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NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

German submarines sink two British ships in the English channel.

'Drys' succeed in voting out 100 saloons in Illinois at the recent election.

Butte, Mont., ousts its entire Socialist set of officers and elects Democrats.

Twenty-seven Terre Haute, Ind., officials are convicted of election frauds.

Chicago elects an entire Republican ticket, including mayor, the first in many years.

The steam schooner Speedwell is stranded on the spit off the Oregon coast near Bandon.

An Italian senator declares that unless all nations disarm anarchy will prevail universally.

An Austro-German force capture 7500 Russians of a mountain line on the Hungarian border.

Dr. Jordan, president of Stanford University, predicts that the European war will end this summer in a "draw."

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first provisional president of China, is accused of plotting another revolution in that country.

Carranza troops are reported to have expelled six nuns from a convent near Vera Cruz, compelling them to leave in the garb of peasants.

French government declares that the "ammunition crisis" is past and the allies, including Serbia and Belgium, will have all the shells they need.

The Willard-Johnson fight films are barred from the United States by a Federal statute, which expressly forbids interstate transportation of fight films.

A motorcycleist in Portland, losing control of his machine, jumps the street curbing, runs 20 feet over a lawn and lands through the window into a parlor.

At the government investigation of Pullman porters' salaries, it is shown that they receive \$27.50 per month, but the "tips" exacted from the traveling public amount to an average of \$75 per month.

Rear Admiral Peary, United States navy, retired, celebrated the sixth anniversary of his attainment of the North Pole by giving an "Alaska dinner" in honor of Secretary Redfield, of the department of Commerce.

A Zeppelin balloon appeared over Dunkirk Wednesday night, coming from the direction of the sea. The dirigible apparently intended to bombard the shipping in the harbor, but being sighted by the torpedo boats retreated to the German lines.

Jeremiah W. Robinson was elected Mayor of Boise, Idaho, in opposition to Mayor Arthur Hodges. There was a light vote. Mr. Robinson is a Democrat, but the election was non-partisan. He was a candidate for the position of director of the mint.

The arrival at San Remo of the American ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, occasioned the rumor that he had gone to Italy to meet foreign diplomats for the discussion of peace negotiations. The ambassador, however, denied that his presence was in any way connected with the international situation. He explained that he was seeking a few days' rest.

Villa and Zapata have agreed to the neutrality of Mexico City, but the consent of Carranza is lacking.

A rate expert declares some of the railroads asking for rate increases are already accumulating a surplus.

The United States begins an investigation into the death of an American on a torpedoed British liner.

Ten thousand men returned to work in the steel mills and factories of Chicago Heights, a suburb of Chicago.

An anarchist on trial for placing bombs in a New York church declared that a detective forced him to do the work and directed it.

A man arrested for vagrancy in San Francisco had \$5000 in bills in his pocket and proved himself to be the owner of buildings worth \$200,000.

The Ruskay Slovo, of Petrograd, prints a note intimating that the Russian government has been approached through neutral channels with overtures from Austria for a separate peace without Germany's knowledge.

German prisoners of war in French camps receive the same rations as their French guards, with the exception of a little less meat, and are in good spirits and well satisfied with their treatment. They all believe Germany is bound to win.

Coast artillery companies at Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, made from 90 to 100 per cent at ranges of 7000 yards, approximately four miles.

A writer in the London Daily Mail declares that dogs of the German dachshund variety are being treated shamefully in England, out of pure prejudice.

An Austrian steamer loaded with arms and ammunition, on its way from Semlin to Panosova, both ports on the Danube river, struck a mine in the river and was blown up. Serbian artillery completed the destruction of the ship and cargo.

Right of Embargo Not Admitted by United States

Washington, D. C.—The United States government has made public its note to Great Britain announcing that it could not "admit" either the right of the allies or their assertion for justification in placing an embargo on all commercial intercourse between Germany and neutral countries.

"To admit it," says the communication, "would be to assume an attitude of unequity toward the present enemies of Great Britain, which would be obviously inconsistent with the solemn obligations of this government in the present circumstances, and for Great Britain to make such a claim would be for her to abandon and set at naught the principles for which she has consistently and earnestly contended in other times and circumstances."

