

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Events Occurring Throughout the State During the Past Week.

Fatal Landslide for Most Measures.
Salem.—The terrible walloping the voters of the state gave all but four of the measures on the ballot at the recent general election is emphasized by the receipt of additional election returns during the last week.

None of the defeated measures came within 12,000 votes of getting through, while the majority against a number of them runs over 100,000 votes. The assembly bill heads the list with a majority against it of 124,398.

Complete returns have been received from all but Malheur and Wheeler counties. They show that every county but Clatsop gave a majority in favor of prohibition. Clatsop voted wet by 54 votes. The total majority in favor of prohibition has now climbed to 87,331.

The other three measures that carried are the one requiring full citizenship of all voters, providing for city consolidation and abolishing the death penalty.

Cattle Edict Issued.

Salem.—Governor West has issued a proclamation preventing the importation into this state of cattle from states where the foot and mouth disease is prevalent. The proclamation fixes other restrictions designed to safeguard the cattle of Oregon.

While the state is so far free of the disease, leading cattle dealers fear it may get a foothold here and a committee representing livestock interests from Portland called upon the governor and urged him to issue the proclamation.

Dr. Withycombe Has Big Lead.

Salem.—Complete returns from every county in the state show that Dr. James Withycombe, republican, was elected governor of Oregon by a plurality of 25,640 over Dr. C. J. Smith, democrat, and that George E. Chamberlain, democrat, was elected United States senator by a plurality of approximately 23,000 votes over R. A. Booth, republican.

These figures are official from 24 counties, but unofficial, although complete, from the remaining counties.

WOMAN DEFIES OFFICERS

Linn County Woman Refuses to Submit to Arrest; Makes Long Stand.

Albany.—As a sequel to a divorce suit, Mrs. Vada Grier shot and probably fatally wounded her husband, Frank Grier, with a 22 caliber rifle at the barn on the Grier farm, one mile west of Mill City. The bullet lodged in the abdomen. According to the latest report, Grier is between life and death at the Mill City hospital. Mrs. Grier made no attempt to get away, but when officers arrived at the house she met them at the door with the gun in her hand, and refused to submit to arrest.

The shooting was the result of a quarrel between the husband and wife, when the former went to his home, in company with S. G. Wilson, to get a load of hay. Mrs. Grier, who has been living at the house alone since she filed divorce proceedings a while ago, resented the intrusion and attempted to stop the men. They disregarded her threats. She procured the gun and, seeing that her husband evidently intended to carry out his purpose, shot him.

Then, it is reported, she ordered the other man off the place at the point of the gun.

Emergency Board Creates Deficiency.

Salem.—The state emergency board authorized the creating of a deficiency of \$7000 to finance the printing plant until the first of the year and \$9000 to take care of inmates of the Boys' and Girls' Aid, St. Mary's Home, Babies' Home, Albertina Kerr nursery, St. Agnes Home and Christie Home, all of Portland, where orphans and foundlings are sheltered. The amount is for the present quarter, as well as for a part of the third quarter of the year.

Asylum Increase Needed.

Salem.—The state board of control has decided to recommend to the legislature that it appropriate \$314,950 for the eastern Oregon Insane Asylum for the next two years. It is an increase of \$30,121 over the appropriation by the last legislature, and is declared necessary because of the increasing population of the institution and the higher cost of living.

Mayor of Florence Has Been Recalled

Florence.—The first recall election ever held in Florence resulted in the recall of Mayor Evans. A surprisingly heavy vote was passed in spite of the stormy weather. The vote in favor of the recall 95, and 78 against, and in the balloting for Mayor C. B. Morey received 104 and M. Evans 73.

GERMANS RESIST RUSSIAN INVASION

Russia Claims to Be Making Some Progress Despite Enemy's Defense.

Petrograd.—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters:

"On the East Prussian front, at Stalluponen, around Angerburg and near Johannisburg, our troops are making a successful progress in the fighting. The action continues in the region of Soldau and Heldenburg, where we have progressed, notwithstanding the desperate resistance of the enemy.

"On the left bank of the Vistula the battle proceeds, developing along a front from Plock (Poland) to the river Warta. On the front between Kalisz and Wleian the enemy has withdrawn. In the neighborhood of Czenstochowa and toward the south the enemy has attempted an offensive, but this has failed.

Berlin (By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—The confidence of the local authorities in the ability of the German forces to hold back the Russians is again indicated by the declaration of the president of the province of Posen that the danger of a Russian invasion is not present so far as it is humanly possible to judge.

Professor Bryan to Head Federation.

