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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 large hotel for working girls and women is to be constructed in Chicago.

A special session of the New York legislature may be called to pass a measure dealing with the streetcar strike in New York City.

Aside from the capture by the Italians of an important mountain peak on the Trentino front, only bombardments have taken place in the Austro-Italian theater.

A Medford, Ore., lad of nine, was seriously injured by exploding dynamite caps. He lighted one cap with a match, the concussion from which exploded another in his hip pocket.

All guns and movable machinery above water have been stripped from the wreck of the armored cruiser Memphis in Santo Domingo harbor and will be brought to the United States by the transport Prairie.

Mr. and Mrs. Edlefsen, of Portland, who were lost on Mt. Hood Sunday morning, were found by a searching party Tuesday, after having wandered in a severe storm 72 hours without food or shelter.

Notwithstanding the loss of two Zeppelins in an air raid on Eastern England Saturday night, the Germans Monday night again returned to the attack with airships and dropped bombs in the northern and northeast counties.

The Earl of Essex was found dead in bed Tuesday. He had been ill for some time. He was 59 years old. He was a large land holder, owning about 15,000 acres. His second wife, whom he married in 1895, was Adela Grant, daughter of Beach Grant, of New York.

A carload of liquor, consisting of more than 13,000 pint bottles and two 50-gallon barrels of whiskey, was seized by the police in Seattle and destroyed. Although the liquor ostensibly was consigned to Petersburg, Alaska, the police allege that it really was intended for sale in Seattle.

There were more than 7000 persons at the afternoon performance of the first circus which came to Coos county, Or., and exhibited at Marshfield Tuesday. There was one woman 75 years of age present who had never seen a circus before. Another woman, 91, who is a resident of the county, was at the performance.

Secretary Baker announces that the President will nominate Brigadier General Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces in Mexico, to be a major general to fill the vacancy created by the death of Major General Mills.

Except in France there have been no important engagements on any of the various fronts. Berlin reports the repulse of Russian attacks in Volhynia, Galicia, and the Carpathian mountains. Petrograd is still silent as to operations on the eastern front, but unofficial advice says the Russians have begun a new offensive on a large scale in the hope of putting down the counter attacks of the Teutons and piercing their front before winter.

Advices from Constantinople, says the Overseas News agency, tell of a mutiny among troops of the Russian Caucasus army because of lack of provisions.

A revolution in the Greek island of Corfu is reported in a Havana dispatch.

COMBLES TAKEN BY BRITISH AND FRENCH IN SWEEP FROM 3 SIDES

London—Combles, the pivotal point in the German line guarding the approach to Bapaume, on the north, and Peronne on the south, of the Somme front, fell Wednesday before attacks of French and British, the Germans fighting to death, or surrendering when there was no longer hope.

French and British troops swept in from three sides after their capture of Morval and Fregicourt, broke through the German defenses, overran the town and carried all before them. This place, with its marvelous subterranean passages and powerful fortifications, had been caught in the grip of the entente allies, who, coming from the north and south, had already advanced far beyond it and cut off communication with the rear, except a narrow strip which was covered by the allied guns.

At the end of the fighting the town was filled with the bodies of Germans, the French official statement says.

Prior to the loss of Combles, the effect of the French and British armies in the capture of important strategic points on the previous day was reflected in the official communication issued by the German war office, which, after describing briefly the great artillery bombardment of the entente allies, lasting four days, and the attack between the Ancre and the Somme, admits that "the conquest of these villages on the line of Guedecourt must be recognized," and adds: "But before all we must think of our heroic troops who faced the united Anglo-French principal force and the massed employment of material of the whole world's war industry, prepared during many months."

Thiepval, at the northwestern end of the British line, and the fortified town of Guedecourt, northwest of Les Bouefes, also have fallen to the British. General Sir Douglas Haig's men, after capturing Thiepval, drove on eastward and took the Zollern redoubt, a strongly fortified position which lies between Thiepval and the bend in the British line at Courcellette.

The French likewise advanced beyond Fregicourt and captured the woods between that village and Morval, the greater part of the German fortified positions lying between this woods eastward across the Bethune road to the western portion of the St. Vaast woods, nipping off another portion of the German line of communication south of Bapaume.

