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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.

Hi Gill is again nominated for mayor of Seattle.

The house of commons votes a new credit of 2,082,000,000 pounds sterling.

Four hundred lumbermen of the Northwest are holding a meeting in Portland.

A Wenatchee, Wash., couple kept their wedding a secret since October 3 last year.

The French succeed in bringing to earth a Zeppelin making a raid over that country.

Another Portland Chinaman was shot in the tong war Monday, and a Hop Sing suspect is in jail.

Great advances of snow and dirt in several districts in Germany have killed 55 persons recently.

President Wilson has filed a petition to place his name before the Iowa voters in the April 10 primaries.

Ex-President Taft declares that "boss-ridden conventions" produce better results than primary elections.

Several Portland druggists are under investigation for the alleged selling of grain alcohol, which is used as a beverage.

Mildred Marek, 6½ years old, who lived near Boise, Ida., was struck over the heart with a batted baseball and died from the effects.

The Chicago police are momentarily expecting to capture Jean Cronas, the anarchist accused of poisoning several hundred banquets in that city.

William Orpet, University of Wisconsin junior, is held to the grand jury in connection with the death of his former sweetheart, Marion Frances Lambert.

An entente allies' submarine succeeded in passing through the Dardanelles and sinking four ships carrying munitions. The visitation caused a panic in Constantinople.

All the income tax cases before the Supreme court are disposed of in favor of the government on the authority of the original decision, upholding the constitutionality of the law.

Colonist passenger fares from points in Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota and nearby states to Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and other points on the Pacific Coast and in Western Canada were authorized by the Interstate Commerce commission.

Alaska's trade with the outside world increased \$12,000,000 last year, according to figures made public by the department of Commerce. The balance of trade in the territory's favor was \$27,000,000. Exports were valued at \$55,000,000 and imports at \$28,000,000.

Reports of acute suffering and appeals for immediate relief have reached Natchez, Miss., from Concordia and Tensas parishes, in Northern Louisiana, where a half dozen towns, not heard from for several days, were said to be inundated, with their inhabitants marooned and in imminent danger.

The steamer Pavlov in Alaskan waters, sends S. O. S.

Fashion has decreed that the barrel skirt is correct apparel for this spring.

Fire caused \$150,000 damages to the Inman-Poulsen lumber yards and mill in Portland.

Sweden asks Uncle Sam to aid in their protest to England against the Britons' intercepting mail to that country.

President Wilson has presented a list of Americans killed in Mexico in the last three years, to the senate. The total is 112.

A bachelor school teacher at Everett, Wash., has educated at his own expense, seventeen boys and one girl. He is an author of some note and from this fund pays for the schooling, living on his salary as teacher.

Paper mills in the United States are operating to capacity and many of them are turning away orders, but the increase in the price of raw materials and the high price of labor have reduced the profits of the business.

Federal detectives are making a nation-wide search for the gang of anarchists who, it is alleged, is instigators of the poison plot.

The Umatilla Indians object to the building of a bridge across the Umatilla river at their expense, declaring the bridge is for the benefit of the white man, and not them.

Sawmill and logging companies declare that by the middle of March there will be a shortage of unskilled labor in these lines. Day labor has advanced from \$2 to \$2.25 and will go to \$2.50 per day.

AMERICAN NAVY THIRD ON LIST; EQUAL TO ANY BY YEAR 1925

Washington, D. C.—The object of the building policy formulated in 1913 by the Navy General Board, it was disclosed Wednesday before the house naval committee, was to keep the United States ahead of Germany in the race for naval supremacy. The statement was made by Rear Admiral Charles J. Badger, a member of the general board, who explained that the policy had contemplated a fleet of 48 first-line battleships by 1919 to accomplish its purpose.

The statement did not go into the record of the hearing and Admiral Badger did not amplify it to show why the board had thought such a course necessary.

The admiral was replying to a suggestion that the object of the old policy, abandoned this year by the board for the first time, was to keep the American navy in second place. While

GENERAL IVANOFF



General Ivanoff is in command of the southern group of Russian armies and, together with General Brusiloff, is given the credit for the severe defeats inflicted on the Austrians since the Teutonic invasion of Russia was checked.

that was the effect it had, he said, the real object was to keep ahead of Germany.

