is said. Alex Hood, owner of one of the largest parcels of land to be irrigated by the system, is directing work on the project. His ranch comprises 176 acres. H. C. Newell, owner of the Lace House laundry, of Portland, has a ranch of more than 600 acres, a portion of which will come under this ditch. He is improving his ranch, and has one of the show places in the Rogue River valley. The Lathrop and Muller properties are among those which also will come under the project.

County Judge Clark, of Columbia county, and J. H. Johnson, representing the Consolidated Contract company, requested the board to have the engineer make estimates of the work done by the company in that county, so the County court could make certain payments. Under the law the estimates cannot be made until the estimates are furnished. State Treasurer Key called attention to the fact that H. L. Bowly, ex-state highway engineer, had made the estimates, but had not furnished a copy to the county judge. Mr. Cantine was instructed to do this. Mr. Johnson said after the meeting that the estimates of Major Bowly were not satisfactory to the company and would not be accepted. He declared that under them the company would lose about \$60,000, and that, if satisfactory arrangements could not be made with the county, litigation would result. A delegation from Yamhill county, which asked for state aid, was informed by the board that it probably would be helped next year, but not this one, because of a lack of funds. The spokesman said Tillamook and Yamhill counties each had raised \$15,000 for use on the Grand Ronde road and suggested that the state provide a similar sum. The apportionment of the state fund suggested by Major Bowly was as follows: Clatsop county, \$40,000; Douglas county, \$27,000; Columbia county, \$60,000; Hood River county, \$60,000; Jackson county, \$40,000; miscellaneous, \$20,000.

