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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.

Slides in the Skakyou mountains are delaying traffic.

The illness of Emperor Franz Joseph is reported grave.

The new fad in ladies' hosiery is the "lampshade" stocking.

Mexican bandit is executed in the Juarez cemetery for killing an American.

Mercury drops 70 degrees in two hours and 20 minutes at Great Falls, Mont.

Shooting of a Mexican civilian by an American is charged by that government and his punishment is asked.

Mrs. Mean Bear, an Indian aged 105 years, dies at Ponca City, Okla., leaving 700 kinfolds in her immediate family.

Two hostile aeroplanes visit Kent, England, dropping nine bombs resulting in a casualty list of one killed and six injured.

East St. Louis, Ill., stock yards are under quarantine because of the discovery of several cases of foot and mouth disease.

A. L. Mohler, president of the Union Pacific railroad, who fell on the ice at Omaha Sunday and suffered concussion of the brain, is improving.

President Wilson urges congress to clear its docket of appropriation bills as soon as possible, so that the preparation program will have full swing.

At a meeting in Chicago of the Republican National committee, four prominent persons were mentioned for chairman of the convention, including Borah, Root, McCall and Osborne.

Senator Newlands, in a speech in the senate, opposed government ownership of railroads, declaring that under the regulation plan, America has secured the most perfect railroad system in the world.

A stenographer in a fit of despondency jumps from the 16th story of a building in Chicago. She alighted on a truckload of pastebord boxes, breaking both arms and several ribs. She probably will live.

Republican Leader Mann took the floor of the house against the Shackleford \$25,000,000 good roads bill on the ground that the money would have to come from special taxes, most of which are paid by cities.

A package of currency containing \$2200 disappeared somewhere between the Burlington depot and the Adams Express company office at Mount Pleasant, Ia. Another package containing \$500 in silver was undisturbed.

Colonel Goethals, governor of the Panama Canal zone, and General Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the U. S. troops there, are to report at Washington to settle differences between them arising from criticism made by General Edwards.

A new Oregon Republican club is organized in Portland with 500 members.

A total of eleven lives were lost during recent severe storms in Southern California.

Berlin announces that superior Russian forces were repulsed in hand-to-hand fighting in the Bessarabian frontier trenches.

Promises that the English conscription measure will be enforced without severity, brings loud applause in the house of commons.

War issues cause hot debate in the senate, Hoke Smith leading in a severe arraignment of England's attitude toward neutral shipping.

A British submarine has gone ashore off Holland, according to an announcement made by the official press bureau. There was no loss of life.

An attack by the British with the use of smoke bombs on the German positions north of Frelingheim, in Northern France, is announced in an official statement by the German army headquarters. It is declared the attack was beaten off with heavy loss to the British.

Roosevelt wants immediate action in construction of half a dozen "formidable fighting ships," adequate army and universal military service.

The Greek king is bitter toward the entente powers for attempting to force his country into the war. He declares the neutrality of his country was violated like that of Belgium.

General Luis Herrera, in supreme command of the Carranza forces at Chihuahua City, Mexico, late Friday night flatly denied the truth of the report of the capture of General Villa at the San Geronimo ranch.

REPUBLICAN LEADER MAKES NON-PARTISAN PLEA FOR PREPAREDNESS

Washington, D. C.—Unqualified, non-partisan support of military preparedness was urged Wednesday by Minority Leader Mann in a ringing speech on the floor of the house. He was heartily applauded by both sides of the chamber.

While it has been understood that most of the Republicans favored army and navy increases, none of their leaders had spoken on the subject. Consequently, coming as it did on the eve of the President's departure on a preparedness speaking tour, Mr. Mann's address was regarded as particularly significant. He remarked himself that he always has been known as a "small" army and navy man.

Representative Mann based his plea on the ground that it behooves the United States now to prepare for any

RALPH B. STRASSBURGER



Ralph Beaver Strassburger of New York and Pennsylvania, director of the Navy League and a graduate of Annapolis, has volunteered his services in the new naval reserve and is to take his examination before the board in charge of that branch of the service at an early date. Mr. Strassburger is one of the most prominent men in the national defense movement. During the Roosevelt administration he served at the White House and on the Mayflower. At Annapolis he was famous as a football player and was picked as one of the all-American half-backs for 1912.

eventualities that may come as a result of the European war. He declared that he saw no immediate danger of the war and hoped that peace might prevail, but that the meeting of the United States being drawn into the present conflict or one that might result from it was too great to be disregarded. "I have much more fear in the end of war with England than I have of war with Germany," he said. That was his only comment on this phase of his subject. Later he declined to elaborate on his remark.

