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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.

Ford peace board is reported near complete disruption.

The steamer Tahoma is ice-bound in the Lower Columbia river.

An aged Indian at Oregon City, dies from want of his daily drinks.

A 50 per cent dividend is declared by the Standard Oil company of California.

Lord Derby of England declares the British army is sufficient to win the war.

Floods in Southern California are continuing to do considerable damage to property.

Montenegro makes complete surrender to Austria who will have full supervision of that country.

A Poland was refused his naturalization papers when he declared he would not take up arms in defense of the United States.

The allies have landed troops 48 miles west of Athens and it is asserted that it is the intention of the entente powers to force Greece into the war.

Arrest of 67 members of a secret band in Southeast Missouri, is believed to have frustrated a plot to burn several towns and kill many leading citizens.

Senator Jones, of Washington, introduces a bill authorizing a survey of Baker's bay, near the mouth of the Columbia, with a view to its improvement.

A Chinaman, and common laborer, in the United States for 26 years has been ordered deported. He was brought to this to this country when 7 years old.

A Maasricht newspaper reports that the gunfire of the French has destroyed two Zeppelins north of Rheims. The aircraft are said to have fallen within the German lines.

One hundred and twenty-five post packages containing sheet rubber, weighing an aggregate of 1375 pounds, consigned to Gothenburg, are taken from the Danish liner Frederick VIII at Kirkwall.

Katherine Kelly, aged 10, and Gladys Edgerly, aged 9, of Seattle, were probably fatally injured when they were thrown from their sled after coasting down a steep hill and crashed into a concrete wall.

Restoration of the Manchu dynasty, which ruled China before the establishment of the republic, has been proclaimed by the leaders of an uprising in Eastern Mongolia. A brigade of Chinese troops is marching on Huihuchen to attack the Mongolians.

Ensign Lawrence K. Ford, of Wyoming, was dismissed from the navy by President Wilson's approval of a court martial which held him guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman. He is charged, among other things, with failing to support his wife.

The Ferris bill to create a system of 640-acre stock-raising homesteads on arid, semi-arid and mountainous lands in 17 states passes the house. All three of the administration conservation measures providing for water-power development, mineral leasing and larger stockraising homesteads now await the action of the senate.

Five hundred negro troops loot tenderloin districts of Honolulu.

The cruiser Marblehead is to be located at Portland for use by the naval militia.

Another consignment of 50,000 shoes has been sent to the war sufferers of Belgium.

Later reports show the number of Americans massacred by Mexican bandits is 19.

Snow in the streets of Portland is being dumped into the sewers by many unemployed.

Serious rioting against Mexicans at El Paso has caused the city to be put under martial law.

An Italian liner is torpedoed near where the Lusitania went down, but is taken into a nearby port.

The thermometer registers all the way from 78 above at Tampa, Fla., to 48 below at Prince Albert, Sask.

Montenegro army is held in the grip of the Austrians, and it is believed the little nation's last struggle has been made.

Count Okuma, Japanese premier, barely misses being hit by a bomb thrown by a would-be assassin in Tokio.

Queen Sophie, of Greece, sister of the Kaiser, has been called to the latter's bedside, because of the seriousness of his illness.

PRESIDENT WILSON TO CAMPAIGN FOR HIS PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson is planning to assume personal leadership in the fight for a stronger army and navy. So many reports have reached him of confusion over the issue before congress and of the uncertainty of the outcome, that he has determined not only to go before the country in public address, but to confer further on the subject with leaders of the senate and house.

Representative Hay and Representative Padgett, chairmen of the house military and naval committees, respectively, have informed Mr. Wilson that it will be from two weeks to a month before the committees will be ready to report any army and navy appropriation bills. While this work is going on he proposes to do his utmost to solidify sentiment among the people and members of congress in favor of the plans drawn up by the war and navy departments.

Friends of the President represent

WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH



William Alden Smith, United States senator from Michigan, has opened in earnest his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination. Petitions have been sent out to have his name placed on the ballot for the Michigan presidential primary in April.

him as being undeterred by the open opposition of former Secretary Bryan and other pacifists, and by differences among advocates of national defense over the plans adopted. He is said to be firmly of the opinion that the program prepared by Secretaries Daniels and Garrison is the best which can be offered at this time.

Plans for the speaking trips will be prepared as quickly as possible. If necessary the President may change the White House social program mapped out before Christmas.

