

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

A fortune of ten million awaits the son born recently to Jennie Crocker-Whitman.

Administration leaders fear the new tariff bill may bring on a trade war with foreign nations.

Snow has fallen in the Wenaha forest reserve, in Eastern Washington, the earliest in 25 years.

Destructive storms swept Maryland, causing great property damage and killing several persons.

Fifteen persons were injured in a train wreck on the Great Northern road near Everett, Wash.

The funeral of the late Mayor Gaynor of New York City, was the largest ever held in that city.

The high court of impeachment has ruled that Governor Sulzer, of New York, must stand trial for impeachment.

The small sloop Wasp has been missing in Alaskan waters since Aug. 24, and revenue cutters have been sent to search for her.

At a sale of 600,000 acres of school land in Oklahoma, most of it was bought by Eastern men, and the entire lot brought almost twice its appraised value.

Mexican rebels blew up a passenger train, killing about 50 persons, many of them federal soldiers, and then looted the wreck and robbed the remaining passengers.

Speakers at the eighth annual convention of the American Packers' association predict a protracted meat famine and urge all farmers to raise a few beef cattle each year.

A lodge "spanker" containing a dynamite cap exploded while being used on a candidate at Elkins, West Virginia, and the victim was taken to the hospital unconscious and is in a critical condition.

The commander's report shows the ranks of the G. A. R. are fast diminishing.

Huerta has summoned Felix Diaz home, and may support him for the presidency.

The turkey trot and similar dances have been prohibited at Philadelphia navy yard.

Mayor Albee, of Portland, finds a fine bouquet of roses on his office door every morning, but no one knows where the flowers come from.

The house passed the currency bill as approved by President Wilson, and it is now up to the senate.

Mayor Hindley, of Spokane, refuses to allow motion pictures in the Thaw episode to be exhibited in that city.

A \$500,000 pleasure yacht has just been completed by a Seattle firm for Daniel Cowan Jackling, a copper mine owner of Salt Lake City.

For the first time in three years there are no patients in Portland's pest house, and the nurse from that institution is enjoying a vacation.

A general tie-up of all passenger transportation in London is threatened by strikers, who demand complete recognition of their various unions.

A German princess was found dead in an apartment with a bullet in her temple, and it is believed she committed suicide on account of opposition in love affairs.

California continues to suffer from intense heat, many cities reporting from 100 to 112 degrees, and three prostrations occurred in Los Angeles, the first known there.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 79c; bluestem, 89c; forty-fold, 80c; red Russian, 78c; valley, 80c.
Oats—No. 1 white, 25.50@26.00; No. 2, 24.50@25.00; cracked, 33c; No. 1, 22c; shorts, 22c; middlings, 33c.
Barley—Feed, \$25.50 ton; brewing, \$27; rolled, \$27@28.
Hay—Fancy Idaho timothy, \$16@17 ton; fancy Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16@17; timothy and clover, \$14@15; timothy and alfalfa, \$13@14; alfalfa, \$13; clover, \$8.50@10; oat and vetch, \$10@11; chest, \$10@11; valley grain hay, \$10@11.
Onions—Oregon and Walla Walla, \$1.60 sack.
Vegetables—Cabbage, 1 1/2c pound; cauliflower, 2c crate; corn, 10c@15c dozen; cucumbers, 20c@40c box; eggplant, 5c@7c pound; tomatoes, 40c@50c box; garlic, 10c pound; sprouts, 8c; artichokes, \$1 dozen; squash, 1 1/2c pound; pumpkins, 1 1/2c pound.
Potatoes—Oregon, \$1@1.20 hundred; sweet, \$2.10@2.15 crate.
Green Fruit—Apples, 60c@1.75 box; cantaloupes, \$1.25@1.50 crate; peaches, 25c@70c box; pears, 75c@1.25; grapes, 50c@1.15 crate; casabas, \$1.75@2.00 dozen.
Poultry—Hens, 15c; springs, 15@18c; turkeys, live, 22c; dressed, nominal; ducks, 15c; geese, young, 12c@18c.
Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, candled, 34c@35c dozen.
Butter—Oregon creamery butter cubes, 34c pound; butter fat, delivered, 34c.
Pork—Fancy, 12c@12 1/2c pound.
Veal—Fancy, 15c@16c pound.
Hops—1913 crop, 25c@26c pound; 1912 crop, nominal.
Mohair—1913 clip, 25c@26c pound.
Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.75@8.10; choice, \$7.50@7.75; medium, \$7.25@7.50; prime cows, \$6.75@7.25; choice, \$6.50@6.75; medium, \$6.25@6.50; heifers, \$6.25@7.75; light calves, \$5@9; heavy calves, \$6.75@7.75; bulls, \$4@5.50; stags, \$5.75@6.25.
Hogs—Light, \$8.40@8.75; heavy, \$7.45@7.75.
Sheep—Wethers, \$3.50@4.35; ewes, \$3@4.40; lambs, \$4@5.50.

