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## REMEMBER THE MAINE

National Capital Pays Honors to Battleship's Dead.

Eleven Years Ago Monday the Vessel Was Blown Up in Havana Harbor. Sigsbee Principal Speaker at Memorial Services.

Washington "remembered the Maine" on two occasions Monday and paid further tribute in the evening to the memory of the men of the battleship which sank in the Havana harbor eleven years ago. Three separate celebrations of "Maine day" were planned by the Maine Memorial association. Many persons participated in all three ceremonies.

The day was opened by mass at St. Patrick's cathedral in memory of the Roman Catholics who lost their lives in the disaster. Among the priests who officiated at the services was the Rev. Eugene Hannan, who is a personal friend of Father Chadwick, chaplain of the Maine, and represented him at the services.

In the afternoon the members of the association, with members of the Spanish War Veterans, the Army and Navy union and other patriotic organizations, made a pilgrimage to the "Maine section" of Arlington cemetery, where the recovered remains of the men of the Maine are buried. Many well known navy and army officers made the pilgrimage. Rear Admiral Charles D. Sigsbee, retired, who commanded the Maine when she sank, represented the navy, and General A. S. Burt, retired, represented the army.

Wreaths for the Maine's Dead.

The ceremony of placing floral tributes on the giant anchor of the Maine, which stands among the graves, was performed by ladies of the Maine association. The pieces included two wreaths from President Roosevelt, one from the National Woman's Relief corps, another from the Phil Sheridan Woman's Relief corps and others. There was a firing party of troopers of the Thirteenth United States cavalry, and a bugler closed the exercises with "taps."

The speakers for the meeting in the church included Rear Admiral Sigsbee, Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, General Andrew S. Burt, Colonel John McElroy, Rev. Father Eugene A. Hannan, Rev. Donald MacLeod, pastor of the church, and others. Dr. Thomas Calver read an original poem on "The Men of the Maine."

FLEET NEAR END OF BIG TASK.

American Battleships Do Work Experts Held Impossible.

Half way across the Atlantic ocean on the last long reach of their spectacular cruise around the world, the sixteen battleships of the United States Atlantic fleet are steaming in leisurely fashion towards the anchorage grounds of Hampton Roads, from whence they sailed just fourteen months ago. During these months of record steaming the heavily armored fighting vessels have traveled approximately 45,000 miles and are returning in condition still fit for "a frolic or a fight." The cruise has been a veritable expedition of the seven seas and tasks heretofore deemed impossible for the modern ironclad have been accomplished with an ease bordering on the commonplace.

The stories of the cruise have been succeeding chapters of receptions, banquets, balls and merrymaking, but back of all this relaxation and entertaining in the hospitable ports of the two hemispheres has been a test of men and material which has placed the American navy in an enviable position before all the world. The engine room efficiency in the longer legs of the journey developing a new and unexpectedly wide steaming radius for a battleship; the facility in following the motions of the flagship in the fleet, squadron and divisional maneuvers which came with constant experience at sea, and above all the marvelous records made at the targets in Magdalena and Manila bays tell of the real work and the substantial accomplishments that have marked this most notable of peace demonstrations among the navies of the world.

The previously arranged schedule of the journeys from port to port had been adhered to in remarkable manner except in two instances, when violent storms made full speed too dangerous and uncomfortable. To offset these lapses from punctuality the fleet has made some of its longest runs two whole days ahead of time. None of the undertakings imposed upon the ships or the men has been too difficult.

**Russian Army Scandal.** Irregularities, amounting to over \$1,000,000, have been discovered at St. Petersburg, as the result of an investigation which Senator Garin is making of the army quartermaster. The stores and offices of many leading business firms have been searched for evidence of the illegal disposition of government supplies, and several high officials are reported to have been implicated in the irregularities.

**Shooting Bares Queer Tangle.** In the shooting, which may result fatally, of William Smith, a carpenter, at St. Joseph there came to light one of the strangest entanglements three persons ever lived under. A girl twenty-two years old, who shot Smith, avers to the police that she married him, knowing that her mother was already his legal wife. The three had lived for years together, the man as the husband of both.

## MEET TO TALK TARIFF.

National Convention in Session at Indianapolis.

The selection of a tariff commission, not to fix rates, but to ascertain facts as a basis for the fixing of rates by congress, is the purpose of the national tariff convention which began in Indianapolis Wednesday.