Mr. Mann urged no particular preparedness plan. He said he favored a standing army of 250,000 or 300,000 or even 500,000 men, better coast defenses and "a navy which will be able to defend us on the sea." "I think we ought to provide these great forces," he said in pleading for a non-partisan view of the question, "and that it ought to be considered an emergency matter, entirely apart from the ordinary routine or expense of government, without regard to partisanship or party lines."

Touching on the cost, Mr. Mann said it would be millions now, but better than that billions later. The subject of preparedness was injected into the senate debate on the Philippine independence bill, and Senator Stone said he believed the United States would be safer from attack from abroad at the close of the European war than it had been at any time in the past 50 years.

Thirty-Three Admit Night-Riding. New Madrid, Mo.—Thirty-three defendants in the night-riding trials here pleaded guilty Wednesday, bringing the trials to a sudden end. All 33 were sentenced to six months' imprisonment and paroled on good behavior. Two men who were on trial were allowed to plead guilty and were paroled with the rest. The sentences of the 18 whose cases had been disposed of will stand. The defendants were accused of terrorizing land owners and tenants of Southeastern Missouri with the object of securing lower rent and higher wages.

Sultan's Yacht Attacked. London—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens says that the Sultan's yacht, Erthogroal, was torpedoed in the Bosphorus by a French submarine in the latter part of December. The vessel was seriously damaged but is still afloat.

The Erthogroal was built at Elswick in 1903, is 206 feet long and has a displacement of 900 tons and an armament of eight three-pounders and other equipment.

PORTLAND RECTOR CALLS FOR DEFENSE

Dr. Morrison, Episcopalian, Has No Use for Pacifist.

CHRIST'S NON-RESISTANCE IS DENIED

Mother Who Would Keep Her Sons From Enlisting Declared to Be "Disgrace to Nation."

The finger of shame was pointed from the pulpit of the Portland Trinity Episcopal church Sunday morning at the mother whose love for her son rises above that for her nation.

The mothers and "peace at any price" advocates were denounced as a "disgrace to the nation," and an appeal, based on the teachings of Christ, for proper national armaments, was sent forth by Dr. A. A. Morrison, rector of that church, in what was considered perhaps the strongest sermon in defense of preparedness ever delivered from any pulpit in Portland.

After the sermon members of the congregation rushed forward to congratulate the pastor. "I cannot understand these individuals who cry even from the pulpits 'peace at any price,'" he told them. "I wonder what they would do, if some one in the night should by force steal away their wife and daughter. Would they run after them with their theory of love? Of course not."

The teaching of Christ, he declared in answer to those peace advocates who base their theories on the Bible, is not against preparedness. And he cited Christ's scourging of the money changers in the temple, his chastisement of the Scribes and Pharisees and his advice to sacrifice one's life for a friend.

"A misapprehension exists," he declared, "over the phrase called 'Christian teaching.' There are those advocating peace under any and all circumstances who assert that Jesus taught a doctrine of non-resistance; a doctrine which would utterly abrogate the use of force in education or as a defense against evil-doers. Many persons believe Christ advocated this, but I say he did no such thing."

Avalanche of Snow and Earth Hits Great Northern Train; 8 Dead

Seattle—Two cars of westbound Great Northern Cascade Limited train were swept from the track by an avalanche near Cores station Saturday morning, and were hurled 80 feet down the mountain side, causing death to four passengers, and four missing. Fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously except Earl Smith, of Spokane, a small boy.

The train was standing on the track near Cores, on the west slope of the Cascade mountains, when the avalanche struck it near the middle, a day coach and the dining car over the bank, while a sleeper behind them was toppled over on its side, where it hung in its perilous position over the bank, but was not taken down.

The dining car stopped when about half way down the slope and caught fire, being destroyed there. The scene of the accident is but a few miles east of the scene of a similar disaster of February 23, 1910, when two Great Northern trains were struck by snowfalls and nearly all the persons on the trains perished.

Villa Sends Messenger to Deny Implication in Killing of Americans

El Paso, Tex.—Tedeoro Prieto, who says he is a major in the Villa army, appeared Monday and declared that he had been sent in disguise to the border by Gen. Villa to say that Villa had nothing to do with the massacre of 18 foreigners at Santa Ysabel January 10.

