

# WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

## Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

### UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

#### Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

A shortage of turkeys for Christmas is reported.

A new president has been elected in the republic of Switzerland.

A great increase in demands for wool is predicted when the war ends.

Seattle police capture 14 Chinamen being smuggled in from Vancouver, B. C.

The state banks of Washington increase their deposits \$2,600,000 over 1914.

Lack of vessels to export grain has congested the Western elevators with wheat.

Allen employes of the city of Aberdeen, Wash., will lose their jobs unless they become naturalized.

The plans for the Portland postoffice are classic in design and provision for enlarging the building is made.

Greece believes herself safe for the present, at least, from any incursion by the fighting forces of Europe.

The body of a man missing nearly two years was found in a trunk buried in the basement of a building in Philadelphia.

The Breeden building at Third and Washington streets, Portland, once used as the city hall, has been sold for \$165,000.

College students returning home from Seattle to Spokane for the holidays had fitted for them a car in which to dance.

The French government is considering the extension of the moratorium on all commercial obligations for the term of the war.

The German government has adopted resolutions providing for maximum prices for sugar and by-products, rice and vegetables, also foodstuffs for livestock.

A Boston merchant speaking before the student body of Reed College, Portland, declares that a college education is worth \$20 per day. That is, the student should earn that much.

Unless congress provides for 60 or 70 additional employes for the bureau of construction and repair of the Navy department, the designing of the ships included in the administration's five-year building program will be delayed six months or longer.

The Portland Market Men's association, composed of meat market proprietors and including all the large shops in the city, is engaged in a war to a finish with the Meat Cutters' union. The trouble was started by a strike over a half hour's time in the morning.

The United States will regard the Austro-Hungarian reply to the American note regarding the Ancona as being entirely unsatisfactory and unacceptable should the official text be identical with the unofficial version received in press dispatches from Amsterdam and London.

Vienna is said to see a flaw in the American note concerning the sinking of the Ancona whereby Americans lost their lives.

Republicans will hold the national convention in Chicago, June 7, one week ahead of the Democratic meeting in St. Louis.

Practically the entire business section of Necedah, Wis., a town of 1100 inhabitants, is a mass of ruins as the result of a conflagration that had its origin in a department store and spread so rapidly that before it could be controlled more than a score of business houses had been reduced to ashes.

A report from Sofia, declares that Macedonia is free from all foes, the Bulgarian army having driven all hostile soldiers from its borders.

Government inspectors investigating the cause of the mishap to the freight steamer Minnesota, find practically nothing wrong with the boilers.

A British financier declares that England will pay her debts, and also that the trade balance in favor of the United States may reach two billion dollars in 1916.

Both sides of the woman suffrage question was presented to the President by their respective adherents, but no promises were given.

No bigger naval vessels will be built by the United States, according to the report of Secretary Daniels, who says the high-water mark has been reached in 32,000-ton ships.

By the sale to Grace & Co., of New York, of 110,800 shares of stock in the Pacific Mail company, by the Southern Pacific, assurances are given that the lines will remain on the Pacific Ocean.

Eight persons burn to death in a Chicago rooming house.

In an affidavit made by Johannes Henykus Van Koolbergen, he accuses high officials of the German consulate at San Francisco of instigating plots to destroy tunnels and bridges on the Canadian Pacific railroad.

The adoption of the Swiss system of military training by states, and the establishment of an adequate aerial coast patrol as means of preparation for national defense were urged by Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, U. S. N., retired.

## TURKS IGNORANT OF WITHDRAWAL OF BRITISH FORCE FROM GALLIPOLI

London—Operations in other sectors of the front on the Gallipoli Peninsula than those from which troops were announced Tuesday to have been withdrawn, are to be continued, it is intimated in an official statement issued here. The withdrawal was effected without the knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is declared.

The British troops at the Suvla and Anzac districts of the Gallipoli Peninsula were officially reported to have been withdrawn.

"Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Suvla zones have been received," says the official statement. "Without the Turks being aware of the movement a great army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied on the Gallipoli Peninsula, although in the closest contact with the enemy. By this, contraction of the front at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out."