## Northwest Market Reports.

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, bid, \$1.28; forty-fold, \$1.26; club, \$1.27; red Russian, \$1.22; red five, \$1.22. Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$26.50 ton; shorts, \$28.50; rolled barley, \$31 @32. Corn—Whole, \$35 ton; cracked, \$36. Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14 @15; valley timothy, \$12 @12.50; grain hay, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$12.50@13.50. Vegetables—Cucumbers, hothouse, \$1.50 dozen; peppers, 30@35c pound; artichokes, 75@85c dozen; tomatoes, \$5 crate; cabbage, 12@3c pound; celery, \$4.50 crate; cauliflower, 75c@1 dollar; head lettuce, \$2.25 crate; hot-house lettuce, 75c@1 box; spinach, 5 @6c pound; rhubarb, 12@3c pound; asparagus, white, \$1.25@1.75 box; green, 9@10c pound; eggplant, 30c pound; peas, 11@12c egg. Green fruits—Strawberries, \$4.50 crate, apples, 50c@1.50 box; cranberries, \$11@12 barrel. Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.25@1.50 sack; Washington, \$1.25@1.50; new potatoes, 10c pounds; sweet potatoes, 3c pound. Onions—Oregon, selling price, 75c sack, country points. Carrots, \$1.50 sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.25; turnips, \$1.75. Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 18@18c; candled, 19c dozen. Poultry—Hens, 15@16c; broilers, 25@27c; fryers, 18@20c; turkeys, dressed, 22@23c; live, 16@19c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 8@9c. Butter—Creamery, prints, extras, 29c pound in case lots; 4c more in less than case lots, cubes, 28@29c. Hops—1914 crop, nominal; contracts, nominal. Wool—Eastern Oregon, coarse, 22@25c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 18@20c; valley, 24@27c; mohair, new clip, 29 @31c pound. Cascara bark—Old and new, 4c pound. Cattle—Best steers, \$7.25@7.75; choice, \$7@7.25; medium, \$6.75@7; choice cows, \$6@6.75; medium, \$5@5.75; heifers, \$5@6.20; bulls, \$3.50@6; stags, \$5@6.50. Hogs—Light, \$5.50@7.55; heavy, \$5.90@6.50. Sheep—Wethers, \$7@8.25; ewes, \$6@7; lambs, \$7.50@9.25. Seattle—Wheat, Bluestem, \$1.28; forty-fold, \$1.26; five, \$1.24; red Russian, \$1.20; barley, \$25 ton. Car receipts: Wheat, 18, oats, 8; barley, 2; hay, 15; flour, 10. Tacoma—Apples—Cooking, 75@90c; Winesaps, \$1.25@1.35 a box; local, 85c. Vegetables—Cabbage, Flat Dutch, 2c; carrots, \$1.50@1.65; beets, home grown, \$1.25 sack; potatoes, Yakima, \$32 ton; Idaho, \$28@30; sweets, \$3.50 cwt.; Early Rose seed, \$50; tomatoes, \$6 case; Onions, green, 20c dozen; Walla Walla, \$1.75 box; Oregon yellow Danvers, \$1.75; Yakima, \$1.50; garlic, 30c pound; radishes, local, 20c dozen bunches; parsley, 3c dozen bunches; lettuce, head, \$2.25 crate; spinach, 5c pound; cucumbers, \$2.25 dozen; celery, \$4 @4.50; rutabagas, \$1.85 sacks; cauliflower, \$2.25 crate; Oregon, \$3 crate; artichokes, 75c dozen; Brussels sprouts, 8c pound; rhubarb, local, 4c; asparagus, Walla Walla, \$1.55 a box; green peas, 12c pound. Fresh Meats—Steers, 12 @12c; cows, 12c; heifers, 12@12c; wethers, 14c; dressed hogs, 11c; trimmed sides, 15c; combinations, 15c; Diamond T. C., 16c; yearlings, 15c; ewes, 13c. Poultry—Ducks, live, 10@12c; hens, dressed, 16 @18c; live, 10 @14c; springs, dressed, 22c; live, 14@16c; squabs, live, \$2.50 dozen; dressed, \$6; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, 28@30c; geese, 20c. Butter—Washington creamery, 19@30c pound; Oregon and California, 28c. Eggs—Fresh ranch, 18@21c. Spokane—Cattle—Prime steers, \$6 @7 cwt.; heifers, and cows \$5@6. Sheep—Wethers, \$6 @7; ewes, \$5 @6; lambs, \$6@7. Hogs—Heavy live hogs, \$6.25 cwt.; light, \$7.25. Wheat—\$46 ton, delivered in city. Oats—\$35 ton, whole, \$36 rolled, delivered in city. Bran—\$25 ton; shorts, \$32; bran and shorts, \$27. Hay—Timothy, \$16 ton; \$15 ton in carloads; alfalfa, \$15 ton delivered in city; \$14 ton in carloads. Corn—\$37 ton; cracked, \$38. Barley—Rolled, \$35 ton.

## Contract for 1,900,000 Boxes.

North Yakima—Contracts for the furnishing of 1,900,000 fruit boxes, and more at the same prices if needed, for use by members of the Yakima Valley Fruit Growers' association this season were awarded Saturday to the Cascade Lumber company, of this city. The association declined to state the price, but Manager Huebner, of the company, said it was considerably lower than last year. Delivery of 1,000,000 apple boxes, 700,000 peach boxes and 200,000 pear boxes are called for.

## Buy 200 Head of Cattle.

Walla Walla—Grant Copeland who is feeding 1200 cattle on his Hooper, Wash., ranch was here this week from Spokane arranging for the transportation of 200 head of cattle from the Hudson Bay country to the Hooper ranch. The cattle were bought from Thomas Copeland.

## Two Mills Begin Work

La Pine—The J. N. Matsen Lumber company started work at its big mill Wednesday. The Pringle Falls mill started work last week. Both are working at full capacity on big contracts. The Pringle Falls mill is turning out stuff for the power company, and the Matsen mill is working on flume material, presumably for the Moore syndicate. The La Pine Lumber company expects to start its mill in a few days.

## Klamath Land to Open

Klamath Falls—Several lots of land in townships 37 and 38 south, range 8 east, Klamath county, have just been released from withdrawal under the first firm in connection with the Klamath irrigation project, and will become subject to homestead settlement under the public land laws of the United States. The aggregate acreage released by this order is about 100 acres.