Socialist Representative Is Loyal But Speaks Against Preparedness

Washington, D. C.—Every Socialist in the United States would defend this country if attacked by a foreign foe, Representative London, the only Socialist in congress, told the house Wednesday in an address against preparedness.

The house shouted down attempts to limit London's time and spurred him on with question. His declaration that the Socialists would fight was greeted with thunderous applause. Representative O'Shaughnessy, of Rhode Island, demanded of London what would be the attitude of the Socialists in case the American flag was attacked.

"I desire to say that if the people of the United States were attacked every Socialist would fight," London said.

"What is the distinction between the flag and the people?" a dozen Representatives immediately asked, in as many different ways, while London smiled and faced the question.

"The people thrash with life," he said, "while a flag is an emblem only. Any lunatic from an insane asylum can attack the flag and trample on it, but it is a vastly different thing for an attack to be made on the people."

Airmen Kill Bulgars.

London—Hundreds of Bulgarian soldiers were killed and a large number wounded in a bombardment of Petritsi by a squadron of 25 French aeroplanes, according to a dispatch received in Athens and forwarded by the correspondent there of the Evening Standard. Great damage was caused by the bombardment, the advices say.

The provisioning of the Bulgarian forces on the Greco-Serbian frontier is being conducted with the greatest difficulty, owing to the condition of the roads, the correspondent adds.

Rescuers at Ice Prison.

Roseburg, Or.—After a two days' trip through snow and ranging from three to eight feet deep the rescue party which left here Monday arrived at the tent cabin of A. J. McCallister and family on the Coast mountains late Wednesday. Although practically isolated on account of the recent storm, the McCallister family had sufficient fuel and food to last them for several days. The rescue party was obliged to make most of the trip on snowshoes.

OIL AND STEEL TO FORM BIG MERGER

Giant Industries With Capital of \$350,000,000 in Combine.

DEFINITE PLANS SEEM FULLY REACHED

Pacific Coast Interests Are Involved in Deal and Mexican Oil Properties Also Are Included.

Chicago—Announcement of the formation of two great corporations—one a steel merger, with \$200,000,000 capital, and the other an oil combine, capitalized at about \$150,000,000—are expected this week. Negotiations, which have now reached the stage in both projects where the transactions are in definite shape.

In the steel deal the consolidation of the Youngstown Sheet & Steel Tube company and the Cambria and Lackawanna Steel companies, the Republic and the Drexel firm, of Philadelphia, are back of the new enterprise, and National City Bank of New York interests are associated with the negotiations.

In the oil deal bankers are working with Pacific Coast oil men in bringing about the merger.

The best information obtainable so far regarding the steel merger is that the capital will consist of only one class of stock.

The capital stock of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company is \$20,000,000 common and \$10,000,000 7 per cent cumulative preferred, of which \$4,750,000 common and a small lot of the preferred are in the hands of the public. The company also has about \$41,000,000 bonds outstanding, including those of certain of its subsidiaries.

Cambria Steel has outstanding capital stock of \$45,000,000, and has no bonded debt.

The total of the outstanding stock and bonds of the three companies mentioned as being parties to the merger is approximately \$150,000,000. Besides this, several other companies, among them the Inland Steel company, have been mentioned as possible parties to the consolidation.

In the proposed combination of Mexican and California oil properties by banking interests, the names of the Associated Oil company and Union Oil company have figured conspicuously. The Associated Oil company is controlled by the Southern Pacific railroad, through ownership of \$20,069,000 of its \$40,000,000 capital stock. The Associated company has a stock interest in 13 companies, 11 of which it controls by a 50 per cent holding or more of stock. It owns 12 steamers and operates two pipe lines, and also owns interests in two other pipe lines. It also owns its own rolling stock.

Peace Pilgrims Appeal to Berlin for Permission to Cross Germany

The Hague, via London—Dr. Charles F. Aked, Mme. Rosika Schwimmer and other members of the Ford peace board, after having vainly appealed to the German minister at The Hague for permission for the Scandinavian peace delegates to return home through Germany, telegraphed Monday to Berlin for the desired permits.

Recent efforts of members of the Ford party to cross Germany have been blocked by the German military authorities, with the explanation that the delegates are undesirable.

Twenty-five subjects of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, who came here with the peace expedition, are desirous of returning to their homes, which they are unable to do unless by way of the North sea. This route is regarded unsafe. Included in those marooned here is Paul Lyndhagen, mayor of Stockholm, who says he may lose his office unless he returns soon.

