

NEWS ITEMS

Of General Interest

About Oregon

Cattle Losses Prove Small; Outlook for Livestock Good

Baker.—After hearing rosy reports on present conditions and the future of the livestock industry in the northwest, the third annual convention of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association began movements for the further betterment of the business. Two hundred and fifty members, one-half of the total enrollment, had registered and more are expected, so that attendance records are likely to be broken. The city is decorated and everyone is vying to entertain the visitors from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada and other states.

Mayor C. L. Palmer, Secretary W. E. Meacham, of the Baker commercial club, and Circuit Judge Anderson greeted the members to Baker, and Walter E. Pierce, of La Grande, responded.

President William Pollman, in his annual address, said that in spite of the severe winter the cattle losses in the state for the year would be little more than normal. He predicted record prices for grass-fed cattle next fall. T. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the American livestock association, urged brand legislation to stop cattle thefts in shipments to the east.

The resolution to recommend to the State Sanitary board that no further brands be granted if the brand was built on another brand and on the same part of an animal, was adopted. A modified county inspection law permitting cattle to pass from one county to another by way of a brand on brand certificate, was also adopted.

Sugar Officials Visit New Field.

Sutherland.—George Austin, chief agriculturist for the Utah-Idaho Sugar company, and George S. Smith, purchasing agent for the Utah company, were visitors in Sutherland valley this week with Alexander Nibley, secretary agriculturist for the Oregon-Utah company, and E. H. Austin, of Grants Pass, chief agriculturist for the Oregon company.

The officials were driven over the sugar beet land of this section to investigate the desirability of establishing a sugar factory here next year. Six hundred acres have been contracted for the growing of beets near Sutherland this year and the greater part of the land has been planted. It is the intention of the Sutherland land owners to contract from 3000 to 4000 acres to beet culture next year.

Mill Takes On 50 Men.

Klamath Falls.—An increase in the payroll of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, of this city, is to be made. The big mill is to be operated 20 hours a day. This will increase the daily cut to 300,000 feet of lumber and necessitate the employment of 50 more men.

President H. D. Mortensen, of the Pelican Bay company, made the announcement. If the new municipal highway, connecting Klamath Falls with Shingletown, the important center on Upper Klamath lake, where the Pelican mill is located, is favorably voted upon at the regular city election Monday, and built, employees of that and other mills in the neighborhood can reside in the city and work at the mills.

Big Mill Contract Awarded.

Oregon City.—The Hawley Pulp & Paper company has awarded the contract to the Grace & Rasmussen company, of Portland, the contract for the erection of the generating plant and pulp mill, one of the five buildings that constitute the \$750,000 extension now being made.

The pulp mill and generating plant will be located on the brink of the falls, near station A. It will be a concrete structure. The new paper mill will be electrically driven and the \$128,000 paper machine which will be installed will be the only electrically driven machine of its kind on the Pacific coast.

Fruit Outlook Good.

Hood River.—Prospects for record yields of all varieties of fruits were never better in the Hood River valley. "I have examined cherries, peaches and apricots," says E. H. Shepard, editor of "Better Fruit," "and so far as I could discover not the least damage has been caused by the frost or cold rains. When apricots and peaches were injured you may be sure that no other fruit has been hurt."

The profit from the year's strawberry crop, now estimated at about 175 carloads, should set a high water mark. The 1914 crop is estimated at from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000, the largest in the community's history.

Phone Rate Increases Are Asked.

Salem.—With the merging of the Coos & Curry Telephone company and the Coquille Valley Telephone company, under the former name, the consolidated system has filed application with the Public Service commission for authority to make increases in rates for service for all the territory covered by its lines. The commission will investigate the conditions existing before passing upon the application. The company operates in Marshfield, Coquille, Myrtle Point and intervening territory.

Aliens on Job Protested.

Bar View.—Work has been started on the county road that was washed out by the high tides last fall. The single contractor's bid of \$8000 was rejected, and the county is pushing the work by day labor. The county engineer's estimate of the cost is \$5000. The employment by the county of a foreigner, and importation of aliens to do the work has aroused a race sentiment, and a petition is being circulated along the beach demonstrating against such a policy.

