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OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Important Occurrences of Past Week Briefly Compiled for Our Readers.

Over 5000 rabbits were killed in a drive at Harmsiston.

Albany had a New business brief; price in a big department store.

James Hayek, 70, was burned to death in his cabin at Oregon City.

The summer term of the Oregon normal school will begin on June 14.

New O.W. R. & N. terminal yards at Foot Rock Junction were finished Monday.

Six out of the 57 applicants from Lane county for state teachers' certification failed.

The Willamette Valley Editorial association held its semi-annual meeting in Forest Grove.

Ten high school of Linn county have reached the standard requirements of the state board.

More than 15,000 slogans have been submitted in the Portland Rose Festival slogan contest.

McIntireville camp, Woodman of the World, is soon to start construction of a \$10,000 building.

Rabies has broken out violently among the hogs and cattle in Pine valley in Baker county.

Only eight persons were arrested in Roseburg on charges of drunkenness during the year 1915.

The Northern Pacific railway has opened for sale 6000 acres of grazing land in Umatilla county.

Plans are being discussed in Salem for the erection of a \$30,000 modern slaughter and packing plant.

Fire, of unknown cause, destroyed the new Yoncalla school building. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

The grip has a great hold in the Oregon penitentiary, according to Superintendent Minio, 75 being ill.

Crushed limestone for fertilizing the soil of Douglas county will be available within the next three months.

William F. Wallace was gored to death by a deer in Hendricks park at Eugene as he was feeding the animal.

The Oregon City Rifle Club, connected with the National Rifle association, has been organized with 20 members.

A movement has been inaugurated to pave Monmouth's main street and an election on the question may be called soon.

A warehouse and assembling plant will be established in Albany this spring by the Linn-Benton Growers' association.

E. P. Elliott, Oregon pioneer of 1853, and one of Linn county's oldest school teachers, died at his home at Lebanon, aged 84 years.

It is estimated that more than 1500 head of sheep have perished in Douglas county as a result of recent cold rains and snow.

The North Dakota Agricultural college debating team won a decision over the Oregon Agricultural college team at Corvallis.

A. L. Fisher of Albany was elected president of the Central Willamette Valley Exposition association at a meeting of structure.

Taxpayers of Benton county have organized what is proposed to be the first unit of a league of taxpayers of the Willamette valley.

The Clatsop county court is planning to call for bids in the near future for the construction of 10 new bridges this spring and summer.

About 1500 gallons of beer were poured into sewer at Baker under the direction of E. Glutach, of Portland, representing a Portland brewery.

The construction of a forestry building upon the campus of the Oregon Agricultural college has been authorized by the board of regents of that institution.

Made ravenous by winter, coyotes in Umatilla county are reported to be coming boldly into the adjoining farmyards and carrying off poultry and small animals.

A contract has been let by the Wasco county court to the Standifer-Clarkson company of Portland for grading the Butler canyon and Pilscher clayey roads in Tygh valley.

The Port of Astoria was held by the supreme court to have the right to acquire and operate boats for transportation of passengers and freight granted to it by the legislature.

Manufacturers and dealers interested in the harness business gathered in Portland Monday for the annual convention of the Northwest Retail Harness Manufacturers' association.

The Southern Pacific will inaugurate a train service for freight and passenger business between Coos Bay and the Umpqua river, a distance of 25 miles, within the next four weeks.

Two children, a boy and girl, son and daughter of J. Smith, logger and sawmill man, were killed instantly at the camp of the Oregon Fir Lumber company, near Rockton, when a tree five feet in diameter was blown down and fell across the cabin in which they were sleeping, crushing it and them.

SIR DOUGLAS HAIG



Photo by American Press Association. Sir Douglas Haig, who succeeded General French as commander of the British forces in France.

BRIEF WAR NEWS

A trench taken by the Austro-Hungarians from the Italians near the Tolmino bridgehead and an increase in the Italian bombardment of this region form the chief events on the Austro-Italian line.