MEAT BARONS IN BANQUET

Preacher Warns Rich Against Destructive Power of Wealth.

Chicago—Chicago "big business" and Chicago "society" were equally excited Wednesday over the gorgeousness of the "hunting breakfast" with which the meat packers' convention ended here and the candor with which the Rev. Rufus White, one of the guests at the breakfast, told his fellow breakfasters what he thought of them.

The function was given in imitation of a real English hunting breakfast. It was held in the big banquet hall of the Congress hotel, and it cost, it was estimated, \$125,000, everything included.

The "breakfasters" wore scarlet hunting costumes. Scarlet clad masters of the hunt served them. Buglers, dressed in scarlet, sounded the tallyho between courses. The banquet hall had been transformed into a grove and during the feast a scarlet coated huntsman, on a real black horse, dashed through it.

Five hundred packers sat down at the board and about 500 there was hardly one who did not come, more or less, under the classification of a "captain of industry."

To this gathering the Rev. Rufus White, scheduled to speak on "The Social Side of Business," addressed himself as follows:

"In just the degree that you create a dominant exclusive class of capitalists of industry, such capitalists despotically ruling thousands of subordinates from whom all aspiration and ambition has been crushed by the hopelessness of advancement—in just that degree you have weakened American citizenship. If you reduce men to the level of mere employees, hopeless of promotion or of success, you have killed their initiative. You have deprived them of a chance for advancement by perseverance, industry and effort. Collectivism and combination mean the suppression of the individual."

JUDGE UPHOLDS BOTH SIDES

Thaw's Deportation Is Justified—Right of Appeal Sustained.

Montreal, Quebec—The court of appeals upheld Charles Doherty, minister of justice in having seized Harry K. Thaw at Coaticook and deported him. Mr. Doherty, the court held, properly ignored the writ of habeas corpus obtained by Thaw's counsel, because the writ had been irregularly served. The writ was quashed.

Justice Archambault, who delivered the decision of the five appeal court judges who considered the case, touched on the constitutionality of the immigration act under which Thaw was deported by finding that the act does not override the habeas corpus writ, despite the clause professing to prevent a review of the action of the minister in charge of the immigration department.

The finding thus upholds both the judges who issued the writ and Mr. Doherty, who was acting minister of the interior during the Thaw hearings in Canada.

FAR NORTH IS PROSPEROUS

Esquimaux in Good Condition, Says Explorer to Peary.

Portland, Me.—Prosperity among the Esquimaux thus far encouraged the expedition led by Donald B. MacMillan, leader of the Crocker land exploration party, in a letter to his former chief, Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary. The letter was dated Etah, winter quarters, August 25. "The Esquimaux are all happy, well and apparently prosperous, having plenty of food and clothing," MacMillan wrote.

"It is getting late now and freezing nights," he added, "and we have water to kill. If the Sound (Smith) breaks out I shall try to run over supplies in the power boat to Cape Sabine. I expect to use 15 dog teams in the spring."

Bible Omitted From Schools.

Portland, Or.—The bible will not be read in the public schools of Portland. With few supporting and many opposing the petition from the Minister of Education asking that the reading of the bible, without comment, be installed as a part of the public school course, the vote of the board at its meeting Wednesday night was unanimously against granting the petition.

Applause followed the vote and the crowd which had packed the room where the meeting was held to consider the matter, quickly dispersed, leaving the board to consider other matters of the school administration.

Bear Is Killed By Woman.

Forest Grove, Or.—It is rather unusual and daring to attack a bear with a 22-short rifle, yet this is what Mrs. C. A. Hoyt, on the Wilson Rice road, did last week. Mrs. Hoyt was walking along the county road with a collie dog, looking for cows, when she heard a rustling noise in the bushes nearby. A good-sized yearling ran out of the brush and clambered up a fir tree. The woman killed the animal with the first shot. Mrs. Hoyt carried the carcass, which weighed more than 100 pounds, half a mile to her home.

Court Favors "Hose Bank."

