

WINS FIRST ROUND

PRESIDENT WINS IN INITIAL VOTE ON REPEAL.

ONE FARE FOR ROUND TRIP

Railroads Grant Concessions to Exposition Visitors—Ogallala Indians Want Moving Pictures Suppressed.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—President Wilson won the opening skirmish of the greatest legislative battle of his administration Friday when the house, over bitter protests from the recognized democratic leaders and almost solid minority opposition, adopted a special rule for the consideration of the bill repealing the provision of the Panama canal act exempting coastwise American ships from tolls. Speaker Clark, Democratic Leader Underwood, Republican Leader Mann and Progressive Leader Murdoch were at the head of those lined up against the administration, but the house responded to the president's personal appeal for prompt consideration of the repeal bill as a means of supporting his administration's foreign policy, the vote carrying by 209 to 172.

Claim Movies Misrepresenting. Lincoln, Neb.—A petition from the Ogallalas to have the motion picture recently taken of the "Battle of Wounded Knee" suppressed will be taken to Washington by a delegation from that tribe the first of April. Joseph Horncloud and Iron Hill, two Indians who were in the affair at Wounded Knee, will be included in this delegation and will testify that the pictures which were made and which are now being shown over the country misrepresent the affair, that it was a "massacre," not a "battle," that women and children were killed, that the Indians were disarmed and in lesser numbers than the soldiers by more than half, whereas in the picture whites and reds are in equal numbers and the Indians are shown armed and in war paint.

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Railroads Fix Passenger Schedule for Exposition.

San Francisco.—Virtually a one-way fare for the round trip to the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco and the Panama-California exposition at San Diego from all points west of Chicago has been agreed upon by the transcontinental passenger association. The destinations named on the ticket will be Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. The rates will go into effect March 1, 1915, and will end November 30. The tickets will have a return limit of three months, with the proviso that no returns will be good after December 31, 1915. The exposition gates open February 20 and close December 4, 1915. From Missouri river points, which include Omaha, Kansas City, St. Joseph and Atchison, the round trip rate will be \$50.

Omaha Holdups Brought to Pen. Lincoln, Neb.—"Black Tony" Claretta, who fired the shot that killed Henry Nickell in the McVey resort holdup and murder, January 15, and his two companions were brought to the state penitentiary Friday, and from now on will be known as No. 6283, No. 6284 and No. 6285. Along with "Black Tony" were Joe Williams, the acknowledged leader, and Cevernious Rosamond, who received a sentence of ten years, for manslaughter.

Dorchester Man Cashed Bad Check. Omaha.—O. E. Troyer of Dorchester, Neb., on his way to St. Cloud, Minn., to meet his mother and younger brothers, met a congenial man in the union depot here. After an hour's acquaintance he cashed \$75 for the man. He later found the check was worthless, and reported his loss to the police. He had only \$75 when he reached Omaha. Several confidence games have been played successfully at the depots recently.

Stillwell, Okla.—Tandy Folsom, a Cherokee Indian, was found guilty of the murder of Patrick Dore, an Oklahoma politician, at Westvile. He was sentenced to life imprisonment. Folsom shot Dore to death during a quarrel over an estate in which both were interested.

Anniversary of Disaster. New York.—A demonstration extending from Brooklyn to the Bronx and commemorating the disaster was held Wednesday on the third anniversary of the Triangle waist factory fire in which 147 lives were lost. The ringing of gongs in hundreds of factories brought forth orderly streams of unemployed until the streets in some quarters took on a holiday aspect. This colossal fire drill, which included most of the factories and a great many of the schools of the city, was planned by Fire Commissioner Adamson.

Development of American Farming. New York.—The development of American farming is to be undertaken by the National Civic Federation, which has organized a department on agricultural conditions and rural betterment. The executive committee held a luncheon at which noted speakers discussed the farming industry. They held that co-operation and systematized organization among farmers was necessary if the industry in the United States was to be brought up to the standard obtained in other countries.



THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

STRUGGLE OVER TOLL REPEAL BEGUN IN HOUSE.

Plans Completed for Opening of New Institute of Learning—Washington Deeply Interested in Torreon.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The greatest legislative battle yet undertaken by President Wilson's administration was begun Thursday with the presentation of a special rule in the house to limit debate and prohibit proposal to repeal the provision of the Panama canal act allowing free passage to American ships. For two hours the rule was alternately defended and attacked in heated debate in the house. When adjournment came, with an hour of debate on the rule yet left, Speaker Clark, who had not yet announced his position on the repeal policy, issued a statement vigorously opposing the rule.

