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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.

About 8000 men marched in Portland's Labor Day parade, Monday.

The Third Infantry of the Oregon National Guard, arrived at camp Withycombe Tuesday from duty on the border.

It is announced officially that Dar-es-Salaam, the chief town of German East Africa, has surrendered to the British.

From Klamath Falls, Oregon, it is reported that labor is so scarce that one of the lumber mills was obliged to discontinue its night shift.

Less than fifty per cent of the school children of Portland were in attendance on the first day of school, owing to the fact that it was Labor Day.

The Argentine government has reached no final decision as to its reply to the representations of the entente allies that merchant submarines of a belligerent nation should be treated as warships.

With more than 2000 people from all sections of Douglas county, Oregon, in attendance, the Rod and Gun Club of Riddle held its fourth annual venison barbecue under the most favorable conditions Monday.

The collapse of a portion of the bleacher seats at the Welsh-White lightweight championship fight at Colorado Springs, Monday precipitated 200 spectators to the ground and injured at least 100, several seriously.

Another clash between Chinese and Japanese troops is officially reported from Chaoyanwo, Mongolia, and has led to the dispatch of heavy Japanese reinforcements. It is contended that the Chinese attacked the Japanese while the Japanese were advancing to mediate between the Chinese and Mongolians.

Athens—Seizing the opportunity offered by the presence at Piræus, within gunshot of Athens, of a large fleet of the entente nations, Premier Zalmis has assumed unobtrusively what amounts virtually to dictatorial powers. All is now in readiness for the final act to end the neutrality of Greece.

Officers and men of the German airship destroyed Saturday night while raiding England, will be buried with full military honors in London. Details of the funeral have not been settled but the bodies probably will be put in separate graves in a churchyard near the spot where they were found after the airship fell.

Rioting, an outgrowth of the strike of street railway trainmen in progress in El Paso, Texas, followed a Labor Day parade Monday. The rioters attacked several streetcars being operated by strikebreakers in the downtown streets, wrecked the cars and beat the trainmen. A dozen persons were arrested on charges of inciting riot and it is estimated that at least 50 persons were injured in the street fighting.

John P. St. John, a candidate for the Presidency on the Prohibition ticket in 1884, twice governor of Kansas, and one of the most widely known temperance advocates in the United States, died at Olathe, Kan., aged 83.

At a secret session of the Chinese parliament, Premier Tuan Chi Jui, replying to inquiries about the recent clash between Chinese and Japanese troops in Eastern Mongolia, said the Japanese were the aggressors and fired the first shots.

The price of platinum jumped \$20 an ounce in two days, the quotations now running from \$80 to \$86 an ounce. Scarcity of the metal because of the war embargo set two years ago on platinum from Russia, together with the beginning of the Christmas holiday demand from jewelers, was attributed as reasons.

A profit of more than \$1,000,000 a week was made by the Ford Motor company during the year which ended July 31, according to a financial statement. The year's business totaled \$206,857,347; the year's profit was \$59,994,118. Henry Ford announced that most of the profit will be used in expanding the company's business.

An all-day battle was fought between government forces and Villa men, led by Villa himself. No victory was obtained by either.

It is officially announced that the British casualties, killed, wounded and missing, on all fighting fronts in the month of August totaled 4711 officers and 123,234 men.

The value of the ruble has recently advanced in London, where Petrograd exchange had fallen from 155 to 125 in the course of a week. The rise is attributed to Rumania's entrance into the war.

## PRESIDENT WILSON DECLARES FOR "BIG AMERICA" IN ACCEPTANCE

Long Branch, N. J.—President Wilson Saturday formally opened his campaign for re-election with a speech accepting the Democratic nomination, in which he characterized the Republican party as a "practical and moral failure," defended his Mexican and European policies, recited the legislative achievements of his administration, and declared for a "big America."

In his speech President Wilson was unsparring in his criticism of the Republican party as a party of "masterly inactivity and cunning resourcefulness in standing pat to resist change," and said that the old leaders still select its candidates, but he did not mention Charles E. Hughes, the Republican candidate by name.

The President spoke from the veranda of his summer home to a crowd which filled 8000 chairs and overflowed to the lawn.

Speaking in the open, his voice could be heard by only a small part of the crowd, but those who did hear him constantly interrupted with applause. Once when he said, "I neither seek the favor nor fear the displeasure of that small alien element amongst us which puts loyalty to any foreign power before loyalty to the United States," the crowd stood and cheered. The notification ceremonies were brought to a close when more than a score of American flags attached to parachutes were fired into the air by mortars and unfolded over the President's head as a band played "America."

Afterward Mr. Wilson stood more than an hour on the veranda and shook hands with several thousand men, women and children.

