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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.

Colonel Alden J. Blethen, owner of the Seattle Times, is dangerously ill. Degrees are bestowed on 254 students at Oregon Agricultural college. The Seventh Annual Rose Festival was formally opened at Portland Wednesday.

German submarines have sunk six more merchant ships, among them being a Norwegian steamer.

A delegation of Chinese merchants, touring this country, will visit important cities in the Northwest.

Canadian miners at Fernie, B. C., refuse to work with alien labor, which includes Germans and Austrians.

Secretary Bryan, who has resigned his post in the cabinet, is said will take the stump for the furtherance of his peace ideas.

Many cattle in the vicinity of Baker, Ore., have died mysteriously recently, and the commissioners of that county are investigating the cause.

Portland has \$400,000 fire which sweeps clean five blocks, including box factory, lumber yard, freight house, box cars and many other buildings.

Counsellor Robert Lansing, of the State department, is now acting secretary of state, and it is said no new cabinet member will be appointed for several months.

Nine miles off the coast of Newport, Ore., has become a Gretna Green, two couples having been married on a launch that far from shore. The last couple, a man 60 takes bride of 54.

Premier Asquith announces in the house of commons that the British government is considering the initiation of a national insurance scheme to cover the losses inflicted by German aircraft.

Officers of the Washington State Referendum league say that the campaign to obtain voters' signatures to referendum petitions against seven bills passed by the state legislature has been successful.

W. J. Taylor and R. J. Lewis, of Vancouver, B. C., who were accused of selling Oregon lands which did not belong to them, were convicted of fraud and sentenced to two years and 18 months' imprisonment respectively.

Extension of the German empire beyond the old frontiers, to "secure it against future attack," was predicted by King Ludwig of Bavaria, in an address before the Canal League, according to a telegram from Munich.

The recent attempt of two militant suffragists to force an interview with President Wilson was condemned at the concluding session of the mid-year conference of the American Woman Suffrage association in Chicago Wednesday.

Mrs. Minna Mollman, of St. Louis, has three sons. One, Fred W., has taken his seat as mayor of East St. Louis. Another, Julius, has been elected mayor of Mascoutah, Ill. The third was defeated by a slight margin in a mayoralty election in St. Clair county, Mo.

German submarines sink two Welsh trawlers in English channel, but first rescue the crews.

More than 400 men will compete in the civil service examinations for the position of policeman in Portland.

David Lloyd George tells England a better supply of war munitions must be maintained, or defeat may result.

The Austro-German army has retaken Przemyel from the Russians in one of the bloodiest battles of history.

Dr. David Starr Jordan, the noted educator, speaking before the General Federation of Women's Clubs, scolds the war idea which is prevalent in this country.

A British submarine operating in the Sea of Marmora torpedoed and sank a large German transport in Panderna Bay Friday. This announcement was given out officially in London as having been received from the vice admiral in command at the Dardanelles. It is said also this submarine was one of several operating in these waters.

The Italian premier declares that Austria in 1913 decided to provoke a war.

According to a Berlin telegram the 16-year-old Countess Helene Duxbury has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for publicly insulting a German officer.

President Wilson drafts a note, brief and pointed, to be sent to Germany, asking a definite question—whether the imperial government intends to be guided in the future by the humane principles embodied in international law for the conduct of maritime warfare.

OREGON NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

\$776,911 Insurance Paid.

Salem—With \$1,282,701.05 received in net premiums by 51 casualty and other accident insurance companies in Oregon, the companies paid in losses \$776,911.60 last year, according to a report of State Insurance Commissioner Wells. The loss on liability insurance was \$463,848.08 and the net premiums were \$655,912.53.

Figures for the last year show that the total net profits of the domestic mutual fire insurance companies amounted to \$44,231.02. The aggregate income was \$421,018.94, while the expenditures were \$375,218.70. The net amount of risks carried by 11 companies December 31, 1914, was \$70,568,958.36. The aggregate amount of cash on hand and other admitted assets is given as \$412,454.75. Unpaid losses totaled \$49,702.89, while all other liabilities were \$31,647.21. The total unearned premiums were \$180,033.52.

