

FROM MANY POINTS

EVENTS OF THE DAY HELD TO A FEW LINES.

LATE EVENTS BOILED DOWN

Personal, Political, Foreign and Other Intelligence Interesting to the General Readers.

WAR NEWS.

Paris reports that the French destroyer Mantassin has been sunk in a collision.

The capture of Lutsk in Volhynia and also a series of powerfully organized Austrian positions is announced in an official communication given out in Petrograd.

Major Morant, military critic of the Berlin Tageblatt, writing of the Austro-Italian campaign, says the Italian casualties thus far are not less than 80,000 men.

The loss of the 26,000-ton battle cruiser Lutzow, one of the big German ships which the British claim to have sunk in the Jutland sea fight is now admitted by the German admiralty.

Hundreds of bodies, many of them horribly mutilated by explosions, are drifting about in the North Sea near the scene of the battle between German and British fleets, according to all steamers arriving at Danish ports.

Fort Vaux, one of the Verdun defenses, has been captured by the German troops, according to an official Berlin statement issued from headquarters. What remained of the French garrison finally surrendered.

Field Marshal Kitchener, British secretary for war, several members of his staff, and between 200 and 300 men met death when the British cruiser Hampshire, either struck a mine or was torpedoed off the Orkney islands.

Upward of 6,000 Canadians have fallen within a week in the desperate fighting in and around Sanctuary woods, according to a statement made by Major General Samuel Hughes, minister of militia, at Ottawa, Canada.

The British government has issued a permit authorizing the American Express company to forward remittances of money addressed to Berlin and Vienna for persons in Russian territory now occupied by Germany or Austria.

Crown Prince Frederick William of Germany, in a letter written to a wounded officer, formerly a member of his staff, says that though he has visited several battle fronts, the fight before Verdun is the most terrible of the war. The losses, the crown prince is quoted as saying, are frightful.

It is reported that members of the German landrum, class of 1917, who are living abroad, have been ordered to return home immediately. The landrum includes, in addition to trained soldiers between the ages of 23 and 45, all those between the ages of 17 and 23 who have received no military training.

Estimated losses in the great battle between the German and British fleets in the North Sea are placed at approximately 10,000 men and thirty-four ships. The British lost nineteen ships, three battle cruisers, three armored cruisers and a dozen destroyers and a submarine. The Germans lost two battleships, two battle cruisers, four light cruisers and six destroyers and a submarine.

GENERAL.

Following the example of Germany, England, Italy and the Scandinavian countries, the French senate has adopted the daylight saving bill, advancing legal time by one hour.

Andrew Carnegie is giving Iowa twelve additional libraries to be built this year at a cost of \$106,000, according to the report of Julia A. Robinson of the Iowa library association.

The sale of Bonnie Brae, sixtieth, by William Andrews & Son at Iowa City, Ia., for \$11,100 sets a new mark for a two-year-old Hereford bull. Overton Harris of Harris, Mo., bought the animal.

A number of American citizens and British subjects have been killed at Talara, Peru, by striking employees of the London-Pacific Petroleum Co., according to a message from the steamer Somer to the United States cruiser at San Diego, Cal.

An anti-American riot, incited by a mass meeting to protest against the continued presence of American troops in Mexican territory was put down in Chihuahua City by the military authorities.

Defying a heavy rainstorm, 5,000 women marched in the parade of the National Equal Suffrage association in Chicago, giving an unprecedented demonstration of loyalty to the cause for which they are fighting—women's votes.

Counsel for Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, sentenced to die during the week of July 10 for the murder of his father-in-law, John E. Peck, filed a notice of appeal for a new trial in New York.

A state constitutional amendment providing for woman suffrage was defeated in Iowa at the recent election.

Three persons were killed and four seriously injured when a fast Pennsylvania freight train crashed into an automobile near Canton, Ohio.

Fifteen persons lost their lives and a number were injured when a Rock Island passenger plunged into a river near Packard, Iowa.

A carload of liquor from Kansas City was seized at Denver and charges of bootlegging were filed against eleven men by state and city officials.

Two hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be spent on 1,000 June weddings in Cleveland, Ohio, according to Frank Zizelman, marriage license clerk.