"Villa did not know of the tragedy for days afterward," said Prieto. "He instructed me to say that he will execute the men responsible, even if they prove to be his own men, if they are caught."

Steamer Founders at Sea

Halifax, N. S.—The British freight steamer Pollentia, which has been reported in distress about 700 miles off Cape Race, foundered Monday, according to a wireless message received here. All on board were rescued. An earlier radiogram said that the Italian steamer Giuseppe Verdi and two other steamers were standing by the Pollentia, waiting for the seas to moderate. The Pollentia is understood to have been in the service of the British admiralty. The Giuseppe Verdi left New York January 13 for Genoa.

Wages 27 Per Cent Higher.

New York—One thousand and three hundred representative manufacturers in New York state, employing approximately 500,000 persons, are paying an average of 27 per cent more in wages than a year ago, according to a report made public here by the bureau of statistics and information of the State industrial commission. About 17 per cent more workers are employed now than last year, the statistics show.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

All-Oregon Historical Pageant Commencement Week Feature

University of Oregon, Eugene—An all-Oregon historical pageant, in which each of the 35 counties will be represented by a "Daughter of Oregon," will be presented at the State university during commencement week, early in June.

The pageant has just been approved by the board of regents and will be presented before final examinations so that the participation of a great portion of the student body may be possible. The pageant will depict the progress of Oregon. The first representation will show the state as it was in its original primeval condition, prior to the coming even of the Indian. Then the epoch of Indian domination will be depicted, then the coming of the white man, then the days of the immigration, then the gold days, and finally the realization of the present, with a glimpse into the future. The pageant will be in five scenes, presided over by "Mother Oregon." In the last scene the 35 "Daughters of Oregon" will bring gifts symbolic of the industries of each county.

The pageant is to be not merely a University affair. Contribution of lyrics for the various choruses is invited from the state at large, and any suggestion for the five scenes will be appreciated. A large state attendance is looked for. Persons desiring to make suggestions for the pageant should communicate with Dr. E. S. Bates, professor of English and author of the scenario, University of Oregon, Eugene.

State Joins Fight on Federal Control of Vacant Public Lands

Salem—With other Western states, Oregon will join with Utah in the battle to determine whether the Federal government has exclusive control over vacant public lands in the Western states.

Believing that the case now on appeal from Utah to the United States Supreme court, in which the Beaver River Power company is enjoined from operating a hydro-electric plant on lands in the Federal forest reserve, is of vital interest to Oregon, Governor Withycombe has requested Attorney General Brown to appear in Washington, D. C., as a friend of the court, and give Oregon's attitude in the question of government control of water power resources on Federal lands. Utah was the first to intervene, and since then Idaho, Colorado and a number of other Western states have decided to be represented.

The question involved in the case, according to officials here, is whether the laws of a state regulating the appropriation and use of water within its boundaries are controlling and exclusive of any other control.

Will Drain 60,000 Acres in Fertile Long Tom District

Eugene—A meeting of business men and landowners has launched plans for the drainage of between 60,000 and 70,000 acres in the Long Tom district at an estimated expense of \$280,000. About 20,000 acres of this land is in Lane county, the rest being in Linn and Benton counties.

The commercial club at a recent meeting pledged its support to the project, and will, it has been announced, give \$1000 toward getting the work under way, provided the majority of the landowners vote to create a drainage district as authorized by the Oregon law, within which assessments may be levied. The district will be authorized to issue bonds.

This project has been proposed a number of times by individuals, but the action of the club, co-operating with landowners, is the first organized movement to accomplish the drainage of this land, which is almost worthless because it is covered with water a great part of the time, but which would be among the most valuable farm lands in the state if the water was eliminated.

Red Boy Mine Is Sold.

Baker—H. A. Sonne, cashier of the Baker Loan & Trust company has announced upon his return from Canyon City that he bid in for \$24,500 the property of the Red Boy Mines company at a sheriff's sale for the bank, holder of a trust mortgage securing a \$137,900 bond issue. The sale was effected by canceling a large part of the bond issue, at considerable below par.

Judgment given by the Grant county Circuit court, on which the sale was based, was \$171,835.98, together with \$5000 attorney's fees, to be divided between Clifford & Correll, of Baker, and William Jackson of Chicago, \$23 costs and \$500 for trustees' fees.

