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WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

Portland experiences heavy rain and hail storm.

Editor Blithen, of the Seattle Times, is reported seriously ill.

The English house of commons votes to double the tax on spirits.

A Medford, Oregon, woman, aged 74, is cutting a new set of teeth.

A German air craft dropped several bombs on Ipswich, England, setting a fire which burned three dwellings.

Witnesses for John R. Lawson testify that deputy sheriffs started the battle of Ludlow in the Colorado strike trouble.

A Gold Hill, Oregon, couple motors to near Medford, overtakes a minister and are married beneath a large tree by the roadside.

Colonel Roosevelt is still making explanations of his political affiliations in the suit for \$50,000 libel, for which he is defendant.

Grand jury of Portland indicts three election board officials for altering 126 ballots at a recent election. They are all in jail in default of cash bail.

Women in session at The Hague demand that people have voice in foreign policies, and oppose cessation of territory without consent of the inhabitants.

An infuriated divorcee fires several shots at her ex-husband in the Portland municipal court room. One shot strikes the stenographer, while the rest go wild.

An immense bridge in Vancouver, B. C., is burned, and public sentiment accuses foes of Great Britain as the incendiary; the authorities, however, place no blame.

A German life buoy marked Kolberg has been found on the Scotch coast, and is thought to confirm the report of the sinking of the cruiser Kolberg in the naval battle of January 24.

The millions of crickets in the army which invaded Grant county, Washington, early this week, has split into four divisions. The crickets eating in the wheat fields cover a strip four miles long and 12 feet wide.

Twenty-day-old twins in Marion county, Oregon, are the largest beneficiaries of the state compensation law, being posthumous heirs. The mother, who is 20 years old, if she lives to be 42, the age of expectancy, will receive a total of \$15,120.

Captain L. D. Hoekersmith, 82 years old, who is reputed to have dug his way out of the Columbus, O., penitentiary during the war between the states and to have liberated his commander, the Confederate general, John H. Morgan, with a number of his men, died at his home in Madisonville, Ky., Friday. Morgan and a remnant of his command was captured near Pomeroy, O., in July, 1863, on a raid through Kentucky, Ohio and Indiana.

Germany is purchasing foodstuffs for a siege of four years' duration.

David Warfield has appeared in the play "The Auctioneer" for the 1400th time.

Twenty-one jitney bus drivers in Seattle are arrested for doing business without having bonds.

Ex-president Taft is scheduled to make several speeches in Oregon and Washington early in the fall.

A plague of crickets is reported in Grant county Washington, and much damage to crops is the result.

One of Villa's major generals has resigned, at the request of his mother, and joined the British forces.

A holdup man in Spokane, Wash., kicks his victim on the leg and breaks it; secures \$2 in cash and fives.

The commerce investigation in Chicago protests an increase of freight rates on meats, which is proposed by the railroads.

Theodore Roosevelt, who is being sued for libel, admits on the stand that he was on easy terms with New York's political bosses.

All records for April heat are being broken in the Eastern states, and in some localities the thermometer registers 97 degrees.

Governor Johnson, of California, signed the Meek convict labor bill, permitting prisoners of the state penitentiaries to build state highways. A statement was issued by the governor in which he said that apprehension that free labor will be affected is groundless.

ROOSEVELT ON STAND ADMITS OFTEN CONSULTING BOSS PLATT

Syracuse, N. Y.—Theodore Roosevelt admitted under cross-examination Tuesday in the suit for alleged libel which William Barnes has brought against him, that while governor he had freely consulted the "boss" of the Republican party in New York state in reference to the appointment of officials in the state government and various legislative and political matters.

The "boss" named was Thomas C. Platt, who at that time represented New York in the United States senate. The ex-president said he took the advice of the senator in many matters, among them appointing a Democrat to the office of tax commissioner to "please Grady," whom the Colonel described as a "lieutenant boss" of Richard Croker, then leader of Tammany Hall.

The testimony resulted from questions asked after letters of a series that passed between Colonel Roosevelt and Senator Platt had been read to the jury. In these letters, both writers discussed all manner of political and legislative affairs. In one, Colonel Roosevelt asked the senator's advice about making speeches.

