

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

WASHINGTON.

Senator Penrose introduced a resolution for a commission of seven to draw a bill for a reorganization of Indian affairs.

Military committee of the senate voted to favorably report the nomination of Colonel W. C. Gorgas to be surgeon general of the army.

The Senate Foreign relations' committee has voted to favorably report the nomination of Henry M. Pindell of Peoria, Ill., for ambassador to Russia.

Senator Overman introduced a resolution to require the president to consider treaties with European powers for the neutralization of the Philippine islands.

Government regulation of all forms of insurance companies was proposed in a joint resolution for an amendment to the constitution introduced by Senator Weeks.

The senate judiciary committee has amended the workmen's compensation bill to provide that it should not curtail the rights of railroad employees under present laws.

In preparation for a gathering of the inter-parliamentary union here in September, 1915, the house foreign affairs committee practically agreed to ask for an appropriation of \$50,000.

President Wilson has decided not to accept the resignation of John W. Garrett, minister to Argentina, formally tendered when the president took office, and the minister will continue in the diplomatic service.

Individuals, whose net income from March 1, 1913, to December 31, 1913, was \$2,500 or more, must make returns of their annual income for the year, according to a regulation issued by the Treasury department.

Senator Elihu Root urged Secretary Bryan to take steps to have the Hague conference called to meet in 1915, according to the original program. Secretary Bryan has taken the subject under consideration.

President Wilson recently made these nominations: Receivers of public moneys: R. H. Turner of Oregon at Roseburg, Ore.; John W. Floyd of Colorado at Sterling, Colo.; George I. Smith of Oregon at Portland, Ore.

Dispatches to the constitutionalist agency here report the arrest of William Hansen at Victoria, Mex., by General Carranza's forces on the charge of being a Huerta spy. Hansen was at one time a United States marshal in Texas.

When the Alaskan railway bill was taken up the house Representative Dies of Texas made a point of no quorum. Speaker Clark, apparently with his mind on the Mexican situation, recognized "Mr. Dies" while the house roared with laughter.

DOMESTIC.

Lumbermen from all parts of the country are in session at Memphis, Tenn.

The Menter & Rosebloom company of Rochester, N. Y., operating a chain of fifty-nine installment stores throughout the country has placed its affairs in the hands of a committee of its creditors, to whom the entire assets are being transferred.

Arrangements for the caring indefinitely of Gen. Salvador Mercado and his 4,266 federal soldiers who ran into the United States after being defeated by the rebels at Ojinaga, Mexico, have been completed at Fort Bliss.

Confident optimism of the administration over the outlook for commercial and industrial prosperity under democratic rule was voiced by Joseph Daniels, secretary of the navy, in an address before the Brooklyn Merchants and Manufacturer's association of Brooklyn.

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The United States battleship Michigan after four months in Mexican waters has arrived at New York.

The Chicago Anamosa & Northern railroad was sold at public auction at Dubuque for \$252,820.09.

The South Carolina general assembly has gone on record as favoring the repeal of the fifteenth amendment to the United States constitution, which in effect gives negroes the right to vote.

Ten Kansas City Greeks were ordered deported following a government investigation of a syndicate of Greek white slavers alleged to have operated extensively in the middle west. Most of the men are keepers of coffee houses or saloons.

An organization of farm mortgage dealers, national in scope, has been formed at Chicago, and W. D. Hord of New York, chairman of the organization committee, sent out a call for a general convention, to be held at New York, February 26 and 27.

Veiled charges that attaches of the federal court and district attorney's office profited by the disappearance of Sol Lewinsohn, a missing banker, who was bondsman for Jack Johnson, will be the subject of investigation by the federal grand jury at Chicago.

The collection of manuscripts and letters of Robert Louis Stevenson, owned by the late Harry Elkins Widener of Philadelphia, a victim of the Titanic disaster, will be presented to Harvard university on the completion of the Widener Memorial library.

Mediation of the differences between the New York, Chicago & St. Louis railroad and its telegraphers, station agents, tower men and signal men, who have voted to strike, will be undertaken at Cleveland, O., by Judge William L. Chambers, United States commissioner of mediation and conciliation.

