

FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Home and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

WASHINGTON.

A special \$6,825,000 appropriation bill designed chiefly to provide funds to meet past and expected army expenditures on account of Mexico, up to June 30, next, was passed by the house.

President Wilson has signed executive order placing the Panama Canal commission in charge of the ceremonies for the opening of the canal January 1, 1915. The committee is headed by Col. George Goethals.

The house passed the Rucker resolution, which in effect, exonerates the democratic congressional committee of charges that it violated the corrupt practices act in assessing senators and representatives for campaign contributions.

Bearing proposals of a plan for settlement of the labor strife in southern Colorado coal fields, and an appeal to President Wilson that federal troops be maintained in the disturbed district, Judge Ben S. Lindsey of Denver has arrived at Washington.

The frequency with which American farmers move from one farm to another, or the instability of occupancy of farms, according to the census bureau, "very likely forms one of the chief causes for the decline of rural prosperity, or a hindrance to greater prosperity."

Passage of the Interstate trade commission bill, the first of three measures on the trust legislation program, apparently was assured when the house adjourned after completing general debate and agreeing, under the "five-minute rule" to more than half of the bill without amendment.

The senate ratified without debate agreements extending for five years the general arbitration treaties with Austria-Hungary, the Netherlands and Salvador. The treaties all had expired. They are similar to those with other European powers recently ratified by the senate after prolonged debate.

That the comet moving swiftly above the northwestern horizon toward the bright star Capella, may have been whirling through the universe for at least 120 years, was suggested in a cablegram to the United States Naval Observatory at Washington from Director Perrine of the Argentine observatory at Cordoba.

The senate has decided to mend its pace a bit in an effort to arrange adjournment of congress by the middle of July. A motion was adopted changing the meeting hour until further notice from noon to 1 o'clock. Night sessions probably will begin next week, and the tolls repeal bill, the appropriation bills, and such trust legislation as the leaders decide upon, will be pushed to the exclusion of other matters.

DOMESTIC.

Motormen and conductors of the Cleveland, O., street car lines on a victory in their fight for better working conditions.

A seat on the New York stock exchange sold for \$45,000, a decrease of \$5,000 from the last previous sale and \$10,000 under the highest price of the year.

Arrival of the steamer Tampico at Vera Cruz with 170 refugees from the Yucatan coast has been reported to the navy department.

Women delegates sat in the annual convention of the Olympic diocese of the Episcopal church at Seattle for the first time in the history of the Episcopal church.

At the request of the American Red Cross, Secretary Lane granted leave of absence to Arthur P. Davis, chief engineer of the reclamation service, to become a member of the board of engineers which the Red Cross is sending to China.

Under guard of United States cavalry, Ludlow, the striking coal miners tent colony, which was destroyed in the fatal battle between miners, militia and mine guards on April 20, has been re-established.

The Rayburn bill for federal control of railroad stock and bond issues, one of the trio of anti-trust measures that constitute the legislative program for the remainder of the session of congress, has been reported favorably to be house by the interstate commerce committee.

The navy department has sent orders to the naval recruiting stations to accept no more applications for enlistment in the navy except from those who have been honorably discharged.

Henry Siegel, under indictment in New York charged with grand larceny in connection with his dry goods establishments and also for receiving deposits of money after he had knowledge that his private bank was insolvent, landed at Plymouth, England, from New York.

Mayor Dan M. Roberts of Terre Haute, Ind., charged with conspiracy to corrupt elections, was found not guilty by a jury in the Terre Haute circuit court. The jury was out thirty-five minutes.

There are 91,898 organized workers in Missouri.

Former site of the United States mint in Philadelphia sold for \$31,000 in 1910.

Iowa farm mortgage dealers met at Des Moines to perfect a permanent state organization.

The clubhouse of the Riverside golf club at Riverside, a Chicago suburb, burned with a loss of \$90,000.

Railroad traffic in the Texas panhandle, southeastern Colorado and northeastern New Mexico is nearly at a standstill, due to floods.