## QUEEN OF BULGARIA



The queen of Bulgaria, whose ability as a nurse has been manifested time and time again since she established in Sofia one of the finest and best equipped hospitals, has again taken actively to the work which she loves so dearly. She is devoting her time and attention to nursing the sick orphans in the orphanage of her country.

"Sir Charles Monto gives great credit for this skillfully conducted transfer of forces to the generals commanding and the royal navy. The withdrawal of the British troops from Suvla Bay and the Anzac zone ends more successfully than most military men thought possible, the most unfortunate chapter of the British arms in this war. Thousands of lives were sacrificed in gaining these positions, and thousands in holding them."

The question has been constantly discussed why these generals commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the center of the peninsula in the beginning and cut off Turkish troops on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to secure a foothold higher up on the peninsula, the Turks were fully prepared to meet it.

## Ferris Water Bill Will Be Rushed Through Congress

Washington, D. C.—That the Ferris water power bill is to be railroaded through the house of representatives is indicated by the fact that the public lands committee of that body expects to report it favorably.

The committee discussed the bill at some length Tuesday and decided to give no hearings whatsoever, but it was decided to make several minor changes which will not alter the general character of the measure, and if these can be perfected at once the report will then be ordered, and it is planned to call up the bill in the house as soon as congress reconvenes next month.

The bill in its present shape is not at all satisfactory to Representatives Sinnott, Oregon; Smith, Idaho, and La Follette, Washington, but Chairman Ferris let it be known he has enough Democratic votes to report the bill.

Chinese to Rebel. San Francisco—Tong King Chong, president of the Chee Kung Tong, or Chinese Republic association, received a cablegram from Shanghai, China, which stated that five Chinese provinces had declared their independence against the rule of Yuan Shi Kai.

The provinces concerned in the revolution were, according to the cablegram, Kwang Tung, Kiangsi, Yuanan, Kweichow and Szechuen. Mr. Tong, who has presided recently at several Chinese mass meetings, said he believed the action would be followed by many.

## Woman Attaches Graves.

Sacramento, Cal.—The filing of an attachment on a lot in the city cemetery owned by Harry Ditman Harms, a rancher residing near Union House, to force payment of alimony and divorce costs proves almost anything can be attached. The attachment is posted at the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Harms, the second wife of Harms, and it encumbers all of the graves in the plot with the exception of the one occupied by Mrs. Mary Harms, the first wife. The amount of the alimony alleged to be due is \$225.

Huge Taxes in Prospect. Berlin, via London—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the Imperial treasury, announced in the Reichstag that the next budget cannot be balanced without additional income, and that proposals for new taxation are now being drafted for submission to the Reichstag. The secretary declared that no matter how large a war indemnity was received, the war would impose a colossal burden of taxation on the Germans.

## RAILWAY EARNINGS MAKE NEW HISTORY

### October Freight Increase Over Last Year \$25,000,000.

### PROFITS NEVER SO LARGE AS NOW

#### Lack of Ocean Bottoms for Export Only Restraining Influence to Much Greater Movement.

Chicago—The rush of export shipments from Chicago, which has been necessitated on all but perishable goods destined for the Atlantic seaboard for European consignments, has enabled the railroads of the United States to show earnings greater than ever in the history of the country.

Figures show that the railways of the country are piling up increases in net operating revenue with the rapid upward leap of export trade.

Settlement of the Belt Line trainmen's strike at the clearing yards released several thousand cars of East bound freight.

For the month of September American railroads showed gross and net earnings vastly larger than any September since the advent of the steam railroad, according to official figures.

An estimate based on returns by 134 roads with a total mileage of 179,000—the total mileage of the country is 250,000—places the increase in gross earnings for October \$32,000,000 in advance of the corresponding period last year. The net increase is approximately \$25,000,000. This means that for every track mile of the 164 railroads cited, on an average, the net operating revenue increase for October, 1915, is from \$401 to \$537.

"There can be no question of the wonderful advance of American trade, both domestic and foreign," said E. Campbell, general traffic manager of the Erie lines. Of course, the most startling growth is seen in the export trade. We notified our customers of an embargo on all export shipments other than livestock and other perishable goods on December 15. Notwithstanding that we made efforts to be ready for increased foreign shipments, we found the step necessary. I do not believe anyone expected the full extent of the development. Other roads are in the same position. The deplorable lack of ocean bottoms and the inadequacy of warehouse facilities on New York's waterfront has done most to depreciate the value of what preparations we have made to handle the export freight.

