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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 cold wave sweeps over the Missouri valley, many sections of Colorado reporting 12 below zero.

Sixty women and children were killed in an air raid carried out by an Austrian squadron on Saturday, the war office announces.

President Wilson will recommend a revision of the tariff if he feels it is justified by the facts to be gathered by the tariff commission created by congress at its last session.

It is intimated in the joint Mexican-American commission, in session at Atlantic City, that an agreement may be reached to withdraw U. S. troops from Mexico, in a few days.

With a large cat, the family pet, curled up on its face, the two-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Novick, at Superior, Wis., was found dead in bed by its mother. The child had been smothered, physicians said, by the cat seeking a warm place to sleep.

The so-called "starch trust," representing an aggregate capital of \$80,000,000, was adjudged guilty of "unfair methods of competition" in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, and a plan for its dissolution was ordered filed with the Federal Trade Commission in New York within 120 days, by a final decree filed there in the government suit against the combine by Judge Learned Hand in the Federal district court.

The British steamer Taming, which has arrived at Manila from Amoy, reports that the British cruiser Cornwall confiscated four sacks of Manila mail for the purpose of examination at Hongkong.

Two successful air raids have been carried out by air craft operating with the British forces in Egypt, says an official announcement. The points raided were Maghadda and Birshaha. A ton of high explosives was dropped. Two Fokker machines were brought down by the raiding aeroplanes, all of which returned safely.

NOTES ON THE ELECTION.

Alaska has gone "dry."

The "wets" win in California.

A recount in all close states seems probable.

It took 50 hours to complete California's vote counting.

Wilson is elected with 272 votes in the electoral college.

Chairman Willcox refuses to concede Wilson's election.

Candidate Hughes refuses to make a statement on the results.

Hughes carries Wilson's home precinct by a good majority.

West Virginia turns down Woman's suffrage by a big majority.

Oregon is the only Pacific Coast state in the Hughes column.

Washington defeats all nine amendments by decisive majorities.

California turned the tide for Wilson by a majority exceeding 3000.

Hughes carries but four states west of the Mississippi; Wilson gets 18.

Hughes has small lead in Minnesota, with prospects of carrying the state.

Miles Poindexter, of Washington, carries the state for senator by 55,000.

California Republican managers hope for a split ticket in the electoral vote.

Montana elects Miss Jeanette Rankin, Republican, to congress by 3000 votes.

Two Progressives, one Independent and one Socialist have been elected to congress.

Late figures show the house of representatives to be Republican by a small majority.

The Democratic national committee claim Wilson's popular plurality of from 200,000 to 300,000.

Oregon's "bone-dry" amendment seems likely to carry, in which event it will be unlawful to import liquors for beverage purposes.

PROPOSED HIGHER FREIGHT RATES ARE CANCELED BY COMMISSION

Washington, D. C.—Cancellation of proposed general increases in freight rates by transcontinental railroads on traffic from and to the Pacific Coast and the intermountain country and the East was authorized Wednesday by the Interstate Commerce commission. Notice was given of a compromise between carriers and shippers for a maximum increase of 10 cents per hundred pounds on carload shipments, and 25 cents per hundred pounds on less than carload traffic to Coast points.

The proposed increases amounted in some instances to several hundred per cent, and were suspended by the commission several months ago after extensive hearings here in which shippers vigorously protested. The great bulk of the traffic to points concerned is involved. The commission at the same time canceled hearings set for November and December in Chicago, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Portland and Spokane.

No changes to intermountain points from Eastern territory between the Atlantic Coast and the Missouri River are contemplated, and the commission said that, accordingly, discriminations under the long and short-haul clause now existing between Pacific Coast ports and the intermountain cities will be diminished to the extent of the increase to the Pacific Coast ports.

British Refuse to Abate Blacklist of American Business Houses

Washington, D. C.—The British reply to the latest American note protesting against the trade blacklist, made public Tuesday night by the State department, denies that rights of neutral traders under international law have been ruthlessly canceled, defines the blacklist measure as a municipal regulation plainly concerning the British citizens and contends that it is designed to shorten the war.

The note fails to meet the American demand that the names of American firms be stricken from the blacklist, but attempts to convince the State department that the British position is just and founded on law. It leaves open the door for further negotiation, which is expected to follow.