Big Timber Deal Is Made.

Baker.—One of the biggest timber deals closed within recent years in eastern Oregon was made known Wednesday by Frank Gardner, of the Baker White Pine Lumber company, when he announced the purchase by that corporation of approximately 20,000 acres of timber land in Baker and Grant counties, principally in the vicinity of Whitney. A large portion of the timber is along Trout and China creeks.

PRESIDENT WILSON ACCEPTS BERLIN'S REPLY TO SUBMARINE ULTIMATUM

Washington, D. C.—A note cabled by Secretary Lansing to Ambassador Gerard Tuesday for delivery to the Berlin foreign office informs the German government that the United States accepts its "declaration of abandonment" of its former submarine policy and now relies upon a scrupulous execution of the altered policy to remove the principal danger of an interruption of the good relations existing between the two countries.

With this acceptance is coupled formal notice to Germany that the United States cannot for a moment entertain, much less discuss, a suggestion that respect by German naval authorities of the rights of citizens of the United States on the high seas should in the slightest degree be made contingent upon the conduct of any other government affecting the rights of neutrals and noncombatants.

Funston to Send Troops on Trail of Mexican Border Outlaws

Washington, D. C.—Administration officials are still hopeful that effective co-operation between American and Mexican troops to exterminate the band of Mexican outlaws, which raided Glenn Springs, Tex., last Friday night will result from the conference at El Paso between Generals Scott and Obregon. In the meantime both at the War and State departments, it was stated officially that General Funston has full authority to send his troops across the border on any hot trail.

Secretary Baker conferred with President Wilson Tuesday evening, but he said later there had been no developments in the situation. He declined to discuss what steps had been taken by General Funston of what recommendations he had made.

Officials would not comment on border advices saying General Funston had repeatedly urged that his forces be strengthened. The question of calling out a portion of the National guard is not under immediate consideration, however, and as the only means of adding materially to the border guard would be to employ coast artillery troops as infantry for that purpose, there is nothing to indicate that General Funston's force is to be increased.

Senator Borah issued a statement urging that additional troops be ordered to the border, and that any man or party in Mexico which sought to embarrass the task of protecting American interests be treated as an enemy of the country.

German Consul Indicted for Procuring False Passports

New York.—Carl A. Luderitz, German consul at Baltimore, Md., was indicted by the Federal grand jury here Tuesday, charged with procuring a false passport for Horst von der Goltz, confessed spy. Another indictment was handed down charging Wolfe von Igel, former secretary of Captain Franz von Papen, recalled German military attaché, Dr. Walter D. Schelle, already indicted in the alleged "fire bomb" plot, and Gustave Steinberg, alleged aide of Franz von Rintelen, German agent, with conspiring to falsify a ship's manifest in sending a cargo of lubricating oil to Germany.

The indictment against Luderitz charges that he obtained a passport for Von der Goltz in the name of Bridgeman W. Taylor from the Secretary of State at Washington on August 24, 1914, and that on October 2 of the same year the passport was used by the Italian consul general here.

Wilson Shares Peanuts.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson went to the circus Tuesday. Seated in the front row, and sharing a bag of peanuts with Secretary McAdoo, he apparently lost nothing of the holiday spirit of the occasion. A group of clowns found a particularly appreciative spectator in the President, who many times laughed heartily. When the party entered the big tent the crowd rose and cheered. As he passed one of the rings the President took off his hat and laughingly made a motion as if to throw it in.

Militia to Get Air Craft.

New York.—The movement to equip the National guard with aeroplanes through public subscriptions has been extended to Indiana, Massachusetts, West Virginia and Oklahoma, it was announced here Tuesday by the Aero Club of America, which inaugurated the plan last fall.

The militia of Rhode Island, whose \$25,000 has been raised, has been authorized to organize an aeronautic section, the club's announcement added. Thirty states have now joined the movement.

\$500,000 Is Given Yale.