Federal officers at Los Angeles will institute proceedings to revoke the naturalization papers of U. S. Kaneko, one of the wealthiest Japanese in California. He is the only Japanese citizen of the United States. He was granted naturalization papers eight years ago, despite the law denying citizenship rights to orientals.

Stockholders of the Hercules Powder company of Wilmington, Del., has approved a proposition of the directors to increase the capital stock from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000. The Hercules company is one of the concerns formed after the dissolution of the original DuPont Powder company in obedience to an order of the United States court.

All the bishops of Italy have forbidden dancing of the tango.

The Haitian government is making efforts to subdue the revolutionists.

The city of Panama celebrated the two hundred and forty-first anniversary of its foundation.

The Japan Trust company of Vancouver, which carried on a real estate and loan business of some dimensions among the orientals of Vancouver, has gone into liquidation.

Francis de Pressense, a French political writer, who was for a few months in 1880 secretary of the French embassy at Washington, died at Paris, aged sixty years.

FOREIGN.

The birth rate in Germany is now slowly increasing and the death rate decreasing. Therefore, the prediction is made that the empire will have 80,000,000 inhabitants in 1930, twice the population when it was founded in 1871.

The decree imposing a 5 per cent tax on merchandise has not yet been issued in Mexico, although it is expected that similar loans will enable President Huerta to keep up a dogged resistance so long as money from any source can be obtained. The recent decree suspending interest payments on the national debt should net the government about \$15,000,000.

Both Cape Haitien and Port Libertes on the north coast, are in the hands of the revolutionists. The vanguard of the rebels, under General Paul entered Cape Haitien without resistance.

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TO BECOME LAWS VERY SOON

Penalty for Restraint of Commerce, Unfair Business and Interlocking Directorates—Ample Provisions Made for Trade Commission.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The administration's trust bills, embodying the program laid down by the president in his recent message, have been presented to congress.

The bills have received the approval of Mr. Wilson and the Democratic leaders of both houses of congress. With little modification they will be enacted into law. Their purposes are:

- 1. Definition of unlawful monopoly or restraints of trade.
2. Prohibition of unfair trade practice.
3. Creation of an interstate trade commission.
4. Regulation of corporation interlocking directorates and prohibition of interlocking directorates.

Unlawful Monopoly Defined. Unlawful monopoly is defined as any combination or agreement between corporations, firms, or persons designed for the following purposes:

- 1. To create or carry out a monopoly in any interstate trade, business, or commerce.
2. To limit or reduce the production or increase the price of merchandise or of any commodity.
3. To prevent competition in manufacturing, making, transporting, selling, or purchasing of merchandise, produce, or any commodity.

- 4. To make any agreement, enter into any arrangement, or arrive at any understanding by which they, directly or indirectly, undertake to prevent a free and unrestricted competition among themselves or among any purchasers or consumers in the sale, production, or transportation of any product, article, or commodity.

The penalty for violation of the law is fixed at not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment for one year or both.

Guilt is made personal through a section that whenever a corporation shall be guilty of the violation of the law the offense shall be deemed to cover the individual directors, officers, and agents of such corporation, as authorizing, ordering or doing the prohibited acts, and they shall be punished as prescribed above.

A paragraph prohibiting holding companies is to be added to this measure.

Covers Unfair Trade Practices. The bill forbidding unfair trade practices declares that to discriminate in price, between different purchasers of commodities, with the purpose or intent to injure or destroy a competitor, either of the purchaser or of the seller, shall be deemed an attempt to monopolize interstate commerce.

It is specifically declared that the law is not intended to prevent discrimination in price between purchasers of commodities "on account of difference in the grade, quality, or quantity of the commodity sold, or that makes only due allowance for difference in the cost of transportation."

Further, it is prescribed that nothing contained in the act shall prevent persons from selecting their own customers, "but this provision shall not authorize the owner or operator of any mine engaged in selling its product in interstate or foreign commerce to refuse arbitrarily to sell the same to a responsible person, firm, or corporation, who applies to purchase."

An attempt at monopoly also is declared to exist for any person to make a sale of goods, wares, or merchandise or fix a price charged therefor, or discount from or rebate upon such price, on the condition or understanding that the purchaser thereof shall not deal in the goods, wares, or merchandise of a competitor or competitors of the seller.

