

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

The Federal baseball league has quit. Seized "opium" valued \$450,000 at San Francisco, proves to be bogus goods.

The French make considerable gain at Hartmann-Weilerkopf, and capture 1200 Germans.

Canada will raise a total of 250,000 men for England; 135,000 have already gone overseas.

It is estimated that the Federal government will lose \$250,000 in revenue when Oregon goes dry.

Eighty-five thousand pupils of the Chicago schools are absent because of an epidemic of influenza.

The barkentine S. N. Castle is in distress off the coast of Washington, with six feet of water in her hold.

According to a dispatch an Austrian submarine has been captured by two torpedo boats, presumably Italian.

Nine Portland lawyers win a damage suit for \$10 started by a woman over possession of a hen and eleven chicks.

A large number of cannon hidden by the Serbs in their flight from Austria-Hungary, have been recovered by the latter.

Voluntary retirement of the British in Gallipoli is denied by the Turks, who claim the English were defeated by their troops.

The Washington board of parole are withholding the freedom of paroled convicts until after January 1st, when the state goes dry.

Fifteen hundred men working on the Alaska railroad are icebound and will be compelled to live through the winter on canned goods.

Members of the Ford peace party are reported experiencing an epidemic of grippe, Mr. Ford himself being unable to appear at a meeting in Christiania.

The Roach Timber company of Muscatine, Ia., has raised \$300,000 by trust deed and will build a logging railroad to its holdings near Sutherland, Ore.

Twenty-six food dealers of Washington, D. C., charged with raising prices on staples during the first few months of the war, pleaded guilty and were fined \$25 each.

A Central News dispatch from Amsterdam says that Count Zeppelin, builder of dirigibles, has been elected a member of the first chamber of Wuertemberg.

The movement for an increase of taxation by the German states has begun with Baden, where the Diet has just passed a bill increasing the income tax 20 per cent on incomes above 2400 marks.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, the famous actress, is reported dying in Paris.

Great Britain now demands enlistment of her eligibles to full strength.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, gave considerable evidence before the grand jury investigating the activities of the Labor's National Peace Council in fomenting strikes of employes in munition plants.

According to figures announced in London the number of casualties in Prussia, Saxony, Bavaria and Wurttemberg up to November 30 was 2,524,460. Of this number 484,228 men were killed or died of their wounds, 354,198 were severely wounded, 27,674 died of disease and 381,149 were missing. Naval casualties were not included in these figures.

The Northern hemisphere produced in 1915 3,590,000,000 bushels of wheat, an increase of 19.4 per cent.

An Athens dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company says that a British submarine has sunk the German steamer Lerma and other craft in the Sea of Marmora.

The nitro-glycerin plant of the Aetna Powder company at Fayetteville, Ill., was blown up when 8000 pounds of nitro-glycerin exploded. The explosion was due to chemical reaction.

One woman is killed in Klamath county, Oregon, and one man wounded in a feud over ownership of a piece of property.

It is announced from Teheran, that the Russians have occupied the town of Kum, 80 miles southwest of Teheran, after a great battle. The opposing force was completely defeated.

The National Tidende, of Copenhagen, prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupp works outside Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by British airmen.

Russians capture Bulgaria's chief seaport at Varna on the Black Sea. The city lies in ruins.

The attorney general of Illinois demands a grand jury investigation of the death of the deformed child in a Chicago hospital, which was permitted to die when a simple operation might have saved his life.

The European nose fly, which attacks horses and cattle alike, has been found to interfere seriously with farm operations in the West. The department of agriculture is planning to stamp out the pest if possible.

