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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

Washington.

President Taft accepted invitations to address the Christian Endeavor convention at Atlantic City, July 7, to visit the New York state fair at Syracuse in September and to stop at St. Louis later that month.

Delegates to the convention of the world's Baptist alliance, which closed in Philadelphia, were received by President Taft at the White house. Earlier in the day the delegates visited the capitol and were greeted by Speaker Clark.

After two years' investigation of the steel trust, Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, laid before President Taft an exhaustive report of his findings. The report soon will be made public at the president's direction, so the House committee investigating the steel trust may obtain the benefit of it.

Speaker Champ Clark issued a deft to the administration a few days ago on learning of reports that President Taft purposed to veto any general tariff legislation at the extra session of congress. The speaker in a formal statement declared that the whole tariff ought to be revised and that the democratic party would rest its case with the country.

The house foreign affairs committee decided to report favorably a resolution introduced by Representative Hammill of New York asking the secretary of state what action, if any, he has taken regarding a recent speech of John L. Griffith, American consul general at London, before the Pilgrims' society "in favor of an alliance between the United States and Great Britain for war upon a nation with which this country is at peace."

The house and senate are badly divided on the question of direct election of senators.

Senator Cummins spoke strongly in opposition to Canadian reciprocity as at present framed.

George H. Earle continued his attack on Colonel Roosevelt at the sugar trust investigation.

There will be no action at the special session of congress to fix the toll rates of the Panama canal.

Norris Brown says he is willing to vote for downward revision on almost any tariff schedules presented.

General Porfirio Dias, former president of Mexico, is on his way to Wiesbaden, where he will take the cure.

President Taft announced the appointment of Philander Claxton of the University of Tennessee as commissioner of education.

President Taft was told by President Shotwell, of the Nebraska progressive league, that the state is for him.

President Taft has under consideration the withdrawal of the troops now forming the maneuver division in Texas.

Robert Swasey, a Canadian, was burned at the stake by Mexican bandits near Fort Sumner, New Mexico, on June 15.

President Taft nominated Robert W. Kemp as receiver of public moneys at Missoula, Mont.

A dispatch from Warsaw states that the congress of the national democratic party decided to discontinue the boycott of government schools in Holland.

President Taft will spend one of the first week-ends of the summer at his new "country place" in Massachusetts next Saturday, arriving there from Washington with his family.

The Wisconsin legislature took another slap at United States Senator Isaac Stephenson when it reduced the assembly representation from his home county from two to one.

One thousand delegates from Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Missouri attended the first annual convention of the Interstate retail dealers' association, which met in Kansas City for a three days' session.

Amelia Rapp of Chicago saved her money for four years to bring her sweetheart, George Kott, from Germany, for their marriage. Now she will save money for funeral expenses. Knott having been killed by a live wire.

It was held by the interstate commerce commission that a privilege favoring of a gratuity can not be ordered continued by the commission unless the original granting of the privilege rested on some legal obligation.

Sarah Bernhardt sailed for France after a tour of America. She said that she probably will return for another tour in 1915.

Lieutenant de Malherbe, a French military aviator, flew from Paris to Sedan.

A meeting of the republicans and socialists at Madrid passed resolutions condemning Spain's military operations in Morocco.

Norman MacLeod & Co., Philadelphia, sockbrokers, made an assignment.

The Cunningham Alaska coal land claims were disallowed by the interior department.

Senatorial reports of crop damage in the northwest made the Chicago market go skyward.

John D. Spreckles told how his father and H. O. Havemeyer entered into a sugar producing combine.

Under orders from Washington many mail cars are now being hauled behind the baggage cars.

Old and dreary Westminster abbey was transformed into a scene of light and beauty at the coronation.

President Taft approved an issue of \$1,500,000 Hawaiian bonds, the money to be used in public improvement in the islands.

It is reported that Bakmetieff, former Russian ambassador at Tokio, has been promised the Washington post in case Baron Rosen resigns.

At Coshocton, O., Aviator Lemar was probably fatally injured when his Curtiss biplane, flying low, struck the roof of a house, turning over and dashing him to the ground.

Festivities in connection with the coronation of King George, so far as the metropolis is concerned, ended Friday with his majesty's treat to the children.

Expeditions action in the pending treaties with Honduras and Nicaragua, providing for customs guarantees for foreign loans by those governments, were urged by President Taft in a message to the senate.

The supreme court of the United States issued an order to the attorney general ordering him to instruct the lower courts to carry out the supreme court's decision providing for the dissolution of the American Tobacco company.

