

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 Federal baseball league has quit. Seized "opium" valued \$450,000 at San Francisco, proves to be bogus goods.

The French make considerable gain at Hartmann-Wellerkopf, and capture 1200 Germans.

Canada will raise a total of 250,000 men for England; 185,000 have already gone overseas.

It is estimated that the Federal government will lose \$250,000 in revenue when Oregon goes dry.

Eighty-five thousand pupils of the Chicago schools are absent because of an epidemic of influenza.

The barkentine S. N. Castle is in distress off the coast of Washington, with six feet of water in her hold.

According to a dispatch an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

Nine Portland lawyers win a damage suit for \$10 started by a woman over possession of a hen and eleven chicks.

A large number of cannon hidden by the Serbs in their flight from Austria-Hungary, have been recovered by the latter.

Voluntary retirement of the British in Gallipoli is denied by the Turks, who claim the English were defeated by their troops.

The Washington board of parole are withholding the freedom of paroled convicts until after January 1st, when the state goes dry.

Fifteen hundred men working on the Alaska railroad are icebound and will be compelled to live through the winter on canned goods.

Members of the Ford peace party are reported experiencing an epidemic of grippe, Mr. Ford himself being unable to appear at a meeting in Christiania.

The Rosch Timber company of Muscatine, Ia., has raised \$500,000 by trust deed and will build a logging railroad to its holdings near Sutherland, Ore.

Twenty-six food dealers of Washington, D. C., charged with raising prices on staples during the first few months of the war, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each.

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zeppelin, builder of dirigibles, has been elected a member of the first chamber of Wuertemberg.

The movement for an increase of taxation by the German states has begun with Baden, where the Diet has just passed a bill increasing the income tax 20 per cent on incomes above \$400 marks.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, is reported dying in Paris.

Great Britain now demands enlistment of her eligibles to full strength.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, gave considerable evidence before the grand jury investigating the activities of the Labor's National Peace Council in fomenting strikes of employes in munition plants.

According to figures announced in London the number of casualties in Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria and Wurtemberg up to November 30 were 2,524,460. Of this number 484,228 men were killed or died of their wounds, 27,674 died of disease and 381,149 were missing. Naval casualties were not included in these figures.

The Northern hemisphere produced in 1915 8,590,000,000 bushels of wheat, an increase of 19.4 per cent.

An Athens dispatch to Reuters' Telegram company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamer Leroc and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

The nitro-glycerin plant of the Aetna Powder company at Fayville, Ill., was blown up when 8000 pounds of nitro-glycerin exploded. The explosion was due to chemical reaction.

One woman is killed in Klamath county, Oregon, and one man wounded in a feud over ownership of a piece of property.

It is announced from Teheran, that the Russians have occupied the town of Kum, 80 miles southwest of Teheran, after a great battle. The opposing force was completely defeated.

The National Tidende, of Copenhagen, prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupps works outside Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by British airmen.

HIGH DIPLOMAT SEEKS AMICABLE ADJUSTMENT OF ANCONA AFFAIR

Washington, D. C.—Pending receipt of Austria-Hungary's reply to the second American note regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona, Baron Erich Zwiadinek, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, is conducting or forming a basis to conduct informal negotiations with Secretary Lansing looking toward an amicable settlement of the controversy. An intimation to that effect was received at the State department Wednesday after the charge had conferred at some length with the secretary.

It is understood Baron Zwiadinek is attempting negotiations similar to those conducted by Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, following the sinking of the steamship Arabic. It is considered improbable, however, that such negotiations can develop to an important stage until after receipt of the next formal communication from Austria-Hungary, which is expected some time within

MISS MARGHERITTA TILLMAN



Miss Margheritta Tillman, daughter of Commander M. Tillman, U. S. N. and Mrs. Tillman, has just been formally introduced to Washington society. She has been one of the leaders of the younger set in the national capital.

Just what authority has been given Baron Zwiadinek by his government has not been made known. It was recalled here that relations between the United States and Germany were seriously strained when the German ambassador took virtually a free hand to conduct the negotiations, which prevented the situation from becoming more serious than it at one time was.

Friend of President Wilson on Secret Mission to Theater of War

New York—Colonel E. M. House, confidential advisor of President Wilson, said Wednesday that he would shortly sail for Europe at the request of the President.

