

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Two out of five patients being treated for cancer by radium have died.

A prominent New York actor and playwright broke his leg while dancing the tango.

California rains have caused floods fatal to several persons, and much damage is reported.

A legal battle over the "ownership" of three professional baseball players is promised.

Bryan asserts that President Wilson's policy is bringing about a lower cost of living and increased foreign trade.

After five months' search the American embassy in Vienna, Austria, has found quarters, the most pretentious of any foreign legation in the city.

The cruiser Brooklyn, Admiral Schley's flagship at Santiago, has been put in commission, after ten years' idleness and a complete overhauling.

A bill is being prepared for the special purpose of opening up the resources of Alaska, and it will be introduced in both houses of congress.

A Louisiana boy of 13 years shot and killed his father when the latter threatened the family of nine with a loaded revolver. The boy was not arrested.

Business of the nation was held at a standstill for several minutes while the President received a "call" from a small boy aged 4 years, and his sister, aged 2.

A bill has been introduced in the New York legislature by prohibition forces to label all beverages containing over 2 per cent of alcohol with a "skull and cross-bones."

Four men were killed on board the Cunard liner Mauretania at her dock in Liverpool by the explosion of a tank of compressed gas which was being used in a brazing process in the engine room.

A preacher at Seaside, Or., wore regular workmen's clothing, including overalls, in the pulpit, because residents of the city had remained away from church, saying they had not good enough clothes.

Business of the packing houses of the country showed a large increase in 1913.

Directors of the Frisco road have been sued for over \$14,000,000.

General Mercado, one of the Mexican military refugees in Texas, has been placed in command of the refugee camp.

The title to 60 acres of date land in California, deeded by President Wilson to Mrs. Wilson, has been attacked by other claimants.

Heavy rains kept Portland men away from the registration offices, but did not have any effect on the number of women registering.

Women students of the University of California will cut down the cost of learning by cutting out flowers, taxicabs and expensive decorations at social doings.

Japan declares she is keeping faith in the negotiations over the California alien laws, and wants to know why her last note on the subject has not been answered.

Eleven mayors of Western Washington cities met in Tacoma, "for no purpose," but they listened to speeches declaring there was need of more religion in politics.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Wheat—Track prices: Club, 88c; bluestem, 95c; forty-fold, 88c; red Russian, 87c; valley, 88c.

Corn—Whole, 33c; cracked, 33c ton. Barley—Feed, 23.50@24.50; brewing, 23.50; rolled, 23.00@27.

Hay—No. 1 Eastern Oregon timothy, \$16.50; mixed timothy, \$14.00; alfalfa, \$14; clover, \$9@10; valley grain hay, \$12@13.50.

Milkfeed—Bran, 32.50 per ton; shorts, 23.50; middlings, 23.00@30.

Vegetables—Cabbage, 2.00@2.10 per dozen; cauliflower, 75c @ 1.25 per dozen; cucumbers, 1.25@1.50; eggplant, 10@15c per pound; peppers, 10c; radishes, 35c dozen; head lettuce, 2.50 per crate; garlic, 12c @ 15 per pound; sprouts, 10c; artichokes, \$2 per dozen.

Green fruits—Apples, 75c @ 2.25 per box; cranberries, 12@12.50 per barrel; pears, \$1@1.50.

Onions—Oregon, 43.25@3.50 per sack; buying price, 43 per sack at shipping points.

Potatoes—Oregon, 80c @ \$1 per hundred; buying price, 60@90c at shipping points; sweet potatoes, \$2.50 per crate.

Eggs—Oregon fresh ranch, 32@34c dozen.

Poultry—Hens, 16c per pound; springs, 16c; turkeys, live, 20@21c; dressed, choice, 25@26c; ducks, 14@17c; geese, 12@14c.

Butter—Creamery prints, extras, 29 @30c pound; cubes, 27c.

Pork—Fancy, 10@10.5c per pound.

Veal—Fancy, 14@14.5c per pound.

Hops—1913 crop, prime and choice, 21@22c; 1914 contracts, 16c.

Hides—Salted hides, 12c per pound; salt kip, 13c; salted calf, 13c; green hides, 11c; dry hides, 23c; dry calf, 25c.

Wool—Valley, 14@15c; Eastern Oregon, 10@15c.

Mohair—1913 clip, 26c.

Cascade bark—Old and new, 5c.

