

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

Portland experiences heavy rain and hail storm.

Editor Blethen, of the Seattle Times, is reported seriously ill.

The English house of commons votes to double the tax on spirits.

A Medford, Oregon, woman, aged 74, is cutting a new set of teeth.

A German air craft dropped several bombs on Ipswich, England, setting a fire which burned three dwellings.

Witnesses for John R. Lawson testify that deputy sheriffs started the battle of Ludlow in the Colorado strike trouble.

A Gold Hill, Oregon, couple motors to near Medford, overtakes a minister and are married beneath a large tree by the roadside.

Colonel Roosevelt is still making explanations of his political affiliations in the suit for \$50,000 libel, for which he is defendant.

Grand jury of Portland indicts three election board officials for altering 126 ballots at a recent election. They are all in jail in default of cash bail.

Women in session at The Hague demand that people have voice in foreign policies, and oppose cession of territory without consent of the inhabitants.

An infuriated divorcee fires several shots at her ex-husband in the Portland municipal court room. One shot strikes the stenographer, while the rest go wild.

An immense bridge in Vancouver, B. C., is burned, and public sentiment accuses foes of Great Britain as the incendiary; the authorities, however, place no blame.

A German life buoy marked Kolberg has been found on the Scotch coast, and is thought to confirm the report of the sinking of the cruiser Kolberg in the naval battle of January 24.

The millions of crickets in the army which invaded Grant county, Washington, early this week, has split into four divisions. The crickets eating in the wheat fields cover a strip four miles long and 12 feet wide.

Twenty-day-old twins in Marion county, Oregon, are the largest beneficiaries of the state compensation law, being posthumous heirs. The mother, who is 20 years old, if she lives to be 42, the age of expectancy, will receive a total of \$15,120.

Captain L. D. Hockersmith, 82 years old, who is reputed to have dug his way out of the Columbus, O., penitentiary during the war between the states and to have liberated his commander, the Confederate general, John H. Morgan, with a number of his men, died at his home in Madisonville, Ky., Friday. Morgan and a remnant of his command was captured near Pomeroy, O., in July, 1863, on a raid through Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Germany is purchasing foodstuffs for a siege of four years' duration.

David Warfield has appeared in the play "The Auctioneer" for the 1400th time.

Twenty-one jitney bus drivers in Seattle are arrested for doing business without having bonds.

Ex-president Taft is scheduled to make several speeches in Oregon and Washington early in the fall.

A plague of crickets is reported in Grant county Washington, and much damage to crops is the result.

One of Villa's major generals has resigned, at the request of his mother, and joined the British forces.

A holdup man in Spokane, Wash., kicks his victim on the leg and breaks it; secures \$2 in cash and flees.

The commerce investigation in Chicago protests an increase of freight rates on meats, which is proposed by the railroads.

Theodore Roosevelt, who is being sued for libel, admits on the stand that he was on easy terms with New York's political bosses.

All records for April heat are being broken in the Eastern states, and in some localities the thermometer registers 97 degrees.

Governor Johnson, of California, signed the Meek convict labor bill, permitting prisoners of the state penitentiaries to build state highways. A statement was issued by the governor in which he said that apprehension that free labor will be affected is groundless.

Four masked men make raid of Eastern Oregon ranch, killing 30 head of sheep and destroying farm house and barn by fire.

Methodist ministers from many states are meeting in Chicago for the purpose of establishing a \$10,000,000 fund to be used for old age pensions for members of the clergy.

The allies are reported as having landed large forces on both shores of the Dardanelles straits, and are attacking the forts and positions of the Turks who are defending the city of Constantinople.

AUSTRIA-GERMANS SMASH RUSSIAN BATTLE LINE THROUGH GALICIA

London—An imposing Austrian victory in West Galicia, in which the Russian front of 60 miles has been cut to pieces, was reported Tuesday from Berlin and Vienna.

As though timed to take place simultaneously, a sweeping advance has been made in the Russian Baltic provinces by the Germans, Berlin and Petrograd agreeing that the invasion on a 160-mile front is unchecked.

