

# NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

## Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Two feet of snow is reported in Macleod, Alberta.

The plight of Americans in Turkey is said to be serious.

Canada's first consignment of troops to aid the allies has arrived at Southampton.

A cargo of dyestuffs consigned to America and seized by the Germans has been released.

British war office reports large loss of officers, 236 are killed, 586 wounded and 322 missing.

It is reported that the king of Belgium has marched out of Antwerp at the head of a portion of his troops.

Leaders of the opposition party in Japanese legislature are opposed to limiting Japanese activity in the war.

Borgerhout, a suburb of Antwerp, has been set on fire by the German bombardment, according to a dispatch from Amsterdam.

A German aeroplane flying over Paris and suburbs Saturday morning dropped two bombs, one of which wounded three persons.

Among the few neutrals remaining in Antwerp, where not alone shells from the guns of the Germans, but bombs from their aircraft, are falling, are H. W. Diedrich, the American consul, and the members of his staff.

A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Cetinje says: "It is reported here that the Roumanian Prince Ghika, who has arrived at Scutari, will try to profit by the present critical moment to have himself proclaimed Prince of Albania."

"The communal council of Ostend has passed unanimously a declaration that the town is ready for every sacrifice in order to resist the German advance to the last moment," says the London Daily Telegraph's Ostend correspondent.

The French authorities have seized food supplies valued at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 which had been deposited on the docks at Havre by a German firm. The action was taken to prevent the supplies from being taken abroad.

A Petrograd dispatch states that a member of the Russian duma, who has just returned from Galicia, declares that the Russians captured the heights between four and five miles from Przemysl and that the Austrians have several times vainly attempted to retake them.

A dispatch received in Rome from Russian headquarters says that the intimation has been given to the Austrians holding the town of Przemysl, Galicia, that they will be permitted to surrender with military honors, but that if they refuse the Russians will give them no quarter.

A dispatch from Petrograd says the Russians have driven the Germans from Wloclawek, Russian Poland, 35 miles southeast of Thorn, East Prussia, and have fortified themselves within a few miles of the fortress of Thorn. The German left wing in Poland is said to have been partly enveloped.

A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Rome says: "It is reported that at a meeting of 27 Liberal and Democratic members of the chamber of deputies, a resolution was adopted declaring that armed neutrality corresponds with the exigencies of the moment. The resolution also expressed confidence in the government."

German newspapers publish articles expressing satisfaction that the British and Japanese attacks on Tsing Tau, the fortified position in the Kiau Chau territory, sets forth that in a German sortie last Friday night the Germans lost one man killed and three wounded, while 25 Germans are missing. A British battleship, according to this same information, has participated in the bombardment of Tsing Tau. A German torpedo boat, recently engaged with the Japanese, has returned to the harbor undamaged. The German gunboat Jaguar was slightly damaged.

A Petrograd dispatch to the Telegraph, dated Saturday night, says that nothing is ascertainable there of the reported battle at Cracow. News has been received at Petrograd, says the dispatch, that Archduke Frederick has been replaced as commander-in-chief of the Austrian forces by the heir presumptive to the Austrian throne, Prince Charles Francis.

Telegraphing from Ostend, a correspondent says: "The steamer Ardmont, loaded with grain, which left Dover for Zeebrugge, Holland, struck a mine. Her crew of 35 were saved." The steamer, a vessel of 3510 tons, commanded by Captain Ronald, sailed from Galveston September 9. The Ardmont was owned by the Ashmount Steamship company, Glasgow.

## Occupation of Island by Japanese Concerns U. S.

Washington, D. C.—Declining in the absence of all the facts to express any opinion as to whether the Japanese landing on the island of Jaluit, one of the Marshall group in the Pacific ocean, is in violation of the announcement by the Japanese foreign office at the beginning of the war, that Japan's operations would be confined to the Far East, Secretary Bryan was plainly expecting the early arrival of some official statement of the ultimate purpose of this act.

Already the Japanese military operations against the German concession in Shan Tung are being studied, probably animated by the appeal from the Chinese government against violation of Chinese integrity. The landing on the Marshall islands, however, has not yet been made the subject of representations to the State department, possibly for the reason that there is no one in a position corresponding to that of China.

In Samoa, it is pointed out by officials, the United States has a lively interest in any change in the sovereignty of the group, as the German-owned islands are in close proximity to the American island of Tutuila.

On the whole, official opinion is that while the United States is interested as would be any maritime power, since the group lies on the trade route around Cape Horn and through the Straits of Magellan to the Orient, the issue really is of much greater concern to Great Britain. Because of the reluctance of the British-Australian colonies to have the Japanese approach their continent, the British government itself is understood to have an explicit understanding with her ally, Japan, that the British alone are free to exploit the important German insular possessions in Micronesia and in New Guinea.

