

NEWS NOTES OF CURRENT WEEK

Resume of World's Important Events Told in Brief.

Carbajal, new president of Mexico, has freed all political prisoners.

A trolley car in Norfolk, Va., strikes a freight train, killing four persons.

Huerta's family arrived safely at Puerto Mexico, where they will embark for a foreign port.

The home of a Eugene, Or., boot-black, was mysteriously set on fire for the sixth time in one week.

The new president of Mexico, Carbajal, is to resign in favor of General Carranza, the constitutionalist leader.

After attending Secretary Lane's 50th birthday anniversary dinner, President Wilson became ill with indigestion.

Victor Berger, Socialist ex-congressman, declares equal wages for both sexes will practically solve the vice question.

Two sisters who were born joined together, back to back, were cut apart by a surgeon, in Paris. The operation was successful.

Mrs. Pankhurst, the London militant suffragette, was captured as an ambulance was about to take her to address a meeting.

Twelve Baker county, Or. farmers lynched an unidentified man who had attempted a criminal assault on an eight-year-old girl.

A sharp earthquake shock was felt at Valdez, Alaska. The shock was preceded by several lighter quakes. No damage has been reported.

Secretary Bryan, in a public statement, openly endorses woman suffrage, declaring he asks no political privilege he would not grant his wife.

A new record of grain arrivals in Chicago was set Tuesday with 2271 cars of grain, of which 1827 were wheat. There are approximately 1300 bushels to a car.

Electrolysis has destroyed a number of telephone cables at Oregon City, Or., and it is feared the same agency may render the suspension bridge cables in that city useless.

President Poincaré, of France, was welcomed on his arrival off Kronstadt with full naval honors by the emperor of Russia. The president was accompanied by Premier Viviani.

Bandits held up two auto stages in California and secured \$12,500 from the passengers, but missed \$300 which two women dropped to the floor of the tonneau when they were getting out.

Mount Lassen, in California, continues belching volcanic ashes and the atmosphere is strongly impregnated with sulphur fumes for many miles around.

An eight-foot thistle cut from city property was sent to a Portland city commissioner by a citizen who had been notified to cut the weeds on his property.

Georges Carpentier, the young French pugilist, got a decision over "Gunboat" Smith, America's heavy-weight, on a foul. The fight occurred in London.

The peace commissioners who will invite the constitutionalists to take possession of Mexico City, have left for the rebels' headquarters.

City Commissioner Brewster, of Portland, Or., after hearing a child's plea for her dog, which had been impounded, agreed to pay the \$4 fee for its release.

Two persons were killed, several others injured and scores of buildings damaged when a cyclone struck Henderson, Ky. It is estimated the damage will reach \$150,000.

The premature explosion of a 400-pound dynamite charge at Cucaracha slide, Panama, killed five workmen, four of them white, and severely injured one white man and 17 colored. The workmen were aboard the drill barge Teredo, which was wrecked and sank in the channel.

By a vote of 1,518,406 shares to 775, the stockholders of the New York Central railroad at a special meeting in Buffalo, N. Y., voted to approve the consolidation of the New York Central with the Lake Shore & Michigan Central and other allied lines. The favorable vote represented more than two-thirds of the capital stock of 2,225,000 shares.

Senator Walsh, of Montana, who recently investigated conditions at Butte, Mont., growing out of riots between regular and seceding members of the Western Federation of Miners, accepted the report recommending a merger with the United Brethren Church of America. This practically settles a ten-year agitation for a union of the two churches, which would affect about 500,000 persons. The United Protestant Church is the name which has been selected for the new organization.

The War department has just let a good, fat contract to a Chinese firm for construction of part of the army hospital at Fort Shafter, Hawaiian Islands. This is the first time on record that the United States government has let such a contract to a foreign firm, especially to Chinese, who are prohibited from competition with American labor in this country by the Chinese Exclusion law. In the present case the Chinese firm was the lowest bidder for the hospital at \$119,000.

President Orders Suit to Dissolve New Haven Road

Washington, D. C.—The long continued effort to untangle the New Haven railroad without litigation came to an end Tuesday night when President Wilson in a letter to Attorney General McReynolds directed the institution of a Sherman law suit to dissolve the system and ordered that the criminal aspects of the case be laid before a Federal grand jury.