Australia avoids orphan asylums by sending parentless children to private families, which are paid for their care until they are 14 years old.

It is reported that Marion F. Fletcher, United States consul at Chihuahua, Mexico, has requested the state department that he be transferred.

Life imprisonment as the sentence imposed at Opelousas, La., on W. C. Walters, recently convicted of kidnapping five-year-old Robert Dunbar.

For a week New York will engage in its second annual clean-up campaign, and each day it is planned to rid 500 blocks of rubbish and refuse.

Forest fires that broke out along the Tamarack river in Minnesota lumber camps out of existence. Rangers from Robinson and Ely were summoned to fight the flames.

The Pennsylvania railroad last year paid out \$5,143 on account of accidents to passengers who tripped over other passengers' grips placed in the aisles of passenger train.

Formal announcement was made by former Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of his candidacy for the congressional nomination in the Eighteenth Illinois district at a meeting of the republican congressional committee.

After a search of two years, federal officers at Chicago arrested James Gruenbaum, accused of embezzling \$25,000 in Nome, Alaska. Gruenbaum was agent for a St. Louis distillery in Nome. He has been on \$10,000 bond.

West Virginia republicans, in state convention at Charleston, unanimously ratified the resolution of the national committee changing the rules for national conventions and cutting down the representation of southern states.

Representatives of five national banks at San Francisco have signed the formal papers necessary to establish the federal reserve bank for the Twelfth district in San Francisco and have forwarded the papers to Washington.

The Norwegian steamship Atlantis, which went ashore on the Mexican coast north of Tampico, and from which passengers were rescued by the Battleship Connecticut, will be floated with little difficulty, if good weather prevails.

Practically every department store in the country and every trade journal is owned by New Yorkers, according to W. J. Pilkinton, representing a trade journal at Des Moines, Ia., who spoke during the Journalism week celebration by the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri.

With the election of officers and the selection of San Francisco as the 1915 meeting place, the seventeenth annual convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers closed at Louisville. Frank B. Connolly of San Francisco was elected president. John H. Schaefer, Davenport, Ia., and George Sahr, Buffalo, N. Y., were elected vice president and treasurer. A resolution against national prohibition was adopted.

FOREIGN.

The first bill to become law under the operation of the British parliament act was the Welsh disestablishment bill.

The London Standard says that the government will invite the duke of Connaught, at present governor general of Canada, to become the next viceroy of Ireland.

Confusion and uproar marked the closing session of the German imperial parliament. The members of the socialist party, instead of retiring before the usual cheers for the emperor, were called for, remained and refused to rise. Speaker Johannes Kaempfer immediately called attention to this breach of respect to the emperor, upon which the socialists shouted: "That is our affair," and tried to down the cheers with hoots and hisses. These were answered by tumultuous applause from the other parties.

Army circles of Honolulu are stirred over the reported theft from army headquarters of complete maps and information concerning the island of Oahu. The theft is said to have been discovered on the morning of May 9.

The famous yacht, Princess Alice, formerly owned by the prince of Monaco and used by him in his deep sea researches, has been purchased by Lord Inverclyde, who will take a party of friends on it to San Francisco for the opening of the Panama-Pacific International exposition.

A part of the plant of the Tecolotes mines at Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, owned by the American Smelting & Refining company, was destroyed by fire, with a loss estimate at \$50,000.

Sydney Drew, printer and publisher of the Suffragette, the newspaper representing the militant section, has been committed for trial at the Old Bailey, London, charged with inciting members of the woman's social and political union to commit malicious damage to property.

FRANCISCO VILLA, MASTER OF CRIME

Bloody Career of Carranza's Chief General.

MURDERER AND PLUNDERER

Starting as a Cattle Thief, He Has Run the Criminal G. mut—Massacres of Prisoners and Non-Combatants.

