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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 noted Hungarian actress has been shot as a British spy.

Thirty-three gamblers were arrested in a raid at Aberdeen, Wash.

The county auditor at Tacoma issued 98 permits to buy liquor in one day.

Rear Admiral Charles Eben Fox, U. S. N., retired, dies at the age of 66 years.

The plot to poison many prominent citizens at a banquet in Chicago is laid to anarchists.

Graham-White, the noted British aviator, has been gravely injured by a fall in his aeroplane.

Brigadier General Benjamin C. Card, retired, dies at the age of 91, at his home in Washington, D. C.

Philadelphia's streets were covered Sunday with a heavy coating of ice caused by a bad sleet storm.

Six per cent of the fish fry in the hatcheries at Bonneville were lost because of the recent heavy storm.

Gasoline in Portland is selling for 18 1/2 cents a gallon and may go higher. In New York it sells for 24 cents.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, ex-president of China, is reported re-married to his private secretary at Tokio, Japan.

The value of real estate in New York City is placed at \$8,205,000,000, an increase of \$97,000,000 over a year ago.

Two wealthy Americans have equipped a hospital train of 13 cars and have presented it to the French government.

The film pictures of the Columbia River Highway are to be shown in Syracuse, N. Y., upon request from that city.

President Wilson is now declared a candidate for renomination, regardless of the one-term plank of the Democratic platform.

Two young men in an automobile were killed at Sumner, Wash., when their machine was struck by a Northern Pacific train.

Rear Admiral Grant, the submarine commander of the U. S. navy, declares that undersea boats should be at least 800 tons displacement.

Richard L. Metcalfe, ex-governor of the Panama Canal zone, has invited W. J. Bryan to debate the question of preparedness before the voters of Nebraska.

The Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage sent President Wilson a valentine on which was inscribed: "Won't you be our valentine? We will be your valentine."

Dr. Carlos Mendoza, ex-president of Panama, died suddenly Tuesday night from heart trouble, was buried the following day, after the body had laid in state all day in the government building. Dr. Mendoza was the leader of the opposition faction of the Liberal party and was widely regarded as one of the most able men in Panamanian politics.

Germans capture large section of French trenches in Artois.

Portland citizens have raised a fund of over \$13,000 for the relief of suffering Jews in Europe.

The customs officials at San Francisco have seized a totem pole that bears nude pictures and is otherwise indecent.

According to the decision of the National Association of Merchant Tailors, the ideal American's measurement should be, height, 5 feet 6 inches; chest, 38 inches; waist, 32 1/2 inches; hips, 34 inches; thigh, 21 1/2 inches; calf, 14 1/2 inches; head measure, one-eighth of the full length of the body; legs straight and feet arched.

Germany and Austria, through their embassies in Washington, have notified the United States of their intention to treat armed merchantmen as warships after March 1. That date was fixed to give the entente allies time to signify their intentions toward the recent note of the United States proposing the disarmament of all merchantmen.

The Willamette river at Portland reaches a 19-foot stage and floods all waterfront basements.

A liquid which bursts into flame when poured on paper is believed to have been used by incendiaries who set fire to the Ottawa, Can., parliament building.

The Navajo Indians are dancing their war dance and threatening to attack white settlers in Northeastern Arizona, in retaliation for the slaying of one of their number recently by policemen, according to two cowboys from Utah.

BERLIN AGREES TO CHANGE WORDING IN LUSITANIA CASE

Washington, D. C.—Germany is understood to have agreed to the suggestion of the United States she substitute the words "recognizes liability" for the words "assumes liability" in the tentative draft of the communication designed to settle the Lusitania case.

The revised draft was received here late Wednesday night from Berlin. It was submitted to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Several other changes desired by the United States and described as being of minor importance also are said to have been made. In one instance, however, Germany is understood to have proposed a change in the language suggested by the American government.

From high Teutonic authority came the statement that it was expected the Lusitania case would be finally settled to the satisfaction of the United States.

CHARLES C. CROWLEY



Charles C. Crowley, a private detective of San Francisco, and recently in the employ of the German consulate in the western city, has been arrested by agents of the department of justice on a charge of conspiring to destroy ships carrying war munitions and supplies to the allies.