"Yes, railroad earnings are on the upgrade," he continued, "and they have not stopped going up. I do not believe that the major portion of the domestic freight movement has begun to get under way. When it does—and adding the export movement which we have no reason to believe will be reduced—history will be made for American roads."

## Bullfights Under Ban.

Washington, D. C.—Prohibition against bull fighting in one Mexican state and sale of intoxicating liquor in another have been decreed in connection with General Carranza's reform programme. Copies of the decrees reached the Mexican embassy here Saturday.

Governor Alvarado, of Yucatan, in addition to prohibiting liquor sales, declared effective throughout the state the agrarian reforms outlined in the Carranza platform. In Jalisco Governor Berlinga's reforms include besides abolition of bull fighting obligatory Sunday rest for laborers, reduction of hours of labor, a minimum wage, regulation of the liquor traffic and prohibition of gambling.

## Limburger Cheese Healthy.

Monroe, Wis.—Physicians of Green county, which had the lowest death rate in the state last summer, attribute the healthy condition of the community to the eating of limburger cheese. Last year 3,041,435 pounds of this cheese was produced in the county, and as a staple of food it largely displaced meat.

The quarterly report of the state board of health, just issued, gave Green county a death rate of 7.2 per 1000, compared with 9.2 for the state at large.

## 2,000,000 Join in Seven Weeks.

London—It seems to be generally taken for granted that during the seven weeks when the recruiting plan of the Earl of Derby was in operation an aggregate of 2,000,000 men enlisted, of whom more than 250,000 made direct enlistment for immediate service.

Premier Asquith recently received a deputation of Liberal and Labor members of the house, opposed to conscription, and the question of how to deal with single men who have not enlisted was discussed at length.

## Five Schoolboys Killed.

Berthold, N. D.—Five schoolboys and a man were killed and another boy probably mortally injured when a Great Northern passenger train struck a bus loaded with school children at a crossing during a fog Friday. John Ahearn, driver, was killed. The boys, all under 16, were being taken from school to their homes. Leonard and Earle Miller, Severt and Anton Hagen and Harry Arnold were killed, and the latter's brother is expected to die.

## Cholera Fatal to 100,000.

Washington, D. C.—Because native Filipino health officers failed to cope with an epidemic of cholera in the islands within the last year, there were 10,000 deaths, Captain R. C. Helebror, of the army medical corps, told the senate Philippine committee.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Field Crop and Seed Growers' Conference to Be Held

Corvallis—One of the most important meetings during Farmers' Week, January 3 to 8, 1916, will be that of the Oregon Field Crop and Seed Growers' association. This association was organized last year. Its object, on the one hand, is to bring together all of those growers in the state who are producing seed crops, such as clover seed, vetch seed, alfalfa seed, potato seed, corn, grains, etc., and, on the other hand, to effect a general organization of those farmers particularly interested in field crop production and allied subjects. The specialized agricultural pursuits, such as that of the fruit grower, the dairyman, or the live stock breeder, all have their state organizations. As a matter of fact, organization of these, because of the limited number of men concerned and the highly specialized interests involved, is a natural procedure. The great mass of farmers of the state, however, are not specializing in live stock production or dairying or fruit growing but are devoted chiefly to the production of field crops.

The chief agricultural wealth of the state is produced by these crop growers. It is highly important that they should have an organization which will bring them together and promote their interests.

It is hoped the Field Crop and Seed Growers' association will become one of the largest and strongest associations in the state as the years advance.

All farmers interested should drop a line to the secretary of the association at Corvallis and secure information regarding it. The meetings of the association will occur on Wednesday and Thursday (January 5 and 6) during Farmers' Week, Thursday being devoted especially to the interests of the potato growers. Prominent seed and crop breeders and growers and seed buyers and dealers from Oregon, Washington and California are on the program for these meetings.

