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## Saying Farewell to the Pet



There is a dawning in the sky  
Which doth a world of fate imply,  
And on each casual passing face  
A look expectant you may trace.  
The signs the veteran turkey sees  
And with a deep and mournful sigh  
He calls his numerous family nigh  
And murmurs, pointing to the trees,  
"Roost high, my little ones, roost high."  
—Eugene Field.

## Gratitude



I AM thankful that I can earn money to clothe, feed and shelter myself. Father and mother should not support an adult woman until another man offers to take up the burden. I am not a hanger-on in the political economy march, and I give thanks.

OF A power of self-expression let me never be forgetful. Let me be glad that I can sing when I feel like it, cry when I am inclined to, walk when I want to get away, play when I forget how old I am and write or draw or carve when the great impulse toward beauty stirs in my soul.

I AM thankful that at some times I can be extremely miserable. Psychologists tell us that that implies a power to be intensely happy. Think it over.

I AM thankful that I have the power to feel the glorious sunshine or the gray rain. My heart fills with joy that I can see the leaves and the sky and hear the music of the brook. Grateful am I that I can appreciate the height of the mountain or steeples and the depth of the shadows, and I am glad that I can be uncomfortable in the intense heat or cold, for that means a joyous sense of relief when it comes.

WHICH one of us is not glad of the power to judge? From the many recurrent cases we can induce a rule, a law, a generality. And from this we can make applications to specific instances. Is it not wonderful, and are you not glad?

FOR my power to decide for myself I am thankful. My freedom of will is a precious jewel that I pray I may duly treasure. No one can say what I shall think, for that is my heritage. My thoughts concerning life, death and the hereafter, are mine, and I am glad.

THEN there is this country in which I live. I am grateful that it is here, with water around it, and other lands on the east and west. The lure of the distant country will prevent us from a narrow insularity. I am glad that we can govern ourselves in matters that affect ourselves. I am filled with joy that men are born free and equal and can keep on living that way.

FOR the position of woman in this country may I ever be thankful. She is not the draft animal of the fields in some countries beyond. She is not the chattel of the middle ages. She is not the spineless creature that was a well-trained echo of another. A woman is the equal of man now, except at the polls. For small favors I am deeply grateful.

A NUMBER of institutions of learning are letting us in at the front doors. If I wish to study sociology or medicine or the languages, I am not beaten into a pulp by scornful deans. If I wish to write a book, I need not be ashamed and hide it under a sampler if I hear anyone coming. Thanks, awfully!

## 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.

It is reported that Villa's men are deserting at the rate of 100 a day.

The use of whipped cream for any purpose has been barred in Germany.

A naval aeroplane has been successfully launched from the deck of a battleship at sea.

Draft of an initiative petition for the repeal of Oregon's Sunday closing law has been filed with the secretary of state.

A Nationalist member of parliament openly charges Lord Kitchener and Field Marshal Sir John French with gross incompetency.

The National Guard association of the United States refuses to endorse President Wilson's plans for a continental army of 400,000.

Thomas Kelly, a millionaire contractor of Chicago, has been extradited to Canada for alleged fraud in construction of parliament buildings.

On account of the restrictions on the use of meat which have gone into effect in Germany, England believes her enemy is in dire straits for food.

Mrs. Margaret K. Armour, aged 80, widow of S. B. Armour, the packer, died in Kansas City Friday. Since her husband's death Mrs. Armour has been active in charitable campaigns.

What is believed to be a piece of time fuse was found among the cargo of the steamer Rio Lages, which started from New York for Queenstown, and was forced to put in at Halifax with her sugar cargo on fire.

A petrified tree, probably 15 or 20 feet in length and eight inches in diameter, and standing upright 15 feet below the surface of the crest of a hill, was uncovered in Portland, Or., by laborers making a cut on Upper Drive, near Montgomery Drive.

A Vienna dispatch received in Amsterdam asserts that the Neue Wiener Journal, of Vienna, has been suppressed for one week for criticizing the censorship. Fifty-five Austrian provincial papers have been suppressed within a month for discussing food conditions.

American railroads are confronted with one of the most serious car shortages of recent years, owing to the huge grain crop of this country and Canada, and the heavy tonnage from steel and munition plants, coupled with the inability of the railroads to get new cars fast enough.

The executive committee of the Presbyterian general assembly outlined an emergency message on "preparedness" for extraordinary conditions expected to follow the close of the European war, which is to be sent to 10,000 pastors, President Wilson and 49,000 other elders of the denomination.

Expenditures of \$1,700,000 by the Union Pacific system and the O.-W. R. & N. for ties and other equipment and in the reconstruction of the main line of the O.-W. R. & N. between Blacklocks and Coyote, Or., was announced in Tacoma by J. P. O'Brien, vice president. For the first time the roads have placed orders for Douglas fir ties in the Northwest.

Because they say they feel the life of the Indian race depends on clean habits of the young men of this generation, 83 boys in Cushman School at Tacoma, Wash., have voluntarily signed a pledge to abstain from tobacco in any form. Two weeks ago the 83 boys and 17 more pledged themselves to abstain forever from intoxicating liquors. The 17 who did not sign the tobacco pledge have never used tobacco.

