

# 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 Moose party convention meets in Chicago June 7, the same day of the Republican meeting.

Irish Nationalists have abandoned their fight against conscription by the British government.

Jane Addams declares Europe is ready for peace and the end of the war is up to the neutrals.

The first 11 days' receipts at the Portland postoffice are \$10,912 more than for the same period last year.

Fire in the film cutting room of a moving picture company at Santa Monica, Cal., caused \$80,000 damage.

Eastern Washington is in the grip of zero weather. The thermometer at Spokane stood at 6 below; Waterville, 24 below; Endicott, 23.

Sixteen travelers were taken from a train in Mexico by bandits, stripped of their clothing, then shot. Most of the victims were American citizens.

The Tube mill strike at Youngstown, Ohio, which resulted in the death of several persons and property damage of over a million dollars, is declared off and the city has quieted down.

The Germans and Austrians who lost territory to the Russians are withdrawing stores of supplies that were to have been used in the spring campaign, realizing their efforts would be a failure.

Representative Fess, of Ohio, severely arraigns Great Britain in a speech before congress, declaring that government has broken all international sea laws by violating the rights of neutrals.

Good authority declares that England and France are preparing a vigorous note in answer to the United States' arguments and demands concerning the neutral trade policy between these countries.

Fire caused \$25,000 damage to the Daly Hotel at Great Falls, Mont., and of the 50 persons in the hotel, four, including a woman, escaped scantily clad by sliding down a rope fire escape. The temperature at the time was 30 degrees below zero.

Plans to strengthen the National guard instead of establishing a continental army as contemplated by the War department were proposed to President Wilson by Chairman Hay of the house military committee. Mr. Hay did not reveal how his suggestion was received by the President.

The trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, who, it is alleged, instigated the murder of her husband, Dr. Mohr, is in progress at Providence, R. I. It will be shown it is said, that the chauffeur stopped his auto in a dark spot, when the physician and his companion Miss Burger, were shot from ambush.

The English government, in the interest of national economy, has notified all trade unions in the country that in view of the pressing emergency no further advances in wages should be considered except those arising automatically from existing agreements and necessary adjustments of local conditions.

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

A Jewish relief day has been authorized by the senate.

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.

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.

## SIXTEEN TAKEN FROM MEXICAN TRAIN BY BANDITS AND SAUN

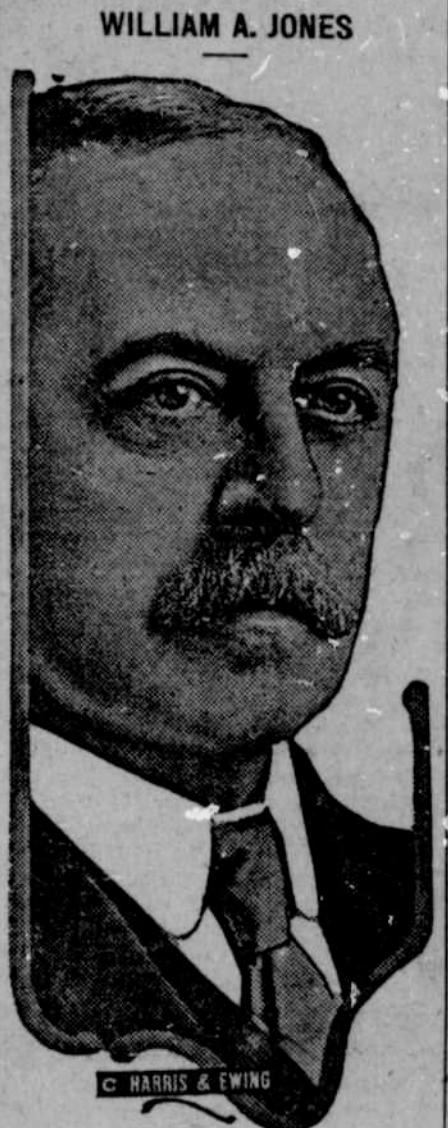
El Paso, Tex.—Sixteen foreigners, most of them Americans, en route from Chihuahua City to Cusuhiriachic, Western Chihuahua, Wednesday were taken from a train about 50 miles from Chihuahua City, stripped of their clothing and shot by Mexican bandits.