This year the board fixed as its policy the creation by 1925 of a fleet equal to the most powerful afloat at that time, he said. The committee did not go into the board's reasons for changing its ideas beyond drawing out the explanation that the board believed a fleet 10 per cent superior to any fighting force that might be brought against it would be necessary to insure against the invasion of American soil by an enemy.

Under questioning by Representative Kelly, Admiral Badger said the construction of three additional dreadnaughts and eight battle cruisers would place the navy on a par with the capital ships of the German fleet today. Germany now has 22 dreadnaughts and eight battle cruisers, he said, according to the best available information, while the United States has all told 19 ships of the dreadnaught class, built or building.

To equal Great Britain's fleet within two years, Admiral Badger said, the United States would be obliged to have a total force of 40 dreadnaughts, 15 battle cruisers, 25 swift scouting craft, 200 submarines and 250 destroyers. He was not favoring such a program, but merely answering questions by Representative Butler. Such a fleet could not be built in two years, he added, though it might be constructed in four.

Roslyn Has \$100,000 Fire.

Tacoma, Wash. — Approximately \$100,000 loss was caused by a fire starting in some refuse, swept in front of the ash pan of a boiler in the big department store of the Northwestern Improvement company at Roslyn, a coal mining town, according to advices received here.

In the building were the real and personal tax rolls of Kittitas county. These records and those of the company were rescued. Many fuse caps and much oil was stored in the building, but an explosion was averted.

Blockade Minister Created.

London — The government through the Marquis of Lansdowne, announced in the house of lords that it had decided to turn over all matters connected with the blockade of Germany to one man who would rank as a full-fledged cabinet minister. It is understood that the new post will go to Lord Robert Cecil, who, since the formation of the coalition government, has been under secretary for foreign affairs. He will retain this post, joining the cabinet as blockade minister.

Man and Wife Fight Duel.

Louisville, Ky. — Fourteen-year-old Genevieve Hall was shot to death during a pistol duel between her mother and father in their home here Wednesday night. The father, Joseph T. Hall, 42, also was killed and the mother, Mrs. Della Hall, 37, is in a hospital in a dying condition. She received four bullet wounds.

The girl was struck by a stray bullet as she crouched under a kitchen sink.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Oregon State Commission Asks Opening of Northern Gateway

Salem — Relief of Oregon lumber mills and other shippers who are suffering from lack of cars to ship their products is sought through opening of the Northern gateways. To this end the Public Service commission telegraphed the Interstate Commerce commission at Washington, D. C. It is the belief of the Oregon commission that the railroads may heed a request for a temporary opening of the Northern routes if made by the Federal tribunal.

In its communication to the Interstate Commerce commission, the Oregon commission said:

"The car shortage is increasing. The accumulated shortage on the Southern Pacific is now 700 cars, and on the Oregon-Washington Railway & Navigation company's lines is 300. There is no shortage in Oregon or Washington. We feel that we are being discriminated against. If it is possible to open the Northern gateways temporarily we might procure cars from other lines."

Replies to inquiries sent by the Oregon commission to the commissions of California and Washington are that no car shortage exists in those states.

Coos Bay Cities Plan Big Railroad Jollification

Marshfield — The Marshfield and North Bend Chamber of commerce have committees organized for the purpose of planning for the celebration of completion of the Willamette-Pacific railway from Eugene to Coos Bay, but they have been unable and will not likely see the date for some time, as the Southern Pacific officials are still hesitant about naming a time for the road to be finished.

According to the disposition in both cities, the event and entertainment will exceed anything ever attempted before on Coos Bay.

There are already promises received from the main boosting bodies in the Willamette valley that big delegations will be sent officially, but the committees here wish to have it generally understood that everybody and his relatives will be welcomed. The Cheriens, of Salem, were the first to give assurance they were preparing to come and see Coos Bay, and although the information came in a roundabout manner, they are expected to participate. Eugene and Albany are also among the cities that will send excursions, while the way stations on the Willamette-Pacific will have a general outpouring of joyseers.

Plans for Four Spans Made.