The note reviews at length the legal phases of a blockade of belligerent territory and virtual blockade of neutral coasts.

In conclusion the United States asserts its expectation that Great Britain "after having considered" the possibilities of "serious interruption of American trade under the Order-in-Council," will take steps to avoid them and in the event that they should unhappily occur, which under the rules of international law constitutes a violation of neutral rights.

The American communication interprets the circumstances under which Great Britain pretends to be justified in adopting retaliatory measures toward her enemies as "merely a reason for certain extraordinary activities" by her naval force "and not an excuse for or a prelude to any unlawful action."

WILLARD WINS WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP FROM BLACK

Havana—Jack Johnson, exiled from his own country, Monday lost his claim to fistic fame as the heavyweight champion of the world, the title being wrested from him by Jess Willard, the Kansas cowboy, the biggest man who ever entered the prize ring.

Monday's fight probably has no parallel in the history of ring battles. For 20 rounds Johnson punched and pounded Willard at will, but his blows grew perceptibly less powerful as the fight progressed, until at last he seemed unable or unwilling to go on. Johnson stopped leading, and for three or four rounds the battle between the two huge men was little more than a series of plastic poses of white and black gladiator.

So it was until the 25th round, when Willard got one of his widely swinging windmill right-hand smashes to Johnson's heart. This was the beginning of the end.

When the round closed Johnson sent word to his wife that he was all in, and told her to start for home. She was on the way out and was passing the ring in the 26th round when a stinging left to the body and a cyclonic right to the jaw caused Johnson to crumple on the floor of the ring, where he lay partly outside the ropes until the referee counted 10 and held up Willard's hand in token of his newly-won laurels.

Pullman Car Porters' Pay Only \$27.50 Month

Chicago—The first government inquiry into wages and conditions and employment of sleeping car porters and conductors was made here Tuesday by the United States commission on industrial relations. L. S. Hungerford, general manager of the Pullman company, was on the stand most of the day and was questioned by Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the commission.

In the first 15 years of the sleeping porter's service, Hungerford said, he is paid \$27.50 a month. At the end of 15 years he, like other service employees, automatically received an advance of 5 per cent, which makes his pay \$28.87 a month. In the first 10 years of service he buys his own uniforms, but thereafter the company takes on this burden. A bonus system gives men with good records an extra month's pay for the year.

Mr. Walsh then brought up the subject of tips.

"Do you expect the public to pay the difference between these wages and a living wage?" he asked the witness.

"No, sir, I don't think that was considered," the latter replied. "You thought them satisfied with these salaries?"

"No, I wouldn't say that; we received no expressions of dissatisfaction regarding them," replied Mr. Hungerford.

Germans Sink Italian Ship.

Genoa, Italy—A German submarine has sunk the Italian steamer Luigi Parodi, which left Baltimore January 22 with a cargo of coal for Genoa, according to word received here Tuesday. The report has caused a profound impression here, and there are many expressions of resentment. Great excitement prevails and the authorities have taken strong measures to protect the German colony and German ships from reprisals. Nothing is known as to the fate of the crew of the Luigi Parodi, which was entirely of Genoese.

Suit Against T. R. Is Set.

Syracuse, N. Y.—By agreement of counsel for both sides, the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by William Barnes, of Albany, against ex-President Roosevelt, has been set down for April 19. The action will have precedence over all other cases on the calendar.

New Line From Grants Pass to Ocean Assured

Completion of the California & Oregon Coast railroad from Grants Pass to Crescent City, Cal., at a cost approximately \$5,000,000, was assured this week when Twoby Bros., railroad contractors of Portland, arranged with the city officials of Grants Pass to finance the project and perform the work.

The people of Grants Pass already have bonded themselves for \$200,000 to pay for the first 10 miles of the work. This portion of the road, from Grants Pass to Wilderville, has been built. The remaining portion, from Wilderville to Crescent City, is approximately 81 miles long. It is estimated that the work can be completed this summer. Twoby Bros. are prepared to put a large force of men to work there within the next few weeks.

The road is bonded for \$5,000,000 and it is understood that Twoby Bros. have made adequate arrangement for disposing of the bonds, as a means of financing the project. It is reported that Canadian and European capitalists have agreed to take some of the securities, which, on account of the glowing reports regarding the territory to be served by the new road, are expected to sell at a high figure.

