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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.

Rural credits plan was beaten in California by over 14,000 majority.

The wholesale price of gasoline has risen in Portland from 9 1/2 to 12 1/2 cents within a month.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed a garage and eight autos and several motorcycles at Woodburn, Ore.

Greek frontier guards were attacked by Austrians and Bulgarians, but repulsed the enemy with heavy losses.

A British submarine on Sunday sank the Turkish transport *Carmen*, laden with munitions, in the sea of Maronora.

The proposed plan to make all California state officers strictly non-partisan was beaten in a state election by 19,000 majority.

Robert Fay, German spy arrested in New York, says the diversion of cargoes of copper from Russian to German ports by bribing sea captains was a part of his plan.

According to the *Tyd*, of Amsterdam, 34 additional death sentences against persons charged with espionage and treason have been pronounced by court-martial at Liege.

Four new hydroaeroplanes have been received at the navy aeronautic station at Pensacola, Fla., and the first navy dirigible will be delivered at the station within the next three weeks.

An official announcement made in London says: "The British transport *Marquette* has been torpedoed in the Aegean Sea. It is understood that only 99 of the personnel of the vessel are unaccounted for."

Suspension of postal money order exchanges between the United States and Greece has been ordered by Postmaster-General Burleson, pending the negotiations of a new postal convention between the two countries.

A report has reached London that Prince von Buelow, former German chancellor, will shortly submit to President Wilson and King Alfonso, of Spain, an outline of the conditions on which Germany might be disposed to discuss terms of peace.

Winter has set in in the Russian war theater, according to the London *Times* Petrograd correspondent, who says snow has been falling for three days and the roads are frozen so hard that there is no foothold for horses. The conditions, the correspondent adds, are thus worse than in the rainy season.

Twenty-four of the 48 big 36-inch projectors that have formed an important element of the Panama-Pacific exposition illumination system have been sold to the Russian government, and are to be shipped at once to European battlefields, it was announced in San Francisco. The price paid is placed at \$24,000.

Drastic action by officials of Kansas City, Kan., to prohibit illegal sale of beer by breweries was taken Wednesday when three drivers were arrested and sentenced to jail and the beer trucks confiscated. The drivers were fined \$500 each and sent to jail for six months. More than 100 cases of beer were destroyed.

Wall street heard on apparently good authority that preparations had been almost completed for the establishment of a French credit in New York of from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000. According to reports current in the financial section, the sum was to be used solely for the payment of munitions shipped from this country for the account of France.

The London newspapers publish an appeal from M. Pachitch, the Serbian premier, for speedy aid from England in Serbia's superhuman efforts to defend her existence against the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians, who have, he says, condemned her to death. "For 20 days," the premier says, "our common enemies have tried to annihilate us, and despite the heroism of our soldiers our resistance cannot be expected to be maintained indefinitely."

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company of London from Copenhagen says: "Premier Zahle declared Wednesday that the government intended to put in force June 5, 1915, the new constitutional law conferring suffrage on women, waiting the right to propose a prolongation of the old constitutional law, owing to the war. It is expected that a general election will occur in July, when the Danish women will vote for the first time."

All railways entering New York City territory report business booming.

Every eligible Englishman is to receive a personal letter urging him to enlist.

Three American troops and at least five Mexicans were killed in a border fight.

The Portland Chamber of Commerce is endeavoring to get 14 big steamer lines to make that city a regular port.

Governor Major, of Missouri, made an ascension in the balloon *St. Louis*, which won the recent race at Wichita, Kan.

## THIRTEEN DEAD, EIGHT HURT IN PAPER BOX FACTORY FIRE

Pittsburg.—Thirteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building, the upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box company, on the north side here, Wednesday afternoon. Of the dead all were young women employed by the company except one. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong at once ordered that the police, city council and the coroner make thorough investigation of the fire.

The flames started in a pile of straw in the rear of the feed store of James Brown & Co., on the first floor of the building. William C. Kimbel, general manager of the box factory, at once went to the third and fourth floors and warned the girls employed there. The flames gained headway so rapidly, however, that escape by means of stairways and fire escapes was soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing-room for their hats and there, huddled on the floor, firemen found a majority of the bodies.

