

# NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

### INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED COVERS WIDE AREA.

### GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

### Includes What is Going On at Wash- ington and in Other Sections of the Country.

## WAR NEWS.

The German cruiser Konigsberg, which last October took refuge in a shallow river in East Africa, has been destroyed by British river monitors.

A dispatch from Lemberg to the Overseas News agency says that the university there, following the reoccupation of the Galician capital by the Austro-Hungarian forces, has been reopened.

The recruiting authorities in Birmingham, England, have received a communication from the war office instructing them to invite men who were previously rejected for army service because of weaknesses to submit themselves for medical examination.

The entire district surrounding the great German naval base at Kiel has been placed in a virtual state of siege, according to Berlin dispatches. All the constitutional rights, such as inviolability of private houses, freedom of speech and right of assembly, have been repealed.

The Balkan question is to be decided at a conference of the Bulgarian, Roumanian and Greek kings at Athens within a few weeks. It is reported. The rulers will attempt to agree on participation in the war or on remaining neutral until the end of the war.

Persons who have arrived in Manila from Saigon, capital of French Cochinchina, report that all vessels belonging to the Messageries Maritimes, which have been engaged in far eastern traffic are being transformed into transports to carry Russian troops to the Dardanelles.

Buffalo was selected for Mystic Shrine convention for 1916 by the convention meeting in Seattle.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., miners denounce the conviction of John R. Lawson of killing mine guard during the Colorado strike, as a conspiracy.

The settlement of the carpenters' strike in Chicago, carrying with it the reopening of building material plants employing 150,000 persons, which was brought about by a compromise, is expected to result in a building boom in Chicago.

Quincy A. Myers, former judge of the Indiana state supreme court, was agreed upon as the special judge to sit in the trials of Thomas Taggart, Mayor Joseph E. Bell and more than 100 other men who have been indicted for alleged election frauds.

Fuel oil for the United States navy in case of war has been assured by a contract between the government and the Osage Indians of Oklahoma for the total output of 56,000 acres of oil land should this country become engaged in hostilities.

An explosion wrecked a big steel and concrete grain elevator in Weehawken across the Hudson river, from New York, and severely injured a half dozen workers. The elevator has been handling much grain for export to Europe since the war began.

A small paper-wrapped and cotton-padded package was found by a policeman under the Pennsylvania railroad bridge at Patterson Park avenue and Eager street, at Baltimore. On the wrapper was written, "White House, Washington, D. C., explosive." Upon examination it proved to be a cartridge about six inches long.

Three far-reaching opinions upholding the constitutionality of the New York state workmen's compensation act and holding that employees of all interstate railroads and boat lines owned by railroads operating within the state come under its provisions were handed down by the court of appeals at Albany.

Three officials and an agent of the Old Capital City Dairy company at Columbus, O., were found guilty of defrauding the government out of revenue taxes on oleomargarine amounting to \$1,000,000.

State associations lost their fight for full recognition by the grand lodge of Elks when the report of a special committee was adopted at Los Angeles. The report recommended that state associations be allowed to suggest amendments to the constitution and endorse candidates for office.

Nineteen-year-old Catherine Barker, said to be America's richest girl, her income being about \$2,000,000 a year from the Haskell-Barker car shops and other enterprises, will be married at Harbor Point, Mich., July 31.

Charles B. Platt, former press agent for Charles Becker, now under sentence for the murder of Herman Rosenthal, at Albany, N. Y., submitted to Governor Whitman a 250-page statement alleged to reveal New York police graft condition in connection with the Becker case.

The United States torpedo boat destroyer Conyngham was launched from the Cramps ship yards in Philadelphia. The vessel will make a speed of about twenty-nine and one-half knots an hour.

The population of Massachusetts, as shown by the census taken this year is 3,646,768.

More than 15,000 cattle and 13,000 swine were destroyed in Pennsylvania in the outbreak of the foot and mouth disease.

Tens of thousands of natives are estimated to have been drowned by the floods in the Chinese provinces of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Kwangsi.

Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, faced a band of suffragists in a hotel in San Francisco and pledged allegiance to their general cause.

Mrs. John Jacob Astor and nearly all women at the summer colony in Bar Harbor, Me., will wear shirts, surgical bandages and other articles for the allies at least one hour a week.

The largest crowd ever assembled in Utah greeted the Liberty Bell at Salt Lake City, and it is estimated that one-third of the state's total population saw the bell on its tour through Utah.

Finally and ultimately disposing of the questions at issue in the Sawyer racing bill the supreme court of Arkansas, at Little Rock, declared the act passed by the legislature which would have permitted racing under a state commission and pari mutuel betting, not a law.

## SPORTING

Fred Bradley of Des Moines won the singles championship in the Central Iowa Tennis association's tournament at Toledo, Ia., by defeating R. N. Hamilton of Milwaukee, Wis., 6-4, 6-7, 9-7.

Hastings, Neb., business men, following an organization meeting, propose offering a purse of \$25,000 to bring Gotch-Stecker wrestling match for the world's heavyweight championship to Hastings.

Steve Regan, the Cornell university twirler, who was poach off the squad in mid-season by Coach Al Sharpe for breaking training rules, will join the Detroit Tigers. Highey Jennings considers Regan the best of the college pitchers.

Willard (Dick) Wright of Worcester, N. Y., who has starred as catcher both at Lafayette college and Lehigh university, and who has just been graduated from Lafayette college, has signed to play professional ball with Brooklyn.

Joe Oeschger, the former Philadelphia National pitcher, who was obtained from Manager Moran on an optional agreement, pitched a no-hit, no-run game for Providence against Toronto in the International league series at Providence, R. I.

Jack Ness, Oakland's first baseman, in the Pacific Coast league, hit safely in both games with San Francisco July 11, making forty consecutive games in which he has made at least one safe hit. This beats the world's record held by Ty Cobb.

## WASHINGTON.

Postmaster General Burleson ordered that the size limit of packages for parcel post shipment be increased to a combined length and girth of eighty-four inches, which will permit the mailing of standard sized fruit and berry crates.

The state department has been asked by meat packers to insist that Great Britain pay for \$14,000,000 worth of seized products and agree not to interfere with cargoes destined for neutral countries.

Reports have reached Washington that Germany alone is consuming smokeless powder at the rate of hundreds of millions of pounds a year. The total present capacity of the United States for military powder production is said to be not over 3,000,000 pounds annually.

Negotiations were begun through the trade advisers of the State department and the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce for co-operation between dye manufacturers of the United States and Switzerland to meet serious scarcity of dye stuffs resulting from the cutting off of German coal tar dyes.

A hearing on the application of railroads running from St. Louis to points in Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma, for permission to charge higher freight rates between intermediate points than between through points has begun at St. Louis before Examiner Pitt of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Approximately 145,000 acres of the former Flathead Indian reservation land in Montana will be offered for sale at Kallispell and Missoula, Mont., during August under regulations announced by Secretary Lane.

Prices paid farmers for the big crops grown this year decreased about 5.6 per cent during June, according to an estimate issued by the Department of Agriculture. For the last seven years the price level has increased two-tenths per cent in June.

Nearly \$500,000 fell into the hands of the bandits who held up the New York-New Orleans limited on the Louisville & Nashville railroad at Greenville, Ala., treasury officials say. They believe the haul was the biggest of any train robbery in history.

American naval officers have taken charge of the powerful wireless plant of the Atlantic Communication company at Sayville, L. I., which will be operated by the government until the close of the European war to insure against violations of neutrality.

# THAW FREE AT LAST

### SLAYER OF STANFORD WHITE RELEASED ON BOND.

### JUDGE CONFIRMS JURY'S ACT

### Famous Murder Case Cost Thaw Family About \$1,375,000; State of New York, \$425,000.

New York.—Harry K. Thaw, who killed Architect Stanford White on the night of June 26, 1906, July 16 walked from the courtroom a free man, after Justice Hendrick had confirmed the jury's finding that Thaw is sane, the state had served notice of appeal and a security company had furnished \$35,000 bond for Thaw. Justice Hendrick revoked the commitment under which Thaw was confined to Mattawan asylum for the criminal insane after his trial for the slaying of White.