Confirmation of the news was given by officials here of the Carranza de facto government. The bodies were shipped to Juarez.

First reports were received here in a message from Thomas M. Holmes, the only survivor, to Mrs. Holmes, advising her of his safe arrival at Chihuahua. Inquiries instigated by officials of the American Smelting & Refining company developed the details.

The ill-fated party boarded a train at Chihuahua City, intending to re-open properties of the smelting company at Cusuhiriachic, officials of which had received assurances of protection by the de facto government.

According to one account, bandits



William A. Jones, Congressman from Virginia, as chairman of the Insular affairs committee of the house of representatives, will lead the fight again this year for the Philippine bill, increasing the liberty of the Filipinos. Another measure that will be introduced by Mr. Jones will be the Porto Rican bill, which failed to reach the house last session.

stopped the train and ordered the party to descend. Holmes, however, slipped into the lavatory and from his hiding place witnessed the stripping of clothes from the prisoners.

The party was then marshaled down the track, escorted by a firing squad. As Holmes slipped from the car and ran in the direction of Chihuahua City, he declared, he heard shrieks, followed by a volley of rifle shots.

## Progressives to Meet in Chicago On Same Day as Republicans

Chicago—The Progressive party will hold its National convention on June 7 in Chicago, concurrently with the National convention of the Republican party, in the hope that both agree on the same candidate for president.

This action was decided on by the National committee of the Progressive party. Forty-seven of the 48 states were represented at the meeting.

Before adjourning the committee adopted a declaration of principles, in which the administration of President Wilson was criticized for its failure to deal adequately with National honor and industrial welfare, and the Progressive party went on record as favoring a complete preparedness consisting of military armament, as well as mobilization of all the country's resources.

Cabinet Wilson's Guests.

Washington, D. C.—The annual cabinet dinner was given in the state dining-room of the White House Tuesday night by President and Mrs. Wilson. It was the first of a series of formal dinners that will make the social season at the White House. The guests included besides all the members of the cabinet and their wives several high officers of the army and navy and government officials.

## MIDDLE WEST HAS ZERO COLD WAVE

### Sudden Drop of Temperature Felt Over Wide Area

### SEVERE BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER KANSAS

Extreme Range in Cold Belt Is 128 Degrees—Montana Has 28 Below—Suffering Is Great.

Kansas City—The Middle West and Southwest got its first real blast of winter weather Thursday and nature's offerings lived up to in advance notices of the weather bureau. The mercury dropped from 65 to 60 degrees in 24 hours in the affected district and temperatures ranging from zero downward prevail throughout Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and this section of Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, too, felt the drop. Snow is falling in much of the territory.

"We look for temperatures ranging from 10 to 20 degrees below zero in Kansas and this section of Missouri," said an announcement of the local weather bureau.

Train service into Kansas City is delayed, streetcar service in all of the cities affected has been seriously interfered with, telegraph and telephone companies are fighting vainly to maintain communication on sheet-covered wires and farmers and producers have been warned that it is too cold to ship perishable products.

In Kansas City the death list from accidents as a result of the storm remained at two, while more than a score of persons are in hospitals recovering from injuries.

North Platte, Neb., reported the lowest temperature in the new storm area—18 degrees below zero.

A blizzard prevailed all over Kansas. Snow measuring from two to four inches fell in that state.

The weather map issued by the local bureau shows a range of 128 degrees in the United States and Canada during this storm. Little Rock had the highest reading—70 above—while Prince Albert, Canada, had the lowest—58 below. The map shows the Northwest still is firmly held by an unprecedented cold wave that has prevailed in that section for a week. Temperatures of 48 degrees below zero in Montana, 40 below in North Dakota and 32 below at Rapid City, S. D., prevailed.

On the 28th anniversary of the most terrible blizzard of which there is any record in this section, during which many persons and thousands of head of stock perished from cold, the mercury registered 9 degrees below zero in Omaha. This temperature was accompanied by a heavy fall of snow and a strong north wind.

Sioux Falls reported temperatures ranging from 15 to 24 degrees below zero, with a snow and wind storm raging. Norfolk, Neb., reported 20 below and Winner, S. D., 40 below.