"Surely there is nothing sacred about this repeal bill, and there is no reason for this mad rush," Speaker Clark said in his statement. "I will not be a party to ramming such a rule down the throats of members."

Keen Interest in Torreon Battle.

Washington.—Not since the successful assault of Ojinaga has there been so much interest manifested here in the details of the Mexican campaign as in the present attempt of the rebel General Villa, to capture the important federal base of Torreon. The state department has its representative at the front in the person of Vice Consul Carothers, on terms of personal intimacy with Villa, but so far it has heard nothing from the vice consul that results had yet been determined. Army officers here believe that Villa's situation is critical.

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Plans Made for Opening Institution May 27.

Washington.—Trustees of the American university have completed plans for opening the new institution May 27. It was announced that Secretary Bryan, Secretary Daniels, William Corby and Col. H. O. S. Heislant had been elected to the board. Dr. Frank W. Collier of Boston was appointed director of research. Members of the board of award were named as follows: Secretary Bryan, Secretary Daniels, Philander P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education; Dr. Alfred Cruce, dean of the graduate school of agriculture; Dr. Thomas N. Carver, professor of economics, Howard university; Dr. John W. Hanscher, assistant secretary of the board of education, Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. Dr. William Andrew Wood of Lynn, Mass.

Fatalities in Sioux City Fire.

Sioux City, Ia.—Two firemen were killed and three injured and between \$300,000 and \$400,000 damage done in a fire which swept the quarter block at the southeast corner of Fourth and Nebraska streets, the heart of the business district, early Thursday morning.

Threaten to Boycott Baseball.

Hastings, Neb.—Sunday baseball and moving pictures in Hastings this summer will be boycotted by several thousand church members if resolutions unanimously adopted in a big mass meeting of voters in the Baptist church are adhered to. Not only do the resolutions pledge members of ten churches represented to not attend Sunday games, here or elsewhere, but to refuse to attend weekday games played by any team that participates in Sabbath breaking.

Opening of Alaska Coal Lands.

Washington.—Opening of Alaska coal lands under a leasing plan was proposed in a bill agreed on by the senate public lands committee and which will be favorably reported by Chairman Myers. Under the bill 5,120 acres in the Bering river district and 7,680 acres in the Matanuska field will be reserved to be mined by the government when in the opinion of the president "the mining of such coal becomes necessary by reason of an insufficient supply of coal at a reasonable price."

FEDERALS SAY VILLA ROUTED WITH GREAT SLAUGHTER.

First Installment of Arms Arrives at City of Mexico—Attacks Wait—Policy of President Wilson.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Mexico City.—The war department makes the claim that the rebels under Villa were routed at Torreon with great slaughter. Eight hundred men under Gen. Joaquin Maas and Gen. Javier de Mourre, it is announced, arrived opportunely from Saltillo in time to add greatly to the federal victory. The rebels are said to be retreating northward with the federals pounding at their rear. It is admitted that Villa's men entered Lerdo, a suburb of Torreon, but it is explained this was a ruse on the part of General Valasco to ambush them. As soon as they were well into that territory the federal artillery shelled them, the cavalry charging as the rebels started to retreat.

Attacks Waiting Policy.

Washington.—Representative Ainey of Pennsylvania brought up his resolution calling on President Wilson to inform congress of the conditions of foreigners in Mexico, in the house, and delivered an attack on the policy of watchful waiting. He pictured Villa as a "vulgar, ignorant, brutal specimen of humanity," through whom the Standard Oil company was advancing its interests.

ARMS FOR THE AMERICANS.

First Installment for Protection Arrives at Mexico City.

Mexico City.—The first installment of arms and ammunition sent by the United States war department to the American embassy for the protection of American citizens in the event of disturbances in the federal capital, has been delivered. The consignment, which includes 250 rifles and two machine guns, has been held at the customs house under orders issued by President Huerta for several days. Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge d'affaires, anticipates no further trouble in getting the remainder of the rifles and the machine guns.

Fighting Still Continues.

Juarez, Mexico.—Roseate rumors and "official" reports of the onward sweep of Gen. Francisco Villa and his victorious rebels has kept this city in a state of gratified excitement, but the optimism was dashed somewhat by the receipt of the Associated Press dispatch from Chihuahua quoting an official dispatch to the effect that fighting continues at Gomez Palacio. It was announced officially that this city, three miles from Torreon, was taken Monday night, and that General Villa had ordered supplies sent direct to that city.

Priests Slain by Rebels.

New Orleans, La.—Five priests have been slain by rebels in the Mexican state of Tamaulipas since November 1 last, three are held for ransom, a convent has been burned and a cathedral and a smaller church looted, according to two Catholic priests, Father Jose Moreno Madina and Father Raymond Gonzales, who have just arrived here from Brownsville, Tex.

