

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

The Japanese have bombarded the forts at Taing Tau.

Twenty-seven cases of cholera are reported in Vienna.

At the fall of Antwerp 20,000 troops were made prisoners.

The senate has agreed not to levy a war tax on medicines.

The slayer of Archduke Ferdinand of Austria says he is proud of his deed.

An English war expert has warned Great Britain of a possible invasion by Germany.

Four thousand prisoners and 400 guns were taken by the Germans at the fall of Antwerp.

A German submarine is responsible for the sinking of a Russian cruiser, together with 568 men.

Ferdinand, nephew of the late King Charles, of Roumania, has ascended to the throne of that country.

The French and English governments have ordered 50,000 tent stoves from a Pennsylvania firm.

It is claimed that Italy has spent \$1,000,000 a day since the war began in preparing her army for war.

The Boers, subjects of Great Britain, are said to be in revolt and wish to establish their own republic.

President Poincare has signed a decree admitting fresh meat to France free of duty until further notice.

The first chamber at The Hague has passed a measure providing for the second war credit of \$20,000,000.

The Boston "Braves" won the world's series from the Philadelphia Athletics by taking four straight games.

A Ruter dispatch from Amsterdam says the exportation of petroleum from The Netherlands has been forbidden by royal decree.

The general staff of Kiev alleges dum-dum bullets are being used by Austrian troops. Eight cases of these bullets have been obtained.

According to a telegram from Constantinople, Turkey has informed Germany that owing to a lack of money she will have to demobilize her army.

Princess Mary of England has appealed to that nation for assistance in sending a Christmas present to every soldier and sailor of the allied armies.

Two detachments of the American Red Cross arrived in Vienna Wednesday. One proceeded to Hungary and the other to the hospital in the suburbs of Vienna.

Strict measures are being taken in Rome to check the attempts of some of the belligerent countries to engage Italians for work on fortifications and intrenchments.

Noel Buxton, member of the British parliament, and his brother, were shot by a Turk while on their way to attend the funeral of the king of Roumania. Both were seriously wounded.

The London Mail reports that British gunboats overhauled and captured a mysterious steamer which was trying to pass the Downs off Deal. It is supposed that the steamer was trying to sow mines.

The Belgian government, before removing to France, says a dispatch from The Hague, ordered all male citizens between the age of 18 and 45 to enter the army within two days or be treated as traitors.

The Italian dirigible balloon No. 64 reported that while flying over the Adriatic sea she discovered Austrian floating mines. The naval commandant of Venice dispatched five tugboats to pick up the mines in this vicinity.

In a dispatch from Rome, the correspondent of the Central News says that Montenegrin troops are now only eight hours' march from Ragusa, the Austro-Hungarian seaport in Dalmatia, the fall of which is believed to be imminent.

The Petrograd Courier publishes a report to the effect that a German force which entered the Warsaw, Russian Poland, region, after two days of hard fighting, was cut in two and driven back on the Lodz, Petokoff and Klece line. The newspaper says it is asserted that 10,000 German prisoners were taken.

The London Morning Post asserts that it has proof that the British fleet has received official orders not to arrest nationals of belligerent powers in neutral ships. In an editorial the newspaper demands to know who is responsible for the order, what it means and how it can be reconciled with Great Britain's obligations to her allies.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS.

Portland.

Portland — Hop buying continues without interruption at steady prices. Dealers report that it is difficult to interest brewers in new business, and this is to be expected in view of the approaching elections and the fact that hops are being offered to brewers at a steadily declining scale of prices. There is a great deal of uncovered contract business to be taken care of, however, and it is this that is keeping the trade employed.

This week's purchases were made at a range of 8 to 12 cents. The largest deal was closed by McNeff Bros., who bought 340 bales from Demaris Bros., of Yakima. This firm also bought 175 bales in The Dalles section, the crops of Frieson, Smith & Gates and one other, also 100 bales from Salem dealers.

The apple market was good for cheap and medium-priced fruit, but there was not much demand for the higher-priced grades.

Grapes are steady here and prices cannot be advanced, in spite of the firmness of the California market. A car of cantaloupes arrived from Medford.

Wheat — Bid: Bluestem, \$1.02; forty-fold, 99¢; club, 96¢; red Russian, 90¢; red Fife, 92¢.

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

Barley — Bid: No. 1 feed, \$20 per ton; brewing, \$21; bran, \$22; shorts, \$23.

Millfeed — Spot prices: Bran, \$25@25.50 per ton; shorts, \$27@28; rolled barley, \$26@27.

Corn — Whole, \$37 per ton; cracked, \$38.

