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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

State Road is Belief.
 Eugene.—With the development in view of a trans-state highway from the Willamette valley to eastern Oregon, seven government officials, including Warren H. Allen, senior highway engineer, of Washington, D. C.; A. R. Merrill, chief engineer of the forestry service, of Washington, D. C.; Charles H. Florey, chief of operation in the forestry service in the northwest, of Portland; A. T. Schuyler, of the department of public roads, in Portland, and Clyde R. Seitz, supervisor of the Cascade National forest and improvement engineer in the northwest, left Eugene Tuesday for eastern Oregon by way of the McKenzie highway and the McKenzie pass.

School Policy is New.
 St. Helens.—At a meeting of the school board it was decided to adopt a system that will provide instruction for those at work as well as for those who are not.

The plan is to adopt courses that will attract back to school those who left before their education was completed and also provide such instruction as will prepare attendants for some particular line of work.

Rivers Meeting Set.
 Astoria.—The Fall meeting of the Columbia and Snake River Waterways association will be held in Spokane, Wash., on Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18.

This being the week of the Spokane Interstate Fair, an open railroad rate of one and one-third fare will be in effect from coast and other points, covering a large radius around Spokane.

Wilsonville Suffers Destructive Fire.
 Wilsonville.—A third of the business section of Wilsonville was destroyed by fire which started in the Lawrence hotel. Its origin is unknown. As far as can be ascertained no one was in the hostelry when the blaze began.

TO SEEK CAUSE OF UNREST
 Hearing Will Be Held at Portland By Federal Commission.

Portland.—Inquiring into causes of industrial unrest, the United States commission on industrial relations will hold hearings here August 19, 20 and 21.

The workings of the minimum wage law will be one of the chief subjects of inquiry, it is expected. An interesting statement, in this connection, was made by E. V. O'Hara, chairman of the industrial welfare (minimum wage) commission:

"There are no fewer women employed in Portland today than a year ago when the minimum wage law became effective. We have no particular industrial unrest. Women have not lost employment because of the shortened hours of work."

Witnesses asked to appear before the hearings include leading representatives of both employers and employees.

Some lines of inquiry will be: "Why does organized labor insist on the 'closed shop'? Why are the number of apprentices restricted? Why are uniform wage rates demanded?"

"Why do employers' associations stand for the 'open shop'? Why do they oppose many trades unions' methods?"

Woman Jumps to Her Death.
 Portland.—Hurling herself from a seventh story window of a business block, Mrs. Anna M. Bollen, aged 58, met instant death here. Mrs. Bollen had entered the building to consult a physician with regard to nervous trouble from which she was suffering. A man patient in the physician's reception room fell in an attempt to prevent her jumping out of the window.

Two Hurt by Exploding Tires.
 Pendleton.—While pumping up an automobile tire Ralph Knight and his father, E. W. Knight, were injured when the tire exploded. The injuries sustained by the young man required 20 stitches in his left hand and arm. Knight, Sr., was knocked down and bruised slightly.

Jailed as Highwaymen.
 Pendleton.—James Navin, for twenty years a well known Umatilla county farmer, and Milton Anderson, son of a prominent Helix family, are in the county jail, facing the charge of highway robbery.

Nancy Cornelius, Pioneer, Dead.
 Cornelius.—Mrs. Nancy Cornelius, sister-in-law of Colonel T. R. Cornelius, founder of this town, and prominent in church and civic affairs, died at the age of 79 years.

ALLIES COMBINE ON SOIL OF BELGIUM

British, French and Belgian Troops, Cross the Line of Kaiser's Army.

Brussels.—Belgian official reports received by the war office record the important fact that a junction has been effected by Belgian, British and French troops across the line of the German advance through Belgium.

At Liege, where the Belgian garrison has presented such a stubborn front to the German attackers, fighting has ceased and the Belgian troops and citizens have taken advantage of the lull to strengthen the defenses.

The French troops have crossed the frontiers of Belgium, and their approach strengthens the position of the Belgian army from hour to hour.

London.—England's action in rushing troops across to the channel to the aid of the Belgians, means that the war office no longer considers the German fleet a menace. So long as there was danger from it the army was to have been held in England to repel a possible invasion.

The plan of the war office is to send at least 100,000 men to Belgium from England and to detour the entire colonial army to the continent as soon as they arrive. The Canadian contingent of 21,000 men will be on the ground in a month and the Australians and New Zealanders will not be far behind.

KAISER GOES TO FRONT

German Emperor Off by Motor to Alsatian Border.

London.—A dispatch from Rome to the Daily Mail says, a report is current that Emperor William has left Berlin in a motor car for the Alsatian frontier.

