

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.

Fakers exact \$175,000 from six St. Louis men.

A Jewish relief day has been authorized by the senate.

A Portland hotel has been leased for a period of years at a 20 per cent increase over five years ago.

Opponents of Oregon's blue law, which was upheld by the Federal court, will appeal to the United States Supreme court.

The house of commons voted 403 to 106 in favor of the Asquith bill which requires single men of certain ages to enter the war.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria will be crowned emperor of Macedonia at Monastir after a brief visit to several leading cities in Bulgaria.

Mount Rainier National Park is "dry," along with the rest of the state of Washington, according to a ruling made by Secretary of the Interior Lane.

The United States government has ordered constructed 15 aeroplanes, three of which will have a speed of 80 miles an hour and a carrying capacity of 1200 pounds.

A New York Federal judge invites "hyphenated citizens" who put the interests of their native country before those of America to "get off the face of the earth."

Secretary Garrison presents to the house military committee his program for spending six hundred millions in the next four years to build up and maintain a standing army of 500,000 men.

Announcement that Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will start February 15 on a trip to the West Indies, from which he will not return until April 1, has been made. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt.

Colonel E. M. House, personal advisor of President Wilson, who was sent to Europe to visit the ambassadors from the United States, has landed in London. The purpose of his trip is said not to be a mission of peace.

The right of hard cider to a place in dry Oregon is now questioned. Samples of some cider that was finding an unusually brisk market were taken by the Portland police and turned over to the city laboratories for analysis to determine the amount of alcohol.

When the Ford peace expedition left Copenhagen on a special train bound through Germany for Holland each member of the party was known only by number. Each man or woman of the party throughout the trip in Germany had to occupy the seat in the train bearing the number given him or her. Each number corresponded with one placed on each passport by the German consul at Copenhagen and one in the hands of the authorities of the railroad.

General Ian Hamilton's report on the British operations on the Gallipoli Peninsula was published in the London Official Gazette. It tells the story of the fighting on the peninsula from the beginning of May to the middle of October. The Suvla Bay landing failed to accomplish its object, the report shows, partly because the force consisted largely of untried troops under generals inexperienced in the new warfare, and partly through the failure of the water supply. The sufferings of the troops for lack of water made painful reading.

The Pacific Coast Baseball league fears that if Sunday games are prohibited by the Sunday law, baseball will be practically put out of business.

Representative McArthur has introduced a bill proposing a reduction in the rate of postage on local delivery letters from 2 cents to 1 cent an ounce. Under this bill any letter would be delivered anywhere in the city where mailed, or on any rural route leading therefrom, for 1 cent, and in the same field patrons of rural routes would send letters for the 1-cent rate. Mr. McArthur said that he had found that it costs the government on an average a quarter of a cent to deliver a local letter.

The Matin, of Paris, declares the Kaiser is rendered speechless by a cancerous affection of the throat.

No arrest for drunkenness was made in Tacoma for three days, a record that surpassed any similar period in the city for 25 years.

The third serious coasting accident in two days in Portland occurred in a collision between two sleds. A boy was thrown from his sled against a telephone pole and a splinter entered his back and cut the top off one of his kidneys. His chances for recovery are good.

Hospital physicians in Seattle attributed the death of a woman who had been addicted to drink, to her inability to obtain liquor to satisfy her abnormal craving.

Only one arrest on a charge of drunkenness was made in Portland Wednesday, the fourth day under prohibition. The culprit said he obtained the liquor at his home.

Frank Bismonte, wife and six children, who left Denver a month ago for their former home in Italy, are reported to be lost aboard a vessel recently torpedoed in the Mediterranean.

TWELVE DIE FROM DRINKING WOOD ALCOHOL IN "DRY" WASHINGTON

Seattle, Wash.—Charged with selling a quantity of wood alcohol, which has resulted in the death of several men since January 1, T. Takana, a Japanese, 38 years old, manager of a drugstore at 502 Sixth avenue South, was arrested here. Detectives Yoris and Waechter say they saw the sale by Takana of two pint bottles of the poison. A specific charge of manslaughter will be preferred against the druggist by the prosecuting attorney's office.

