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SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

E. Henry Wemmé, a prominent citizen of Portland, died of diabetes in a Los Angeles hospital at the age of 54. The sum of \$500,000 has been lopped off the appropriation for the north jetty at the mouth of the Columbia river.

By a unanimous vote the state board of control voted to retain Will S. Hale as superintendent of the state school for boys.

Joe Gould, arrested at Oregon City on a charge of counterfeiting, was released by the federal authorities in Portland.

Officials of the Willamette Valley Southern Electric, have announced that the line will have regular service before February 1.

The convention of the Western Division of the Oregon State Teachers' association was held at the state university in Eugene this week.

Governor West has appointed Miss Henrietta E. Felling of Portland chairman of the woman's section of the Oregon Belgian relief committee.

Added appropriations for the protection of Oregon's timber resources are recommended in the annual report of the Oregon conservation commission.

A "Buy At Home" campaign is to be launched by the promotion department of the Salem commercial club immediately after the first of the year.

Spanish American war veterans at Albany formed a rifle club which will be affiliated with the National Rifle association. Frank C. Stollmacher is president.

According to figures compiled by the Salem commercial club, the average monthly payroll of the combined industries of the city amounts to a total of \$151,181.85.

Mrs. Anna Layton, a pioneer of 1847, died at her home in Philomath of heart trouble, aged 75 years. Mrs. Layton crossed the plains with her parents when 8 years of age.

The Douglas county grand jury returned an indictment charging Roy Farnum, suspected murderer of Edna Morgan, of Glendale, with a statutory offense. Bail was fixed at \$5000.

An appropriation of \$75,000 has been made by the federal government to purchase farm machinery, livestock and grain for the Indians on the Warm Springs reservation in central Oregon.

Portland's children between 4 and 20 years of age number 44,700, according to the annual school census. This is a decrease of 216 from the census of last year, when the number was 44,916.

A half million dollars has been spent on the construction and maintenance of roads in Clatsop county the past year and approximately \$75,000 remains to be paid contractors for work that is yet uncompleted.

It appears from the report of the Oregon conservation commission, which has just been made public, that Portland, more than any other city in the country, is entitled to be called the "Power City." The commission reports a grand total of 3,139,170 horsepower in its vicinity.

The fish and game commission has decided that Fish Warden Clanton shall hereafter have full charge of all matters pertaining to fishing for commercial and sport purposes and State Game Warden Finley shall be allowed to handle matters in connection with game, game propagation and protection.

With the gradual completion of the grading on the new Willamette-Pacific line between Eugene and Coos Bay, forces are being materially decreased. With the exception of a few places, which will not be finished until April, the completion of virtually the entire grade is now a matter of a few weeks.

No fatal accidents were reported to Labor Commissioner Hoff during the week from the several lines of industrial activity throughout Oregon. Forty-nine were injured, the railroad, lumbering and paper industries reporting the greatest share. Twelve were hurt in railroad work, 10 in lumbering, and 11 in paper mills.

Secretary Lane after a long conference with the Oregon and Senator Chamberlain, expressed his willingness that congress should appropriate, without condition, \$450,000 for the construction of a government irrigation project in eastern Oregon, and said he possibly might favor the appropriation of a larger amount, if it should develop that \$450,000 would be inadequate. He gave assurance to both members of the Oregon delegation that he would not insist on a new appropriation by the Oregon legislature to match the amount appropriated by congress.

One of the most gigantic private development projects ever put forward in Oregon was initiated last week when Jason C. Moore, head of a New York syndicate, was granted by the state land board a 45-year lease on Lakes Sumner and Albert, in the Deschutes country, for the construction of plants that will manufacture nitrate, potassium, sodium carbonate, bicarbonate, and other materials obtainable from the rich salt deposits in the lakes.

GERMAN ARMY TAKES LOWICZ

Right Wing of Russian Army Driven Back to Fortified Positions.

Posen, via Berlin and London.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army took Lowicz, Russian Poland, defeating the Russian right wing after heavy fighting for several days.

The capture of the city compelled the further retirement of the Russian lines, which have lost 34 kilometers (21 miles) since the evacuation of Lodz. The lines are now scarcely 40 kilometers from Warsaw.

The German pursuit is proceeding successfully along the whole front, but the Russians are offering a firm resistance in positions which were previously fortified in preparation for defeat.