Gen. Francisco Villa, leader of the constitutional forces in northern Mexico, is more frequently in the public eye than the Spaniard, Carranza, whom he is presumed to serve. His press bureau is far more active and his dash as a commander gives to him importance as a news maker, overshadowing for the time being the trail of murder, plunder and outrage which maps his field of operation.

Murder, plunder and outrage are Villa's specialties. He was reared that way, and increasing opportunities have made him a master hand in the business. To Americans his career is worth studying in connection with his published appeal to the United States to raise the embargo on war material and the certainty that with constitutional success he will sit close to it.

Villa's Start in Life. A biography of Villa compiled by the Boston Transcript and read by Senator Lodge in the United States senate supplies the following facts: Francisco Villa was born at Las Nieves in the state of Durango about the year 1868. He is wholly uneducated, being unable to read and barely able to sign his name.

After this he went to the small town of Carretas, where he took prisoner a man of more than seventy years of age, named Jose Dolores Moreno, demanding from him a ransom of \$200. As he could not pay Villa killed him with his own hand.

All His Prisoners Shot. On September 29, 1913, Villa, having overpowered a force of over 500 federal troops commanded by General Alvarez at Aviles, fifteen kilometers from Torreon, had every prisoner shot.

Villa has shot in Chihuahua 150 non-combatants, the greater number being poor people who could not leave for want of means or because they thought they ran no risks, as they took no part in politics, for all the people in any way connected with the government had left before Villa entered the city. Special mention may be made of the case of Senor Ignacio Irigoyen and Senor Jose A. Yanez, who, though in no way connected with politics, were taken by Villa and tortured for several days with threats to shoot them until they paid ransoms of \$20,000 each.

Broken Hydroplane at Sea. A broken hydroplane was picked up at sea off the north coast of Scotland about a week ago by the trawler Lord Durham, when outward bound for the fishing off the Faroe islands. The portion is about 16 feet in length, but there are no identification marks. It has been deposited with the receiver of wrecks at Grimsby. There appears to be some mystery in connection with the matter. The admiralty have stations in Orkney and at Cromarty, but so far as is known publicly there has been no accident of a kind to leave a portion of a hydroplane floating in the water.

Outrages at Juarez. When Ciudad Juarez was taken from the federalists in May, 1913, he killed Senor Ignacio Gomez Oyola, a man of over sixty years of age, under the following circumstances: Having sent for him, Villa asked whether he had any arms in his house, and on saying he had not, Villa, "who was seated on a table," drew his revolver and shot him dead. After rifling the corpse of money and valuables it was thrown into the street.

A Needless Question. "Did you have any ancestors on the Mayflower?" "What a foolish question to ask. You've never heard me boasting that I had, have you?"

Necessity for Patience. Endeavor to be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be; for that thyself also hast many failings which must be borne with by others.—Thomas a Kempis.

Daily Thought. Life is short. Let us not throw any of it away in useless resentment. It is best not to be angry. It is best to be quickly reconciled.—Samuel Johnson.

What's the matter? Don't I know how to cut meat?" demanded the discharged butcher. "You do," replied the proprietor of the meat market. "But your hand does not weigh enough to retail it profitably."—Judge.

CONGRESS IS TIRED

MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO CLOSE SESSION.

ANTI-TRUST MEASURES NEXT

House Hopes to Turn Program Over to Senate Within Three Weeks' Time.

Washington, D. C.—The administration anti-trust program was definitely started on its way to the statute books when the house, with the legislative machinery working under forced draft, completed consideration of the Covington trade commission bill and laid that measure aside for final passage.

The final vote on the bill will be taken after the house has completed consideration of the Claxton trust bill, which was immediately taken up, and the administration railroad securities bill. House leaders plan on having all three measures out of the way and up to the senate within three weeks.

With the house driving the anti-trust measure through under special rule, administration supporters on the senate side have prepared for meeting obstacles to the program in that body. House leaders hope the president will be satisfied if the three measures pass the house and the senate names a definite date for their consideration next session.