Salem — The state highway department announced this week that it had completed plans and specifications for four bridges, two in Yamhill county and two in Columbia. Proposals for the construction of the bridges will be accepted by the counties within a short time.

The bridge in Yamhill county at McMinnville will be a reinforced concrete viaduct to cost \$14,000. The other structure is a \$13,000 160-foot steel span between Athey's Island and the mainland over Willamette Slough below Wheatland.

At Verona, in Columbia county, a 100-foot steel span will be built over Rock Creek, and a 50-foot girder will be placed across Tide creek, near Deer Island.

No Logs; Dallas Mill Idle.

Dallas — For the first time in several months, the large sawmill plant of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, in this city, is closed. This is due to the shortage of logs. Owing to the heavy snow storms of the past month, work has been impossible in the camps near Black Rock. The supply of logs on hand when the snow stopped operations is exhausted.

All camps are now in full operation, and by the middle of next week the mill will resume again. Only a few of the men were laid off, most of them being employed in repairing the plant, which has a capacity of 100,000 feet a day.

Stock Go to Bunch Grass.

Baker — Hope for relief from the threatened further loss of livestock because of lack of feed is reported from parts of this vicinity. Horses and cattle are leaving their straw and hay for the bunchgrass. In the vicinity of North Powder, where the snow was unusually heavy, it is reported that it is melting and that it will not be long before the grass starts growing if present conditions continue.

John Day stockmen expect that conditions that have been very threatening will improve so that livestock there will be able to begin feeding early next month.

Fairground Sale Likely.

Eugene — Within the next few days petitions will be circulated in Lane county to authorize the purchase of the Lane County Fair grounds by the county for the sum of \$20,000. The property is owned by the Lane County Agricultural society, an organization of Eugene business men, and has been leased from year to year for fair purposes. The arrangement has proven unsatisfactory and it is proposed to purchase the property outright.

The question will be placed on the ballot at the primary election in May.

Colleges of Northwest

Articles Beneficial to Agriculturists, Stockmen, Dairying Interests, Mining, Capitalists, Etc. —Written for this Paper

High School Lunches Prove To Be of Greatest Value

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Can a high school student getting a lunch in the school get more than twice the value of lunch secured elsewhere at the same price? That this is actually the case is shown conclusively in a comparison of foods and prices made by the department of domestic science at the Oregon Agricultural college. According to this list the following food and prices at obtained at the high schools, having a food value of 700 calories.

In a typical school lunch the following items at the prices given are procured: Cocoa and whipped cream, 3c; egg sandwich, 4c; banana, 1c; four dates, 1c; 3 cookies, 1c; total, 10c.

Of the usual lunches purchased elsewhere the following is said to be typical of those bought by high school students: 3 crackers, 5c; cup of coffee with cream and sugar, 5c; total, 10c.

The food value of this latter lunch is 250 calories, in comparison with that of 700 calories of the typical school lunch.

Reports from some of the schools of Oregon where lunches are served, show that there are other advantages connected with the practice of furnishing the school lunch. It affords a means of furnishing instruction and training in preparing and serving meals economically and wholesomely. It also lends additional attraction to the work of schools and tends to keep attendance and interest at the best. Teachers are frequently regular customers of the school lunch, which they find helpful and pleasant in comparison with the cold lunches which they might otherwise have to eat. The following is a typical menu of the Kenton school of Portland:

One apple; 2 slices of bread and butter; 2 crackers and a bowl of thick soup.

Changing Conditions Compel Cheaper Pork Production

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—The number of recent farm surveys conducted by the U. S. department of Agriculture and the Oregon Agricultural College Extension service have clearly shown the need of more livestock on the average Oregon farm in order to make farming more profitable. Notwithstanding this fact farmers are forced to confront the further fact that recent pork prices have been such that increasing the number of pigs kept on the farm involves a serious risk of loss and makes improved methods of production imperative. The farmers also find that on some of the most profitable farms the number of pigs kept is related somewhat to the number of other livestock, especially dairy cattle. Just how to reconcile these somewhat conflicting requirements is a problem that progressive farmers are beginning to give earnest consideration to, and the following points brought out at the recent Farmers' Week exercises at the college may prove of value to them:

Conditions and methods of production are already beginning to undergo changes demanded by changing conditions; the quality of animals is being increased and the number is being regulated by conditions that now exist and which will prevail for the next year or so. It is pointed out by G. R. Samson, swine specialist of the college, that both pure bred breeding stock and pork hogs must be produced more cheaply than they were five years ago.