## Democrat Caucus Proposes Heaviest Tax on Liquors

Washington, D. C.—The caucus of senate Democrats on the war revenue bill failed to complete its labors Wednesday. Decision had been reached, however, that imposes the bulk of the \$100,000,000 emergency revenue measure on beer and whiskey, which will yield nearly \$50,000,000 annually under increased taxation.

The caucus also eliminated proposed taxes on gasoline and automobile sales and cut in two the proposed \$2 per thousand tax on bank capital and surplus. Consideration of various stamp taxes and emergency levies on perfumery, cosmetics and proprietary medicines as proposed by the Democrats of the senate finance committee, was not reached.

First action of the caucus was to vote an increase in the proposed extra tax on beer from 50 cents to 75 cents a barrel, to make the total tax \$1.75 a barrel, with a drawback of 5 per cent for purchase of revenue stamps in advance.

The amendment, urged by Senator Williams, of Mississippi, was carried by a large majority after Senator Stone had made a vigorous speech against it. A special revenue tax on rectifiers of distilled spirits of 5 cents a gallon also was adopted.

Together the proposed taxes on liquors would yield an annual revenue of more than \$50,000,000.

Democrats of the finance committee had agreed to the house tax of \$1.50 a barrel on beer, which would yield, at 50 cents over the normal tax, an added revenue of \$32,500,000 annually. The further addition of 25 cents a barrel by the senate Democrats would yield another \$16,000,000. With the 5 per cent discount for prompt payment figured, the least to be derived from beer would be approximately \$46,000,000.

## English Help Japanese in Tsing Tau Bombardment

Pekin—A communication received here from a German source in Tsing Tau, the fortified position in the Kiau Chau territory, sets forth that in a German sortie last Friday night the Germans lost one man killed and three wounded, while 25 Germans are missing. A British battleship, according to this same information, has participated in the bombardment of Tsing Tau. A German torpedo boat, recently engaged with the Japanese, has returned to the harbor undamaged. The German gunboat Jaguar was slightly damaged.

## Blame Put on French.

London—The Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company says that dispatches from Berlin deny indignantly the reported destruction by German troops of the property of M. Poincare, president of France, at Ribecourt. They declare this property was the center of a heavy battle near Verdun, and that it was bombarded by French artillery. The charges of the Countess de Bays that the German Crown Prince looted her chateau also are ridiculed. It is declared that the Crown Prince never was in this mansion.

## NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS.

Portland—The specialists of the fruit and vegetable utilization laboratory of the department of agriculture have completed arrangements for a commercial test of the recently-discovered method of concentrating apple cider by freezing and centrifugal methods. As a result, a cider mill in the Hood River valley will this fall undertake to manufacture and test on the retail market 1000 gallons of concentrated cider, which will represent 5000 gallons of ordinary apple cider, with only the water removed.

The new method it is believed makes possible the concentrating of cider in such a way that it will keep better than raw cider and also be so reduced in bulk that it can be shipped profitably long distances from the apple-growing regions. The old attempts to concentrate cider by boiling have been failures because heat destroys the delicate flavor of cider. Under the new method nothing is taken from the cider but the water, and the resultant product is a thick liquid which contains all the apple juice products and which can be restored to excellent sweet cider by the simple addition of four parts of water. The shippers and consumers, therefore, avoid paying freight on the water in ordinary cider. In addition, the product, when properly barreled, because of its higher amount of sugar, keeps better than raw cider, which quickly turns to vinegar.

Wheat—Bid: Bluestem, \$1.02 per bushel; forty-fold, 98c; club, 95c; red Russian, 88c; red Pife, 90c.

Oats—Bid: No. 1 white feed, \$25 per ton.

Barley—Bid: No. 1 feed, \$19 per ton; brewing, \$21.50.

Millfeed—Bid: Bran, \$23.50 per ton; shorts, \$24.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$25.50@26 per ton; shorts, \$27.50@28; rolled barley, \$26@27.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16 @17; grain hay, \$11@12; alfalfa, \$12 @13.50.

Potatoes—Oregon, \$1.35 per sack; Yakima, \$1.35; sweets, 2c per pound.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 31@32c per dozen; candled, 33 @35c; storage, 27@29c.

Poultry—Hens, 14@15c per pound; springs, 14@15c; turkeys, young, 18 @20c; dressed, 22@25c; ducks, 10 @14c; geese, 10@11c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 35c per pound; cubes, 30@31c.

Veal—Fancy, 13@13 1/2c per pound.

Pork—Block, 10 1/2@11c per pound.

Cattle—Prime steers, \$6.75@6.90; choice, \$6.50@6.75; medium, \$6.25@6.50; choice cows, \$6@6.15; medium, \$5.25@5.75; heifers, \$5.50@6.50; calves, \$6@8; bulls, \$3@4.75; stags, \$4.50@6.

