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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.

The wholesale price of flour is now quoted in Portland at \$7.80 a barrel.

Twenty-four Indians of the Coeur d'Alene district have qualified to become U. S. citizens.

Roumanians lose Constanza, an important port on the Black Sea, to the Germans and Austrians.

Seattle proposes to take over the power plants of the Puget Sound Traction company, at an estimated cost of \$10,000,000.

William G. Sharp, American ambassador to France, sailed on the American line steamship St. Paul, accompanied by his family, to return to his post.

Viscount Grey, secretary of England's foreign affairs, says allies won't talk peace, but declares objects of this war must be realized, as a guarantee of international peace of the future.

Spontaneous combustion caused the explosion of a 20,000-gallon tank of gasoline at the plant of the California Food Products company at San Pedro, which was partially destroyed by the fire which followed.

The U. S. Supreme Court refused to review the conviction of the three officials of the Western Fuel company, of San Francisco, who were convicted of defrauding the government by false weighing of dutiable coal. The men will now have to serve their respective prison terms.

A wreath of flowers entwined with an American flag was dropped from a height of 1400 feet by Johnny Green, an aviator, on the cemetery at Rome, Ga., in which Mrs. Ellen Wilson, wife of the President, is buried. The wreath was placed on Mrs. Wilson's grave as Rome's tribute to her memory.

Private Charles Callahan, of the headquarters company of the Fifth Ohio Infantry, stationed at El Paso, Tex., received a leave of absence which will take him to Detroit to take possession of a fortune estimated at \$350,000, willed by his aunt, Mrs. Mary Callahan, who died in Detroit recently.

The Austrian premier, Count Stuergh, who was assassinated while at dinner Sunday in Vienna, by Ludwig Adler, publisher, was shot three times. Count Stuergh was dining at a hotel when the publisher attacked him. Three shots were fired, all of which took effect, the premier dying instantly.

Samuel Hill declares before a San Francisco audience, that Washington, Oregon and California should petition the government to build a highway along the oceanfront in these states, which could be used in time of war to carry materials necessary to the protection of the coast, or in peace time for the benefit of pleasure seekers, or for other legitimate purposes.

After killing Sheriff Stier, of Queens county, New York, with a shotgun, and keeping at bay a posse of police and deputy sheriffs who had surrounded his home, Frank Taft, 65 years of age, was shot and instantly killed by one of the besiegers. Taft shot Stier, who served him with a warrant after he had been adjudged in contempt of court for failing to appear as a witness.

Chief of Police White of San Francisco has abolished the police detinue system, under which persons are arrested and held incommunicado without any charge being placed against them.

S. A. Appold, a student aviator, who fell in a biplane near Los Angeles, died later in a hospital. His young wife saw him fall and helped take him from the tangled wreckage of his aeroplane.

The German Order Pour Le Merite has been awarded Lieutenant Commander Arnaud De La Perriere, commander of the submarine U-35, for his achievements in sinking 126 vessels, totalling 370,000 tons.

The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Rhodes estate bill, which would exclude Germans henceforth from enjoying scholarships at Oxford University under the Cecil Rhodes trust fund.

Orders for more than 200 aeroplanes have been placed by the U. S. war department as the first step in expansion of the aviation service under the army reorganization act and contracts for about 100 additional machines of various types probably will be awarded in the near future.

Six inmates of Sing Sing prison, New York, drove past a guard in a prison automobile truck and made their escape about noon Friday. The finding of the abandoned truck a half hour after the escape gave the first intimation that the men, all of whom were serving sentences of from 15 years to life, had fled.

REBELS SHOOT DOWN TWO U. S. OFFICERS IN SAN DOMINGO

Santo Domingo—In an engagement between American troops and rebel forces Tuesday, General Ramon Batista was killed. Several Americans also are reported killed, including two officers, and one American officer wounded.

The names of the American officers killed are given as Captains William Low and Atwood. Lieutenant Morrison was wounded.

The American commander attempting to arrest General Batista, and the latter ordered an attack on the American forces. Fighting continued for a considerable time, but the rebels were eventually defeated.

The engagement took place opposite Santo Domingo City and caused a panic in the capital. Reinforcements were sent there to aid American troops in maintaining order. The number of rebels killed and wounded in the fight are at present unknown.

Washington, D. C.—No report on the fight in Santo Domingo had reached the Navy department Tuesday night, but officials assumed that the latest outbreak was the work of a small band of rebels who recently revolted from the Dominican army, and that it did not presage any general attempt at disorder.