Deals With Damage Suits. A judgment against any defendant in a suit brought under the anti-trust law the bill provides shall constitute evidence of the same facts and be conclusive as to the same issues of law in favor of any other party in any other proceeding brought under and involving the provisions of the law.

For the benefit of parties injured in their business or property, by any person or corporation found guilty of violating the law the statute of limitations applicable to such cases shall be suspended.

Injunctive relief is accorded against threatened loss or damage by a violation of the act under the same conditions and principles that injunctive relief against threatened conduct which will cause loss or damage is granted by courts of equity.

It is required that a proper bond shall be executed against damages for an injunction improvidently granted, and it must be shown that the danger of irreparable loss or damage is immediate.

Hits Interlocking Directorates. Concerning directorates, the bill on that subject, which is to become effective two years from date of approval of the act, provides:

"No person engaged as an individual or as a member of a partnership or as a director or other officer of a corporation in the business of selling railroad cars or locomotives, or railroad rails or structural steel, or mining or selling coal, or conducting a bank or trust company, shall act as a director or other officer or employe of any railroad or other public service corporation which conducts an interstate business."

"No person shall at the same time be a director or other officer or employe in two or more federal reserve banks, national banks, or banking associations, or other banks or trust companies which are members of any reserve bank; and a private banker and a person who is a director in any state bank or trust company not operating under the provisions of the recent currency law shall not be eligible to serve as a director in any bank or banking association or trust company operating under the provisions of the law."

Violation of these sections is made punishable by a fine of \$100 a day, or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

If any two or more corporations have common director or directors, the fact shall be conclusive evidence that there exists a real competition between such corporation and such elimination of competition shall be construed as a restraint of interstate trade and be treated accordingly.

The trade commission bill provides for commission of five members, with the commissioner of corporations as chairman, and transfers all the existing powers of the bureau of corporations to the commission.

The principal and most important duty the commission besides conducting investigations will be to aid the courts when requested in the formation of decrees of dissolution.

With this in view, the bill empowers the court to refer any part of pending litigation to the commission, including the proposed decree, for information and advice.

WILSON WINS POINT

ATTEMPT TO CHANGE CIVIL SERVICE LAW DEFEATED.

ASST NAGBYS NOT EXEMPT

Rider to Postoffice Appropriation Bill Affecting 2,400 Employees Fails of Passage.

Washington, D. C.—A point of order struck out of the annual postoffice appropriation bill the "rider" to exempt all of the country's 2,400 assistant postmasters from the civil service law. Advocates of this provision, which had drawn emphatic disapproval from President Wilson made an ineffectual attempt to have reported a special rule to head off the point of order.

With a roll call in prospect on a provision to authorize a workmen's compensation scheme in the postoffice department caused the house to adjourn without final action on the appropriation bill. The measure probably will be passed. During the debate, Representative Moon of Tennessee, chairman of the postoffice committee, again attacked the president and Postmaster Burleson on account of their attitude toward the "rider."

"I hope," he said, "that the president has not descended to the point where he will demand that the men in this house shall vote according to his will instead of their own will."

"When matters have progressed so far that members of the rules committee of the house shall go to the postmaster general and take dictation from him as to whether they shall bring in a rule to make this section in order and they then decline to report a rule here, men in any party have gone a little further than I think any democrat should go."

Goethals Wants Full Say. Panama.—Colonel Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama canal, recently was tendered the position of police commissioner of New York city by Mayor Mitchell, and in reply to the letter sent him by the mayor, through George W. Perkins, signified his willingness to accept the post under certain conditions. These conditions were that he should be permitted to remain on the isthmus until the canal is completed and in successful operation and that he be given complete control over the police department.

Smallpox in Refugee Camp. El Paso, Tex.—Several cases of smallpox have been discovered among Mexicans interned with the federal soldiers and refugees from Ojinaga, Mex., at Fort Bliss. All the 4,500 Mexicans were ordered vaccinated. Although the discovery of the smallpox resulted in the exclusion of sightseers from the camp, the physicians said there was no danger of an epidemic. The patients were isolated.

To Confer With Senate Committee. Washington.—President Wilson invited the senate committee on foreign relations to confer with him at the White House. The purpose was not indicated in the invitations, but persons close to the president, said, however, that Panama canal tolls, the Japanese alien controversy, the Mexican situation, the unratified arbitration treaties and the proposed Bryan peace treaties probably would be discussed.