Hogs—Light, \$7@7.60; heavy, \$6 @6.60.

Sheep—Wethers, \$4@5.50; ewes, \$3.50@4.50; lambs, \$5@6.10.

Seattle—The apple trade by far led all the fruit staples, on Western avenue in point of demand, and prices for good stock were such that growers recovered much of the earlier losses and the situation brightened considerably. On the present level of 90c to \$1 for the average good fruit, growers, it is stated, will net 40@50c per box. Onions are firm. Good locals not adapted to keeping requirements are selling at 75c per cwt. Walla Wallas are about cleaned up at 85@90c. No Oregon are being offered.

Celery is brisk at 40c per dozen. There are no good Concord grapes on the market. Prices run from 19 1/2@22 1/2c and frequently less. Grapejuice and jellies are about all buyers can see in present offerings.

Good green corn is scarce. Practically all the offerings are tough and close to unpalatable. Prices are \$1.50 @1.75 per sack.

Eggs—Select ranch, 37@38c dozen. Poultry—Live hens, 10@15c per pound; old roosters, 10c; 1914 broilers, 13 @14c; ducklings, 10 @12c; geese, 10c; Guinea fowl, \$9 per dozen.

Apples—New cooking, 75c@81c per box; Gravensteins, \$1 @1.25; Jonathans, \$1.25; Winter Bananas, \$1.50; Kings, 75c@81c.

Cantaloupes—Ponies, 75c per crate; standards, \$1@1.25; jumbos, \$1.25.

Vegetables—Artichokes, 75@85c per dozen; beans, green, 6@6 1/2c per pound; bell peppers, Wenatchee, 9-lb. boxes, 50@60c; beets, new, \$1.25 per sack; cabbage, local, 1c per pound; red, 1 1/2c; corn, green, \$1.50@1.75 per sack; carrots, local, \$1; cauliflower, local, 75c per dozen; celery, local, 40c; cucumbers, field, 35@40c; eggplant, 75c@81c; lettuce, local, 40c per box; onions, green, 25 @30c per dozen; Walla Walla, 85 @90c per cwt.; Australian brown onions, \$1@1.25; local, 1 1/2c per pound; parsley, 25c per dozen; potatoes, White River, \$21 per ton; Yakima, \$25; sweets, \$1.90@2 per cwt.; radishes, local, 15c per dozen bunches; rutabagas, Alaska, \$2 per sack; spinach, local, 75c per crate; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, local, \$1.75@2 per cwt.; tomatoes, local, 30@40c per crate; turnips, new, white, \$1.25 per sack.

## Oregon School Students Win Panama Fair Trip

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Ten young farmers, housekeepers and artisans who won first place in one of the ten industrial club projects at the recent State Fair in Salem, will have a trip for one week to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Francisco with all expenses paid. These competitors who have succeeded beyond all others in their particular kind of work were scored both on exhibits at the State Fair and reports forwarded to Professor F. L. Griffin, of the Agricultural college. The following list of winners in the various projects with places of residence have been given out for publication: Jessie Kent, canning and preserving, Perrydale, Polk county; May E. McDonald, sewing, Dallas, Polk

county; Frances Hawley, cooking and baking, McCoy, Polk county; Kenneth Burrell, pig feeding, Monmouth, Polk county; Charley C. Claus, corn, Brownalaw, Jackson county; Audrey Meyer, potatoes, Lake Creek, Jackson county; Perry Pickett, vegetable gardening, Salem, Marion county; Paul Jaeger, manual arts, Sherwood, Washington county; Vernon Rains, poultry raising, Myrtle Creek, Douglas county; and Oscar Snyder, dairy herd record keeping, Creswell, Lane county. Both project and booth exhibits were judged by members of the Agricultural College Extension force.

The expense of these trips will be borne by numerous business firms in Portland and other parts of the state who were interested in the work by O. M. Plummer. Details of the trip have not yet been arranged.

## \$500,000 Bonds Voted by Roseburg for Coast Road

Roseburg—By a vote of more than three to one, the voters of Roseburg have authorized issuance of bonds in the sum of \$500,000 with which to assist in the construction of a railroad between Roseburg and Coos Bay. Concurrent with voting the bonds, the voters elected a railroad commission composed of 10 prominent business men of the city to handle the improvement.

The bonds are in reality a bonus and the \$500,000 will be paid to any company or any individual who will guarantee under sufficient bonds to con-

struct the railroad and operate the same for a term of years.

The voters also voted to repeal the occupation tax and rejected issuance of bonds for park purposes.

The councilmen elected were: William Hargreaves, ward one; D. R. Shambrook, ward two; A. J. Geddes, ward three; W. S. Hamilton, ward four.