Last reports from the island told of comparative quiet throughout the republic, where the American marine forces are busy organizing the native constabulary, which is to place the country under the direction of American officers.

Carranza Thought Preparing to Flee; Family Already in U. S.

Washington, D. C.—Charges that General Carranza is preparing to leave Mexico were being freely made by his political opponents in Mexico Wednesday. They are based on his decision to leave his capital for Queretaro, the fact that Mrs. Carranza already has crossed the border into the United States, accompanied by the wife of her husband's war minister and chief supporter, General Obregon.

Information to this effect is reaching officials here from various reliable sources. So far nothing tangible tending to support the story has come through official channels. It is known, however, that many officials here believe General Carranza has committed a political blunder, at least, if he is not in fact preparing for flight, by permitting his family to leave Mexico just at this time.

The purpose of the visit of Mrs. Carranza and Mrs. Obregon, as explained at the Mexican embassy, is for a tour of the United States. Word of the arrival at the border also of Mrs. Jacinto Trevino, wife of the military commander of Chihuahua state, had not been received. It was pointed out, however, that Trevino has been among Carranza's staunchest supporters and if the first chief believed his hold on the political situation was weakening, Trevino probably would be warned, in order that he might also place his family in safety.

The State department had not received word that Generals Carranza and Obregon had left Mexico City for Queretaro. Previous advice, however, said that the first chief could go to that place in connection with the meeting of the constitutional convention, for which delegates were elected last week. This is the only explanation obtainable here for Carranza's departure.

French Regain Ground at Verdun.

Paris—In a powerful series of attacks on the Verdun front, the French have captured the village and fort of Douaumont, advanced beyond the Thiaumont war farm and also occupied the Haudremont quarries, north of Verdun, according to the bulletin issued by the war office Wednesday night.

The prisoners captured and counted thus far number 3500. Nearly two miles was gained on a front of four and a third miles.

The official communication says: "On the Verdun front, after intense artillery preparations, an attack on the right bank of the Meuse was launched at 11:40 a. m. Wednesday. The enemy line, attacked on a front of seven kilometers, was broken through everywhere to a depth which, at the center, attained a distance of three kilometers, nearly two miles."

Bidders Want Navy Craft.

Washington, D. C.—The extraordinary demand for ships on the Pacific Coast was demonstrated Wednesday when bids were opened at the Navy department for the sale of the torpedo boat Fox, now lying at the Puget Sound navy yard and condemned. She was built at Portland in 1897, and the board of survey recently appraised her at \$500. John Rothschild & Co., San Francisco, bid \$1800; Chicago Machinery & Equipment Co., Seattle, \$1033; Nieder & Marcus, Seattle, \$3111; and Phillips Morrison, of Seattle, \$1505.

Quake Renews Oil Flow.

Bakersfield, Cal.—Advices received Wednesday from the Maricopa oil district, 40 miles southwest of here, relate that the earth tremors of last Sunday have caused the resumption of the flow of oil from a well that had been latent for more than two years. The well is in the foothills near Maricopa, and it is said that in the past when earthquakes were felt the various wells in that vicinity have increased their production.

BREAK IN BUYING STOPS WHEAT RISE

Change in British Plans Relieves Panic Among American Bakers.

COMMANDEER CANADIAN CROP

Corn Becomes Big Sensation—Cash Bids Reach \$1 Per Bushel—Argentine Drouth Cause.

Chicago—While December wheat was surging up to \$1.71½ Saturday on the Chicago Board of Trade and the bakers were considering "seven-cent bread or failure," the British government took action which, it is believed, will have a baneful effect.

It notified the Raymond Pynchon company, stock brokers, with offices in London and Chicago, to accept no more buying orders of grain or wheat in the United States, and it commandeered all the wheat now stored in Canada and in transit from Canada which is owned by British grain men. Only about 25 per cent of the Canadian crop of last year is in the hands of the farmers, it is said.

Wheat for the second time threatened to reach the mark of \$1.85 set in '98 when "Joe" Leiter cornered the market. With the exception of that figure, it is said to be the highest price since the Civil War. December wheat ranged from \$1.69½ to \$1.71½, and reached the high price inside five minutes, though later it fell to \$1.70½. May wheat opened around \$1.60½ and sold up to \$1.71½, and then dropped to \$1.70½. If the bull movement does not stop, the bread makers say, it means "Seven cents a loaf or fail."