An attack in West Galicia has been predicted in Petrograd dispatches as an offset to Russian efforts farther east on the Carpathian front. The direction in which this new and sudden stroke has been made, evidently in great force, lies to the south of Russian Poland.

The line along which the Austrian advance was made runs for about 60 miles north and south through Galicia, something more than 50 miles east of Craeov.

Vienna also reports great gains over the Russians who had succeeded in sweeping over the crest of the Carpathian range.

The reports announcing a great victory in the Carpathians led to the entire city of Berlin decking itself with flags. The central telephone stations, the newspaper offices and hotels were besieged by crowds seeking details.

The excitement began when the German authorities received orders to fly the flags "on account of a great victory in the Carpathians."

The official German report says: "In the presence of Austrian commander in chief, Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, and under the leadership of General Von Mackensen, the allied troops, after bitter fighting, pierced everywhere and crushed the entire Russian front in West Galicia, the Dunajec river, and the Vistula."

Labor Leader Lawson Found Guilty of Murder in Coal Strike Battle

Trinidad, Colo.—John R. Lawson, noted labor leader, was condemned to spend the remainder of his life at hard labor in the Colorado penitentiary. He was found guilty of first-degree murder in connection with the death of John Nimmo, a deputy sheriff, killed in a strike battle October 25, 1913. Under the Colorado statute, making it the duty of the jury to fix the penalty at death or life imprisonment, the jury in the District court fixed the milder punishment.

Lawson sat immovable as the jury filed into the courtroom. There was only a sprinkling of spectators. Judge Granby Hillyer had announced luncheon recess until 2 o'clock, and it was not quite that hour when the jury reported.

In the midst of a tense silence the clerk asked: "Gentlemen, have you reached a verdict?"

The foreman replied, then handed the written verdict to the clerk, who passed it to the judge.

Lawson sat beside his counsel, his eyes fixed on the jury.

Judge Hillyer glanced at the verdict, then handed it back to Bowdrey Floyd, the clerk. The clerk read aloud:

"We, the jury, find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree and fix the penalty at life imprisonment."

A gasp, a sharp intake of breath, ran around the still crowd. Lawson did not move. A slight smile played over his features. There was silence for a few clock ticks, then Horace N. Hawkins, chief counsel for the defense, asked that the jury be polled. As the clerk read the names, each man assented to the verdict. Then there were brief legal formalities and the crowd filtered out the door.

Thirty days were given to file a motion for a new trial and Lawson was released temporarily in custody of his counsel here, until the court fixed bail, he was theoretically a prisoner, although at liberty to come and go as he pleased.

Kaiser Looks Much Older.

London—Telegraphing from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company says that Emperor William and Prince Henry, of Prussia, his brother, were at Antwerp the end of last week and inspected the harbor fortifications and the submarine yards. Subsequent to this they returned to Luxemburg. The local newspapers were forbidden to mention this visit until the emperor was back in Luxemburg. The few persons who recognized His Majesty say he looked well but much older.

Wireless To Be Repaired.

Vallejo, Cal.—The repair ship Prometheus was designated by the Navy department to take the Mare Island navy yard wireless party to Alaska, where it is said \$50,000 will be spent in overhauling the navy radio stations. It was announced the Prometheus will come here from San Francisco soon to be fitted out for the cruise. The gunboat Annapolis previously was designated for the trip, but later was sent to Mexican waters.

2000 More Britons Strike.

London—Two thousand laborers who were engaged in constructing houses to accommodate the workers at the Wollwich arsenal, the largest in Great Britain, went on strike Tuesday. The men demand higher wages.

Insurance Companies May Increase Rates in Oregon

Salem—State Insurance Commissioner Wells issued a warning to property holders of Portland that unless they co-operated more extensively with Fire Marshal Stevens they could not expect a reduction of losses from fire.

Declaring that the insurance companies were operating at a big loss in Oregon, Mr. Wells said he believed they soon would ask permission to increase their rates.

