

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.

The Federal baseball league has quit. Seized "opium" valued \$450,000 at San Francisco, proves to be bogus goods.

The French make considerable gain at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, and capture 1200 Germans.

Canada will raise a total of 250,000 men for England; 135,000 have already gone overseas.

It is estimated that the Federal government will lose \$250,000 in revenue when Oregon goes dry.

Eighty-five thousand pupils of the Chicago schools are absent because of an epidemic of influenza.

The barkentine S. N. Castle is in distress off the coast of Washington, with six feet of water in her hold.

According to a dispatch an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

Nine Portland lawyers win a damage suit for \$10 started by a woman over possession of a hen and eleven chicks.

A large number of cannon hidden by the Serbs in their flight from Austria-Hungary, have been recovered by the latter.

Voluntary retirement of the British in Gallipoli is denied by the Turks, who claim the English were defeated by their troops.

The Washington board of parole are withholding the freedom of paroled convicts until after January 1st, when the state goes dry.

Fifteen hundred men working on the Alaska railroad are icebound and will be compelled to live through the winter on canned goods.

Members of the Ford peace party are reported experiencing an epidemic of grippe. Mr. Ford himself being unable to appear at a meeting in Christiania.

The Roach Timber company of Muscatine, Ia., has raised \$300,000 by trust deed and will build a logging railroad to its holdings near Sutherland, Ore.

Twenty-six food dealers of Washington, D. C., charged with raising prices on staples during the first few months of the war, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each.

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zepelin, builder of dirigibles, has been elected a member of the first chamber of Wurttemberg.

The movement for an increase of taxation by the German states has begun with Baden, where the Diet has just passed a bill increasing the income tax 20 per cent on incomes above 2400 marks.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, is reported dying in Paris.

Great Britain now demands enlistment of her eligibles to full strength.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, gave considerable evidence before the grand jury investigating the activities of the Labor's National Peace Council in fomenting strikes of employes in munition plants.

According to figures announced in London the number of casualties in Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria and Wurttemberg up to November 30 were 2,524,460. Of this number 484,228 men were killed or died of their wounds, 354,198 were severely wounded, 27,674 died of disease and 381,149 were missing. Naval casualties were not included in these figures.

The Northern hemisphere produced in 1915 3,590,000,000 bushels of wheat, an increase of 19.4 per cent.

An Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamer Leros and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

The nitro-glycerin plant of the Aetna Powder company at Fayetteville, Ill., was blown up when 8000 pounds of nitro-glycerin exploded. The explosion was due to chemical reaction.

One woman is killed in Klamath county, Oregon, and one man wounded in a feud over ownership of a piece of property.

It is announced from Teheran, that the Russians have occupied the town of Kum, 80 miles southwest of Teheran, after a great battle. The opposing force was completely defeated.

The National Tidende, of Copenhagen, prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupp works outside Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by British airmen.

Russians capture Bulgaria's chief seaport at Varna on the Black Sea. The city lies in ruins.

The attorney general of Illinois demands a grand jury investigation of the death of the deformed child in a Chicago hospital, which was permitted to die when a simple operation might have saved its life.

The European nose fly, which attacks horses and cattle alike, has been found to interfere seriously with farm operations in the West. The department of agriculture is planning to stamp out the pest if possible.

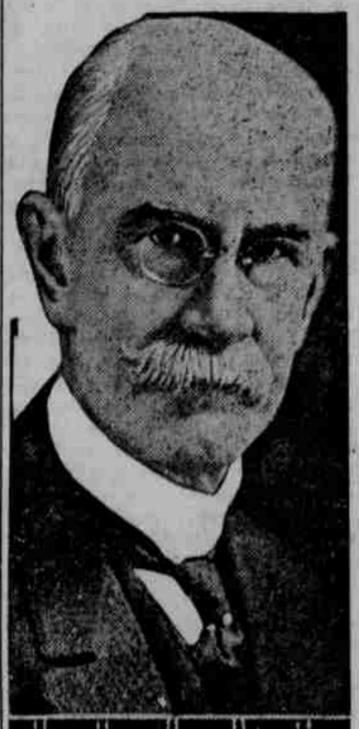
ALL RAILROAD TRAFFIC RECORDS BROKEN FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Chicago—All records in the history of railroad traffic were broken in October, when the flood of export shipments for Europe, coupled with the unusual peak of Autumn activity, gross revenues of United States railroads were carried to a total of more than \$313,000,000.