The big sensation on the board, however, was in corn, which advanced from 2½ to 5 cents a bushel. Weather conditions were blamed for the corn advance. The storm that fell upon Chicago extended generally over the corn belt, delaying harvesting and damaging the grain.

Cash corn sold at \$1 a bushel for No. 2 yellow, equaling the high price reached in 1902. A world of wheat was sold on the advance by longs, who had profits, but the buying was even greater. The seriousness of the world shortage in wheat is daily becoming more potent and the situation more aggravated by the unfavorable weather in Argentina. Crop advices from the latter country were more alarming as drought continues. Wet weather and freezing temperatures have combined to delay the threshing and movement of wheat in the spring wheat country. With this prospect ahead of them, Chicago bakers, having failed to get an audience with President Wilson when he was in Chicago, prepared to appeal to their congressmen for an embargo, or at least regulation of export of wheat to the warring nations of Europe, according to B. H. Dahlheimer, president of the Master Bakers' association, is the most effective solution of the bread situation.

British Seize Neutral Steamer in Neutral Waters and Remove Mail

Washington, D. C.—The Dutch steamer Arakan, bound from a Dutch port in Borneo to Manila, was held up on the high seas August 30 by a British war vessel and all her mail was taken off, according to advices reaching Washington. No official explanation has reached the state department, and an inquiry may be made as to why a neutral vessel, bound from one neutral port to another and far removed from the war zone, was submitted to such treatment.

Great Britain some time ago extended her censorship to vessels plying in the Far East, but so far as is known never before has seized mail outside British waters or on such a short local voyage. Several instances of seizures in Far eastern waters, including the Chinese Prince and the Katue cases, provoked such opposition here that the British foreign office finally made informal expressions of regret and agreed to change the policy.

Teutons Disarm Poles.

London—A dispatch from Bern, Switzerland, to the Wireless Press, says: "Germany's Polish legion has collapsed. After long efforts and coercive pressure Germany and Austria-Hungary succeeded in enrolling 18,000 Poles. They were divided into six brigades. Four brigades maintained at the beginning of October, and they were disarmed and imprisoned in the Brest-Litovsk barracks. The remnants of the legion were sent to the interior of Austria, the troops being considered unreliable."

300 Cars to Be Built.

Tacoma, Wash.—Milwaukee railroad officials here are awaiting the order for building 300 freight cars at the Tacoma shops. The order, it is said, already has been given in Chicago and work is expected to start here within two weeks.

As much of the material as possible will be purchased here. When the work is well started, it is expected that the shops will be approximately ten cars daily.

Halifax to Hide in Dark.

Halifax, N. S.—All lights, except a few shaded ones in the west and the north ends, have again been ordered turned off in the streets of this city at night and all blinds must be drawn, according to orders just sent out from military headquarters. Whether a visit from a trans-Atlantic Zeppelin or an attack from the sea is feared is not known.

GREAT INFLUX OF GOLD PROMOTES EXTRAVAGANCE BY AMERICAN PEOPLE

Chicago—There is a marked contrast between the tendency of the American people and those of the Old World at this time in the matter of thrift. In American business has been so active and profits in many instances so large that the American people appear to be spending money in a reckless manner and to be indulging in extravagances, which, a few years ago, would have spelled ruin.

The whole world is spending money recklessly, but across the Atlantic the expenditures are confined chiefly to governmental agencies, while the people are paying the bills. It is this supply of money that has forced investors to dig deep into their strong boxes and bring forth certificates of American investment-bearing dates of a quarter century or more ago.

The tremendous influx of gold into this country, following the enormous imporing of foreign trade, together with the inability of the American

Three New Generals.



Generals Francis H. French, Chas. G. Treat, Eben Swift.

The American army, which has the best educated officers in the world (with the possible exception of the German army), now has three new generals. Colonel Francis H. French of the Twenty-first infantry, has been promoted and will succeed General Granger Adams as chairman of the board to investigate rapid-fire guns, of which the United States will purchase \$12,000,000 worth. Colonel Eben Swift, stationed at the army service school at Fort Leavenworth, will succeed General John J. Pershing, who becomes major general in succession to the late Major Albert L. Mills. Colonel Charles G. Treat, of the field artillery, will become a brigadier to succeed General F. W. Sibley, retired. He is now of the general staff and vice president of the war college.

banking and currency system to adjust itself to these abnormal conditions, has tended to make money cheap. Henry Baker, the special commercial attaché of the American legation at Petrograd, gives the information that little or no gold or silver is circulating in Russia.

There is a tendency abroad, however, to conserve resources, while the tendency in America is to be more lavish in expenditures.