Colonel House declared the sole purpose of his trip would be to deliver to certain American ambassadors information regarding this government's attitude on various international matters now pending. He denied emphatically that his trip will in any way be a peace mission.

"I am going to Europe at the request of the President and the Secretary of State, for the purpose of taking information to some of our ambassadors," he said, "in order that they may have more intimate knowledge of this government's attitude regarding certain phases of international questions and in order to obtain from them their point of view on these matters."

"It is not advisable to bring home at this time any of our ambassadors from the belligerent countries. It has been found impossible to convey or obtain by cable or correspondence quite the correct atmosphere."

Gotham Can Now Eat Horseflesh. New York—Sale of horse meat for food will be permitted in New York after January 1, the board of health announces. Commenting on the revocation of the section of the sanitary code which prohibited the use of horse meat, Mr. Emerson said that, while the Health department does not exactly recommend it, no harm can be seen in its use. "The horse never has tuberculosis, and almost never communicates a malignant disease to human beings," he said. "Hereafter old horses will be fattened for meat."

Big War Melon Is Cut. Cleveland, Ohio—Directors of the Gracelli Chemical company Wednesday cut a war melon by declaring an extra cash dividend of 5 per cent and a special stock dividend of 10 per cent, in addition to the quarterly dividends of 5 per cent on both common and preferred stocks.

The combined dividends on both common and preferred shares, including the special dividends, have a cash value of approximately \$3,000,000.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Field Crop and Seed Growers' Conference to Be Held

Corvallis—One of the most important meetings during Farmers' Week, January 3 to 8, 1916, will be that of the Oregon Field Crop and Seed Growers' association. This association was organized last year. Its object, on the one hand, is to bring together all of those growers in the state who are producing seed crops, such as clover seed, vetch seed, alfalfa seed, potato seed, corn, grain, etc., and, on the other hand, to effect a general organization of those farmers particularly interested in field crop production and allied subjects. The specialized agricultural pursuits, such as that of the fruit grower, the dairyman, or the live stock breeder, all have their state organizations. As a matter of fact, organization of these, because of the limited number of men concerned and the highly specialized interests involved, is a natural procedure. The great mass of farmers of the state, however, are not specializing in live stock production or dairying or fruit growing but are devoted chiefly to the production of field crops.

The chief agricultural wealth of the state is produced by these crop growers. It is highly important that they should have an organization which will bring them together and promote their interests.

It is hoped the Field Crop and Seed Growers' association will become one of the largest and strongest associations in the state as the years advance.

All farmers interested should drop a line to the secretary of the association at Corvallis and secure information regarding it. The meetings of the association will occur on Wednesday and Thursday (January 5 and 6) during Farmers' Week, Thursday being devoted especially to the interests of the potato growers. Prominent seed and crop breeders and growers and seed buyers and dealers from Oregon, Washington and California are on the program for these meetings.

Thousands of Girls Are Taking Domestic Science and Art

Salem—"It is impossible to tell what lines of work our school boys will pursue when they grow up; but it is pretty safe to predict that most of the girls will become housekeepers," said Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, of Oregon, in speaking of the vocational courses offered in the high schools. Mr. Churchill continued saying that 7194 girls are now learning cooking and sewing in the public schools of the state. Of this number, 3840 are in the high schools and 3354 are in the grades. If one may judge by the number of students enrolled in the two courses, cooking is not quite so popular as sewing, there being 3214 girls taking Domestic Science, and 3980 taking Domestic Art. The total value of the equipment for teaching the former course, consisting of stoves, cooking utensils, dishes, etc., amounts to \$24,916, while the equipment for the latter, including sewing machines, tables, etc., amounts to \$14,950. Nearly all of the teachers employed in these courses are graduates of the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Churchill states that Domestic Science is being offered in 89 standard high schools, and Domestic Art in 73.

Siuslaw Valley Gets Big Shingle Mill

Eugene—A shingle mill on the Siuslaw river to employ 20 men at full capacity has been announced by L. C. Reynolds, formerly of Coos Bay. Construction on the plant will be commenced as soon as a location can be selected and two are under consideration, one on an old mill site a mile west of Florence and the other at Cushman, the most western point on the new railroad.