Simultaneously, for the first time in almost two years, expenses recorded an increase over the year before. These are features of figures for the month compiled for roads which operated mileage of more than 256,000 miles, omitting the smaller roads.

October, 1912, the previous record month, reported a total of about \$305,000,000. The old record thus is beaten by about \$7,000,000. Striking as this October gross seems against the poor earnings of recent years, it is

SENATOR CHARLES S. THOMAS



Senator Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, chairman of the senate committee on woman suffrage, pacified the suffragists by providing for a hearing before the committee on the Susan B. Anthony amendment removing from the ballot the qualification of sex.

Noteworthy that the growth in three years since October, 1912, was only slightly more than 2 per cent.

Since then about 7500 miles of operated mileage have been added. Normal growth in traffic, with which single exceptional months cannot wholly be compared, is considered about 8 per cent a year.

Abnormal conditions in expenses, which left in September a record-bearing net revenue, continued in October, and another new high point for net was set at nearly \$120,000,000, over \$7,000,000 above September's record.

Hardwood Lumber Yard Burns At Portland With Great Loss

Damage of probably \$100,000 to \$150,000 was caused to the plant of the Emerson Hardwood company, at Twentieth and North Front streets, Portland, at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The fire broke out in a dry kiln at 12:05 o'clock. One block of the yards burned.

It was estimated that 200,000 feet of hardwood lumber had been destroyed. It was valued at \$50 to \$150 a thousand feet, according to the grades of wood.

The plant was located in North Portland between the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Eastern & Western Lumber company, on the waterfront.

The Eastern & Western plant was not in any danger, but the firemen began playing water on the iron works.

The Northern Pacific owl train, leaving Portland at 12:30 o'clock, was halted by the fire.

The fire was most spectacular, being visible through the mist from nearly every part of the city.

Estate Goes to Charity.

New York—Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller, who died last March, left an estate valued at \$1,490,471, according to the appraisal filed in the Surrogate's court.

The bulk of the estate, as announced when the will was probated, goes to charitable and educational institutions.

Mrs. Rockefeller's wedding ring, which she bequeathed to her son, is appraised at \$3. Her most valuable piece of jewelry, a diamond watch chain, valued at \$12,000, goes to her daughter, Mrs. Edith McCormick.

Germany Draws Tighter.

The Hague—Americans and other neutrals are further restricted from entering Germany under new regulations issued by the German foreign office. To obtain a visa of his passport, the holder will be compelled to proceed personally to the German diplomatic or consular office and provide two photographs for filing, similar to that affixed to the passport, and also show birth or naturalization certificate. The holder of the passport must prove the urgency of his journey, and submit his business papers.

War Airmen Not Citizens.

Washington, D. C.—State department officials have indicated that no action would be taken on demands for the internment of Elliott Cowden, Norman Prince and William Shaw, three Americans now home on furlough from the French army. The department probably will take the position that when the three men joined the army of a foreign power they renounced their American citizenship and entered this country as soldiers unarmored.

LA GRIPPE EPIDEMIC COSTS MANY LIVES

Death Rate in Philadelphia Is Alarmingly Large.

EXTREMES OF YOUTH AND OLD AGE HIT

Health Officers Warn Public to Keep Away From Crowded Places—Many Industries Crippled.

Philadelphia—The death rate from the epidemic of la grippe now sweeping the state has been so high that Samuel G. Dixon, state health commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg Saturday calling attention to the seriousness of the situation and cautioning the public that if the disease is to be avoided "sacrifices must be made."