E. H. Engwerson of Chicago was elected president of the National Live Stock exchange in convention in Chicago. Portland, Ore., gets the next meeting, although Chicago also was a bidder.

Reliable advices have been received at Vienna from Albania that the situation there is growing decidedly critical. Turkey has massed fifty thousand troops within a day's march of the Montenegrin frontier.

Edward H. Harriman's billion-dollar merger of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads, with their allied properties, is upheld by the United States circuit court of appeals, in a decision handed down in St. Louis.

Rev. Timothy Sullivan, of Fort Dodge, the Catholic priest who was found dead in a bath tub in a hotel in New York last week, was well known in the Sioux City Catholic see. He was stationed in Sioux City for four years.

Philadelphia financial circles received a disagreeable shock when it became known that the liabilities of the stock brokerage firm of Norman MacLeod & Co., which suspended recently, aggregate \$1,182,173, while the assets are given as \$410,884.

Miss Florence R. Cushing of Boston, who arrived from Honolulu, jumped from the seventh story of a hotel and was instantly killed. A note found in her room said troubles had made her desperate and asked that her brother, C. F. Cushing, of Needham, Mass., be notified.

Gifts to the amount of \$1,200,000 received by Harvard university last year, were announced by President Lowell to the 2,000 for more Harvard men gathered for the alumni meeting in the quadrangle behind Seaver hall.

Parramatta, the new summer white house, is in readiness for the arrival of the presidential family. For several months a small army of workmen of various trades has been engaged in fitting up the house and grounds for the use of the Taft family.

The great hurricane which devastated the coast of Chile a few days ago extended from Pisagua in the north to Antofagasta on the south. Torrential rains have followed.

A wave of economy is sweeping the country according to figures of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor which disclose the fact that Americans cut their imported champagne bill in two and adorned themselves with \$7,000,000 worth of diamonds fewer during the last eleven months than in the same period last year.

Representative Lobeck wants the International Harvester company investigated.

Dr. Abraham Jacobi, of New York, was elected president of the American Medical association.

The New York grand jury returned indictments against members of the so-called wire trust.

There are signs of a deadlock in the senate on fixing a day to vote on Canadian reciprocity.

Hines, the lumberman, figured more prominently than Lorimer in the senatorial election investigation.

D. O. Clark, for twenty years head of the coal department of the Union Pacific, has resigned and will leave for Pennsylvania.

Woodmen of the World selected Jacksonville, Fla., for the 1913 convention.

Mrs. Henry Hardy of New York was so overjoyed at the return of her husband, Sergeant Hardy of the coast artillery, from the Mexican border, that she died in a few hours of heart failure.

FIVE MILLIONS LESS

SECRETARY ROYSE REPORTS ON STATE BANK CONDITIONS. BIG DROP IN FEW MONTHS

Five and Half Million Dollars of Public Funds Included in Money in the Banks.

A report of the 658 banks doing business in the state, made by Secretary Royse of the banking board, shows that the deposits were about \$5,000,000 lower than one year ago, when they totaled \$76,994,166.80, and about \$2,000,000 less than in February, when they amounted to slightly over \$74,100,000. The June 1, 1910, report included reports from 662 banks, only four more than are listed in the current year's report.

Table showing resources and liabilities for the banking board. Resources include overdrafts, bonds, due from banks, etc. Liabilities include capital stock, surplus fund, undivided profits, etc.

Sullivan Asks Pardon. James Sullivan has applied to Governor Aldrich for a pardon. He was one of the three men convicted of killing a railroad night watchman named Frank Wiser at Sidney in the year 1904. The other men were Thomas McIntyre and Harry Neville.

Hearing Held July 6th. The railway commission will hear the complaint of the Kearney Commercial club against the Union Pacific railroad on July 6. The matter involves an additional passenger train each way between North Platte and Grand Island.

State Fair Grand Stand. The state board of agriculture hopes to have the new grandstand built at the fair grounds long before the opening of the fair. Two sections of the ironwork have been completed and all of the iron structure will be up within ten days. The board has filled 90x420 feet under the grandstand to a depth of three feet, and will fill in at the east end to make suitable ground for exhibits. A dyke from three to six feet wide and 2,400 feet long has been built on the west side of the grounds to keep out flood waters from Salt creek and Antelope creek. The board has engaged bands from Fairbury, Wood River and Wilber.

Stokers Purchased. The state board of public lands and buildings has just purchased two more automatic stokers for the state hospital for the insane at Lincoln, the cost being \$1,500. Five have been bought for the state penitentiary at a cost of \$4,500. The higher price includes some additional equipment.