One hundred and seven lives were lost, hundreds of persons were injured and heavy property damage was done through Arkansas and in Missouri, Illinois and Mississippi by a series of tornadoes.

Increase in gas rates in Kansas from 28 to 32 cents a cubic foot was granted the Natural Gas company in its long fight with the Kansas public utility commission by a decision handed down in circuit court.

The proposed merger of the Wyllis-Overland and other companies will invade Henry Ford's field with a cheap automobile and one of the greatest commercial wars in history is impending, according to Wall street reports.

James J. Hill, the railroad builder, who died recently, did not leave a will and his widow filed a petition in probate court at St. Paul, Minn., asking that Louis W. Hill, a son, be appointed administrator of the estate, the value of which is placed at \$10,000,000.

Mrs. Arthur Storz and Mrs. Edith Bartlett of Omaha were killed, when a Rock Island passenger train struck the automobile driven by Mrs. Storz at a grade crossing in Council Bluffs. The party had gone to Macdonald, Ia., to aid the husband of Mrs. Storz, who had been injured in an automobile accident.

SPORTING.

Ed "Strasser" Lewis, who is to wrestle Joe Stecher for the world's championship in Omaha on July 4th, is now training in the Nebraska metropolis.

Freddie Welch, lightweight champion, outpointed Tommy Lowe of Washington in a ten-round bout at Ardmore, Md. Lowe took considerable punishment, but was able to land on the champion.

Baseball was retained as a college sport in the Big Nine conference at Chicago by a vote taken at a meeting of the faculty committee. Prof. James Paige, a representative of the University of Minnesota, cast the only dissenting vote.

Missouri won the ninth Missouri Valley track meet at Columbia, Ames, Ia., was second, and Nebraska finished fifth. Simpson of Missouri broke his own world's record in the 120-yard hurdles with a time of 14.3. In the 220-yard hurdles Simpson tied the world's mark of 23.3, which has stood for eighteen years.

Wisconsin's athletes, for the second time in succession, won the conference track meet on Northwestern field, Chicago. The Badgers scored in twelve of the sixteen events and finished more than fourteen points ahead of Illinois, whose men were expected to give the Badgers a close battle. Two world's records were equaled and four old Big Nine marks were beaten, while a third was tied.

WASHINGTON.

President Wilson accepted an invitation to speak in New York June 30, before the New York Press club.

President Wilson nominated Jose C. Barbosa of Porto Rico, as a member of the Porto Rican executive council.

A bill for relief of 800 mail contractors in the south, whose pay was withheld during the civil war, passed the house.

Present indications point to a wheat crop 300,000,000 bushels smaller this year than that of last year. Department of Agriculture forecasts indicate a winter wheat crop of 469,000,000 bushels, 30,000,000 bushels less than forecast from May conditions, due largely to insects in Kansas and Oklahoma and a spring wheat crop of 246,000,000 bushels due to a decrease of 8 per cent in the acreage from last year and to the late wet spring.

Construction by the navy department of dirigible aircraft of the Zeppelin type may be urged by Secretary Daniels in the near future as a result of the North Sea battle and the slowness of commercial development of such construction in this country.

Amoro Sato, former Japanese ambassador to Austria, has been selected as ambassador to the United States to succeed Viscount Chinda, whose transfer to the ambassadorship at London recently was announced.

A proposal to General Carranza that the United States and the Mexican de facto government submit the whole subject of their relations to an international commission is being seriously considered by the administration.

President Wilson has signed a resolution passed by congress, authorizing him to invite Spain and Latin-American countries to participate in an exposition in 1918 celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of San Antonio, Tex.

GIVES COMMISSIONS

GOVERNOR MOREHEAD CREATES OFFICERS IN NEBRASKA RESERVE MILITIA.

