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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.

A dividend from Coeur d'Alene mines amounting to \$6,899,879 has been declared.

Judge Willis S. Knowles, of Rhode Island, is shot from ambush in his home in that state.

Italy has declared cotton contraband of war, a Rome dispatch to the Havas News Agency announces.

An earthquake in Central America has destroyed Jutiapa. The city had a population of about 12,000.

Three jailbreakers at Pendleton, Ore., were captured by the sheriff, who was soon on their trail.

A British squadron bombarded all the positions along the Belgian coast as far as Ostend Wednesday.

Rear Admiral William F. Fullam, superintendent of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, has been removed.

Hundreds are in peril by floods in Kansas because of torrential rains. Many persons have taken refuge in trees and on house-tops.

General Funston has taken control of the border line in the entire Rio Grande country because of the raids made there by the Mexican brigands.

Major General Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, and who is visiting Pacific Coast cities, was elaborately entertained by the Panama-Pacific officials.

M. Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador in this country, has admitted inciting strikes in munitions plants and his conduct has caused anxiety among diplomats both here and abroad.

Wm. M. Johnston, a San Francisco youth, has won the national tennis championship for his Maurice E. McLoughlin, also of the same city. The tournament was held at Forest Hills, N. Y.

A dispatch from Berlin says: "The autumn floods already have started all along the Eastern front. The rivers everywhere are overflowing their banks and the German advance has been checked."

An unskilled laborer with a family of five, living in New York City, cannot maintain for his family a standard of living consistent with American ideas on a wage of less than \$840 a year, according to a report of the bureau of standards of the board of estimates.

According to British estimates, the world's wheat crop for 1915 will total 248,880,000,000 pounds, as against a production of 219,120,000,000 pounds produced in 1914. The same statistics show an indicated surplus in exporting countries of 636,000,000,000 pounds, leaving reserves at the end of the year at the same total as at the beginning. The British figures are given in "quarters" instead of pounds, one quarter equaling 480 pounds.

The three-day regatta opens at Astoria, Ore.

Dogwood trees near Vancouver, Wash., are in bloom for the second time this year.

Two Americans were killed by Mexican bandits who have been attempting raids in Texas.

Germany offers to submit the Lusitania and Arabic claims to The Hague tribunal for adjustment.

The Portland Gas & Coke company pays 7 per cent on preferred and common stock for the year ending June 30.

The secretaries of war and navy have been asked by the President to outline adequate defense plans for the nation.

The work of completing the O.-W. R. & N. cutoff from Chambers Prairie to Olympia, about 7.5 miles, will be completed at once.

Eight Albanians were sentenced to long terms in prison for having communicated with Austria by carrier pigeons. The men involved are Captain Mustapha, of the Albanian bark Bella Scutarina, who was sentenced to 20 years, and seven members of his crew, condemned to serve ten years each.

A Portland, Or., druggist was arrested and confessed to robbing the stand of a blind cigar dealer and selling the goods at his own store.

Germany is reported as ready to entertain peace negotiations and will yield Belgium. It is reported also that the freedom of Poland and Finland will be asked.

President Wilson went to a theater party Friday night for the first time for more than a year. He was persuaded to go as a relaxation from the work he has been doing recently on foreign problems.

AUSTRIAN DIPLOMAT ADMITS PLANNING STRIKES IN U. S.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Lansing has granted an interview at the State department to Dr. Constantin Theodor Dumba, the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, who desires to discuss his admission to newspaper reporters that he has taken part in a movement to interfere with the production of war materials in the United States.

Ambassador Dumba's request for a conference reached Mr. Lansing late Tuesday. It is understood here that he wishes to make an explanation regarding dispatches sent by him to the foreign office at Vienna and seized by British authorities from James F. J. Archibald, an American war correspondent, who was acting as a messenger.

These dispatches, which are said to reveal that the ambassador suggested plans for handicapping munitions plants and had undertaken to warn Austro-Hungarian subjects that they were violating the criminal code of their native land by accepting employment in American establishments making war supplies for the allies, are declared to have raised a subject for which there is no precedent in American diplomacy.

The question of dual citizenship, long disputed between this government and several European powers, is involved, and because of this the matter will be approached when Ambassador Dumba arrives, without prejudice.

Officials doubt that there has been any violation of law. As to whether there has been a breach of diplomatic propriety or international ethics, Secretary Lansing must decide after he has heard the Austrian ambassador's statement.