Raise Big Crops—Wilson.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson blamed middlemen for the high cost of foodstuffs here Tuesday night in a speech, welcoming to Washington the convention of the National Grange, the first formal speech he has delivered since the election. Urging that farmers increase their output, the President said:

"We ought to raise such big crops that circumstances like the present can never recur, when men can make as much as if the supply was so short that the middleman could charge for it what he pleased. It will not do to be niggardly with the rest of the world in respect to its food supply."

Cars for Apples Urged.

Louisville—Acting on a request by counsel for the International Apple Shippers' association, Commissioner McChord Wednesday suggested to railroad representatives that a special refrigerator car equipment to districts which are experiencing difficulty in getting perishable crops to market. His suggestion was offered at the session of the hearings in progress here in connection with the Interstate Commerce commission's investigation into the control of the car supply.

968 U. S. Vessels Built.

Washington, D. C.—The Department of Commerce Wednesday announced that 968 sailing, steam, gas and unrigged vessels aggregating 405,894 gross tons were built in the United States during the 10 months ended November 1.

In addition, there were constructed for foreigners 36 wooden vessels of 372,000 gross tons, and 11 steel vessels of 25,418 gross tons. Of the total tonnage, 284,658 were steam craft.

Food Cost to Be Probed.

Chicago—Increases in the cost of food products are likely to be the subject of an investigation by the Federal Trade Commission. Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the commission, said Wednesday that the subject would be considered at a meeting of the commission in Washington soon. Mr. Hurley declared present coal prices were suicidal, and charged coal operators with wastefulness.

Poles Adopt Army Dress.

Berlin—The Overseas News Agency describes the uniform of the new Polish army as combining happily a suggestion of the uniform of the Polish troops which fought under Napoleon I and of the Polish Legions. The blouse of the legions is to be worn bearing on the left arm the Polish eagle just as it appeared on the lance of the Polish Uhlans of Napoleon's time.

Villa Brands His Foes.

El Paso—Confirmation of the report that Villa had ordered all captured Carranza soldiers branded with the letters "V. C." for Venustiano Carranza, was received here by government agents from Chihuahua City. Refugees say Villa ordered the Carranza soldiers branded as traitors because they did not drive the "foreign invaders" out of Mexico.

PRESIDENT WILSON WINS

California Swings to Democrats Insuring 272 Electoral Votes—New Mexico is Democratic—Republicans Will Recount All Close States.

New York, Nov. 10.—President Wilson has carried California and has been re-elected.

Without New Mexico this gives him 269 votes in the electoral college, or three more than he needs.

New Mexico is believed to be assured to the Democratic column, making a total of 272.

Fifty hours after the polls closed in California, Republican Chairman Rowell conceded the state to the President. Thus the 13 needed to assure the Pres-

OREGON "BONE-DRY" PROHIBITION AMENDMENT CARRIES

Portland, Nov. 10.—Indications are that the "bone-dry" prohibition amendment, which was aimed to stop all importation of liquor into Oregon for beverage purposes, had carried by about 3000.

Under the present Oregon prohibition law, 24 quarts of spirituous liquor can be imported from other states for private use by one person a month. The new law, it is claimed, will stop all importations.



WOODROW WILSON, RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT.

ident a majority in the electoral college dropped into the Democratic column and apparently ended the suspense and anxiety of an election which has been unparalleled in American political history.

Republican Chairman Willcox, when informed that the President carried California, only replied: "I have nothing to say."

Secretary Tumulty, at the summer White House at Shadow Lawn, sent the wireless to President Wilson on board the yacht Mayflower en route to Rhine Cliff, N. Y.

The California returns showed that with only 48 districts missing the President's plurality in the state was 2905.

Harring some wholly unexpected turnover in the incomplete states leaning toward Wilson or a change on a recount, California's acquisition to the Democratic column gave the President 269 electoral votes without New Mexico's three. In New Mexico at midnight the President was leading by 2639 votes, with 158 districts missing, and it was believed this advantage could not be overcome by Mr. Hughes.

Conceding West Virginia, New Hampshire and Minnesota to Mr. Hughes—and he was in the lead in all three—only gives him 259 votes, seven less than the required majority. With 272 votes in eight President Wilson had six to spare for a possible split of electors in California, or a sudden reversal in New Mexico.

At Republican national headquarters it was admitted that after conferences between George Wickersham, ex-attorney general of the United States; Everett Colby, of New Jersey; Mr. Hughes, Chairman Willcox and George W. Perkins, of Baltimore, preparations were being made to begin legal proceedings for recounts in states where the results were close. Chairman Willcox included California, New Mexico, North Dakota, New Hampshire and Minnesota in his list of states where recounts undoubtedly would be demanded.