States and Germany at a conference between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff. It also was said that the one modification made in Berlin was not material and that German officials here did not consider that the State department would object to the change.

Teutonic officials seemed most confident that in agreeing to the American request to substitute the word "recognizes" for the word "assumes" preceding the mention of liability of Germany to make reparation for injury to neutrals the Berlin foreign office had removed all cause of possible difficulty.

All Aspects of War Will Be Considered by Conference of Allies

London — A general conference of the allies in Paris to consider all political and strategic aspects of the war is to be held. Announcement of this effect was made in the house of commons by Premier Asquith.

Premier Asquith's statement was made in the course of an address in connection with the opening of parliament. The premier said a large vote of credit would be asked next week.

He announced that the government was now taking stock of all its munitions, men, finances and industrial reserves, so as to be in a position to put forth its maximum strength.

The forecast made several weeks ago of a daily expenditure for the war of \$5,000,000 had proved, the premier said, to be nearly accurate.

Obligations incurred by the war, he added, would impose a serious strain on the country for a generation to come. This burden, he believes, could be met only by large additions to taxation and by maintenance of England's credit by keeping up the volume of exports, holding down unnecessary imports and reducing expenditures.

Two Ships Burning at Dock

New York — The British steamers Pacific and Bolton Castle, lying at the pier of Barbor & Co., at the foot of Pioneer street, Brooklyn, caught fire early Wednesday and it was believed that both would be destroyed. Some of the members of the crews were thrown or jumped into the water, and loss of life was feared. The fire started on the pier of the New York Dock company, the longest in the East River, and spread to the two steamers and two lighters loaded with gasoline which were lying at the pier.

Fire Found on Steamship

New York — Fire was discovered in the cargo on board the steamship Veendyk of the Holland-American line as the vessel was passing out to sea Wednesday. Captain Lieuweh quickly put back to the pier at Hoboken. It was said after 30 firemen had fought the flames for more than six hours, that the fire was under control. Effort will be made to determine its cause. The Veendyk carried \$200,000 worth of oil cake consigned to Rotterdam.

SUSPECT ANARCHIST OF BIG POISON PLOT

Two Hundred Banqueters Taken Sick When Soup Is Served.

CHIEF BELIEVED MERE UNIT IN SCHEME

Lives Saved by Custom of Serving Meager Portions—Only Ounce of Arsenic Used in Food.

Chicago—"I do not wish to create a panic in Chicago," was the cryptic reply of First Deputy Superintendent of Police Schuetzler, when asked Monday to give his views of the plot to poison several hundred prominent Chicagoans.

Schuetzler spoke testily and in the tone of a man who is harboring the secret of a great calamity. At the same time he refused to admit that he believed Jean Crones, missing assistant chef at the University Club, who served the banquet, was the only man who figured in the plot.

Two hundred of the distinguished list of 400 banqueters who attended a dinner given to Chicago's new Catholic archbishop, Most Reverend George William Munderlein, were taken ill of poisoning after the soup course. The archbishop did not partake of the soup, nor did Governor Dunne, who was among those present.

Indications are that Schuetzler is hot on Crones' trail and is gathering evidence of a plot in which Crones was only a unit among a gang of anarchists who planned to kill the distinguished group of men. This was borne out by the activities of his staff of detectives.

Two hours before Health Commissioner Robertson gave out the report of F. O. Tonney, city chemist, that 3.7 grains of white oxide of arsenic had been found in an analysis of a pint of the poisoned soup served at the banquet, two anarchists were taken into Schuetzler's offices.

Both of the anarchists were questioned for more than an hour. When they had gone Schuetzler, in an interview, admitted he had reports on Crones for several months. He knows the meetings Crones has attended, what he said to those gatherings. He admitted Crones was a red hot "dyed-in-the-wool" anarchist, that he knew Crones' associates, that his detectives have questioned these men.

Schuetzler made known the fact that Crones at a meeting of anarchists last May asked the speaker if his study of chemistry—he is an amateur chemist—would injure his standing in the anarchist movement. The speaker's reply throws some light on the motive of the poison plot. It was this: "No, a chemist, could do a great deal in the anarchist movement."