Married for Sixty Years. Nemaha County.—Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Paris celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a family gathering at their home in Auburn. Mr. Paris and Miss Alvian Fraser were married in Iowa in June, 1851.

After Anti-Gift Act. Applying for an injunction against the enforcement of the Housch anti-free gift enterprise measure passed at the late session of the legislature, William Gold, of this city, made the first attack on an enactment of the 1911 session, in the federal court here. The assault on the measure comes from Gold because of its inclusion of trading stamps in the list of enterprises prohibited for the gain of trade. The provision of the new law states that "any gift promise, stated or implied to give or bestow or in other manner to hold out the promise of a gift or bestowal of any article or thing, for or in consideration of the purchase by any persons of any article or thing."

Nebraska Primary Law. Nebraska's primary law is pronounced a failure by F. M. Currie of Broken Bow, formerly a member of the legislature and prominent in state politics. He asserts that the law is a failure in every way and nearly everybody in Guster county would like to see it cast aside in favor of the old convention system.

Should Cultivate Corn. "Farmers can increase the yield of corn ten bushels or more to the acre," said Secretary Mellor of the state board of agriculture, "if they will continue to cultivate their corn every week from now on. They have the cleanest fields now that I ever saw in Nebraska, but they will make a mistake if they cease cultivating. By much cultivation from now on and the constant stirring and pulverizing of the ground the farmers will be able to make up what they may lose on a short crop of small grain."

THE BANK GUARANTY.

Secretary Royse Sends Notice of First Assessment.

Secretary Royse, of the state banking board, from reports sent in from 658 state banks, finds that there are \$66,253,668.72 of average daily deposits subject to the guaranty deposit law. As computed by Secretary Royse, one-fourth of 1 per cent of that amount, to be levied as the first assessment under the new law, will net an initial guaranty fund of \$165,633.92. Subsequent payments will be made in similar amounts every six months for the next eighteen months. The assessment will be due and payable July 1.

Secretary Royse has informed bankers that the banks' capital or surplus must not be reduced in order to meet the provisions of the law, but emphasizes the fact that the guaranty assessment is to be levied against the undivided profits. Should these be insufficient, assessments must be made against the stockholders to make up the required amount. In his letter to the bankers the secretary further orders a regular meeting of the board of directors of each institution to be held some time during the first ten days of July, so that a thorough examination of the banks' affairs can be made subject to the provisions of the new law.

State's Bond Deals. State Treasurer George has sold \$220,000 of bonds of other states and has arranged for the purchase of \$224,000 of drainage district bonds issued in Nebraska. The state bonds sold are \$50,000 of North Carolina, 4 per cent; \$150,000 of Maryland, 3 per cent; \$20,000 Louisiana, 4 per cent.

Postal Banks in Nebraska. Eighteen postal savings banks will be in operation in Nebraska by July 15. The various postoffices have been designated by the postoffice from time to time, some of them being already opened. July 15 has been set as the final date for completion of the preliminary work.

Permission to Issue Stock. Secretary A. R. Patton, of the Gage County Independent Telephone company of Blue Springs, appeared before the state railway commission and asked permission to issue \$3,000 more in stock and for an ex post facto order validating a stock issue of \$4,500 already made without asking permission.

Pumphrey Asks for Pardon. Charles Pumphrey, serving a seven-year sentence at the state penitentiary for the murder of a Chinaman in Omaha in 1907, has filed application with the governor for a pardon. Pumphrey was originally sentenced to life imprisonment, but Governor Shallenberger commuted the sentence to seven years. Two other accomplices were sentenced to lesser terms. The three killed the Chinaman, it was stated at the trial, during a robbery.

Files for Judge. Charles I. Bragg, of Burwell, has filed nomination papers as a republican candidate for judge of the Eleventh judicial district.

More Assessment Figures. Abstracts of county assessments for 1911 received by the state board of equalization show very little difference from the assessments of last year. Dakota county returns a total valuation of \$2,589,283 this year and returned \$2,615,975 last year. Dixon county this year returns \$4,077,420, and returned \$4,127,806, last year; Franklin county this year reported \$2,673,103 and last year reported \$2,597,463; Chase county has returned \$1,941,321 as the valuation for this year, as compared with \$1,955,645 last year; Grant county's assessment this year was \$704,496, as compared with \$702,885 last year.

Kicks on Soggy Bread. An old soldier from the Millford home for soldiers, who did not give his name, called on Land Commissioner Cowles and showed him a part of a loaf of bread that appeared not to have been well baked. "That is the kind of bread the old soldiers have had to eat for five months," said the caller.