Cattle—Prime steers, 7.25@7.75; choice, 7.75@8.25; medium, 6.75@7.25; cow, 5.25@6.50; medium, 4.50@5.25; heifers, 4.60@5.75; light calves, 3.80@4.90; heavy, 3.60@4.75; bulls, 4.60@5.75; stags, 3.60@4.75.

Hogs—Light, 7.25@8.10; heavy, 6.60@7.05.

Sheep—Wethers, 5.00@5.75; ewes, 4.50@4.75; lambs, 4.50@6.75.

Haitian President Flees When Rebel Shells Fly

Port Au Prince, Haiti.—The president of Haiti, Michel Oreste, fled from the capital Thursday and took refuge aboard the German cruiser Vineta, accompanied by his wife.

Fighting began in the city at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. An hour later the president left the palace under escort and was conveyed in a launch to the warship lying in the harbor. Almost immediately detachments of bluejackets were landed from the United States armored cruiser Montana and the Vineta.

Firing continued throughout the afternoon and it was evident that the revolutionary movement, which began in the north and spread to some of the southern towns, has gained sufficient strength in the capital to threaten not only the power, but the life of President Oreste.

The new congress, which met in extraordinary session, failed to take adequate measures to check the revolution. It had been conceded for a long time, however, the position of the executive was weak. Opposed to him were Senator Davila, Theodore, in command of the rebel troops at Cape Haitien, and General Bellard, both of whom have a strong following.

It was the intention of Oreste to abdicate several days ago, but later he declined to do so, hoping with the aid of congress to prevent the overthrow of his administration.

The arrival of the Montana and Vineta has relieved the situation here so far as foreign residents are concerned. The legations are now under guard.

American Farms Raise Stock Worth Billions

Washington, D. C.—Farm animals in the United States January 1 were valued at \$5,891,229,000, the Department of Agriculture announced. This was an increase of \$389,445,000, or 7.1 per cent over the value of animals on farms and ranges January 10 last year.

Horses numbered 20,962,000, an increase of 395,000 over last year; they were valued at \$109,32 a head, a decrease of \$1.45 and had a total value of \$2,291,638,000.

Mules numbered 4,449,000, an increase of 63,000; they were valued at \$123.85 a head, a decrease of 46 cents, and had a total value of \$551,017,000.

Milk cows numbered 20,737,000, an increase of 240,000; they were valued at \$52.94 a head, an increase of \$8.92, and had a total value of \$1,118,487,000.

Other cattle numbered 35,855,000, a decrease of 175,000; they were valued at \$31.13 a head, an increase of \$4.77, and had a total value of \$1,116,330,000.

Sheep numbered 40,719,000, a decrease of 1,763,000, were valued at \$4.04, an increase of 10 cents and had a total value of \$200,893,000.

Swine numbered 58,933,000, a decrease of 2,245,000; they were valued at \$10.46, an increase of 54 cents, and had a total value of \$612,951,000.

Goethals Greatly Pleased; Future Plans Outlined

Panama.—News of the signing by President Wilson of an executive order establishing a permanent government for the canal zone, with Colonel Goethals as governor, reached here and brought with it a general feeling of relief.

Colonel Goethals expressed pleasure when advised of the appointment, but declined to make comment in the absence of official notification.

It is believed in official circles here that the plan submitted by Colonel Goethals through the secretary of war has been followed. This would give the governor control of all features of the administration, the more important officials being either navy or army officers experienced in the work of the respective departments of which they will have charge.

Colonel Goethals is understood to have selected Captain Hugh Rodman, of the navy, as superintendent in charge of the operation and navigation of the canal, and Naval Constructor Daniel C. Nutting to be superintendent of all the construction shops at Balboa and elsewhere, succeeding Lieutenant-Colonel Tracey C. Dickson.

2000 in Collision Panic

New York.—Two thousand ferryboat passengers were badly shaken up Thursday night when, in the thick fog which held this city in its grip all day, the two municipal ferries Brooklyn and Manhattan collided. The boats lost parts of their superstructures, many of the passengers were thrown from their seats and slightly injured.

The presence of mind of the men passengers and the crew averted a panic. Late another ferryboat, the Scandinavia, collided with a Lackawanna railroad float. None of the 150 passengers was hurt, however.

