

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News
From All Around the World.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and
Pacific Northwest Condensed
for Our Busy Readers.

Offers of \$1 per bushel for North-
western wheat are refused.

One child in every five dies of infantile
paralysis in New York.

The State department declines to
step behind American bankers who
were negotiating a loan to China.

Sir Roger Casement, the instigator
of the Irish revolution, was hanged
in London Thursday for high treason.

The Deutschland submarine has suc-
cessfully passed the allies' warships
off Chesapeake Bay and is far out to
sea.

A hotel clerk in Spokane is sen-
tenced to 60 days in jail and \$750 fine
for permitting illegal sale of liquors in
the hostelry.

Should the great railroad strike now
pending be declared, all traffic would
be stopped on 1285 roads, with the ex-
ception of mail and troop trains.

The Serbian government has decided to
convince the Serbian parliament,
King Peter of Serbia and the Greek
government have been advised of this
intention.

The garment strike which virtually
has paralyzed the women's suit and
cloak industry in New York for nearly
four months, was declared settled at a
general meeting of the strike com-
mittee.

Frank West, two-year-old son of F.
A. West, of Prosser, Wash., was
drowned in the Sunnyside canal. The
body was recovered after having been
carried through two miles of wood-
stave pipe.

The supreme lodge of Knights of
Pythias in session at Portland last
week, elected John J. Brown, of Van-
dalla, Ill., supreme chancellor and
Charles E. Davis, of Denver, vice
chancellor.

National Guardsmen, relieved from
duty on the border for disability, re-
turned to Oakland, Cal., to find their
armory had been looted of \$1500 in
clothing by burglars, who had cleaned
out every locker.

An attempt by Bulgarian soldiers to
seize an island in the Roumanian
waters of the Danube river close to
the town of Giurgovo has caused a
sensation there, according to reports
received by Bucharest newspapers.

The shipbuilding plant, backed by
Louis Swift, of Chicago, vice presi-
dent of Swift & Co., and purchasing
agent for the Union Meat company
tentatively located at Flavel, Or., has
been moved to Portland through
efforts of Herbert Brown.

A Zurich dispatch says that several
young men paraded the streets of that
city Tuesday night bearing banners in-
scribed: "We demand complete de-
militarization." The police were
obliged to charge the crowd with
drawn swords before it would disperse.
Several persons were wounded.

It was officially announced at the
Mexican foreign office that Luis Cab-
rera, Ygnacio Bonillas and Alberto
Pani have been selected as the com-
missioners to negotiate with the
United States commissioners regard-
ing the questions at issue between
Mexico and the United States.

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Pythias is in session at Portland.

The heat wave that has enveloped
Chicago and the Middle West, was
broken Monday by a stiff breeze from
the North.

England positively refuses to permit
medicines for American Red Cross soci-
eties to pass the allies' lines into
Germany or Austria.

Winston Churchill, former first lord
of the British admiralty, declares Eng-
land was saved by her navy.

During a quarrel between two em-
ployees of the Union Meat company at
Portland, one man was knocked into a
vat of boiling water and cooked alive.

Striking employes of the three large
packing houses in East St. Louis have
voted to accept the concessions made
by the employers and to return to
work Tuesday. About 4500 men are
involved.

The U. S. court at Norfolk, Va., has
rendered a decision which gives back
to English owners the prize ship Ap-
pan, captured by the Germans.

The failure of the Pope's appeals to
the warring nations for peace was ad-
mitted by the Pontiff in addressing a
delegation of the youth of Rome.

Henry Edward Duke, a barrister and
Unionist member of Parliament for
Exeter, was appointed to be the new
chief secretary of Ireland in succession
to Augustine Birrell. The new chief
secretary will have a seat in the Brit-
ish cabinet.

Night Bathing in Lake Michigan Saves Many.



Night bathing in Lake Michigan
saves thousands of persons during the
hot spell in Chicago. Parts of the
lake front swarms with women bathers
till late hours of the night. It is the

only way they have to cool off from
the great heat of the day. The cus-
tom may now be so well established
that night bathing will become a reg-
ular feature of the summer.

RAILROAD STRIKE SEEMS INEVITABLE

Congress is Urged to Take Immediate
Action to Forestall Trouble.

National Chamber of Commerce Be-
lieves Arbitration is Futile—
Wilson Much Concerned.