Latest reports say only 225 were saved out of the steamer Ancona's passengers and crew of 428.

Lord Northcliffe predicts a crisis in America, after the European war is over.

It is declared that America is far behind other nations in giving aid to the Belgians.

A large meteor falls near El Centro, Cal., causing a shock similar to an earthquake.

## BRAND WHITLOCK



Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, was compelled by ill health to take a leave of absence and come home to recuperate.

## BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, FOREMOST NEGRO EDUCATOR, IS DEAD

Tuskegee, Ala.—Booker T. Washington, foremost teacher and leader of the negro race, died early Sunday at his home here near the Tuskegee institute, of which he was founder and president. Hardening of the arteries following a nervous breakdown caused the death four hours after Dr. Washington arrived from New York.

Although he had been failing in health for several months, the negro leader's condition became serious only last week while he was in the East. He then realized the end was near, but was determined to make the last long trip south. He had said often:

"I was born in the South, have lived all my life in the South, and expect to die and be buried in the South."

Accompanied by his wife, his secretary and a physician, Dr. Washington left New York for Tuskegee at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. He reached home at midnight Saturday and died at 4:40 in the morning. His last public appearance was at the national conference of Congregational churches in New York, where he delivered a lecture October 25.

A widow, three children, and four grandchildren survive. John H. Washington, a brother, is superintendent of industries at Tuskegee institute.

Booker T. Washington was born a slave near Hale's Ford, Franklin county, Va., about 1858.

## Firing On Ancona's Lifeboats Is Denied by Austrian Government

Berlin.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty have officially announced that the Italian steamship Ancona attempted to escape at full speed after a warning shot had been fired across her bows and that the vessel stopped only after being shelled several times by an Austrian submarine.

The statement issued by the Austrian admiralty, after declaring the foreign press had spread false rumors regarding the Ancona incident, says the sinking took place as follows:

"The submarine fired one shot in front of the Ancona's prow, whereupon the steamer fled at full speed, in accordance with the order issued by the Italian authorities, which instructs ship commanders to flee or sink the submarine. The submarine pursued the steamer and continued firing, but the vessel stopped only after being hit several times.

"The submarine allowed 45 minutes for the passengers and crew to abandon the steamer, on board of which panic reigned, but only a small number of boats were lowered, and these were occupied principally by the crew.

"A great number of boats, probably sufficient to save all the passengers, remained unoccupied.

"After a period of 50 minutes, and as another steamer was approaching, the submarine submerged and torpedoed the Ancona, which sank after an additional 45 minutes.

"If any of the passengers lost their lives, this was due to the fault of the crew, because the steamer tried to escape after it had received orders to stop and then the crew only saved themselves and not the passengers.

"Reports published in the foreign press that the submarine fired on the Ancona's lifeboats are mendacious inventions. When the steamer stopped the submarine ceased firing."

## Corn Sold to Germany.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Bulgaria has sold to the German buying commission 20,000 tons of corn for immediate export on the Danube river, according to the Overseas News Agency. It is expected shipments will be in progress by the way of the Nish-Belgrade railway soon.

Under an agreement just concluded the entire Bulgarian surplus of provisions and fodder will be placed at the disposal of Germany.

## OREGON STATE NEWS

### Summary Government Crop Report for Oregon and U. S.

Washington, D. C.—A summary of preliminary estimates of crop production and prices, for the state of Oregon and for the United States, compiled by the bureau of crop estimates, and transmitted through the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Agriculture, is as follows:

WHEAT—State: Estimate this year, 17,364,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 16,604,000; price November 1 to producers, 84c; year ago, 95c.

United States: Estimate this year, 1,002,000,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 891,000,000; November 1 price 93.1c; year ago, 97.2c.

OATS—State: Estimate this year 15,456,000 bushels; final estimate last year 12,740,000; price November 1 to producers 36c; year ago 40c.

United States: Estimate this year is 1,517,000,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 1,141,000,000; November 1 price, 34.9c; year ago, 42.9.

BARLEY—State: Estimate this year, 4,788,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 3,660,000; price November 1 to producers, 52c; year ago, 56c.

United States: Estimate this year, 236,682,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 194,953,000; November 1 price, 50.1c; year ago, 51.7c.

POTATOES—State: Estimate this year, 6,120,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 4,753,000; price November 1 to producers, 52c bushel; year ago, 64c.

United States: Estimate this year, 359,000,000 bushels; final estimate last year, 405,921,000; November 1 price, 56.8c; year ago, 62.8c.

APPLES—State: Estimate this year, 1,040,000 barrels, final estimate last year, 1,134,000; price October 15 to producers, 88c bushel; year ago, 70c.

United States: Estimate this year, 76,700,000 barrels; final estimate last year, 84,400,000 barrels; price October 15 to producers, \$2.14 barrel; year ago, \$1.79.