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the grippe may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city 650 burial permits were issued during the first three days of the week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to la grippe. This is more than double the ordinary death rate. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with this disease, which has been particularly fatal to the very old and very young.

Attendance at all the public schools has been greatly reduced, and in several sections of the state schools and colleges have been forced to close.

Factories, department stores and other business houses have also been affected by the epidemic, and in many instances the number of employed obliged to remain at home had been so great as to curtail operations seriously. Hundreds of firemen and policemen are confined to their homes with the disease, while Philadelphia's rapid transit company reports 400 of its employes on the sick list.

Reports from Camden, N. J., are to the effect that there are at least 1000 cases in that city.

60,000 Are Ill in Chicago.

Chicago—Chicago doctors are working at high speed, many of them making more than 50 calls a day.

Chicago business is battling against the handicap of disablement of many employes and lack of full efficiency of many other thousands.

All this is due to la grippe, or to be more accurate, to relatives of the old-fashioned grip.

Although the epidemic is the most serious since 1891, it is remarkable because in no cultures yet examined by the health department has the organism of true la grippe been found.

Isolation of every victim of the epidemic—forcible isolation by employers, if necessary, of every employe who attempts to work while suffering from the grip—is urged by Dr. Karl Meyer, superintendent of the Cook county hospital. He said:

"I believe there are at least 60,000 persons seriously ill with la grippe in Chicago. We have from 40 to 50 cases that come to the county hospital every day. Because of the contagious nature of the disease, we attempt to take in only the most serious cases. The others simply receive first treatment."

"From 38 to 45 out of 400 nurse here are ill with la grippe. That indicates about the proportion of victims all over town. Many doctors have been or are ill."

"The epidemic is particularly dangerous because it might be followed by pneumonia or head infections. If the victim does not thoroughly conquer the germ he may become subject to chronic catarrh."

Honey Is City Attorney.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Francis J. Honey, who prosecuted the San Francisco graft cases several years ago, has accepted the position of city attorney of Santa Monica, tendered him by the newly elected commissioners. His salary has not been decided on. Mr. Honey has made his residence here for several months. In taking the position Mr. Honey agreed to devote five and a half hours each day to the city. He said that he accepted the offer because he desired to see what could be done with commission government.

American Airmen Home.

New York—William Shaw, Norman Prince and Elliott C. Cowden, American aviators who have been serving with the French army since the war began, arrived here on the steamship Rotterdam on leave of absence for Christmas. They said that approximately 47 per cent of the aviators who have heretofore enlisted have been lost either through death or by capture or through wounds.

As fast as the men drop out, however, there are many eager to take their places.

Balloon Given to Militia.

New York—A large balloon for use of the signal corps or the coast artillery of the National Guard of New York, and courses of instruction in aviation for members of the militia of New Jersey, have been contributed to the National airplane fund. The balloon was contributed by Robert Glendening, a member of the Aero Club, and the offer to train four members of the militia comes from John F. Sloane, an airplane manufacturer.

Edison Offers Plans.

New York—Thomas A. Edison, at a recent meeting of the naval consulting board at the Brooklyn navy yard, offered to furnish the board with plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost \$1,400,000, to be used in the development of naval inventions.

NEWS ITEMS

Of General Interest About Oregon

Official Directory Shows 300 Schools Above 8th Grade Work

The official directory recently issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill, shows that there are about 300 schools in the state which offer work above the eighth grade, as follows: Forty-four offer one year of secondary work; 65 offer two years; 26 offer three years, and 165 offer four years of high school work. Approximately 1100 teachers are employed in the secondary schools, about 70 per cent of whom are graduates of colleges or universities, while many more are graduates of technical or normal schools. Colleges and universities from every section of the United States and from Europe are represented among the high school teaching force of the state; but by far the largest number of graduates of any single institution come from the University of Oregon, there being about 185 graduates of that institution teaching in the high schools of the state. A very large percentage of the teachers of the vocational high school subjects are supplied by the Oregon Agricultural College.

Manual Training Courses Popular.