The military critics of the newspapers consider the report from Rome that Emperor William has left Berlin to join the general staff of the army on the Alsatian frontier to indicate that the Germans are ready to engage the French in great force.

The Daily Mail's Rome correspondent adds that, according to dispatches from Basel, Switzerland, the Germans have evacuated Sankt Ludwig, in Alsace, four miles to the northwest of Bessel, and that a battle is imminent on the Franco-Swiss frontier.

GERMANY INVADED BY FRENCH TROOPS

Paris.—An official announcement by the French war office says it is confirmed that after evacuating Mulhausen the German troops retired to Neu Breisach, 13 miles to the east of Kolmar, on the railroad.

The French minister of war gives the following account of the occupation of Mulhausen, in Alsace-Lorraine, by the French:

It was nightfall when the advance guard of the French brigade approached Altkirch, says the official statement. The city was well defended and occupied by a German brigade. The French began the assault with ardor, a regiment of infantry distinguishing itself in a furious charge, shortly after which the Germans retired in disorder.

Darkness permitted the Germans to conceal themselves and the troops of France entered the city amid the cheers of the people. All windows of the houses were thrown open, veterans of 1870 embraced the French soldiers, and a great shout resounded.

At dawn the advance guard resumed its march. The cavalry failed to find German patrols and the march of the entire brigade on Mulhausen was begun.

In the afternoon the scouts found that many important defenses protecting the city had been abandoned and in less than half an hour later the French, wildly cheering the tri-color, occupied Mulhausen.

STRATEGIC BENEFIT SMALL

French Invasion of Alsace is More of "Moral Victory."

Paris.—The invasion of Lower Alsace by a French army under the command of General Joseph Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, has awakened great enthusiasm throughout France.

French military authorities, while recognizing that the occupation of Altkirch and Mulhausen by the French troops is not of high strategic importance, believe that the successful advance of the French army far across the German frontier will have considerable moral effect.

It is also unofficially reported that Kolmar, to the north, has fallen into the hands of the French. None of these three places was strongly fortified, and all of them lie outside the line of real German defense, being regarded as outposts of the strongly fortified cities.

BELGIAN RESISTANCE IS FEATURE OF WAR

Stubbornly Oppose and Block Advance of German Army on France.

London.—A remarkable and unexpected feature of the opening days of the great European war was the stubborn resistance offered by the Belgians of Liege to the German advance through Belgium.

Though the city has been occupied by the Germans, it held out heroically for days against the wave of German invasion which shattered itself against the forts held by the brave Third Division and the Fifteenth mixed brigade, commanded by General Leman.

The initial loss sustained by the German invaders is the most serious encountered by any army in modern times.

The great Prussian assault on Fort Boncelles ended in a terrible slaughter, storming infantry melting away before the machine guns of the defenders.

During the German night attack on Liege they were received with a terrible fire from the head of the street as well as the houses on either side. Women and children carried ammunition for the defenders.

The Belgians fell on them like furies, soldiers and civilians alike using knives, revolvers and rifles, and women and children and graybeards taking part, many of the women pouring boiling water from the windows on the charging Germans in the narrow streets below.

While both combatants claim victory at Liege, military experts here interpret the rather conflicting dispatches to mean that the German forces have broken through the Belgian defenses at Liege, taken the city and started toward Namur, where the next big battle of the seven nations' European war is expected.

That the Liege forts, at least some of them, withstood the German fire, is believed, but it is evident here that two or more of the forts crumbled sufficiently to allow the Germans to pass.

Apart from Liege, the fighting of the first week, when resolved to the proper perspective, eventually, doubtless, will be considered insignificant. One of the most important developments in the eyes of experts, is the general testimony that the German infantry formation is obsolete and ineffective against weapons of today, and means an enormous slaughter if retained.

A news dispatch from Brussels says it is officially announced there that the German loss in Belgium in the recent fighting was 2000 dead, 20,000 wounded and 9700 prisoners.

GREAT GERMAN LINER CAPTURED BY BRITISH

New York.—While incoming ocean liners brought confirmation that foreign warships are cruising off the American Atlantic coast, strict censorship over the cables leading out of Bermuda, perhaps kept hidden from public knowledge the fate of the North German Lloyd steamer Kron Prinz Wilhelm, which took 6000 tons of coal out of this port under cover of darkness last week.

The British cruiser Essex has captured the German liner and is taking her, a prize of war, into Hamilton, Bermuda, according to wireless messages declared to have been overheard at sea.

The Kron Prinz Wilhelm, named in honor of the heir to the German throne, was launched in May, 1902. She is 663 feet long, of 66-foot beam, 21,300 tons displacement and 30,000 horsepower.