More detailed data concerning crop production, quality, and prices will be published in the "Monthly Crop Report" of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

## Big Timber Deal Is Reported From Eastern Oregon Section

Prineville.—The development of the lumber industry in Central Oregon is expected to cause an immense increase in the business and population in Prineville. Reliable information confirms the rumor that the Roger Youmans Lumber company has practically completed its trade with the United States government, by which the lumber company will exchange a large amount of scattered lands and get a solid block of about 40,000 acres of valuable timber in what is known as the Ochoco forest reserve.

The company will have in the neighborhood of 300,000,000 feet, which will have to be milled within 20 years and will necessitate immediate construction of a sawmill and railroad. Two mill sites are under consideration, one of which is in Prineville, which the business men of Prineville no doubt will donate to the company, and the other is about 20 miles above Prineville on the Ochoco river.

## Pension Allowed Widow.

Salem.—The claim of Mrs. Hazel McCune, whose husband, Claude McCune, was killed in Portland August 20, while he was in the employ of the Shaver Transfer company, has been settled by the State Industrial Accident Insurance commission. The widow is 21 years old and to provide for her at the rate of \$30 a month throughout the period of her expectancy of 41 years, the commission set aside \$7231 at 4 per cent interest. If Mrs. McCune lives 41 years and does not remarry she will receive \$14,985 from the state. One daughter, aged 4, will receive \$6 a month until she is 16 years old, \$661.11 being set aside for this purpose.

## Ask Swine Breeders' Aid.

Oregon swine breeders can help the problem of good breeding stock for girls and boys of the pig clubs by sending to the club leader at O. A. C., Corvallis, a list of brood sows and gilts that they have for sale. This should also help the breeders find a market for their surplus breeding stuff. When these lists are received by the agent he will send them to club members making inquiries. Lists should be detailed enough to give intending purchasers an idea of the quality and other necessary points. Either pure breeds or high grades may be listed for sale. Address lists to L. J. Allen, Pig Club Leader, O. A. C., Corvallis, Ore.

## PLOTS OF GERMANS WILL BE PURSUED

President Wilson Determined to End Teutonic Schemes.

### AGENTS HIGHER UP SOUGHT BY U. S.

Ambassador Count Von Bernstorff Is Under Suspicion—Demand for Recall of Nuber Possible.

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson has determined to put an end to the activities of Teutonic agents in the United States.

By his direction, the department of Justice and the Secret Service are cooperating to secure the necessary proof to punish the men caught in projects which endanger the peace and safety of the country. More important, however, is the President's direction that the search shall be continued for those "higher up." As soon as he is in possession of all the facts, Mr. Wilson will take steps to stop the pernicious activity of diplomats and consular officers who are directing the work of destroying munitions factories, ships and other enterprises.

If the President carries his intention to its conclusion, and the charges now on file should be substantiated, it would surprise no one should this government request Austria-Hungary to recall Herr von Nuber, its consul general in New York.

Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has been under suspicion for months, but in the absence of proof it is clearly impossible to take any action against him. Should the revelations of Dr. Gorlicar, recently resigned as Austro-Hungarian consul, be supported by evidence, then whatever diplomatic consular officer is involved will go.

The Austrian and German embassies deny the truth of Gorlicar's allegations, but the Department of Justice has had the promise of documentary evidence to substantiate them.

In addition the State department has received from the British government the documents carried by a German messenger. These contain a great deal of information regarding German and Austrian activities and supplement the papers taken from James F. J. Archibald, was familiar with the contents of Dumba's dispatches. The Department of Justice has not initiated any action against Archibald because it could not obtain proof that he had knowledge of the character of the dispatches he was conveying.

The sections of the United States statutes under which the government is proceeding against Robert Fay and his associates are those which apply boardly to the crime of piracy, the penalty for which is death. The indictments against Fay and Scholtz are for conspiring to "cast away or destroy" vessels with intent to injure the owners or the underwriters of the vessels or of goods in the cargo. The penalty for this crime is a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment for 10 years. They are also indicted for piracy.

## Export Record Is Broken.

New York.—The greatest volume of exports ever recorded at a single port in the history of the United States left New York harbor during October, mostly for the warring nations of Europe, according to estimates made by customs officials here. The total, based on tabulations that are nearly complete, will not fall far short of \$175,000,000, or about \$7,000,000 a day for every working day of the month. In September exports from New York totaled \$162,000,000.

Three hundred and ninety-three ships, nearly every one laden with a capacity cargo, left New York during October as compared with 365 in September. The tabulation shows that munitions and foodstuffs, mostly grain, filled the list of articles shipped abroad, with clothing, shoes, cloth for uniforms, automobiles and automobile parts following in close order. The bulk of the exports went to Great Britain.

## Troopers Eat Out Town.

San Francisco.—Tales of hunger in Guaymas and the investment of the city by 30,000 Carranza troops, were brought to port Monday by the steam schooner Fair Oaks.

Troopers of Carranza went into the city half-starved and ate everything in sight. They slept alongside the railroad tracks with their women and children and begged food from the master of the steam schooner. Prices of all foodstuffs are prohibitive.