The election was one of the most spirited events held here in years and notwithstanding that only taxpayers were allowed to vote on the bond issues, more than 900 votes were polled.

## Jack Grant, of Dallas, Is State's Finest Baby

Salem—With an almost perfect score, Jack Grant, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Grant, of Dallas, was awarded a gold medal for being the finest baby entered in the eugenics contest at the state fair. Doris Lee Gordon, daughter of I. J. Gordon, of Portland, won the girl baby first prize, scoring a fraction of a point less than the Grant child.

There was no perfect child as last year, when Jane Kanzler, of Portland, was so credited, but the judging this year was far more accurate and the scoring closer. More than 175 babies were entered as against 80 last year, indicating the interest that is being taken in this feature of the state fair, which was inaugurated three years ago.

## School Land Point Won.

Eugene—Judge Harris, of the Circuit court, overruled the demurrer of the defendants to the amended complaint in the case of the State of Oregon against F. A. Hyde, in which the state seeks to recover school lands alleged to have been fraudulently obtained. The case affects thousands of acres of school lands in Oregon and may come to trial in the circuit court in Eugene within the next few months.

Judge Harris recognized the demurrer to the original complaint, holding that the state in waiting for more than 10 years after the filing upon the lands had procrastinated unduly. The state in its amended complaint blamed the Federal government for the delay.

## Grand Jury Action Asked.

Salem—Governor West announced that the evidence obtained by Miss Fern Hobbs, his private secretary, in her investigation of the charges against M. J. Gersoni, district attorney of Tillamook county, had been turned over to the grand jury. The charges against Gersoni are incompetency, failure to attend to his duties and gambling.

Governor West said he had asked for the official's resignation, but that he had declined to give it. Gersoni was appointed by Governor West when the county attorney bill passed at the last session of the legislature became operative.

## Astoria Building Started.

Astoria—The corner stone of Astoria's new Young Men's Christian association building was laid this week with appropriate ceremonies, and in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The stone was laid by Mrs. D. K. Warren, who donated the site for the structure. Addresses were made by a number of men who have been actively identified with the association's work in this city and vicinity.

## Ontario Has Tax Fight.

Ontario—Proprietors of the two newspapers and the two leading mercantile companies of Ontario were summoned before the board of equalization at Vale to show cause why their tax assessments should not be raised. This action was taken at the instance of the Vale Enterprise, and is accepted as an incident of the county seat fight just opened.

## Western Union Prospers.

Salem—That the year ending June 30 was a prosperous one for the Western Union Telegraph company is indicated by its report filed with the State Railroad commission. Its dividend was increased from 3 to 3 1/2 per cent.

The company, during the year, increased its miles of wire 42,000, having 1,585,213 miles of wire June 30. It was operating in Oregon at that time 11,548 miles of wire, an increase of about 1000 over the previous year.

It has 408 employees in this state, an increase of 11. The total cost of all its property is given as \$143,000,000. Its receipts for the year totalled \$45,500,000 and its expenses \$38,000,000. The company is carrying a funded indebtedness of \$32,602,000, and has a corporate surplus of \$9,740,000.

## Hay Warehouses Filled.

Baker—Farmers of Baker county are storing large quantities of hay in the warehouses at Haines and a large amount of hauling is being done to the hay center of the county. Portland markets are reported to be overstocked, causing extreme dullness in prices, and farmers are counting on better conditions. The Baker county hay crop is far above average and the crop is said to be so large that in event it is not taken ultimately by the Portland market it cannot all be fed to stock. The Baker warehouses are already filled. A few shipments are being made by those farmers who do not care to take any chance on advancing prices. Others are shipping hay on contracts made earlier in the year.

## Special Session Obviated.

Salem—Having been informed that the \$450,000 allotted by the Interior department for irrigation work in this state would be available until June, next year, Governor West said that he would not call a special session of the legislature. Believing that the appropriation expired the first of next year, the governor some time ago announced that a special session was a possibility. His plan then was for legislative action securing the money to the state. Under the present arrangement action may be taken at the regular session.

## Lumber Industry Revives.

Baker—The Stoddard Lumber company mills at Whitney are preparing to resume work within the next week. The mills have been shut down owing to the falling off of orders after the start of the war in Europe. Large orders received from the trade in America, however, have caused a revival of the business. Logging operations have started near Whitney, a large number of teams and men having been sent out under Joe Neilson, the company foreman.

## Baker May Try Auto Street Cars.

Baker—A movement is under way in Baker for the establishment of an auto-truck streetcar service to serve West Baker and South Baker, connecting these points with the business district and giving 5-cent fare in the city. The proposal is endorsed by the Commercial club, and it probably will be carried out by a coterie of business men, who are also considering a proposal to establish a motor-truck freight line to Eagle Valley.