EXPENSES LOWER THIS YEAR

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Governor Morehead has issued commissions to the following university cadet officers, all of whom become second lieutenants in the Nebraska reserve militia:

Majors—Archer Lowell Burnham, Stanton county; William Calvin Chapin, Lancaster county; Charles Albert Hauptman, Dodge county; Leon Archibald Hickman, Seward county. Captains—Willard Miller Folsom, Lancaster county; Irving Karl A. Frost, Dodge county; Vincent Columbus George, Custer county; Raymond Clifton Leach Greer, Hamilton county; Howard Hadley, Lancaster county; Walter Hall, Johnson county; Clinton Steele Holcombe, Lincoln county; Richard Vitis Koupal, Lancaster county; Darrell Thomas Lane, Thomas county; James Lloyd McMaster, Lincoln county; Leen Martin Palmer, Lancaster county; Franz Henry Paustain, Douglas county; Melvin Henry Schlesinger, Lancaster county; Paul Nathaniel Temple, Dawson county.

First Lieutenants—Walter Elsworth, Butler county; Ulysses Severin Harkson, Lancaster county; Glenn Eugene Miller, Buffalo county; Harold Jacob Schwab, Red Willow county; Wilmer LaVern Wright, Hamilton county; Gene Forest Liebeneder, Pawnee county; Louis Frederick Sammann, Jefferson county; C. H. Epperson, Clay county. Second Lieutenant—John Fred Nelson, Scottsbluff county.

Expenses Were Less This Year

In the first five months of 1916, the state government and institutions of Nebraska were administered for \$217,000 less than in the same period a year ago. The 1915 period included the outgo for legislative salaries and expenses, but does not account for all of the difference.

The policy pursued by state officials in holding down expenditures and giving the people the benefit in the way of reduced state taxes has cut down the disbursements of the state treasury about \$12,000 to \$15,000 per month, in addition to the money saved by not having a session of the legislature this year.

State Auditor Smith's statement for May shows that in that month this year the warrants issued by his office totaled \$370,481, while in May a year ago the amount was \$455,775, being a difference of \$85,000 in favor of this year.

For the first five months of 1915 the warrants issued came to a total of \$2,286,013. In the first five months of the current year, the outgo has been held down to \$2,069,340.

Report on Fiscal Agency Funds

State Treasurer Hall has given out a summary of the funds in his hands on May 29, under the fiscal agency law of 1913, showing a total of \$8,721,922, which includes \$381,800 accrued as interest on such funds during his term of office so far. This money is all deposited in the Lincoln State bank. It is drawing 3 per cent interest, the same as state moneys placed in depository banks.

Fiscal agency funds are funds sent to the state treasurer by officials of counties, cities, villages, school districts and other state subdivisions, to be used in paying the principal and interest on bonds as they come due. The legislature provided that the state treasurer's office should be a legal place for the payment of these obligations.

State Treasurer Hall's method of handling the funds is to deposit money received from each county, municipality or other division in a separate account. Interest is not figured individually but on the entire amount. State Treasurer Hall says the interest will be turned into some state funds, but he has not yet decided which funds.

Distribution of Harvest Hands.

The state department of labor is sending out blanks to wheat raisers and those in a position to make a fairly accurate estimate of the condition of grain. These blanks are sent to each county in the state. Information is requested as to condition of grain as compared with last year during the month of June, the number of harvest field workers used last year, the probable number of extra men needed this year, the prevailing wage last year and the probable wage this year.

Treasurer Hall Defendant in Suit.

Food Commissioner Harman, whose department has charge of the inspection of weights and measures all over the state except in the larger cities, believes that, as a general thing, the measuring pumps by which oil firms sell gasoline to automobile owners and users give purchaser the full amount that he pays for. These pumps, says Harman, have been under inspection right along. Occasionally one is found that runs short measure, and in every such instance it is either corrected or condemned.

Will Study Grasshopper Situation.

Reports to the state house to the effect that northern and northwestern Nebraska might face a grasshopper plague of considerable proportions need not generally alarm the inhabitants of that section. State farm experts believe that the danger is not acute, although it is probable that several parties of students will cover the section during the vacation to observe the trend of their activities. The varieties which are said to be hatching in swarms, are not locusts, but the ordinary brown and green honers.

GOVERNOR HONORS FLAG DAY

Says Native Born and Adopted Citizens Are Patriotic.