There are more than 2,000 delegates to the convention, which was called by the National Association of Manufacturers and other large commercial bodies. According to James W. Van Cleave, the president of the association, it is "the first national gathering ever held for the express purpose of promoting the movement for comprehensive, scientific tariff revision."

The convention is nonpartisan, and among the delegates are men of all shades of political belief. The committee in charge has declared that its purpose is not the discussion of protection, free trade or tariff revision. Its object is declared to be "the urging of reform in the methods pursued in determining schedules, and the discussion of schedules themselves is foreign to its purpose. The committee stands for the tariff commission plan and believes it is one of the greatest reforms in which the country can at this time interest itself."

WOULD OUSTER PIERCE CONCERN.

Missouri Attorney General Asks Ouster Decree Be Enforced.

Declaring that the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Missouri has not complied with the ouster decree of the supreme court of the state, Attorney General Major filed with the court a suggestion that the ouster be made effective against the concern. The action of the attorney general was based upon the fact that the company has not furnished satisfactory evidence that it has severed relations with the Standard Oil company.

Henry S. Priest of St. Louis and H. Clay Pierce, chairman of the board of the Waters-Pierce Oil company, filed in the supreme court of Missouri an acceptance of the terms imposed upon the company by the recent ouster order of the court. The fine of \$50,000 was paid.

Harriman Goes to Texas.

E. H. Harriman is on his way to San Antonio, Tex., where, it is understood, Mr. Harriman will remain until April in an effort to regain his health. Men who had known him before remarked upon his pale and weakened appearance.

Niagara a Tiny Rivulet.

Only a tiny rivulet, not deep nor swift enough to carry a pulp log over the brink, is flowing over the American side of Niagara falls. A strong northeast wind has held back the water and allowed the ice to gain a foothold.

Chicago Alderman Kills Himself.

Alderman Joseph F. Kohout, long a Democratic leader in the city council of Chicago, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head in the basement of his home, 787 Douglas boulevard.

Five Milwaukee Firemen Killed.

Five firemen were killed and ten injured while fighting a fire which destroyed the Johns-Manville warehouse, together with the piano and organ plant of the Netsow company at Milwaukee, entailing a loss of \$200,000.

Ends Life With Stick of Dynamite.

Henry Klockard, a prospector, who has been living in the mountains near Taft, Mont., placed a primed stick of dynamite in his mouth, bit the cap, and the explosion that followed literally blew his body to pieces.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Wheat for May delivery sold here today at \$1.14 1/4, a gain of 1/8 over the previous record for the season, established last Saturday. The market failed to retain the advance, closing weak, with prices 1/8 @ 1/4 to 1/8 below the previous close. Corn and oats closed firm and provisions steady. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, \$1.13 1/2; July, \$1.09 1/2. Corn—May, 64 1/2c; July, 64 1/4 @ 64 1/2c. Oats—May, 53 1/2c; July, 48 1/2c. Pork—May, \$16.90; July, \$17.02 1/2. Lard—May, \$9.65; July, \$9.77 1/2. Ribs—May, \$8.87 1/2; July, \$9.05. Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.13 1/2 @ 1.15 1/2; No. 3 corn, 63 @ 63 1/2c; No. 2 white oats, 54c.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Feb. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500; strong to 10c higher; native steers, \$4.25 @ 6.25; cows and heifers, \$3.00 @ 5.15; western steers, \$3.50 @ 5.60; Texas steers, \$3.00 @ 5.00; canners, \$2.00 @ 3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 @ 5.25; calves, \$3.00 @ 7.00; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.75 @ 4.75. Hogs—Receipts, 2,200; 5 @ 10c higher; heavy, \$6.25 @ 6.42 1/2; mixed, \$6.15 @ 6.25; light, \$6.00 @ 6.35; pigs, \$4.50 @ 4.75; bulk of sales, \$6.10 @ 6.35. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; steady; yearlings, \$5.75 @ 6.85; wethers, \$5.00 @ 5.40; ewes, \$4.00 @ 5.00; lambs, \$6.50 @ 7.50.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 22,000; strong to 10c higher; steers, \$4.60 @ 7.60; cows, \$3.00 @ 5.50; heifers, \$3.00 @ 5.75; bulls, \$3.40 @ 3.90; calves, \$3.50 @ 5.40; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 @ 5.00. Hogs—Receipts, 42,000; 10 @ 20c higher; choice heavy shipping, \$6.60 @ 6.65; butchers, \$6.50 @ 6.60; light mixed, \$6.40 @ 6.50; packing, \$6.35 @ 6.55; pigs, \$5.00 @ 6.25; bulk of sales, \$6.40 @ 6.55. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; steady; sheep, \$4.25 @ 5.50; lambs, \$6.75 @ 7.60; yearlings, \$5 @ 7.