Both democrats and republicans in senate and house are anxious to get away and prepare for the fall campaign and if the assurances can be secured that the president will be satisfied to let the anti-trust bills rest before the senate until next winter the present session will be hurried to a conclusion.

Several senators, however, hold that congress should push through the anti-trust bills now. The first clash is expected to come when the senate interstate commerce committee meets to plan the handling of the anti-trust program.

Silliman's Safety Assured.

Washington.—A threatening complication to the mediation conference at Niagara Falls was removed when definite word reached the State department that Vice Consul John R. Silliman, arrested at Saltillo and long sought for, had arrived safely at Mexico City, accompanied by the British vice consul at Saltillo, Mr. MacMillan. He is now at the Brazilian legation and will leave for the United States by way of Vera Cruz.

The news of Silliman's safety became known at the moment when Secretary Bryan was making public reports received from refugees that Silliman had been executed on May 18 by the federalists at Saltillo.

While Silliman himself is safe, there remains several very grave features connected with his arrest. Unofficial reports indicated that he was placed under arrest while acting as a United States consul, was imprisoned, tried as a spy and condemned to death. Also that the United States consulate was entered, the official archives being taken, including the code of the State department.

"Visitors" Cause Destruction.

Plattsmouth, Neb.—Orval Kintz and Fred Hirtz departed from Plattsmouth for a little "spin" in the country in their automobile. When near the residence of John Wehrlein they discovered that their supply of gasoline was getting low, so they stopped for more. They did not find Mr. Wehrlein at home, but found the gasoline tank in his new forty-five-horse power Overland full. While drawing the gasoline from the tank some was spilled, which became ignited from the lantern. The flames soon consumed the Overland, a fine carriage and the large new garage.

Bribery Charged in Frank Case.

Atlanta, Ga.—Five indictments were returned by the Fulton county grand jury here as a result of the investigations into charges of bribery and perjury growing out of the case of Leo M. Frank, sentenced to death for the murder of Mary Phagan. Those indicted for alleged bribery were: Dan Lhon, a detective; Arthur Thurman, a lawyer, and C. C. Tedder. The Rev. P. C. Ragsdale and R. L. Barber were indicted.

Paving Bonds at Beatrice.

Beatrice, Neb.—Paving bonds in the sum of \$50,000 carried in the recent election by an overwhelming majority. This will insure four miles of paving in the residence section.

Priests Offer Services.

Washington.—Seven Catholic priests have volunteered to President Wilson to serve as chaplains in the army or navy in the event of war with Mexico. They included Rev. David J. Moran, St. Peter, Minn., and Rev. F. C. Renier, Ames, Ia.

Morehead Filing Made.

Falls City, Neb.—A filing has been made at the county treasurer's office here by Lincoln parties for John Morehead for governor. The fee of \$10 was paid by E. L. Tobin, Lincoln.

Rockefeller Bends to Law.

Cleveland, O.—John D. Rockefeller partly surrendered to the demands of the deputy state commissioners when one of his counsel requested the commissioners to send assessors to Forest Hill to value the personal property there.

Ty Cobb's Rib Broken.

Detroit, Mich.—A dispatch from Boston says that Ty Cobb, the Detroit outfielder, has a broken rib and will be out of the game for a week or ten days at least.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

A stockmen's convention will be held at Alliance, June 18, 19 and 20. The postoffice at Lanham, Nebraska, has been changed to Lanham, Kansas. Elbert Vaught has been named by the president as postmaster at Genoa, day.

The Y. M. C. A. state convention was in session at Grand Island last week.

Joe Estep was robbed and beaten by a tramp in the railroad yards at Fremont.

Hastings now has the largest manual telephone switchboard in the state, outside of Omaha.

Miss Ada Talkington of Surprise was badly bruised when she fell down a flight of stairs at her home.

The annual tournament of the Nebraska Sportsmen's association is being held at Columbus this week.

Dean Fordyce of the state university will deliver the address at the Ohio commencement exercises May 28.