New York.—A \$500,000 bequest to Yale university and two bequests to the New York Presbyterian hospital amounting to \$350,000 are contained in the will of the late Charles W. Harkness. Standard Oil company director, which was admitted to probate here Tuesday. The document gave no indication as to the total value of the estate. The chief beneficiaries are the widow, Mrs. Mary Warden Harkness, and other relatives.

Shot Taken From Brain.

Sacramento, Cal.—Chris Evans, famous California ex-highbrowman, Tuesday submitted to the surgeon's knife at the Sacramento county hospital and a buckshot was removed from the right side of his brain where it had been imbedded during the last 23 years. Despite the seriousness of the operation and his advanced age, Evans is expected to recover.

An Irish President for Five Days.



Patrick J. H. Pearse.

Patrick J. H. Pearse was "provisional president of the Irish republic" for five days. The Sinn Feiners called him that when they began their "revolution" in Dublin. He was executed by the British after he had issued a proclamation calling on all those who followed him to lay down their arms.

BERLIN'S CHARGE OF DISCRIMINATION TO BE DENIED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, D. C.—Study of the German submarine note is convincing President Wilson's advisers that another reply must be made in order to answer certain charges against the United States made in that document. These charges are:

First—That the United States had discriminated against Germany and in favor of Great Britain in its demands that international law be obeyed.

Second—That the United States would have brought freedom of the seas had it insisted on its rights against Great Britain.

Third—That the United States has aided Germany's enemies by supplying them with all kinds of war materials.

The President and his advisers declare there has been no discrimination for or against any belligerent since the war began.

To bring about the adoption of a submarine policy based on the recognized basis of international law, it was necessary for the United States to conduct negotiations with Germany which have extended over a period of 13 months. For 15 months the United States has been negotiating with Great Britain and her allies to put a stop to violations of international law leveled against neutral commerce.

Mr. Wilson holds, his advisers declare, that it was far more important to obtain protection for human life than it was to arrange for protection for dollars, and it was for this reason that he proceeded with such vigor against Germany. Attention is called to the representations and protests which have been made to Great Britain and France as proof of the effort of the administration to prevent the seizure of innocent goods by ships of the allied powers.

If Germany will give the government here a chance, it will declare Germany will have no reason to complain of the lack of vigor of the President.

London Rejects All Peace Talk; Allies Willing to Wait Better Time

London.—The London morning newspapers Monday laid great emphasis on Germany's alleged desire for peace.

"If President Wilson accepts the German note as a basis for further discussion," says the Daily Chronicle, "his motive must be sought, not in the terms which Germany offers, but in the wider suggestion which was expressed by the German note."

Navy Run by Telephone.

Washington, D. C.—A working system of wire and wireless communication said by army and navy experts to be unequalled by that of any other nation was effected Saturday by the Navy department as an adjunct to the preparedness program. It was inaugurated by a wireless telephone conversation, the first ever held, during which Secretary Daniels, in the Navy department, gave instructions to a commander on a warship operating against a theoretical enemy far off the Virginia capes, and received reports from him.

Letter to Wilson From Pope.

Washington, D. C.—Monsignor Giovanni Bonzano, the apostolic delegate, Monday delivered a message to President Wilson from Pope Benedict. He did not see the President, but left the communication with Secretary Tumulty. White House officials at first refused to discuss the message, and so did the apostolic delegate. Later it was said that it bore on the submarine issue between the United States and Germany. It was understood it reflected the apprehension of the Pope at the possibilities of a rupture.

Bryan Threatens Bolt.

Boston.—Formation of a political party to uphold peace principles was advocated by George Fred Williams, ex-minister to Greece, in an address at a mass meeting in the interests of peace here Monday night. "I am ready to return to politics to fight the fight for peace and leave my party if necessary to do it," said Mr. Williams, who for many years was prominent in the Democratic party and an ardent supporter of William J. Bryan.