"The annual statements filed by the various fire insurance companies show that the net premium income for 1914 was \$3,858,212.90, and the losses were \$2,590,359.65," continued Mr. Wells. "This leaves a balance to the insurance companies over losses of \$1,267,853.25, and it is estimated that the average expense for companies to transact business in this state will average 40 per cent. The expense of doing business is made up by agents' commissions, taxes, license fees, supplies, advertising, salaries and clerical hire.

"The already extremely heavy loss ratio for 1915 has caused the insurance companies to become nervous, and all companies operating in Oregon with Pacific departments located in San Francisco at a recent meeting discussed the abnormally excessive losses.

Bridge Bonds' Interest Still Unpaid by County

Salem—Through an oversight of the Multnomah county officials or the State Tax commission there will be no money in the state treasury this year for the payment of interest on the interstate bridge bonds.

The county court places the blame on the Tax commission and the commission declares the county is at fault. At any rate, no levy was made for the payment of the money and it has none to pay.

State Treasurer Kay received a check from the county treasurer of Multnomah for \$294,000, the last payment of the first half of the taxes, and the announcement that \$31,250 had been retained for paying interest on the bonds. The annual interest is \$62,500, and, unless a settlement is reached, the county will retain the balance out of the last-half tax payments.

Under the law providing for the bridge, notification of the interest on the bonds must be made to the State Tax commission by the county court before January 1 each year. Notification was mailed to the commission the last day of December, but the tax levy had been made and the various counties notified of it. It was then too late to make a change to include a levy for the payment of interest on the bonds.

Horse Show and Wild West Stunts Are Scheduled for Philomath Fair

Philomath—May 21 and 22 have been set for the big horse show here. The committees have been selected and are at work, arranging the program. There are to be roping contests, rawhide displays, a grand parade, barbecue, a free-for-all public sale and other events.

The two days are to be filled with stunts calling for red blood and a dash of the old Western life which has not altogether died out. The days of the rolling stage coach and the round-up are to be recalled. Spacious grounds are being prepared and a grand stand will be erected.

Every effort will be made to take care of the crowds which are expected. The first day will be given to the public sale and sports. Among the first events is to be a drill by one of the Corvallis fire teams.

The public sale will be open for all. Colonel Stevenson has been secured to act as auctioneer. Anyone having stock to dispose of can offer it for sale to the highest bidder.

On the second day there will be a parade of all the blue-ribbon stock in this part of Oregon. Cowboys and cowgirls will participate in roping contests and other events.

Fishermen Will Build.

Bay City—The Tillamook Bay Fish company, a co-operative company of the fishermen on this bay, is preparing to drive the piling for its new building. A Ramsay, the company's manager, says it is undecided whether a cannery will be built this year or not, but that with the evident low price of canned goods for the year, he believes they will handle the catch fresh.

Arrangements have been completed to open wholesale establishments in Boise, Butte and Portland for handling the fresh fish.

It is believed that the whole catch can be disposed of in this way, making a cannery unnecessary.

Teachers Have Session.

Clackamas—The regular session of the Clackamas Schoolmasters' club was held at the Clackamas schoolhouse on Saturday. A picked club of the schoolmasters went down to defeat in the morning in a game of baseball with the Clackamas school by a score of 22 to 7. A banquet was served by the school at 1 o'clock. A discussion was led by Supervisor Vedder on the topic, "Industrial Follow-up Work," and an address on "Standard Schools" by Assistant State Superintendent Wells made this session one of the best.

in Oregon, and as a result a committee was appointed to visit this state and investigate conditions. This committee probably will ask the Insurance Commissioner to allow an increase of rates.

"No business concerns care to continue business at a loss, but while the raising of rates would amount to more income to the companies, under the present conditions, losses would continue regardless of the increase.

"If the citizens of Portland would assist Fire Marshal Stevens and listen more to the warnings he and his deputies are giving, they would be better off. They should pay more attention to cleanliness about their premises, as well as those of neighbors, instead of passing everything up to the marshal.

