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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.

The governor of Oregon pardons two convicts and paroles nine others.

Fourteen women in Mexico are shot as Carranza spies, by the Villistas.

A Manitou, Colorado, bank robber locks the cashier in the vault and escapes with \$1500.

Wilson's address to congress electrifies the country and the dominant note is National preparedness.

The Turkish troops drive British from their position on the North bank of the Tigris river, greatly surprising London.

The British press considers President Wilson's address as "by force of events, a war message from beginning to end."

The Democratic National committee has selected St. Louis as the city in which to hold the National convention, June 14, 1916.

Members of the reichstag are debating the food situation in that country. Producers, consumers, dealers, and ministers are blamed.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, superintendent of the Chicago schools, has resigned. She has been active in educational work for 53 years.

The Ford peace ship has asked, by wireless to Secretary Lansing, that passports be issued so that the party may enter belligerent countries.

The German government concedes the Socialist wing in the reichstag the right to advocate terms upon which the Germans might accept peace.

Austrian cruisers sink one French submarine and several small steamers and sailing vessels in the Adriatic sea which were carrying war material.

A Scotland manufacturer of linen, who inspected Oregon's flax crop, grown by the inmates of the state penitentiary, declares it is surpassed by none in the world.

Rev. Frank Sewall, writer, educator, teacher, for 16 years professor at Urbana university in Ohio, author of the Christian hymnal, dies at his home in Washington, D. C., in his 79th year.

Senator Dillingham, of Vermont, chairman of the former immigration commission, introduces a bill in the senate providing that male aliens over 16 years old who cannot read should be excluded from the United States.

An agreement for a conference of Greek military authorities and military representatives of the entente powers to examine into the report on the necessities of the situation respecting the allied demands upon Greece, has been reached, and the preliminary steps toward holding the conference have been taken.

John H. Fahy, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, told President Wilson that business men want congress to establish a non-partisan tariff commission and provide means to strengthen the report on marine. Mr. Fahy declared there was great need for more ships to carry the exports of the United States.

Official announcement that the American steamship Hocking had been requisitioned by the British government without the formality of prize court proceedings, was received by the State department in a dispatch from Halifax, where the ship was being detained since she was seized by a British warship while on the way from New York to Norfolk.

Three high officials and subordinate officers of the Hamburg-American line were found guilty in the Federal District Court of New York of having violated the laws of the United States in sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic in the first few months of the European war. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on each of two indictments. The specific charge against the defendants was conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States. The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

Northwest lumber mills receive big orders for railroad ties.

Ohio C. Barber, millionaire match manufacturer of Akron, Ohio, aged 75, sometimes called the "Match King," married Miss Mary F. Orr, aged 44, for 12 years his private secretary.

Lamont M. Bowers, of Birmingham, N. Y., until recently manager of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company, will resign on January 1 a \$30,000 post with the Rockefeller interests because he believes that men past 60 are "either foolish or irritable." Mr. Bowers is past 70.

CONGRESS STARTS WITH SPEAKER CLARK AGAIN CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

Washington, D. C.—Congress assembled and organized Monday for the session, which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the house saw Speaker Clark returned to the chair; Representative Mann returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of 2000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of National defense and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women and a miniature rules fight that flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

In the senate practically the same was done, except the election of Senator Clarke, of Arkansas, as president pro tempore. Vice President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

Both houses then, after sending a

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Elected Speaker of the House of Representatives for the third time.

joint committee to the White House to give official notice of the opening of congress, adjourned until Tuesday, when the real business of the session began with President Wilson's address to a joint session in the hall of the house at 12:30 o'clock.

The greatest budget of expenditures ever placed before any American congress in times of peace was brought forward, the total being some \$170,000,000 more than was asked for last year.

Explanation for Recall of Attaches Refused Germany by Lansing

Washington, D. C.—The state department's formal refusal to give its reasons for asking recall of Boy-Ed and von Papen, German embassy attaches, was forwarded Tuesday night to Berlin and given to Ambassador von Bernstorff. The embassy interpreted this action as "very unfriendly."

The Berlin foreign office had asked that America's reasons be given secretly, if the state department did not care to make them public.

Secretary Lansing, however, the embassy said, refused any information. State department authorities did not minimize the effect the refusal reply would have on Berlin, but they pointed out that Lansing is merely abiding by a strict custom.

The refusal has the effect of calling for a showdown from Berlin. Germany probably will ask that Bernstorff now confer further with Lansing on the subject.