Democratic headquarters was not behind the Republicans in preparing for legal developments.

\$20,000 Order is Booked.

Pendleton, Or.—An order for \$20,000 worth of Pendleton Indian blanket cloth was placed this week with the Pendleton Woolen Mills by the Northern Pacific company, which will use the cloth to make suits for the Northern Pacific Marching club for participation in the big winter carnival to be held in St. Paul January 28. The cloth will make about 2500 suits and it is said that when the Northern Pacific decided to adopt the Pendleton Indian robe suit its marching club jumped from a membership of 500 to 1500.

NEWS ITEMS

Of General Interest About Oregon

15,337,809 Acres Are Open for Settlement in State

Salem—Figures collected by O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, from Oregon land offices show that July 1, 1916, there were 15,337,809 acres of vacant public lands in Oregon open to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws. Of this amount 13,942,348 acres are surveyed. This acreage is a decrease in the year of 104,869 acres and 632,037 acres since July 1, 1914.

Much of the acreage taken up in the last two years was under the timber and stone acts, mineral, coal, desert land entries and withdrawn for power sites and public water reserves. A small portion was taken under the homestead act. "From the records obtainable," said Mr. Hoff, "it would appear that desirable homestead lands are scarce in Oregon, especially in the part lying west of the Cascades."

Of the 13,942,348 acres of surveyed lands only 257,713 acres, or about 18 per cent, are situated in Western Oregon, and a very small percentage of this area is suitable for practical homesteading.

Many Oregon counties show an increase in the public land area, and of this total 24,822 acres lie west of the Cascade mountains and represent entries that have been canceled for non-fulfillment of statutory requirements, or relinquished for the reason that they were found untenable for homestead purposes.

In the high plateau regions of Eastern and Central Oregon, where irrigation and dry farming methods are used and enlarged homestead act applies, there is abundant opportunity for settlement and entry, and it is in this region that the great bulk of the homestead settlement has taken place during recent years.

Grants Pass is Host to Sugar Beet Growers

Grants Pass—John Mills, of Talent, won the title of the "banner sugar beet grower" at the beet growers' celebration held in Grants Pass Saturday. He reported a crop of 28 tons per acre, yielding a gross return of \$154 per acre, the cash outlay being only \$29.79 per acre.

Beet growers and prospective beet growers from all of Southern Oregon gathered in Grants Pass as the guests of the city, 500 farmers and their wives coming by special trains from as far north as Oakland and from Ashland on the south.

Including the local people 2000 men and women got their first view of the inside of the factory, through which they were piloted by the officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company. The factory was in full operation and was slicing beets at the rate of 500 tons per day, while a sack of sugar was being put into the warehouse every 40 seconds.

IDAHO DEMOCRATS WIN GOVERNORSHIP

Boise, Idaho, Nov. 9.—Moses Alexander, the present governor, a Democrat, has been re-elected governor of Idaho by a plurality of 830 votes. Alexander polled 60,840. His opponent, D. W. Davis, received 60,100.

President Wilson carried the state by about 15,000 votes, and all state officers, except those of treasurer, superintendent of instruction and state mine inspector, fell to the Democrats, who will also control both houses of the next legislature. The constitutional amendment favoring Prohibition was carried by a large vote.

FOUR STATES AND ALASKA ADDED TO DRY TERRITORY

Seattle, Nov. 9.—Prohibition has carried in Alaska by a large majority. Gastneau, the first of the mining precincts of the Juneau district to report, gave 1566 votes for prohibition, 885 against.

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—The defeat of the two "dry" amendments was forecast here when the vote from 4936 precincts out of 5717 gave: For prohibition, 324,482; against, 449,465. For liquor restriction, 335,534; against, 397,448.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 9.—This state remained "dry" by an overwhelming majority of the vote cast in Tuesday's election. The proposed initiative act to substitute local option for the present state-wide prohibition, was defeated by probably 20,000 on the face of incomplete returns available.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Four states and Alaska were added to dry territory by Tuesday's election. Michigan, South Dakota, Nebraska and Montana, from latest returns, appear to have voted for prohibition. In addition Florida elected a Prohibition-Independent governor and Arkansas defeated an anti-prohibition amendment. California remained in the wet column.

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