The resistance of the Russians has by no means been fully broken, but their losses in the most recent battles have been exceedingly heavy.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg says that the Russian losses since November 13, including 100,000 prisoners, have been enormous.

The opinion is expressed here that the Russians probably will be unable to resume offensive operations, but that they still form a powerful army and that there is yet much to be done before the Germans can establish winter quarters at Warsaw.

Allies' Year Loss \$15,000,000. Berlin, via The Hague and London.—The Neuston Nachrichten prints a Brussels dispatch estimating the loss of the allies in the year campaign at \$15,000,000 up to December 12.

This total is made up of 60,000 Belgians, 80,000 British and 75,000 French.

GERMAN TRENCHES TAKEN

Enemy Forced Back in Belgium, Between Lys and Aisne.

Paris.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office:

"The British troops have attacked and regained most of the trenches previously lost. Before Lihons the enemy delivered four successive attacks for the purpose of recapturing the trenches, which we had previously won in that region, but all of them were repulsed.

"In an attack to the northwest of Puisseulieu, south of Noyon, we have gained a foothold in the enemy's trenches of the first line and have made progress in the wood of Saint Mar."

Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium; between the Lys and the Aisne; in the Champagne country, and in the Argonne. At one point an advance of 1200 yards is recorded, and at another the French made 500 yards.

Progress has been made between the Argonne and the Meuse, and on the heights of the Meuse.

Kaiser Hurries to West. London.—The German emperor, accompanied by the imperial chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the ministers of war and marine and a numerous suite, has gone to the western front, according to advices to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen.

PEACE CONFERENCE ON MEXICAN BORDER

Naco, Ariz.—General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, arrived here and began an investigation of the Mexican border trouble which has resulted in the killing of five persons and the wounding of 47 by Mexican bullets crossing the line during the 10 weeks' siege of Naco, Sonora.

General Scott's peace conference was held with an army of 4700 men, under command of Brigadier-General Tasker H. Bliss, encamped opposite the Mexican battleground. The American army force now consist of the Eleventh, Eighteenth and Twenty-second infantry, 10 troops each of the Ninth and Tenth cavalry and three batteries each of the Fifth and Sixth field artillery. This is a force greater than the combined forces of the two Mexican camps, with artillery also superior to that of the Mexicans.

Italy Authorizes \$200,000,000 Loan. Rome.—King Emmanuel issued a decree authorizing a national loan of one billion francs (approximately \$200,000,000).

Taft Raps Referendum. Detroit.—"The initiative, the referendum and the recall are a complete negation of the representative system established by the Pilgrims and Puritans," declared ex-President Taft in an address at the annual dinner of the New England Society of Detroit.

Sarcastic. Mr. Naggett—I don't feel like myself tonight. Mrs. Naggett—Then we ought to have a pleasant evening.

The Name "Beth." Both in the names of places mentioned in the Bible, is the Hebrew word for "house." Thus Bethlehem is the house of bread; Bethsaida, house of mercy.

Time and chance do nothing for those who will do nothing for themselves.—Canning.

VICE ADMIRAL STURDEE



Vice Admiral Sturdee, the British commander who destroyed the German fleet in the South Atlantic.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

Serbia's successful counter offensive against the Austrians, resulting in the practical expulsion of the Austrian troops from Serbian soil, was the most important war development during the past week.

The success of the Serbian army came as a result of the withdrawal of several Austrian army corps to block the invasion of Hungary by the Russians. The Austrians remaining in Serbia were too weak to withstand the attack of the Serbs and were routed with great losses.

The Russians were driven out of Hungary at the cost of disaster in Serbia. Though the Russians were driven to the north of the Carpathians they accomplished the purpose of the Hungarian demonstration by liberating Serbia.

The Russian troops which had been sent into Hungary weakened the Slav armies in central Poland at the same time. The events of the week reveal this as one of the reasons why the Germans have progressed so near to Warsaw. The bear sacrificed her own defenses to rescue her cub and Marshal von Hindenburg seized the opportunity to drive his wedge into the bear's Polish cave.

Although not accomplishing any result of military importance, the Germans were able to humiliate the British navy by making a successful journey of nearly 700 miles through waters guarded by the Union Jack. The escape of the raiders is all the more exasperating to Great Britain because three battle cruisers were in the attacking squadron. These capital ships are a part of Germany's first line strength and had they been destroyed the victory would have been of prime importance. Fog favored the Germans, but splendid seamanship also contributed to make this the most daring exploit of the war.