Africa Gets Oregon Hops.

Salem—What is said to be the first shipment of Oregon hops to South Africa left Independence recently for Portland, where it will be sent by steamer to its destination. The shipment was made by Durbin & Conroyer, buyers of this city, and consisted of 175 bales. Of the total number of bales in the order, 68 are destined for Johannesburg; 23 for Alagoa; 68 for Natal; 14 for Cape Town; 12 for Bloemfontein and 13 for Pretoria. The hops were grown by Madison Bros., of Benton county.

WEALTHY SEATTLE HOMES ARE RAIDED

Much Valuable Liquor Seized in Millionaire Residences.

EXCLUSIVE CIRCLES OF SOUND SHOCKED

Sheriffs Find Rare Old Whiskies and Wines—Hot Legal Battle Foreseen—No Arrests Made.

Seattle, Wash.—Seattle's wealthiest and most exclusive circles which got their first shock Monday when the Rainier club was raided on search warrants under the new prohibition law were rocked by a social volcano when the homes of two millionaires were raided by deputies acting under orders of Sheriff "Bob" Hodge, the coal miner aspirant for the governorship, and large and valuable stocks of fine wines and liquors were seized.

Where the law officers' lightning will strike next is the topic in the homes of Capitol Hill and Richmond Highlands. The palatial home at the Highlands of W. E. Boring, millionaire lumberman, was raided at noon Wednesday by deputy sheriffs. Sheriff Hodge had been told that an \$8000 stock of liquors belonging to the Seattle Golf and Country club had been secreted there in violation of the dry law.

In one room in the basement the deputies said they found a specially fitted device by which great numbers of bottles were put away, corks down. The liquors were of the richest kind, including bottled Scotch, rye and Bourbon whiskies, vermouth, champagne, including some of the vintage of 1890, and valued at \$60 a quart; a case of Pol Roget, Chateau and other liquors and three cases of beer.

In the butler's pantry were found 18 bottles of beer and about 15 bottles of assorted drinkables. The liquor found in the basement was said by the deputy sheriffs to be worth at least \$2000.

Mr. Boring is president of the Greenwood Lumber company and of the Northwest Aero club. The home of D. E. Skinner, president of the Skinner-Eddy Steamship company and of the Port Blakely Mill company, was raided, and a stock of liquors worth about \$8000 confiscated by deputy sheriffs.

In each instance the great stocks were removed and will be held pending hearing of the cases. No arrests will be made.

It is said to be practically certain that the raid will result in hotly contested legal battles, attacking the dry law from the standpoint of raids on private residences and particularly that feature of the common law granting a householder extraordinary rights in his premises.

Rumor has it also that further residence raids are in prospect, directed against the homes of officials of various clubs.

Mr. Skinner was delivering an address upon "The Merchant Marine" at a luncheon of the Seattle Real Estate association when a note was handed him informing him his home was being raided. He angrily denounced the police, thinking it was they who were making the raid instead of the sheriffs, and declared he had ordered his servants to destroy all liquor, smash the bottles so the law officers could not hold orgies on fine wines at his expense.

The prohibition law permits persons to keep in their own homes not more than two quarts of spirituous liquors and 12 quarts of malt drinks.

Fund for Alaska Favored.

Washington, D. C.—Two million dollars with which to push work on the Alaska railroad with the opening of spring and \$75,000 for the confidential diplomatic fund used by the President and the secretary of state are included in an urgent deficiency appropriation bill favorably reported Thursday to the house. Construction of the road will begin in earnest in the spring. The commission in charge already has had \$2,607,000 placed at its disposal and the ultimate cost of the project is to be \$36,000,000.

More to Be Executed.

Chihuahua City, Mex.—The Villa bandits who looted Magistral, a mining camp in Durango, several days ago, and who were attacked and beaten by Carranza troops Thursday at Guerrero, are said to include some men who took part in the slaughter of 18 foreigners at Santa Ysabel, January 10. Several prisoners taken were being brought here to be executed and their bodies displayed with those of Jose Rodriguez and Miguel Baca-Valles, which were exhibited at Juarez.

Montenegro to Fight On.

Paris, via London—The following official statement was issued Thursday: "The wireless news of the surrender of the Montenegrin army appears somewhat premature. It is now announced from another source that negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been broken off, the conditions of surrender imposed by Austria having been found quite unacceptable by Montenegro. The royal family is about to proceed to Italy."

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