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Senate Passes School of Citizenship Bill.

Measure Commends Work of Political Science Department of State University—Republican Senator Introduces Bank Bill Ahead of Democrats.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—After two calls of the senate, a mistake on the part of the secretary calling the roll, an announcement by the lieutenant governor that the bill was lost, a calling of two men opposed to the bill and one in favor of it, into conference, and a ruling that nearly caused the loss of the bill, Senator Miller's bill incorporating W. J. Bryan's idea for the establishment of a school of citizenship, finally passed the senate by a vote of 17 to 13.

The bill is a resolution commending the work of the political science department of the state university and requesting the regents to establish a school of citizenship. Mr. Miller explained in the committee of the whole that Mr. Bryan originated the idea, and that the regents and chancellor were in favor of it.

Senator Myers (Rep.) of Rock county introduced in the senate a bank guaranty bill which he has submitted to a number of attorneys. Myers made his campaign on the guaranty of bank deposits and he will push the measure as against the Democratic bill, upon which the joint committee is still working.

Senator Ransom and Representative Thomas of Douglas both declared the Douglas county delegation would fight Snyder's bill to repeal the terminal tax levy.

BANK BILL STRIKES SNAG.

Judge Albert Asked to Remove Some Objectionable Features.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—The bank guaranty bill, drafted by Judge Albert, on request of the house, has met with some snags, apparently. The subcommittee to which it was referred has asked Judge Albert to remove some objectionable features to the measure and he will spend some time with the committee during this week.

William J. Bryan is expected in Lincoln the 17th, when he will doubtless deliver an address before a joint session, and it is said the Democratic leader will have some suggestions to make at that time.

The coming week will be mostly occupied with the bank guaranty bill and the charter bills for metropolitan cities. The finance committee expects to be able to present the bank bill by Wednesday.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR GOODSELL.

Slayer of Edna Kennett Found Guilty of First Degree Murder.

Omaha, Feb. 15.—The trial of the first of the five persons in jail here charged with murder resulted in a sentence of life imprisonment for Van Wilson Goodell, when a jury last night found him guilty of the murder of Miss Edna Kennett in the first degree and gave him life imprisonment.

Goodell was the mark not only for a scathing arraignment to the jury by County Attorney English, but fared no better at the hands of Judge Sears, whose instructions to the jury left little for that body to do than return the verdict mentioned.

Goodell shot and killed Miss Kennett on the street in the presence of a dozen persons and then attempted to kill himself. The bullet glanced off his skull and after being taken to the hospital he attempted to escape. He admitted on the witness stand that he had been desperately in love with the girl. The jury was out only long enough to formulate the verdict.

Lincoln Street Railway Merger.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—The consolidation of the two street car lines of Lincoln was effected by the formation of a new company, which takes over the Lincoln Traction company and the Citizens' Railway company. The authorized capital of the merged properties is \$5,000,000. John W. McDonald, president of the traction company, remains at the head of the consolidated roads and of the eleven directors, ten are Lincoln men. The consolidation follows a bitter fight of three years between the contending street car interests and comes as a result of a gradual centering of the stock in the hands of local men.

Nebraska Wheat Wins First Prize.

Omaha, Feb. 15.—First prize for wheat for light bread flour was won by Nebraska at the National Corn exposition at this city. Awards were announced when reports of the final test came from the Minneapolis mills. A complete farm electric plant goes to the winner, who is W. I. Steik of Grand Island.

Fifty Farmers Exposed to Smallpox.

Arlington, Neb., Feb. 15.—A smallpox epidemic is threatened as the result of fifty farmers being exposed to the disease while attending a public sale at a farm some distance from here. The fact of a case of smallpox being isolated in the house at the time did not develop until sometime after the sale.

George E. Fayles Dead.

Cedar Creek, Neb., Feb. 15.—George E. Fayles, pioneer merchant and grain dealer of this place, is dead, aged sixty years. He was an early settler in Cass county, having lived in this vicinity nearly fifty years.

