

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Owners of the steamer Voltorno suspect that the boat was set on fire by agents of rival lines.

The senate shows no disposition to adjourn or take recess until the currency bill has been acted upon.

A German aviator committed suicide by shooting himself while 2000 feet in the air in his monoplane.

The State Supreme court of Arkansas upheld the going liquor bill and the state will be "dry" after January 1.

Germany has decided to send a warship to Mexican waters but Huerta does not appear worried over the prospect.

Directors of the Hamburg-American steamship line announce that they will increase their capital \$7,500,000 in order to build more ships.

An aviator flying to a race meet on Staten island, N. Y., failed to arrive, and it is believed he became lost and may have wandered out to sea.

New York police have arrested two men and a woman who they believe have stolen nearly a million dollars' worth of automobiles in that city.

Police of Hoquiam, Wash, have discovered that a 13-year-old girl of that city has committed nearly a dozen alleged burglaries in that city recently.

London police arrested Sylvia Pankhurst at a suffragette meeting, but in the ensuing struggle the police were worsted and all the suffragettes escaped.

The Washington messenger boy who was injured by the President's automobile was presented with a brand new bicycle and a personal letter from the President.

Mrs. Philip Mersinger, owner of a \$1500 collection of prize cats and widely known as an exhibitor at cat shows, died at Joliet, Ill., aged 65 years. She formerly owned "Spangle," reputed as the most valuable cat in the country.

Criticism of the bankers' convention have only served to solidify the Democratic ranks on the currency bill.

An attempt was made to assassinate Yuan Shi Kai, recently elected president of China, during his inaugural ceremony.

Postmaster General Burleson, in his annual report, openly favors government ownership of telegraph and telephone lines.

The much-talked-of \$90,000,000 Union Pacific "melon-cutting" has been indefinitely postponed.

James J. Hill predicts that the proposed currency bill, if passed, will cause financial depression.

A woman voter aged 103 registered at Eugene, Or., and says she expects to vote for many years to come.

Los Angeles has placed such restrictions upon the borrowing of money on salaries that it is believed the loan sharks will be practically driven out of business.

The governor of California has sent requisition papers to Minnesota for an automobile driver who ran over and killed a man in San Francisco in 1911.

The town of Las Vacas, Mex., across the Rio Grande river from Del Rio, Tex., is practically deserted, over two thousand persons having fled to the American side.

Herbert Thomas, in jail at Mobile, Ala., on a minor charge, claims to be one of the men who held up an Alabama Great Southern train recently, but says he got only \$20,000 of the loot.

Portland Markets

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 78c per bushel; bluestem, 88c; forty-four, 79c; red Russian, 77c; valley, 79c.

Oats—No. 1 white, \$25 per ton. Corn—Whole, \$37; cracked, \$38 per ton.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$15@16; mixed timothy, \$12@14; alfalfa, \$1; clover, \$8.50; valley, grain hay, \$11@12.

Clover seed—Buying price, fancy reseeded, 90¢ per pound f. o. b. shipping points.

Onions—Oregon, \$1.60@1.75 per sack; buying price, \$1.50 f. o. b. shipping points.

Vegetables—Beans, 30¢ a dozen; cabbage, 1¢; cauliflower, \$1.25@1.50 doz.; eggplant, 7¢ pound; hothouse lettuce, 90¢@1.10 box; peppers, 50¢ a dozen; tomatoes, 50¢@1.50 doz.; garlic, 10¢@12¢ pound; sprouts, 10¢; artichokes, \$1 doz.; squash, 1¢ pound; pumpkins, 1¢ pound; celery, 40¢@65¢ doz.

Potatoes—Oregon, 90¢@1.10 hundred; buying price, 75¢@85¢ at shipping points; sweet potatoes, \$2@2.25 crate.

Green Fruit—Apples, 60¢@2.50 box; cantaloupes, \$2.25 crate; peaches, 25¢@50¢ box; plums, 30¢@50¢ pears, \$1@1.50; grapes, 75¢@1.35 pears, 12¢@15¢ box; casabas, 2¢ pound; cranberries, \$8.50@9 barrel; Turkish medlars, 2¢ pound.

Poultry—Hens, 15¢; springs, 16¢; turkeys, live, 20¢@22¢ dressed, nominal; ducks, 12¢@14¢; geese, 12¢@14¢.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, candled, 40¢@42¢ dozen.

Pork—Fancy, 12¢ pound. Veal—Fancy, 14¢ pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 22¢@23¢ pound; 1912 crop, nominal.

Mohair—1913 clip, 25¢@26¢ pound. Cattle—Prime steers, \$7.50@8; choice, \$7.25@7.50; medium, \$7@7.25; prime cows, \$6.50@6.95; choice, \$6.25@6.50; medium, \$6@6.25; heifers, \$6@7; light calves, \$5@5.50; heavy, \$6.75@7.75; bulls, \$6.50@6.90; stags, \$5.75@6.75.