With these developments giving a new tinge of seriousness to German-American relations, it was admitted torpedoing of the liner Lusitania will be hopelessly muddled if Germany makes good any diplomatic bluff she may be attempting in the Boy-Ed-von-Papen case. For, either breaking off diplomatic relations or a complete acquiescence in America's demands are Germany's only alternatives, unless the state department permits a long series of conferences which would keep Boy-Ed and von Papen here indefinitely pending outcome of the sessions.

African Contingent Recruited. Capetown — Gen. Jan Christian Smuts, minister of defense in the Union of South Africa, announces that the force asked for the East African expedition has been recruited and that the imperial government had been informed that the Union was increasing its forces. Explaining the decision of South Africa to send an expedition to East Africa, Gen. Smuts said this action was taken because of danger arising from arming natives by the Germans and the preaching of a holy war against Christians.

Citizenship Bar Upheld. Washington, D. C.—The Supreme court Wednesday affirmed the decision of the California court interpreting the Federal expatriation law of 1907 as constitutionally applicable to women who continue to live in the United States after marrying foreigners as well as those who marry foreigners and live abroad. The case was brought by Mrs. Ethel C. Mackenzie, who was denied registry because she married a subject of Great Britain.

KAISER REPORTED READY FOR PEACE

Permission Given Reichstag to Consider Ending of War.

REPORT, IF TRUE, MOST MOMENTOUS

Letter to Wilson Said to Be Under Contemplation—War of Extermination Is Alternative.

London—The momentous decision reached by the German government to permit the discussion of peace in the reichstag is regarded here as the clearest indication that Germany is prepared to lay down her arms if acceptable conditions can be obtained.

The government's decision, following the authorization given to the German press for a free discussion of peace possibilities and the dissemination of an almost-unanimous desire to end the war, along with the governmental sanction of the Socialists' plan to bring about peace debate in the reichstag, lends to Monday's session of that body an importance which it is impossible to overestimate.

The entire world is awaiting eagerly the speech of the imperial chancellor. Meanwhile the wildest rumors are current.

The latest of these, coming from The Hague and obviously from a German source, is to the effect that the kaiser intends to proclaim peace on his arrival at Constantinople. It is asserted on the "highest authority," according to the rumor—but the name of this "highest authority" is not given—that the kaiser will send a letter to President Wilson urging him to accept the role of mediator.

The letter, the rumor goes on, will declare that Germany did not want the war, which, the letter will say, was forced by England and Russia. Atrocities will be denied energetically. The hour is at hand, the letter will continue, to stop the bloodshed and permit Europe to heal her wounds with a bountiful peace.

Germany will offer, through President Wilson, to evacuate the invaded departments of France and all of Belgium except Antwerp and to negotiate with Great Britain regarding the possession of Antwerp. Poland will be declared autonomous, the invaded provinces of Russia will be restored and Serbia's independence will be guaranteed.

On the other hand, the "freedom of the seas" is to be guaranteed, and special privileges are to be granted to German commerce.

In case of a refusal of these terms, according to the rumor, Germany is determined upon a war of extermination.

Fair Seen by 18,871,957; Closing Day Brings 458,558

San Francisco—So great was the attendance at the Panama-Pacific exposition December 4—closing day—that it took the department of admissions until late at night to figure out that 458,558 persons passed through the gates and took part in the farewell celebration.

This was the largest attendance of any of the 288 days the exposition was open, and brought the total attendance to 18,871,957.

The republic of Panama participated in the exposition to the extent of erecting a handsome building, but because no funds were appropriated for the republic to keep the building open to visitors, it was learned, it remained closed throughout the exposition.

Postal Receipts Grow. Washington, D. C.—A statement by the postmaster general shows that the receipts of the Portland postoffice during November amounted to \$96,116, as against \$92,119 for November last year. This is Portland's record for November business. Seattle receipts this November were \$113,143, against \$109,229 for November last year. Spokane's receipts this November were \$42,479; last November, \$39,714. The statement shows for 50 offices, producing about half the postal revenue of the country, an increase of \$2,033,138.

Head of Boy Scouts Resigns. New York—Ernest Thompson Seton, naturalist and writer of books on nature, announces his resignation as chief of the Boy Scouts of America. In a statement explaining his action, Mr. Seton said he resigned because of gradual change to policies to which he is opposed, and for which he blames James E. West, of this city, the present Scout executive. Militarism now comes first and woodcraft, the original purpose of the movement, second.