In another, Senator Platt told the Colonel he had received a copy of a bill introduced by Grady, in which the senator said he considered it inadvisable to give Tammany from \$3,000,000 to \$12,000,000 on an appropriation to expend upon the water front of New York, as "it would simply be putting an unnecessary club in the hands of those people with which to knock our brains out."

With another letter, the colonel sent the senator a proof of his message to the legislature, which dealt with, among other things, public utilities, the franchise tax, the trusts, industrial conditions and labor. The part dealing with the trusts, the colonel wrote, "had been submitted to several 'experts,' including Elihu Root, President Hadley, Professor Jenks, of Cornell, and James A. Dill, who was described in the letter as 'a big corporation lawyer.'"

Commander Gives Notice of Intent to Intern Cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm

Washington, D. C.—Announcement from Newport News late Tuesday that the commander of the big German sea raider Kronprinz Wilhelm had given notice he would intern for the war without waiting expiration of the time allowed her by the United States government to make his ship seaworthy, was received with surprise and relief by government officials.

The raider's action relieves the Navy department of the necessity of keeping watch over the Wilhelm and an eye on the cordon of allied ships off the Virginia capes to assure the maintenance of American neutrality during the time the cruiser had been allowed to make repairs. It is understood that several days of that period still remained.

The Navy department had determined to permit the Wilhelm to take on 4500 tons of coal, and on the heels of reports from Newport News that the cruiser had begun to coal, came Lieutenant Captain Thierfelder's unexpected announcement to the collector of the port. The German commander's communication was laconic and gave no reason for the internment as had the letter presented by Captain Thierfelder when he interned the Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the first of the raider to seek a haven in Hampton Roads.

It was suggested here that Captain Thierfelder's announcement was made after he had received instructions from the German government through the embassy here not to attempt a dash through the line of hostile warships off the capes.

Wireless Record Is Made.

New York—A new distance record for wireless telephony in railroad service is claimed by officials of the Lackawanna railroad. Communications by wireless concerning the movement of Lackawanna trains were exchanged between railroad superintendents at Scranton, Pa., and Binghamton, N. Y., 63 miles. Trains between those two cities were moved for several hours under orders sent or received by wireless.

Czar Loses 26 Trenches.

Vienna—The war office has issued the following: "Our troops, pursuing the enemy, occupied 26 Russian trenches which contained much war material. The Russians before Uzok Pass, after their attack failed, retreated in full flight. We gained ground at the southeast of Koziowa."

Relief Fund \$25,000,000.

London—The national relief fund of the Prince of Wales reached the total of £5,000,000 (\$25,000,000). King George has opened with a donation of \$2500 a subscription list of the British committee for relief in Belgium.

Bridge Bonds' Interest Still Unpaid by County

Salem—Through an oversight of the Multnomah county officials or the State Tax commission there will be no money in the state treasury this year for the payment of interest on the interstate bridge bonds.

The county court places the blame on the Tax commission and the commission declares the county is at fault. At any rate, no levy was made for the payment of the money and it has none to pay.

State Treasurer Kay received a check from the county treasurer of Multnomah for \$294,000, the last payment of the first half of the taxes, and the announcement that \$31,250 had been retained for paying interest on the bonds. The annual interest is \$62,500, and, unless a settlement is reached, the county will retain the balance out of the last-half tax payments.

Under the law providing for the bridge, notification of the interest on the bonds must be made to the State Tax commission by the county court before January 1 each year. Notification was mailed to the commission the last day of December, but the tax levy had been made and the various counties notified of it. It was then too late to make a change to include a levy for the payment of interest on the bonds.

Oregon Hens Make Fine Record at Panama Fair

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Having led in both the pen records and the individual records for the past month in egg-laying at the Panama-Pacific Exposition has placed the O. A. C. flocks very close to the lead in both these divisions for the entire time of the contest. The three flocks entered by the college represent the White Leghorns, Barred Rocks and a pen of cross-reds, ten in each pen.

The Leghorns took first place for the month ending April 15 with a record of 237 eggs, while the Barred Rocks took second place with 225 eggs. The best individual showing was made by an O. A. C. cross-bred hen, which laid 40 eggs in the 31 days. The fifth best record was that of the College Barred Rock biddy that produced 26 eggs.