Washington, D. C.—Officials of the
Federal government, including Presi-
dent Wilson, are closely watching de-
velopments in the controversy between
225 railway systems and their 400,000
employees, and are preparing to offer
every possible aid in effecting an
agreement and avoiding a strike.

Thursday the President forwarded to
the Labor department an appeal he had
received from the Chamber of Com-
merce of the United States declaring a
strike inevitable "unless some strong
measures of intervention are speedily
introduced" and urging an inquiry.
Acting Secretary of Labor Post said
he was in close touch with the situa-
tion, but had not decided whether ac-
tion by the department would be ne-
cessary.

The Federal board of mediation and
conciliation, which is authorized by
law to attempt to avert strikes on
railroads, also is keeping watch of de-
velopments, and its officials expect to
be called on as soon as the strike vote,
now being counted, has been complet-
ly canvassed. They said that nothing
could be done at present.

Copies of the chamber's appeal to
President Wilson were forwarded to
chairman of the congressional com-
missioners and the representatives
of the railroads and employes.

Harry Wheeler, chairman of the
chamber's committee on railroads, said
he had recently attended a meeting of
representatives of the employers and
employes in New York, and that as a
result his conviction was deepened that
an amicable settlement was remote.
"I am assured," he added, "there will
be no modification of the attitude of
the roads. Neither is it expected that
the representatives of the men, with
the new powerful strike vote in their
hands, will recede from the position
which they have taken heretofore."

Shark Startles Newport.
Newport, Or.—Beach bathers were
startled Thursday when they heard of
the capture of a shark at the Devil's
Punchbowl, 10 miles north of Newport.
Their fears were dispelled later, how-
ever, when it was learned that it was
a sand shark and not one of the man-
eating species. The shark was washed
ashore while Carl Shoemaker, state
game warden, was visiting the bowl.
He killed it and brought it to Newport,
where it is now on display. Two years
ago a man-eating shark, 25 feet long,
was killed off Yaquina Bay.

Fruit Basket Bill Passed.
Washington, D. C.—"The honest
grape, fruit and berry basket bill," by
Representative Reavis, of Nebraska,
prescribing dimensions for standard
baskets for interstate shipment of
grapes, small fruits and berries, was
passed Thursday by the house. Grape
growers of New York and Southern
and Western small fruit and berry
raisers advocated its passage for pro-
tection against competitors using un-
der-sized containers.

ACTIVITY OF ALLEGED SPIES AT PANAMA CANAL IS INVESTIGATED

Washington, D. C.—Activities of
persons suspected of being spies em-
ployed by foreign governments to ac-
quire information regarding the nature
and extent of the defenses of the Pan-
ama canal have made the administra-
tion decide to request congress to sup-
plant the existing laws against im-
proper acquisition of knowledge of mili-
tary and naval plans and fortifica-
tions.

Representatives of the department
of Justice and the War and Navy de-
partments have been in conference on
the subject, and it is expected that they
will agree on some drastic legislation
to be submitted to congress.

It is possible that the scope of the
conference may be extended beyond
the original ideas of a mere protection
of the secrets of the American coast
defenses to cover generally such at-
tempts as have been common since the
beginning of the present war to dis-
seminate powder and ammunition plants,
on which the United States govern-
ment must rely in time of trouble.

Several of the military powers of
the world are believed to have under-
taken to obtain information as to the
character of the defenses of the Pan-
ama canal. The latest incident to ex-
cite suspicion is the operations of a
little Japanese power vessel, ostensibly
a fishing launch, which sought to
obtain a permit for pearl fishing in the
waters of Panama bay and vicinity.

The canal authorities have been
warned that this craft appeared to
have been making surveys and that
these were not confined to the water
but extended to the isthmus proper.

While these operations may have
been perfectly innocent in intent and
only such soundings were made and
bearings taken as might be incident to
the pursuit of pearl fisheries, the canal
zone authorities have regarded the
matter as of sufficient importance to
warrant investigation and report to
Washington. Meanwhile, licenses have
been withheld until some general line
of policy can be formulated to govern
all such cases.

Bottle Tells Zeppelin's Fate.
Berlin—Extracts from letters found
last February in a bottle picked up in
the Skagerak, containing last mes-
sages from the commander and crew of
the Zeppelin L-19, wrecked in the
North Sea, have been given out. The
writings included the final report of
the Zeppelin's commander, written an
hour before the airship went down.
The greater part of the extracts consist
of personal messages to members of
the victims' families. One of them
says "an English trawler came along
this morning, but refused to save us."