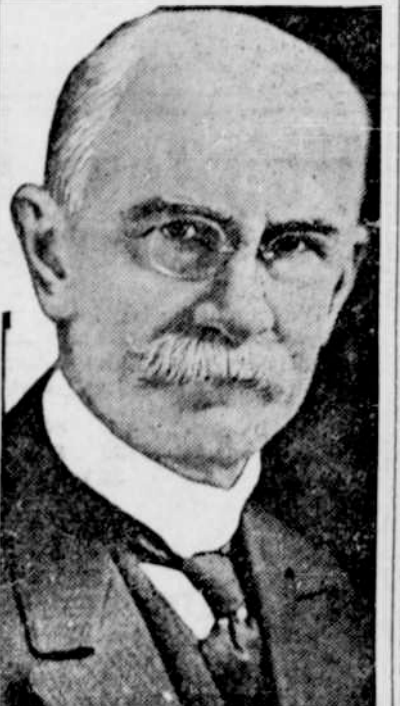
ALL RAILROAD TRAFFIC RECORDS BROKEN FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER

Chicago—All records in the history of railroad traffic were broken in October, when the flood of export shipments for Europe, coupled with the unusual peak of Autumn activity, gross revenues of United States railroads were carried to a total of more than \$313,000,000.

Simultaneously, for the first time in almost two years, expenses recorded an increase over the year before. These are features of figures for the month compiled for roads which operated mileage of more than 256,000 miles, omitting the smaller roads.

October, 1912, the previous record month, reported a total of about \$306,000,000. The old record thus is beaten by about \$7,000,000. Striking as this October gross seems against the poor earnings of recent years, it is

SENATOR CHARLES S. THOMAS



Senator Charles S. Thomas of Colorado, chairman of the senate committee on woman suffrage, pacified the suffragists by providing for a hearing before the committee on the Susan B. Anthony amendment removing from the ballot the qualification of sex.

noteworthy that the growth in three years since October, 1912, was only slightly more than 2 per cent.

Since then about 7500 miles of operational mileage have been added. Normal growth in traffic, with which single exceptional months cannot wholly be compared, is considered about 8 per cent a year.

Abnormal conditions in expenses, which left in September a record-breaking net revenue, continued in October, and another new high point for net was set at nearly \$120,000,000, over \$7,000,000 above September's record.

Hardwood Lumber Yard Burns At Portland With Great Loss

Damage of probably \$100,000 to \$150,000 was caused to the plant of the Emerson Hardwood company, at Twentieth and North Front streets, Portland, at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The fire broke out in a dry kiln at 12:05 o'clock. One block of the yards burned.

It was estimated that 200,000 feet of hardwood lumber had been destroyed. It was valued at \$50 to \$150 a thousand feet, according to the grades of wood.

The plant was located in North Portland between the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Eastern & Western Lumber company, on the waterfront.

The Eastern & Western plant was not in any danger, but the firemen began playing water on the iron works.

The Northern Pacific owl train, leaving Portland at 12:30 o'clock, was halted by the fire.

The fire was most spectacular, being visible through the mist from nearly every part of the city.

Estate Goes to Charity.

New York—Mrs. Laura S. Rockefeller, wife of John D. Rockefeller, who died last March, left an estate valued at \$1,490,471, according to the appraisal filed in the Surrogate's court.

The bulk of the estate, as announced when the will was probated, goes to charitable and educational institutions.

Mrs. Rockefeller's wedding ring, which she bequeathed to her son, is appraised at \$3. Her most valuable piece of jewelry, a diamond watch chain, valued at \$12,000, goes to her daughter, Mrs. Edith McCormick.

Germany Draws Tighter.

The Hague—Americans and other neutrals are further restricted from entering Germany under new regulations issued by the German foreign office. To obtain a visa of his passport, the holder will be compelled to proceed personally to the German diplomatic or consular office and provide two photographs for filing, similar to that affixed to the passport, and also show birth or naturalization certificate. The holder of the passport must prove the urgency of his journey, and submit his business papers.

War Airmen Not Citizens.

Washington, D. C.—State department officials have indicated that no action would be taken on demands for the internment of Elliott Cowdin, Norman Prince and William Thaw, three Americans now home on furlough from the French army. The department probably will take the position that when the three men joined the army of a foreign power they renounced their American citizenship and entered this country as soldiers unarmed.

Edison Offers Plans.

