

Nebraska HOWARD HARD HIT BY "LUCKY 7TH'S" FATE

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rate" Put Kink in Neville.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—While many people are sorry that Governor Neville has been deprived of the privilege of going to war at the head of the "Lucky Seventh," at least for some time to come, because of things which have come up lately, there is someone else who has been just as hard as the governor by the orders of the War Department. That man is Lieutenant Governor Howard.

Lieutenant Governor Howard admitted at the time Governor Neville announced he would resign as governor to accept the colonelcy of the Seventh regiment, that the proposition of being governor made him "shudder." However, as time passed and an opportunity was given him to play governor for a week while the real governor was in Washington, he showed how "shuddering" the prospects were by promptly commissioning Governor Neville as colonel of the Seventh. Since that time he has shuddered almost continually, and now that the prospect of being governor appears to have gone glimmering, the lieutenant governor comes out and charges politics as being at the bottom of the whole proposition, thus giving the average citizen the right to say a few things also if he wishes.

In the issue of his paper last Friday Lieutenant Governor Howard refers to the "Lucky Seventh" as follows: "It was conceived in the patriotic impulse of an honest young governor to light for his country and the flag. It was chloroformed by a political pirate. No shame attaches to Keith Neville in the death of the Seventh regiment. He gave it all the ardor that a loving heart and a patriotic desire could bring to bear. But all his efforts availed not. The power of a dread messenger from an evil corner of tradition's most evil political hell was superior to our young governor's sincere love of country and his sincere desire to do his part in the defense of the flag."

People in Lincoln are wondering who the "political pirate" is who Governor Howard charges is responsible for the condition which brought the "dread messenger from an evil corner of tradition's most evil political hell." Some believe that they can guess correctly the first time trying and that he refers to a certain senator from the banks of the Missouri along the eastern border of Nebraska, and that it all indicates that Mr. Howard feels that he has "shuddered" just about as long as he can "shudder" without shaking off something which will be interesting and that from now on "every little shudder will have a meaning all its own."

As the string which was hitched to the governor's resignation gradually tightens as the resignation is apparently being pulled back, it is no wonder that the Columbus editor, who had the gubernatorial job almost within his grasp, sees political pirates and visions of political hell swarming around with a prospect of long continued "shuddering."

Congressman Stephens to Tell of War on French Front as He Saw It

The big week of the Red Cross drive starts this morning and one of the biggest cards will be staged to-night, when Congressman Dan V. Stephens will appear at the Auditorium. Not only will he tell of the war as viewed from the trenches, but he will describe what it means to be on the firing line.

At the Auditorium tonight the Forty-first United States Infantry band from Fort Crook will supply the music. This is recognized as one of the best bands in the service of the United States government and the concert that it will give tonight will be free of cost to all who visit the Auditorium.

The lecture, or address of Congressman Stephens will be one of the best things heard in Omaha in a long time. Like the band concert, this is free. The idea in having these two great drawing cards at this time is to create an interest in Red Cross work and give it an impetus.

The talk by Congressman Stephens promises to be a real treat. He will be able to bring the war right home to the people. Accompanying a congressional party, headed from New York, landed somewhere in France, visited Paris and from there journeyed to the war zone.

During his stay of several days in the war zone, Congressman Stephens broke bread with the officers and men of the allied nations. He saw them in camp and on the field of battle and thus at first hand, learned what is being done all along the western front, where now the American boys are pouring shot and shell over into the camps of the soldiers of the Kaiser.

During the stay of Congressman



DAN V. STEPHENS.

Stephens in the war zone, he witnessed days of fierce fighting. He saw the aeroplanes of the allies battling with those of the Germans and upon occasions saw the immense tanks go into battle, clearing the way that the advance of the infantry might not be impeded.

Being an eloquent orator and having been in close touch with the war and having watched the progress of battles, it is predicted that the congressman will deliver an address that will be of unusual interest.

NEBRASKA LOANS OUT 10 MILLIONS OF SCHOOL FUNDS

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Nebraska has loaned out an investment of its permanent school and other funds the total little sum of \$10,242,837.35, according to the semi-annual report of State Auditor W. H. Smith, filed with the governor yesterday. The funds are invested as follows:

Permanent school fund	\$ 2,099,451.91
Permanent university	2,099,128.00
Agricultural college endowment	667,630.00
Normal endowment	57,985.25
Boys' memorial endowment	2,431.09
Total	\$10,242,837.35

For the period beginning June 1, 1917, and ending November 30, 1917, warrants were issued by State Auditor Smith amounting to \$3,254,029.11, according to his semi-annual report filed with the governor yesterday. Of the amount \$3,047,024.62 had been presented for payment and cashed.