## FARMERS TO HOLD WHEAT.

Board of Directors of Association to Fix Sale Price.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 15.—Organization of the winter wheat growers' association of Nebraska, Kansas and Oklahoma was completed with the closing session of the three days' mass meeting of farmers of the three states. The purpose is to control the price of winter wheat. About 200 farmers signed a pledge agreeing not to sell their next year's crop for less than the price fixed at a delegate convention, except after thirty days' notice to the directors and failure to get the agreed price.

A fund of \$500 was raised to push the work of organization. The directors in charge of the campaign are J. S. Canady, Minden; E. R. Varah, Hastings; M. Hoffmeyer, Republican City; A. S. Wilkinson, Harrington, Kan.; H. A. Knight, Holdrege; S. C. Younger, Homestead, Okla.; J. E. Hill, Spring Ranch; E. P. Hubbard, Juniata; M. Pressler, Trumbull.

ONE DEAD IN WRECK IN UNION.

Thomas G. Barnum, Stockman, Killed and Eight Others Injured.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Feb. 15.—Three coaches of Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 104 left the rails at Union, a station fifteen miles south of here, killing one passenger and injuring eight others, some of them seriously. Killed: Thomas G. Barnum, Union, skull crushed, died instantly.

Injured: Frank Heavrin, teamster, South Omaha, skull fractured, serious; Amos McNamee, rural carrier, Omaha, head, hands and legs injured; M. E. Thomas, newspaper man, Omaha, head cut, right arm fractured; Ossie Huston, Plattsmouth, back injured; C. Massey, Unadilla, serious bruises; Gus King, South Omaha, serious cuts; J. E. Goldsmith, Omaha, head cut, arm hurt; J. W. E. Rome, Omaha, arm, leg and knee cut, slight.

Third Storm Within Two Weeks.

Omaha, Feb. 15.—A temperature ranging from zero to 10 below hovered over Nebraska and western Iowa last night, following a severe blizzard lasting thirty-six hours. It was the third of a series of severe storms to attack the state within two weeks and in many respects was more serious than the two which preceded it. The intense cold intensified the suffering over the entire territory covered by the storm and in this city conditions were particularly acute among the poorer classes. The effect on lines of communication was most severe and wires were prostrated in every direction.

Freeman Homestead for National Park.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 13.—A number of residents of this county have taken up the matter of purchasing the Daniel Freeman homestead for a national park in memory of the first homestead and commemoration of the act under which many thousands of citizens of the United States have secured homes. Representatives from Nebraska will be asked to introduce a bill in congress providing for the purchase of the first homestead and its selection as a national park. The Freeman farm is west of Beatrice.

Retail Hardware Dealers Meet.

Omaha, Feb. 15.—The eighth annual convention of the Nebraska Retail Hardware association opened this morning at the Rome with a large exhibit at the Auditorium, and the indications are that the meeting will be the largest in the history of the association, not only in the number of delegates present, but also in the number of visitors from Nebraska and neighboring states. The sessions continue until Friday.

Editors to Meet at Grand Island.

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 15.—Arrangements for the meeting of the Nebraska State Press association for Feb. 22-24 have been completed. The first day will be taken up in the registration and becoming acquainted, but the two following days will be full of matters of interest for the editors. Three sessions will be held each on Tuesday and Wednesday. Many journalists of note will attend.

Ponca Church Burns.

Ponca, Neb., Feb. 15.—The Presbyterian church here was burned to the ground and the entire town had a narrow escape from destruction. After the fire was discovered it had secured such headway that the efforts of the fire department were centered on saving the parsonage adjoining, which it did after a heroic fight. The loss will be nearly \$4,000, fully insured.

York Man Kills Himself.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 13.—After spending two weeks here, during which he drank heavily, Dr. Nicholas Selberg, recently of York, committed suicide by shooting himself in the temple in his room at the Lindell hotel.

Former Nebraskan Arrested.

Denver, Feb. 13.—Charles O. Charleston, said to be a former member of the Nebraska legislature, and of the Chicago board of aldermen, was arrested here, charged with numerous forgeries of checks.

Falls into Vat of Boiling Water.

South Omaha, Feb. 15.—Literally cooked in a vat of boiling water in the glue department of the Cudahy Packing company, John Zueba died of his terrible injuries at the hospital.

Charged With Bootlegging.

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 15.—Godfrey Hulshiser has been arrested, charged with bootlegging at Wymore. He was held in the county jail in default of \$500 bail, but later gave bond.