The President's approval of the course mapped out by the department of Justice means that the civil suit will be filed against the New Haven in the United States court at New York at once. The attorney general also immediately will direct United States District Attorney Marshall at New York to summon a grand jury and the task of laying evidence before that body on which to ask for criminal indictments against officers and directors of the New Haven under the Mellen management will be begun as soon as possible.

T. W. Gregory, the special assistant in charge of the New Haven case, will have full charge of the civil suit and before the grand jury will be aided by F. M. Swacker, an expert from the Interstate Commerce commission, who has helped him in the preparation of the evidence. How many indictments will be sought was not divulged, but it was plainly indicated in correspondence made public that the attorney general expected to ask for a bill against Charles S. Mellen, ex-president of the New Haven.

The most significant fact in connection with the proceedings was said to be a statement which Mr. McReynolds gave over several months ago when the Interstate Commerce commission began its New Haven inquiry. In that statement the attorney general warned the commission to consider whether immunity might be given certain men if they were made to testify as to their actions as directors of the road.

Naked, Unarmed Man to Live 30 Days in Forest

Grants Pass, Or.—Joe Knowles entered the woods of Southern Oregon and Northern California Wednesday morning as the primitive man, on a test for 30 days or more to demonstrate that the resourcefulness of the man of the present day is sufficient to cope with nature and to prove that, unaided and unarmed, without any of the implements of modern times, he can wrest a living from the woods, and return to civilization dressed in clothes he has made in the woods, well fed and in good physical condition.

There was but little ceremony about the departure. It had been planned by the people of Grants Pass to give to the primitive man a party to the test for 30 days or more to demonstrate that the resourcefulness of the man of the present day is sufficient to cope with nature and to prove that, unaided and unarmed, without any of the implements of modern times, he can wrest a living from the woods, and return to civilization dressed in clothes he has made in the woods, well fed and in good physical condition.

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How Navylet Denmark Has Best Navy in World

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Denmark is said by its king to have the best and biggest navy in the world, as reported in a Chautauque lecture at the O. A. C. summer school by Dr. Thomas E. Green, vice president of the International Peace association. When asked where the navy is, the king replied that it is Denmark's dairy industry.

Denmark supplies the English home and soldier citizen with butter, cheese and other dairy products. Every week large vessels carry vast stores of dairy products from Copenhagen to English ports. If the British were deprived of this supply, many of them would suffer, and internal conditions of the government would not be pleasant. In order to insure the dairy supply Great Britain will neither attack Denmark herself nor permit other nations to do so. She would even go the length of using her immense navy, the best and biggest in the world, to defend Denmark from any attack whatsoever.

And in this sense, Denmark has for her support the world's greatest navy, although she does not own a single great battleship.

It is hardly necessary to add that Dr. Green thinks America's best defense is her food exports, without which most European nations would soon go to the wall.

Armed Intervention May Become Necessary in Haiti

Washington, D. C.—Armed intervention by the United States in Haiti was discussed by administration officials upon the receipt of dispatches from diplomatic agents saying great losses would be suffered in the island republic by the ravages of the revolution.

No active steps have been taken but the situation has advanced to a point where, under pressure from European powers, a movement of marines already mobilized at Guantanamo into Haiti, and perhaps the Dominican republic, was among the possibilities.

Minister Menos, of Haiti, called on President Wilson, ostensibly to present his credentials, but bringing official dispatches from his foreign office depicting intervention on the part of the United States, and representing that Haiti's credit was good, and that it had met its international obligations and that no foreigners had been harmed.

Youthful Shah Crowned

Teheran—The young shah of Persia, Ahmed Mirza, attained the age of 18 and was formally crowned Tuesday. The shah, seated on a bench throne, moved his head covering and placed the imperial crown on his head himself. He found it so large that he had to hold it in position. Immediately afterward the monarch took off the crown and reassumed his simpler head covering, which, however, was embellished with the famous Daria-I-Noor diamond, otherwise known as the Great Mogul. The diamond weighs over 200 carats.

Cossacks Subdue Riots

St. Petersburg—Serious strike disturbances broke out Tuesday in St. Petersburg, where 100,000 workers have laid down their tools as a protest against the drastic measures of the authorities at Baku and elsewhere against strikers. The strikers indulged in much stone-throwing and fired some revolver shots. Cossacks succeeded in clearing the streets without resort to bullets. Several of the strikers were hurt. Later strikers made a raid on the streetcars, driving out the occupants and overturning the vehicles.