### Thousands of Girls Are Taking Domestic Science and Art

Salem—"It is impossible to tell what lines of work our school boys will pursue when they grow up; but it is pretty safe to predict that most of the girls will become housekeepers," said Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, of Oregon, in speaking of the vocational courses offered in the high schools. Mr. Churchill continued saying that 7194 girls are now learning cooking and sewing in the public schools of the state. Of this number, 3840 are in the high schools and 3354 are in the grades. If one may judge by the number of students enrolled in the two courses, cooking is not quite so popular as sewing, there being 3214 girls taking Domestic Science, and 3980 taking Domestic Art. The total value of the equipment for teaching the former course, consisting of stoves, cooking utensils, dishes, etc., amounts to \$24,916, while the equipment for the latter, including sewing machines, tables, etc., amounts to \$14,950. Nearly all of the teachers employed in these courses are graduates of the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Churchill states that Domestic Science is being offered in 69 standard high schools, and Domestic Art in 73.

### Siuslaw Valley Gets Big Shingle Mill

Eugene—A shingle mill on the Siuslaw river to employ 20 men at full capacity has been announced by L. C. Reynolds, formerly of Coos Bay. Construction on the plant will be commenced as soon as a location can be selected and two are under consideration, one on an old mill site a mile west of Florence and the other at Cushman, the most western point on the new railroad.

Mr. Reynolds has a body of timber on the Siuslaw, it is said, which will be handled. His machinery is now located on Coos Bay. The plant will cost approximately \$10,000. His location will allow him to ship both by water and rail. A delegation of Siuslaw business men is expected in Eugene at the annual taxpayers' meeting to lobby for the construction of more than \$17,000 worth of road on the Siuslaw river.

### Liquor Patrons Stock Up.

Marshfield—As January 1 approaches the determination of Marshfield liquor dealers to rid themselves of stock is noticeable in countless advertisements appearing in the local newspapers. One firm is running half-page advertisements. Another firm, the National Bottling Works, reports heavy business in "futures," in barrels of bottled beer and general sales in bonded goods. District Attorney Liljeqvist has announced he will be looking about January 1 for infractions of the liquor law and expects to prosecute vigorously.

### Wool Growers Disperse.

Baker—Voicing their appreciation of the educational work done here in the sheepmen's meetings, Baker and Grant county growers tendered a vote of thanks at the final meeting Saturday to W. T. Ritch, sheep expert and lecturer, and to Oram M. Nelson and W. E. Reynolds, representing Oregon Agricultural College, under the auspices of which institution the meetings have been held. In his address Mr. Ritch spoke highly of co-operation in wool selling, but advised a thorough investigation of the field.

### Robins Visit Hood River.

Hood River—Hundreds of Alaskan robins are now making their winter home in the Hood River valley. The birds, while similar to the robin that nests here in the summer and seeks a warmer clime further south at the close of fall, are duller in color.

Orchardists welcome these winter guests, for the birds clean up any fruit left in the orchards to harbor possible disease pests. The robins also feed on insects and seeds of troublesome weeds.