British Save Suez Canal.
London—The Turkish army of 13,
000 soldiers which attacked British
positions on August 4 at Romani, 22
miles east of the Suez canal, has been
thoroughly defeated, according to the
latest official statement. The Turks
are now in full retreat and were hotly
pursued for 18 miles by British troops.
The number of un wounded Turks
captured was 3145. Among the pris-
oners were 70 Germans, including 36
officers. A complete battery of Ger-
man guns was also taken.

Hughes' Auto Searched.
Niagara Falls.—Charles E. Hughes,
en route to Detroit, spent Sunday here.
At his request there was no public re-
ception.

During the automobile ride in Can-
ada, at a lonely spot a Canadian sol-
dier, with fixed bayonet, ordered the
driver to halt and searched the car for
explosives. The soldier, when told of
Mr. Hughes' identity, replied with a
grin that he was sorry, but Canadian
military rules made no exception.

SMALLER INCOMES TAX IS PROPOSED

Democratic Senators Call for \$1000
Reduction on Exemptions.

TREASURY WOULD BE BENEFITED

Surplus on Earnings of More Than
Two Millions To Be Increased
From 10 to 13 Per Cent.

Washington, D. C.—Reduction of
the income tax exemption from \$2000
to \$1000 for single persons and from
\$4000 to \$3000 for those with families
was ordered recommended to the sen-
ate Saturday by Democratic members
of the finance committee who are re-
vising the house revenue bill.

The change is proposed in an amend-
ment which would put the additional
\$1000 taxes in a separate classification
and impose on it a normal tax of 1
per cent instead of the 3 per cent as-
sessed against incomes of more than
\$3000 for single persons and of more
than \$4000 for married persons.

The amendment after an all-day dis-
cussion prevailed by a majority of
only one vote, opposition persisting to
the last.

After announcement of the result by
Chairman Simmons, some of the Demo-
cratic senators said that the decision
was tentative and might be overturned
when the amendment was submitted to
the full membership of the committee.

The rollback on the amendment was
not disclosed. Those who favored it
emphasized the grave necessity for ad-
ditional revenue, and had estimates
before them showing that the proposed
exemption reductions would add about
\$8,000,000 to the treasury. It prob-
ably would increase several fold the
total number of taxable incomes.

The amendment is the second change
in the income tax proposed by the sen-
ate Democrats, who voted to increase
the surtax on incomes in excess of
\$2,000,000 from 10 to 13 per cent. It
is estimated that the surtax will bring
in \$10,000,000 additional revenue.

Heat Wave in Chicago Worse Than Ever; No Relief in Sight

Chicago—After a brief respite which
doubtless saved hundreds of lives in
that it gave the public an opportunity
to take a fresh grip on life, the deadly
heat wave again settled down over all
the Middle West Sunday and promises
to stay for several days.

Up to 8 o'clock the coroner had re-
ports of two deaths from sunstroke and
four drownings in Chicago and there
were many prostrations. The official
temperature was 97, but on the streets
it was 100 and in the suburbs 101,
with scarcely a breath of air. The
percentage of humidity was also high
and the lake water at the bathing
beaches showed temperature of 78.

Dispatches from surrounding terri-
tory told of numerous prostrations and
much sickness, the result of the contin-
ued heat. The few cool days in
Chicago were not felt in the surround-
ing country, but were confined to the
district within a few miles of Lake
Michigan. Consequently the country
districts have been scorching and
smothering for practically 30 days
with no relief.

Weather forecasters say there is no
hope of cooler weather in sight.

Thirty-Three Infants Die in Day.
New York—Thirty-three deaths
were caused by infantile paralysis here
during the 24-hour period ending at 10
a. m. Sunday. There was a decrease
of eight from the record of the pre-
vious day. New cases of the disease
reported numbered 219, an increase of
24 over the previous 24-hour period.

According to the health authorities,
the epidemic appeared to be spreading
faster in Brooklyn than in any of the
other four boroughs of the greater
city. Since the inception of the epi-
demic there have been 5025 cases, of
which 1099 have been fatal.

Soldiers Get Flea Bags.
New York—Eighteen hundred "in-
sect bags," designed to protect the
troops from fleas which infest many of
the camps along the Mexican border,
were forwarded Monday to the soldiers
of the Twelfth Infantry, New York
National Guard, at McAllen, Tex., by
the women of the army and navy sup-
ply committee of the American De-
fense society. The bags are filled with
naphthalene, and are made to fit over
a man's shoulders, one end suspended
down his chest and the other down his
back.