Statements filed by life insurance companies show that the three domestic concerns at the close of 1914 had a total of \$13,624,642 insurance in force, distributed among 6363 policies. Domestic companies, according to the report, made substantial gains during the year, issuing a total of \$3,528,154 in new insurance, while \$1,785,063 in insurance was terminated. Claims paid, less reinsurance in admitted companies, totaled \$68,595.23. Premiums collected, less reinsurance in authorized companies, amounted to \$415,862.76.

Project Opening Asked.

Baker—Thirty-six thousand acres that have been tied up by a Carey land project in Pine valley, Baker county, are expected to be thrown open within a few months, if the United States Land department acts upon the request of those in that vicinity.

H. A. Clements, land commissioner, is in Baker awaiting the land inspector from Washington to take him to the tract, which is within a nine-mile radius of Halfway. Upon the report of the inspector will be decided whether the state will be aided in reclaiming the land or whether it shall be thrown open at once for settlement. The larger part of the tract, 34,000 acres, was filed on six years ago by an Eastern irrigation company, under the Carey act. After expending about \$7000 on the project the company decided last year that it could not carry the project to completion and the matter was put up to the state officials, who in turn appealed to the United States Reclamation service.

In addition to the 23,000 acres filed on by the Eastern concern, there are 15,000 acres which would be taken up if the larger tract was thrown open. Mr. Clements asserts that many families are waiting for government land.

Coos Bay Channel Dries Up.

Marshfield—The Port of Coos Bay recently expended several thousand dollars in opening the canal between Coos Bay and North Inlet landing and the job was contracted to be done so that three feet of water would be assured at mean low water. From the inlet proper to North Inlet landing is a distance of four miles, and this waterway had been the avenue over which all the railroad material used in the Beale Lake and Tennille region was routed. The Port Commission ordered a straightening of the channel between the bay and the inlet, a mile in distance.

The job had been finished but two weeks and at low water the newly-dug channel is dry for a distance of 500 feet in the middle of the cutoff. There is heavy traffic over the route and the port will order a new amount of dredging to maintain the desired three feet at low water, which would give service at any stage of tide.

Malheur Storm Freakish.

Baker—The champion freak storm of Malheur county was reported here Friday. A heavy rainfall and wind did heavy damage throughout the county, but the edge skirted the town of Malheur. With a heavy roar a hailstorm broke there and hailstones as big as bantam eggs raised welts all over the bodies of horses and cattle. The ground was soon covered with hail three inches deep. In some spots the sun shone through-out the pelting storm. Trees were also badly damaged.

Roseburg to Fix Road.

Roseburg—At a mass meeting of citizens held here action was taken to bring about an improvement of the road through Pass Creek canyon. Reports have reached this city that many automobile parties have been unable to pass through the canyon and were obliged to ship their machines south from Cottage Grove. The County court has promised to co-operate with the citizens and have the road improved at once; it probably will be passable within a week.

Forest Service Trail Work On.

Albany—Work has been begun on the government forest service trail and telephone line from Cascadia, on the South Santiam river, 45 miles southeast of Albany, over the divide to Quartzville. Twenty-three miles of this trail was constructed last summer and the remaining 12 miles will be built this year. The trail and telephone line are being constructed at the same time, it having been found more practicable to do the work in that manner.

750 Cows to Be Tested.

Soon more than half the cows supplying milk to the important cities of the Willamette valley and Southwest Oregon will have been tuberculin tested, according to information given out by State Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle. Mr. Mickle said that a total of 750 cows had been signed up and would be tested by a man to be put into the field immediately by State Veterinarian Lytle.

The cities where cows are to be tested are: Ashland, Medford, Grants Pass, Coquille, Roseburg, Eugene, Salem, Oregon City, Corvallis, Independence, Dallas, McMinnville, Forest Grove and Hillsboro. It is probable that some testing work will be done also at The Dalles, Hood River and Astoria.

Mr. Lytle plans to visit the different cities with an exhibit showing the benefits of the tuberculin test and also the results of tuberculosis on cows.

Alcohol Label Is Needed.