The pharmacy operated by Takana, according to detectives, has been made the base of supply since the dry law went into effect, January 1, for a number of bootleggers, some of whom, it is alleged, operated under the direction of the Japanese. Five men, who assert they bought bottles of wood alcohol from Takana, are held in the city jail as witnesses.

Three more victims, John Burns, an unidentified man, and John Alton, died

EDWIN Y. WEBB



Congressman Edwin Y. Webb of North Carolina, as chairman of the house judiciary committee, helped the cause of woman suffrage to the extent of granting a hearing on the Susan B. Anthony amendment, before his committee.

Monday, the latter at midnight, of wood alcohol poisoning.

This makes a total of 12 who have died of alcoholism from wood alcohol or cheap whisky substitutes since the dry law went into effect.

Denver Men Made Idle by Prohibition Ask Governor's Aid

Denver—A mass meeting at the auditorium on the State capitol grounds was held here late Tuesday by several hundred persons thrown out of employment by prohibition.

Resolutions were presented to Governor Carlson by a committee headed by William Koch, secretary of the Brewery Workers' association, asking that an extra session of the legislature be called to devise means of furnishing employment for those deprived of their jobs.

The demonstration ended with a parade through the downtown streets with banners reading: "Wet or dry, we must have work or we'll know why."

U. S. Warships Talk by Radio 2500 Miles Across Land

Washington, D. C.—Flagships of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets were in radio communication Tuesday across about 2500 miles of intervening land. The battleship Wyoming, near Cape Henry, reported to the Navy department that messages exchanged with the San Diego, at Guaymas, Mexico, were strong and easily read.

Unusual static conditions probably made possible this conversation, the feat of communication between the two fleets over such an extent of land never before having been accomplished. Improved apparatus recently installed on the big ships of the navy also aided to the success of the test.

Grazing Bill Is Favored.

Washington, D. C.—The house public lands committee has favorably reported the 640-acre stockraising homestead bill. On motion of Representative Simmt an amendment was adopted authorizing the secretary before designating areas for entry in 640-acre tracts to reserve stock driveways a quarter of a mile wide across these areas in order that livestock may be driven to and from the summer range in forest reserves. The bill also was amended to permit the reservation of water holes and watering places.

American Flag Misused.

Boston—The British steamer City of Lincoln went through the Mediterranean sea flying the American flag as a protection against submarines, members of the crew said when the steamer arrived here with a valuable cargo from Oriental ports. They said the ship's name was altered to read "Lincoln."

Officers of the vessel refused to discuss the matter. The City of Lincoln carried 4000 tons of rubber and 2400 tons of tin, which, with large consignments of oil and other freight, made up a cargo valued at \$5,000,000.

Auto Makers To Be Taxed.

Washington, D. C.—The proposed tax on horsepower of automobiles would be imposed on manufacturers and not on owners, according to a statement issued by Secretary McAdoo. "No yearly taxation of automobiles similar to the license of states and municipalities is contemplated," said the statement, "nor has it at any time been suggested that a Federal tax be imposed on automobiles in use by private owners."

OCEAN ONLY FRIEND OF UNITED STATES

We Cannot Trust Other Nations, Says Senator Chamberlain.

MILITARY PREPAREDNESS ONLY SAFETY

U. S. Offended Central Powers and if it Does Its Duty Will Offend Also Great Britain.

New York—The address of Senator Chamberlain, of Oregon, before the Republican club of New York Saturday night came as a surprise to those present. The senator was outspoken in favor of a program that should include the military training of every youth in the country. He declared this would redound to the physical well-being of the youth, even if there were no war. He said there should be a standing army sufficient to garrison our insular possessions as well as to man our fortifications. He called attention to the fact that nearly all the Japanese in this country are reservists and had had military training. He added there were also 100,000 reservists of other nationalities here who would rush to their colors if called.

Senator Chamberlain declared further that the consuls of the various countries had a list of all these reservists.

Speaking of the European war, Senator Chamberlain said the great lesson this nation had learned has been that "treaties are not worth the paper they are written on."

He pointed out that we had had trouble with Germany and Austria, but that it had been adjusted, and urged that similar measures as we used in our relations with these two countries be directed toward Great Britain.