"Mr. Stevens has the right idea, but when he steps on the toes of prominent property owners he finds himself in trouble.

"The property owners of Portland have never been compelled to keep their premises in order, and those who would object to doing so seem not to realize that their property might be the next to be destroyed. They should also bear in mind a possible loss of lives of occupants of the buildings, as well as firemen who are called to save the property."

Washington, D. C.—Press reports of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulflight and the loss of her captain and some members of the crew created a stir in official circles here, where the seriousness of the occurrence was everywhere admitted.

In the absence of President Wilson, officials made no comment as to the probable action of the United States government, beyond saying that a thorough inquiry as to the manner of the torpedoing and the responsibility for it would first be required before a decision could be reached as to the kind of representations to be made.

If first reports are borne out, the attack on the Gulflight constitutes the first case of an American ship struck by a torpedo, with the consequent loss of lives. Two American vessels have been sunk by mines, the responsibility for which never has been fixed, and one American, Leon C. Thresher, was drowned when the British ship Falaba was torpedoed.

It was generally recalled that in the note sent by the United States to Germany in answer to Germany's proclamation of a war zone around the British Isles and Ireland, the Washington government asserted that it would hold the German government "to a strict accountability" for the loss of any American lives or vessels, the phraseology being so drawn as to cover attacks on belligerent vessels on which Americans were traveling.

Four Masked Men Kill Sheep On Eastern Oregon Range

Prineville—Appearance of four masked men on the ranch of Isadore B. Meyers, of Tost, on Crooked river, near Pauline Butte, in Crook county, and an attack by these men on Mr. Meyers' sheep gives rise to a belief that the old range war between sheepmen and cattlemen has flamed forth with its old time vigor. Mr. Meyers reported to the sheriff's office that the men had entered his range, burned his sheep camp, stolen the guns and ammunition and then shot and killed at least 30 head of sheep and wounded many others.

M. Montgomery, a sheepherder for Mr. Meyers, said he was ordered to stand aside while the men fired about 100 shots into the flock. Some of the bullets passed dangerously close to the herder. Wounded sheep were killed by the employees of the sheep camp.

Belief that the attack is the outcome of bitterness between sheepmen and cattlemen is fostered by an incendiary attack on the sheep ranch of J. N. Williamson, ex-representative to congress. At that time Mr. Williamson lost 80 tons of hay.

The majority of the ranchers in the Pauline Butte district are cattlemen.

Fruit Warehouse Sold.

Medford—By a deal completed Saturday, the Oregon Fruit company, of Portland, takes charge of the Medford Warehouse company and will operate the plant under the name of the Medford Fruit company.

The company will maintain branch houses in Roseburg, Eugene, Corvallis, Albany, Salem, Baker, Bend and Pendleton, with main offices at Portland. Charles S. Lebo will remain as manager of the local branch. The officers of the company are: President, W. B. Glafke, of W. B. Glafke & Co., of Portland; vice president, T. E. Ryan, of Pearson, Ryan company, of Portland, and S. C. Dalton, manager. Mr. Dille, manager of Page & Son, of Portland, and Mr. Yule, president of the Pacific Fruit & Produce company, are directors.

Bishop Visits at Seaside.

Seaside—The occasion of the visit of Bishop W. J. G. Sumner, bishop of Oregon, was the cause of a double rejoicing to the congregation of Calvary chapel. On this, his first visit of the new bishop to Seaside, Bishop Sumner held outdoor exercises and blessed the paragon at the celebration of the wiping out of a debt of \$250. Bishop Sumner, accompanied by Archbishop H. H. Chambers, arrived from Astoria on the noon train. In the afternoon a church reception was held, and he was the dinner guest of Mrs. G. McMillan.

SUBMARINE SINKS AMERICAN TANKER

Washington Stirred by German Attack Off Scilly Islands.

CAPTAIN AND TWO SAILORS ARE DEAD

Seriousness Is Admitted, and Note to Berlin Speaking of "Strict Accountability" Recalled—Damages May Be Demanded.