There is an element of thrift among the more conservative business men. Many large corporations have been buying bonds as the means of employing their accumulations of profit rather than allow these funds to remain in banks drawing the interest of the daily balance.

Railroads Are Helpless.

Washington, D. C.—The Interstate Commerce commission made public Monday a report of its inspectors on the car famine in Nebraska, saying that the railroads are furnishing all the cars they can supply to meet an unprecedented demand, but that it is impossible for them to furnish a sufficient number under the circumstances. The only way the situation can be improved is to provide considerable locomotive and car equipment and to increase the capacity of railroad facilities by several hundred per cent.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Car Shortage Reaches 2186 in State of Oregon

Salem—The car shortage on the Portland division of the Southern Pacific Wednesday reached 2186, a new record, and indications that it will continue to mount are given in reports which have been received by the Oregon Public Service commission. The company reported that it had orders on file for 2557 freight cars and only 371 empty cars available for loading.

Residents in Tillamook county who own stock are threatened with serious consequences because of their inability to obtain hay. Large amounts of hay are shipped annually to Tillamook. This year only a few cars are available and a shortage in hay has resulted.

The Public Service commission received a vigorous complaint from Rosenberg Brothers, of Tillamook, asking for relief. They assert that they annually ship in from 100 to 150 cars of hay from the Willamette valley and store it in their warehouses. This season they declare they have been getting only one car every 10 days, where they need from one to three a day. With no hay stored, the Tillamook people foresee a serious situation next winter, when it will be impossible to ship in because of the uncertain railway connections at that time of the year.

Hood River School Board to Use Fuel Oil This Winter

Hood River—Hood River's high school building and the \$30,000 annex to the structure, now nearing completion, will be heated with oil. With a few necessary changes made the old wood furnace will be used. From a 12,000-gallon tank the fuel will be pumped to the furnace by the electrically driven pump.

By using oil instead of wood the school board estimates a saving of more than \$275 will result this year. The oil delivered at the big new tank, costs \$1.20 per barrel. Body fire cord-wood is selling for \$5.50 per cord. By the time the wood is sawed and put in basements the cost is increased about \$1 per cord. A barrel of oil, it is said, is more than equal to half a cord of wood.

Coots Tract May Be Cut.

Marshallfield—A company of Marshallfield men of whom W. J. Conrad is an interested member, is negotiating for the timber from a tract of Southern Pacific land lying west of Boulevard Park, an addition located between Marshallfield and North Bend. The tract contains about 700 acres and had some of the only remaining old growth timber adjacent to the city of Marshallfield. In the event the deal is consummated, the timber will be logged into Pony inlet and sold to the various mills on Coots Bay. The timber in question lies in the Pony inlet watershed, but its cutting would not affect the Coots Bay Water company's supply, since the reservoir is above the place where it is proposed to cut.

Mail Service Improved.

Marshallfield—Smith River residents, who live on a tributary of the Umpqua river, and have a stream navigable for 26 miles, are to have an improved mail service. Instead of receiving semi-weekly mails, they will hereafter be supplied three times a week. Captain William Dewar has obtained the contract, will leave Sulphur Springs, at the head of tide water, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The mail route is between Sulphur Springs and Reedsport, but arrangements have been made for a private extension to Gardner, three miles from Reedsport. Smith river is one of the most fertile and productive sections of Oregon.

70 Cars of Apples to Go.

Roseburg—That approximately 70 carloads of apples will be shipped from Douglas county to the Eastern markets during the present season is the estimate of local buyers. The Umpqua Valley Fruit Union will handle about 30 carloads of apples, while the Producers' Fruit company will ship about the same amount. In addition to the consignments handled by these firms not less than 10 carloads of apples will be assembled and shipped from distant parts of the county. Thus far this season 11 carloads of apples have been shipped from Douglas county.

Economy Proves Costly.

Portland—Saving of waste paper and other combustible material by business houses of the city will necessitate the city incinerator once more to use fuel in the furnaces at the city incinerator. The heavy supply of paper and other inflammable stuff has made the purchase of fuel at the plant unnecessary for several years. It is reported that an insufficient amount of combustible material is being received now to keep the fires going. A request is made for a \$2000 appropriation for purchase of fuel for the plant next year.

China Pheasants Liberated.

Gaston—J. H. Westcott, of this place, has just received a crate of young China pheasants from the State Game commission, to be liberated in this locality. They were turned out on the Benjamin Ward farm near a patch of kale and will be carefully protected.

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