In Montenegro the Austro-Hungarians continue their pursuit of the Montenegrins, capturing from them positions and men. Podgoritzta, to the east of Cetinje, and Nisc are the latest places reported evacuated.

Successes for the Russians in the fighting in Persia are asserted by Petrograd. In its official statement, Petrograd makes the first announcement that the Germans are fighting with the Turks in this region. The Turks in retreat along the Tigris are those who have been holding back the British column proceeding up the river to the relief of the British at Kut-el-Amara.

The Turks are now being attacked by both Russians and British. In the Caucasus the Russians, reinforced, are on the offensive along a front of almost 100 miles, while in Mesopotamia the British have forced the retirement of the Ottoman troops along both banks of the Tigris river to the south of Kut-el-Amara, and still are closely pressing them on the east and the north.

On the other fronts, except in Montenegro, little fighting is in progress. The offensive of the Russians in East Galicia and along the Besarabian front has died down again. On the line in France and Belgium the operations have consisted mainly of artillery, gas and mining and counter-mining work. The big British guns have thrown shells into Lille, but Berlin says only slight damage was done.

SHORT NEWS NUGGETS

Miss Margaret Wilson, the great-granddaughter of George Washington, has had adenoids and tonsils removed.

General Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, died at his home in El Paso, Tex.

Two bombs were hurled into the automobile of Premier Okuma, supported by a fanatic Chinese, without effect.

Comptroller of the Treasury Williams has asked for a law to empower the department of justice to prosecute national banks guilty of exacting usury.

Fire destroyed a block in the heart of the business district of Ottumwa, Ia., causing \$750,000 damage. While the blaze was in progress three other large business houses were set on fire.

Stockholm has been chosen as the seat of the permanent peace tribunal established by the Ford peace party. The selection was made just before the American delegates left for Rotterdam to take passage for America.

Von Papen's Guilt Denied in Germany. Berlin, by wireless to Sayville.—Denial that Captain Frans von Papen, recalled German military attache at Washington, paid money to individuals in the United States in connection with attempts to blow up munitions factories or bridges was made by the semi-official Overseas News Agency.

Washington State Marksmen Lead. Washington.—Washington state college, with 999 hits out of a possible 1000, led in the first of a series of 15 rifle matches just begun by 29 colleges and university teams throughout the country under the auspices of the National Rifle Association of America.

2000 Norwegians Homeless by Fire. Christiania, Norway.—A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian seaport with a population of 90,000, was destroyed by fire. Two lives are reported to have been lost and 2000 persons are homeless. The property damage is estimated at \$18,000,000.

MEXICAN PROBLEM DOMINANT SUBJECT

Protection for American Life and Property Overshadows All Other Issues.

Washington.—The problem of securing protection for American life and property in Mexico, revived by the Santa Ysabel murders, is expected by congressional leaders to be a dominant subject in the proceedings of both houses. Issues arising from the European war have been completely overshadowed by it and conservation bills and other important legislative measures under consideration are not drawing the attention that would ordinarily be given them.

There is sure to be more of the fervid discussion of the Mexican problem than the uninvolved sessions of the past week. Members of the house and senate are unanimous in their insistence that the bandits be punished, but the majority oppose any step that would result in intervention, which might mean destruction of the de facto government of the United States and the Pan-American nations led in establishing.

Discussion of the Mexican problem of the floor of the senate and house is expected to arise from consideration of various intervention resolutions. Senator Gore, of Oklahoma, democrat, is considering submitting a resolution to direct the use of American armed forces as aid to the Carranza forces in protecting American citizens in a neutral zone in Mexico. Legislation in congress is progressing slowly, none of the supply bills being anywhere near ready for discussion.

Carranza Renews Assurances. General Carranza renewed his assurances to the United States that he would make every effort to punish those responsible for the murders of American mining men near Santa Ysabel.