Two Athletes Drowned When Canoe Hits Eddy in Willamette

Portland, Ore.—Two were drowned and six other narrowly escaped drowning when a Salem-to-Portland canoeing party of the Portland Rowing club struck the whirling rapids and eddies off Rock Island in the Willamette river five miles south of Oregon City Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The drowned were Charles Kirkpatrick, 660 East Madison street, 22 years of age, a clerk in the clearinghouse at the First National bank, and Harry Gammie, 33 years of age, paying teller in Ladd & Tilton bank, and an athlete of considerable repute, whose residence was 348 East Sixteenth North. Both were athletes of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic club and expert canoeists of the Portland Rowing club.

The accident came at a sudden turning point in a heretofore uneventful trip down the Willamette from Salem.

About midway through the eddies the canoe in which Gammie and Kirkpatrick were struggling suddenly turned over and dumped them into the river. Both began a desperate struggle against the water, but their efforts seemed to be of little avail, the water being swift and the undercurrent tremendous.

Treasure Hunt Renewed

Los Angeles, Cal.—Having obtained an extended furlough to enable him to undertake a second treasure hunt on Cocos Island, Walter Bunker, a police patrolman, left Sunday for the little dot in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Peru, where he hopes to unearth a vast store of gold said to have been buried on the island 200 years ago. Bunker has obtained the use of a yacht belonging to J. Bender, Mexican capitalist, who accompanies the expedition. Bunker's last expedition failed on account of trouble with his crew.

298,000 Belgians Shod

New York — The Commission for Relief in Belgium announced Sunday that since the beginning of its winter campaign it had sent 298,000 pairs of shoes to the destitute of Belgium and Northern France. Of these 100,000 were for women, 60,000 for children, 48,000 for boys, 48,000 for girls and 40,000 for men. The commission bought \$25,000 worth of leather to be cut up and tacked onto wooden soles and to repair old shoes.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Railroad in Douglas County Is Held Liable for Taxes

Roseburg—In a decree handed down in the Circuit court here Judge Hamilton held that the taxes due from the land of the Southern Oregon company in Douglas county for the year 1909 were collectible, and that the holdings of the company were subject to sale to satisfy the delinquent certificates the same as other lands on which the taxes were not paid. The unpaid taxes amount to about \$50,000.

Suit was brought against the Southern Oregon company several months ago to compel them to pay the taxes due on their lands in this county for the year 1909. An answer was filed by the Southern Oregon company in which it was denied that the taxes were a lien against the land, or that they remained due and unpaid on the date of reaching delinquency. It was also alleged by the defense that the certificates of delinquency were not filed regularly with the clerk.

Another contention offered by the defense was that the Federal courts had decreed that their interest in the lands did not exceed \$2.50 an acre, while in some instances they were assessed as high as \$20 an acre. The defense contended this was sufficient to nullify the entire assessment.

The county attorney offered in evidence the original certificates of delinquency, which Judge Hamilton held were regular and sufficient to warrant disposal of the lands for taxes. Attorney John M. Guerin, of counsel for the Southern Oregon company, announced that he would appeal the case to the Supreme court. The question involved in the case are identical with those of the Oregon & California grant lands, according to local attorneys.

State Land Board Stands Firm on Irrigation Project

Salem — The Desert Land Board Wednesday stood by its recent action in recommending to the government a further extension of the state's contract with the government on the Benham Falls unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation company's project in Crook county. At this meeting a copy of a resolution adopted by the Bend Commercial club protesting against any further extension of the contract was read.

Embarked in the Benham Falls tract are about 74,000 acres.

The board decided to send the additional data furnished by J. E. Morson regarding the Morson Land company's project at La Pine, to the department of the Interior. The board is favorable to granting Morson a three years' extension on his contract with the state, as he desires, but the Federal land department so far has refused to give the state an extension on its contract until Morson supplies more information.

County Assessors of State Hold Convention at Salem

Salem—Through the passage of the county high school tuition fund law, thousands of children in Oregon are now able to attend high school where before this was not possible because of the parents' inability to bear the expense, J. A. Churchill, superintendent of public instruction, told the county assessors of the state. The assessors began a three-day session and conference with the State Tax commission here Wednesday at the state house. Tax Commissioner Eaton is chairman of the conference.