London.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Cap Ortelgal with 55,000,000 in specie aboard, has been captured by the British, according to the Daily Mail. The liner sailed from Buenos Ayres on July 16 for Southampton.

GERMANS INVADE RUSSIA

Copenhagen.—According to advices received here, the German invasion of Russia began with the landing of 40,000 men from transports at Ekenaes. This expeditionary force, said to have been conveyed by the German Baltic fleet, is reported marching on Helsinki, the capital of Finland.

The movement is believed to mean that Germany plans an offensive movement directly against St. Petersburg.

GERMANS FIGHT BRITISH AT SEA

London.—The admiralty has announced that one of the cruiser squadrons of the main fleet was attacked by German submarines.

None of the British ships was damaged. One German submarine was sunk.

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Two hundred acres of timber land are said to have burned over in the Stuslaw forests.

The First Baptist church, Independent, and the Immanuel Baptist church at Baker, have decided to merge. Joint property is valued at \$13,000.

Taxes in Oregon which are declared delinquent on September 1 will suffer a penalty of 10 per cent it is declared at Salem.

Fifty thousand steelhead trout were placed in the streams in the vicinity of Dufur. They were obtained from the Bonneville hatchery.

Ban has been placed on all unmuzzled dogs by the Ashland city council and \$10 will be required to get dogs out of pound.

Cows and hogs and even rabbits are said to have died in considerable numbers in Pleasant Valley, presumably as a result of the severe heat.

Walter Simpson, homesteader 35 miles south of Burns was instantly killed when a bucket fell on him while he was at the bottom of a well.

The auto of C. J. Pugh was caught by the tide and carried out to sea at Cannon Beach. Mr. Pugh had a narrow escape. He leaped out of the car just in time.

The Hammond Lumber company of Astoria may be affected by a threat of the Hindu employees to quit work to return to India to join in a revolution against Great Britain.

Prizes aggregating \$600 will be given at band concerts at Gresham, bands from Multnomah county and eastern part of Clackamas county to take part.

On a warrant from Coos Bay section charging him with a recent bank robbery Walter S. Peaslee was arrested at Valley station, by Sheriff W. L. Woodard and Deputy Keeling.

Miss Anna Quick, daughter of the city recorder of St. Helens, is noting in her father's absence, and she declares she will give liquor offenders the limit when passing sentence.

Portland, Ore., was chosen as the city for the 1916 convention of the supreme lodge of Knights of Pythias, at the concluding session of the Pythian convention at Winnipeg, Canada.

The John Day valley is experiencing a grasshopper storm. They start mostly in the foothills of the mountains and descend, taking all of the vegetation clean as they advance.

State Printer Harris has completed the printing of the second edition of the 1913 session laws, this being necessary because the first edition of 480 was exhausted. This time 800 copies were printed.

Preparations are being made to have this year's Pacific International stock show at North Portland to eclipse all previous records in importance. The show will be held December 7-14 at the stockyards.

Parties from the Umpqua say that there has been a fair run of salmon up to the present this season. The fishermen held a meeting there recently and raised the price of salmon sold to the canneries to 3 1/2 per pound.

McKees Flat, 12 miles west of Condon, is infested with grasshoppers as bad as they were in Kansas many years ago. Farmers fear a total destruction by grasshoppers next year. The same condition is reported on Pine Creek, leading to Condon.

At a meeting of the Lane County Farmers' Protective association in Eugene several thousand Bob White quail will be asked for from the state game farm, to eat bugs that are ravaging the bean and corn crops in this county.

Seventy accidents, one fatal, were reported to Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff during the past week. E. H. Baker of Dee, was the victim of a railroad train at Dee and there were more accidents in railroad work than in any other.

Grape growers about Hermiston are all rejoicing. The crop there has always been a good one, but this year it promises to even beat anything yet. Flame Tokays, Muscats, Thompson Seeding, Worden and Concord vines are all carrying every pound possible of fine big bunches.

That there is a strong sentiment in Roseburg toward bonding the city for \$500,000 to aid the construction of a railroad to the coast is shown by the fact that 750 voters signed the initiative petitions authorizing an election on the proposed amendment. Only 150 signatures were required.

With about 20 orchardists of the valley as members, the Hood River Fruitgrowers' Exchange has been formally organized and papers of incorporation have been sent for filing to the secretary of state. A contract of affiliation has been signed with the Northwestern Fruit Exchange, of Portland.

Grasshoppers are playing havoc with the crops at the farm of the state insane asylum. Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent, has reported to the state board of control that the pests virtually have destroyed the potato crop and that they are damaging other crops. He says the insects are of the Kansas variety.



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