There are 17,389 students pursuing one or more of the five vocational courses offered in the high schools of Oregon, according to a report recently issued by Superintendent of Public Instruction, J. A. Churchill. The Manual Training and Commercial courses seem to be the most popular with the students. There are now 5141 students taking manual training, 2193 of whom are in the high school and 2948 in the grades. The total amount of equipment, consisting of benches, tools, etc., amounts to \$61,754.00. In the commercial courses there are 4141 students enrolled, 3967 being in the high school and 174 in the grades. The value of the typewriters and other equipment amounts to \$40,505.00. Manual Training is being taught in 70 high schools and commercial work in 71.

Students Judge Stock.

Perrydale—Perrydale schools have one of the largest industrial club organizations in Polk county and there are students enrolled in all 14 projects.

The Dairy Herd Record club has a special organization of its own and the boys make frequent trips into the neighboring dairy ranches and score the barns as well as the cattle. This work is done under the supervision of the Oregon Agricultural College extension department.

In addition to a lively industrial club the district has the following organizations: Parents' and Teachers' association, brass band of 30 pieces, or more accurate, to relatives of the old-fashioned grip.

Coyote Bounties \$3.50.

Klamath Falls—The Klamath Falls County Court has signed an order for the payment of additional bounty money for coyotes beginning January 1 and continuing up to April 1. A determined effort is to be made to stamp out the danger of a rabies epidemic in Klamath county. The bounty offered by the state will be reduced beginning January 1 to \$1.50, but, by the recent order of the County court, Klamath county will pay an additional bounty of \$2, making a total of \$3.50. The ranchers and business men of the Fort Klamath country are offering yet another sum of \$2 each for coyotes.

Hood River Is In'arrested.

Hood River—Members of the local Commercial club are looking with interest on the proposed plans of the new route between Portland and North Yakima by way of this city. An offer has been made to co-operate with the Commercial club of White Salmon, Wash.

The people of the Trout Lake and Camas Prairie districts of Northwestern Klickitat county, spurred on by the completion of the Columbia River Highway to this city, have made plans to push a road up the base of Mount Adams as far as the snow line next year.

Brookings Mill May Open.

Gold Beach—Arrangements are reported to have been made by the Owens Lumber company to take over and operate the sawmill at Brookings. The mill was built a year ago at great expense, but was shut down last fall on account of market conditions. It is said to be the only mill on the Coast from which vessels are loaded by means of an overhead cable tramway. The Owens Lumber company owns a large tract of redwood timber in the northern part of Del Norte county, California.

Salem Entries Numerous.

Salem—Silver Cups and cash prizes offered for the best exhibits are attracting many of the best breeders in this part of Oregon to enter the poultry show of the Marion County Poultry association. The show will be held in Salem, January 11, 12, 13 and 14. Entries will close January 7. The Salem Commercial club is assisting the poultry association in arranging the show. As the Marion county show will be the only winter poultry exhibition in the valley this year, many more entries than usual are expected.

Coyotes Prey Heavily on Sheep.

Gold Beach—Sheepmen in Curry county are alarmed at the inroads being made on their flocks by coyotes, which appear to be much more numerous than ever before. In view of conditions prevailing here this winter several owners of large bands are planning to give up sheep raising.

County Has Gravel Plant.

Albany—Through the operation of a county gravel plant, which has been installed here, Linn county will be able to procure gravel for road improvement at a low cost and will be able to furnish it at all seasons of the year.