In France and Belgium the allies have made substantial progress during the week. Along a front of 70 miles, from Dixmude to Albert, the battle line has been moved forward by distances varying from several hundred yards to nearly five miles. There have been no such consistent gains since the allies gained the battle of the Aisne.

Durum Wheat Brings \$1.37. Duluth.—Durum wheat sold at \$1.37 on the Duluth board of trade, the highest price ever recorded for that grain.

Eugene Zimmerman Dies. Cincinnati.—Eugene Zimmerman, ex-president of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad and wealthy financier of this city, died suddenly at a club here from hemorrhage of the lungs. Mr. Zimmerman was the father of the Duchess of Manchester.

Minimum For Girls \$10. Olympia, Wash.—The minimum wage commission established \$10 as the weekly minimum wage for women and girls employed in offices in any kind of clerical work, effective February 20. Eight dollars was established as a minimum for office boys and girls over 16 years but under 18, and \$6 for both sexes under 16.

W. N. Jones May Be Sued for \$133,000. Portland.—Judge Wolverton, of the United States district court, handed down a decision which makes it possible for the government to sue William N. Jones, Portland timber land owner, for \$133,000, which the government claims is due it in damages for the loss of timber land which Jones, it is alleged, obtained by fraud by the use of dummy entries.

Sue was first instituted against Jones June 11, 1912. The decision is on the recourer of Jones to the government's complaint. He contended that the cause of action was barred by the statute of limitations and that no cause of action was given in the government's complaint.

Snow Blankets. The earth under a thick coat of snow is about 10 degrees warmer than the air immediately above the snow.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy. If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Goin, Whatley, Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in my stomach and bowels. I had an awful time, and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not but think I have lived but a few hours longer. For this remedy, I am now well and strong." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

HOUSE TO CONSIDER POSTAL REFORMS

Postmasters' Salaries Safe—Contract System of Rural Delivery Blocked.

Washington.—After two days of hot words, which culminated in an exchange of invitations to personal combat between Representatives Hefflin, of Alabama and Moon, of Tennessee, the house adopted a special rule to consider legislation for reforms demanded by the postoffice department in connection with the annual postal appropriation bill.

A defection of democrats from the leaders defeated a rule, which provided for consideration of amendments decreasing postmasters' salaries, the elimination of assistant postmasters, experimental substitution of contract service for the rural delivery service, increased salaries for rural carriers, changes in the compensation paid railroads for carrying the mails and other reorganization plans for the department.

The rule was passed with the provisions for cutting postmasters' salaries, abolishing assistant postmasters and the rural service substitution scheme eliminated.

Harbor Bill Pared Deeply. The annual river and harbor appropriation bill, carrying \$34,138,680 for waterway improvements throughout the country, was completed by the house river and harbor committee.

Estimates of the army engineers were reduced by nearly \$20,000,000 and the bill appropriates only for work on projects which have already been begun, and making no provision for new undertakings.

Columbia River, Cello Falls to the mouth of the Snake River, \$45,000; The Dalles to Cello Falls, \$80,000; at Cascades, \$10,000; Columbia and lower Willamette, below Portland, \$600,000; mouth of the Columbia, \$1,250,000.

Oregon, Coos Bay, \$80,000; Nehalem Bay, \$116,175; Coquille River, \$76,000; Siuslaw River, \$117,500; Snake River, \$20,000; Willamette River, above Portland and Yamhill River, \$42,500.

Washington, Grays Harbor and Chehalis River, \$15,000; Waterway Puget Sound to Lakes Union and Washington, \$50,000; Coville and Lewis Rivers, \$23,000; Puget Sound, \$25,000; Skagit River, \$7000.

The bill also carries an appropriation of \$250,000 for examinations, surveys and contingencies.

Army Bill Follows Garrison Estimate. The army appropriation bill for \$101,600,000, agreed upon by the military committee of the house, follows the war department's estimates closely.

"We gave them practically all they asked for," said Chairman Hay, referring to appropriations for ammunition and other materials for defense.

An increase of 25 regiments in the regular army was proposed in a bill by Representative Anthony. Five additional regiments of artillery, five of cavalry and 15 of infantry would be provided, and the present law limiting the army to 100,000 men would be repealed.

Appropriations of \$400,000 for aviation and \$50,000 for armored automobiles, in view of the use of autos in the European war, are included in the bill.