Big Damage Done by Hail

Bottineau, N. D.—A hail storm, reported to have been from two to 10 miles wide, Tuesday swept from a point north of Antler, N. D., to Berwick, N. D., 100 miles southeast. It is said that 100,000 acres of grain was partially or wholly destroyed, the storm being the severest ever experienced in that district.

Worm Inquiries Begin

Harrisburg, Pa.—Federal government field agents began an investigation Wednesday into the ravages of the army worm in Pennsylvania. A new pest was reported from several crop-growing counties, it being the web worm, which attacks the interior of the stalks and is exceedingly destructive.

New Berry Record Made

Head River—A. M. Gooch, a West Side orchardist, has obtained record returns from his strawberry crop this year and heads the list for production among those shipping through the Apple Growers' association. From a five-acre tract, with berries planted between apple rows, Mr. Gooch shipped 1117 crates, receiving \$1500.

Much Work Planned On Columbia River Highway

St. Helens—Plans are now completed for the location of the section of the road that will be used as the Columbia Highway from Columbia City to Warren through St. Helens.

The route adopted by the Highway commission runs along the west side of the railroad track, but the commission agreed to hold the construction of this strip in abeyance for a few years and allow the county to improve the present road and build new stretches that may be used as the present highway and a connecting link between the two ends of the straight-way Portland-to-the-sea road west of the track.

The county engineer has planned this road from the underground crossing below Columbia City through Columbia City on the present road. But from where the old road turns to pass over the tracks just above Columbia City a new route is laid out on the river side of the railroad following the edge of the bluff overlooking the river and coming into St. Helens on Winter street, nearly a half mile nearer the river than the old road.

At the underground crossing below Columbia City, where this strip joins the Columbia Highway proper, a change of much importance is to be made. There is a deep gulch and the present road runs down this and around the two sides of the hill. The state contract will call for the filling of this ravine and the construction of the road parallel with and next to, the railroad track.

The contract under the bond issue for the south half of the Columbia Highway from Tide creek to the Multnomah county line, with the exception of the St. Helens strip, will be let soon. The state is also to hard-surface from the Multnomah county line north to Warren.

U. S. Will Help Oregon Forest Fire Fighters

Salem—State Forester Elliott has announced that the Federal government would co-operate this year with his department by appropriating \$10,000 for use in patrolling timber lands at the headwaters of navigable streams. The foresters said that the money would be used when the danger from fire appeared to be greatest. It will provide about 60 fire-fighters.

"I am pleased," said Mr. Elliott, "over appropriating \$25,000 for patrolling the forfeited land of the Oregon & California Railroad company. The bill has passed the senate and I understand the chances of its passing the house are good. Since the lands are in litigation they cannot be taxed for any purpose, but must be patrolled whether they contribute their share to the fire patrol fund or not. There are about 2,300,000 acres which are alternate sections."

Mr. Elliott said the various associations for fire patrol throughout the state were ready to do their part in fighting fires this summer. Reports from wardens from all sections, he said, indicated that the period of danger from fires had arrived, and that as complete a force as possible would be put to work at once.

Board Declares Standard Sixty Linn County Schools

Albany—Sixty schools of Linn county are now standardized. They have properly heated, lighted and ventilated school buildings; they have attractive schoolrooms; they display the flag above the schoolhouse; they have good drinking water and well-kept school grounds, regular spelling contests, and perform satisfactory school work generally; they keep library books and have all requirements as to attendance and reports.

The report shows that there are 8413 children of school age in Linn county, of whom 4317 are boys and 4096 are girls. The total number of pupils enrolled is 5643 and the average daily attendance during the year was 5283. Of the enrollment 2923 were boys and 2720 girls.

Despite the fact that there are more boys than girls in the schools, many more girls than boys completed the eighth grade. During the past year 208 eighth-grade diplomas were granted. Of this number 126 were received by girls and 82 boys. Six hundred and ninety-nine pupils are enrolled above the eighth grade, 373 of these being girls and 326 boys.