"We have offended Germany and Austria," said Senator Chamberlain, "and if we do our duty we will offend Great Britain. The only friends America has today or will have in the days to come are the Atlantic and Pacific oceans."

In dealing with smaller nations, he declared the United States has always acted the part of a bully. "When Hayti has a revolution and refuses to pay her debts," he said, "we send warships and a few marines and take charge, but when it comes to dealing with the greater powers of the world, instead of acting like a brave, courageous and noble nation, we act like cowards, I am ashamed and sorry to say."

West Is Overridden When Ferris Waterpower Measure Passes House

Washington, D. C.—The house Saturday passed the Ferris bill, which would throw open to 50-year leases public land containing more than three times as much water power as now is under development in the United States. It is estimated that in the 11 states which it is proposed to enter there are about 19,000,000 undeveloped horsepower.

The bill is the result of careful study by water power experts of all parties. The 50-year lease feature had the support of Secretary of the Interior Lane.

Party lines were cast aside in voting on the measure. Minority Leader Mann was one of its strongest supporters. His Republican colleague, Representative Mondell of Wyoming, and other Western Republicans fought it, insisting that Federal control would delay development of the sites.

Western Senators are planning a hard fight on the measure in the upper house.

Control of the power plants under the bill would rest jointly with the state and Federal governments, except by court order, leases could not be transferred without the consent of the Secretary of the Interior. States having public utility boards could exercise their full powers in regulating rates for power and the issuance of bonds. In states without such boards the Secretary of the Interior would exercise this power.

Report Defends Plutes.

Denver—Charges that troubles with the Plute Indians near Bluff, Utah, early in 1915, were the result of a "badly bungled" scheme to drive certain non-reservation Indians off the public domain and confiscate their grazing lands are made by M. K. Sniffen, special investigator for the Indian Rights association, in a report published here. The Sniffen report declares that conditions of "shameful neglect" at the Ute Mountain Indian agency extended over 20 years. The troubles became acute last winter.

Grape Men Open Fight.

San Francisco—A vigorous campaign against the proposed constitutional prohibition amendments to be voted on next November, was opened here by the California Grape Protective association. It was decided to draft an initiative amendment to the constitution to provide for state compensation for loss sustained by growers and wine makers should either of the two proposed amendments be passed. It was declared by two speakers that the agitation for a dry California came from interests without the state.

Slide Kills Army Officer.

Livingstone, Mont.—Lieutenant Joseph E. McDonald, Twelfth Cavalry, of Fort Yellowstone, Wyoming, who, with four companions, was out sledding Sunday at the Mammoth Hot Springs, near Fort Yellowstone, was killed by a snowslide. All five were caught in the slide. McDonald's companions were able to free themselves, but the lieutenant remained buried for 45 minutes before his companions could release him. He was then unconscious.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Oregon State Fair Fund Shows Balance of \$8208

Salem—A balance of \$8208.08 is shown to the credit of the Oregon State Fair fund for the fiscal year ended November 30 last, according to the annual report of W. Al Jones, secretary of the fair board. On December 1, 1914, the State Fair fund had a balance of \$6982.14. Receipts for 1915 were \$50,377.19, and expenses \$48,161.25.

In the last 12 months many improvements of a permanent character were made at the fair grounds, the most important being the paving of the road from the Southern Pacific railroad track to the entrance of the grounds. A total of 4845 square yards of bitulithic and concrete work was done, at a cost of \$2818.11.

"This I feel is only a starter, and a small part of what should be done on the grounds in the near future," says Secretary Jones in his report.

Completion of the men's rest cottage on the grounds, at a cost of \$1684.55, Secretary Jones points out, proved a great convenience. The removal of the livestock department to the rest cottage relieved the congestion in the offices of the administration building. Among the other improvements made during the year was construction of a water tower at a cost of \$403.90; tower equipment, \$605.73; repairing poultry house, \$102.85; fencing, \$284.98; repairing race horse barns, \$165.20; improving new exhibition building, \$1139.14, and permanently wiring the camp grounds, \$318.96.