Senator James, of Kentucky, chairman of the notification committee, introduced the President. When he declared that Mr. Wilson had kept America at peace the crowd responded instantly and applauded several minutes.

He concluded by handing the President a copy of the St. Louis platform.

Reading from a printed copy of his speech and frequently looking up to emphasize particular points, Mr. Wilson spoke of the Democratic platform as "a definite pledge." Reviewing the achievements of the administration he said: "As like in the Democratic field and in the wide field of commerce of the world, American business and life and industry have been set free to move as they never moved before."

"We have provided for national defense upon a scale never before seriously proposed upon the responsibility of an entire political party."

Concluding his list of measures passed by congress in the last three years, the President said: "This extraordinary recital must sound like a platform, a list of sanguine promises, but it is not. It is a record of promises made four years ago and now actually redeemed in constructive legislation."

The President made a bid for the Progressive vote by saying that "we have in four years come very near to carrying out the platform of the Progressive party, as well as our own, for we are also progressives."

Further along, rebuking foreign-born Americans who are not loyal to the United States, he said: "I am the candidate of a party, I am above all things else an American citizen."

When Mr. Wilson declared that the revolution in Mexico is right and that so long as its leaders represent, however imperfectly, a struggle for freedom, he is ready to serve their ends, the crowd applauded. Applause also greeted his declaration that America must do its part in laying the foundation for world peace.

The policy of the United States in dealing with violations of the rights of Americans as a result of the European war, the President outlined thus: "The property rights can be vindicated by claims for damage when the war is over, and no modern nation can decline to arbitrate such claims, but the freedom rights of humanity cannot be."

The audience which listened to the President's address of acceptance was made up largely of residents of New Jersey coast towns, but included Democratic leaders from every section of the country and delegations from New York, Pennsylvania and other nearby states.

When President Wilson was told that the eight-hour bill was ready for his signature, he said: "It is the climax of a very happy day."

Officials said it would be legal for the President to sign on Sunday.

Crazed Serbian Runs Amuck. Seattle, Wash.—George Yakich, a Serbian, is declared by the police to have run amuck with a gas pipe in the heart of the business district, inflicting dangerous injuries on one man, and serious injuries on two others before he was captured by the police. Four hours previously Yakich had been released from jail after serving a six months' sentence for stabbing six men, as a result of a war argument at the same place.

H. L. Peters, a printer, was hit on the head, and is dangerously hurt.

Interned Vessels Seized. Athens—The French flag Saturday was hoisted on four German and three Austrian merchant ships in the harbor of Piræus.

London—Four German Levant liners have been seized in the harbor of Piræus by boarding parties from the entente allied fleet, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Evening News. The steamers were the Tinios, Anatolia, Serripes and Boigalos.

## RAILROAD STRIKE ORDER CANCELED

Senate Quickly Passes Adamson Eight-Hour Day Measure.

### ANGER OF TIE-UP IS AVERTED

Bill Embraces Virtually All of President's Proposals—Measure to Take Effect Jan. 1, 1917.

Washington, D. C.—The threat of a general railroad strike, which has been hanging like a pall over the country for a month, was lifted Saturday night.

Three hours after the senate had passed without amendment the Adamson eight-hour-day bill, passed by the great railroad employees' brotherhoods telegraphed 500-odd code messages to their general chairmen in all parts of the country cancelling the strike order issued a week ago, to take effect September 4.

The legislative expedient to avert the strike was passed in the senate by a vote of 43 to 28—almost a strict party vote—amid stirring scenes, after many senators, Democrats and Republicans, had fought desperately to amend the measure by provisions designed to prevent industrial disasters in the future. Some senators, thoroughly aroused, declared congress was being coerced into enactment of legislation that it did not desire and that it knew would return to plague it in the future.

In both houses the measure was signed within a few minutes after the final vote in the senate and it was sent at once to the White House, where the President signed it Sunday.

The bill that stopped the strike provides that after January 1, 1917, eight hours shall be regarded as a basis of reckoning for a day's pay of men engaged in the operation of railroad trains in interstate commerce, excepting roads less than 100 miles long and electric lines, that they shall receive pro-rata pay for work in excess of eight hours, and that the rate of compensation shall not be changed, pending an investigation for six to nine months of the effect of the eight-hour day upon the railroads by a commission to be appointed by the President.

Efforts to amend the bill in the senate were futile, the supreme effort to alter it having been led by Senator Underwood, who sought to provide that the Interstate Commerce commission should have power to fix railroad wages and hours of service in the future. This amendment was defeated.

Railroad officials have declared that the action of congress will cost them \$60,000,000 a year in increased wages to the trainmen. Brotherhood officials say the enactment will mean not more than an annual increase of \$20,000,000. In congress and among the railroad officials there existed doubt as to the constitutionality of the law, but what steps, if any, may be taken to test this action has not been indicated.