## GERMANS REGISTERING PEOPLE OF RUSSIAN POLAND



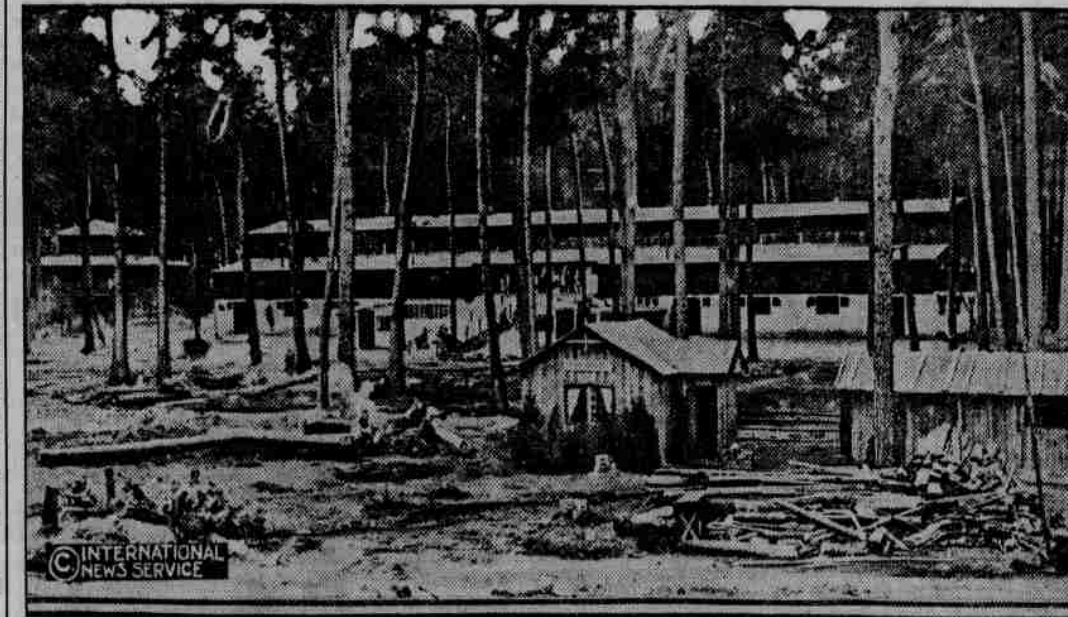
There seems to be little doubt that the Germans intend to settle down permanently in Russian Poland. They are now registering all the inhabitants of the conquered districts in Poland. They also photograph them. Some 250 photographers are engaged in this gigantic task. The picture shows a number of Polish Jews, all tagged with numbers, being photographed.

## NAMED FOR EXECUTED BRITISH NURSE



This English Blue Cross hospital at Moret les Sablons, France, where wounded horses are cared for, has been named the Edith Cavell hospital.

## AUSTRIAN FIELD HOSPITAL IN RUSSIA



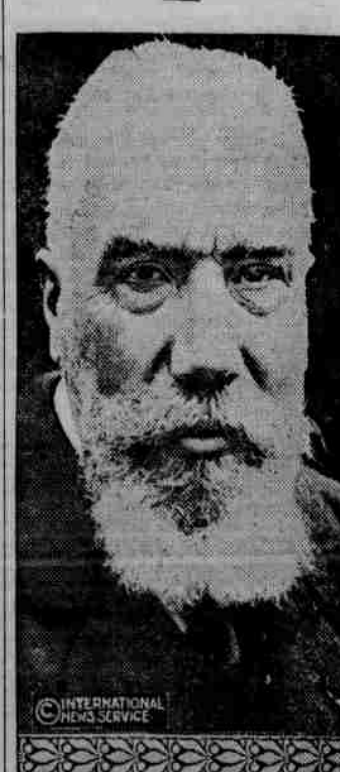
General view of a large field hospital erected by the Austrians in a Russian forest. The wounded receive treatment here until they can be transported to the base hospitals in the interior.

## FRENCH BOMB-THROWING DEVICE



One of the devices used by the French army for throwing bombs from the trenches.

## DENYS COCHIN



Denys Cochin is the French cabinet minister who went to Greece to persuade that nation to maintain an attitude of friendly neutrality toward the allies.

So to Speak. Little Ruth had not been feeling well for a few days, so her mother called in the doctor. He prescribed castor oil. "Oh, mamma," cried Ruth, "that's my favorite hat."

Why Mothers Have Gray Hair. "Mamma," said little Robert, "how old will I be my next birthday?" "Six years old," was the reply. "But suppose I should die," continued the small investigator, "would I keep right on having birthdays like George Washington?"

Medical Opinion. Some authors think they are creating atmosphere when it is only hot air. Likewise some people mistake temperature for temperament.—The Medical Pilewick.

## CONDENSED FACTS

Canada last year imported dolls and toys valued at \$857,363.

A writer in the Scientific American reports having observed an electric spark at the end of a whip when it suggests that the snap was not made by the lash at all, but that it was the result of the instant concussion of the air, the electric spark being produced by the friction of the currents of air, the same as in a thunderstorm.

Large quantities of furs have, it is reported, recently been received in this country from Leipzig, Germany. Owing to the exigencies of the great fur houses of Leipzig, these furs are cheaper now than before the war. They were sent, it is said, by parcel post labeled "Collect." In this way escaping the attention of the British postal authorities. Before painting his celebrated "Snowstorm" Turner had himself lashed for four hours to the mast of a steamer in a tempest.