A dispatch from Consul Silliman to the state department dated at Queretaro said Carranza had personally assured Mr. Silliman, in reply to the department's demand that the murderers be run down, that he "had issued orders for the immediate pursuit, capture and punishment of those responsible for the atrocity."

Simultaneously, in a dispatch to Eliseo Arredondo, his ambassador designate here, General Carranza announced that he was about to issue a decree permitting any citizen of Mexican nationality to shoot the bandits "without any formality."

Mineral Bill Passed by House. The mineral and leasing bill, affecting all of the 700,000,000 acres of public land in continental United States and Alaska, has passed the house. Protection for California oil promoters whose claims were affected by the withdrawal of public lands under the Taft administration is one of the prominent features. It now goes to the senate.

The measure would lease public mineral lands on a royalty basis. Proper safeguards, its sponsors insist, have been established to prevent corporations from acquiring any vast quantities.

Control of the leases would rest with the secretary of the interior and the proceeds would be equally divided between the federal government and the states in which the lands lie. Federal moneys would be used for reclamation purposes.

Locate Academies in Washington State. Senator Jones and Representative Humphrey, of Washington, introduced bills appropriating \$15,000,000 for the establishment and equipment of a military academy, similar to West Point, at some place in the state of Washington to be designated by the secretary of war. They also introduced bills appropriating \$5,000,000 for establishing in Washington a naval academy patterned after the academy at Annapolis.

In addition, Senator Jones introduced a bill appropriating \$3,000,000 for the construction of a drydock at the Puget Sound navy yard.

Ultimatum Sent Greece by Allies. Berlin, by wireless to Sayville.—A note to the Greek government, amounting to an ultimatum, is said by the Overseas News Agency to have been presented by France and Great Britain.

According to a Sofia dispatch to the News Agency, Greece is required to deliver their passports to the ministers of the central powers within 48 hours, failing which the entente will take "necessary measures."

Bandit Chief is Executed. El Paso, Texas.—Colonel M. Baca Valles, bandit chief, captured at Palomas, south of Columbus, N. M., was executed by a firing squad at Juarez. Baca Valles was known as Villa's most callous executioner.

Montenegro. Vienna.—Montenegro asked peace of Austria, it was officially announced.

RUSSIA BEGINS NEW DRIVE IN CAUCASUS

Army heavily Reinforced on Front of 100 Miles; Turks Report Gains.

Constantinople, via Berlin, and by wireless to London.—A new general offensive along a front of almost 100 miles has been undertaken in the Caucasus by reinforced Russian columns, according to an official statement issued at the Turkish war office, which said:

"On the Caucasus front the enemy, heavily reinforced, commenced a general offensive on January 11. The fighting, which is taking place over a front of nearly 100 miles between Karadach, south of the Arana river, and Icham, south of Mlio, is developing favorably for us.

Two Russian attacks near Karadach, south of Kogli, on the 18th, resulted in the complete defeat of the enemy, who was compelled to flee in disorder. Prisoners taken at this point say that during four days' fighting each of their regiments lost at least 500 dead."

Petrograd, via London.—An official statement given out says: "On the Caucasus front in the course of the fighting January 14, we captured 20 Turkish officers and more than 400 men, a quantity of war and engineering material and provisions, one heavy gun and seven other guns and eight machine guns."

EXPLOSION ON U. S. SUBMARINE KILLS 4

New York.—Four men were killed and 10 others injured, five of them dangerously, in an explosion which occurred on the submarine E-2 while the craft was undergoing repairs in drydock at the New York navy yard. One of the men killed was an enlisted electrician and the other three civilian workers.

The men were at work in the battery compartment of the E-2, discharging the new Edison batteries through a rheostat to measure the voltage, and the explosion occurred in that compartment while they were working there.

A statement indicating that the new Edison storage battery was not in any way responsible for the explosion on the submarine E-2 at the New York navy yard was made by Miller Reese Hutchinson, chief engineer for Thomas A. Edison, and a member of the naval consulting board.