Washington.—Officers of the American Federation of Agricultural Colleges and experiment stations were elected here as follows:

President, E. A. Bryan, Washington State College; vice-president, J. H. Worst, of North Dakota; T. F. Hunt, of California; C. D. Woods, of Maine; P. H. Rolfs, of Florida; C. A. Lary, of Colorado.

GERMANS DECORATE ENEMY

British Receives Iron Cross for Humanity and Bravery.

London.—A Paris dispatch to the Central News says:

"During the recent fighting the German troops, after a fierce charge, retreated, carrying all the wounded except one man. A British officer who went out to bring in the wounded soldier was himself wounded, but managed to drag the German soldier to shelter, where later both were picked up by a German ambulance.

"As a reward for his bravery and humanity the British officer received the Iron Cross from the German commanding officer. He was sent back to his own trenches, where he was recommended for the Victoria Cross, but succumbed to his wounds."

Villa Ready for Exile, Says Report.

San Antonio, Tex.—Enrique C. Llorente, special representative to Washington from the Aguas Calientes convention, is authorized to say that General Villa is ready to comply with the terms of General Carranza imposed that he (Carranza) would retire if Villa would resign and leave Mexico. A message received from Eagle Pass says:

"General Villa will accept the condition," Llorente is quoted as saying, "in good faith if Carranza is in earnest, and that he is prepared to retire from command of his troops at once and leave Mexico."

CASUALTIES GREAT IN GERMAN ATTACKS

Paris.—An excellent impression was created here by official communication announcing that the German troops had been driven to the right bank of the Yser Canal after they had resisted for several days all efforts to dislodge them from the left bank.

It is officially announced that the German attack in the vicinity of Ypres with powerful compact bodies of men, who displayed great energy in pushing home their futile attempts, resulted in great casualties among them. Their ineffectual attempts to break the allies' resistance, according to an official announcement, cost them thousands of casualties, as well as many men made prisoners.

One detachment of 120 Germans captured is declared to have been all that remained of 1000 men.

All the efforts made by the Germans during the last several days have resulted only in the capture of the ruined village of Dixmude, whose isolated position on the right bank of the canal rendered its defense difficult.

Snow Ankle Deep in Flanders.

London.—The armies of the allies and of Germany remain deadlocked in West Flanders along the battle line where the snow is ankle deep with the prospect of further intermittent artillery duels and infantry clashes which for more than a month have been swinging back and forth without definite result.

NATIONAL RESERVE BANKS NOW OPEN

New Currency System Designed to Provide Elastic Circulating Medium.

Washington.—With the opening of the 12 federal reserve banks Monday the nation will begin actual operation of its new currency system, designed to provide an elastic circulating medium based on modern ideas of finance and economics.

The new system is generally conceded to be a compromise between a central bank and the present system with its thousands of units, scattered reserves and fixed limits of currency. Its chief attraction and value those who interpret it find in the elasticity it will give to recognized paper currency.

Under the new system the federal reserve notes, which, in time, probably will entirely replace the national bank notes, now so familiar, will be issued on commercial paper arising out of actual business transactions. It seems plain that they will rise and fall in amount as the tides of business rise and fall and that there will be no plethora of money to lie idle. They will be obligations of the United States government, which national bank notes are not, and will have back of them a large reserve of gold in the regional banks. Through them the reserve banks are expected to come to the aid of any needy member bank which has plenty of good paper but needs cash.

Prohibition in Russia

Petrograd.—Thousands of men, women and children have stood since 4 o'clock Sunday morning in a driving snow storm before the doors of the liquor shops on this, the last day on which it is possible to purchase tight wine and beer under the prohibition act of the Russian government, which on Monday becomes absolute.

PLAN TO EVACUATE VERA CRUZ NOV. 23

Washington.—While awaiting official confirmation of the report from Mexico that a truce had been arranged by leaders of the Carranza and Aguas Calientes claimants to control of the central government, the Washington government allowed its order to General Funston to stand and Vera Cruz will be returned to Mexican control November 23, unless some radical change in the situation there prevents.

Although Secretary Bryan declined to say to whom General Funston would surrender custody of Vera Cruz, it is believed his instructions are to turn the city over to whatever de facto authorities appear to receive it. It is not the intention of the Washington government to recognize any faction in Mexico through this transfer.

Assurances have been received both from General Carranza and from the Aguas Calientes convention authorities that the guarantees required by the United States would be forthcoming and Washington officials feel that their responsibility ends there.

Carranza Offers to Leave.

Mexico City.—General Obregon received a dispatch from Cordoba saying that General Carranza had made an offer to General Eulalio Gutierrez to turn over the military forces to General Gonzalez and leave for Havana to arrive there not later than November 25, if General Villa would turn over his command to General Gutierrez and be in Havana the same date.