25,000-Mile Flight Plan.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Porter Atwell Adams, a Boston millionaire, is going to circumnavigate the globe in a specially built aeroplane, with a crew of six men to help him. The young man expects to fly from San Francisco westward to San Francisco. Mr. Adams, who is a descendant of John Quincy Adams, is staying at the Hotel Traymore here, making out his itinerary. His preliminary plans call for 13 stops in his 25,000-mile air journey.

The Red Mirage

A Story of the French Legion in Algiers

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SYNOPSIS.

When Sylvia Omney, a beautiful English girl, returns from a search in Algiers for her missing brother, her lover, Richard Farquhar, finds she has fallen in love with Captain Arnaud of the Foreign Legion. In Captain Sower's room Farquhar was drowsily drunk, but when young Preston loses all his money to Lowe, a shady character, Farquhar forces Sower to have Preston's J. O. U. returned to him. Farquhar is helped to his rooms by Gabrielle Smith. Sower demands an apology. Refused, he forces Farquhar to resign his commission in return for possession of Farquhar's father's written confession that he had murdered Sower's father. Gabrielle saves Farquhar from suicide. Farquhar tells his mother that he is going to find his father if the latter is alive. To shield Arnaud, Sylvia's fiancé, she confesses to have stolen plans and tells the real culprit why he did so. As Richard Nameless joins the Foreign Legion and sees Sylvia, now Mrs. Arnaud, meet Colonel Destinn, Farquhar meets Sylvia and Gabrielle, and learns from Corporal Goetz of the colonel's cruelty. Arnaud becomes a drunkard and opium smoker. Sylvia becomes friendly with Colonel Destinn. Arnaud becomes a deserter.

Why should Richard Nameless refrain from telling Sylvia the blunt truth about his great honor sacrifice for her sake? She is a shallow woman who ruthlessly threw him over for another. Do such women deserve the fine consideration the world owes its best women?

CHAPTER VI—Continued.

Richard Nameless turned back to the desert. The Arabs had risen and an olive was praying aloud, his aged, tremulous voice leading the chorus of the worshippers behind him.

"With my offer to Mecca and with a sincere heart I offer my prayers to Allah—"

"Mirage! For those dark faced desert children Mecca opened the gates of Paradise; for this dream of unknown happiness they waited and prayed, and when their time came passed through the great shadow with fearless, triumphant confidence.

He went back to his work. With fierce, dogged energy he pulled away the deep-rooted weeds and brought a pathetic look of care and order into his corner of the wilderness. For a moment he lingered over the grave which Goetz had tended. The bold yet eloquent inscription touched him. He wondered vaguely who Philip Grey had been; if he, too, had paid a price and in the last hours of horror had still been satisfied.

Two women had entered the cemetery. Their white-clad figures flashed gayly in between the dark graves, and a clear, silvery laugh mingled with the final Arab prayer—

"La lalla lila 'laha!"

The younger woman stopped an instant and pointed with the tip of her parasol at the broken remnant of a cross.

"Look at these beads! Aren't they ridiculous? And the inscription—just a number, like a convict's." She glanced back over her shoulder at her companion. "Miss Smith, I believe you are frightened. Do you think there are ghosts here? Well, perhaps there are, but I don't mind."

As yet the man standing immobile, hidden amid the forest of crosses, had escaped her notice. But he had heard her now, and shadowy and ghostlike enough in the dying light, awaited her approach. At the foot of the Englishman's grave she hesitated. The inscription attracted her. With puckered brows she spelled out the badly cut letters, her soft voice touched with the faintest ironical interest.

"Philip Grey—No. 3112—Foreign Legion."

Then she looked up involuntarily and saw the man who watched her, his hand gripping the head of the cross.

Transport Strikes Mine.

Berlin.—The sinking of an allied transport in the Mediterranean late in April with the loss of nearly all the 600 Russian troops who were on board is reported in advices from Chief Corfu Monday. The transport was sunk by striking a mine about the same time the British battleship met a similar fate, it is said. "According to reliable reports from Corfu, in addition to the battleship Russell, a transport steamer with 600 Russians on board struck a mine and sank. Only a few were rescued."

Draft Bill Championed.