"I adopt the findings of the jury," announced Justice Hendrick. "My decision is based on my judgment and the advice of friends. I won't speak of this evidence. The impressive testimony of sanity is practically overwhelming. The testimony of paid experts on either side, in my estimation, is of no value, and I now declare Harry K. Thaw to be sane."

Hendrick, speaking of the employment of alienists in insanity cases and murder trials, said: "I hope that this evil will be corrected by the medical profession or the legislature. The state could meet the situation by appointing an expert to examine all defendants."

The Thaw case was the most famous and the costliest murder case in the annals of crime in this country. It has cost the Thaw family about \$1,375,000 and the state of New York \$425,000.

## Ford Car Owners to Get Refund.

Detroit, Mich.—The Ford Automobile Co. announced a refund of approximately \$35,000,000 to owners of Ford Automobiles who have purchased their machines since August 1, 1914. On August 1, 1914, the company announced that if 300,000 machines were sold during the ensuing year each purchaser would receive from \$40 to \$60. The 300,000 mark has been reached. The company says the refund is strictly in the nature of the profit of distribution policy of the company.

## May Purchase Invention.

Washington, D. C.—Government purchase of the wireless control for torpedoes, invented by John Hays Hammond, Jr., probably will be recommended to congress by Secretary Garrison. The appropriation committees during the closing days of the last congress were urged to provide for securing the new device for protecting the coast, but no action was taken. Officials of the ordnance and fortifications believe a concealed shore station may absolutely control a submerged torpedo within the limits of vision and that an approaching battleship would have little chance to escape.

## Fraser Re-Elected Woodmen-Head.

St. Paul, Minn.—The sovereign camp of the Woodmen of the World in their biennial session here re-elected W. A. Fraser of Omaha sovereign commander and all of the old officers save two.

S. A. Ferrell of Johnston, Pa., succeeds H. F. Simrall of Columbus, Miss., and N. B. Maxey of Muskogee, Okl., was defeated by W. M. Crawford of Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Fraser has been affiliated with the organization practically since its inception and it was through his efforts that his native state has a membership of over 200,000 or about one-fourth of the society.

## Car Companies Accept Award.

Chicago.—Officials of the traction companies have announced that the award of the arbitration board increasing the wages of its employees would be accepted. The award increased the pay of conductors and motormen 3 cents an hour. The increase in wages granted the men is retroactive to June 1, when the old agreement expired. It is estimated that the cost to the company will be about \$1,500,000 a year.

## Hard Hit By Fire.

Valdez, Alaska.—Fire destroyed the business section of Valdez with a loss of \$500,000. United States troops from Fort Liscum aided in fighting the flames.

## Not Subject to Referendum.

Denver.—The state law providing statutory provisions for the enforcement of statewide prohibition cannot be referred to the voters, according to an opinion handed down by Attorney General Fred Farrar. The opinion was rendered by request.

## Will Try to Interview John D.

Cleveland, O.—"Mother" Jones will visit Cleveland within ten days to try to see John D. Rockefeller to tell him the inside story of the Colorado mine strike.

## \$2500 for New National Anthem.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The Order of Elks has offered a \$2,500 prize to any author who shall compose a national anthem that congress will adopt. It is asserted that the "Star Spangled Banner" has become unsuitable all over the country.

## Work for Everybody, Says Clark.

San Francisco.—"I predict that within sixty days every person in America desiring to work will find employment at a fair wage," said Speaker Champ Clark here.