Factory Sites Given Free to Locators in Marshfield

Marshfield—Parties looking for factory sites will soon be offered free ground by the citizens of Marshfield, who, through the chamber of commerce, have arranged for the purchase of 162 acres of Isthmus inlet, where there will be half a mile of waterfront available. This section lost a number of enterprises because of lack of available, cheap land on which to erect plants. The land not available for factories will be apportioned among the stockholders in acre tracts. The investment means an outlay of \$28,000.

Streetcar Line Talked

Baker—Promoters here are busy with a proposal to build a streetcar system in Baker and to Eagle valley, a rich farming community, 45 miles out of this city in the northeastern part of the county.

Joseph Kries, of Portland, conferred with prominent men here relative to forming a company to back the scheme. Mr. Kries is said to have among his backers John B. Yeon, and others connected with the Eagle River Electric company. The farmers have already been sounded on the proposal, and have welcomed it heartily.

Prominent bankers and other leading citizens of Baker who have conferred with Mr. Kries were inclined to regard the project as feasible and the backing to be sound.

Ducks Find Placer Gold

Eugene—Gold nuggets, found in the gizzards of ducks, prompted a search that has resulted in the finding of a placer gold deposit on the farm of W. C. Inman, janitor at the Lane County courthouse. The place is 13 miles west of Eugene. The ducks were traced to a small creek, and here other nuggets were found in the sand. A quantity of the sand, taken up with a postpauer, was panned and a teaspoonful of gold recovered. Prospectors are searching for the ledge from which the placer deposits have come.

Higher Court Gives Ruling

Salem—In an opinion by Justice Moore, the Supreme court held that the \$1,250,000 bond issue of Multnomah county for building an approach to a bridge across the Columbia river to Vancouver, Wash., is valid. T. N. Stoppenbach, a taxpayer of the county, sued to enjoin the issuance of the bonds, which had been voted by the people. The Circuit court sustained a demurrer to the complaint on the ground that it did not state facts sufficient to authorize equitable intervention. The court upheld that decision.

Road to Make Refunds

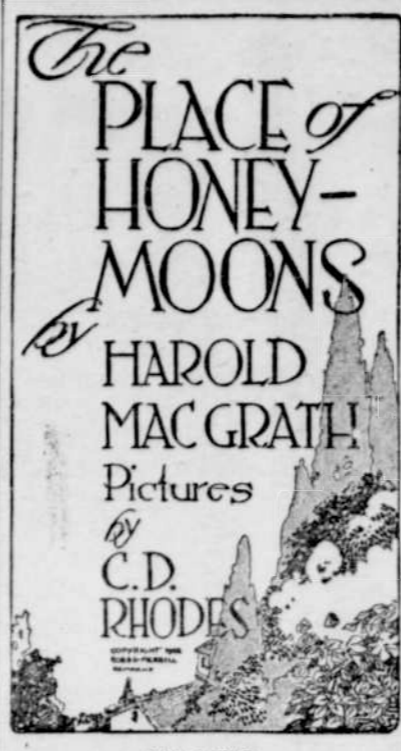
Salem—Permission was given the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad by the State Railroad commission to refund excess collections for passenger service between Lakeview and Wendell since October 1 last. The old rate was 55 cents. The station at Lakeview was moved five miles nearer Wendell October 1 and the fare between the points since then should have been 35 cents, but the old fare was charged. Just how the railroad will find all persons overcharged was not explained.

New Reservoir in Plan

Hermiston—A new irrigation reservoir that will impound 10,000 acre-feet, or 10,000 acres of water one foot deep, will be built by the Western Land & Navigation company to supply more water for its lands south and west of Hermiston. This company now supplies water for 15,000 acres during the spring and early summer months, and the reservoir is to be built to furnish water for July and August.

Warehouse Dock Site Bought

Astoria—George W. Sanborn purchased from the Kamm estate, of Portland, a tract of 110 feet of waterfront adjoining the Sanborn wharf and located between Eighth and Ninth streets.



CHAPTER V—Continued. "No, none at all, monsieur," quickly and decidedly. "In my opinion, then, the whole affair is a hoax, perpetrated to vex and annoy you. The old man who employed the chauffeur may not have been old. I have looked upon all sides of the affair, and it begins to look like a practical joke, mademoiselle."

"Ah!" angrily. "And am I to have no revenge? Think of the misery I have gone through, the suspense! My voice is gone. I shall not be able to sing again for months. Is it your suggestion that I drop the investigation?"