The German casualties in the fighting are declared by Paris to have been heavy, and, in addition, during the two days' fighting, more than 1200 Germans were made prisoners by the French, while the British took in excess of 1500. Large quantities of booty were taken by the entente allies.

Five Hundred Captured Villistas Pay Death Penalty at Chihuahua

El Paso—Wholesale executions are taking place in Chihuahua City following the Villa attack, it was announced at military headquarters here Thursday. Five hundred Villa adherents have been executed since the fight, the report to General George Bell, Jr., says, and many other prisoners have been taken.

General Bell also has a report of a skirmish which is reported to have occurred at Arena, 10 miles south of Juarez, Sunday night. He says wounded Carranza soldiers have been brought back to Juarez from that section. The Carranza officials in Juarez insist that these wounded soldiers were brought from Chihuahua City following the fight with Villa forces.

A report from Chihuahua that General Matias Ramos had returned to that state capital with only 35 men left of his original force of 350 also was received by General Bell.

A prominent Mexican who was taken prisoner by Villa at Chihuahua City and later released reached the border and reported to military authorities that Villa had executed only two of the 35 prisoners taken during the Chihuahua battle. One of these was a chauffeur for General Trevino. He gave the others the choice of returning to their homes or being executed.

British Buy Wolf Skins. St. Louis—British fur buyers bought nearly the entire supply of wolf skins which were placed on sale here as part of the \$2,000,000 fur auction now in progress. They will be used to make caps for the British soldiers. The lot totaled 9400 wolf skins and the price paid for all of them was \$50,000. The skins were of wolves killed in the United States and Canada. Chinese dog skins are said to be in good demand. They will be used mostly for making rugs, fur-buyers say. The skins brought \$4.50 each.

Battleship Gun Bursts. Norfolk, Va.—The battleship Michigan, damaged by the explosion of the muzzle of one of her 12-inch guns at target practice on the southern drill grounds, reached Hampton Roads Saturday and later sailed for Philadelphia to undergo repairs. Yeoman Robert W. Cooper, whose arm was fractured in the explosion, was brought to the naval hospital here. Eighteen feet of the gun's muzzle was blown away and the foremast and galley damaged.

ALLIED POWERS TO CONTROL SHIPPING

Entente Governments Preparing Strict Measures to Regain Shipping.

BLACKLIST ANSWER SOON DUE

Seizure of Mails Controversy With U. S. Finally Gets Attention of British War Trade Office.

London—The continued depletion of the world's supply of tonnage as a result of the operations of the submarines of the central powers will be met by an increase in stringent measures by which the entente allies design to control shipping, so as to insure its being used to the best advantage of the allies and prevent it from indirectly aiding their opponents, according to a statement made to the Associated Press by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of war trade.

Lord Robert declared it could not be expected that British facilities should be expended on ships carrying goods to blacklisted firms and that the entente allies will increase their shipping measures in making the best use of available tonnage in proportion as the Germans succeed in destroying merchant ships.

The minister said that as a matter of course the entente allies would be favored as regards the use of tonnage and that neutrals engaged in entente allied trade or in unsuspected neutral trade would be given the next consideration.

Lord Robert said that the answer of Great Britain to the American government's protest against the seizure of mails would be sent to Washington almost immediately, and that the reply to the American protest with regard to the blacklist imposed by the entente allies would follow shortly.

Washington, D. C.—Great Britain's delay in answering the American note regarding mail seizures sent to London May 24 is believed by allied diplomats here to be due largely to a desire to give first a practical working demonstration of changes recently instituted in censorship methods, notably with regard to shipping documents. They declare the practice of expediting the handling of such papers by passing them through the censor's office in a special marked package already has removed one of the principal causes of complaint set forth in the American protest.

State department officials consistently have declined to indicate the possible effect of this modification on the department's attitude in the mail controversy.

Icelanders Send First Ship to America Since Year 1000

New York—The Gulfoss, said to be one of the first Icelandic ships to visit the shores of the Western Hemisphere since the days of Leif the Lucky, tied up in the harbor here Saturday with a cargo of herring.