Daylight Is Let Through Last Tunnel On New Coos Bay Line

Eugene—"Daylight" was broken last week in tunnel No. 7, the longest bore on the Willamette-Pacific. For 18 months compressed air drills have been boring into both sides of this 4200-foot tunnel that pierces the divide between the Umpqua and Coos Bay valleys. For two weeks the sounds of the drills could be heard from both sides and finally a shot opened the tunnel.

This was the last tunnel on the line to be pierced. There are eight in all, the first being at Noti, 30 miles west of Eugene, and the last in the lake region north of Coos Bay. The last two tunnels are not completed, however, as a small bore precedes a few feet ahead of the main body of the tunnel.

A. O. Peterson, sub-contractor for Hauser & Hauser, arrived in Eugene, telling of the tunnel progress, and of the speed being made in the completion of the trestle work along the lakes. C. R. Broughton, bridge engineer, accompanied him from Acme, where a large force of men has established camps for the erection of the Siuslaw drawbridge.

Fishermen Will Build.

Bay City—The Tillamook Bay Fish company, a co-operative company of the fishermen on this bay, is preparing to drive the piling for its new building. A. Ramsay, the company's manager, says it is undecided whether a cannery will be built this year or not, but that with the evident low price of canned goods for the year, he believes they will handle the catch fresh.

Arrangements have been completed to open wholesale establishments in Boise, Butte and Portland for handling the fresh fish.

It is believed that the whole catch can be disposed of in this way, making a cannery unnecessary.

Farmers Demand Water.

Baker—More than 1000 acres are so involved in a water dispute north of here that State Water Superintendent Cochran at La Grande has been appealed to. Farmers along laterals on the Baldock and Shaw ditches allege that the Sunnyslope irrigation farmers have been taking so much moisture from Powder River that a shortage is threatened in the Fairview district. Assistant Water Superintendent Holland was sent from La Grande to make a survey.

Four Masked Men Kill Sheep On Eastern Oregon Range

Prineville—Appearance of four masked men on the ranch of Isadore B. Meyers, of Tost, on Crooked river, near Pauline Butte, in Crook county, and an attack by these men on Mr. Meyers' sheep gives rise to a belief that the old range war between sheepmen and cattlemen has flamed forth with its old time vigor. Mr. Meyers reported to the sheriff's office that the men had entered his range, burned his sheep camp, stolen the guns and ammunition and then shot and killed at least 30 head of sheep and wounded many others.

M. Montgomery, a sheepherder for Mr. Meyers, said he was ordered to stand aside while the men fired about 100 shots into the flock. Some of the bullets passed dangerously close to the herder. Wounded sheep were killed by the employees of the sheep camp.

Belief that the attack is the outcome of bitterness between sheepmen and cattlemen is fostered by an incendiary attack on the sheep ranch of J. N. Williamson, ex-representative to congress. At that time Mr. Williamson lost 80 tons of hay.

Recess Lengthened and Farmers' Week Will Be First in January

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Of great interest to farmers and homeseekers as well as to regular college students is the announcement that the next term of Farmers' and Conference Week will be held at the college during the first week of January. Since the instructors' time as well as housing accommodations are needed by the thousands of people taking the work of the week, it is impossible to conduct the exercises of the week while the regular degree work is in progress. Hence the Christmas recess has been lengthened to January 10, permitting the regular students to pass their vacation at home.

Another important change in the calendar is the arrangement whereby commencement will be held prior to final examinations of the second semester for the three lower classes. This change will give the undergraduates an opportunity to attend commencement exercises and at the same time to leave for home as soon as their last examination has been given. It has also been announced that vocational students will have commencement recognition and will be given diplomas upon completing their course.

NORTHWEST MARKET REPORTS.

Portland—Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.32; forty-fold, \$1.27; club, \$1.26; red Russian, \$1.19.

Oats—No. 1 white feed, \$33.25.

Barley—No. 1 feed, \$24; bran, \$24; shorts, \$24.50.

Millfeed—Spot prices: Bran, \$26 ton; shorts, \$28; rolled barley, \$26 @31.

Corn—Whole, \$35 ton; cracked, \$36.

Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$14@15; valley timothy, \$12@12.50; grain hay, \$10@12; alfalfa, \$12.50@13.50.

