

## NEWS FROM OUR NATIONAL CAPITAL

### Administration Officials Disappointed Over Turn of Affairs in Mexico.

Washington.—Administration officials were puzzled when they received the announcement that Provisional President Huerta had delivered an ultimatum demanding recognition of his government in Mexico by the United States.

The president and his advisers were plainly disappointed at the turn of events but announced that the American government's communication appealing for a suspension of hostilities and a constitutional election, together with the emphatic statement that under no circumstances would the United States recognize the Huerta regime because it was set up by irregular force instead of constitutional order, would place before the world President Wilson's ideas as to constitutional government in Latin America.

In all likelihood this turn of events will mean the end of any dealings with the Huerta officials. Though there was much talk in official circles of lifting the embargo on arms and permitting the Constitutionists to get the munitions of war with which they declare they can soon overthrow the Huerta administration, it is likely that such a policy will be carefully considered in the senate before any action is taken.

The position taken by administration officials was that the United States had done all that a friendly neighbor could do without actually using force.

No sentiment exists in this country to justify intervention or a war, they said, and no foreign government could insist on the sacrifice by the United States of thousands of lives and gigantic financial burdens merely to adjust an internal dispute in which the United States is not directly a party, and over which it can have no jurisdiction without infringing on the sovereignty of another republic which it is by treaty obliged to maintain.

#### Adjournment of Session Uncertain

This session of congress will remain in session "until snow flies" and if necessary prolong the extra session until the regular term begins in December to dispose of tariff and currency legislation.

This was the decision of the democratic caucus of the senate which adopted a resolution declaring "that congress should proceed to consider and determine legislation concerning currency and banking immediately following the passage of the pending tariff bill."

Determination to take up currency legislation did not carry with it approval of any policy or commit the democratic party to any particular currency bill.

#### Page Says He Shared With Member

In a dramatic statement, I. H. McMichael, dismissed chief page of the house of representatives, presented to the house lobby investigation committee a sweeping charge of corruption against Representative McDermott, of Illinois, for years his sponsor. McMichael in picturesque language corroborated the allegations of M. M. Mulhall against McDermott, and made additional charges.

In addition to the charge already made, McMichael swore that the Chicago representative told him that he received \$7500 out of a fund of \$10,000 raised by the pawnbrokers of Washington to oppose a bill passed in the last congress regulating pawnbrokers in the District of Columbia.

#### National Capital Brevities

The vote to sustain the proposed banana tax was close, 31 to 28, Senators Thornton and Ransdell, of Louisiana, voting with the republicans.

The Pacific Northwest was represented at the bankers' conference by E. A. Wyld, of Portland, Daniel Kellner, of Seattle, and Charles A. McLean, of Spokane.

Efforts by Senator Page of Vermont to prevent the democrats from cutting the 6 cent duty on butter to 2 1/2 cents were unavailing.

Petitions from the citizens of Seattle have been presented to the senate by Senator Poindexter of Washington. They ask for a congressional inquiry into the "origin, inception and progress" of the recent rioting in that city, when the headquarters of the L. W. W. and the socialists were wrecked.

A change was made in the provisions on citrus fruits at the request of the finance committee, so that the bill now provides a straight duty of half of one cent a pound on lemons, limes, oranges, grapefruit and the like. All references to the size of fruit boxes was struck out of the bill.

President Wilson publicly reprimanded Ambassador Wilson for his recent attack on the British foreign office. Ambassador Page was instructed to express to Sir Edward Grey the regret of the American government that a diplomatic official of the United States "should have been guilty of such an impropriety."

## WILLIAM SULZER



Photo by American Press Association.

William Sulzer, governor of New York, against whom impeachment proceedings have been instituted.

### RECALL COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Judge and Commissioner Replaced by New Men.

Oregon City, Or.—Clackamas county voted to recall the old county court and seat a new judge and commissioner.

Returns show that H. S. Anderson defeated R. E. Beatie, incumbent, for county judge by 331 votes, and J. W. Smith beat N. Blair, incumbent, by 464 votes for county commissioner.

The recall was the result of dissatisfaction over the way in which the county court let contracts. It was charged in the petitions that Judge Beatie and Commissioner Blair did not advertise for bids on county work and that their procedure under the old system was a waste of the taxpayers' money.

### Glynn Refuses to Deal With Sulzer.

Albany, N. Y.—Martin H. Glynn checkmated a movement of William Sulzer to invoke the arbitration of the courts on the question which of the two is the lawful present chief executive of the state of New York.

Replying to a formal proposal by the impeached executive to submit the issue to adjudication on an agreed statement of facts Mr. Glynn declared it was beyond his power to "barter away any of the functions attaching to the office in which I am placed by your impeachment."