State Primary Election. Under date of June 10 a proclamation calling for holding a primary election in the state of Nebraska was issued from the executive office. While the law requires that such proclamation shall be issued at least 60 days before holding the election, the fact that this comes out at this time, it is not thought will react upon the activities of any prospective candidates. The official proclamation calls for the primary election on the third Tuesday in August which this year falls on the 15th.

Three Judges of the state supreme court, two regents of the state university and one railway commissioner to fill vacancy are the state offices for which candidates will be selected at that time.

The Lincoln Tax Showing. Lincoln's taxable property will not show the increase that had been hoped this year. Since the tax commissioner began his duties he has said this result would come about. Now the totals have been obtained on real estate and show a total assessed valuation in the city of \$5,672,170 as opposed to a total a year ago of \$5,436,465. This is a gain on real estate of \$235,665. Much of the gain in taxable property in the city is secured from real estate, and illustrates the new growth of Lincoln.

OUTLOOK IS BETTER

RECIPROCITY ATMOSPHERE IS GROWING CLEAR.

A VOTE EXPECTED IN JULY

A Rest Until After the Fourth of July, Then More Speeches Will Be Forthcoming.

Washington.—The Canadian reciprocity situation cleared to a marked degree Friday and a canvass of the situation in the senate was in every way assuring to the friends of the measure. With not more than a dozen set speeches in prospect, many of the senators count upon a vote before the end of July.

When the senate adjourned after three hours of anti-reciprocity speech-making by Senators Gamble and Cummins there was an understanding that there would be no further effort at legislation until after July 4 and that when business is resumed there will be no cessation until final adjournment. There will be a brief session of both houses, but only to meet the constitutional inhibition against either body adjourning for more than three days at a time without the other's consent.

The recess will continue until July 5. The most formidable speech still to be made is that of Senator La Follette. He will present his long promised tariff amendments to the reciprocity bill and will talk for three or four days discussing the tariff even more than reciprocity. These amendments will be in the nature of a substitute of all other tariff suggestions. The only speeches promised in support of the reciprocity bill will be made by Senators Stone of Missouri and Burton of Ohio. In addition to Senator La Follette, Senators Clapp, Bristow, Grenna, Nelson, Bailey, Simmons and other will be heard, but none except La Follette and possibly Bristow will talk at length.

With reciprocity disposed of it is not believed that the session will be greatly prolonged. The standpat republicans are disposed to concede a vote on the wool and free list bills. The democratic senators have said from the beginning they would be satisfied with a roll call on the two tariff bills and there are indications that they will let these go to vote without much debate in view of the threatened presidential veto of both bills.

Senator Cummins, who has had the floor during parts of the last three days, announced that he would conclude his attack on the bill next Wednesday and that he would like to have his amendments, enlarging the free list on Canadian products voted upon July 6.

Bomb Explodes. Madrid.—It is officially stated that while the eucharist procession was passing through Calle Mayor, one of the city's greatest thoroughfares, a bomb was exploded in a side street. No one was injured. One arrest was made.

Green Corn Curling Up. Lexington, Neb.—Thursday was the worst day in this vicinity for many years as far as damage to the crops is concerned. The wind blew high and was scorching hot. Green fields of corn were badly burned and curled at night.

Declared a Common Carrier. Washington.—The Manufacturers' Railway company of St. Louis is a common carrier and payment to it of a reasonable portion of the St. Louis rates for the terminal switching services rendered by it is not unlawful. A decision to this effect was handed down by the interstate commerce commission.

The National Treasury. Washington.—Revised estimates indicate that the closing of the fiscal year 1911, will find the federal treasury showing a surplus of approximately \$33,000,000 on all ordinary accounts. Receipts from Panama canal bond sales indicate that there will be no total deficit on account of canal operations.

Naval Officers Retire. Washington.—Much to the gratification of the "plucking" board of the navy department, the following six captains voluntarily retired from active service: Burns T. Walling of Ohio, commandant of San Juan naval station; James C. Gilmore of Arizona, commanding the armored cruiser Maryland; John M. Orchard of Missouri, commanding the West Virginia; Thomas D. Griffin of Virginia, captain of the Mare Island navy yards; Ben W. Hodges of Mississippi, now on sick leave, and Edward Lloyd of Maryland, commanding the Wabash.

General Potts Takes Command. Chicago, Ill.—General Ramsey D. Potts of Fort Leavenworth took command of the newly created central division of the United States army with headquarters in Chicago.