Vegetables—Cucumbers, hothouse, \$1@1.50 dozen; artichokes, 75c; tomatoes, \$5 crate; cabbage, 2 1/2 @3 1/2c pound; celery, \$4.50 crate; cauliflower, 75c @1.25 dozen; head lettuce, \$2.25 crate; spinach, 5c pound; rhubarb, 1 1/2 @2c; asparagus, 75c @1.10 dozen; eggplant, 25c pound; peas, 7 @8c; beans, 12 1/2 @15c; carrots, \$1.50 sack; beets, \$1.50; parsnips, \$1.25; turnips, \$1 @1.50.

Green Fruits—Strawberries, \$2 crate; apples, \$1@1.75 box; cranberries, \$11@12 barrel; gooseberries, \$8 @11c pound.

Potatoes—Old, \$1.75 @ 2.25 sack; new, 6 @8c pound.

Onions—Oregon selling price, 75c sack, country points; California, jobbing price, yellow, \$1.75 @2; white, \$2.25 crate.

Eggs—Fresh Oregon ranch, case count, 18 @13c dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 15c; broilers, 25 @27c; fryers, 18 @20c; turkeys, dressed, 22 @24c; live, 18 @20c; ducks, 12 @13c; geese, 8 @9c.

Butter—Creamery, prints, extras, 25c pound in case lots; 1/2c more in less than case lots; cubes, 21 @22c.

Veal—Fancy, 11 1/2c pound.

Pork—Block, 10 @10 1/2c pound.

Hops—1914 crop, nominal; contracts, 11c pound.

Wool—Eastern Oregon, medium, 25 @26c; Eastern Oregon, fine, 16 @18c; valley, 28 @30c; mohair, new clip, 32 @33c.

Casaca bark—Old and new, 4 @4 1/2c pound.

Cattle—Best steers, \$7.50 @ 7.75; choice, \$7 @7.25; medium, \$6.75 @7; choice cows, \$6.25 @6.75; medium, \$5 @5.75; heifers, \$5 @6.25; bulls, \$4 @5.75; stags, \$5 @6.50.

Hogs—Light, \$7 @8.05; heavy, \$6 @7.05.

Sheep—Wethers, \$6.75 @7; sheared ewes, \$5.50 @ 5.75; sheared lambs, \$7.75 @8; full wools \$1 higher.

Tacoma—Apples—Winesaps and Yellow Newtown Pippins, \$1.65 @1.75.

Comb Honey—Yakima, \$3.50 crate; strained honey, \$5.50; Idaho, \$3.50; Nevada, \$3.50.

Strawberries—\$1.35 to \$2.25 crate, according to size.

Vegetables—Cabbage, Winningstadt, \$3.25 cwt.; carrots, \$1.50 @1.65 sack; beets, home grown, \$1 @1.25; turnips, \$1.25; potatoes, Yakima, \$3 @3.25 ton; Idaho, \$3; sweets, \$4 cwt.; new potatoes, 6 @c pound; tomatoes, \$4.50 @ 5.50 case; onions, green, 20c dozen; Walla Walla, \$1.75 box; Oregon Yellow Danvers, \$1.50; Yakima, \$1.50; California, \$1.50; garlic, 30c pound; radishes, local, 20c dozen bunches; California, 25c; parsley, 30c; lettuce, head, \$2.25 crate; spinach, local, 5c pound; Walla Walla, 75c box; cucumbers, local hothouse, 50c @1.25 dozen; celery, \$4 @ 4.50 crate; rutabagas, \$1.85 sack; artichokes, 75c dozen; rhubarb, local, 3c pound; asparagus, Washington, \$1.15 @1.65 box; green peas, 8 @c pound; green and wax beans, 13 @14c pound.

Fresh Meats—Steers, 12 @12 1/2c pound; cows, 12c; heifers, 12 @12 1/2c; wethers, 14c; dressed hogs, 11 1/2c; trimmed sides, 15 1/2c; combinations, 15c; Diamond T. C., 16 1/2c; ewes, 13c.

Poultry—Ducks, live, 10 @12c; hens, dressed, 16 @18c; live, 16c; springs, dressed, 22c; live, 14 @15c; squabs, live, \$2.50 dozen; dressed, \$6; turkeys, live, 18c; dressed, 28 @30c; geese, 20c.