Would Bar Hindu Laborers. Washington.—Secretary Wilson, of the Department of Labor, has suggested to congress that the doors of the United States be closed hereafter to the Hindu laborer.

Injury to labor conditions on the Pacific coast through an influx of Hindus and possible extension as to the same condition in the southern states were the reasons given by Mr. Wilson for urging their immediate exclusion.

Feeds 1,000 Hungry Men. New York.—Nearly 1,000 homeless and hungry of the Bowery were fed by Mrs. Finley J. Shepard, formerly Helen Gould, in celebration of the first anniversary of her marriage.

Mass of Cotton Burned. Memphis, Tenn.—Approximately 4,000 bales of cotton were destroyed or damaged by fire which swept the warehouse of E. W. Trout & Co., here. The loss is estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Three firemen were slightly injured.

Tries to Save His Wife. Parker, S. D.—William J. McCoy, his wife and 4-year-old son, perished in a fire on their farm home near here. Mr. McCoy lost his life while trying to save his wife and child.

Rate Reduced to 4 Per Cent. London.—The banks of England was enabled to reduce its minimum rate of discount to 4 per cent owing to the improvement in the monetary situation both here and abroad and to the settlement of the South Africa general strike.

Curtis Again A Candidate. Topeka, Kans.—Charles Curtis, former United States senator from Kansas has made formal announcement of his candidacy for the republican nomination for senator.

J. P. Interprets a Treaty. Washington, D. C.—Solicitor Folk of the state department has rebuked a justice of the peace in Tampa, Fla., for overreaching his authority by deciding a question of extradition without consulting the officials of the United States foreign affairs.

Death of Veteran Driver. Flint, Mich.—Deverne Matson, a veteran grand circuit racing driver, died here after a long illness. He was one of the pioneers in the harness racing sport in Michigan.

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Lumbermen Elect Officers. Lincoln.—At the session of the state lumber dealers here, F. A. Good of Cowles was elected president for the coming year and Moses Campbell was re-elected vice president. J. W. Melville of Sterling and S. W. Lighter of St. Edward were elected directors.

Met Death in Machinery. Fremont.—John Way, a well known man of Schuyler, met instant death at the power station, when in some manner his body was caught in the machinery. "He was found dead by fellow workmen. Way was thirty-five years of age and was the head of a family of nine children.

Boosting the Town. Harrison.—The commercial club of Harrison is busy agitating some improvements for this town, among which are electric lights, a telephone system and a general upbuilding of the town.

Tecumseh—Steps are being taken to revive the Nemaha county fair, in past years one of the principal annual events of the county. Officers and stockholders of the fair association, backed by the Auburn Commercial club, are making plans for the reopening of the fair this fall. There has been no county exhibition for the last two years.

The commercial club at Pawnee City is soliciting funds to install ornamental light posts in the business section of the city.

Discuss Plans for Fall Fair. Kearney.—The annual meeting of the Buffalo County Fair association was held last week and plans for the coming year's fair discussed. Among the features is to be a race meet to be held July 2, 3 and 4. The association also decided upon a change of name and will be known as the Buffalo County Agricultural and Midwest association. A more extensive display of horticultural, agricultural and live stock is being arranged for and additional lands will be purchased to make such extensions possible.

Not Interested in Movies. Grand Island.—Edna Fender, eleven years old, slumbered in a moving picture theater for several hours Sunday while her parents organized search parties and the fire whistles were blown to summon aid in finding the little girl. She was surprised when she was taken out of the theater and found that night had fallen. The little girl had gone to the theater in the afternoon and huddled in her seat, had gone to sleep before the performance was over.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The Presbyterian church at Oxford has installed electric lights.

School enrollment at Lincoln has grown 600 in the last two years. After many years, prospects are developing for a big union depot at Lincoln.

Farmers of Buffalo county are making an effort to organize a co-operative store at Kearney. Stimmer & McManus have just finished harvesting 3,000 tons of twelve-inch ice at Ansley.

Two paving districts, comprising four miles of streets have been created in Beatrice. Citizens of Erickson are talking of securing power by damming the Cedar river at that point.