Hogs—Light, \$8.40@8.75; heavy, \$7.45@7.65. Sheep—Wethers, \$4@4.50; ewes, \$3.25@3.90; lambs, \$4@5.10.

NO HOPE OF MEXICAN PEACE

Huerta Loses All Standing With U. S. Government.

Washington, D. C.—The United States government has informed Provisional President Huerta that it looks with abhorrence and amazement on his assumption of both executive and legislative powers in Mexico and that in view of his course could not regard as constitutional the elections planned for October 26.

Two notes were sent, the one strongly phrased and written by Secretary Bryan, inquiring about the safety of the imprisoned members of the Mexican congress, and the other drawn in forceful language by President Wilson himself and said to constitute practically the last efforts of the Washington government to deal with the Huerta authorities by diplomatic means unless there is a decided change of spirit on the part of the officials in Mexico City.

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PRINCE OF MONACO IN WEST

Enjoys Successful Hunting Trip in Wyoming.

Billings, Mont.—Albert, Prince of Monaco, accompanied by a large party of personal friends, was a guest of the chamber of commerce on his return from a three weeks' hunt in the wilds of Wyoming, between Cody and Sheridan, where the prince was lucky enough to bag a big brown bear, several deer and two mountain sheep.

While the prince was away from civilization, he dropped into cowboy and Western slang to such a degree that when he reached Billings his conversation was natural in a Western way.

"The big brown bear that I shot has been skinned and the hide will adorn one of my rooms at Monte Carlo," said the prince. "It only took one shot, and the rifle that I used belonged to William F. Cody, being borrowed for that purpose. We had a time while in Wyoming, and ate big and small game. I enjoyed every minute of the time spent here."

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BANDIT ROBS MAIL CAR IN SAN FRANCISCO SUBURBS

San Francisco—A masked bandit entered the mail car of Southern Pacific train No. 23 at Burlingame Thursday, and at the muzzle of a gun compelled two mail clerks to crawl under a table. The registered mail then was rifled. The train made no stop between Burlingame and San Francisco, and the robber made his escape, according to postal officials, when the train slowed down in the San Francisco yards.

An examination of the rifled pouches by postal inspectors showed that the loss will not be great. The robber's time to make a thorough search of all the registered mail was limited because of the fast schedule maintained by the train between Burlingame and San Francisco.

Big Bear Mangles Man. Seward, Alaska.—Otto Bergstrom, a homesteader, was attacked by a huge Alaska brown bear near here Wednesday. Bergstrom met the bear on the trail going home. The bear rushed at him, knocked him down, tore his scalp almost entirely from his head, bit his right ear off and inflicted about 50 other wounds on Bergstrom's body, arms and hands. The lower limbs were untouched. Bergstrom crawled on his hands and knees 500 feet to a neighbor's cabin. There is a chance that he will recover.

Wife Gets Permit to Think. Spokane.—On the ground that a man and his wife are not in law separated individuals and that they cannot act and think entirely independent of each other, the right of M. E. Pengelly and his wife to sit as jurors in a criminal trial was challenged here. "Mrs. Pengelly has promised to love, honor and obey Mr. Pengelly," said the attorney who objected. "I submit that she cannot act or think independently and free from his influence." Superior Judge refused to sustain the challenge.

Aviator Still Missing. New York.—Efforts to find some trace of Albert J. Jewell, the aviator who disappeared while making a flight in a monoplane to the States Island Aerodrome have so far been fruitless. Those who have endeavored to trace his course believe that he lost his way, flew over the Atlantic Ocean and perished by drowning. An attempt will be made to find some trace of him by sending an aeroplane over his intended course.

Daniels to Go to School. Newport, R. I.—The possibility that Secretary of the Navy Daniels will take a course of instruction at the Naval War college here next summer has aroused much interest among the officers stationed at Newport.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

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

LUMBER OUTLOOK PLEASING

Big Operator Predicts Revival of Business in Oregon.

Eugene—That the end of depressed conditions in the lumber market in Oregon is in sight and that greatly increased activity will soon mark the timber industry in the Upper Willamette valley, is the belief of Frank H. Buck, Sr., president of the Booth-Kelly Lumber company.

"Oregon is ready for another period of development," said Mr. Buck. "I believe that the lumber industry is recovering from the reaction of the past few years. That is why the Booth-Kelly company is rebuilding its mill at Springfield.

"Overproduction was partly the cause of the present low prices in the lumber market, but a certain curtailment has been reached by the cutting off of the cheap producer.

"The opening of the Panama canal will have a direct influence upon the lumber market. The San Francisco exposition, too, will draw home-seekers from all over the nation. Astra is carrying out the establishment of a dictatorship by Huerta—lost all hope of seeing a constitutional election held by the Huerta regime.

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STATE LOANS IN JEOPARDY

Governor Fears Oregon May Lose \$100,000 School Money.