Joseph L. Bash and Z. J. Seagle, employed on the second floor of the building, were about to jump, when they were attracted by the screams of girls in the window above. One by one, as the girls leaped, Bash and Seagle caught them, lowered them as far as they could and let them drop to the sidewalk.

C. R. Carlisle, driver of a transfer wagon, drove his wagon into an alley in the rear of the building and threw up a rope to girls in a window above. Making one end fast, they slid down the rope to safety.

Margaret Steigerwald, aged 17, who was injured by jumping from a third-floor window, said she and five other girls were trapped in the building when somebody closed a door at the head of the stairway on the second floor. One of the heroes of the fire was Peter Vallon, who is among the dead. When the fire was discovered he was working in the building. He groped his way to the street, where he heard the girls calling for help from the upper story. Tying a handkerchief about his mouth, he rushed into the building. Six times Vallon staggered to the street with the unconscious form of a girl in his arms. When he failed to appear the seventh time, however, firemen began a search and found his body on the second floor. Near him lay the body of a young girl, whom he evidently had tried to rescue when overcome by smoke.

### Big Lumber Order Due.

Aberdeen, Wash.—Grays Harbor millmen are preparing bids on the government order, soon to be let, for 7,780,000 feet of Douglas fir to be used in the Panama Canal zone.

The specifications, which have been received here, include everything from fancy ceiling to heavy timbers. The request for proposals give the grading rules of the West-Coast Lumber association prominence. Bids will be opened November 5. The material is to be delivered at Colon or Ancon between January 1 and March 1.

### Farmers Flock to Exposition.

San Francisco.—It has been estimated that more farmers have entered the gates of the San Francisco Exposition during the last three weeks than during the entire period since the great fair opened. October, specially designated as "Farmers' Month" has had a great drawing card in the live stock exhibits and shows which have been well attended. November promises to keep up with the October attendance average as most of the big live stock conventions will be held in November.

### 45,000 Cattle Received.

Kansas City, Mo.—Forty-five thousand cattle were unloaded at the local stockyards here Wednesday, 5000 more, it was said, than ever arrived here before in one day. About 300 carloads came from Iowa and Minnesota. The advances in prices last week was the magnet that attracted the large offerings, stockmen said. The big supply caused some depression in prices, except for good corn-fed cattle.

### Austrians Clear Way to Bulgaria.

London.—The Bucharest, Roumania, correspondent of the Times sends the following: "Serbian troops have withdrawn from the neighborhood of the Danube, and the Austrians have crossed the river, traversing the island of Oskale. The Austrian forces will now obtain free passage through Bulgaria from Orsova, near the Rumanian frontier, where 60 steamers and lighters laden with munitions have assembled."

### British Losses Increase.

London.—British casualties published since October 1 total 2235 officers and 50,072 non-commissioned officers and men. These figures show an average loss to the British army of nearly 2500 men a day. This is considerably in excess of the casualties earlier in the war, and reflects the heavy losses of the British in the recent severe fighting in Belgium. During the summer the losses averaged about 150 daily.

### Massacre is Reported.

London.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Odessa says: "The Turks have massacred the entire Armenian population of Kerasant, on the Black Sea."

Kerasant is a seaport with a population of 10,000, a large part of which are Armenians.

### Briton Sentenced as Spy.

London.—It is officially announced that a British subject has been tried in the Old Bailey Court on three counts of an indictment charging espionage, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

## NEW YORK POLICE TAKE GERMAN SPY

### Scheme to Hamper Shipment of Ammunition Confessed.

#### STOCK OF EXPLOSIVES FOUND IN ROOM

#### Bribe Offered to Arresting Officer—Chart of New York Harbor and Official Papers Are Taken.

New York.—In the arrest of Albert Fay, a lieutenant in the German army, and Walter Schols, his brother-in-law, police and federal secret service agents believe they have detained leaders in a plot to wreck an American munition plant and ships carrying munitions.