Aboard the Gulfoss, a little steamer of 886 tons, is a crew of Icelandic sailors, officered by Icelandic navigators and speaking virtually the same language, that Leif, son of Eric the Red, spoke when he landed at Cape Cod about the year 1000.

The Gulfoss brought to New York 20 passengers, mostly merchants from Reikjavik, who came to buy goods in American markets. With its return the first of next month, the Gulfoss will pass its sister ship, the Gothals, bound for New York with a cargo of fish. Captain Peturson said he hoped to see established a regular trade with the United States.

Amazingly high prices for the products of the island have brought prosperity in the last two years, the captain said. The war created the first mill in Iceland, he declared, and also gave the island its first experience with motor troubles and other disorders of modern civilization. A strike of the fishermen's union in the island lasted throughout last summer, the captain said.

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NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Area of 23,400 Acres to Be Put Under Water on Ochoco

Prineville—The board of directors of the Ochoco irrigation district, at a meeting at Prineville this week, accepted the report of R. W. Res, project engineer, which has been forwarded to the State engineer for his approval, and as soon as that office has had an opportunity to go over the report an election of the land owners in the district will be called to vote the necessary bonds for construction.

The report shows that the Ochoco project is one of the most worthy and feasible projects in the state of Oregon. The lands in the project form a compact area comprising 23,400 acres of irrigable land. Of this area about 35 per cent is partially irrigated, 30 per cent is dry farmed and 35 per cent is undeveloped land. These lands with water will raise from three to five tons of alfalfa to the acre.

Water for the project will be obtained from Ochoco and McKay creeks. The reservoir proposed for Ochoco Creek will have a capacity of 47,000 acre feet, and be created by a dam of the hydraulic earthfill type, with a maximum height of 125 feet. For the time being only the flood waters of McKay creek will be used, the storage dam and reservoir not being considered necessary for at least 10 years.

Water Master Wins Suit.

Prineville—The decision of the Supreme court Tuesday in the suit of George H. Brewster against Crook county for \$332, unpaid salary, has finally disposed of a matter which has been a source of contention and dispute for years over who was liable for the pay and control of the water master.

The decision reached Judge Duffy this week, and his decision of the controversy has been completely sustained and the county court has lost its battle which has lasted for two years.

Water masters in counties where there is considerable irrigation have important duties, as the right to use water is most jealously guarded, and the importance of this decision is far-reaching and finally determines a question that has been a source of much dispute.

Corn Show is Scheduled.

Marshfield—The city of Coquille has concluded to make its successful corn show of last year an annual affair, and will stage the festival this year on November 10 and 11.

The Coquille valley, at the time of the 1915 corn show, produced surprises in exhibitions of corn, and the affair was a big aid in developing a new line of agriculture for all sections of the county. Minnesota corn won the highest awards, and was declared by visiting experts and judges to be the best adapted for culture in this territory. The large acreage of last year was increased this season, and the exhibits are expected to be better and more numerous.

Coyotes Are Menace.

Bend—That coyotes are becoming a menace to the settlers in the Millican valley was reported by P. B. Johnson, postmaster at Millican. Mr. Johnson reported several instances of attacks by coyotes recently, the latest being when Forest Ranger H. E. Smith, who was sleeping on the ground when on a trip, woke to find a coyote only a few feet from his head. C. L. Evans and R. R. Keller have killed coyotes that were attacking their stock in the past ten days. A stag belonging to M. D. Willard showed signs of rabies after fighting with a coyote.

General Bell at Astoria.

Astoria—A party of army officers, consisting of General J. Franklin Bell, commander of the Western division; General Sibert, in command of the Coast artillery district, and their staff officers, arrived in the city Wednesday. They were met here by Colonel Ludlow and his staff and escorted on the steamer Captain James Parnace to the forts at the mouth of the river. The visitors are on a general inspection trip, it is said, and also gathering data at the various posts relative to the accommodations for increased bodies of troops.

Fruit Expert on Visit.

Hood River—W. Schleussner, of the bureau of markets of the United States department of Agriculture, who has been placed in charge of the Spokane office of publicity of the Fruit Growers' agency, was here visiting the officials of the Apple Growers' Exchange, local sales agencies. Mr. Schleussner says he will distribute daily information to growers and shippers as to the receipts of apples in 20 central points. Such information, it is said, will tend to prevent glutting markets.