"Yes, mademoiselle, for it does not look as if we could get anywhere with it. If you insist, I will hold Monsieur Courtlandt; but I warn you the magistrate would not hesitate to dismiss the case instantly. Monsieur Courtlandt arrived in Marseilles Thursday morning; he reached Paris Friday morning. Since arriving in Paris he has fully accounted for his time. It is impossible that he could have arranged for the abduction. Still, if you say, I can hold him for entering your apartment."

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mouth was both kindly and humorous. One knew, from the tint of his blue eyes and the quirk of his lips, that when he spoke there would be a bit of brogue. He was James Harrigan, one time celebrated in the ring for his gameness, his squareness, his endurance; "Battling Jimmie" Harrigan, who, when he encountered his first knockout, retired from the ring. He had to his credit sixty-one battles, of which he had easily won forty. He had been outpointed in some and had broken even in others; but only once had he been "rallied into dreamland," to use the parlance of the game. That was enough. He understood. Youth would be served, and he was no longer young. He had, unlike the many in his peculiar service, lived cleanly and with wisdom and foresight; he had saved both his money and his health. Today when he was at peace with the world, with three sound appetites the day and the wherewithal to gratify them.

Today "Battling Jimmie" was forgotten by the public, and he was happy in the seclusion of this forgetfulness. A new and strange career had opened up before him; he was the father of the most beautiful prima donna in the operatic world, and difficult as the task was, he did his best to live up to it. It was hard not to offer to shake hands when he was presented to a princess or a duchess; it was hard to remember when to change the studs in his shirt; and a white cravat was the terror of his nights, for his fingers, broad and stubby and powerful, had not been trained to the delicate task of tying a bowknot. By a judicious blow in that spot where the ribs divaricate he could right well tie his adversary into a bowknot, but this string of white lawn was a most damnable thing. Still, the putting of the two women, their daily concern over his department, was bringing him into conformity with social usages. One thing he rebelled against openly, and with such firmness that the women did not press him too strongly for fear of a general revolt. On no occasion, however impressive, would he wear a silk hat. Christmas and birthdays invariably called forth the gift of a silk hat, for the women trusted that they could overcome resistance by persistence. He never said anything, but it was noticed that the hotel porter, or the gardener, or whatever masculine head (save his own) was available, came forth resplendent on feast days and Sundays.

Leaning back in an iron chair, with his shoulders resting against the oak, was the Barone, altogether a different type. He was frowning over the pages of Bago's Italian Lakes, and he wasn't making much headway. He was Italian to the core, for all that he aped the English style and manner. He could speak the tongue with fluency, but he stumbled and faltered miserably over the soundless type. His clothes had the Piccadilly cut, and his mustache, erstwhile waxed and militant, was cropped at the corners, thoroughly insular. He was thirty, and undeniably handsome.

Near the fountain, on the green, was a third man. He was in the act of folding up an easel and a camp-stool. From a window in the villa came a voice; only a lilt of a melody, no words, half a dozen bars from Martha; but every delightful note went deep into the three masculine hearts. Harrigan smiled and patted the dog. The Italian scowled at the vegetable garden directly below. The artist scowled at the Italian.

"Fritz, Fritz, Fritz!" The dog struggled in Harrigan's hands and tore himself loose. He went clattering over the path toward the villa and disappeared into the doorway. Nothing could keep him when that voice called. He was as ardent a lover as any, and far more favored. "Oh, you funny little dog! You merry little dachel! Fritz, mustn't let go!" Silence.

The artist knew that she was cuddling the puppy to her heart, and his own grew twisted. He stooped over his materials again and tied the box to the easel and the stool, and shifted them under his arm.

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The artist took the path that led around the villa and thence down by many steps to the village by the water-side, to the cream-tinted cluster of shops and enormous hotels.

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"All right, Abbott," Harrigan waved his hand pleasantly. He was becoming so used to the varying statements that Abbott would be up after dinner, that his reply was by now purely mechanical. "She's getting her voice back all right; eh?"

"Beautifully! But I really don't think she ought to sing at the Haines' villa Sunday."

"One song won't hurt her. She's made up her mind to sing. There's nothing for us to do but to sit tight."

The artist took the path that led around the