TURKS DEFEATED ON TIGRIS

British Forces, Under General Aylmer, Press Enemy Closely.

London.—Turkish forces on both banks of the river Tigris, 25 miles south of Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, are retreating, according to an announcement made by the official press bureau. The war office adds that after hard fighting the Turks began to withdraw January 13, and are being closely pressed by British troops under General Aylmer. The statement says:

"After their defeat on January 8-9 the Turkish force opposing General Aylmer retired to a position across the Tigris at Orabe, 25 miles down stream from Kut-el-Amara."

DAMAGE ACTIONS BARRED

Compensation Law in Washington is Interpreted by Supreme Court.

Washington.—The supreme court has construed the Washington state workmen's compensation law as abolishing all damage actions in the courts by workmen in the hazardous employments covered by the law, whether against employers or against third persons.

The decision was in a case in which the widow and children of Benjamin Meese sued the Northern Pacific railway for the alleged negligent killing of Meese, an employe of a brewery at Seattle, alongside the railway's track. The district court held the compensation law abolished all actions for damages and dismissed the suit, but the circuit court of appeals held that it abolished litigation only of employees against their employers. The supreme court upheld the district court's interpretation and reversed the circuit court of appeals.

Kaiser Again at Front. Berlin, via London.—The following official communication was issued: "After his complete recovery Emperor William returned Sunday to the war theater."

All Oregon is to Write East. Portland.—All Oregon will write to the east this week inviting tourists of the summer of 1916 to include a visit to Oregon's scenic wonderland.

DR. CECILE S. GREIL



Photo by American Press Association. Dr. Cecile S. Greil, an American survivor of the Ancona, sunk by an Austrian submarine, who recently arrived home.

WOOLMEN TO FIGHT HOMESTEAD BILL

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Delegates to the National Wool Growers' association convention raised a fund of more than \$6000 in cash on the floor of the convention in 20 minutes to maintain a lobby at Washington against the 640-acre homestead bill, now under debate in congress.

Resolutions adopted ask congress to amend existing tariff laws on sugar, meats, wool, and other products through a non-partisan tariff commission. The department of agriculture is urged to require that all imports of wool and other animal products from countries where the foot and mouth and other animal diseases prevail be sterilized or excluded and similar action by the various states is requested.

Ex-Governor Gooding, of Idaho, was named as chairman of the lobby committee and other members will be named later.

\$350,000,000 IN MERGERS

Proposed Capital is \$200,000,000 and \$150,000,000, Respectively.

Chicago.—Announcement of the formation of two great corporations—one a steel merger, with \$200,000,000 capital, and the other an oil combine, capitalized at about \$150,000,000—are expected this week.

In the steel deal, which is believed to involve the consolidation of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company and the Cambria and Lackawanna Steel companies, the Republic syndicate and the Drexel firm, of Philadelphia, are back of the new enterprise, and National City Bank of New York interests are associated with the negotiations.

In the oil deal bankers are working with Pacific Coast oil men in bringing about the merger. In the proposed combination of Mexican and California oil properties by banking interests, the names of the Associated Oil company and Union Oil company have figured conspicuously.

Money Traced to German Attache.

London.—The British foreign office has turned over to the American embassy, for transmission to Washington, full copies of the correspondence in the possession of Captain Frans von Papen, the recalled German attache, when Captain von Papen reached Falmouth on his way to Germany. Letters and entries show payments of large sums, some for secret service work, others to men in the United States who have been charged with conspiracy to violate neutrality in the United States.

THE MARKETS.

Portland.	
Wheat—Club, \$1.03; bluestem \$1.07; red Russian, 98c; forty-fold, \$1.04; red five, 98c.	
Hay—Eastern Oregon—timothy, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$19.	
Butter—Creamery, 29c.	
Eggs—Ranch, 28c.	
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 25c; valley, 26c.	
Hops—1915 crop, 9@11c per lb.	
Seattle.	
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.07; club \$1.01; red Russian, 98c; forty-fold, \$1.03; red five, 98c.	
Barley—\$27.50 per ton.	
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$19 per ton.	
Butter—Creamery, 29c.	
Eggs—28c.	