From the fair grounds farm but 565.5 bushels of poor quality oats, 80 tons of clover hay, 22 tons of chest hay and 3700 pounds of red clover seed were obtained. The clover seed was extra good quality and sold for 18.5 cents a pound net. Mr. Jones advises the board that at present all the clover is killed by the midge and plowing should be done in the spring.

Speaking of the exhibits at the fair last year, Secretary Jones calls attention to the fact that the new pavilion's lower floor was filled with agricultural exhibits from 18 counties, which were the best ever shown. The excellence of other classes of exhibits was commented on.

That more attention be given by the board to the race events next year is recommended. It is suggested that the track either be cut to half a mile or more entries be required.

In the livestock department the report shows that 1597 animals were exhibited, as follows: Horses, 254; cattle 562; sheep 265, and swine 426.

College Plans to Extend.

Albany—In connection with the celebration of the semi-centennial of its organization, next June, Albany College hopes to lay the corner stone for its first building on its new campus. Several months ago the college purchased a 45-acre tract southwest of this city and has developed extensive plans for a complement to new buildings there.

No progress has been made toward new buildings yet, for the reason that the college was bending all its energies to complete its endowment fund. The recent gift of \$50,000 from James J. Hill, which was made upon the condition that the college raise an additional \$200,000 first, has given Albany college an endowment fund of more than \$250,000.

Drainage Work Proposed.

Eugene—A drainage project embracing many thousands of acres, which, if reclaimed, will prove among the most valuable land in the state, has been investigated by Professor E. L. Power, of the Oregon Agricultural college. He advises that the landowners procure the services of United States government engineers in the development of the proposed project. In the Long Tom and Coyote bottoms are between 50,000 and 100,000 acres, now little fit for cultivation. Various drainage projects are contemplated.

Levies in Marion Listed.

Salem—Tax levies of the cities in Marion county and the special road district and school district levies were announced by the County court. The different municipal levies are: Salem, .014; Aumsville, .008; Hubbard, .008; Jefferson, .008; Mount Angel, .01; St. Paul, .012; Silverton, .0085; Stayton, .005; Sublimity, .003; Turner, .005, and Woodburn, .0133. The county levy was fixed at .0051; general road levy at .004; county school and library levy, .0027; state and county outside Salem, high school districts, .0145.

Apple Export Has Spurt.

Hood River—While space on trans-Atlantic liners has been reserved on dates as late as the middle of March, it is likely that all the Hood River crop of 300 carloads of Newtown apples will be cleaned up before that time.

The Apple Growers' association had made a record this year for the excellent condition in which fruit has been delivered. Out of the approximate 450,000 boxes that have so far been handled not a single box has reached the purchaser in poor condition.

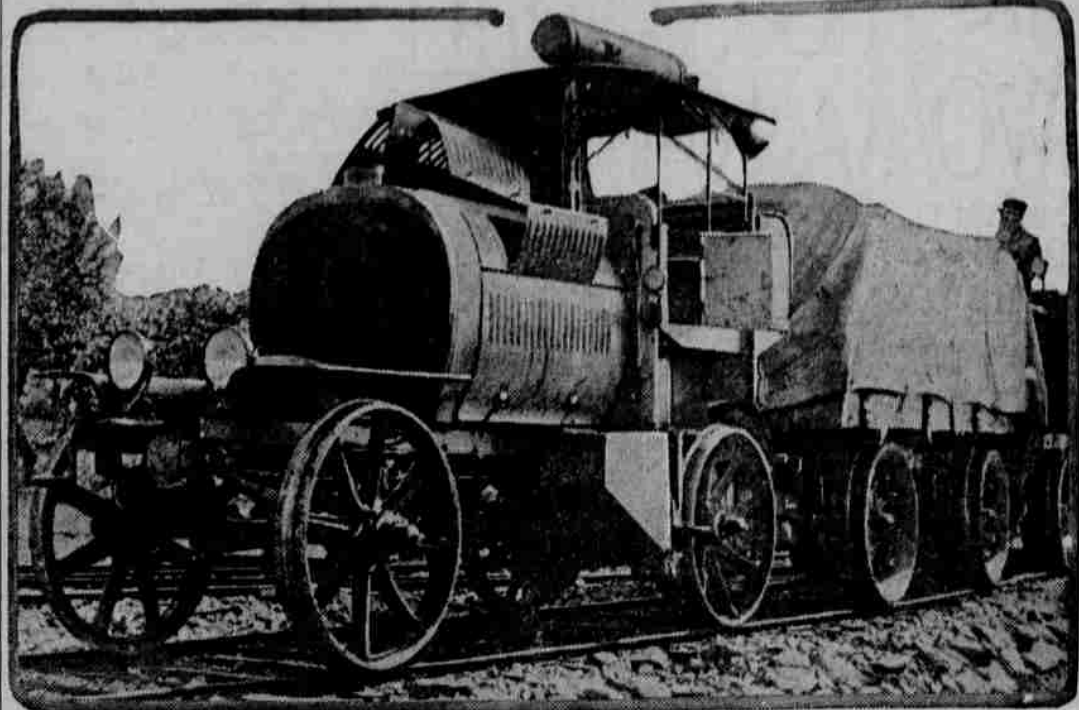
Gaston Girls to Be Cooks.