Hay — Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15.50@16 per ton; grain hay, \$10@11; alfalfa, \$12@13.50; valley timothy, \$13@14.

Vegetables — Cucumbers, \$1.50 per box; eggplant, 7c per pound; peppers, 5¢; artichokes, 85c per dozen; tomatoes, 50¢@90c per crate; cabbage, 1¢ per pound; peas, 10¢; beans, 6¢; celery, 50¢@75c per dozen; cauliflower, 75¢@81; asparagus, \$2 box; sprouts, 10c per pound.

Onions — Yellow, \$1@1.25 per sack. Green Fruits — Apples, 75¢@1.75 per box; cantaloupes, \$1@1.50 per crate; casabas, \$1.25@1.50 per dozen; pears, 50¢@1.25 per box; peaches, 40¢@60¢; grapes, 75¢@1.25 per crate; cranberries, \$8@8.50 per barrel.

Potatoes — Oregon, \$1.25 per sack; sweet potatoes, 2¢@2½c per pound.

Eggs — Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 29¢@32c per dozen; candled, 33¢@35c; storage, 27¢@28c.

Poultry — Hens, 12¢@13c per pound; springs, 12¢@13c; 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, 12¢@12½c per pound.

Pork — Block, 9¢@10c per pound.

Hops — 1914 crop, 8¢@11c; 1913 crop, nominal.

Seattle.

Seattle — Numerous sailings to Alaska drew heavily of fresh eggs and butter from this market, and eggs sold as high as 47c on a jobbing basis, with wholesale prices firm to higher at 46¢@47c. A few sales were reported at 48c.

The tendency in immediate futures is for an advance, and jobbers do not hesitate to predict a 50-cent market before the end of next week. Ranch stock is decreasing so heavily that jobbers are buying from each other in order to fill local and shipping demands.

There has been a heavier movement of storage eggs, with a top on locals of 31c. The season is showing that the local egg has remained in better condition than the Easterns which went to the ice simultaneously and that they do not as yet give any of the customary "storage" taste.

The butter market is steady and well balanced. The liberal supply in sight, together with the heavy flow of cream, which seems to be uninterrupted, and the well proportioned volume of trade, is tending to keep the street independent of bullish influences that might be put upon it by other large distributing centers.

Eggs — Select ranch, 40¢@42c dozen. Poultry — Live hens, 10¢@15c pound; old roosters, 10c; 1914 broilers, 13¢@14c; ducklings, 10¢@12c; geese, 10c; guinea fowl, \$9 per dozen.

Dressed mutton — 10¢@17½c pound.

Vegetables — Artichokes, 75¢ @ 85¢ dozen; beans, green, 7¢@8c; bell peppers, California, 30-lb. boxes, \$1.25; beets, new, \$1@1.25 sack; cabbage, local, 1c pound; red, 1½c; corn, green, \$1.50@1.75 sack; carrots, local, 85¢ @ \$1 sack; cauliflower, local, 75c dozen; cucumbers, hothouse, 75¢@85c dozen; field, 35¢@45c; lettuce, local, 40¢@50c dozen; potatoes, White rivers, \$21 @ 23 ton; Yakimas, \$25 @ 27; sweets, \$1.90@2 hundred; radishes, local, 15c dozen bunches; rutabagas, Alaska, \$2 sack; Spinach, local, 90¢@ \$1 crate; tomatoes, local, 30¢@40c crate; turnips, new, white, \$1.25 sack.

Germany Is Preparing to Attack Great Britain

Amsterdam — Reports are current in Berlin that the Krupps have completed enormously heavy guns of a calibre and range never before attempted and that a large fleet of Zeppelins is being collected near Kiel awaiting a favorable opportunity to sail for England, according to the statements of a British newspaper man who has just returned from Berlin to Amsterdam.

Artillery officers assured this correspondent that the new Krupp guns have a range of about 25 miles and probably are destined for use at some channel port in event the Germans secure a foothold there. He also says that the aeroplane factories in Germany are working day and night supplying machines and that 200 aviators are qualifying for military service every week.

"The British are more hated than either the French or Russians," he said. "The Germans would rather capture one Englishman than 20 others. In Germany England is blamed for it all, rightly or wrongly. She is accused of being at the bottom of this war. Neither officers nor men of the German army seem to have much regard for the British army as a fighting machine, but they freely admire the pluck of the British officers and the rapid range-finding abilities of British artillery."

"Judging from what I saw in Berlin, that city at this moment holds another five or six army corps of able-bodied young men attached either to the first or second reserve or to the landsturm. The same proportionately may be said of all the other German cities. Everywhere I was struck by the boundless enthusiasm for war."