Quick action by the brotherhood heads followed the action in the senate. The measure embraces virtually all of the President's original proposals to the employees and the railroad heads, although it is only a part of the legislative program he took to congress last Tuesday when his negotiations had failed.

## Shackleton Rescues 22 Castaways From Elephant Island

Puntas Arenas, Chile—Lieutenant Shackleton returned here Sunday with the members of his Antarctic expedition whom he rescued and who had been marooned on Elephant Island. The men are all in good condition. It was April 24 that Shackleton set out from Elephant Island in a 22-foot boat, fitted with sledging runners, leaving 22 men of his expedition behind him. The men he left behind had five weeks provisions, their only shelter was an ice cave; night and day gales swept the bleak shores, so that any one leaving the shelter had to crawl on hand and knees.

## Insurance Agents Strike.

Boise, Idaho—An insurance war has broken out in Boise. The Pacific Board of Underwriters has notified local fire insurance company representatives that the proposed advance in fire insurance rates for Boise will go into effect, the matter having been carefully considered and the increase believed to be justified. The company agents here do not take the same view as to the justice of the increase and have decided not to sell insurance under the new rates but to insist on the old schedule. They expect to secure concessions.

## Greek Civilians Are Arming.

Paris—A dispatch to the Petit Parisien from Saloniki dated Friday says that a committee of national defense, composed of prominent military men and civilians, has been proclaimed as the provisional government of Macedonia. All the gendarmerie and cavalry, says the dispatch, have joined this movement. A parade of revolutionary troops under Lieutenant Colonel Zimbrakos took place, after which there was a parade of armed civilians and volunteers wearing the blue and white.

## PRESIDENT WILSON ACCEPTS LINCOLN MEMORIAL AS GIFT TO NATION

Hodgenville, Ky.—President Wilson came to Kentucky Monday to pay homage to the memory of Lincoln. The President accepted for the Federal government the log cabin in which Lincoln was born in a speech devoted to an eulogy of the Civil War President. Standing on a hill topped by a magnificent granite memorial building housing the Lincoln cabin, he praised Lincoln as the embodiment of democracy.

"We are not worthy to stand here unless we ourselves be indeed in truth real Democrats and servants of mankind, ready to give our very lives for the freedom and justice and spiritual exaltation of the great nation which shelters and nurtures us," he said.

The non-political character of the program was emphasized by the mention of the name of Charles E. Hughes, the Republican nominee, by one of the speakers in giving the list of directors of the Lincoln Farm association.

What was said to be one of the largest crowds ever gathered in this part of Kentucky came to Lincoln farm in special trains and automobiles and on foot. The President and his party were taken from the station to the farm in automobiles, accompanied by a troop of Louisville police. On the way the President stopped and laid a wreath on a statue of Lincoln.

At the farm he walked up a long flight of broad granite stairs lined with thousands of cheering persons to the Lincoln memorial building at the top. Inside he examined silently the one-room cabin made of rough logs and mud and then wrote his name in the register.

Ex-Governor Joseph W. Folk, of Missouri, president of the Lincoln Farm association, presided at the formal ceremonies. Robert J. Collier, vice president of the association, gave the gift of the deed to the farm to Secretary Baker, representing the War department.

## American Rights Is Issue Before American-Mexican Commission

New York—The personal rights and their economic interests of Americans in Mexico must be considered in reaching a permanent settlement of the difficulties between the United States and Mexico, Secretary Lansing said here Monday in an address at a luncheon attended by members of the American-Mexican joint commission. Conference looking toward a solution of the international problems which confront the two countries are to begin shortly at New London, Conn.

Secretary Lansing declared that if "suspicion, doubt and aloofness" marked the coming deliberations, the commission might expect to accomplish little and would leave the two nations "in the same tangle of misunderstandings and false judgments which, I feel, have been the chief reason for our controversies in the past."

Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission, in reply, said the result his commission seeks is the same sought by the American delegates and that the mutual spirit of harmony might be inferred from the notes exchanged.

Secretary Lansing pointed out that the assembling of the commission "manifests to the world the spirit of good will and mutual regard which animates the republics of America in the settlement of their controversies."

"I need not assure you," Secretary Lansing continued, "that my government has been inspired throughout the past three years with a sincere desire to arrange in an amicable way the numerous questions which have arisen as a result of the civil strife which has shaken the Mexican republic to its very foundations and has caused so much loss of life and property, so much suffering and privation."

## Word "Obey" Eliminated.

Chicago—The commission of seven bishops, seven pastors and seven laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church, appointed to revise the ritual of the church, has determined to eliminate the word "obey" from the marriage ceremony, it was learned here. The commission will report to the general convention of the church at St. Louis, October 11. Radical changes were proposed in the ten commandments, the burial and baptismal services and in arrangements of various prayers.