According to Captain Tunney, of the New York anarchists squad, Fay confessed that he came here to work out a plan for stopping the shipment of munitions. He said, Tunney avers, that he was supplied with \$2000 for carrying out his operations. Papers found in his room showed he was a German secret service agent.

A vast quantity of high explosives were found in the prisoners' room in Weehawken, N. J.

Both men are held on technical charges of disorderly conduct. An additional charge of attempted bribery may be made against Fay. He is said to have offered \$1000 to a police officer for his release. He is said to have offered an advance payment of \$50 when the officer agreed to his proposition.

Police who have been watching outgoing vessels for explosives caused the arrests.

Explosives and survey charts of New York harbor are said to have been found in their possession.

The men are declared to have been testing a bomb in a small grove when apprehended.

Five steel mines, said by the police to belong to the prisoners, later were found in a West Hoboken storehouse.

Each was packed in a separate wood case, and fitted with an attachment which might be fastened to the stern of a ship by a wire. Contact with the propeller of a ship, it is said, would explode the mine.

Two cases found in the men's room in Weehawken were filled with explosives, letters written in German and official-looking documents. Among the explosives were small sticks of dynamite and various kinds of acid used in the manufacturing of explosives.

One of the papers, it is asserted by the police, showed Fay to be a lieutenant in the German army and connected with the German foreign office on the Wilhelmstrasse.

The police assert that the prisoner had admitted the ownership of a high-powered automobile and a speedy motorboat, both of which are in Weehawken.

### 1000 Bulgars Killed in Bombardment.

London.—The bombardment of Deodach caused the death of ten civilians and more than a thousand soldiers, and a large number of soldiers were wounded, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens.

A large proportion of the military casualties, the correspondent adds, were in the barracks which housed the Forth Bulgarian regiment. The barracks were crowded with soldiers, who were preparing for their meal, when the bombardment was opened at 1 o'clock with accurately aimed shells, which demolished the barracks, burying the occupants in the ruins.

Troops engaged in digging trenches around the town also sustained heavy losses.

Fires caused by the exploding shells destroyed the railway station and surrounding buildings, doing enormous damage. It is said that the entire loss from the bombardment, which lasted four hours, will be several million pounds.

The correspondent says the bombardment was directed by aeroplanes.

### Patriotic Appeal is Made.

Los Angeles.—Going further than merely serving notice that an embargo has been declared, E. M. Blanford, a special agent of the federal government, directed an appeal to arms and munitions dealers in the west to help President Wilson stop further bloodshed in Mexico. "The Mexicans can shoot away in a day all the ammunition Mexican manufacturers can make in a month," said Mr. Blanford, "and with the assistance of American dealers, further fighting in Mexico can be promptly stopped."

### Seven of Family Killed.

Detroit.—Seven members of one family were instantly killed and an eighth was probably fatally injured by a Grand Trunk passenger train, which struck their automobile, near Detroit. The dead are Mrs. Rachael Stoldt, her five daughters, Pearl, Hazel, Mabel, Esther and Martha, and Miss Minnie Engel, a sister of Mrs. Stoldt. William Stoldt, of Troy, Mich., the husband and father, was badly mangled.

### Germans Oust Belgians.

London.—A telegram from Amsterdam to the Exchange Telegraph company says: "Messages from the Belgian frontier say that Belgian subjects between the ages of 17 and 25, liable for military service, had been notified by the German authorities at Brussels to report themselves to the German commander, with the result that 7500 so far have been deported to Germany."

## OREGON STATE NEWS

### Railroad Business on Increase.

La Grande.—There are fewer "dead engines" on the O. W. R. & N. division of the Union Pacific this week than in any time for more than a year. Daily for the past two weeks the line of idle engines has been diminished, until the local supply is nearly entirely in the service.

New engine crews and train crews have been put on to meet the spurt in business. Railroad men and shippers generally attribute the major portion of the latest revival in freight to the Panama canal slide, which hinders steamship traffic, while transcontinental business is brisk, local crops are scarcely moving at all, farmers holding their wheat tenaciously.