Getting Ready for Press Outing.

Lincoln, Neb.—Plans for the week's camp which members of the Nebraska Press association will enjoy here beginning June 18, are well under way and the committee on arrangements promises that it will be an event to be retained in the memory after lots of other things have faded away.

Cotton Destroyed by Flames.

Bombay, India.—Cotton valued at \$2,500,000, stored in sheds on Cotton Green was destroyed when fire broke out in a warehouse on the dock here.

Revolver Fight With Highwaymen.

Omaha.—In a revolver battle with highwaymen at South Omaha, Policeman Tom Quinn was shot in the head and seriously injured, while one of the bandits, who succeeded in making his escape, was slightly wounded by Mike Gillin, a police detective. The fight between Quinn, Gillin and the highwaymen, four in number, came as the climax to a carnival of robbery perpetrated in this city and South Omaha earlier in the evening, during which at least three people were robbed.

DELAY ITS PASSAGE

TOLL REPEAL VOTE MAY BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

RAISE FUNDS FOR SUFFRAGE

Nebraska Counties Begin to Contribute to Suffrage Campaign—Fear Fepetition of Last Year's Floods

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Reports that an organized effort would be made in the senate to delay the passage of the bill repealing Panama tolls exemption has aroused administration leaders while general debate of the issue in the house continued to hold the public interest. The intimation that a prolonged filibuster in the senate had been determined upon, now that the first decisive battle had been won by the president, was reported to several senatorial supporters of the administration and it was suggested that Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals already was delaying consideration of the measure by his committee.

Disastrous Floods in the East.

Buffalo, N. Y.—Towns in western New York are threatened with a repetition of the disastrous floods of a year ago. In the lowlands of the Tonawanda people are going to and from their homes in boats owing to the overflow from the Tonawanda and Ellicott creeks. At Batavia the municipal sewage disposal plant is eight feet under water. A culvert on the Erie railroad near Attica was washed away, causing the dispatch of trains over the New York Central tracks. At Corning the Chemung river is ten feet above normal and has flooded the highway west of the city.

MONEY COMES FOR SUFFRAGE.

Counties Begin to Contribute to State Campaign.

Lincoln, Neb.—Now that their petition is on file and the campaign for suffrage in Nebraska a fact, the organization is beginning to secure funds from different parts of the state. No vigorous effort has yet been made to secure money and what has come in has been from counties which have acted after receiving the circular notice as to the plan and as to the division between counties. Mrs. Viola Harrison, secretary, says that the gratifying thing about the contributions from counties is the indication that the county organizations have accepted the responsibility and are going to meet it. To date these contributions have been received at headquarters: Frontier, \$5; Lancaster, \$550; Custer, \$75; Douglas, \$1,250; Adams, \$25; Stanton, \$5; Pawnee, \$17; Boone, \$40; Nance, \$5; Greeley, \$40; Cherry, \$15; Dawes, \$5.

Bringing in Rebel Wounded.

Chihuahua, Mex.—Evidence of the severe firing which the rebels suffered at the hands of the federals outside of Torreon was brought here with the first two trainloads of rebel wounded. Sixteen coaches filled with soldiers, distorted with the agony of their wounds, wrapped in blankets, blood-stained bandages and bent in all shapes, reached the city as the vanguard of a long line of wounded scattered along the railroad at points 300 miles southward. Three hundred rebel wounded, including three lieutenant colonels and about twenty minor officers, have arrived. They report a total of about 1,000 wounded on their side with an unknown number of dead.

Fatality Follows "Bear Dance" Dispute.

Allance, Neb.—Following a quarrel between two youths, over whether one of them could dance the "bear," George Rowding was shot dead at Bingham, near here, and Ralph Dayley, who shot him, has a bullet in his shoulder. Dayley is about 18 years old. The shooting was the culmination of a quarrel of two weeks ago.

Lincoln, Neb.—Attorneys representing Clarence Clawson, serving a sentence in the state penitentiary for manslaughter in connection with the death of Ross McKinziey at Wilber August 2, last, have filed an appeal from the decision of the Saline county district court.

Nebraskans Colonizing in Wisconsin.

Milwaukee, Wis.—A big movement of Nebraskans toward northwestern Wisconsin is forecasted this summer with the first party to number fifteen families, who have taken up a tract of former timber land ten miles from this city. The colonization scheme is backed by S. Soper of Broken Bow, Neb., who is already upon the ground and who closed a deal this week for the clearing by a patent steam stumper of 640 acres of land as a starter for the colony. The acreage is not one block, but scattered.