Butter—Washington creamery, 24 @25c; Oregon, 24c.

Eggs—Fresh ranch, 17 @20c.

Quick Digging Is Urged.

Spokane, Wash.—Immediate action in digging many miles of trenches extending through the center of Wilson Creek valley will be the only means of saving the south half of the valley from the devastation from the Coulee cricket, declared Cecil W. Creel, cereal and forest insect expert, connected with the United States department of Agriculture, who arrived here from the cricket-infested district. Trenches three miles long have been plowed on the 6000-acre farm of W. C. Mading and a patrol of six men is being maintained in the destruction of millions of the wingless insects.

Douglas Sends First Berries.

Roseburg, Or.—C. E. Henry, a well-known rancher of Dillard, has the distinction of shipping the first crate of strawberries from Douglas county to the Portland markets. The berries left here Saturday. They were large, of excellent color and were well flavored. They met ready sale at fancy prices in the Portland markets.

SUBMARINE SINKS AMERICAN TANKER

Washington Stirred by German Attack Off Scilly Islands.

CAPTAIN AND TWO SAILORS ARE DEAD

Seriousness is Admitted, and Note to Berlin Speaking of "Strict Accountability" Recalled—Damages May Be Demanded.

London—The American oil tank steamship Gulfight was sunk by a German submarine Saturday at noon off the Scilly Islands, according to a dispatch to the Central News agency. The Gulfight sailed from Port Arthur, Tex., April 10, for Rouen, France.

The captain died from heart failure as a result of shock, and two seamen jumped overboard and were drowned. The other members of the crew were taken off by a patrol boat and landed. The vessel was towed into Crow sound and beached.

Washington, D. C.—Press reports of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulfight and the loss of her captain and some members of the crew created a stir in official circles here, where the seriousness of the occurrence was everywhere admitted.

In the absence of President Wilson, officials made no comment as to the probable action of the United States government, beyond saying that a thorough inquiry as to the manner of the torpedoing and the responsibility for it would first be required before a decision could be reached as to the kind of representations to be made.

If first reports are borne out, the attack on the Gulfight constitutes the first case of an American ship struck by a torpedo, with the consequent loss of lives. Two American vessels have been sunk by mines, the responsibility for which never has been fixed, and one American, Leon C. Thresher, was drowned when the British ship Falaba was torpedoed.

It was generally recalled that in the note sent by the United States to Germany in answer to Germany's proclamation of a war zone around the British Isles and Ireland, the Washington government asserted that it would hold the German government "to a strict accountability" for the loss of any American lives or vessels, the phraseology being so drawn as to cover attacks on belligerent vessels on which Americans were traveling.

America's Right to Ship Arms Con- ceded, but Food Should Be Free

Philadelphia—Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, former colonial secretary of Germany, protested at Sunday's session of the annual meeting of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, against a declaration at a recent meeting of the academy that Germany had declared against the right of the United States to sell and distribute arms to belligerent countries.

Dr. Dernburg came here as a listener to the discussions on the effect of the European war on America's interests and at the close of the session made a brief speech in which he said the declaration was "absolutely false." The address in which the statement is said to have been made was delivered by Charles Noble Gregory, of Washington, D. C., who spoke on "The Sale of Munitions of War by Neutrals to Belligerents."

Dr. Dernburg explained that Germany had only complained of the inequality of the treatment that his country is receiving in that foodstuffs are shut out of Germany, whereas there is a free transit of arms to Great Britain.

Flirt Recruits Tommies.

London—Flirting can be made an effective recruiting expedient. At a recent recruiting rally a girl held up her hand and announced that she had sent five young men to the front. At the end of the meeting she indicated the young man at her side and declared, "Here's the sixth!" This caused the speaker to say, "Flirting of that kind is the right sort." He advised the young girls of the audience to use their wiles in behalf of country.

Hail As Big As Baseballs Falls.

St. Louis—Hail stones as large as baseballs were hurled upon scattered sections of Missouri Sunday. The damage to crops and livestock will run into thousands of dollars. At Sturgeon, Mo., a boy was killed by lightning. In St. Louis the streets were flooded in places by several feet of water.