State Short of Revenue

Providence, R. I.—Rhode Island has never experienced so great financial embarrassment as at present. Walter A. Read, state treasurer, asserted in his report to the legislature Thursday the state began the year with less than \$300 available cash in the treasury and unless some means of increasing the revenue is found, the year will end with a deficit of \$46,430.

The income for 1914 is estimated at less than \$2,000,000, whereas, in the treasurer's opinion, a dependable income of \$3,500,000 is required.

Jerusalem Gets Trolley

Jerusalem, Palestine.—A concession for the construction of a streetcar line running from Jerusalem to Bethlehem, and also for the lighting of Jerusalem by electricity has been granted by the Turkish government. The concession went to the French bank which recently supplied Turkey with the money to purchase the Brazilian dreadnought Rio Janiero.

Alabama Jap Sends Real Radish

Mobile, Ala.—S. Imora, a Japanese gardener here, sent to William Jennings Bryan, secretary of state, two radishes weighing 30 and 28 pounds respectively. His action was prompted by the report that a California farmer sent Secretary Bryan a radish weighing 12 pounds.

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At this point the speaker fell into ungovernable hysteria and exploded, rocking back and forth, slapping his thighs and hiccoughing with enjoyment. Willie followed him, as did Carara. Even Cloudy showed his teeth, and the two young people on the porch found themselves joining in from infection. It was patent that here lay some subtle humor sufficient to convince the Far Western nature beyond all reason; for Stover essayed bravely to check his laughter before gasping, finally:

"Gosh 'mighty! I never can get past that place. He! He! He! Whoohoo! That's sure ridic'ous, for fair." He wiped his eyes with the back of a sun-browned hand, and his frame was racked with barking coughs. "I know the whole blame thing by heart, but I can't recite it to you. I bog down right there. Seems like some folks is the darndest fools!"

"You see what the phonograph means to these gentlemen," said Miss Blake. "I think it's a crying shame that they were cheated out of it, don't you?"

Speed began to outline a plan hastily in his mind. "I assured them that you would win it back for them, and—"

"We sure hope you will," said Willie, earnestly. "Amen!" breathed the lanky foreman, his cheeks still wet from his tears of laughter, but his face drawn into lines of eagerness.

"Please! For my sake!" urged Helen, placing a gentle little hand upon her companion's arm.

Speed closed his eyes, so to speak, and leaped in the dark. "All right, I'll do it!"

"You-ee!" yelled Stover. "We know you would!" Willie was beaming benignantly through his glasses, while both Carara and Cloudy showed their heart-felt gratitude. "Thank you, Miss Blake. Now we'll show up that shavetail Centipede crowd for what it is."

"Wait!" Speed checked the outburst. "I'll consent upon conditions. I'll run, provided you can arrange the race for an unknown."

"What does that mean?" Helen asked. "It means that I don't want my name known in the matter. Instead of arranging for Mr. Whatever-the-Cook's-Name-Is to run a race with J. W. Speed, he must agree to compete against a representative of the Flying Heart ranch, name unknown."

"I don't think that is fair!" cried the girl. "I'm of the honor."

"Yes, but I'm an amateur. I'd lose my standing."

"That goes for us," said Stover. "We don't care what name you run under. We'll frame the race. Lordy! but this is a glorious event."

"We can't thank you enough," Willie piped. "You're a tr: sport, Mr. Speed, and we aim to see that you don't get the worst of it in no way. This here race is goin' to be on the square—you hear me talkin'. No double-cross this time." Unconsciously the speaker's hand strayed to the gun at his belt, while his smile was grim.

Speed started. "What day shall we set?" inquired Stover.

Willie rapidly calculated the date of Culver's arrival, and said: "A week from Sunday." Covington would soon be en route, and was due to arrive a few days thereafter.

"One week from Saturday goes," announced Stover, "and we thank you again." Turning to Carara, he directed: "Rope your buckskin, and hike for the Centipede. Tell 'em to unlimber their coin. I'll draw a month's wages in advance for every son-of-a-gun on the Flying Heart, and we'll arrange details tonight."

"Si," agreed Carara. "I go." "And don't waste no time neither," directed Willie. "You tear like a jackrabbit ahead of a hot wind."

Carara tossed his cigarette aside, and the sound of his spurs was lost around the corner of the house.

"This makes a boy of me," the last speaker continued. "I can hear the plaintiff notes of Madam-o-sella Melby once again."