Rev. John McClusky of Laurel has accepted a call from the Presbyterian church at Plattsmouth. An epidemic which State Health Officer Wilson has pronounced smallpox has been discovered in Florence.

Hastings Chamber of Commerce has inaugurated a "Washday Luncheon," to be served to business men Mondays. The little town of Thayer, near York, will incorporate the county board having given them permission.

Losses by the fire which swept over half a block in the business section of Greenwood, will reach about \$50,000. Ernest Hopperbauer, a former resident of Beatrice, died at Stuttgart, Germany, recently, of Bright's disease. The Masonic bodies of Omaha will have a new temple to cost about \$300,000 and probably be eight stories high.

Merle Schaal of Murray was so badly injured in a gasoline explosion a week ago that he died from its effects. Isaac Cook, father of W. P. Cook of Plattsmouth, recently died at Salem, Iowa, at the age of 102 years and 3 months.

Nebraska City Elks are already making preparations for celebrating the glorious Fourth of July in an elaborate manner. Sterling has granted an electric light franchise to W. W. Marks of Wynmore and the plant will be ready for service in six months.

The new M. E. church building erected to replace the one destroyed by the tornado at Berlin will be dedicated February 1. Hugo Chaloupka, a seven-year-old Omaha boy, died from hydrophobia, the result of a bite from a rabid dog received October 9.

Joe Cooper, a Gage county farmer, may lose his eyesight as a result of a few stray shot received in that member in a recent wolf hunt. The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Meehan of York was scalded to death when it stumbled and fell into a pan of boiling water.

Farnam suffered a \$50,000 fire from a blaze originating in a department store, which, together with other buildings, was entirely destroyed. Members of the Boy Scouts at Wahoo entertained their fathers at a banquet recently, which was pronounced by every one in attendance as a complete success.

City health officials are alarmed by the possibility of a serious smallpox epidemic in Omaha, following the discovery of two of the worst infection spots in years. Hosea Norris, an Adams county farmer, has succeeded in raising a race of odorless mephitis, from which he is developing an industry that promises a fortune.

Rev. P. C. Johnson, nearly seventy-seven years of age, chaplain of the state penitentiary and for many years a resident of Johnson county, died at the penitentiary Tuesday. Neighbors called at the home of Mrs. H. C. Kleinschmidt at York just in time to rescue her and her two granddaughters from asphyxiation by coal gas from a defective stove.

John Way, an engineer at the power plant at Schuyler, was found dead in the engine room there. No one witnessed the accident and it is not known how he came to his death. Incendiaries for the second time set fire to the Bartz poultry house at Kearney, this effort successfully destroying it.

Valeria Allenspach-Coad, who achieved some prominence a few years ago in a suit against Mark M. Coad, a Nebraska cattle king, is dead of narcosis, at her home in Lincoln. J. P. Taylor of Central City is one of the oldest employes of the Burlington system west of the Missouri river. He is also one of the oldest railroad employes in the United States, having been in the service for more than fifty years.

The Ohio high school is preparing to give a play on January 30 to raise funds to take the boys' basketball team to Lincoln to participate in the tournament to be held in March. The Seward Blade is in its thirty-sixth year and E. E. Betzer, its present publisher, has been connected with it in different capacities for over thirty-four years.

Ernest Bohling, a farmer living near Tecumseh, fell twenty-five feet to the ground when a ladder on which he was working gave way. Although he landed squarely on his head, he was uninjured. Preparations are being made in Cass county for one of the biggest wolf hunts ever held in that part of the state. The event is to take place in the vicinity of Union and five hundred men are expected to participate in the hunt.

Farmers in the vicinity of Fairbury are hauling their winter wheat to town to exchange it for corn. The prices of the two grains at that point are almost the same. Over 300 persons engaged in a wolf hunt on a territory four miles square near Tecumseh, but failed to make a killing.

The annual report of Fire Chief Woelke of Beatrice shows that there were fifty-nine fires in the city during 1913. The origin of fifteen of these fires is a mystery. The skeletons excavated and nearly destroyed by boys digging for hidden treasure near Rulo, have been pronounced those of Indians that inhabited that section from 200 to 500 years ago.

The suit for \$3,000 damages brought by Mrs. Charles Sapp against the city of Tecumseh, for injuries caused by a fall on a defective walk, will be warmly contested by the defendants.

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