Withdrawal of Troops. Washington.—After a talk with Secretary of War Stimson and Major General Wood, chief of staff of the army, President Taft authorized the withdrawal of four regiments in the maneuver division now at San Antonio, Texas.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Saloons are again in operation at Lincoln.

The wheat harvest in Sarpy county is a good one.

The Young Men's Democratic club has been formed at Holdrege.

Aurora has about decided upon doing about \$60,000 worth of paving.

Henry Bussey, a bootlegger, was fined \$100 by Judge Ellis at Beatrice.

Omaha has a bond issue election the other day when all propositions were turned down.

Some Nebraska towns have of late been overrun with tramps, and yet many farmers are looking for help.

The Northwestern Railroad company has a large force of carpenters at work enlarging and remodeling the station at Bassett.

F. W. Fitch of Omaha has filed nomination papers with the secretary of state as candidate for judge of the Fifteenth judicial district.

Bridge bonds amounting to \$17,000 from Morrill county, will be offered to the state for investment. They have been sent into the state auditor's office for registration.

T. C. Marsh, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. of Fremont, will leave next fall and W. H. Randall of University Place has practically been named as his successor.

Rev. W. H. Buss of the Congregational church of Fremont officially confirmed the report that he had received a call to the pastorate of the First Congregational church of Topeka, Kas.

Weatherby Johnson was checked in as agent for the Missouri Pacific at Brock, June 10, and last week he disappeared. A diamond ring valued at \$375 and one at \$500 and all the station's funds are also missing.

State Treasurer W. A. George announced that he had appointed V. A. Danielson of Center, Knox county, as deputy state treasurer to succeed E. S. Mickey who resigned some time ago.

Arrangements for the North Nebraskadistrict G. A. R. reunion at Pierce from July 11 to 15 are about completed and from the communications being received from all over the district there will be a record breaking attendance during the entire week.

D. J. Collins was arrested at Wyomere and bound over to the district court on the charge of holding up Gustave Bauer, a farmer, and robbing him of \$26. Bauer was severely beaten and identified Collins in court as his assailant. In default of \$1,000 bail Collins was lodged in the county jail at Beatrice.

Washington dispatch: The abstract of the condition of the national banks of Nebraska, exclusive of Omaha and Lincoln, at the close of business on June 7, as reported to the comptroller of the currency, shows the average reserve held at 15.12 per cent, as compared with 15.76 per cent on March 7. Loans and discounts decreased from \$51,511,662 to \$51,053,287; gold coin from \$3,480,104 to \$1,548,465; individual deposits increased from \$52,094,780 to \$52,370,923.

The death of Thomas Aikins in Omaha last week marked the passing of the champion man for attending funerals in Omaha. He was past fifty years old and has been known to have attended over 5,000 funerals during the past eighteen years. Mr. Aikins was not at all times a mourner over the dead, as he invariably went to the cemeteries in the capacity of horse driver or undertaker's assistant.

John McGuire, Ira Mills, John Mead, Robert Shaw, H. R. Black and John P. Long of the Arnold neighborhood have qualified before County Judge Holcomb of Custer county, as appraisers for the right-of-way for the extension of the Union Pacific building toward Arnold and Gandy from Callaway. Their services haven't been required very much as generally the farmers are so glad to get the road there is no trouble in coming to an agreement.

The continued decrease in the assessed valuation of counties reported to the State Board of Equalization is evidence that the total assessed valuation of all property in the state will be less this year than it was last year. The larger as well as the smaller counties generally show a decrease. Logan county has reported an assessed valuation of \$308,347. Last year it reported \$321,000. McPherson county has reported \$343,132. Last year it reported \$353,154.

Postmaster General Hitchcock probably will make his decision early next week in the matter of deciding whether the new railway mail division shall be established at Omaha or Denver, says a Washington dispatch. While he has given no intimation as to the nature of his decision, it is believed at the present time that he is inclined to favor Omaha. Senators Brown and Hitchcock have been in constant communication with the postmaster general, pointing out the advantages of Omaha over Denver.

Jerry Stees, roadmaster of the St. Joseph & Grand Island, with headquarters at Hanover, lies badly injured in the hospital as the result of a head-on collision between his railroad motor tri-cycle and an incoming St. Joseph train.

Last week Charles Lundstrom of Holdrege departed for Sweden, accompanied by his wife and young child. A few months ago Mr. Lundstrom closed a deal whereby he became owner of 2,000 acres of land in Sweden, and he is going there now to look after his property. Nearly 500 acres are tilled and the remainder is timber land.