Salem—That \$100,000 is due the state as loans from the school fund on farms was announced at a meeting of the State land board. Announcement was also made that, under a law passed at the recent session of the legislature, unless the money is paid on or before January 1 next, it shall be presumed to be paid and will be lost to the state.

The law clearly specifies that the State land board shall be responsible for the collection. Governor West called attention to section 3915, Lord's Oregon Laws, which says that all loans from the common school fund "shall be made for a period of one year; provided that in case the interest is promptly paid and the security remains unimpaired, the board may, in its discretion, permit the loan to stand for a period of not longer than ten years.

The governor then announced that an examination of the record revealed there were about 100 mortgages covering loans from the common school fund in the custody of the State treasurer which are past the ten-year period provided by law. He admitted that the time which the loans should have been permitted to stand was wholly under the control of the board, but intimated the State treasurer had been derelict in not reporting them.

Mr. Kay said complete reports had been made to the board and that it was customary to be lenient with the borrowers. All of them, he explained, had been notified that they must pay what they owe, and the attorneys of the various counties representing the board had been notified to bring suit. He said it had not been the purpose of the board to work hardships on the land owners, for in all cases the state was amply safeguarded. The loans amount to only one-third of the value of the land. Mr. Kay said he was willing to foreclose at any time.

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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 rays, a wonderful invention of Hannibal Prudent. The invention had saved the country from foreign invasion, and the continent had been under one government for half a century. For half a century peace and prosperity reigned in this part of the world. The story opens with Prudent's death and the death of his son, which is hastened by the receipt of a message from Count von Werdenstein of Germany that he has succeeded in penetrating the rays. Dying, he warns his daughter Astra that she means a foreign invasion. He tells her to hurry to the island of Cynrith, but dies before he can tell her more. Astra, who was a pupil of her father's, and promises to help her escape. She receives a message from her father's secretary, who tells her that she has been discovered by the inventor of the rays, and that she must flee. She is captured by the inventor and taken to his laboratory. She is kept there for a long time, and is treated with great cruelty. She is finally rescued by a man named Morzak, who is a member of the resistance. They escape together and go to the island of Cynrith. There they are joined by other members of the resistance, and they begin to plan for the future of the continent.

The automobile with the three men went farther, where the streets and elevated sidewalks were crowded with people. Morzak looked around and back, as if he expected to see some one he knew.

"Here!" The man at the wheel obeyed. "Wait for me at the next corner, with everything in readiness, and when I jump into the car you are to let her out." Morzak left the automobile and threaded his way through the crowd. The big car turned the corner indicated and stopped. Morzak walked far enough to get his bearings, then returned to the center of the block. His hand strayed toward his hip pocket, rested there for a second and then he stood watching the passing throng.

In the meantime the four on horseback neared the building in a slow trot; as they reached the busier streets their horses fell into a walk.

Napoleon rode on Astra's left and they were closely followed by Rositta and Hale. They passed the building and were nearing the place where Morzak leaned against a lamp post, smoking contentedly. He saw the coming quartet, and took a deep breath. When they had reached the center of the block, near where he stood, his right hand went into his hip pocket. Just as the four on horseback reached him he jumped toward Astra with leveled arm, and the glint of an automatic pistol was seen.

The pistol was pointed at Astra, whose horse made a nervous jump when the man came forward. Before the man could pull the trigger Napoleon's whip lashed toward the air, hitting him squarely in the face. The pistol exploded; the bullet grazed Napoleon's right shoulder, and before the fellow could make another attempt to shoot he was seized by two onlookers and his pistol was knocked from his grasp. He was dazed by a blow and stood looking at them blankly.

Astra faintly, but with kind and willing arms were there to prevent her falling from her horse.

Rositta, who just a few minutes before was so full of joy, looked at the scene shudderingly.

Napoleon, like a god of revenge, stood over the man. She could see blood oozing from his right eye and sleeve, but that blood was not the cause of her pale, terror-stricken face. It was the face of the assassin that had startled her. She knew that face. The police restored order, but before Napoleon let the shaking would-be assassin go he spoke to him in a stern, low voice:

"Who are you?"
"Nikolay Morzak."
"A Russian?"

The pale man simply bowed.
"Who sent you to commit this most miserable deed?" And he shook the man as a storm shakes a withered leaf.
"It was my fate; I had to do it," the man answered calmly.

"Miserable cur!" said Napoleon, and tossed the man into the arms of the waiting guard, then turned toward Astra.

Her eyes met those of Napoleon, apprehensively.

"You are hurt!" she whispered, pointing toward his hand.

"It must be a mere scratch, as I have not felt it."

The return to the palace was a silent one. Napoleon submitted to the doctor's treatment, but his wound was slight, and when it was properly dressed he returned to the drawing room.

"He has received my message. They want to restore the old order. They are anxious to get the secret of the aerodrome, for which they offer me the Princesdom Schomburg Lithow All European monarchs are in the pact."

She answered the count's letter, then left it and her reply open on her desk, to be read by anyone who might wish.