## GERMAN WARSHIP REACHES AMERICA

### Kronprinz Wilhelm Slips by Foe Into Newport News.

### Sinks 14 Merchantmen in Eight Months' Cruise in Southern Atlantic Ocean.

Newport News, Va.—The German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, the elusive raider of commerce in the South Atlantic, slipped into the port Monday and asked for fuel and provisions. Many times reported destroyed, the former North German Lloyd liner had evaded hostile warships for eight months while she sent 14 merchantmen to the bottom. Her officers said she was forced to steal her way past four allied cruisers off the Virginia capes to reach this refuge. "We got in without being seen by the enemy and we can get out the same way," declared her commander, Lieutenant-Captain Paul Theifelder, formerly navigating officer of the German cruiser Karlsruhe. When she dropped anchor, the Kronprinz Wilhelm had less than 25 tons of coal and scanty provisions for the crew of 500 men and 61 prisoners from British merchant ships sunk in the South Atlantic. Of 14 ships that the 10,000-ton cruiser sank, nine were British, four French and one Norwegian. The value of these ships and their cargoes, officers of the Wilhelm estimated at \$7,000,000. When the Kronprinz Wilhelm arrived off Bimble Shoals, after passing in the Virginia capes, early in the day, two United States submarines, the G-1 and D-2, met her. The appearance of the submarines caused considerable surprise among the crew, but there was no demonstration, as the little vessels convoyed the German raider to quarantine, where Dr. MacCafferty, United States quarantine officer, boarded her. Commander Theifelder reported 66 of the crew and prisoners were ill with beri-beri and requested that they be taken to a hospital. The Kronprinz Wilhelm followed in the wake of the interned Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which arrived here a month ago, after thrilling and effective operations for the German arms. In her raid of the seas since she slipped out of New York harbor August 3 last as a German merchant and passenger steamer, the Kronprinz Wilhelm never touched land and took 960 prisoners from various vessels destroyed. Most of these were sent to South American ports at different times on German ships, which met the raider in response to wireless calls.

### Germany Sends Sharp Answer to America

Washington, D. C.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, made public Sunday the text of the note he recently presented to the State department, declaring that "if the American people desire to observe thorough neutrality they will find means to stop the exclusive exportation of arms to one side, or at least, to use this export trade as a means to uphold the legitimate trade with Germany, especially the trade in foodstuffs." The memorandum was prepared at the German embassy, and while it does not call for a reply, the State department already has drafted one which will be delivered probably within a few days. The ambassador, in his complaint, informs the United States that, contrary to the real spirit of neutrality, an enormous new industry of war material of every kind is being built up in this country, and that this is "supplying only Germany's enemies, a fact which is in no way modified by the purely theoretical willingness to furnish Germany as well, if it were possible."

### Packing Plant Wrecked.

Kansas City—An explosion wrecked the seven-story cooling building of the Cudahy Packing company's plant here Sunday night. The loss is estimated at \$750,000. Two men were employed in the building at the time were injured. Investigation developed no trace of an explosive. Company officials asserted there was no gas in the building and that the cooling pipes contained no ammonia or other material that might explode.

### Future Peace Discussed.

The Hague, via London—For three days there has been a private discussion of peace here by a conference consisting of about 30 delegates from the United States, Holland, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Sweden, Norway, England, Belgium and Switzerland. Only a short record of the work of the conference, which ended Saturday, has been issued, as follows: "The object of the meeting was not to suggest steps to bring the present war to an end, but to consider by what principles future peace would best be gained."

### Mexicans Tax Americans.

San Antonio, Tex.—Taxes aggregating \$1,000,000 have been imposed on mineowners in the state of Oaxaca, Mexico, according to private advices reaching here from the city of Oaxaca, the state capital. Eighty-five per cent of the mineowners are foreigners and 60 per cent Americans.