New York—Thomas A. Edison, at a recent meeting of the naval consulting board at the Brooklyn navy yard, offered to furnish the board with plans and specifications for a laboratory of physical research to cost \$1,400,000, to be used in the development of naval inventions.

LA GRIPPE EPIDEMIC COSTS MANY LIVES

Death Rate in Philadelphia is Alarming Large.

EXTREMES OF YOUTH AND OLD AGE HIT

Health Officers Warn Public to Keep Away From Crowded Places—Many Industries Crippled.

Philadelphia—The death rate from the epidemic of la grippe now sweeping the state has been so high that Samuel G. Dixon, state health commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg Saturday calling attention to the seriousness of the situation and cautioning the public that if the disease is to be avoided "sacrifices must be made."

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the grippe may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city 650 burial permits were issued during the first three days of the week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to la grippe. This is more than double the ordinary death rate. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with this disease, which has been particularly fatal to the very old and very young.

Attendance at all the public schools has been greatly reduced, and in several sections of the state schools and colleges have been forced to close.

Factories, department stores and other business houses have also been affected by the epidemic, and in many instances the number of employes obliged to remain at home had been so great as to curtail operations seriously. Hundreds of firemen and policemen are confined to their homes with the disease, while Philadelphia's rapid transit company reports 400 of its employes on the sick list.

Reports from Camden, N. J., are to the effect that there are at least 1000 cases in that city.

60,000 Are Ill in Chicago.

Chicago—Chicago doctors are working at high speed, many of them making more than 50 calls a day.

Chicago business is battling against the handicap of disablement of many employes and lack of full efficiency of many other thousands.

All this is due to la grippe, or to be more accurate, to relatives of the old-fashioned grip.

Although the epidemic is the most serious since 1891, it is remarkable because in no culture yet examined by the health department has the organism of true la grippe been found.

Isolation of every victim of the epidemic—forcible isolation by employes, if necessary, of every employe who attempts to work while suffering from the grip—is urged by Dr. Karl Meyer, superintendent of the Cook county hospital. He said:

"I believe there are at least 60,000 persons seriously ill with la grippe in Chicago. We have from 40 to 50 cases that come to the county hospital every day. Because of the contagious nature of the disease, we attempt to take in only the most serious cases. The others simply receive first treatment."

From 38 to 45 out of 400 nurse here are ill with la grippe. That indicates about the proportion of victims all over town. Many doctors have been or are ill.

The epidemic is particularly dangerous because it might be followed by pneumonia or head infections. If the victim does not thoroughly conquer the germ he may become subject to chronic catarrh."

Henry is City Attorney.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Francis J. Henry, who prosecuted the San Francisco graft cases several years ago, has accepted the position of City attorney of Santa Monica, tendered him by the newly elected commissioners. His salary has not been decided on. Mr. Henry has made his residence here for several months. In taking the position Mr. Henry agreed to devote five and a half hours each day to the city. He said that he accepted the offer because he desired to see what could be done with commission government.

American Airmen Home.

New York—William Thaw, Norman Prince and Elliott C. Cowdin, American aviators who have been serving with the French army since the war began, arrived here on the steamship Rotterdam on leave of absence for Christmas. They said that approximately 47 per cent of the aviators who have heretofore enlisted have been lost either through death or by capture or through wounds.

As fast as the men drop out, however, there are many eager to take their places.

Balloon Given to Militia.

New York—A large balloon for use of the signal corps or the coast artillery of the National Guard of New York, and courses of instruction in aviation for members of the militia of New Jersey, was being contributed to the National aeroplane fund. The balloon was contributed by Robert Glendending, a member of the Aero Club, and the offer to train four members of the militia comes from John F. Sloane, an aeroplane manufacturer.