African Bullion Arrives.
Baltimore—Between \$1,000,000 and
\$3,000,000 worth of gold bullion was
the principal part of the cargo of the
British steamer *Susquehanna*, which
arrived here Saturday from the west
coast of Africa. The bullion was soon
removed from the ship to four big ex-
press wagons, which took it to a rail-
road station.

Presumably it is now on its way to
Canada under guard of private detec-
tives.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Oregon Will File for Share in
Government Good Roads Fund

Salem—Oregon's full share of the
Federal good roads appropriation,
amounting to \$78,000 for 1916, under
the *Shackleton* bill passed recently by
congress, will be claimed at once,
members of the State Highway com-
mission and advisory board decided
Monday.

Governor Withycombe, in behalf of
the State Highway commission, within
the next few days will make a formal
request of the secretary of Agriculture
for the money which it is desired to
use this year, if possible. He will re-
quest Attorney General Brown for an
opinion regarding certain features of
the Federal law authorizing the approp-
riation, and then will tender his for-
mal request to the government for the
money.

Decision to ask for Oregon's 1916
share of the Federal allotment provid-
ed under the *Shackleton* measure was
made as a result of a conference of the
Highway commission with members of
the advisory board and a delegation
from Portland. The Portland repre-
sentatives were urgent that action to
get the money be immediate, fearing
that to delay until the legislature
meets might result in the state's los-
ing its allotment from the government
for this year.

Under the provisions of the govern-
ment measure Oregon must match the
Federal appropriation with an equal
amount of money, which is to be ex-
pended as may be decided upon by
state highway officials and the Sec-
retary of agriculture.

In matching the government approp-
riation, assurances were given by the
Multnomah county delegation that the
county was already prepared to expend
\$85,000 on road work on the Columbia
River highway.

B. Benson said that he would give
\$15,000 for road improvement, and the
highway commission decided to allot
\$18,000 remaining in the highway
fund for work on Ruthton Hill on the
Columbia highway, in Hood River
county. That leaves only \$10,000 to
complete the \$78,000 needed to match
the government allotment.

Mine Makes Big Clean-up.

Grants Pass—The largest individual
cleanup ever reported in Josephine
county is that of the Sammons-Cam-
eron-Logan mine at Waldo, in this
county, and brought to this city for
shipment Wednesday.

Four hundred and eighty-four ounces
of pure gold, molded into three hand-
some pale-yellow bricks, were brought
to the banks of this city, the same
being valued at \$9000. It is reported
that the balance of the cleanup, dis-
bursed in other channels, will bring
the grand total up to upward of \$14,
000. Thirty-four days of actual labor
are represented in the making of this
handsome return. This reliable old
hydraulic deep-gravel mine has been a
steady producer for over 60 years and
never fails of a handsome return to its
owners.

Grant Crops in Danger.

Baker—Grasshoppers and gophers
are causing serious damage to hay,
grain and gardens in Grant county.
In the Log creek district the grass-
hoppers have invaded hay fields. W.
H. Hiett reports that his timothy is
becoming seriously damaged and he
fears that they will attack his grain
fields. They are known to have
caused considerable loss to other fields.
The ranchers are preparing to fight
the pest which, it is feared, may become
general. Gophers have been invading
gardens in that district and the loss is
very heavy, although it is not thought
it will be as general throughout the
county as that caused by the grasshop-
pers.

Send to Join in Exhibit.

Bend—The Bend Commercial club
will join the other commercial orga-
nizations of Crook county in making
an exhibit at the State Fair at Salem
this fall. At a recent luncheon and meet-
ing of the club support of the move-
ment to the extent of \$100 was pledged
and it was voted to send a representa-
tive to the next meeting of the County
court to ask for an appropriation in aid
to the plan. The club also voted to
campaign for the proposal to extend
the city limits, which will be voted on
at a special city election August 15.

Florence Mill to Start.

Eugene—According to word reach-
ing Eugene from Florence, the Porter
Brothers' sawmill will soon begin cut-
ting 16,000,000 feet of lumber. It is
said that there are 10,000,000 feet of
logs in the mill pond, to which 5,000,
000 feet more will be added for the
run. It is estimated that the opera-
tions will consume six months and that
100 men will be employed. The Porter
Brothers' mill has not been in opera-
tion for more than two years.