Gaston—At a meeting Saturday the school directors of the Gaston district decided to add domestic science and manual training to the high school course. Miss Rhoda Enschede, of Forest Grove, will teach domestic science and Omer Moore, of the same place, will have charge of the manual training. The formal opening of the new \$12,000 school building will be next week, and arrangements have been made for an interesting program.

Sons Give Flag to Court.

Pendleton—In the presence of a number of school children, the Umatilla County Circuit court Wednesday received a beautiful silk flag from the Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

WAR KEEPS ABREAST OF MODERN INVENTIONS



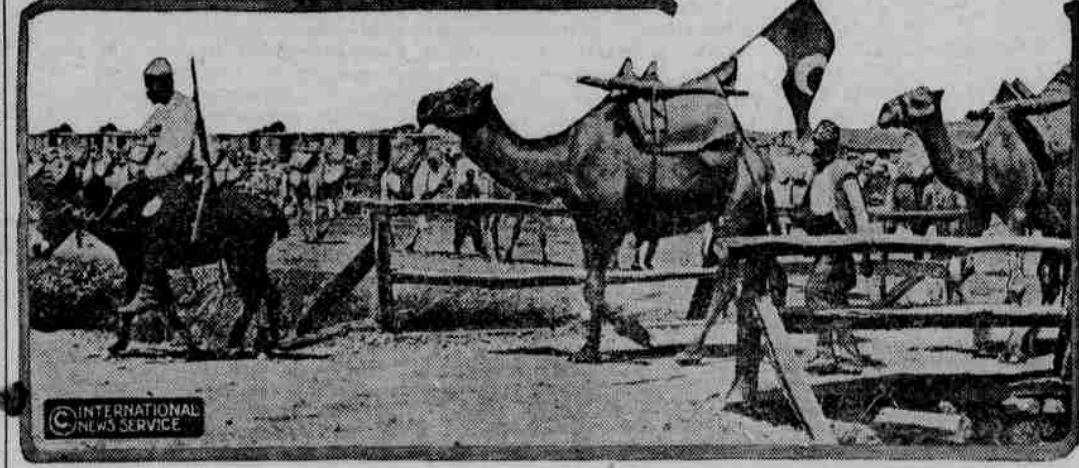
Austrian inventive genius engaged in the war are keeping abreast of the modern times, although many ancient instruments are still being used as models for more modern weapons. Here, for instance, is a combination locomotive and freight car. The locomotive generates its propelling power by the use of benzine. The trucks attached to the locomotive are of the ordinary freight car pattern. The real novelty in the equipment, which is being used in the Carso district, is that both locomotive and trucks are equipped with a hybrid set of wheels which, when they come to the end of the railroad line, can still be used on any road, regardless of its roughness.

AUSTRIANS SAVING A SERBIAN VILLAGE



In this Serbian village, which was fired by the Teutonic bombardment, the Austrians formed a bucket brigade and fought the flames that threatened to destroy the town.