World's Baseball Series Won by Boston Braves

Boston — The Boston National league club completed the most remarkable record in modern professional baseball by defeating the Philadelphia Americans in the fourth and final game of the world's series at Fenway Park Tuesday by a score of 3 to 1.

Beginning with their rush from last place in the senior league in the middle of July, the Braves have broken traditions and records in the National sport with speed and abandon during the last three months.

They emerged late in the afternoon champions of the universe, leaving a trail of startling surprises and upsets in their wake which it will be hard to duplicate in years to come.

Last and far from the least of their accomplishments was the overthrow in four consecutive games of the world-famous baseball machine of Connie Mack, with its hundred thousand dollar infield, home-run heroes and corps of skillfully blended veteran and youthful pitching stars.

To the victors belong the spoils and the credit, and unexpected as was the crushing defeat, the Mackmen took it in sportsmanlike spirit, praising the winners and offering no excuses for their failure to hold their national league rivals in check. In fact, none are available, for the Bostonians for the Bostonians out-played and out-gamed their more experienced opponents in every game and department of play. The best that could be said of the Athletics by their warmest admirers was that the team, neither collectively nor as individuals, appeared to get going in the form shown in previous world series.

Fraud Convictions Stand.

San Francisco — The United States Circuit Court of Appeals denied an appeal of Charles E. Houston and John H. Bullock from their sentence in 1912 to a year in prison and fines of \$2000 each on conviction of conspiracy to defraud the government in the sale of coal. The appeal was made on technical grounds which were upheld in one dissenting opinion. Houston and Bullock were found guilty in the Federal courts in Washington of having combined to exact exorbitant prices for coal delivered to army officials in Seattle in 1908. Between them Houston and Bullock obtained \$92,041 on checks signed by Quartermaster J. E. Baxter. The government charged that they had stifled all bidding and that the moneys obtained were far in excess of a reasonable price for the coal.

Return of Belgians Up.

Berlin — Negotiations are in progress between The Netherlands and Germany for the return of Belgian refugees in The Netherlands. Permission has already been given for the return of women. A question has arisen, however, concerning the military age of Belgian males. Many of the Belgian men in Holland are said to be soldiers who donned civilian attire before crossing the frontier. These refugees are becoming a burden to Holland. The German government recognizes this and is trying to solve the problem. A conference was held between the German envoy to the Netherlands and the Dutch minister of the interior.

Road Through Siletz Reservation Now Assured

Dallas — The construction of a permanent highway through Dallas and Falls City to the Lincoln county line to connect with the road being built by Lincoln county now seems assured. Voters of Falls City this week repealed the charter creating a separate road district out of Falls City. This puts the city in road district No. 21 of Polk county, which reaches to the Lincoln county line.

The county court needed the votes in Falls City to vote a special tax. The vote that repealed the charter will be sufficient to carry the special tax necessary to carry on the proposed construction of the highway through the

Siletz basin. A special tax of 5 mills is planned upon. This will provide about \$10,000.

The proposed road through the Siletz will lessen the distance between Portland and Newport by 16 miles; will afford a scenic route to the coast, and will be through a country noted for game and fish.

It is planned to call a special election in Road district 21 this fall so that work can be commenced on the new road next spring. Most of the work will be confined to grading and widening the present road. Automobiles now travel with ease to a point several miles the other side of the summit.

State to Lease Two Lakes Rich in Salt Deposits

Salem — The State Land board has decided to lease Albert and Summer lakes, which contain rich salt deposits, and announced that it would advertise for bids at once. All bids must be received by December 10, and must be accompanied by certified checks or bonds for \$10,000 as guarantees of good faith on the part of the bidders.

Inasmuch as there is a difference of opinion as to the value of the salt deposits, the board decided that it would be to the best interest of the state to lease the lakes rather than sell them outright, as had been proposed. It is planned that the state be given a royalty of 25 per cent or more and that it be guaranteed a minimum payment annually.

C. A. Sheppard, of Sheppard & Brock, Portland, appeared before the board in the interest of Jason Moore, of New York, who represents an East-

ern syndicate. Mr. Moore recently offered the board in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 for the lakes, the offer being declined. Another offer of more than \$2,000,000 was received, but a bond of \$5000 required by the board was not given.

Mr. Sheppard asked that the bids for leasing the property be opened as soon as possible so, in case his client was successful, a company could be organized in time to escape payment of war tax on stocks and bonds, which, he thought, would amount to about \$15,000. Governor West and State Treasurer Kay, however, said the board had made it a rule to give 60 days for filing bids, and could not deviate from it. Mr. Sheppard suggested that the board investigate a California law which provides that the state receive 25 per cent royalties on similar deals.