Mrs. A. C. Spencer of Stella received seven letters from sons and one from a daughter on Mothers day.

Thomas Thompson, a farmer near Wahoo, was found dead in a barn on his place, a victim of heart failure.

George Morris, Richardson county clerk, paid out a bounty of \$231 for wolf scalps during the month of April.

Burr, a small village in Otoe county, has taken the lead of most of small towns by organizing a commercial club.

Owen Daily and Frank Billiter will wrestle at Antelope park at Lincoln, June 4, for the world's lightweight title.

Henry Fithian lost several fingers by getting them caught in the gearing of a windmill on his farm near Tecumseh.

"Silge inspection tour" May 21. Various types of silos will be visited and discussed.

M. L. Friedrich of Plattsmouth was severely bitten by a rabies-infected horse, and has gone to Chicago for treatment.

The commencement class at Weeping Water was the largest ever graduated there, there being twenty-one in the class.

The Broken Bow city council has passed an ordinance prohibiting the opening of all public pool halls and bowling alleys.

Dean Coon, a fourteen-year-old Beatrice boy, fell from a tree from which he was witnessing a ball game and fractured his skull.

Fire caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove damaged the house and property of Dr. James Millen of Odell to the extent of \$3,000.

Beet growers at North Platte are relieved by recent rains which have softened the ground so that the beet roots will now have no difficulty in growing.

Monday was Peace day throughout the length and breadth of the United States, so designated by the various organizations favoring world-wide peace.

Over sixty guests attended a reception given in honor of Mrs. Sarah A. Gilbertson of Weeping Water on the occasion of her ninety-first birthday last week.

Under the auspices of the university Y. W. C. A., a special program for women is being prepared for the rural betterment institute to be held at the university farm, June 11 to 17.

Eugene Norbeck was electrocuted at the Cudahy plant at Omaha when he accidentally came in contact with a high power electric wire carrying 5,000 volts. He died instantly.

John Clark of Nebraska City made a wager with some friends that he could ride a fractious mule. The mule threw and kicked him in the head, fracturing the skull. He died Sunday.

Eldon Carr, a five-year-old Lincoln boy, miraculously escaped death when he was thrown from his tricycle in front of a moving street car. He was bruised considerably about the head and face.

The city council of North Platte has been petitioned by over a hundred residents of that town to raise saloon license from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per year.

Night Captain James F. Funston of the Lincoln police force is a first cousin of "Fighting Fred" Funston, brigadier general, United States army now in command at Vera Cruz.

Nebraska's prospects for a bumper wheat harvest are already attracting attention in the east. Secretary W. R. Mellor, secretary of the state board of agriculture, has received applications from a number of college men who wish to work as harvest hands.

By having her hand caught in the mechanical wringer at the laundry of the state school for deaf, Omaha, a 14-year-old girl pupil at the institution, Cassie Dyer, lost her right arm.

The congregation of the First Baptist church at Beatrice has extended a call to Rev. F. B. McAllister of Rochester, N. Y. The church has been without a pastor for some time.

The Hessian fly has appeared in the southern portion of Richardson county and is doing much damage to wheat in that section. Many farmers will plow up their wheat and replant the ground in corn.

The call to the beet fields of western Nebraska is not being listened to by the usual number of German-Russian laborers in the cities this season.

The 7-year-old son of August Potksi at Greeley Center was seriously injured when he struck a 32-calibre cartridge with a hammer, part of the shell entering his abdomen.

Fred Teeters of Lamoni, Ia., applied to the Omaha police for aid in securing possession of a street car that he had purchased from an accommodating stranger. The installment plan was adopted, and he had made the first payment of \$50.

A district court jury at Tecumseh has awarded Mrs. Rachael E. Anderson \$3,000 against the estate of R. M. Atkins, for whom she acted as housekeeper for many years.

Colonel George H. Whitney of Wadena, Minn., former department commander of the Minnesota G. A. R., died suddenly of heart failure at the Union station at Omaha Thursday.