London—The American oil tank steamship Gulflight was sunk by a German submarine Saturday at noon off the Scilly Islands, according to a dispatch to the Central News agency. The Gulflight sailed from Port Arthur, Tex., April 10, for Rouen, France.

The captain died from heart failure as a result of shock, and two seamen jumped overboard and were drowned. The other members of the crew were taken off by a patrol boat and landed. The vessel was towed into Crow sound and beached.

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America's Right to Ship Arms Ceded, but Food Should Be Free

Philadelphia—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former colonial secretary of Germany, protested at Sunday's session of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, against a declaration at a recent meeting of the academy that Germany had declared against the right of the United States to sell and distribute arms to belligerent countries.

Dr. Dernburg came here as a listener to the discussions on the effect of the European war on America's interests and at the close of the session made a brief speech in which he said the declaration was "absolutely false." The address in which the statement is said to have been made was delivered by Charles Noble Gregory, of Washington, D. C., who spoke on "The Sale of Munitions of War by Neutrals to Belligerents."

Dr. Dernburg explained that Germany had only complained of the inequality of the treatment that his country is receiving in that foodstuffs are shut out of Germany, whereas there is a free transit of arms to Great Britain.

British Win in Africa.

Cape Town—The following official statement regarding the operations in South Africa was issued Monday:

"General McKenzie's mounted forces which were designated to cut off the Germans who, after the evacuation of Keetmanskop retreated northward along the railway, inflicted serious defeat on them in the vicinity of Gibson, captured a whole railway train, several transport wagons, a great quantity of live stock, two field guns, several Maxim's and 200 prisoners."

Flirt Recruits Tommies.

London—Flirting can be made an effective recruiting expedient. At a recent recruiting rally a girl held up her hand and announced that she had sent five young men to the front. At the end of the meeting she indicated the young man at her side and declared, "Here's the sixth!" This caused the speaker to say, "Flirting of that kind is the right sort." He advised the young girls of the audience to use their wiles in behalf of country.

Hail As Big As Baseball Falls.

St. Louis—Hail stones as large as baseballs were hurled upon scattered sections of Missouri Sunday. The damage to crops and livestock will run into thousands of dollars. At Sturgeon, Mo., a boy was killed by lightning. In St. Louis the streets were flooded in places by several feet of water.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS.

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.32; forty-fold, \$1.27; club, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.19.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$33.25. Barley—No. 1 feed, \$24; bran, \$24; shorts, \$24.50.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$26 ton; shorts, \$28; rolled barley, \$30 @31.

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 @1.50 dozen; artichokes, 75c; tomatoes, \$5 crate; cabbage, 2 1/2 @3 1/2 pound; celery, \$4.50 crate; cauliflower, 75c @ \$1.25 dozen; head lettuce, \$2.25 crate; spinach, 5c pound; rhubarb, 1 1/2 @2c; asparagus, 75c @ \$1.10 dozen; eggplant, 25c pound; peas, 7 @8c; beans, 12 1/2 @15c; carrots, \$1.50 sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.25; turnips, \$1 @1.50.

Green Fruits—Strawberries, \$2 crate; apples, \$1 @1.75 box; cranberries, \$11 @12 barrel; gooseberries, 8 @11c pound.

Potatoes—Old, \$1.75 @ 2.25 sack; new, 6 @8c pound.

Onions—Oregon selling price, 75c sack, country points; California, jobbing price, yellow, \$1.75 @2; white, \$2.25 crate.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 18 @18 1/2c dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; broilers, 25 @27 1/2c; fryers, 18 @20c; turkeys, dressed, 22 @24c; live, 18 @20c; ducks, 12 @13c; geese, 8 @9c.

Butter—Creamery, prints, extras, 25c pound in case lots; 4c more in less than case lots; cubes, 21 @22c.

Veal—Fancy, 11 1/2 @12c pound.

Pork—Block, 10 @10 1/2c pound.