Olympia, Wash.—In deciding the case of Mrs. A. Armstrong against the Yakima hotel, the Supreme court declined to interfere with woman's right to carry currency wherever she pleases—in her home, for instance—and to retire from male sight to remove the same. The Armstrong woman, after lunching at the Yakima hotel, retired upstairs to take from her person money for her meal. Descending, she tripped on faulty stairs and fell. A verdict for seven thousand dollars was awarded her.

Unmuzzled Dogs May Die.

San Francisco—A "shooting squad" of police, empowered to shoot all unmuzzled dogs seen on the streets, is the method by which Commissioner of Public Health and Safety Fred C. Turner hopes to combat the many cases of rabies that have occurred recently. Records show 22 cases of rabies in Oakland during the last month.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

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The Isolated Continent

A ROMANCE OF THE FUTURE

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SYNOPSIS.

For fifty years the continent of North America had been isolated from the rest of the world by the use of Z-rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent, the inventor had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had remained under one government with Prudent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with Prudent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with Prudent as president. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with Prudent as president.

CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

Napoleon bowed, and so the matter was settled.

The Countess Rosita Rosiny was led into the room.

Astra embraced the countess kindly. "Welcome to our continent, my dear countess."

Countess Rosiny sobbed. Her heart seemed touched by the kind reception given her by the representative of the greatest republic! But though Napoleon Edison was a scientist, inventor and a discoverer, he could not see into the heart of the weak, beautiful woman.

Had he known what was going on within it, he would have acted differently.

Astra invited the countess to stay with her in the Crystal Palace. It was almost midnight when Napoleon left, assuring Astra that he would call for her at eleven the next evening.

At the time appointed he was at the door with a powerful automobile. Astra refused to sit in the tonneau of the machine, so Napoleon assisted her to the rest beside him at the wheel and she let her hand rest lightly on his arm. The big machine ran evenly out of town, into the suburbs, and turned into a big garden that was a natural forest. The large mansion was deserted, but a garage showed signs of life.

A broad stream of light spread out into the quiet summer night from one window, and Astra, who had been undisturbed by the noise of the machine, saw that the under portion of the body was transparent, and that a single man was in it.

When the air craft arrived about two hundred feet above the flagship the red, white and blue flag with the stars was unfurled, and the craft stopped its flight, resting easily on the air, lazily moving its wings.

Was it the wonderful performance which had thrilled the seamen, or was it an intended cheer? Nobody knows, but all those who could see the eagle shouted a huzza. Only one man bit his lips nervously, the Count von Werdenstein.

The American flag saluted the cheering men, then a white flag of truce appeared beside it.

"I bring the greetings of the people of the American continent, and want to communicate with the commander

"Excellency, allow me to present Mr. Santos Duprel, my best and trusted comrade."

The short man bowed with reverence. "Is everything ready?" asked Napoleon. The little man nodded.

Napoleon opened a door and led his guest through it; Santos locked the door of the garage and followed them. The room they entered opened skyward. A shimmering object, entirely white, gleamed in the starlight. Napoleon and the President stepped a few steps, into a small space that was inclosed, but with something that was perfectly transparent, and asked her to sit down on a couch.

"Will you kindly wait here for a few moments?" he asked, and he went forward. Astra's eyes became used to the dim light; she saw Napoleon stop before some complicated mechanism and a steering wheel. Santos came and closed the door through which they had entered the car. Electric sparks flew from something at the front.

"Are you ready?" asked Santos. "Ready" was Napoleon's reply as he turned a lever. The machine started upward and two huge wings began to beat the air. She had not experienced the slightest shock, yet she realized that they were going up with great velocity. The machine was practically noiseless, the only sound being a whistling murmur caused by the beating wings.

The coolness was perceptible and Astra wrapped her cloak more closely about her. Napoleon gave a twist to the wheel, and with a small light studied his map and the compass.

Santos now took the wheel and Napoleon sat down opposite the President. He pointed out the different places as they rushed over them—Frankfort, Louisville, St. Louis, Wichita, Ashland, Santa Fe, Prescott and Los Angeles—then came the ocean. Astra sat silent. She had a great mind and her appreciative qualities were far above the average.

"The greenish light that you see just before us is the island of Cyrine," said Napoleon.

A few minutes later the aerodrome settled down in a very large hangar, but as the place was dark Astra could not see the machine and its outer appearance. Napoleon helped her out and, showing her his watch, convinced her that they had made the trip in three hours; it was eleven o'clock.

"Thank you, sir!" humbly. "I presume you have come to renew your offer."

"The time of offering is gone, your excellency." Napoleon's voice was cold and cutting. The count was surprised.

"I have come to your excellency to deliver the message from the United American Republics."

"Yes? I am listening."