The meeting of the state press association at Epworth Lake park at Lincoln, June 18 to 25, promises to be one of the most interesting and entertaining sessions ever held by that body.

PIONEER MEMORIAL

QUESTION VALIDITY OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL LAW

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. The initial observance of Pioneers' Memorial day, created by the legislature of 1913 and set for the second Sunday in June, will be observed in many places in the state by appropriate programs and exercises of interest to old settlers.

The act to establish Pioneers' Memorial day was suggested by Dr. Samuel W. McGrew of Auburn, introduced by Senator Walter Kiechel, and reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the people of the state of Nebraska, that the second Sunday in June in each year shall be known as Pioneers' Memorial day, and the same shall be set apart for holding suitable exercises in the schools and churches of the state, and when possible in the cemeteries and over the graves of departed pioneers, in recognition of the men and women who served and sacrificed as pioneers in the settlement of this great state, and that the present inhabitants and future generations may not forget the spirit and the achievements of the men and women who settled these plains and prairies and established the institutions which we now enjoy."

Doubtful If Law is Valid.

Deputy Attorney General Ayres has given an opinion to County Attorney William C. Heelan of Hooker county, stating that it is doubtful if the law passed by the last legislature relating to county high schools is valid. The act does not amend the old law relating to county high schools, but it provides that it shall be the duty of a county board in any county that does not have a twelfth grade high school to call a meeting of all of the directors of the several school districts to be held the first Monday in June to elect a board of regents for county high schools. The law further says that the county high school herein provided shall be located at the county seat. Many county boards refused to call such a meeting. The attorney general's department says it is doubtful if the law of 1913 is valid and a decision of the supreme court may be needed to settle it.

Fully 80 per cent of the corn has been planted, according to reports received by the state board of agriculture. In the eastern and southeastern section of the state the estimate indicates that 90 per cent of the corn is in the ground. In the northern and western sections about 60 per cent has been planted. Small grain is reported in excellent condition. Alfalfa is more than a foot in height at the present time, with indications pointing to the best first cutting for years.

State Superintendent Delsell has received resolutions of thanks from the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R., for urging teachers to observe patriotic day and because he prepared a suitable program and placed it in a book of special day programs for use in public schools. Patriotic day is a day instituted by the Grand Army of the Republic for the instruction of patriotism in schools. The second Friday in October is observed.

Word reaches the state military headquarters that a consignment of anti-typhoid serum sufficient to treat 3,000 persons has been forwarded by the war department. All members of the Nebraska national guard must be inoculated with this serum. A card record system to keep track of the men who are thus treated is also being sent by the war office. Nobody will be exempted, from the adjutant general's office down, unless he can show a physician's certificate that he has already been vaccinated against typhoid fever.

The new law permitting voting by mail will be enforced for the first time this year.

Paul Stowell of University Place, Michael D. Nolan of Alliance, and Emerson Winter of Wymore were awarded first, second and third places in the seventh annual contest of the Nebraska High School Debating league. The contest, which took place in Memorial hall of the state university, was the culmination of the statewide elimination contest, involving twelve districts containing sixty-five high schools in all sections of the state, that has been in progress since the opening of the school year.

Outing for Boys.

Boys between 15 and 21 years of age who contemplate a splendid week's outing, with valuable instruction, should apply to the county superintendent, chairman of the board of supervisors or county commissioners, president of the county fair association, member of the state board of agriculture, and county farm demonstrator, or such as are within the county, for appointment to the boys' school encampment to be held at the state fair, Lincoln, September 5-12. Apply before it is too late.

Automobile Owners Liable.

In instructing the jury in the damage suit of Richard N. Steiner and Albert B. Steiner, administrators of the estate of Samuel Steiner vs. Lunsley E. Evans and Isabelle Slocum, Judge Cornish laid down the rule that an automobile owner who allows the members of the family or servants to use his car is liable for any damages arising from the negligence of the driver, no matter if at the time the accident the driver is disobeying the owner.