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NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

Field Crop and Seed Growers' Conference to Be Held

Corvallis—One of the most important meetings during Farmers' Week, January 3 to 8, 1916, will be that of the Oregon Field Crop and Seed Growers' association. This association was organized last year. Its object, on the one hand, is to bring together all of those growers in the state who are producing seed crops, such as clover seed, vetch seed, alfalfa seed, potato seed, corn, grains, etc., and, on the other hand, to effect a general organization of those farmers particularly interested in field crop production and allied subjects. The specialized agricultural pursuits, such as that of the fruit grower, the dairyman, or the live stock breeder, all have their state organizations. As a matter of fact, organization of these, because of the limited number of men concerned and the highly specialized interests involved, is a natural procedure. The great mass of farmers of the state, however, are not specializing in live stock production or dairying or fruit growing but are devoted chiefly to the production of field crops.

The chief agricultural wealth of the state is produced by these crop growers. It is highly important that they should have an organization which will bring them together and promote their interests.

It is hoped the Field Crop and Seed Growers' association will become one of the largest and strongest associations in the state as the years advance.

All farmers interested should drop a line to the secretary of the association at Corvallis and secure information regarding it. The meetings of the association will occur on Wednesday and Thursday (January 5 and 6) during Farmers' Week, Thursday being devoted especially to the interests of the potato growers. Prominent seed and crop breeders and growers and seed buyers and dealers from Oregon, Washington and California are on the program for these meetings.

Thousands of Girls Are Taking Domestic Science and Art

Salem—It is impossible to tell what lines of work our school boys will pursue when they grow up; but it is pretty safe to predict that most of the girls will become housekeepers," said Superintendent of Public Instruction J. A. Churchill, of Oregon, in speaking of the vocational courses offered in the high schools. Mr. Churchill continued saying that 7194 girls are now learning cooking and sewing in the public schools of the state. Of this number, 3840 are in the high schools and 3354 are in the grades. If one may judge by the number of students enrolled in the two courses, cooking is not quite so popular as sewing, there being 3214 girls taking Domestic Science, and 3980 taking Domestic Art. The total value of the equipment for teaching the former course, consisting of stoves, cooking utensils, dishes, etc., amounts to \$24,916, while the equipment for the latter, including sewing machines, tables, etc., amounts to \$14,950. Nearly all of the teachers employed in these courses are graduates of the Oregon Agricultural College. Mr. Churchill states that Domestic Science is being offered in 19 standard high schools, and Domestic Art in 73.

Siuslaw Valley Gets Big Shingle Mill

Eugene—A shingle mill on the Siuslaw river to employ 20 men at full capacity has been announced by L. C. Reynolds, formerly of Coos Bay. Construction on the plant will be commenced as soon as a location can be selected and two are under consideration, one on an old mill site a mile west of Florence and the other at Cushman, the most western point on the new railroad.

Mr. Reynolds has a body of timber on the Siuslaw, it is said, which will be handled. His machinery is now located on Coos Bay. The plant will cost approximately \$10,000. His location will allow him to ship both by water and rail.

A delegation of Siuslaw business men is expected in Eugene at the annual taxpayers' meeting to lobby for the construction of more than \$17,000 worth of road on the Siuslaw river.

Liquor Patrons Stock Up.

Marshfield—As January 1 approaches the determination of Marshfield liquor dealers to rid themselves of stock is noticeable in countless advertisements appearing in the local newspapers. One firm is running half-page advertisements. Another firm, the National Bottling Works, reports heavy business in "futures," in barrels of bottled beer and general sales in bonded goods. District Attorney Liljeqvist has announced he will be looking about January 1 for infractions of the liquor law and expects to prosecute vigorously.

Wool Growers Disperse.

Baker—Voicing their appreciation of the educational work done here in the sheepmen's meetings, Baker and Grant county growers tendered a vote of thanks at the final meeting Saturday to W. T. Ritch, sheep expert and lecturer, and to Oran M. Nelson and W. E. Reynolds, representing Oregon Agricultural College, under the auspices of which institution the meetings have been held. In his address Mr. Ritch spoke highly of co-operation in wool selling, but advised a thorough investigation of the field.

Robins Visit Hood River.

Hood River—Hundreds of Alaskan robins are now making their winter home in the Hood River valley. The birds, while similar to the robin that nests here in the summer and seeks a warmer clime further south at the close of fall, are duller in color.