At Sioux City 28 degrees below was recorded.

### Warmest Spot 25 Below.

Great Falls, Mont.—Northern Montans experienced the coldest weather in years Thursday night. The weather bureau thermometer in Great Falls showed 35 degrees below zero, this being the warmest spot in this region. Malta was the lowest, with the thermometer at 58 below and Glasgow was a close second with 56 below.

### Cyclone Wrecks Town.

Nashville, Tenn.—Four persons were injured by a cyclone which swept Madison Station, nine miles from Nashville, late Thursday. Several houses were destroyed.

### Lynching Intent Hinted.

El Paso, Tex.—General Jose Ynez Salazar, ex-Mexican army officer, fled El Paso Thursday night, fearing reprisal by enraged American mining men. It was reported that a party of 20 Americans called at Salazar's hotel early in the evening. The object of their visit was not explained. Shortly after the arrival of the Americans the chief of police and the county sheriff appeared at the hotel with a posse of policemen.

### Denver Arrests Fewer.

Denver—A tabulation of police arrests in Denver for the first ten days of 1915, when state-wide prohibition became effective, shows a total of 149 for various offenses as compared with a total of 401 for the same period of last year. Twenty-three arrested for drunkenness as compared with 75 for the first ten days of 1915.

## SECURITY OF TRADE COMMISSION TO BE CRITICISED IN CONGRESS

Washington, D. C.—The secret procedure of the Trade commission, which, with a majority made up of Democratic politicians, is now "regulating" big business, is destined to receive a grilling in both the senate and house.

A demand that light be shed on the operations of what is pronounced the most secret agency of an unusually secretive administration will be made by Republican senators and representatives when the appropriations for the executive branch of the government are considered.

Although the commission is nearly a year old, it has given practically no public proof of the activity, it is asserted, in enforcing the laws relating to business. All complaints of unfair competition and violation of the anti-trust acts have been considered and disposed of in secret. No business concern has been called on openly to defend itself against a charge of vio-



John A. Key, Congressman from Ohio, chairman of the house pensions committee, is the author of a bill providing for pensions for the widows of the men who died in the Spanish-American war. It carries an appropriation of about \$2,500,000.

lating the law. Republicans contend that the public does not know whether unfair competition is so prevalent that the commission has been swamped with complaints, or so rare that few grievances have been filed.

The commission says that about 200 complaints have been filed, but refuses to divulge disposition of specific cases. Although admitting that this secret procedure is not prohibited by the law, Republicans charge that it is contrary to the intent of the statute, which provides that when the commission is satisfied that the law is being violated it shall cite the offender to a public hearing. The commission has adopted the procedure of confidential investigation of complaints and asserts that no public hearings have been necessary because in every case either the accused concern has abandoned the practices complained of or the accuser has withdrawn his complaint.

## Compulsory Military Service Is Held Best by Secretary of War

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Garrison told the house military committee at a hearing Monday that compulsory service was the only really adequate basis on which to construct a military policy compatible with the idea of democratic government.

The secretary made the assertion merely as an expression of personal sentiment, he said, and did not elaborate on it. His statement was regarded as significant, however.

Representative Shallenberger asked Secretary Garrison if universal military obligation did not make it possible for nations to be drawn into war despite the wishes of the majority of the people.

"I do not think France or Germany would be waging war if the majority of their peoples did not favor it," replied the secretary. "No nation ever is at war at variance with the wishes of the great majority of its people."

### Suffragists Win Point.

Washington, D. C.—The Susan B. Anthony amendment providing for woman suffrage was reported favorably to the senate by the suffrage committee. "In our opinion, every principle upon which universal manhood suffrage rests demands the extension of its privileges and responsibilities to women," said the report. "They are subject to the laws, are taxed for the support of government, and subject to a common political destiny."

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Oregon State Fair Fund Shows Balance of \$6208

Salem—A balance of \$6208.08 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 \$5982.14. Receipts for 1915 were \$50,377.19, and expenses \$48,151.25.

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 4345 square yards of bituminous 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 \$1684.63, 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 665.5 bushels of poor quality oats, 80 tons of clover hay, 22 tons of chestnut 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 mildew 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 1507 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 48-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.

### 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.