Governor J. H. Morehead's flag day proclamation pays tribute to the patriotism of United States citizens, whether native born or citizens by adoption. He says the flag has been baptized in the blood of men from almost every country under the stars and that but few citizens cannot say, "It is my own, or my adopted land." The governor asks that June 14 be observed as flag day and that the public schools in particular set apart a portion of the day to explain to pupils the meaning of the day.

Settled Railroad Tax Question

The state board of assessment has partially retraced its steps in the matter of the assessment of railroad property. At a recent meeting it decided to make an increase of 3 1/2 per cent in the valuation of so-called main lines and make no increase on branch lines. Owing to criticism that one-third of the counties of the state would receive no increase in taxes paid by railroads, the board has changed the method of distributing the increase. It has decided to spread the 3 1/2 per cent over the entire mileage of each system instead of adding it to main lines only. The total increase in the assessed valuation of all railroad property at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent is \$1,016,591. This increased value is spread over the entire mileage of the roads, amounts to only \$32 a mile increase for the Northwestern road, \$30 a mile for the St. Joe road, \$290 a mile for the Union Pacific, \$175 a mile for the Burlington, \$110 for the M. & O., \$170 for the Rock Island, and \$125 a mile for the Missouri Pacific.

Holds Serum Law Unconstitutional.

Because the hog cholera serum law passed by the legislature of 1915 tends to create a monopoly and because it prevents a farmer from treating his own hogs or a veterinarian from purchasing serum with which to treat hogs of those who employ him, the act has been declared unconstitutional and void in an opinion by the supreme court of Nebraska, announced Saturday.

This decision is given in the test suit from Douglas county, where C. C. Hall was fined \$50 and costs because he sold serum without first obtaining a federal license from the department of agriculture of a state permit from the live stock sanitary board, and without having given a bond for \$5,000 as required by the state law. Another count of the information alleged that the sale was unlawful because the bottle contained no price mark.

In construing the United States serum law, the opinion by Judge Hamer says it is apparent that government licenses are required, not by persons who may be engaged merely in the sale of serum, but by those manufacturing it. The Nebraska law, by limiting the sale of serum to those holding government licenses, is construed to give the manufacturer a monopoly on the business, and for that reason is declared to have the effect of fostering a monopoly.

Attorney General Files Answer.

Attorney General Reed has filed an answer in the supreme court to an application of the Standard Oil company and other oil companies for a writ of mandamus to require the state treasurer to permit the use of \$125,000 of fees in the treasury for the payment of expenses of the oil inspection department before newly collected fees are used for such expenses. The attorney general, representing State Treasurer Hall, resists the application by alleging the fees have not been appropriated by the legislature for such use; that the state treasurer does not know what part of the \$125,000 was derived from oil inspection fees and what part from food, drug and dairy fees; that the food and oil commissioner has several thousand dollars of fees in his hands which will be sufficient to pay running expenses; that the companies have no legal right to maintain this action.

According to a recent report issued by the state bureau of labor, there are 1,390 manufacturing establishments in Nebraska, with a capitalization of \$46,428,992.45. These institutions turned out in 1915 products to the value of \$161,972,974.38. The total number of employees is given as 23,261. Total wages per week is \$316,447.02, of which male workers receive \$281,830.86 and females \$34,646.16.

Thirty-four of the university graduates from the law college appeared in the state supreme court Wednesday afternoon and took the oath making them members of the Nebraska bar. Clerk Harry Lindsay administered the oath in the presence of the court. Included with the graduates were Miss Effie Cover of Cozad, who received a degree from the university, and Miss Theodosia Trehearne of Beaver City. Miss Trehearne could not receive a degree on account of lack of entrance requirements to the university.

May Business a "Humdinger" "The month of May was a 'humdinger' from a business point of view in my department," said Secretary of State Pool. The total cash receipts for that period footed up \$14,068.06, as against \$10,150.34 in 1915, showing a net gain of \$3,917.72 over the same month of last year. There appears to be no perceptible falling off in the number of applications for automobile numbers, as 5,650 automobile and motorcycle numbers were issued during the month of May by the secretary of state. Up to May 31, there had been issued for 1916 a total of 76,815 automobiles and 3,016 motorcycle numbers. The expense of operating the motor vehicle department for the month of May was a total of \$1,016.07.