German War Plant Lost. London—Destruction of a large ammunition factory at Halle, Prussian Saxony, by an explosion with the loss of several lives, is reported in a message from Kolding, Denmark. Discontented workmen are suspected, the message says: It is said a similar disaster was narrowly averted at Bogden, Silesia, where the ammunition factory was saved by the discovery that it had been undermined.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, 95c; fortyfold, 94c; club, 91c; red fire, 88c; red Russian, 89c.

Milled Spot prices: Bran, \$23 per ton; shorts, \$24; rolled barley, \$30@31.

Corn—White, \$35 per ton; cracked, \$36.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @16; valley timothy, \$12@13; alfalfa, \$13.50@14.50; cheat, \$9@10; oats and vetch, \$11@12.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75c @1 dozen; tomatoes, California, \$1@1.50; cabbage, 90c hundred; garlic, 15c pound; sprouts, 9c; horseradish, 8c; cauliflower, 75c@81.25; celery, 50c @5c dozen; beans, 10@12; lettuce, \$2@2.75 crate; apples, 10@11c.

Green fruit—Apples, 7c@2.25 box; pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, \$1.35@1.50 crate; casabas, 2c pound; cranberries, \$9@11 barrel.

Potatoes—Oregon, buying price, \$1 f. o. b. shipping point.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 42c; No. 2, 30c; No. 3, 20c per dozen. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 42@44; Oregon, storage, 26@28c.

Poultry—Hens, 12@13c; springs, 12c; turkeys, 17c; turkeys dressed, 20 @22c; ducks, white, 12c; colored, 10c; geese, 8@10c.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, extras, selling at 31c; firsts, 29c; prints and cartons, extra. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 24@28c, according to quality; butterfat, premium quality, 33c; No. 1, average quality, 31c; No. 2, 29c.

Veal—Fancy, 9@9.4c per pound.

Pork—Block, 7c per pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18@25c; valley, 25@26c; fall lambs' wool, 25c; mohair, Oregon, 28c pound.

Casaca bark—Old and new, 3@4c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.85@7.25; good, \$6.50@6.85; medium, \$6@6.50; choice cows, \$5.25@5.75; good, \$5@5.25; medium, \$4.50@5; heifers, \$3.50@4; bulls, \$2.50@3; stags, \$3@3.25.

Hogs—Light, \$6@6.10; heavy, \$5@5.10.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4.75@5.50; ewes, \$4@5.50; lambs, \$6@7.35.

Wheat Outlook Not Clear.

Portland grain dealers see no reason to change their attitude toward the wheat market, and consequently business is inactive all along the line, with prices more or less stationary. Where there was a change in quotations it was in the nature of a reduction.

No one is able yet to figure out what will be the effect of the Canadian embargo, but the feeling prevails that if it influences the American market in any way it will be adversely. The net result of the operations at Chicago was a decline of 1 cent, and it would occasion no surprise if the Eastern markets would continue to sag for several days, or at least until the situation clears. The influence of the Canadian government's action, it is expected, will soon be felt in the freight market on the Atlantic side, and that should furnish a cue as to the probable course of wheat values. In the meantime, the trade here seem disposed to stand by and await developments.

No trading is reported at country points. At the exchange in Portland there was a sale of 5000 bushels of December club at 92 cents, the same price that was bid the previous day. Offers for January club were lowered 1 cent. December bluestem bids were also down 1 cent, and life offers were 1 to 2 cents lower than last week. Other varieties and deliveries of wheat were unchanged in price. There was nothing doing in the coarse grains, the former prices were posted.

Growing Contest Ends. Chehalis, Wash.—The Chehalis National bank has just closed an interesting farm products contest. The judging was done by Professors E. G. Spafford and J. N. Price, of the State college. They were unimpaired in their praise of the quality of the various products on display. An especially fine corn exhibit was made. Owing to the fact that the Southwest Washington Fair was held the last week in August, before much of the late vegetable crop had developed completely, some exceptionally fine specimens of various kinds were shown.

Spuds and Rutabagas Arrive. Tacoma — Big, yellow rutabagas from North Yakima are in heavy demand on the local produce market, according to commission men. Dealers say the quality of the vegetable is "superb," being fresh and sweet. The price now is said to be uncommonly low, \$1.25 per cwt. An advance, however, is expected later. Yakima Netted Gem potatoes have gone up again, the prices now being \$21@22 a ton. At these prices the vegetable is said to be very firm and further rises would not come as a surprise.