"We hope to complete arrangements and carry the work to a successful conclusion within a very short time," said James F. Twoby, a member of the firm.

The new road will be an important factor in the future development of Grants Pass and all the territory in the southwestern corner of the state. It will open up a rich section heretofore undeveloped and will give Grants Pass and the southern part of the state an easy outlet to the sea.

More significant than these facts, however, is the possibility that the new road will become a future link in through traffic between Portland and San Francisco. For this reason, it is believed that the road eventually will pass into the hands of the Southern Pacific company. Twoby Bros., it is understood, are acting for the Southern Pacific. They have done much in the past and are not apt to engage in railroad operation themselves.

When the road is completed to Grants Pass a link of only 75 miles between Crescent City and Trinidad, Cal., will remain to be built to give the Southern Pacific a new through line between Grants Pass and San Francisco.

Test Cooking Qualities of Various Kinds of Apples

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Knowledge of the cooking value of standard varieties of apples on the part of housewives and other persons that prepare this fruit for table use has long been considered by Professor C. I. Lewis, chief of the division of horticulture at the college, an important part of a satisfactory market system. "Buyers of apples for home use should learn the qualities of the leading Oregon varieties and then call by name for the variety they want," Professor Lewis said several years ago. And he has kept on saying it until the truth of the proposition has been generally recognized and is now beginning to be acted upon in a systematic attempt to cultivate a more intelligent and stable demand for good apples.

In carrying out this policy of learning the fruit and its qualities, a series of experiments to determine the cooking qualities of 71 varieties of apples grown in Oregon the Home economics department of the college has made and reported an exhaustive test. The test includes the cooking qualities of these varieties used as sauce, pies, dumplings, marmalade and jelly. The fruit was judged on the basis of color, flavor and texture of sauce, flavor, way cooked, and tenderness of pies and dumplings, and flavor, texture, color, clearness and surface of jells. In sauce and marmalade 50 points were allowed

for flavor and 25 each for texture and color. For pies and dumplings, 65 points were given for perfect flavor, 20 for way cooked and 15 for tenderness. In jells texture and flavor were given 35 points each for perfect score with 15 for color, 10 for clearness and 5 for surface.

Judging was done by a number of college experts who were unaware of the varieties as they judged them, so that no prejudice entered into their verdict.

By this means satisfactory knowledge of the qualities of all varieties tested was reached, and this information is now offered the people of Oregon who are interested in this subject in a bulletin just prepared. The bulletin should not only prove to be a reliable guide in the purchase of apples for home cooking, but it will also have considerable value for the dealers and growers. Copies may be had on application to the college.

Hard-surfacing of County Highway Is Planned

Forest Grove—The Forest Grove commercial club held another luncheon Thursday, at which there were present 100 business men of the community and farmers living in the vicinity. The subject for discussion was "Better Roads for Washington County." D. B. Reasoner, judge of the county court, and Rodell Matteson, county commissioner, were guests.

The project which is being pushed by the Commercial club of Forest Grove and the farmers of Gales Creek and Thatcher vicinity is hard-surfacing of the main thoroughfare leading from Gales Creek into Forest Grove, and the county court is co-operating to obtain some state aid. A committee of five was appointed to co-operate with the Commercial club and the county court in an effort to procure assistance from the State highway commission, and subscriptions to the funds available for the improvement.

Incidentally the membership of the Commercial club was increased 100.

Cows Supplant Babies.

Eugene, Or.—Babies must give way to cows at the 1915 Lane County Fair. The fair board has abolished the eugenics department of the county fair and substituted additional prizes for the dairy department.

"Lane county is a dairy county, and will become more so within the next few years," said a member of the fair board. "The board aims to do all possible to encourage the production of better cattle. We thought it better to put the money into stock than into babies."

Cleanup Day for Dogs.

Baker—Baker will have a cleanup day for dogs, April 12, following the civic beauty cleanup two days earlier. Mayor Palmer says that there are at least 200 worthless canines on the streets and that the danger of rabies is great because of them. The plan is to have the official dog catcher capture every animal that has not a license tag or muzzle.