Reclaiming of 46,500 Acres In Lake County Approved

Salem — State Engineer Lewis said recently that he approved the application of the Goose Lake Irrigation company for the reclamation of 46,500 acres of land and the construction of a large reservoir in Goose Lake valley in the southern part of Lake county. He said the company soon would complete the reservoir and main canals at a cost of approximately \$1,000,000. The impounding dam, which is 66 feet high, 200 feet long at the bottom and 600 at the top, has been completed, its storage capacity being 65,000 acre-feet. The north and south canals, two of the largest, are completed with the exception of certain flumes.

"The company," said Mr. Lewis, "will sell water at the rate of \$25 an acre, and, as soon as the land under the present canal has been sold, the project will be extended by the construction of high line canals which probably will bring the total acreage under the project to 60,000. Fees collected by this office on approval of the permits aggregate \$526.09. While water rights for the project were initiated under the old law, the company handling the bonds insisted that the same be brought under the state water code to secure protection offered by it."

Expert Talks on Clover.

Albany — C. W. Creel, a government agricultural expert of Washington, D. C., addressed the clover growers of Linn county at the Commercial club recently.

Sixty-five clover growers attended the lecture.

Mr. Creel talked to the growers on methods to be used in exterminating the midge and rootborer, which have materially injured the clover crop this year.

In 1912, between \$100,000 and \$125,000 worth of seed was produced here. Last year the crop amounted to \$225,000. The Linn county clover men will co-operate with Oregon congressmen in securing an appropriation of \$10,000 to establish an experimental station in Oregon to be devoted to the clover industry.

Hybrid Ducks Killed.

Silver Lake — A new species of ducks, at least a new kind to Central Oregon, has made its appearance on Lake county lakes with the opening of the hunting season. The stranger appears to be a bluebill-mallard hybrid. Only two of the new birds have been killed so far, but hunters report having seen a flock of a dozen or more of apparently the same kind of ducks.

Astoria Opposes Waterfront Bills.

Astoria — The Port of Astoria Commission at its meeting adopted resolutions opposing the passage of the initiative measure known as the "public docks and water frontage amendment" as well as the initiative measure entitled the "municipal wharves and docks bill." The resolutions recite that each of the proposed measures is detrimental to the best interests of the state.

Tumalo Irrigation Project Finished December First

Salem — State Engineer Lewis has announced that the Tumalo irrigation project will be completed by December 1. He announced that 72 feet of the big dam had been constructed and that only four feet remained to be built. The Tumalo project, which formerly was the Columbia Southern project, was taken over by the state before the last session of the legislature, and an appropriation of \$450,000 was made for completing the work.

About 23,000 acres have been reclaimed, the entire appropriation being necessary to do the work. Not more than half the land has been sold and no estimate of the value has been fixed. However, in the neighborhood of \$40 an acre must be received for the state to be fully reimbursed and receive a profit of \$5 an acre, as provided in the act making the appropriation.

Attractive Prizes Offered at Redmond Potato Show

Redmond — Many attractive premiums are being presented at the Fourth Annual Potato show this week. Some of the prizes offered are:

Silver loving cup value \$25, presented by the Great Northern railway for the 36 largest potatoes, any variety; for the best general exhibit of farm products grown by an individual exhibitor, open to all farmers in Crook county donated by the Oregon Trunk railway, first potato digger, second \$10 in cash; for the largest and best display of different varieties of potatoes, not less than one crate of each, open to all growers, donated by the O.-W. R. & N., a cultivator.

A new feature of this year's show is a eugenic contest.

Among the speakers is Professors E. B. Fitts, H. T. French and J. E. Larson and Mrs. Robbins, of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Sand Spread in Streets.

Hood River — Crews of men have been engaged the last several days in covering the center of the streets with crude oil, on which is placed a covering of sand. Horses thus get a foothold on the concrete paving and the problem that has been troubling the members of the board of aldermen has apparently been solved. At this season of the year scores of wagonloads of apples are being delivered at the warehouses of the Apple Growers' association. The shoes of the horses wear smooth in a few days and many accidents have been narrowly averted, when teams have fallen on the concrete paving.

C. F. Stone Is Appointed.

Salem — Governor West confirmed the report that Harold Clifford, of Baker, had resigned as a member of the State Fish and Game commission, and C. F. Stone, of Klamath Falls, had been appointed to the place. Mr. Stone formerly was a member of the commission, but resigned several months ago with other members because of dissatisfaction with the attitude of M. J. Kinney, another member,