With the present sharp increase in business coming on before a concerted movement of wheat from inland points railroad officials foresee a good winter. Twenty machinists have been added to the shop force here during the fall, and from time to time.

Train crews scratched a year or more ago are coming back to service, two such crews being re-employed out of here within the past day or two.

### Boy Makes \$830 on Acre of Spuds.

Portland.—The chamber of commerce has received many letters from different sections of the state, attesting the effectiveness of the campaign of the "Flying Squadron" last week to arouse interest in the Manufacturers' and Land Products Show.

One of the most striking letters received came from Alfred Guggisberg, a boy farmer near Drain.

The letter, which resulted from the visit of C. W. Robinson of the "Flying Squadron" to Drain, follows: "I am unable to come, but I am very interested in it just the same."

"I planted one acre of potatoes last year. I am a boy of the age of 17 and I was very successful in raising potatoes. It cost me just \$120 for planting and harvesting, etc. I raised just 1200 bushels from the one acre. The potatoes bringing me \$960, making a profit of \$830 on the one acre of land. The potatoes were called the Nettle Gem variety."

### Oregon Hens Cinch First Prize.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis.—With but six weeks of the Panama-Pacific exposition egg-laying contest to be run, the O. A. C. White Leghorns have firmly established themselves in first place. Even if they were to lay off altogether for the remainder of the term their position would not be secure. The October 1 report shows that they are 245 eggs ahead of the nearest competitor, not counting the other O. A. C. pens—a lead that cannot now be overcome.

The three Oregon college pens continue their lead, Leghorns first, Oregon second and Barred Rocks third. The Rocks are 62 ahead and the Leghorns 16 ahead of the closest pen, Adams' Sanada White Wyandottes. The college Rocks suffered an accident last month when one of them was accidentally killed, that may affect their lead.

### Loop Road Survey Made.

Hood River.—A crew of government engineers has completed the survey for the proposed loop highway from the upper Hood River valley to the Barlow road, the route emerging from the forest reserve on the east fork of Hood river a few miles south of Parkdale. A crew will run another line this week, cutting out the east fork canyon and passing around the base of the mountain through Elk Meadows.

The main road will pass down the east side gorge, but it is proposed to run another survey with the view eventually of building a road through Elk Meadows.

### Saw Destroys Orchard.

Albany.—When a light wind Saturday blew down 72 peach trees on the farm of A. W. Martin, seven miles east of Albany, he discovered that all had been saved more than half through near the base of the trunk. Only four trees in the whole 4-year-old orchard were not sawed. The trees were just coming into bearing, many had yielded a light crop this year, and next year would have been in full bearing. Martin had depended upon these trees to yield money to pay off a mortgage on his place.

### Toledo Hears W. L. Finley.

Toledo.—State Biologist W. L. Finley left here after a series of lectures on the habits and propagation of the fish and game of Oregon. Mr. Finley used moving pictures to illustrate the capture and transportation of the herd of elk that was brought from the Jackson Hole country in Montana to Wallawa county.

Mr. Finley was greeted with packed houses at Waldport, Newport and at Toledo. He reprimanded the citizens of the county for allowing a state to discontinue the Big Elk fish hatchery.

### 60-Pound Chinook is Caught.

Newport.—Corey Smith, an Alsea Bay fisherman, caught a chinook salmon on his regular drift Saturday night that tipped the scales at 60 pounds. This is the record fish for this season. The record fish on that bay last season, for chinook, weighed 73 pounds.

### 350 Teachers at Institute.

Salem.—With 350 teachers present the annual Marion County Teachers' Institute convened here for a session of three days. W. M. Smith, county superintendent, is in charge. Well-known educators of the state will deliver addresses. The schools of the county are closed during the institute.

Ornamental handkerchiefs formerly worn in the hat by men as to-kins.

## WIRELESS TELEPHONE CARRIES VOICE ACROSS ATLANTIC OCEAN

New York.—Arlington, Va., talked by wireless telephone with Paris, France, Saturday. Honolulu also heard the operator talking from Arlington.

Announcement that the human voice had been successfully projected across the Atlantic was made on behalf of John J. Carty, chief engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph company, at the company's offices here. Later Mr. Carty telephoned from Chicago, confirming the announcement.