It also was shown that the further fact should be taken into consideration that some farmers can well produce pork at ten cents a pound but cannot profitably produce it at six cents.

Evidently, then, each grower should take into consideration the cost of producing feed and the cost of labor in caring for the stock. If these conditions are such that he cannot make a profit at the present prices he should discontinue pork production until prices improve, or if the economic conditions on his farm are such that he can produce a fewer number with profit, then he should confine his efforts to the number that may be thus grown at a profit. While it is not likely that the present prices will remain as they are for any considerable length of time, and while it is true that there are already evidences of better prices, it is well to accept conditions as they are and, as Professor Samson says, "cut the garment according to the cloth."

Another element in cheaper production is a more complete combination of fattening and growing pork which means that no retarding must be allowed to occur in the growth or development from birth to marketing. Possibly a slightly slower development than has been secured with the best

Alaska Sends Students.

University of Oregon, Eugene — Four students each more than 35 years of age, are among the 75 who registered at the State University at the mid-winter term. Two graduates of other universities also registered. Nearly one-fourth of the newcomers are majoring in the school of commerce. One man came from Alaska to study journalism for two years, after which he will return to Alaska to do newspaper work. One woman came with her husband, each intending to take a full four years' work.

May Mean Establishment of Tanneries in Northwest

University of Washington, Seattle —A ton of wood shipped by parcel post, in fifty-pound mail bags from the National Forest reserve near Sumpter, Oregon, was received at the chemistry department of the university last week. According to the parcel post deliveryman this is the largest single consignment that has been received by the Seattle Postoffice.

The work will be carried on by Frank M. Jones, a graduate student in the chemistry department, under the supervision of Dr. H. K. Benson, who was recognized at the meeting of the American Chemical Society last summer as a leader of the industrial research work being carried on in the United States.

The Alaska furs and hides from Montana provide enough skins for the establishment of tanning plants in the Northwest, according to Mr. Jones, but it remains for the capitalists to be obtained that the tannin extract can be shown that they can obtain the raw material at a low cost. Mr. Jones believes that tanneries will be established in the Northwest.

To Celebrate Baby Week In Many American Cities

Washington, D. C.—There are 1727 communities considering some preparation for Baby Week, according to the inquiries received by the Children's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor. This number does not include those of whose interest in the campaign word has come to the bureau indirectly.

The letters about Baby Week are still coming in from every state in the Union and from every type of community, such as a Colorado settlement forty miles from a railroad, a club of women on one of the government reclamation projects, a Montana coal mining town with a large foreign population, a southern mill village, and a club of farm women in a Middle Western state.

Texas has its own Baby Week slogan—Baby Health is Texas Wealth—and Mississippi has started a competition to secure a slogan for that state. North Dakota reports plans for a state-wide essay contest in the public schools. In a few state campaigns the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the State University Extension Department, the State Health officials and those who are especially interested in education are all co-operating in the Baby Week campaign.

Many large cities are going to have a Baby Week. Definite plans are under way in Albany, Baltimore, Boston, Cleveland, Milwaukee, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Richmond, San Francisco, Washington and other cities. New York had a successful Baby Week in 1914 and will probably hold another this year in the late spring.

In its suggestions for Baby Week observance the Children's Bureau lays special emphasis on the opportunity it affords for extending permanent work for infant welfare, such as infant welfare stations, visiting nursing, special nursing and instruction for prospective mothers, city inspection of milk, special work for the prevention of blindness, and little mothers' classes and home nursing instruction for school girls in the upper grades.

Experimenting in Ores.

The College of Mines at the University of Washington, is making tests upon small quantities of ore to determine what ore can be treated and under what conditions the best results can be obtained. The college intends to add to its present complete concentration mill, a full set of laboratory flotation units. Before the end of the present semester the college will make a report upon the results of the experiments which may be the means of saving a great deal of time and expense in the operation of the mills.

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