Mr. Reynolds has a body of timber on the Siuslaw, it is said, which will be handled. His machinery is now located on Coos Bay. The plant will cost approximately \$10,000. His location will allow him to ship both by water and rail.

A delegation of Siuslaw business men is expected in Eugene at the annual taxpayers' meeting to lobby for the construction of more than \$17,000 worth of road on the Siuslaw river.

Liquor Patrons Stock Up

Marshfield—As January 1 approaches the determination of Marshfield liquor dealers to rid themselves of stock is noticeable in countless advertisements appearing in the local newspapers. One firm is running half-page advertisements. Another firm, the National Bottling Works, reports heavy business in "futures," in barrels of bottled beer and general sales in bonded goods. District Attorney Liljeqvist has announced he will be looking about January 1 for infractions of the liquor law and expects to prosecute vigorously.

Robins Visit Hood River

Hood River—Hundreds of Alaskan robins are now making their winter home in the Hood River valley. The birds, while similar to the robin that nests here in the summer and seeks a warmer clime further south at the close of fall, are duller in color.

Orchardists welcome these winter guests, for the birds clean up any fruit left in the orchards or harbor possible disease pests. The robins also feed on insects and seeds of troublesome weeds.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS; GENERAL CROP CONDITIONS

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, 97c bushel; forty-fold, 97c; club, 94c; red Fife, 92c; red Russian, 92c.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @17 ton; valley timothy, \$12@14; alfalfa, \$13.50@14.50; cheat, \$10@11; oats and vetch, \$11@12.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$23 ton; shorts, \$23, rolled barley, \$20@30.

Corn—White, 85c ton; cracked, 85c. Vegetables—Artichokes, \$1.10 doz.; tomatoes, California, \$1.25@1.50 case; cabbage, 90c cwt; garlic, 15c pound; peppers, 10 @12c; eggplant, 10c; sprouts, 8c; horseradish, 8c; cauliflower, 75c@85c dozen; celery, 50c @90c; beans, 12c@15c pound; lettuce, \$2@2.75 crates; peas, 15c pound.

Green Fruits—Pears, \$1@1.50 box; grapes, \$5 barrel; cranberries, \$10 @14.50 barrel.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1@1.15 sack; Yakimas, \$1.15@1.25; sweets, \$2.50 @2.75 cwt.

Onions—Oregon, buying price, \$1.10 f. o. b. shipping point.

Apples—Spitzenbergs, extra fancy, \$2.25 box; fancy, \$2; choice, \$1.25@1.50; Jonathans, extra fancy, \$1.50; fancy, \$1.25; choice, \$1; Yellow Newtown, extra fancy, \$2; fancy, \$1.75; choice, \$1 @1.25; Baldwins, extra fancy, \$1.50; fancy, \$1.25; choice, \$1; Russets, orchard run, \$1.

Eggs—Oregon ranch, buying prices: No. 1, 85c; No. 2, 85c; No. 3, 18c. Jobbing prices: No. 1, 85c; Oregon storage, 36@38c.

Poultry—Hens, small, 12 @12c pound; large, 13@14c; springs, 12@13c; turkeys, live, 19@20c; dressed, 23@24c; ducks, 12@15c; geese, 10@11c.

Butter—City creamery, cubes, extra, selling at 29c; flats, 27c; prints and cartons, extra. Prices paid to producers: Country creamery, 24 @27c; butterfat, No. 1, 31c; No. 2, 29c.

Veal—Fancy, 10@10c pound. Pork—Fancy, 6c@7c pound.

Hops—1915 crop, nominal. Hides—Salted hides, 15c; salted kip, 16c; salted calf, 18c; green hides, 14c; green kip, 16c; green calf, 18c; dry hides, 25c; dry calf, 27c.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, 18 @25c; valley, 25@26c; fall lambs' wool, 25c; mohair, Oregon, 28c.

Cascara bark—Old and new, \$3@4c. Cattle—Choice steers, \$7 @7.50; good, \$6.75 @7; medium, \$6@6.75; choice cows, \$5.25@5.75; good, \$5 @5.25; medium, \$4.50@5; heifers, \$3.50 @4; bulls, \$3@5; stags, \$4.50@5.25.