KINGS AGREE TO CO-OPERATE

Official Statement Says Monarchs Are in Accord on Special Questions.

Stockholm, via London.—King Christian, of Denmark; King Gustavo, of Sweden, and King Haakon, of Norway, who, with their foreign ministers, met in conference at Malmoe to formulate a plan to combine their respective interests during the war, reached an agreement on the special questions raised. The statement is made in an official communication, in substance as follows:

"The meeting of the three monarchs was inaugurated with a speech by King Gustavo, who alluded to the unanimous desire of the kingdoms of the north to preserve their neutrality and pointed to the desirability of limited co-operation between the kingdoms as a safeguard to their common interests.

"The deliberations consolidated the good relations among the three kingdoms and resulted in an agreement to pursue the co-operation so happily begun and to arrange, when circumstances should occur, for fresh meetings between representatives of the three governments."

Thaw's Return to New York Ordered. Washington.—The right of the state of New York to extradite Harry K. Thaw from New Hampshire was upheld by the supreme court in an unanimous opinion, reversing the federal district court of New Hampshire. Justice Holmes, speaking for "two court, declared the case was "too clear for lengthy argument," and with few words swept aside as irrelevant all contentions of Thaw's counsel.

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GENERAL SCOTT



General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff of the army, sent to Naco, Arizona, to confer with the Mexican leaders regarding firing across the boundary.

CONDITIONS ARE IMPROVING

Interstate Commerce Commission's Decision Restores Confidence.

Chicago.—All indications point to constantly improving business conditions throughout the United States.

The chief factor, of course, is the rate increase granted eastern railroads. This will turn loose a large amount of money which, in time, will filter down so that it will be widely distributed.

It will do much more than a matter of dollars and cents, because it will restore confidence in railway securities and encourage investment, thus supplying the roads with badly needed funds for extensions and improvements.

All sections of the country report unusually heavy Christmas buying, indicating that confidence has been restored and people who have been hoarding money are letting loose of it, feeling assured they will be able to get more. The opening of the stock exchanges and the lowering of discount rates have also had a strengthening and reassuring effect on the country at large.

Death Mars Air Flight

Oceanside, Cal.—Lieutenant F. J. Gerstner, observer in one of the six army scout aeroplanes that started on a flight from San Diego to Los Angeles, was drowned in the sea at Las Flores, ten miles north of here. Captain L. R. Maier, pilot of the machine, was rescued.

RATE INCREASE IS GRANTED RAILROADS

Washington.—Further increases in freight rates were granted to the eastern railroads by the interstate commerce commission in a decision from which Chairman Harlan and Commissioner Clements dissented vigorously.

With the exception of lake and rail traffic, coal, coke, iron ore and certain other traffic on which the commission has heretofore fixed rates adjudicated "reasonable," all the railroad systems operating between the Atlantic seaboard and the Mississippi north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers were allowed to make the flat 5 per cent increase for which they have been asking for the last four years.

The commission's decision is expected to give the railroads additional revenue approximating \$30,000,000.

In its decision the majority of the commission held that the roads had established in the latest hearings a greater need of additional net income than ever before. This was due, in part, to exigencies which arose out of the war in Europe, and in part to the already existing necessity, in the judgment of the commission, for additional revenues to maintain the railroad properties.

THE MARKETS.

Portland. Wheat—Club, \$1.21; bluestem \$1.22; red Russian, \$1.16; forty fold, \$1.23; red five, \$1.17.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15; grain hay, \$11; alfalfa, \$13; valley timothy, \$12.

Butter—Creamery, 25c. EGGS—Ranch, 35c; candled, 40c. Hops—1914 crop, 12c; 1913 crop, nominal.

Wool—Valley, 18c; eastern Oregon, 20c.

Seattle. Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.22; club \$1.20; red Russian, \$1.14; turkey red, \$1.18; forty fold, \$1.21; timothy red, \$1.18; barley, \$25 per ton.

Hay—Timothy, \$15 per ton; alfalfa, \$15 per ton.

Butter—Creamery, 35c. EGGS—37c.

Needle and Thread. "I know the ins and outs of it," said the thread. "Yes," replied the needle, "so do I."

Cured of Indigestion. Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headaches and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that she gave me a few doses of them and insisted on my trying them. They helped me as nothing else has done." For sale by all dealers.—Advertisement.

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