MILITARY CARAVAN OF THE TURKS



This is a Turkish military caravan arriving at the junction station of Namure.

POPE'S LATEST PHOTOGRAPH



The latest photograph of his holiness, Pope Benedict XV, is shown here. It was taken in his study at the Vatican. The pope is keeping up his efforts to bring peace to war-torn Europe.

Choice of Damocles.

"Well, after all," said Damocles with an affectionate glance upward at the sword, still suspended by a hair, "nuisance though you are, old top, I think I'd rather have you hovering over me than a Zeppelin. There are hairs and hairs in this world, and of the two I prefer the capillary attraction."

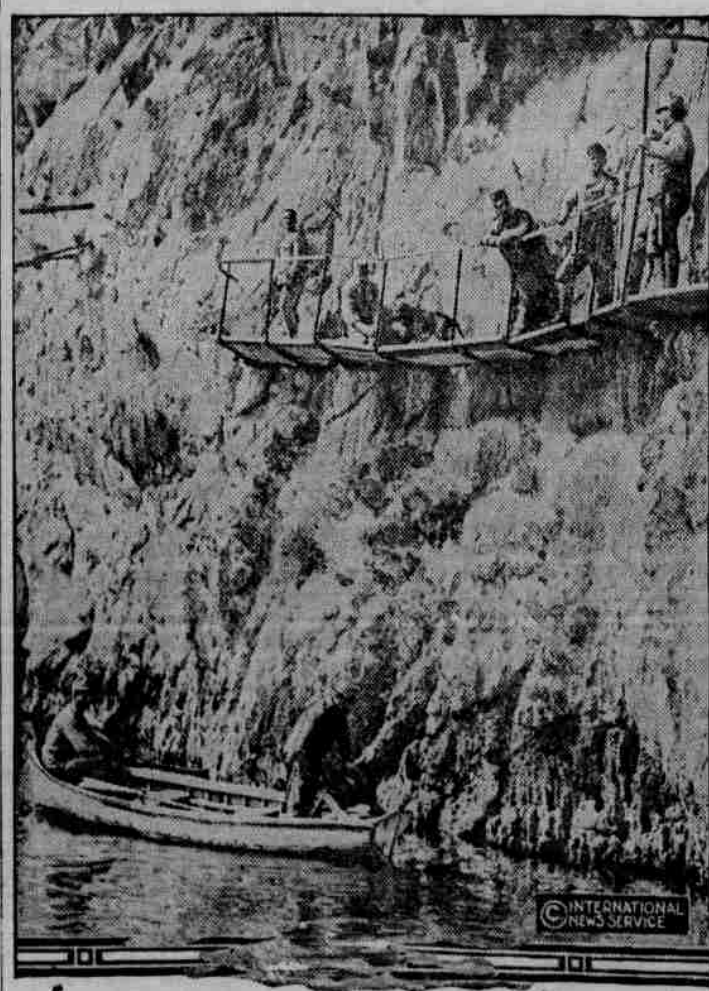
A Tragedy.

"How's that black and tan dog of yours?"
"Dead."
"Dead?"
"Yes, swallowed a bunch of watch keys, and they wound him up."—Penn State Froth.

Fooled.

"The doctor suggested that I live on water for five days."
"On Water?"
"Yes, he told me that a trip across would do me good."

PERILOUS WORK IN THE TYROL



Austrian troops building a passway along the side of a mountain in the Tyrol to give them a new line of attack.

Judge Ate the Exhibits

The lawyers dined on in the tedious case. It concerned the right of trespass over tidelands used for propagation purposes. Before the judge lay a dozen pieces of tiling, to which clung a number of beauty oysters, Exhibit 8 in the case, says the San Francisco Chronicle.
Lunch hour came. The judge was hungry, but in order to finish the case he announced he would not adjourn court at the noon hour. He looked at the oysters. His hunger grew.
"Gentlemen," the judge interrupted, "the court rules that these exhibits are confiscated. It is our opinion that in case of retrial these exhibits would not keep anyway. Mr. Clerk, take them into the court's chamber and prepare them for the inner man. Mr. Sheriff, you slip over to the nearest restaurant and procure the 'fixins.' The case is taken under advisement."