Hogs—Light, \$5.95@6.10; heavy, \$4.90@5.10. Sheep—Wethers, \$4.75@5.75; ewes, \$4@5; lambs, \$6@7.50.

No Lowering of Apple Standards.

Spokane—Refusal to sanction any lowering of the standards of grade and pack featured the annual conference here Thursday of Washington fruit growers.

The warmest fight of the day centered around an attempt to allow the putting of worm-stung apples into the fancy, or No. 2, grade. The Yakima Valley delegation led the battle in favor of the plan, but was beaten by a vote of 160 to 20, the opposition being championed by the Wenatchee growers.

The fruit men also voted, 90 to 30, to exclude worm-stung apples from the "C" grade. In the heated debate that preceded the vote J. S. Suggs, of Cave, leader of the Wenatchee delegation, said sentiment in his district was that eventually there would be only two grades of apples, and that the Wenatchee growers favored the establishment of a combination grade to include both the fancy and "C" grades.

He urged that the development of the by-products industry, preferably by the growers themselves, would have to be depended upon to handle the large tonnage of cull fruit.

Flour Takes Another Jump.

The strength of the wheat market in the Pacific Northwest has forced flour prices upward again. The advance is 20 cents a barrel in patents which puts wholesale quotation at \$5.20. Other domestic grades underwent a similar advance. Export flours are also higher at \$4.20@4.30. Millfeed is holding steady in spite of large stocks, as there is excellent demand. Wheat is decidedly strong in all the country markets. Bids on the basis of \$1 Coast were made for bluestem, but farmers asked \$1.02 and more.

Wheat Outlet Closed.

The embargo on wheat shipments to Atlantic seaboard terminals is now practically complete, and as the larger part of the buying of late has been for shipment of that character, the result is a material subsidence of activity in the Northwest. Export operations have not entirely ceased, however, and it is said there is little buying against the possibility that the embargo will not be of long duration. There is also some trade for Eastern milling account, but, on the whole, business passing in the country is of much smaller volume.

Klamath Falls Packing Plant Starts.

Klamath Falls, Ore.—Klamath Falls has a meat packing plant that began operation this week. The plant is an extension of the operations of the Klamath Packing company, of this city, and, in addition to supplying Klamath Falls markets, it will ship to California points. An expert packer is in charge.

Odd Dream Adventure.

"Talking of dreams," said the jolly-faced man, "the other night an incandescent bulb burst in our bed room while I was dozing and dreaming that I was driving my auto along a country road. On hearing the explosion I got out, and when I woke up I was under the bed tinkering the springs with my wife's manicure set."—Boston Transcript.

The Call of the Links.

"Jock, mon, I'll go ye a round on the links 't' the mornin'!" "The mornin'!" echoed Jock, dubiously. "Ay, mon, the mornin', I'll go ye a round if ye like." "Ay, weel!" said Jock. "I'll go ye. But I had intended to get marrit 't' the mornin'!"—Boston Transcript.

Worse Troubles Averted.

"They fight like cats and dogs." "Then you don't think it was a fortunate marriage?" "Oh, yes, in a way. If they hadn't married each other, each might have married someone else, and made four people unhappy instead of two."—Boston Transcript.

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Was She Motherless?

"We have just learned that Adam was the first man," said the Sunday School teacher to the infant class. "Now if Adam was the first man, can you tell me who was the first woman?" And the little chap at the end of the row declared confidently: "His mother!"—Philadelphia Record.

They Surely Do It.

"I don't see why everybody is so down on the war censors. Aren't they merely performing a consistent duty?" "How so?" "Well, what good is a censor unless he increases the people?"—Baltimore American.

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Lost, Not Gone Before.

An elderly gentleman was observed acting rather nervously in a department store and the floorwalker approached him. "Anything I can do for you?" "I have lost my wife." "Ah, yes, mourning goods two flights up," responded the floorwalker. —Boston Transcript.

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"Mr. Redink," said the boss, severely, "you got off yesterday afternoon under the plea of being sick. I saw you afterward going to the races, and you didn't appear to be at all sick." Mr. Redink was fully equal to the occasion. "You ought to have seen me after the second race, sir," he said.—Puck.

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