Candy which contains brandy and rum as a flavoring must be labeled, says J. D. Mickle, state food and dairy commissioner, in his answer to the complaint for injunction filed by H. R. Hoefler, an Astoria candy manufacturer. Mr. Mickle two weeks ago seized 47 boxes of Centennial chocolates, one of the Hoefler products, because they contained alcohol.

Last week Mr. Hoefler was granted a temporary injunction by Circuit Judge Davis, restraining Mr. Mickle from seizing any more of the chocolates. He declared the chocolates contained only 1.05 per cent alcohol. Mr. Mickle, in the answer which he filed in County Clerk Coffey's office, says a chemical analysis of the candy showed it contained a greater percentage than this.

Governor Finds Waste.

Salem—Governor Withycombe, who has just returned from Eastern Oregon, put his knowledge of agriculture to a practical use, when he discovered that the silos at the Eastern Oregon Insane Asylum were not managed properly. His discovery will save the state many times the cost of his trip.

"The asylum has two large silos," said the governor, "with capacities double that necessary for the present herd of 17 cows. As a result the management is not able to feed the ensilage fast enough, and a large part of it spoils. The spoiled ensilage should not be fed. I suggested that the herd either be doubled or that the amount of ensilage be greatly reduced."

Tillamook Cheese Industry Prospers.

Tillamook—Tillamook county produced 38,593,183 pounds of milk last year and manufactured 4,290,510 pounds of cheese, valued at \$654,374.36.

This, in a few words, is the record of the banner cheese section of Oregon and the Northwest. Notwithstanding fluctuations in the markets and uncertainties of free trade, Tillamook cheese held its own in price, the average being but a trifle below 1913, when it was 15.45 cents per pound, and last year it was 15.38 cents per pound.

The average price for butter fat was 38.32 cents for the year, and the average price for cheese for the past six years was 15.37 cents.

Horticultural Post Gone.

Salem—That an amendment passed by the recent legislature to the law creating the State Horticultural commission abolishes the office of commissioner-at-large and that the five districts will continue to be represented by a commissioner, was an opinion given recently by Attorney General Brown.

The terms of C. A. Park, Salem, and H. H. Witherspoon, Elgin, have expired and the State board will appoint their successors at the next meeting. J. W. Pomeroy, Seaside, will be re-appointed, and the terms of Dr. C. A. Macrum, Mosier, and A. C. Allen, Medford, have not expired.

Albany to Get New Plant.

Albany—A large fruit evaporator will be constructed in Albany this summer by Charles M. Miller, of Portland. Mr. Miller has leased a tract of ground in this city for that purpose, and it is probable that a large warehouse will be erected on the tract adjoining the freight tracks of the Oregon Electric. Mr. Miller expects to install special equipment for the manufacture of loganberry juice. He will establish a laboratory in connection with his evaporator for experimenting in the utilization of fruit and berries in by-products.

Railroad Is Incorporated.

Salem—The Roseburg & Eastern Railroad company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, filed articles of incorporation with Corporation Commissioner Schulderman. The company plans building a railroad from Roseburg eastward to the western boundary of Umpqua national forest and the Umpqua river.

Fair Representative Chosen.

Klamath Falls—Phillip P. Sinnott has been appointed to represent Klamath county at the San Francisco Fair. The representative who has been chosen thus far is not able to serve longer. The salary of the representative is paid from sums subscribed by local merchants, together with an appropriation made by the County court.

W. J. BRYAN QUILTS POST IN CABINET

President Wilson and Secretary Disagree Over Germany.

COMMONER'S PEACE VIEW DISCORDANT

Other Members Are Claimed to Have Threatened Retirement Unless Foreign Policy Was Firm.

Washington, D. C.—William Jennings Bryan, three times Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States and author of nearly 30 peace treaties with the principal nations of the world, resigned Tuesday as secretary of state as a dramatic sequel to his disagreement with President Wilson over the government's policy toward Germany.

The resignation was accepted by the President. The cabinet then approved the response which had been prepared to the German reply to the Lusitania note. Acting Secretary Robert Lansing signed the document and it was cabled to Berlin.

Secretary Bryan will return to private life. It was learned that he intends to continue his political support of the President.