Big Sheep Shipment Made.

Baker—Robert Standfield, of Stan-
field, began Wednesday the shipment
of 9000 wethers and ewes from Baker
to a meat company in San Francisco.
The first shipment of 4500 started in a
special train. The remainder will be
sent at once.

The sheep are from the grazing
lands in the Siskiyou valley and are
part of an order for 120,000, practi-
cally all of which has been shipped.

WHEAT IN NORTH SENDS PRICES UP

Reports of Mild, Black Frost and High
Came of Southern Advance.

SPRING CROP BADLY AFFECTED

Most Damage in North Dakota, Min-
nesota and Manitoba—Orders
Cancelled by Merchants.

Chicago—Hail, black frost and blight
damage to the spring wheat crop of
the Northwest caused an advance of 4
cents a bushel on the Chicago board of
trade Saturday. A recent advance was
scored Thursday. At the high record
prices were 55 cents higher than the
low point in June, September closed
at \$1.34, December at \$1.38, and
May at \$1.43.

Reports reached the trade that in
some sections of North Dakota and
Southern Manitoba the crop had been
ruined by hail Wednesday night and
Thursday. Several large insurance
companies with headquarters in Chi-
cago received messages saying that
the crop was a total loss.

Most of the hail damage was in the
northern part of North Dakota. The
crop in Bottineau county is ruined.
Merchants in that section have
annulled all orders for future deliv-
ery. Even orders for such necessi-
ties as shoes and stoves have been
cancelled.

Ordinarily a 33-cent advance in the
price of wheat in a little more than
a month brings fortunes to many of the
big operators on the board of trade.
That has not been true during the
present rise. Nearly all of the big lo-
cal traders have been fighting the mar-
ket, or rather fighting the damage re-
ports, and prices have gone up without
their aid.

Even the Northwest, where the
damage was taking place, was a seller
of wheat in this market (until a few
days ago). That caused the belief that
the damage reports were exaggerated
by the market bulls.

Some of the board's exporters have
made large winnings, and a series of
Wall-street grain men, who are said to
have large holdings of wheat under
\$1.30 a bushel, are credited with prof-
its of around \$2,000,000.

The disaster in the Northwest has
proved a blessing to the winter wheat
growers. Thirty days ago they were
able to get only \$1 a bushel for their
grain. Now the price is a third
higher.

Shackleton Fails to Rescue His Men From Elephant Island

London—Sir Ernest Shackleton has
again failed to rescue the main body
of his Antarctic expedition left on Ele-
phant island, says the Daily Chronicle,
and has returned to the Falkland is-
lands.

Sir Ernest returned on board the
steamer *Emma*, says a Reuter dispatch
from Port Stanley. The ship was
forced back by heavy gales and ice and
it was found impossible for him to get
near Elephant island through the pack ice.
The ship was badly damaged, the en-
gines were damaged, and the *Emma*
was obliged to proceed under sail.
Sir Ernest, the correspondent adds,
recognizes that it is useless to force a
passage with a light ship and he is
waiting for the steamer *Discovery* to
come from England.

French Retake Three-Mile Strip From Germans at Verdun

London—Joffre's men are masters
now of a bloodstained strip of ground
three miles long and about a mile deep
just north of Verdun, which they have
won from the Germans in one of the
most hotly-fought and bloody battles
of the long struggle on the Meuse. At
the close of three days of their offen-
sive they have conquered ground
which it took the Crown Prince's army
more than four weeks to wrest from
them.

Fighting Fact May Pass.

Washington, D. C.—Senator Lane,
who has been stoutly opposing the bill
heretofore passed by the house ratify-
ing the compact between the states of
Oregon and Washington, under which
they propose to exercise joint jurisdic-
tion over fisheries in the Columbia
river, is showing signs of relenting.
If he does this the bill will pass, as
Senator Lane alone has prevented its
passage on several occasions. The fail-
ure of the opposing fishermen to file
initiative petitions robbed Senator
Lane of his chief ground of opposition.

Five-Cent Loaf Desired.

Chicago—The 5-cent loaf of bread
is the cry with which 400 Chicago
bakers departed Saturday
for Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend
the annual convention of the National
Association of Master Bakers and to at-
tempt to persuade that body that 10
cents is the lowest price at which a
5-ounce loaf of bread can be sold
with profit.
In the party were scores of bakers
from Eastern cities.