## Revolt Spreading in Greece.

Rome—Information reached here Tuesday that the revolution in Greece is spreading and that martial law has been proclaimed in Athens, Piræus and several other cities. The uprising is extending in Thessaly and Epirus, which, together with Greek Macedonia, in which the movement was started, constitute the northern half of Greece. King Constantine has been in ill health for several months, never having recovered from an operation for pleurisy. There have been no previous serious indications.

## Food Gamblers Hard Hit.

New York—Food dealers who gambled on the expected isolation of New York from outside supplies as a result of the threatened railroad strike and held back shipments to unload at famine prices, found themselves overwhelmed by their own plot. Prices suddenly collapsed with the averting of the strike and the food gamblers were caught with vast quantities of supplies on their hands. One speculator is reported to have lost heavily.

## NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

### Oregon Victims Alleged to Have Lost \$30,000 to Promoter

Eugene—Officers of the United States government are investigating the record of F. G. Mathison, San Francisco real estate dealer, arrested in Oakland, Cal., Monday, according to a statement made here by District Attorney J. M. Devers. Attorney Devers also stated that the authorities believe that Mathison, who is charged with having obtained title to real estate in Lane and Linn counties worth from \$30,000 to \$40,000 in exchange for bogus abstracts of title to Texas land, did not operate alone and that other arrests revealing a conspiracy to defraud on an extensive scale are probable.

District Attorney Devers prepared requisition papers for Mathison, to be signed by the governor. In the event a Federal charge is perfected the state will likely turn the prisoner over to the Federal authorities for trial, he said.

In one of the letters in the possession of the officers Mathison is said to have written that he had "unloaded the Oregon stuff" and had done very well. The "Oregon stuff" referred to is alleged to have been land to which he had obtained title in exchange for alleged worthless abstracts of title to Texas land.

Attorney Devers stated that in the cases he had investigated, the abstracts of title which on their face were genuine and set up a clear chain of title purported to have been made by an abstract company which did not exist. The records in the county in which the Texas land is located contain no record of such abstracts.

The land Mathison purported to convey to the Lane county farmers alleged to have been swindled of their farms, belongs to Mrs. H. M. King, reputed to be a multi-millionaire, of Corpus Christi, Tex. It is part of her ranch, which consists of a Mexican grant that has never been subdivided. Her agent, Attorney Robert Kleberg, in a letter to District Attorney J. M. Devers stated that Mathison was unknown to him.

From Andrew Bossen, who swore to the complaint against Mathison, title to Lane county land worth \$10,000 and \$600 in personal property was obtained in exchange for an abstract of title calling for 320 acres of the Texas land. Bossen announced some time ago that he had sold his farm and that he was going to Texas to develop his newly acquired land.

From Pierce & Dehel, of Pleasant Hill, title to a 320-acre tract of Lane county land was obtained by Mathison. Marvin Martin, of Brownsville, Linn county, gave a deed for 378 acres of Oregon land and a note for \$2800 for an abstract of title to 480 acres of Texas land.

S. J. Johns, of Myrtle Creek, Douglas county, was about to complete an exchange of his property for Texas land offered by Mathison. He took Mathison's abstract of title to an attorney. There was some question as to Texas law and letters of inquiry written to attorneys in Texas revealed that the abstracts of title were not genuine, it is stated.

### Baker Mill Is Burned.

Baker—Fire destroyed the sawmill of the Oregon Lumber company at South Baker Monday afternoon, causing a loss of \$40,000, with no insurance.

The blaze is believed to have started by Powder-like sawdust in the engine room, igniting from the fire under the boilers. In an instant the entire mill was ablaze and burned rapidly. For a while the entire \$100,000 plant and many other buildings were threatened, but the Baker fire department and 150 men worked heroically and kept the flames from spreading. Several cars of lumber were pulled to safety just in time.

### Klamath Realty Traded.

Klamath Falls—Several important real estate deals were made in this city last week. The Rocky Point Summer Resort, constructed for the past few years by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Wilson was sold to W. W. Smith, of this city. The property is on government land and Mr. Wilson held a 25-year lease on it. Mr. Smith said that he would build a large hotel at Rocky Point, which is at the extreme northern end of Upper Klamath lake, and will have the hotel ready for use when the tourist season opens next summer.

### Man 100 Years Old Dies.

Salem—George W. Bennett, aged 100 years and 6 months, died Monday at the State Insane hospital. He had been a patient of the hospital since 1910 and previous to that time was an inmate of the Soldier's Home at Roseburg. Mr. Bennett was born in New York and served through the Civil war. He had no known relatives and the body is being held pending instructions from Bennett's guardian, Captain J. A. Duchannan, of Roseburg.

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