# CONDENSED NEWS

### OF INTEREST TO ALL.

### INMATES EARN CASH

### PRISONERS IN STATE PRISON SEND MONEY TO FAMILIES.

### WORKING UNDER NEW SYSTEM

### Warden Fenton Reports Earnings for the Month of June Amount- ed to \$164.57.

Lincoln is to have a new \$125,000 Orphan theater. Lincoln has established a free legal aid bureau. North Platte Lutherans will build a \$25,000 church. Louisville is to have a new bank, the Home State bank. A seven day's chautauqua will begin at North Platte August 5. York paving intersection bonds carried by 779 to 207. The annual Ainsworth chautauqua dates are July 28 to August 2. The Hastings city council has ordered three miles of street paving. DeWeese is to have a fine new school building of brick in the fall. Fire destroyed two business buildings in Adams with a loss of \$25,000. The Congregational church of Clarks will soon build a new parsonage. The cornerstone was laid last week for North Bend's \$30,000 Catholic church. Plover and dove shooting season opened in the state July 15. It will close August 31. Brainerd reports nearly all the wheat in Butler county has now been cut and is in the shock. Two French cavalry officers bought nearly 100 horses for the French government in Lincoln last week. A large barn belonging to Joseph Ward, near Helvey, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Women will be admitted to the Norfolk Commercial club membership, if a move being started by business men is successful. Many farmers near Falls City are using gasoline engines to operate their binding machines during harvest season. The Humboldt Leader has changed hands. W. R. S. Austin having sold the entire plant to J. J. Hayden of Lyons, Neb. Lawrence Raine, 15 years old, was drowned while bathing and boating near the Republican river bridge south of McCook. The oldest living Mason in Nebraska, Charles McDonald of North Platte, was presented with the Robert Carrell Jordan medal. Live stock men from the middle west will meet in Omaha August 2 to discuss uniform laws for interstate shipment of live stock. More than a thousand people shared in the celebration of the completion of the new administration building at the Wayne state normal. George, the son of Samuel Robbins, of Coleridge, was drowned in the flood water of a little stream seven miles west of that place. Farm problems will be discussed by experts at the encampment at the boys' camp on the state fair grounds Lincoln, September 6 to 10. Street paving, a city amusement park, a new city hall and street lighting system are being urged by the North Platte chamber of commerce. A number of dog fanciers of Beatrice held a meeting recently and took preliminary steps for securing the national coursing meet next October. Dr. George Ireland, known over several western states on account of his many years' connection with the famous Wesleyan quartet, died at Lincoln. Lincoln will get the convention of the state Dental society in May, 1916, according to a referendum vote taken among the members of the association. The congregation of the German Lutheran church in Hanover township, near Pickrell, is soliciting funds for the erection of a \$30,000 church building. The report of the school census submitted for the city of Beatrice to the board of education, showed 2,691 children of school age in the city. At a special election held in Franklin the voters decided by a majority of 29 in favor of issuing bonds for making extensions and improvements to the electric light plant. Farmers from practically every agricultural state in the union are expected to attend the annual convention of the Farmers' Congress, which will be held in Omaha the last week in September. Fremont friends are urging Joe Stecher, champion wrestler, not to sign for a match with Frank Gotch. They think Stecher should wait a year or two. It is argued that Stecher will be getting better every day, while the condition of Gotch will not improve. The levee, built a few years ago at Humboldt, to shorten the Long branch and deliver its waters into the new ditch and to save the flouring mill and residence property from inundation, as a result of recent heavy rains, broke and caused several thousand dollars' damage in that vicinity. James Danze, catcher of the North Platte baseball team, died from the effects of an automobile accident. About half the space in the Manufacturers' building at the state fair grounds is being taken by Omaha manufacturers, according to Frank Ringer, commissioner of the State Manufacturers association. Dr. George A. Condra and Dr. Melvin R. Gilmore of Lincoln, are making an extensive survey of soil conditions in a string of counties extending from Washington on the east to Scott's Bluff, on the west line of the state. Dates of Elmwood chautauqua to be held on the school grounds are Aug. 11 to 16. Prof. T. W. B. Everhart of Chicago was the unanimous choice of the Hastings school board in the selection of Superintendent C. M. Barr's successor. Evangelist James Rayburn, with his singer, Mr. Laraway, just closed a three weeks' meeting at Kimball, in the west end of the state, with very gratifying results, as over 200 converts were secured for the Presbyterian and Methodist churches.