SUMMARY OF THE OREGON NEWS

The Rapid Reader's Review of Recent Reports Rewritten

Jackson county republicans plan to surpass all records when they hold their annual republican day banquet at Medford Saturday, February 12.

The Woodburn Produce Clearing House association has been formed by the merchants of that city and a large building leased to be used as a clearing house.

About 300 additional acres of the reclaimed lands in the bed of Tule Lake are being advertised by the reclamation service for lease for the coming three-year period, beginning March 1.

The supreme court has affirmed the present titles to land in Portland, formerly a part of the Proebstel donation land claim, which were attacked by the Proebstel Land & Adjustment company.

Captain Alfred Matson, a native of Sweden, for 46 years resident of Coos Bay, died at his home in Marshfield, aged 78. Captain Matson served in the United States navy during the Civil War.

Announcement has been made that \$5000 has been pledged by women's organizations of the state to a fund for the erection of a woman's memorial building on the University of Oregon campus.

The sixteenth annual convention of the K. of P. lodge for the eighth district, comprising the lodges at the Cascade Locks, Wasco, The Dalles and Hood River, was held at Hood River Tuesday.

Correspondence courses covering 19 special subjects along the lines of agriculture, business management and engineering have been announced by the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural college.

Secretary Daniels has advised Representative Hawley that he has assigned the cruiser Marblehead to the Oregon naval militia and the vessel will arrive in Portland harbor for permanent station about March 18.

The sale of "near-beer" will be prohibited in Crook county, according to a letter written to Mayor Estes, of Bend, by District Attorney Wirtz. Mr. Wirtz takes the position that the various "near-beers" are all malt liquors and therefore are prohibited by the Oregon dry law.

At the request of Representative Stinnot, of Oregon, a hat factory in Pennsylvania is conducting experiments to determine whether or not the fur of western jackrabbits can be utilized in the manufacture of derby and other styles of felt hats.

Permits for irrigating 37,323 acres of land, developing 30,766 horsepower and storing 235,669 acre-feet of water were issued last year by State Engineer Lewis. The permits number 591 and the total estimated cost of all the projects under them is \$5,349,162.

Relative to the disputed question of the authority of county courts to tax incorporated cities for county roads Attorney General Brown has given an opinion that the question cannot be definitely settled until some judicial decision has been made by the courts.

Secretary of State Olcott has just completed a digest of the laws pertaining to the primary and general elections of 1916, setting forth the statutes as to the duties of public officials, electors and candidates, and the preparation and filing of initiative petitions.

According to an announcement made by Secretary of State Olcott the receipts from motor vehicle and chauffeur licenses for the year 1915 total \$108,881.50, and of this sum \$27,230.08 or 80 1-10 per cent will be returned to the various counties of the state for their road fund.

Fire department chiefs in towns of the state were notified by Harvey Wells, insurance commissioner, that he had obtained a moving picture film entitled "The Fire Demon" which he would loan them for use in educating people on the value of taking precaution to prevent fires.

The ranchers of Ione are fighting the jackrabbit pest as the heavy snow makes it possible to reach thousands of the animals. Poisoned feed has been distributed broadcast, and in one community near Cecil 10,000 rabbits were killed.

The president, on recommendation of the Oregon senators, has nominated the following postmasters: Lewis C. Beebe, Drain; R. P. Wirtz, Forest Grove; W. P. Quinlan, Grants Pass; Homer S. Wood, Independence; Harry M. Fensler, Myrtle Point; J. H. Laignon, Seaside; Harry C. Gist, Yamhill.

The chief engineer has sent to congress adverse reports on the proposed improvement of Port Orford harbor and Willapa harbor. Both were surveyed during the past season, but the engineers concluded that existing commerce does not justify the expenditure that would be required to provide the depth of water desired at these points.

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