Mme. Schwimmer, who is a Hungarian, telegraphed authorities at Berlin that the blockade against the returning delegates is proving a great inconvenience to the expedition and urged the lifting of the embargo.

Blackmail Profit Big.

New York—Blackmailing operations carried on at the summer resorts, which are said to have netted more than \$250,000, were revealed by two arrests here. Men who posed as government agents, aided by women confederates, are declared to have extorted money from many persons, by threatening them with exposure under the Mann act. On complaint of the Philadelphia office of the department of Justice, Robert A. Tourbillon was held in \$50,000 bail on a charge of conspiracy to extort money.

Big Naval Corps Asked.

Washington, D. C.—Immediate action by congress to authorize an increase in the corps of midshipmen at Annapolis is urged by Secretary Daniels in a letter to Chairman Padgett, of the house naval committee.

The letter says that if a full number of vacancies be made available for appointments by members of congress before March, the academy will be able to handle a much larger class next year.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Road Bonds Urged to Build Permanent Highways

Salem—A state bond issue for making permanent road improvements and an increased tax levy to provide for maintaining state highways and for redemption of the bond issue, are recommended by E. I. Cantine, chief deputy engineer, in his annual report submitted to the State Highway commission. Construction of a coastal beach highway from Astoria to Crescent City is also urged.

When the locating parties have completed their work in Douglas, Wasco and Sherman counties, Engineer Cantine announces that the Columbia Highway will be located from Seaside, in Clatsop county, as far as Wasco, in Sherman county, and the Pacific Highway will have been surveyed from Portland to the California line, with the exception of a section in Josephine county.

"It is believed that the date is rapidly approaching when the state will have to undertake the maintenance of the main trunk highway, such as the Columbia and Pacific highways," writes Mr. Cantine. At the present time the State Highway commission does not hold itself responsible for the upkeep of roads constructed from state funds, leaving this duty to county officials.

The report urges upon the commission the advisability of working for enactment of legislation authorizing it to lay out highways and procure rights of way for them, and empowering the commission to arrange with the counties for the maintenance of such state laid-out roads until a state maintenance program is adopted.

Expenditure of the highway department from January 1 to December 1, 1915, totaled \$223,128.81, according to the report. Of this amount \$58,443.48 was expended on the Columbia Highway in Columbia county, and \$15,702.97 on the Rainier Hill section of the highway. The sum of \$34,106.70 was expended on the Columbia Highway in Clatsop county. The Mitchell's Point construction of the Columbia Highway cost \$41,896.36.

Railroad Work Moves Forward in Harney County

Ontario—In spite of the severe weather, work continues on the O. W. R. & N. extension west from Riverside, Or., to points in Harney county.

Nearly all the grading has been completed as far as Oakley and the rock cuts and bridges are now progressing rapidly. Mail service to Riverside has been begun, the mail run on the thrice-a-week train being from Ontario to Riverside.

Between Bend and Burns the Strahorn surveying party is in the field, running the newly-projected line between those interior points. H. N. Bogue, chief engineer for the Strahorn party, was in Burns last week and hired a saddle horse for the purpose of a closer investigation of the Sage Hen pass. Leaving the horse, he proceeded by auto to Bend, so it is not known whether this pass will be used by the new line, but probabilities are that it will.

Everything indicates that within a few months work will actually be under way to connect Burns finally with the outer world, and to do away with "interior" Oregon forever.

Klamath Ships Livestock.

Klamath Falls—One of the largest shipments of livestock from Klamath county this year left on the Livestock Special this week. This comprised 25 carloads for California and Portland markets. The biggest shipment was of lambs sent to San Francisco by O. T. McKendree, of this city. There were over 2000 head, filling 20 cars. Two cars of cattle and one car of hogs were shipped by Fred Stukel to Sacramento. Charles Horton consigned two cars of cattle to the Union Stockyards at Portland.

Klamath Indians Logging.

Klamath Falls—Logging operations on the Klamath Indian reservation for the winter are well under way, according to Supervisor of Reservation Forests J. M. Bedford, under whose direction the work is being done. The government camp is on Wood river, north of Klamath agency. About 1,000,000 feet of timber already has been decked ready for hauling to Wood river. It will be driven down Wood river and towed across Upper Klamath lake for use by the Klamath Manufacturing company, a large box factory.