To B. B. Webb, a telephone engineer, fell the honor of being the first man to span with his voice the space between the old world and the new. Sitting in the powerful wireless plant of the navy at Arlington, Va., Mr. Webb, shortly after midnight, asked the wireless telegraph operator to signal Eiffel tower in Paris.

The wireless snapped out the signal and soon there came back a response. Awaiting word from Mr. Webb at the Paris end of the wireless radiation were H. E. Shreeve and A. M. Curtis, other engineers, and a group of French officers, listening with especially designed apparatus.

In Honolulu, 4800 miles from Arlington, Mr. Espenchied, another telephone engineer at the Pearl Harbor navy yard, also was waiting.

Webb, at Arlington, had a transmitting instrument, but no receiving apparatus. He knew, therefore, that he would have to wait for the cable to confirm the success or failure of the experiment.

"Hello! Shreeve," he shouted into the mouthpiece. "Hello! Shreeve." He then began to count: "One, two, three, four; one, two, three, four. Goodbye."

When the expected message came it was addressed to the company here, and said that Webb's "Hello" and "Goodbye" had been distinctly heard by the engineers and French array of officers in Paris, and that portions of his test figures had also been picked up. At about the same time there came a message from Honolulu, saying that Webb's talk had been understood in full by the receiving engineer there, and that even the voice had been recognized as Webb's.

### Northwest Manufactures and Land Products Show is Scoring Success.

Portland.—The Second Annual Manufacturers' and Land Products Show opened Monday, October 25, and the great industrial and land exhibition will be in progress until midnight, November 15.

This is the greatest exposition of the kind the Northwest has ever seen and twenty-three Oregon counties have attractive displays of fruits, grains, grasses and vegetables. The agricultural and horticultural display will be in the Lewis & Clarke Fair, of 1905.

More than 200 exhibitors have part in the big exposition and 75,000 square feet of space is occupied by displays of Oregon manufacturers and jobbers and retailers from over the country.

The exposition was open to Oregon, Washington, Idaho and the Northwest in general. Clark county, Washington, has an attractive display and there are many exhibits of apples, pears, potatoes, onions and nuts. Life and action prevail at the exposition and working exhibits and interesting models are many.

All steam and electric lines serving Portland are offering fares of one and a third for the round trip and schedules have already been announced. While the exposition is in progress many cities, towns and communities will have special days at the show.

### Employers Endorse Military Training.

Washington, D. C.—Indorsements of the administration's plan to create a great continental army for defense are beginning to reach Washington from large employing firms and corporations. It was learned that approving letters had been received from several such concerns, and that at least one had expressed willingness to grant its men leave on full pay for services in the proposed organization.

One of the companies heard from wrote that it would gladly grant leave with pay to any of its men desiring to enlist, not only for reasons of patriotism, but because it was regarded as a good business proposition to permit the men to take advantage of an opportunity to spend two months in vigorous camp life with military training.

### Thousands Cheer Kaiser.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville.—All the churches of Berlin held services in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the establishment of Hohenzollern rule over Brandenburg. The service in the cathedral was attended by Emperor William, Empress Augusta Victoria, Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, many generals and admirals and the diplomatic corps, including the American ambassador. The streets outside the cathedral were crowded by thousands. Emperor William was cheered enthusiastically.

### Newspapers Adopt Simplified Spelling.

Chicago.—The 12 words proposed by the Simplified Spelling Board, in its efforts to accustom the general public to the use of simplified spelling, were indorsed by the Illinois Daily Newspaper association in a communication to its members throughout the state.

The words approved are: Tho, altho, thru, throout, thoro, thoroely, thoroare, program, prolog, catalog, decalog and pedagog.

### Holds Breath 10 Minutes.

Berkeley, Cal.—What is said to be a new record for voluntary suspension of respiration has been made by Warren D. Horner, a graduate student of the University of California, in an experiment conducted by Dr. Saxton Temple Pope, instructor in surgery. Dr. Pope caused Horner to hold his breath 10 minutes and 10 seconds.

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