Copies of papers taken from Archibald in London have been forwarded to the State department by Ambassador Page. They had not reached here Monday night, but it was understood that Dr. Dumba would take copies with him when he called at the State department.

River and Harbor Bill Likely to Face Broadaxe in Next Congress

Washington, D. C.—River and harbor legislation at the next session of congress will be compelled to take a place of secondary importance, in the opinion of Representative Sparkman, chairman of the river and harbor committee, who passed through Washington recently.

"I presume," he said, "that our bill may have to make way for more pressing legislation at the coming session. If President Wilson recommends national defense legislation, with its necessary large appropriations, we may be able only to provide for river and harbor projects already under way. Projects contemplated, but not yet authorized, undoubtedly will be undertaken some time, but I expect the river and harbor bill of next session will have to be held down because of more pressing legislation urged by the President."

Mr. Sparkman was inclined to believe a bill of reasonable size could be passed to continue work on projects now under way, such as the Columbia river, Willamette and other authorized projects in the Northwest, but he thinks there is little chance whatever for adoption of new projects, of which the Pacific Northwest will have several to propose.

Restored Vision Improves

Pendleton—After a little more than a month's enjoyment of his sight, which was suddenly restored while he was walking along the street with the aid of a staff, which had been his guide for 12 years, Karl Guiott, Pendleton's blind musician, is more than ever convinced that the return of his vision is due to his mental concentration. He has now discarded the cane and has learned to write legibly. He spends all of his time out doors, and says his sight is constantly improving. He will continue giving music lessons.

Prisoners Have Real Fun

Juliet, Ill.—Labor Day was a real holiday for the inmates in the state penitentiary here. Forgetting the walls and bars which cut them off from the outside world the convicts stood up and bowed with glee while two pugilists pummeled each other in a regular ring in the prison yard. In Chicago, Governor Dunne became incensed when he learned that the boxing bouts were in prospect. He telegraphed the warden that the bouts must be eliminated. The telegram arrived too late.

Woman, 72, is Stowaway

San Francisco—A 72-year-old stowaway—Mrs. Destina Angel—said to be the oldest stowaway and the only woman stowaway that ever came to San Francisco, arrived here Wednesday from Honolulu on the liner Korea. Her son, George Angel, had bought a second-class ticket for himself from Honolulu and had smuggled his mother on board. Mrs. Angel was sent to the immigration station.

Jews to Strike for Day

New York—A friendly strike of the members of the Jewish trade unions represented in the convention of the National Workmen's committee on Jewish rights, for one day following the opening of peace negotiations in Europe, was decided on at the closing session here. The workmen, nearly 250,000, will cease work for a day as a protest against the oppression of the Jews in several European countries.

MEXICANS FIRE ON AMERICAN TROOPS

Soldiers at Brownsville Reply to Attack of Bandits.

U. S. AEROPLANE MADE FIRST TARGET

Raiders' Dead Number Six—Troops Pursue Band, Capturing Three—Encinal Is Threatened.

Brownsville, Tex.—Mexicans on the Mexican side of the Rio Grande late Saturday fired nearly 100 shots at an American army aeroplane flying over Brownsville, and then turned their guns against a squad of American soldiers on guard at the Brownsville electric light plant.

When the firing started the soldiers got behind shelter and returned the fire. There were no casualties. Lieutenants Joseph G. Morrow and B. Q. Jones were in the aeroplane. This is the first time an aeroplane has been fired on.

GEN. GEORGE W. GOETHALS



General Goethals has resigned as governor of the Panama canal zone, the resignation to take effect on November 1. He is surrendering his office because he believes his work on the isthmus is done.

is the second time within two days that a United States army aeroplane has been fired on.

United States soldiers at Los Tuleos ranch, 20 miles north of here, during the past 48 hours have captured 10 Mexicans, strangers in the neighborhood, and supposed to be members of raiding gangs. United States cavalry and infantry and posses of county officers and citizens continued the search through the section of country 11 miles from here where two Americans were murdered Friday.

The list of bandit dead stands at six, although others probably have been killed and not reported.

A detachment of the Twelfth United States cavalry early Saturday night engaged in a short fight, 12 miles north of here, with four Mexican bandits, one of whom was killed and the other three captured. None of the cavalrymen were injured.

A message from Laredo says a band of Mexicans are reported at Encinal, Tex., and have threatened to attack the town.