A recapitulation of the report made November 30, 1917, shows the following:

Outstanding May 21, 1917	\$ 3,189,964.43
Warrants issued	3,254,029.11
Warrants paid	3,047,024.62
Balance	\$ 3,996,968.92

NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Opinions and Rulings Handed
Down in Various Cases
Heard by State High
Tribunal.

Following are recent decisions handed down by the supreme court of the state of Nebraska:

1914—Heller against Wiesner. Stipulation allowed; cause advanced and set for hearing at session commencing January 7, 1918; appellee to serve briefs by December 1, 1917.

1912—W. E. Brown & Sons against Northwestern Railroad company. Motion and stipulation allowed; rule day extended to December 1, 1917; cause continued to session commencing February 18, 1918.

1916—State ex rel. County of Douglas against Smith. Motion and stipulation allowed; cause continued to session commencing December 3, 1917.

1921—Veach against Lovv. Stipulation allowed; cause continued to session commencing January 7, 1918.

1925—Jenkins against Dial. Stipulation allowed; cause continued to session commencing January 7, 1918.

19047—Henderson, administratrix, against Union Pacific Railroad company. Mandate ordered to issue instant.

19331—Whitcomb against State. Motion and stipulation allowed; defendant in error given until December 29, 1917, to serve briefs.

20280—Hamer against grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen. Stipulation allowed; appellee given until December 15, 1917, to serve answer briefs. Cause continued to session of court commencing January 7, 1918.

The following opinions were filed: 19694—City of Lincoln against Douglas county. Reversed and remanded with directions to allow deductions of value of mortgage and shares of stock. Letton, J., Hamer, J., not sitting.

19665—McCague Investment company against Metropolitan water district city of Omaha. Affirmed. Cornish, J., Sedgwick, J., not sitting.

19684—Valdo against Lockard. Affirmed. Rose, J., Letton, J., dissenting.

19689—Flaxel against Flaxel. Affirmed. Sedgwick, J.

19706—McClough against St. Edward Electric company. Affirmed. Sedgwick, J.

19708—Bailey against Hurtt. Affirmed. Dean, J., Letton and Sedgwick, J., not sitting.

19737—Lynn against Missouri Pacific Railroad company. Reversed and remanded. Hamer, J., Sedgwick, J., not sitting. Rose, J., not participating in decision.

20057—State ex rel. Calling against Smith. Affirmed. Sedgwick, J.

20202—Cavey against Reigle. Reversed and dismissed. Sedgwick, J.

30221—Grohe against Crownover. Affirmed. Morrissey, C. J.

The following cases affirmed without opinions: 18849—Yates against Martin. Sedgwick, J., not sitting.

19688—Luff against Nicklas.

19721—Moore against Kansas City Casualty company. Sedgwick, J., not sitting.

The following cases disposed of by the commission: 19568—Inner against Canadian

FAIRBURY CHILD BURNS TO DEATH; MOTHER ABSENT

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Lona Barnhart, 3 years old, was burned to death today while her mother was away visiting friends. The family lives at Endicott, six miles southeast of here. The mother says she left the little girl alone in the house while she went across the street. It is supposed she attempted to put a chunk of wood in the coal stove and caught fire. Her screams attracted her mother, who returned to find the child enveloped in flames. The little girl was frantically burned and died in a few hours. Mrs. Barnhart was also seriously burned and she may die. The family came to Endicott from Auburn four or five years ago. The father is a laborer.

Three Families Each Give Three Sons to Country

Hebron, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Three families in Hebron have each given three of their sons for the service of their country. The family of J. S. Harman has three boys in the army. The family of W. T. Tripp has three boys who have enlisted, two in the navy and one in the army. Three of Jacob Franzen's boys have also entered into the service of their country.

Two Nebraska Boys Die Of Pneumonia at Cody

Camp Cody, N. M., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Pneumonia caused the deaths in the base hospital here of Private Edwrd Heney, Fifth Nebraska infantry, from Weeping Water, Neb., and Private Guy R. Burke, Company E, 109th Engineers, from Falls City, Neb. Their bodies are being sent home for burial.

News Notes of Craig

Craig, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—A box social held at the high school building last Thursday night in the interest of the Red Cross netted \$210. The Christmas membership drive for the Red Cross is in full swing at Craig and meeting with big success.

Supreme Court Decides Property Valuation Case

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—University removal brought a little echo through the supreme court concerning valuation of property condemned on the land set out for campus extension.

The Board of Regents under condemnation proceedings valued a lot 50x50 feet containing a seven-room partially modern cottage at \$2,200. The owner, Jacob Mohler, appealed to the district court of Lancaster county and the jury awarded damages for \$2,250. Mohler appealed and the supreme court affirmed the judgment of the lower court, holding that inconvenience of moving and the fact the owner might some time get more on a voluntary sale and purchase cuts no figure.