### Showers Relieve Kansas.

Kansas City.—Heavy showers over most of the eastern half of Kansas added to the relief that came with the rains of Sunday and it is believed the drought is now effectually broken.

## HARRY THAW MAKES DASH FOR LIBERTY

Matteawan, N. Y.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the hospital for the criminal insane at 7:45 Sunday morning. A dart for liberty through an open gate, a dash into the open door of a powerful automobile that stood quivering outside, and a flight like a rocket for the Connecticut state line, 30 miles away, accomplished his escape, and the hospital authorities are certain he is outside the state. Once beyond its boundaries, Thaw is free. Only long, perhaps years, of litigation can bring him back, and then only in one event—that he be adjudged insane in the state to which he has fled.

The shades were drawn in the dormitories and the inmates were getting their second sleep when Thaw left his room. The milkman's cart was rumbling on the road outside as he walked through the storeroom and into the outer court or yard of the asylum grounds. A six-cylinder touring car, black, and 60-horsepower, followed by a limousine, also black, loaded lazily along the road as the milkman drew near the gate. Thaw, standing a few feet away, apparently unconcerned, waited until Barnum, attendant at the gate, unlocked the gate and swung it wide to let the milkman enter. As Barnum stepped aside for the milkman to drive inside Thaw flashed past him straight for one of the waiting cars.

### THE MARKETS.

**Portland.**  
Wheat, New Crop—Club, 78c; bluestem, 79c; red Russian, 76c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$16; alfalfa, \$13.50.  
Butter—Creamery, 32c.  
Eggs—Candied, 28c; ranch, 23c.  
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 16c; Willamette valley, 19c.

**Seattle.**  
Wheat, New Crop—Bluestem, 83c; lub, 77c; red Russian, 77c.  
Hay—Timothy, \$17 per ton; alfalfa, \$13 per ton.  
Eggs—28c.  
Butter—Creamery, 31c.

## OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

**Umpqua Survey Asked**  
Gardner.—The Umpqua Port Commission is making arrangements to have a special survey of the Umpqua bar and harbor here made by the United States war department with a view to extensive improvements. Representative Hawley and the Oregon senators are expected to secure a federal appropriation at the coming session of congress. The Umpqua is the third largest river in Oregon, the volume of water from it being close to the flow of the Willamette.

**Dallas Man Sentenced**  
Dallas.—Maintaining the same self-satisfied air that marked his bearing throughout his trial for his life on a charge of murder in the first degree, Louis Davis, convicted of murder in the second degree by a jury in the circuit court of Polk county last week, stood unmoved while Judge Holmes sentenced him to imprisonment in the state penitentiary for his natural life.

### NEW LAND PLAN PRESENTED

**Method of Developing Logged Off Areas Talked.**  
Corvallis.—A business-like method of bringing Oregon's logged-off lands more rapidly into cultivation is being advocated by Dr. James Withycombe, director of the O. A. C. Experiment Station, who believes that a practical solution of the problem lies in cooperative work between farmers and progressive merchants.

According to Dr. Withycombe's scheme, interested farmers would be given the opportunity of buying on long time at reasonable rates of interest sufficient quantities of power to blast all stumps standing on the land to be cleared. The farmers could then combine their available cash resources for the purchase of donkey engines to be used in pulling and piling the stumps after they had been split and loosened up by the use of the powder.

According to estimates received at the office of the O. A. C. Experiment Station there are almost 1,000,000 acres of logged-off land in Columbia county. It is mostly excellent agricultural land when cleared.

### S. P. Overpays Taxes

Klamath Falls.—Klamath county is indebted to the Southern Pacific Company in the sum of \$17,000, the amount in which the railway company overpaid its 1912 taxes. The mistake was made in the assessor's office and was overlooked by the railway representative who inspected the assessment and gave his approval to the valuation as it appeared on the assessor's books.

### Rabbits and Sage Rats Worry Farmers

Prineville.—The worst pests the farmers of this state have had to contend with during the past year or two have been the rabbits and sage rats. Hundreds of acres of grain and potatoes were ruined this year by the ravages of these animals in Crook county alone. In some localities whole fields have been destroyed.

### NEW LAW PROTECTS BIRDS

**Late Statute Supersedes All State Codes Which May Conflict**  
Portland.—On and after October 1 a federal law for the protection of migratory birds, such as wild ducks, geese, pigeons, brant and snipe, goes into effect, and supersedes all state regulations governing open and closed hunting seasons wherever state codes conflict with the government's statute. The federal code likewise extends protection to a number of shore birds, and in some cases declares a five year closed season.