Rather than sign the document which he believed might possibly draw the United States into war, Mr. Bryan submitted his resignation in a letter

declaring that "the issue involved is of such moment that to remain a member of the cabinet would be as unfair to you as it would be to the cause which is nearest my heart, namely, the prevention of war."

The President accepted the resignation in a letter of regret, tinged with deep personal feeling of affection. Dramatically the official relation of Mr. Bryan with the administration of the man whose nomination he assisted so materially in bringing about at the Baltimore convention of 1912 came to an end. It caused a sensation in the National capital scarcely paralleled in recent years.

Ambassadors, ministers and diplomats from foreign lands, officials of every rank and nation heard the news as it was flashed by newspaper extras. They interpreted variously its effect on the delicate situation that had arisen between Germany and the United States. The resignation of the staunchest advocate of peace in the President's official family spread broadcast the belief that the policy of the United States as definitely determined on would assert and defend the rights of the United States in any eventuality that might arise.

Originally, it was the intention of the President and Mr. Bryan to have the announcement of the resignation made simultaneously with the dispatch of the note to Germany, but when Mr. Bryan did not attend the cabinet meeting until President Wilson sent for him, rumors that the President had been unable to bring the Secretary of State to his point of view filled the air. Finally, the news became known and was confirmed.

Just when the subject was first broached between the President and Mr. Bryan is not definitely known but the fact that Mr. Bryan would resign was known to a small circle of officials as early as last Sunday. When the principles on which the note to Germany should be based were discussed Mr. Bryan found that he could not reconcile his own position with that of the administration.



Robert Lansing, Counsellor of State Department and Now Acting Secretary of State, Whose Signature Is Affixed to Note to Germany.

German Ambassador Tries to Avoid Breach of Peace With United States

Washington, D. C.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, Thursday called at the White House of his own volition and without instruction of any nature from his government. It is known that he had no authority to declare that there has been, or will be, a change in Germany's attitude toward submarine warfare.

He was actuated by a desire to put aside the formalities of diplomacy and take direct steps that might lead to a continuation of peace between the United States and Germany. In taking this position, Count von Bernstorff had before him the opportunity of pacifying another and powerful incipient antagonist of his native country. He took the one open chance, just as other noteworthy figures of history have done.

The ambassador told the President that he had been unable to communicate with his government in a satisfactory manner recently because of the conditions surrounding lines of transmission. He explained that "for this reason it had been impossible for him to tell the Kaiser plainly and frankly how anti-German feeling in this country had grown and of the apparent determination of the United States government to take extreme measures in support of the President's demands."

Noted Banker Dies. Berkeley, Cal.—Charles R. Bishop, vice president of the Bank of California, San Francisco, died here, aged 93. Bishop's career was an adventurous and romantic one and included his marriage to Bernice Pauahi Paki, a Hawaiian princess of royal blood, who, upon her death, left him custodian of a great fortune. For many years prior to annexation, Bishop was a commanding figure in the financial affairs of the Hawaiian nation. After the death of his royal wife, he came to California, more than 20 years ago.

Zeppelin Wires Words to Aviators. Berlin—Count Ferdinand Zeppelin has sent the following telegram to the German Aviation league, which is holding its seventh convention here: "Sincerest thanks for the greetings of the Aviation League, which has caused a deep impression on the day on which the new creation brought into existence by me in the field of aerial science has brilliantly proved its worth." Emperor William has also telegraphed his thanks.

Election Workers Riot. Los Angeles, Cal.—Clamoring for their pay as election workers at the polls Thursday, a mob of more than 1000 men and women stormed the headquarters of the Business Men's committee. After waiting several hours in front of the closed offices they paraded to police headquarters, where their statements were taken.

The workers say they were employed in the interests of Frederick J. Whiffen, who was defeated by Charles E. Sebastian for mayor in the recent city election.

Gypsies Hold Weird Rites. Denver—Gypsies from all over the West participated in weird rites here Thursday at the burial of Marie Adams, 93, "Queen" of one of the wealthiest nomadic tribes in the United States. Mrs. Adams died May 27 at San Bernardino, Cal., after delegating her power to Alex. Adams, the oldest of her two sons. The gypsy queen was reputed to be worth \$1,000,000. She had \$80,000 on deposit in banks of Denver and suburban towns.

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