Grain Fields In Good Condition.

Union—Heavy rains in the valley and snow in the nearby mountains have brought the moisture to about the usual condition for this season of the year. Cloudy skies and south winds promise more rain. The ground has been too wet for cultivating and seeding is delayed. Most of the spring seeding is in and grain is in good condition.

WOMEN'S MEETING ENDS IN RIOTING

Theater's Steel Curtain Drops On Turbulent Scene.

Hisses and Jeers End Convention of Feminine Politicians in Chicago Playhouse.

Chicago—A demonstration approaching a riot in its uproar and disorder marked a woman's political meeting Saturday and was brought to an end only when managers of the theater in which the meeting was held dropped the steel curtain and some spectators sent a riot call for the police.

The meeting was called by Miss Marion Drake, who a year ago was the Progressive candidate for Alderman of the First ward and decisively beaten by John ("Bathhouse") Coghlan. Miss Drake had organized the "Can't Stand for Thompson" club, and until she declared herself for Seymour Steadman, the Socialist candidate for mayor, she was believed to have favored Robert Sweitzer, the Democratic candidate, as against William Hale Thompson, the Republican.

As a Sweitzer supporter, Miss Drake would have been aligned with Coghlan, his colleague Michael ("Hinky Dink") Kenna and other politicians, whom she had attacked in her campaign a year ago.

Woman supporters of Thompson intimated Miss Drake had formed such an alliance and the meeting, either by chance or design, was well filled with those antagonistic to Miss Drake.

When Miss Drake rose to introduce Sweitzer, the outbreak began. "Where's Thompson? Get a man. We want to hear the man," were the calls as men and women throughout the theater rose to their feet and these were followed by less polite exclamations, including a prolonged request for some one to "get the book."

The curtain dropped as a score of volunteer speakers began haranguing for their particular candidate from a score of locations in the big hall. Flat fists were narrowly averted and the police ejected several persons from the theater. Extra police were called to quell the disturbance, which extended to the street, where several hundred persons gathered, attracted by the disturbances inside.

The disturbance began when Miss Drake, who was chairman of the meeting, appeared. As she attempted to speak her voice was drowned by hisses and jeers.

Great Britain Prepares for Absolute Prohibition

London—If prohibition of the sale of liquor in Great Britain comes, as it is believed it may in a few days, it will be the biggest shock ever felt in this country—there can be no two opinions about that. The Norman conquest, and York-Lancaster civil war and the drastic dictatorship of Cromwell will bear no comparison to it, and this statement is made seriously. Britons place much stress on their personal rights, even in war time.

The sudden shutting off of the sale of drink is certain to be dramatic. It is likely that it will be done at night by the police and the inland revenue officers, as happened in Russia at the beginning of the war.

The general opinion among the Britons is that such a method might do for the simple Slavs, but would not "go" here in England. It is not likely, however, that the saloonkeepers of Britain will be caught napping. The rolling of distant thunder presaging a storm has been heard, and like the wily Bedouins worrying the Suez canal, the massed formation of bottles is being rapidly split into smaller contingents and these are again divided into single units fleeing from the wrath to come.

Morgan Art To Go.

New York—The great art collection of J. P. Morgan, the value of which has been estimated at upward of \$45,000,000, except that portion of it now in the Morgan library, will be sold, it was reported here. The Morgan library, in East Thirty-sixth street, erected by the late financier to shelter his collection of literature treasures, it is said, will be retained by his son as a memorial to his father. Under these conditions, an inheritance tax will be collected by the state on both the art collection and the library.

Labor Seeks End of War.

New York—A conference of international labor leaders will be held in this city on April 15 to choose delegates to an international congress of labor to devise ways and means of bringing the European war to an end. The congress will be held in a European city. If the congress comes to the conclusion that peaceable and diplomatic methods would not be available for ending the war, the advisability of an international strike of trades unionists of the world, especially those of Europe, will be acted on.

Educator To Go To War.

Moscow, Idaho—Dr. James Maclean, ex-president of the University of Idaho, now of the University of Winnipeg, has been called to the colors, and will leave with the next regiment of volunteers. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war and had been drilling at Winnipeg. He resigned a year ago. His wife was a Moscow girl.

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