State Auditor Smith has appointed E. E. Clark of Lincoln as state accountant to succeed Charles Q. DeFrance, recently named as actuary for the state insurance department. The salary is \$1,800. Mr. Clark began his duties Thursday morning by starting an examination of the state food commission accounts.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

June 19-20-21-22—American Union of Swedish Singers, West. Div., converts and convention at Omaha. June 20 to 24—State Stockmen's convention at Alliance. June 21 to 23—Fraternal Order of Eagles, state meeting at Lincoln. June 28-29—International Auctioneers' Association Convention at Omaha. July 3-4-5—Mid-Summer Race Meet at Kearney. July 5 to 8—State Golf Tournament at Omaha. July 10-11-12—Northwestern Hotel Men's Association Convention at Omaha. July 10-11-12—Missouri Valley Veterinary association convention at Omaha. July 17 to 22—Nebraska State Tennis Tournament at Wayne. July 25—Nebraska Democratic convention at Hastings. Aug. 7 to 11—Tractor Week in Fremont. Aug. 7 to 10—State Press Association's North Platte Valley excursion. Aug. 17-27—Seventh Day Adventists' Conference at Hastings. Aug. 21-25—Mo. Valley Photographers' Association Convention at Lincoln.

There is a possibility that the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver highway will be changed from its present route from Holdrege to Oxford to include instead Loomis and Bertrand, going southwest from the latter town to Edison. The reason that a change is contemplated is that there is a strip of bad road through clay hills between Atlanta and Oxford, which those responsible either cannot or will not keep in shape for travel, especially during wet weather.

A very distressing accident happened at the farm home of Charles Williams, near Cook. Williams had driven his team into the yard from the field, harnessed to a disc. He left the horses for a moment and they ran away, knocking his 7-year-old daughter, Dorothy, over and running the machine over her, causing a long cut through her face, dividing the nose, and other injuries. It is thought the child will live.

A jury in the federal court at Lincoln has returned a verdict against the Otis Elevator company for \$10,000, in the \$60,000 damage suit brought against the company by Morris W. Folsom, administrator of the estate of Harry D. Pottin, a young brick layer who was killed while at work on the Miller & Palmes building last summer.

One of the most elaborate dedication services that ever occurred in Nebraska took place in Otoe county recently when the new St. John's Catholic church, located nine miles from Nebraska City, was dedicated. The church is one of the largest rural edifices in the state, and cost nearly \$26,000. Bishop Thien attended the services.

Damages of \$11,500 awarded William Bowers, formerly of Chadron, an engineer on the Northwestern, for the loss of an eye due to the bursting of a lubricator on a Northwestern engine, were affirmed by the supreme court of the United States.

Eleven dollars per hundredweight for cattle was a new record established at the South Omaha market when a lone steer sold for that amount a few days ago.

Breeders of pure bred livestock of all kinds in Fillmore county have perfected an organization for the promotion and protection of their business.

As a result of the exceedingly large demand for fresh vegetables, the demand being greater than the supply, Holdrege will not establish a market for school garden products this year. Work will soon begin on Holdrege's auditorium, which will have a seating capacity of 2,800 to 3,000 people.

The plans for the dedication of the new Franciscan Monastery at Lindsay on June 21 are progressing favorably. A home coming will be the main feature.

An old-time picnic Fourth of July celebration will be held in Beaver City, the business men having raised \$500 for that purpose.

Members of the North Platte Methodist church at two meetings raised \$17,055 of a needed \$18,000 to cover the cost of additions to be made to their church.

Herman Kunneman, living near Schuyler, had his right arm blown off and one eye destroyed while trying to blow stumps out of the ground on his farm with dynamite.

Lyons is making extensive preparations for an old time Fourth of July celebration. Over \$700 has been raised for the occasion.

Colonel John G. Maher of Lincoln was elected department commander over Leonard Robinson of North Platte during the business meeting of the United Spanish War Veterans at North Platte.

The contract for the reconstruction of the First National bank building at North Platte has been awarded. The cost of construction is estimated at \$45,000. The building will be ready for occupancy about November 1.