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E. A. Walrath of Osceola, Polk County publisher who was recently appointed state printer by Governor Morehead.

ture shop is about the only employment offered now and it paid out \$144.07 in wages during the month. Six men in the cabinet department drew \$1.50 during the month and thirty-eight others worked in the wood department at 10 cents per day. Stock Boards Will Meet. A meeting has been called of the stock sanitary boards of ten western states to meet in Omaha on Monday, August 2, at 1:30 for the purpose of discussing uniform shipping rules for the middle western states and other matters connected with the shipment of live stock and the needs of sanitary lines in connection therewith. The states to be represented are: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, the Dakotas, Wyoming and Nebraska. Editor Deputy Auditor. Fred Ayres, newspaper man and for the past two years a food, drug and oil inspector, has been made deputy state auditor. He succeeds to the place left vacant by the transfer of W. B. Eastham to the insurance commission. Auditor Smith, who made the selection, has known Mr. Ayres for several years. He was foreman of his paper at Seward for three years. Later he went to Holbrook, where he started a paper of his own. Mr. Ayres is one of the faithful and hard working men of southwestern Nebraska and has the confidence of all those who know him.

464 Blind Persons in State. A total of 464 blind people are accounted to Nebraska in federal reports, which have just reached the state house. Of the number 265 are males and 199 are females. In the number are but eleven colored persons. Kansas, with a 40 per cent greater population, has 110 per cent more blind persons than Nebraska—which scores another victory for this state. Nebraska, in fact is second in the list of per capita blind. The only state ahead of it is Washington. Kohl May Try for Governor. Northeast Nebraska may have a candidate in the contest for the democratic gubernatorial nomination next year. State Senator Kohl of Wayne, on a visit in Lincoln, intimated that he would likely become active, providing Governor Morehead did not elect to run for re-election. Nebraska Shown in Films. Nearly 4,000 feet of moving picture film, illustrating agricultural education and irrigation in the state, will be shipped to California within a few days to be shown at the exposition under the auspices of the United States reclamation service. New Fixtures in Vault. The state treasurer's office is having new steel fixtures placed in the vault for the better protection of the valuable documents therein. The railway commission is also having its vault overhauled. Idleness Causes Crime. "Lack of a vocation lands more men in the penitentiary than any one factor," concludes Warden Fenton in his annual report to the governor. "Young farmer boys become dissatisfied with the life of the farm and leave to seek the world," says the report. "While bumming they land with bad associates and commit some small crime. Then they land in the penitentiary. Liquor sold to boys between 21 and 25 years of age is one of the contributing causes of crime."

## Diese Abteilung ist für die Familienglieder, welche am liebsten Deutsch lesen.

# Vom Schauplatz des europäischen Völker-Krieges

Die Hoffnung der westlichen Alliierten, daß der galizische Feldzug die Deutschen demnach in Anspruch nehmen würde, daß sie keine Zeit oder Kraft zu einer Offensive im Westen hätten, ist eine neue, bittere Enttäuschung geworden, und die Angst über das, was zunächst kommen soll, spricht aus allen aus Paris und London kommenden Meldungen. Den Alliierten fängt die Sache an, unheimlich zu werden. Und heute kann der deutsche Generalstab den glücklichen Abbruch der Sache mit Sicherheit anmelden. Alle Stellungen der Franzosen, die sie mit ihrer Uebermacht in langen sechs Wochen errungen, wurden ihnen in der kurzen Zeit von vier Tagen entziffen, und heute stehen sie dort, wo sie vor ihrer „großen Offensive“ gestanden. Aber nicht in derselben Stärke. Frankreich hat ungeliebte Opfer gebracht, um nördlich von Arras die deutsche Front zu durchbrechen. Alles Blut ist vergebens geflossen, und es ist mehr als fraglich, ob man im Laufe des Krieges eine zweite solche Offensive auf französischer Seite erleben wird.