New Road Handles Stock.

Eugene—The first solid trainload of livestock over the Willamette Pacific railroad is scheduled to arrive in Eugene from Marshfield Monday, on its way to Portland. The train will be loaded at Myrtle Point with cattle belonging to the Dement family and will consist of between 15 and 20 cars.

LIVING COST GOES HIGHER THAN EVER

Even Higher Prices Are Predicted Before Winter is Over.

CANNED EATS UP 30 PER CENT

Cotton Goods Soaring With Woolens; Women's Shoes Double—All Cigars in Line of Rise.

Chicago—The cost of living this winter will reach an unprecedented scale and will affect every person, no matter what object may be purchased, according to a table of comparative prices compiled here Thursday. Merchants and producers are virtually unanimous in a forecast of further increases in prices which already advanced alarmingly within the last year.

Food prices, it is said, vary according to quality and quantity, but it is the small purchaser at retail who must pay most. Wholesalers say canneries throughout the country have informed them that fall and winter deliveries will be only one-third normal, while the last vegetable crop is said to be only half the quantity expected.

Canned fruit will be 30 per cent higher and canned vegetables are expected by wholesalers to increase 20 per cent in price.

Cotton goods have advanced between 25 and 35 per cent. Woolens have kept pace with cottons.

The best lines of women's shoes for fall and winter will cost twice as much as the same article last year, dealers say.

Even collars, that two-for-a-quarter staple which men have known for generations, will be a thing of the past. Collars now have been advanced to 15 cents each, and the laundries which have for years laundered collars for 2 1/2 cents have announced that 3 cents each will be the future cost.

Cigar jobbers raised their prices this week between \$4 and \$5 a thousand to the dealer.

Gov. Whitman, of New York, Leads in Both Party Primaries

New York—With only 864 election districts remaining to be heard from at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, the vote in the Republican primary for governor gave Charles S. Whitman 213,789 as against 39,933 for William M. Bennett. In the Progressive primary, with returns from 1400 districts missing, Mr. Whitman's vote was 10,233, as against 6889 for Samuel Seabury.

In the Republican contest for the nomination for the United States senate, William M. Calder received 141,387 votes against 134,817 for Robert Bacon, with only 333 districts missing. William F. McComb received a total of 81,771 votes as against 42,166 for Thomas F. Conway, with returns from 1102 districts missing in the Democratic primary for the nomination for the United States senate.

Four Attacks Made at Once.

Chihuahua City—Revolutionary attacks were made upon Guadalupe, Tampico and Vera Cruz on September 16, simultaneously with Villa's Hidalgo day attack upon this city, according to reports received here Thursday by General Jacinto B. Trevino. Other than to say that, although well timed, the attacks in all three cities were promptly suppressed, no details were given.

General Trevino announced a revised list of the casualties in Saturday's engagement. The government losses in killed and wounded he placed at 53, while the Villa casualties, he estimated at between 200 and 250, including 94 prisoners taken and executed. He asserted that he had learned from captives that the bandits, who are reported to be reorganizing in the Sierra de la Silla, have with them about 150 wounded, who have neither medical attention nor medical supplies.

Seattle Bank Deposits Jump.

Seattle—With 29 out of 31 reporting banks showing gains in deposits ranging from \$2000 to \$1,300,000, total deposits in Seattle banks at the close of business September 12, according to reports of condition made to the call of the comptroller of the treasury, reached the aggregate of \$98,969,455. Since the last official call of June 30 there has been an unprecedented increase in total deposits of \$4,587,885, making an average monthly increase of more than \$1,800,000 and an average daily increase of about \$62,000.

Cattlemen Purchase Island.

San Francisco—The island of Lanai, one of the Hawaiian group, has been purchased by United States Senator Kay Pittman, of Nevada, and a group of wealthy Nevada cattlemen, according to H. I. Lorentzen, who arrived here Thursday from Honolulu. The deal, said Lorentzen, involved more than \$1,000,000, but he refused to discuss it beyond stating that he was on his way to Nevada to gather cattle with which to stock this land.

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