Old-Time Log House Is Destroyed by Fire

Stockville, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The home of Lee Donchey was burned this morning at 3 o'clock and is a complete loss. This was a cedar log house built in 1874, part of the logs being hauled from McPherson by his father, Jerome Donchey, one of the pioneers. His son, Lee, is one of the large ranchmen of Frontier county and lives three miles south of Stockville.

Sammy's Girls of Hebron Raise Red Cross Funds

Hebron, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Sammy's Girls of Hebron raised \$90 for the Red Cross at a big box supper and auction in the opera house here last night. Three hundred people attended. The articles sold, which were donated, ranged from a ton of stock food to a pair of Belgian hares.

Rabbits Plentiful Near Town of Stella, Neb.

Stella, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Rabbits are most plentiful this season and seem to be in healthful condition. In families where boys and men have time to hunt, rabbit meat often forms a big part of the meals, and some thrifty housewives are putting in salty brine their surplus, keeping them the same as brine-cured pork.

Urges Production of Pork As Big Factor in the War

Stella, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—J. O. Shroyer, residing west of Stella, member of the "pork production" committee from this district, comprising Richardson, Pawnee, Omaha and Johnson counties, addressed a large audience of farmers at a meeting of the County Protective association in Falls City.

Ogallala Red Cross Workers Send Shipment

Ogallala, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The knitting division of the Ogallala chapter and auxiliaries of the Red Cross have shipped a second box of knitted garments, which contained 15 sweaters, 29 pairs of socks, 12 pairs of wristlets, four helmets and three scarfs, making a total of 25 sweaters, 41 pairs of socks, 22 pairs of wristlets, nine helmets and seven scarfs.

Richardson Men Enlist

Stella, Neb., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Six young men went from Richardson county to enlist in the navy at Omaha, this week, as the result of the work of Recruiting Officer E. A. Price at Falls City. They are Edwin E. Stalder and Cecil F. Durva of Dawson, Edward J. Sheehan of Seward, Herbert Marr, Roy Conser and D. W. Meisner from Falls City.

McFarland Draws Generous Fee From Callahan Estate

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—After long waiting, Attorney J. M. McFarland of Omaha, will receive a nice little attorney fee of \$6,000 from the estate of James Callahan.

The case is interesting from the fact that Callahan was one of the men accused many years ago of complicity in the kidnapping of Edward Cudahy, young son of the South Omaha packer. McFarland was attorney for Callahan and was successful in having him acquitted, not only on the abduction charge, but also on a charge of perjury growing out of the first trial.

Callahan had promised the attorney that he would pay him from his share in his father's estate. The father was alive at the time, dying later, as also did the son.

The administrator of the estate made several defenses, one of which was that as the agreement was not in writing and related to real estate, it came within the statute of fraud.

The supreme court in its opinion favorable to McFarland, says that the agreement merely fixed the time of payment and does not fall within the statute cited.

Lincoln Red Cross Wins Membership Honors

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The members of the Lincoln branch of the Red Cross society are feeling exceedingly jubilant just now from the fact that from a report published from the national headquarters of the society, Lincoln stands third in point of numbers, the largest society being in Chicago, the second largest in Detroit and the third in Lincoln.

One day last week 1,000 women belonging to the bandage circle department alone, were working at headquarters in the Masonic temple, 600 of them working during the day and 400 more at night, getting the stuff ready for the soldier boys.

Soldiers' Home Notes

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Grand Island, Neb., Dec. 16.—State Inspector Martz of Lincoln, made an inspection at Burkett Friday going over the work in general. He returned Friday evening.

The supplies for the new oven, which were ordered the first of the month, have just arrived. This is another example of the delay in shipping at the present time.

Mr. Mitchell's report on being somewhat improved today, and is able to be about again.

Dr. Pratt is happy again, having recovered his medicine case, which he lost while returning to Burkett from Grand Island.

The members at Burkett wish every man, woman and child were as well provided for as far as the comforts and necessities of life are concerned, as the old soldiers at Burkett.

Mrs. Barr and daughter, who have been visiting at Burkett with the former's father, Mr. Hewitt, for the last several days, are to leave today for their home at Plainville, Neb.

Grand Island weather has been reported as far south as St. Louis, Mo., so that the membership at Burkett has no reason for complaining of its below experienced Thursday morning.

Mrs. Barnes, who has been ill for the last week with an attack of the grippe, is somewhat improved, and is expected to return to her home in a few days.

No. 1, will be much pleased to hear that she is greatly improved from her recent illness and was able Thursday to sit up in her easy chair for the greater part of the day.

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