Die Kämpfe, die seit einigen Tagen auf anderen Theilen des westlichen Kriegsschauplatzes, auf den Höhen der Maas, in der Champagne und in einzelnen Theilen des französischen Lothringens stattfinden, stehen in keinem Vergleich zu den fast übermenschlichen Anstrengungen, die die Franzosen bei Arras machten, um Lille, Lens und La Bassée zu nehmen. Und auch bei den kleineren Kämpfen zogen die Franzosen überall die Kürzeren. Die französischen Berichte entzifferten die Misserfolge mit „schlechtem Wetter“. Das „Wetter“ dürfte noch schlechter werden, wenn die deutschen See- und Luftflotten aufgeräumt haben und sich gen Westen wenden.

## Es wird immer toller.

In Mexiko geht es immer toller zu, wenn dort eine Steigerung überhaut noch möglich ist. Vor einigen Wochen erließ Venustiano Carranza eine hochtrabende Proklamation, worin er forderte, daß die Washingtoner Regierung ihn anerkennen solle, weil er der wahre Jakob sei und binnen kurzem ganz Mexiko unter seiner Kontrolle haben werde; heute vertritt er sich in der sogenannten Zeitung San Juanillo bei Vera Cruz, weil vier seiner Minister resigniert haben und die Carranza-Regierung dadurch außer Betrieb gesetzt ist. Die unmittelbare Ursache der Minister-Resignation ist die Frage, ob man mit den Villalistas unterhandeln solle oder nicht, die in Villa's Dörfchen an Carranza vorgeschlagen worden war. Unterdessen dauert die wahnsinnige Halsabschnürerei in Mexiko ungehindert fort; heute hat der Vandalenführer die Oberhand, morgen ein anderer. Und wo die Mörderbanden durchzogen, wohnt das Grauen. Um die Dinge womöglich noch verworrener zu gestalten, ahnen einige Indianerstämmen an der Westküste das Treiben der Mexikaner nach und bedrohen die Weißen, Amerikaner und Europäer. Die Ver. Staaten haben zwei Kriegsschiffe abgefangen; nun aber erlegt der Gouverneur des Staates Sonora, eine Kreatur Villalistas, eine Erklärung, daß er einer Landung amerikanischer Truppen bewaffneten Widerstand entgegenzusetzen werde.

## Traurige Erfahrungen.

Von einem bedauerlichen Mißgeschick wird in letzter Zeit die Unterseeboot-Flotille Uncle Sam's heimgeführt. Nach einem Spezial-Bericht der New York Sun wurden vier derselben zur Reparatur nach dem Navy Yards zu Brooklyn gebracht. Die Boote G 2, G 4 und G 2 erlitten infolge von Kollisionen Beschädigungen an der Schiffswand und an der elektrischen Wasserpumpe. Das Boot G 1, ließ sich mit einem schwimmenden Log bei Sandy Hook zusammen und zog sich einen Bruch des Vordersteils an. Ein Glück, daß sich die Unfälle nicht auf offener See ereigneten, sondern in der Nähe der Riffe. Nebenfalls ist aus den Vorfällen ersichtlich, daß in Sanadung ebenso wie in Konstruktions dieser neuen Marine-Waffe, die nach Beurteilung ihrer Befähigung im europäischen Kriege eine vollkommene Umwälzung der Seekämpfe zur Folge haben wird, hier noch mancherlei zu lernen ist.

## Ganze Ernte in Oesterreich-Ungarn vom Staate angekauft.

Genf, über Paris. Aus Wien ist hier die Mitteilung eingetroffen, daß die Kriegs-Geldweide-Gesellschaft der österreichischen Regierung angekauft hat, daß es die ganze Ernte, welche nun bald eingeholt wird, unter ihre Kontrolle nehmen wird. Mit Ausnahme des für den Unterhalt der Landbevölkerung nötigen Getreides wird die ganze Ernte von der Regierung angekauft. Die Gesellschaft hat auch verfügt, daß keine falschen Berichte über den Stand der Ernte ausgegeben werden dürfen.

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