GREAT BRITAIN TAKES ACTION

Premier Asks \$1,125,000,000 and Million More Soldiers.

London.—Great Britain set herself for a long war and a determined campaign against Germany when the house of commons voted unanimously for the additional war credit of \$1,125,000,000 asked by Premier Asquith.

The measure also carries provision for an additional army of 1,000,000 men, which also was voted unanimously.

The prime minister characterized the crisis as "the greatest emergency in which the country ever has been placed." He said 1,200,000 men already were under arms; that the war was costing nearly 5,000,000 a day and that the government proposed to lend Belgium \$50,000,000 and Serbia \$4,000,000 without interest, until the end of the war.

Suffrage Convention Ends.

Nashville, Tenn.—The 46th annual convention of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, in session here, closed with an apparent truce established between the opposing elements of the organization. J. C. Shaw was proposed for president.

DOWN IN A SUBMARINE.

How It Feels Traveling Beneath the Surface of the Sea.

What does it feel like to take a trip in a submarine boat—to be carried far below the surface of the ocean in one of those silent, invisible destroyers of the deep?

The following is the account given by an English official after an inspection trip on one of the submarines of the British navy:

"The captain was peering through a port, specially constructed so as to keep clear of spray. Suddenly he bent forward. He pulled one of the brass levers. There came a quick hissing roar as the water rushed into the ballast tanks. An indicator marked the quantity taken in, and then—and then we could feel a strange, heavy, waterlogged motion coming over the boat. Now the surface of the sea was on a level with our eyes. The boat gave a little lurch forward. The rushing noise ceased. There came absolute, mysterious silence. There came a downward gliding sensation. The interior of the boat was plunged into darkness, a blackness to be felt. We could feel rather than hear the throbbing of the great, steady electric motor.

"As the room was flooded with electric light the captain said in a voice which echoed throughout the steel hull, 'I am now going to give you an idea of what submarine warfare would be like.'

"In a moment we could feel that the vessel was traveling at a slight upward angle. Then in a flash the whole surface came into view, the sun shining on the waves, and in the distance the dark hull of a ship outlined against the sky.

"Down again to fifteen feet, gradually creeping closer to our imaginary foe. Looking over a small white table, on which the picture of the surface was cast by the optic tube, the minutes seemed to pass like hours. Then the hand of the commander, which had been resting nervously on one of the indicators, was sharply drawn forward. An instant's suspense—and nothing but an ominous click as the torpedo sped from its tube.

"The atmosphere grew hotter and hotter as we once more sank to lower depths. The air became more and more vitiated, and at last we were gasping for breath. The captain quietly smiled across at us and advised us not to take long breaths, but to breathe quickly. At once we felt relief and began to get accustomed to what we had at first thought was bad air, but which was air artificially made and poured into the room for our consumption.

"Then at last came the signal, the tilt and the quick rush upward once more, the changing color of the water as we gazed at it through the port holes, the flash of the surface line across our eyes. The manhole was thrown open, and a wave of fresh air rushed in upon us."

Stellar Distances.

An English writer has amused himself in figuring on the price of a journey to the nearest star. Assuming that it would be possible to travel at a speed of 500 miles an hour and that the fare would be as low as 2 cents a hundred miles, he figures that the traveler would have to pay \$5,500,000 for his ticket and that he would reach his destination in 5,839,440 years. If the traveler, however, could take passage on a ray of light he could make his journey in four and one-quarter years. At that rapid rate he could reach the moon in a second and a quarter, the sun in eight minutes and Neptune in four years.

Overdoing It.

Mr. B., who was dining out, had done lavish justice to the good things before him. By way of a graceful apology he remarked with a beaming smile directed toward his hostess: "I've always heard, ma'am, that the highest compliment one can pay the housekeeper is to eat heartily. You observe that I have been exceedingly polite."

"Thank you, Mr. B.," smiled back the hostess. "Indeed, I think that you have carried politeness to the point of flattery."—New York Evening Post.

An Ancient City.

Rhodes still survives, a medieval city in all its defensive war gear of tower and curtain and keep. It is the city which the Knights of St. John erected in the midst of the Byzantines after they had been driven out of Jerusalem in the early fourteenth century. Probably few travelers realize how well preserved the tremendous fortifications and dwellings are.

Not a Matter of Locality.

The Flatterer.—But don't you think your son is wasting his talents in this little burg? The Magnate (caustically).—Of course he is, but he might as well waste them here as somewhere else.—Life.

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