Orchardists welcome these winter guests, for the birds clean up any fruit left in the orchards to harbor possible disease pests. The robins also feed on insects and seeds of troublesome weeds.

LOVE in a HURRY

By GELETT BURGESS ILLUSTRATED BY RAY WALTERS

CHAPTER XIV—Continued.

"Hurry, Mr. Doremus, hurry!" Flodie was growing frantic. She pointed to the clock. It indicated twenty-eight minutes past twelve.

Hall, however, was in no haste. "Oh, I know, Jonas; but you see, Flodie, I have decided to lose no more time. I can give her away, if you want to." He sat down, laughing at his cousin's consternation.

"But it's past twelve!" Jonas insisted, pointing to the clock.

"Oh, I know that! That proves it's a love match, doesn't it?"

"Come here, Hall, and stand up by me! Anyone would think you didn't want to get married!" Flodie called nervously.

By this time the company had begun to enter, and was flooded the studio, laughing, wondering, joking with Hall.

"Go ahead!" cried Flodie. "We're ready, Mr. Doremus, quick!" She stamped her foot angrily.

"Oh, wait a minute," Hall interposed. "We want this thing arranged a little. It won't do to rush it." He turned to his guests. "Ladies and gentlemen," he began, when Jonas broke in again.

"See here, I object to this!" He walked up to Mr. Doremus angrily.

Mr. Doremus, however, had already begun to thunder out, "Hall Bonistelle, do you take this woman, Flodie Fisher, to be your wedded wife?"

"Just wait a minute!" cried Jonas, looking at his watch.

"We're off!" came in a chorus from the excited guests.

"I do!" replied Hall. "See here, Jonas, you mustn't interrupt the game; you know. Sit down and be quiet!"

"But I got something to say about it—"

"Flodie Fisher do you take—be quiet, Mr. Hassingbury, I'm running this—"

"It's a scheme! It's a fraud!" Jonas appealed wildly to the company.

"—this man to be your lawful wedded husband?"

"Oh, you old scamp, you've sold me out!" Jonas shook his fist at the bride.

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"Not at all."

"And you haven't any former wives, have you, living or dead?"

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"And you haven't any former wives, have you, living or dead?"

"Not one!" Hall was emphatic.

"Then it's a perfectly good license, and it fits you and there's your name and everything, and mine, too. You don't mind, do you, Hall, dear?" Flodie began to blush violently, and was very confused. "You see, I kind of thought you were going to ask me, I sort of felt it coming, and I knew you'd be too stupid to get one yourself!"

"Flodie Fisher—Bonistelle!" he exclaimed enthusiastically.

Hall, laughing, slapped him on the back. "Sure, Alfred! You can be the chief mourner, Alfred—that is, if this license is all right. Let's call in Mr. Doremus; he'll tell us." He started for the door, but Flodie had already beckoned to the attorney, who now came in with her.

"Well, we're going to have a ceremony, after all!" said Hall. "I'm going to take you at your word and let you marry me."

Flodie interrupted his reply. "What is the shortest possible way you can do it and have it legal, Mr. Doremus?" she asked, nudging him anxiously.

"Oh, I'll fix that," said the lawyer. "It won't take two minutes."

"What's gone on?" came a harsh voice at the door. Jonas Hassingbury was looking in.

"Come in, Jonas, come in and be among those present." It's my merry marriage morn!" cried Hall gaily.

Flodie whispered to Alfred. "Run, Alfred, bring everybody in, quick!"

Alfred disappeared into the office and could be heard announcing the invitation.

Jonas, however, had begun to bristle. He strode up to his cousin belligerently. "Why, it ain't no use to get married now, Hall, you know that! Don't be foolish!"

Alfred drew from his pocket the document.

Flodie bent over it. "You see, Alfred had to pretend he was you, that's all. He's the same color, you know—"

Hall looked up at Alfred, and smiled.

"Well, I mean he's white," Flodie explained anxiously.

"Yes, he certainly is rather white," Hall remarked and turned again to look at the document.

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