Hops—1914 crop, nominal; contracts, 11c pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25 @26c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 16 @18c; valley, 28 @30c; mohair, new clip, 32 @33c.

Casaca bark—Old and new, 4 @4 1/2c pound.

Cattle—Best steers, \$7.50 @ 7.75; choice, \$7 @7.25; medium, \$6.75 @7; choice cows, \$6.25 @6.75; medium, \$5 @5.75; heifers, \$5 @5.25; bulls, \$4 @5.75; stags, \$5 @6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7 @8.05; heavy, \$6 @7.05.

Sheep—Wethers, \$6.75 @7; sheared ewes, \$5.50 @ 5.75; sheared lambs, \$7.75 @8; full wools \$1 higher.

Tacoma—Apples—Winesaps and Yellow Newtown Pippins, \$1.65 @1.75.

Comb Honey—Yakima, \$3.50 crate; strained honey, \$5.50; Idaho, \$3.50; Nevada, \$3.50.

Strawberries—\$1.35 to \$2.25 crate, according to size.

Vegetables—Cabbage, Winningstadt, \$3.25 cwt.; carrots, \$1.50 @1.65 sack; beets, home grown, \$1 @1.25; turnips, \$1.25; potatoes, Yakima, \$3 @3.50 ton; Idaho, \$3; sweets, \$4 cwt.; new potatoes, 6 @c pound; tomatoes, \$4.50 @ 5.50 case; onions, green, 20c dozen; Walla Walla, \$1.75 box; Oregon Yellow Danvers, \$1.50; Yakima, \$1.50; California, \$1.50; garlic, 30c pound; radishes, local, 20c dozen bunches; California, 25c; parsley, 30c; lettuce, head, \$2.25 crate; spinach, local, 5c pound; Walla Walla, 75c box; cucumbers, local hothouse, 50c @1.25 dozen; celery, \$4 @ 4.50 crate; rutabagas, \$1.85 sack; artichokes, 75c dozen; rhubarb, local, 3c pound; asparagus, Washington, \$1.15 @1.65 box; green peas, 8 @c pound; green and wax beans, 13 @14c pound.

Fresh Meats—Steers, 12 @12 1/2c pound; cows, 12c; heifers, 12 @12 1/2c; wethers, 14c; dressed hogs, 11c; trimmed sides, 15c; combinations, 15c; Diamond T. C., 16c; ewes, 13c.

Poultry—Ducks, live, 10 @12c; hens, dressed, 16 @18c; live, 16c; springs, dressed, 22c; live, 14 @15c; squabs, live, \$2.50 dozen; dressed, \$6; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, 25 @30c; geese, 20c.

Butter—Washington creamery, 24 @25c; Oregon, 24c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 17 @20c.

Quick Digging Is Urged.

Spokane, Wash.—Immediate action in digging many miles of trenches extending through the center of Wilson Creek valley will be the only means of saving the south half of the valley from the devastation from the Coulee cricket, declared Cecil W. Creel, cereal and forest insect expert, connected with the United States department of Agriculture, who arrived here from the cricket-infested district. Trenches three miles long have been plowed on the 6000-acre farm of W. C. Mading and a patrol of six men is being maintained in the destruction of millions of the wingless insects.

Wallowa Crop Outlook Good.

Wallowa, Wash.—The recent rains have been a great help to the Wallowa valley and the outlook for crops is excellent. The fall grain has never looked better. The acreage of spring grain will be large, owing to the high prices. The season is at least three weeks earlier than usual. The fruit trees are blossoming and unless unfavorable weather conditions prevail the prospect is favorable for much fruit, as the rains have not damaged the buds. The spring so far has been quite free from hard frosts.

Douglas Sends First Berries.

Roseburg, Or.—C. E. Henry, a well-known rancher of Dillard, has the distinction of shipping the first crate of strawberries from Douglas county to the Portland markets. The berries left here Saturday. They were large, of excellent color and were well flavored. They met ready sale at fancy prices in the Portland markets.