Cranberry Prices Are Advancing. The cranberry market is steadily advancing. Several of the jobbers quoted \$11 on late Howes, and this price will probably be general soon. The decline a few weeks ago was not warranted by the conditions in the East, where cranberries are in smaller supply than last year and are very firm in price.

Hop Market Quiets Down. Portland—The hop market quieted down at the close of the month, as the last of November sales had been taken care of last week. Most of the business reported is between dealers. H. L. Hart purchased 90 bales at 10 1/2 cents, and Julius Pincus bought 120 bales at 8 1/2 to 10 cents.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Stock Show Rated as One of Best Seen in Northwest

Portland—Judges, visitors and exhibitors unite in assertion that the stock that is now on exhibition at the yards at Kenton is the best that has ever been gathered in the Northwest. There are prize pens and individual animals that must compel attention; prize herds, and cattle, sheep and swine by the hundred lots.

One of the individual animals that has created unusual attention is a registered Duroc Jersey barrow, named Woodrow Wilson. It is but 15 1/2 months of age and already has attained a weight of 700 pounds.

The students' judging contest was concluded with the result that Washington State college won with a score of 2123 points. Oregon Agricultural college was second, Idaho third and California fourth. The judging was made and the men given 80 points for perfect judgment and 20 for a perfect reason.

Judging at the Fifth Annual Pacific International Livestock exhibition was concluded in Holstein, Jerseys, Ayrshires and Guernseys, in the cattle exhibits. Cotswolds and Lincoln were the only two classes of sheep that were judged in which there was competition and two breeds of swine, Berkshires and Poland Chinas, received their awards. A few classes of the Shorthorns remain to be judged.

The biggest thing on the program was the auction of the fat stock. The chief attraction in the collection of fat cattle and the animal that will first fall under the auctioneer's hammer is the grand champion Shorthorn steer from the University of Idaho. This animal has never lost in any of the classes in which he has been entered and has invaded classes in which appeared steers of greater age and has competed with many prize steers during his short life.

His weight is now 1535 pounds. His mother is a thoroughbred Shorthorn, May Daisy, she was sired by the grandson of Gold Crown, reared by J. H. McCroskey, Fishtrap, Wash., one of the best known breeders in the Northwest.

F. W. Harding, secretary of the American Shorthorn Breeders' association and a man who has judged the breed of cattle for years, declared the champion to be the best specimen he had ever seen.

Further litigation that may keep both the Coos Bay and Oregon & California grant lands in the courts for years is threatened as a result of the decree handed down in the United States court at Portland by Judge Wolverton in the case of the government against the Southern Oregon company.

The court held, in this decree, that the grantees of the land are entitled to a value of \$2.50 an acre and no more. Attorney for the defendants gave notice of appeal. A similar decree, with substantially the same provisions, has been prepared by Constable J. Smyth, special assistant to the attorney general of the United States, in the Oregon & California case, which decree will be submitted to Judge Wolverton.

Attorneys for the Southern Pacific company, who contend that they, as present holders of the Oregon & California lands, own the timber, coal, minerals and other natural resources, as well as their value of \$2.50 an acre, will contest this view of the case.

If the court accepts the contention of the United States attorney, as it did in the Southern Oregon case, it is probable that the Southern Pacific attorneys will prepare an appeal.

Both these appeals must go to the United States circuit court of appeals, from which it will be possible to appeal to the United States Supreme court. Thus it is possible that the lands will be held in litigation for a long period.

The decree signed by Judge Wolverton enjoins the Southern Oregon company from selling any of the timber on the Coos Bay wagon road lands, "or any minerals or other deposits thereon, except as part of or in conjunction with the land on which the timber stands or in which the mineral or other deposits are found, and from cutting or removal of any of the timber thereon, or from removing or authorizing the removal of mineral or other deposits therein, excepting in conjunction with the sale of the land bearing the timber or containing the mineral."

The defendants are further enjoined from the sale of the land and its resources until congress shall have had "reasonable opportunity" to make provision for its disposition by legislation.

Man Born in "West" is 77. Albany—Cyrus Hamlin Walker, oldest living white man born west of the Rocky Mountains, celebrated his 77th birthday at his home near Albany Tuesday. He was born December 7, 1838, at Marcus Whitman mission, near Walla Walla, Wash., the scene of the Whitman massacre. Mr. Walker has resided in Oregon all his life. He is an Indian war veteran and is past commander of the Indian War Veterans of the North Pacific Coast. Mr. Walker has been writing "Memoirs of Old Oregon," which is almost finished.

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