Superintendent Churchill praised the new high school tuition fund law in his address, declaring that officials of the United States Bureau of Education at Washington, D. C., considered Oregon's law the best ever passed in the interest of secondary education.

Following an address by B. F. Keeney, of Lane county, on "Assessment of Motor Vehicles," Commissioner Galloway declared that automobiles ought to be taxed according to their respective horsepower.

Timber Saving Is Great

Salem—In the protection of privately owned timber in Oregon statistics given in the reports of State Forester Elliott indicate that great progress has been made in the last six years.

When the new forestry code was enacted in 1911, and the compulsory fire patrol law, in 1913, a reduction in fire losses throughout the timbered sections at once was effected. In 1910 \$1,640,997 worth of timber was destroyed in Oregon. Last year it totaled only \$933,333.

The total loss in the five years ending with the close of last year was \$96,620. This is less than one-sixteenth of the loss sustained from fires in 1910, the last years under the old system.

Drinker Defies Court

Baker—Facing a sentence of 50 days and a fine of \$65, imposed by Justice of the Peace Hubbard, because he refused to tell where he got the liquor that made him drunk in Baker last month, Charles Blackwell will demand that he be released. His attorney, announced that he will file a writ of habeas corpus. The state and national constitutional right of refusal to testify except under a guarantee of complete immunity will be made the basis for the writ. If necessary the case may be carried to the Supreme court.

FORD PEACE UNIT FOR PREPARATION

"Out of Trenches by Christmas" Slogan Worst Thing of All.

AMERICA DECLARED IN GRAVE DANGER

With One Exception Entire Delegation Favored Administration's Plans for National Preparedness.

University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore. — Lamar Toose, delegate of the University of Oregon on Ford's peace expedition, returned here late Thursday night, firmly convinced that the United States is in grave danger of becoming entangled in the great European conflict, that every citizen should stand back of President Wilson in his present programme for preparedness, and asserting that Henry Ford's peace expedition was neither a success nor failure. Mr. Toose is hale and hearty after a journey of 18,000 miles since November 30.

"The worst thing that happened to the mission was the slogan 'out of the trenches by Christmas.' Ford himself knew well enough that this would be impossible and everyone else knew it," said Mr. Toose.

"The peace cause was weakened," the peace delegate continued, "not only when Ford failed to get the representative peace element of the United States. The expedition was gotten up in too much hurry. He had to take those who would go."

"And a sad feature of the affair was the fact that Madam Schwimmer headed the voyage. She meant well but she was not capable."

Whether the effect of the voyage will be permanent remains for the future to show, according to the university delegate, but he gave his reasons why the journey is an immediate success as follows:

"The expedition attracted the publicity which it set out to do. I believe this was the main idea Ford had in mind."

"The support of neutral countries was enlisted, especially that of Denmark, Holland and Sweden."

"A permanent neutral conference was established. Five representatives from each of the Scandinavian countries and Holland are to meet and draw up a practical plan for peace."

"The so-called dissension, while really amusing, was really over a difference of opinion over national preparedness. Colonel S. S. McClure, noted New York publisher, led the group that favored the President's policy."

"With only one exception students favored national preparedness. Some of the others were extreme radicals for peace, and that's what caused the trouble. My view was that our nation should always be prepared to withstand foreign aggression. Lack of preparation would be suicidal to the United States and would place this country in the same category as inert China. For this reason I refused to sign a platform containing opposition to the preparedness programme. I am more strengthened in my opinion since I saw—from a distance, it is true—the European situation."

Famous Oregon Artist Donates Festival Poster

Washington and Oregon will both receive favorable attention from tourists over the country this year as a result of the poster.



The poster was given by Fred G. Cooper, a former Oregon boy, now an artist of national repute. He gave the poster last year to incorporate his father's slogan "The Whole World Knows the Portland Rose." Mr. Cooper says the Columbia river from a scenic viewpoint is one of the greatest advertising assets of both states and should be exploited far and wide. The Columbia river highway will be dedicated opening day of the Rose festival.

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