Americans Go to War

Washington, D. C.—More than 500 American boys under 18 years old, have been discharged so far from the British army upon requests from the State department. Most of these boys went to Canada and misrepresented their ages to recruiting officers. Peter Douglas, of Lambert, Minn., after having been discharged once on the application of the State department, escaped from his parents and reenlisted. He was released again only to take passage on the Arabic and escaped death when that liner was sunk.

Cashier Locked Up; \$1350 Taken

North Yakima, Wash.—Two masked men held up the Selah State Bank at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon, obtaining \$1350 in currency and silver, locked Cashier Elmer Dahlin in the vault and made their escape, going north on the Ellensburg road in an automobile. Officers are scouring the country following clues, and telephone and telegraph were freely used, but nothing has been discovered to identify the robbers.

Curacao Is Without Food

Chicago—Death by starvation through four years of crop failure faces the 75,000 inhabitants of Curacao Island, in the Dutch West Indies, unless help is sent them, according to the Right Rev. M. G. Vuytsteke, who is here seeking aid for the islanders.

OREGON STATE NEWS

Anti-Fire Fight Begun

Salem—In an effort to curtail fire losses Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, has issued a bulletin giving the various origins of fire and means of prevention.

Mr. Wells urges that the way to obtain cheap insurance is to stop the enormous fire losses. Now the non-burning, careful business man, he says, pays for the careless, indifferent, reckless builder and occupant. He declares:

"The fire loss in Oregon, most of which may be termed 'fire waste,' is greater in proportion to the population than in most states. In 1914 the value of property destroyed is estimated at more than \$4,000,000, and the insurance companies paid \$2,736,000 of that amount."

The commissioner insists that the state should enact a fire marshal law, and that there should be fire-prevention associations in all communities. The duties of these organizations, he says, should be to create sentiment for solid buildings, clean premises, fire prevention laws, and ordinances governing flues, electric wiring, etc.

"We have our efficient fire departments in the cities to attack fires," continues the bulletin. "Now, after we have built and organized these departments to their maximum strength and efficiency, what is our next step in combating the immense fire waste? Why should we not have a department known as 'Fire Preventers'?"

Mr. Wells estimates that \$2,000,000 of property is destroyed and 500 lives lost yearly through the careless use of matches. Rubbish and ashes are given as other causes of fires. Careful use of matches, kerosene, the cleaning of cellars, closets and attics are urged as means of fire prevention.

The bulletin is filled with useful information regarding the preventing and extinguishing of fires, and Mr. Wells will give it a wide distribution as possible.

Insurance Balance Is Big

Salem—Balance on hand in the State Industrial Accident commission is \$365,186.89, according to a report of the commission. Of this amount \$210,168.19 has been set aside for the payment of pensions.

Receipts since the pension feature of the workmen's compensation act became operative, July 1, 1914, are as follows: Contributed by the state, \$90,345.22; employers' contributions, \$51,507.18, and contributed by workmen, \$89,998.85.

Disbursements were as follows: Balance in reserve to guarantee pensions, \$210,168.19; compensation for time lost, \$151,847.94; first aid to injured workmen, \$84,299.44; pensions paid, \$10,132.09, and administrative expense, \$78,484.39.

There was a deficit of \$18,441.64 for July this year because of an exemption of fees. The commission still has a good working balance and it is probable that exemptions will be granted for at least another month.

Coyote Attacks Hunter

Hood River—Al Cruikshank, a member of the Hood River County Game Protective association, while hunting in the Post Canyon region, west of this city, was attacked by a wounded coyote. As the animal leaped from its bed, Mr. Cruikshank fired.

Maddened by the pain, the coyote turned on the hunter, who had to wield his gun to ward off its attack, directed at Mr. Cruikshank's throat. A well-aimed blow knocked it to the earth. Mr. Cruikshank then jumped on the fallen beast, killing it with his gunstock. The coyote weighed 40 pounds.

Klamath Logging Probed

Klamath Falls—Representatives N. J. Sinnott, of the Third Oregon district, arrived here Wednesday on his second official tour of this district this year.

Mr. Sinnott visited the Williamson river district with the idea of later possibly taking some steps looking to the reopening of the river to logging operations. The river was closed two or three years ago to logging in order that it might be preserved for fishing. Mr. Sinnott continued his trip southward, visiting Merrill, Malin and the Tule Lake section.