Heavy Timber Felled by Storm.

Molalla—One of the severest storms known in this section for years has done heavy damage to standing timber. A tract known as the Schusted claim, which cruised 12,000,000 feet, is reported by Fred Schafer, a sawmill man who was hunting cougars in that vicinity, to have lost at least 5,000,000 feet of timber, which was blown down. In many places the trees are piled 20 feet high.

Power Plant Destroyed.

La Grande—When fire Wednesday burned the Mill Creek power plant, which assists in generating electricity for the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, the city became hard pressed for power juice. All big consumers were promptly shut off until temporary repairs can be made.

MIDDLE WEST HAS ZERO COLD WAVE

Sudden Drop of Temperature Felt Over Wide Area.

SEVERE BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER KANSAS

Extreme Range in Cold Belt Is 128 Degrees—Montana Has 28 Below—Suffering Is Great.

Kansas City—The Middle West and Southwest got its first real blast of winter weather Thursday and nature's offerings lived up to in advance notices of the weather bureau. The mercury dropped from 65 to 60 degrees in 24 hours in the affected district and temperatures ranging from zero downward prevail throughout Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and this section of Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas, too, felt the drop. Snow is falling in much of the territory.

"We look for temperatures ranging from 10 to 20 degrees below zero in Kansas and this section of Missouri," said an announcement of the local weather bureau. Train service into Kansas City is delayed, streetcar service in all of the cities affected has been seriously interfered with, telegraph and telephone companies are fighting vainly to maintain communication on sheet-covered wires and farmers and producers have been warned that it is too cold to ship perishable products.

In Kansas City the death list from accidents as a result of the storm remained at two, while more than a score of persons are in hospitals recovering from injuries. "North Platte, Neb., reported the lowest temperature in the new storm area—18 degrees below zero. A blizzard prevailed all over Kansas. Snow measuring from two to four inches fell in that state.

The weather map issued by the local bureau shows a range of 128 degrees in the United States and Canada, during this storm. Little Rock had the highest reading—70 above—while Prince Albert, Canada, had the lowest—58 below. The map shows the Northwest still is firmly held by an unprecedented cold wave that has prevailed in that section for a week. Temperatures of 49 degrees below zero in Montana, 40 below in North Dakota and 32 below at Rapid City, S. D., prevailed.

On the 28th anniversary of the most terrible blizzard of which there is any record in this section, during which many persons and thousands of head of stock perished from cold, the mercury registered 9 degrees below zero in Omaha. This temperature was accompanied by a heavy fall of snow and a strong north wind.

Sioux Falls reported temperatures ranging from 15 to 24 degrees below zero, with a snow and wind storm raging. Norfolk, Neb., reported 20 below and Winner, S. D., 40 below. At Sioux City 28 degrees below was recorded.

Warmest Spot 25 Below.

Great Falls, Mont.—Northern Montana experienced the coldest weather in years Thursday night. The weather bureau thermometer in Great Falls showed 35 degrees below zero, this being the warmest spot in this region. Malta was the lowest, with the thermometer at 58 below and Glasgow was a close second with 56 below.

Cyclone Wrecks Town.

Nashville, Tenn.—Four persons were injured by a cyclone which swept Madison Station, nine miles from Nashville, late Thursday. Several houses were destroyed.

Buchanan's Charge Fails.

Washington, D. C.—Representative Buchanan's impeachment charges against U. S. Attorney Marshall, of New York, again were referred to the house judiciary committee over the opposition of Chairman Webb, who said the committee had made two futile attempts to find evidence upon which the charges are based. Mr. Buchanan brought his charges just before Mr. Marshall secured his indictment, with some others connected with the Labor National peace council, on charges of conspiracy to interfere with munitions.

Lynching Intent Hinted.

El Paso, Tex.—General Jose Ynez Salazar, ex-Mexican army officer, fled El Paso Thursday night, fearing reprisal by enraged American mining men. It was reported that a party of 20 Americans called at Salazar's hotel early in the evening. The object of their visit was not explained. Shortly after the arrival of the Americans the chief of police and the county sheriff appeared at the hotel with a posse of policemen.

Denver Arrests Fewer.

Denver—A tabulation of police arrests in Denver for the first ten days of 1916, when state-wide prohibition became effective, shows a total of 149 for various offenses as compared with a total of 401 for the same period of last year. Twenty-three arrested for drunkenness as compared with 75 for the first ten days of 1915.

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