ITALIANS CHARGING ON AUSTRIAN DETACHMENT



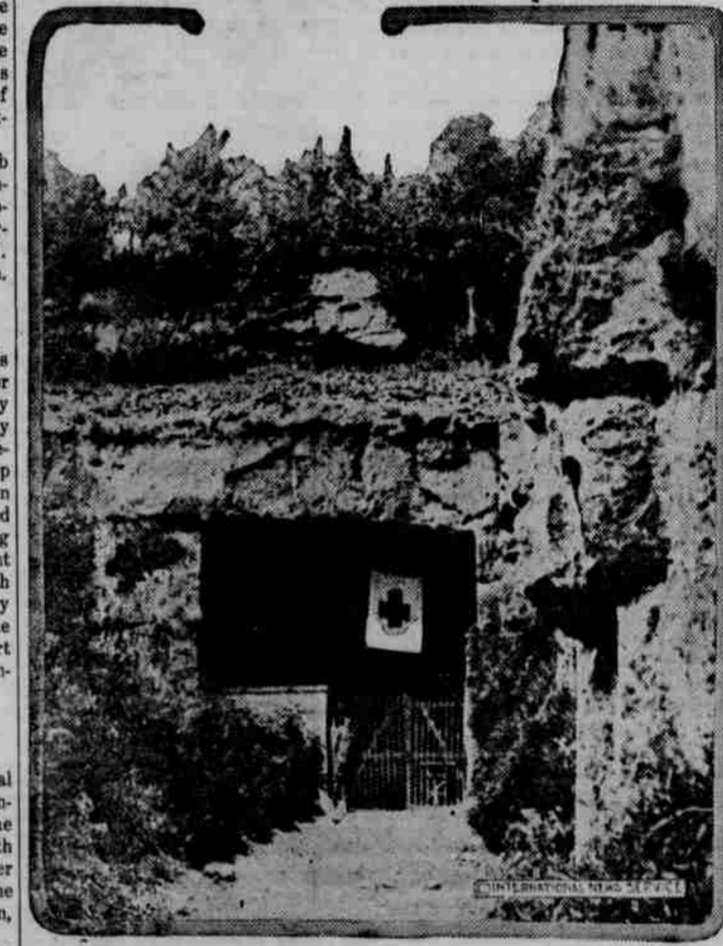
This squad of Italian soldiers had been in ambush in the ruined farmhouse and was photographed as it charged upon a detachment of Austrians on scouting duty. The Austrians were all captured.

TEUTONS HURRYING MUNITIONS THROUGH BELGRADE



This photograph, one of the first taken at Belgrade since the occupation of that city by the Germans, shows German and Austrian soldiers on the docks working to expedite the shipment of great quantities of war material to Constantinople.

HOSPITAL IN A STONE QUARRY



Red Cross hospital established in a stone quarry of Soissons in the region known as "the labyrinth."

NEW FRENCH RESPIRATOR



This is the newest respirator adopted by the French army to combat the gas clouds of the Germans. This apparatus will enable the men to charge through the thickest clouds of poison gas without the least difficulty.

SMASHED BY ITALIAN GUN FIRE



Scene in Doberdo, a suburb of Goritz, the Austrian stronghold which has been long hammered by the great guns of the Italian army.

VICE ADMIRAL KANIN



The strategy of Vice Admiral Kanin, who commands the Russian fleet in the Baltic, has prevented the Germans from landing near Riga and capturing that important seaport.

TAKEN FROM EXCHANGES

Turkey's area is about 695,000 square miles.

Slate billiard tables were first played on in Great Britain in 1527.

The pigs of Morocco have learned to climb trees in search of nuts.

A shell weighing about 70 pounds exploded into a shower of 1,200 pieces.

Two of the ingredients of Chinese loss sticks are scotch, to protect them from rats and mice, and camphor, which makes them burn steadily.

The Latin word from which pagan

is derived originally meant a fountain or spring; then the village which sprang up around it, and finally, the residents of the village. As Christianity took strong root at first in the large centers of population and the worship of the pagan deities lingered longest in the country and among the country villages, it came to be understood that a pagan or villager was, in virtue of his residence, a worshiper of the old gods, and thus the term acquired its present significance.

Serious Problem.

A rather serious problem confronts the editor when a prominent advertiser sends in an original poem by his bright little twelve-year-old granddaughter with the suggestion that it would look well on the editorial page.—Ohio State Journal.

Its Eye Closed.

Little Edna was trying in vain to thread her needle. "Mamma," she said finally, "I think this needle must be asleep; I just can't get the thread in its eye at all."