The new law will terminate all spring shooting of migratory birds throughout the United States, and in Oregon will make the hunting season extend from October 1 to January 16, provided the recommendations of State Game Warden Finley are followed. Otherwise the hunting season for this state will be from September 16 to December 16, as tentative regulations just issued by the government provide.

### Farmers Want 70 Cents

Pendleton.—Many Umatilla farmers are holding their wheat, waiting for a raise in price. A little is being sold at 68 cents, and 69 cents for choice lots. When 70 cents is reached hundreds of thousands of bushels will be thrown on the market, but local growers declare they will not take less.

### 2487 Voters Ineligible

Roseburg.—As a result of failure to discover certain sections of the registration laws passed at the last session of the legislature, only 13 out of a total of 2500 voters of Roseburg are eligible to vote at the primary election to be held here on September 6.

## BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Bert Ingle, the 17 year old son of A. N. Ingle, a wealthy sheepman living near Baker, met his death from an accidental revolver shot while evidently crawling in pursuit of some animal.

Work on the second unit of the Klamath reclamation project is practically completed. Water will be furnished for next year to about 7000 acres.

Advices from Florence say the Port of Siuslaw commissioners voted to issue \$180,000 of port bonds for the purpose of extending the north jetty at the mouth of the Siuslaw.

Representative Sinnott has introduced a bill appropriating \$60,000 for the Pendleton postoffice, the treasury department having reported this amount as necessary to complete the building according to the original plans.

With the remarkable score of 103 out of a possible 105 points, Sergeant S. W. Pearson, Company Four, Coast Artillery, who lives at Roseburg, won the Catrow cup match in the National Rifle association shoot at Camp Perry, Ohio.

D. L. Rood, of Marshfield, has been appointed official sealer of Coos county to carry out the provisions of the new Oregon law providing for the inspection of weights and measures used in selling commodities.

Locked in a cage and playing with a swarm of bees will be the form of entertainment for state fair patrons furnished by James Davis, a bee expert. Mr. Davis has signed an agreement with Frank Meredith, secretary of the fair board, to give "demonstrations" daily.

The fishermen of Tillamook bay near Bay City have organized to sell their own fish, being dissatisfied with the prices offered by local canneries. They will seek markets in the east, and have decided to build a salting and cold storage plant to handle the season's catch.

The authorities of Pendleton have arranged to purify that city's water supply with hypochlorite of lime. There have been but few cases of typhoid fever in Pendleton this summer, but it was deemed best to take measures of prevention until the gravity waterworks system is completed.

Charles V. Galloway, tax commissioner, in an opinion, holds that fishing rights and water rights are "rights and privileges" and "local advantages" belonging to the land. He says they should be taken into consideration in determining the value of the land for assessment and taxation.

Recall petitions have been circulated at Salem against three councilmen, the chief of police and city recorder, and it is reported that a recall petition will soon be put out against Mayor Stevens. It is alleged that the officials have not been faithful to the city's best interests.

The state railroad commission suspended the freight schedule recently adopted by the Sumpter Valley Railroad company on the ground that several increases in rates had been made in violation of orders of the commission. The suspension will continue until November 8.

Steps are being taken to eradicate the fire blight which is threatening the destruction of the orchards of the Grand Ronde valley. The disease has progressed to an extent that it will be necessary to cut down many valuable trees to save the entire orchard from destruction.

In a fit of ungovernable temper and insane jealousy, D. L. Cartwright shot and killed his brother's wife near Rye Valley, and dangerously wounded his nephew, David Powell, who may not survive. Cartwright then killed himself. Although himself a married man, Cartwright is said to have been jealous of his sister-in-law, who was a woman of estimable character.

Sixteen per cent of those who took the spring state teachers' examination failed. How this compares with former examinations is not known as it has not been the custom to keep this record. There were 1562 applicants who took the examination, the largest number yet given the examination at one time in Oregon.

A large gasoline tractor of the caterpillar type will be put to use in ore hauling by the management of the Ben Harrison Mines company near Sumpter. It is expected that the cost of hauling its ores to the Sumpter Valley railroad, 21 miles distant, which now reaches \$80 per day, will be largely reduced.

M. J. Lozelle, the dairy expert from Corvallis, has opened an office at Hermiston under joint auspices of the government and the Oregon Agricultural college. Cooperative dairy extension work is to be carried out under his direction in a region embracing 150,000 acres already under irrigation or soon to be.

Oregon youths who aspire to reach positions in the United States navy by way of appointment to the naval academy at Annapolis may take competitive examinations at Oregon Agricultural college on September 19 and 20 next, to determine eligibility for admission to the entrance examinations to be held in February and April, 1914.

## FRATERNAL DIRECTORY

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