River Activity Is Great

Hood River—With three boat lines now seeking local business, the greatest activity ever displayed on the local water front is now in evidence. Apple growers are shipping large blocks of fruit to Portland by boat lines, and shipments of bags are being made weekly. The Dalles-Columbia line, operating the steamer State of Washington, is constructing a macadamized road this week from the terminus of a city street on the east side of Hood River to its dock several hundred rods up the Columbia.

Marion Supervisors Named

Salem—The Marion county board of education has elected J. W. L. Smith and J. E. Druillette supervisors for the coming year. Mr. Smith was supervisor for the north end of the county last year, and will be assigned to the south end for the coming year. Mr. Druillette was principal of the Bunker Hill school at Marshfield last year.

FLAGS IN HISTORY

Symbols Have Been Subject to Many Changes.

Those of Today the Result of Slow Growth Through Centuries—Sarcophagi Given Credit for Introduction of Banner.

The Union Jack, the banner under which Englishmen, Scotchmen, Irishmen, Welshmen, Canadians, Australians, East Indians and men from other parts of the great empire on which the sun never sets are now fighting on the bloody fields of France, was designed 307 years ago, in 1606. The original flag of England, the banner of St. George, white with a red cross, was incorporated then with the banner of Scotland, which was blue with a white diagonal cross. This combination obtained the name of "Union Jack," in allusion to the union between England and Scotland, and to the name of the monarch who brought about the consolidation of the crowns. This was James I of England and VI of Scotland, the word "Jack" being a corruption of Jacobus, the Latin word for James. The original arrangement of the Union Jack continued until 1801, when following the union with Ireland, the banner of St. Patrick, white with a diagonal red cross, was amalgamated with it. The red Maltese cross of St. Patrick was placed over the white cross of St. Andrew, so that a thin white line on either side is all that remains of the Scottish cross.

The many nationalities comprising the empire of Franz Josef fight under a common flag of red and white, the colors of the Hapsburg dynasty. There are red stripes at the top and bottom of the banner, and on the central white stripe appears the Austrian coat of arms. The German, Austrian and Russian banners, like the English, represent a slow growth through many centuries and with frequent changes. Since ancient times men have carried distinguishing emblems in battle, but it was not until the sixth century that the flag acquired its present form in Spain. Before that it was just a small square of cloth carried on a lance. The modern flag is said to have been introduced in Spain by the Saracens.

CLAIMS MOST PERFECT LENS

German Optician Says He Has Produced a Glass That Has No Equal in the World.

In the "Punktal," Dr. Moritz von Rohr of the scientific staff of the Carl Zeiss works, a famous German optical establishment, claims the invention of the perfect lens. It is said to be superior to either the Toric or Meniscus lenses, both recognized as great improvements over the old style flat glasses.

In old-style lenses, when the eye is rotated to one side, the line of sight passes through the lens obliquely. This defect was only partially done away with by the Toric or curved lens. In working out the new lens, Doctor von Rohr computed formulas for grinding lenses which differ from every different power.

Heretofore all lenses have been ground on one side with one or another of a set of established curves to produce a perfectly corrected lens in this way, Doctor von Rohr established different formulas for each side of every kind of lens required.

The result of his experimentation is that the "Punktal" lens, in which the line of sight passes through at the correct angle, no matter to what position the eye is revolved in its socket.

Nothing in Them. "William," said the good wife, looking up from her paper, "here I see an article that says a man out in Kansas is suing his wife for divorce, simply because she went through his pockets after he was asleep. Goodness knows, William, probably the poor woman never got a cent from the brute of a husband in any other way!"

"Uh, huh," replied William.

"Williams," came from his better half, "don't you dare sit there and 'uh-huh' me in such a manner! What would you do if you woke up and found me going through your pockets?"

"Who-me?" asked the sleepy husband, who had already turned over his pay envelope to the boss of the house.

"Why, I'd get up and help you search, of course, my dear!"—Judge.

Non-smokers' League Is Slow

The Non-smokers' League of America in national convention assembled at San Francisco unanimously decided that "wives should not permit their husbands to smoke in the house" and suggested a matrimonial boycott on smokers. Every town in Kansas has its anticigarette band, girls who have taken oath never, never to have anything to do with young men, or old, who smoke. Why was Kansas, whence all good reforms come, not represented at the San Francisco convention? Old Bill White is neglecting his duty again.—New York Sun.

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