The county treasurer at Columbus took in \$10,000 during May in taxes to run public affairs.

George Trexler, Union Pacific engineer, was instantly killed and his wife and three children seriously injured when an automobile driven by Trexler, fell off a bridge near Ogallala.

Nine inches of rain fell in Richardson county in May. Corn was badly washed out, necessitating two or three plantings, and some farmers have not yet finished planting.

The annual Nebraska State Tennis tournament will be held at Wayne, July 17 to 22, according to an announcement by C. G. Powell, president of the association.

The American Union of Swedish Singers convention to be held in Omaha June 19-22 has attracted much attention throughout the state and a large attendance is looked for. The general program of the convention follows: Monday, June 19th—Rehearsal in the forenoon at the Omaha Auditorium. Parade at twelve o'clock through the principal streets of the city. Concert at 8:15 p. m. Tuesday—Rehearsal: 10:30 a. m. Trip to South Omaha 3 p. m. Concert 8:15 p. m. Reception following concert. Wednesday—Picnic all day. At 7 p. m. visiting singers start for the Ak-Sar-Ben Den, where they are scheduled for a special initiation. Thursday—Business session 9:00 a. m. At 2 p. m. sight-seeing trip. At 7 p. m. banquet.

A new scheme to improve the roads in the vicinity of Tecumseh is to begin July 1 in the form of a contest in which cash prizes are to be given as follows: For the best kept mile of road within a radius of five miles from Tecumseh between July 1 and November 1, \$15; for the second best mile of road, \$10; for the third best mile, \$5; for the greatest number of times a mile is dragged by one person during dates specified, \$10 in merchandise. Other prizes are to be named later.

A company was organized at Chambers, Holt county, having for its object the construction of a railroad from that place to Ericson. There are also rumors of an extension of the Spalding branch of the U. P. and the opening of the big A-T ranch to settlers will no doubt make the latter extension a certainty. This will give Bartlett a boost and may mean a new town west of Elgin.

Nebraska boasts of the tallest preacher in the United States, and probably the tallest in the world. The man who towers in height above the other gentlemen of the cloth is Rev. Charles Wayne Ray, pastor of the Methodist church of Lyons, in Butte county. In his stocking feet he is six feet and four inches tall.

According to the directors of the school boards of Districts No. 47 and 48, ten miles east of Humboldt in Nebraska county, and the Oak Grove and Shroyer districts, they have agreed to build a \$10,000 school building and to establish a twelve-grade school. The building and equipment will be ready for the fall term.

Eighteen clubs now have membership in the Nebraska State Golf association. As a result it is expected that the twelfth annual championship tournament which will be held at Omaha in July, will surpass all others in total attendance and representative players from all parts of the state.

After an unsuccessful attempt by the prohibitionists of Wood River to prevent the special election to vote on the wet and dry issue, the town went dry by a larger majority than at the April election. The vote stood 101 for wet and 105 for dry. In April the vote was 109 wet to 111 dry.

People of Harlan county are agitating the question of changing from the supervisor form of county government to the county commission form. There is some talk of having the proposition voted upon at the general election this fall.

Wheat has been in head for some time and has been making good growth in Richardson county, as there has been an abundance of moisture for the past month, there being 8.06 inches during May.

Fire of an unknown origin destroyed about \$10,000 worth of buildings and stock at the E. H. Allen farm near Allen. Horses, including two valuable stallions, and a mule were burned to death.

C. S. Bailey, for forty-three years a resident of Buffalo county and one of the pioneer settlers, was run over by an automobile on the public highway near Shelton and killed.

The United States department of agriculture, at the request of Congressman Shallenberger, has authorized a soil survey of Hall county.

The Rev. C. C. Dobbs of the Christian Church of Aurora was presented with a new Ford automobile by his congregation.

Buffalo county has a baseball league, consisting of four teams, namely, Kearney, Shelton, Riverdale, Gibbon.

The Lutheran people of Emerson will erect a new \$10,000 church this year. The structure will be 40x50, with a full basement.

Candidates of the democratic party, including those running for state office and for both houses of congress, will gather at Hastings on July 24—the day before the state convention—for the purpose of discussing a state platform.