London.—Addressing his constituents at Conway, Wales, David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, defended his demands for compulsion, the necessity for which, he said, arose last September. Compulsion, the munitions minister said, simply meant that the country was organizing itself in an orderly, consistent and resolute manner for war, which could not be run as a Sunday school treat. He declared it never had been said that Great Britain could raise as many men in proportion to population as France could.

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"You a Traitor! Why?"

figures of the worshippers had vanished in the long olive grove leading back to Sidi-bel-Abbes. Sylvia Arnaud's voice, when she spoke at last, sounded strained and harsh in the absolute quiet.

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ment I am companion to Madame Arnaud—helping her to forget that she isn't English any more. English people think it's wrong to admire foreigners. It's their idea of patriotism. Madame Arnaud assures me she must have a bit of dear old England about her, and I am the bit. That's all."

"Why did you come?"

He was looking at her again. Through the dusk she saw the white, tortured suspense on the hard face. She wore a rose in the severe corsage of her dress. She took it and handed it to him.

"She sent you this—in token of remembrance."

He took her hand and kissed it. "You have come like an angel into my life," he said.

He watched her until her small, energetic figure had disappeared among the shadows.

CHAPTER VII.

A Meeting.

In Sidi-bel-Abbes there is a pleasant avenue, shaded by silver birch and redolent of all the sweet perfumes of the East, where the local potentates gather in a select exclusive circle. In the courtyard of one such of these houses Colonel Destinn sat and smoked an after-tea cigarette. His key lay on the broad balustrade beside him, and his head was thrown back in an attitude of easy contentment.

"You pour out tea charmingly, madame," he said. "A second cup would stifle the last regret that I should have gone so far against my principles as to drink a first."

She looked up at him. The soft reflection from the low, white walls around them enhanced her ethereal beauty and added the subtle glamour with which the eastern light surrounds the least and most lovely object. Very delicately she obeyed his request, the soft, rich lace sleeve of her teagown



"What is Your Country, Colonel Destinn?"

slipping back to reveal the rounded arm and slender over-fragile wrist.

"Do your principles compel you to live only for your soldiers?" she asked lightly.

He laughed.

"Living for them is perhaps too much of a euphemism," he said. "They would be more grateful if I did the other thing. But otherwise it is true. I have not put my foot under a hospitable roof for twenty years."

"Had you no one who—" she hesitated, a sudden color in her cheeks, and he leaned forward, his hands loosely interlocked between his knees, his handsome, ruthless face grave and intent.

"No, I hadn't anyone, Madame Arnaud."

Her gaze faltered under his steady, piercing eyes.

"What is your country, Colonel Destinn?"

"I do not know, madame. I have forgotten." There was a little silence, in which the fountain played a silvery intermezzo, and then he went on in an altered tone: "You are the first person who has made wish to remember."

She was looking up at him again with a studied frankness, behind which there lurked something hypnotized, fascinated.

He turned carelessly from her.

"Ah, Arnaud, you there? You see, I have been breaking up the principles of years to entertain your wife. If you leave her too much alone you will find these English roses fade very quickly in this dreary place. Man, don't look as if you had seen the devil."

The young officer, hesitating on the edge of the low veranda, recovered himself with an effort.

"My colonel—I was taken aback. I had not expected—but I am delighted and most honored. I beg of you to let me enjoy the pleasure—"

"No, no, Arnaud. We see enough of each other elsewhere, and, moreover, I have a pressing engagement with three deserters from the Eleventh company. As revoir, madame—and thank you!"

How soon do you think that Sylvia's flirting with Colonel Destinn will cause Tragedy to stalk abroad in the Foreign Legion. It seems plain that Mme. Arnaud knows she is playing with fire.

Buy Old Ties for Trenches.

An offer of five cents apiece for 100,000 cast-off railroad ties was received by the Boston and Maine railroad from the British government. Formerly the railroad burned all its old ties, but orders were sent throughout the system directing that they be saved. It is understood that the British government is negotiating with other railroads with the hope of obtaining a half million ties for use in constructing trenches in France.