Another county seat removal fight is on in Nebraska. This time Stromsburg is making an effort to take the Polk county capital away from Oceola. A large fund has been raised and the effort is taking on the proportions of an organized campaign.

The lower house of congress has passed Congressman Kinkaid's bill extending for one year without interest the time in which homesteaders on the Fort Niobrara reservation may pay the two remaining installments.

Dr. C. W. Charlton of Palmyra was killed nine miles east of Lincoln when his automobile somersaulted on a grade and crushed him underneath.

A \$45,000 school bond issue voted upon by the people of Wymore just recently, was decisively defeated by a vote of 448 to 69.

The Nebraska delegation in the lower house of congress voted solidly in favor of the provision in the naval bill appropriating \$11,000,000 for a government armor plant.

The new municipal electric plant at Ord is nearing completion. All the material for the building is on the ground and most of the wires and poles for outside work are on hand.

MEXICANS AGITATED

ANTI-AMERICAN RIOTS CONTINUE ACROSS BOUNDARY.

MANY U. S. CITIZENS LEAVING

Advices Received at Border Points Indicate Carranza Forces Are Unable to Control Situation.

Washington.—Anti-American demonstration in northern Mexico continues, according to official advices, particularly in the states of Chihuahua, San Luis Potosi, and Nuevo Leon, and although the manifestations thus far have been confined mostly to speech making, consular agents have reported that the temper of the people appears such that any eventualities might be possible. Americans are leaving for the border in steadily increasing numbers. Under previous instructions, State department agents in Mexico are giving every possible aid. In addition border agents have been instructed to urge those seeking to return to Mexico to stay on the American side of the border for the present.

Some reports declare that the demonstrations are in part incited by agitators. A mass meeting was held at Saltillo last Friday at which many speeches condemning the presence of American troops in Mexico were made. Similar meetings have been held or are contemplated at other points. The only violence against American property reported was at Chihuahua City and Monterey where there are no consular agents. Statements from Americans reaching the border and also from consular agents in Mexico have indicated that while General Carranza's forces were trying to overcome the demonstrations, their control was not to be depended on entirely in some districts.

The agitators, some officials fear, may arouse public opinion to a point where an attempt to expel General Pershing's men by force may be undertaken. There is nothing to indicate that Carranza's regular troops will join in such a movement but should Carranza forces join the rioters a situation might be created from which there would be no peaceful escape. Army officials have no fear for the safety of the American expedition. It is so closely concentrated as to be fully able to defend itself in any emergency, and also to lend protection to a wide stretch of the border.

Says Ship Went Down Afire.

Aberdeen, Scotland.—The British cruiser Hampshire was seen to be afire before it sank off the Orkney islands while carrying Earl Kitchener, the British war minister, to Russia, according to statements of men on trawlers and steamers arriving here from the Orkneys. One trawler reported that the warship appeared to have been blown up, although no sound of an explosion was heard, probably on account of a terrific storm that was raging. Twenty minutes after it was seen in distress and on fire, the Hampshire sank between Markick Head and Brough of Birsay, off the western coast of the mainland of the Orkneys. The raft from the cruiser which was flung ashore with twelve men from the Hampshire clinging to it was discovered by a policeman who was searching along the rocky coast. The men were battered and exhausted. A few of them murmured "Kitchener was on board," and then fell asleep.

About eighty bodies were found along the cliffs, many of them still warm. In their terrible battle with the sea the clothing of some of the men had been torn from their bodies. Their hands and feet had been mutilated in desperate efforts to climb the cliffs. According to the reports Earl Kitchener and the members of his staff were placed in one of the ship's boats which got clear of the wreck, but was swamped in the terrific sea that was running.

Russ Take Many Prisoners.

London.—The Russians are keeping up with success their offensive against the Austrians from the Pripiet river to the Rumanian border, along a front of some 250 miles. The troops of Emperor Nicholas have crossed the Stripa river in Galicia and more than 64,700 men have been taken prisoner since the present great drive against the Austrians began. It is reported from Petrograd that German troops have been sent to aid the Austrians.