Chicago's Municipal Store Not Successful.

Chicago.—Chicago's municipal store, where the needy were to purchase supplies at cost, has done a daily average business of \$9.11 since it opened on February 19, according to a statement by the city comptroller's office. Advocates of the enterprise admit it has not filled any long felt want. The store does not make deliveries, and a rigid investigation is made of each prospective customer. These are the reasons advanced for the lack of a more extensive patronage.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The Nebraska D. A. R. will meet in Omaha next year.

The state Sunday school convention will be held at Aurora in June.

Saunders county schools will visit the state farm at Lincoln next week.

Blair is making strenuous efforts to rid itself of dives and gambling dens. T. J. Majors of Peru will deliver an address at Seward on Decoration day.

Elder L. E. Snapp has been secured as pastor of the Christian church at Stella.

The Wahoo Commercial club celebrated its twelfth anniversary with a banquet.

Fremont will get the next meeting of the Nebraska Royal Neighbors of America.

Walter Warwick of Scribner fell from a hay loft and sustained a fractured skull.

Monday was the anniversary of the tornado that left several Nebraska towns in ruins.

A campaign looking to the erection of a new court house at North Platte has been started.

A summer chautauqua course probably will be held in Havelock during July and August.

The Fairbury district of the Methodist conference will meet at Tobias, April 21 and 22.

Plattsburgh public schools are overcrowded, and additional buildings have become a necessity.

A petition for Sunday baseball at Cambridge was reported upon unfavorably by the city council.

The Lincoln team of the Western baseball league is practicing and working out at Antelope park.

A syndicate of farmers has purchased the Snyder roller mills and elevator at the village of Snyder.

"Nick" Hansen suicided by shooting himself through the head in a barn at the rear of his home at Lincoln.

Mrs. Rhoda Morris, probably the oldest woman in Gage county, died at Beatrice recently at the age of 95.

Earl Francis, 18 years old, is dead at Palmyra from injuries received when he was thrown from a horse.

The Sisters' school of St. Mary's parish in David City has been closed temporarily on account of scarlet fever.

Fairbury's new ice plant is now in operation and turning out ice at the rate of twenty-five to thirty-five tons per day.

The Gage County Holstein Friesian association has been organized by a number of farmers in Gage county interested in dairying.

Continued brooding over the ill health of his wife drove Henry Schulte, an aged Germantown farmer, to suicide by hanging.

There are sixteen cases of smallpox in four families at Kearney, but it is believed that danger of the spread of the disease has been obviated.

Charged with the desertion of his wife and nine-days-old baby, Arthur E. Brooks, a blind piano tuner, is being sought for by Sheriff Myers of Lincoln.

A train load of immigrants, bound for the forest reserve in northwest Nebraska, where they had drawn lands, passed through Omaha last week.

Joe Parona of Central City, S. D., the father of seven children, was found dead from asphyxiation in a room at an Omaha hotel. It is thought his death was accidental.

A collection of Indian relics that cannot be replaced for thousands of dollars is missing from the home of F. T. Parker at Omaha. Mr. Parker is in Florida for the season.

Eighteen contestants, representing as many towns in eastern and central Nebraska, participated in the high school declamatory contest at Fremont. In the oratorical class, Cecil Galloway of Wahoo took first prize.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the buildings and stock of the Zaugg Lumber company at Leshara.

Dawes county farmers have engaged George Schaefer, a graduate of the Colorado agricultural school, as farm demonstrator.

York county has organized a "good roads" association.

The Southeastern Nebraska Educational association will hold its twenty-first annual meeting in Lincoln on April 1, 2 and 3.

Berlin, the village wiped out by the tornado of a year ago, has risen from its ruins, and with its many new business and residence blocks, is far ahead of its former self.

In honor of the thirty-five year record of service held by Chief Clerk John M. Butler, an informal reception was given by the railway mail clerks of the Lincoln division.

There was not a single Indian or negro born in Richardson county in 1912. There were 453 white births.

W. W. Perrin, a Lincoln man, was held up and relieved of his spare change on a downtown street at eight o'clock in the evening.

The city of Hebron will vote this spring by direct vote upon three questions, viz: Sunday baseball, licensed pool halls, and the saloons.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Ireland of Brock celebrated their sixty-third wedding anniversary last week. Mr. Ireland is 88 and Mrs. Ireland is 78 years old.

Church members at Hastings threaten a boycott if the Sunday baseball election carries in that place.

Walter Dye, aged 30, a well known young business man of Kearney, dropped dead in the billiard room of the Midway hotel at that place.

A large upper molar of the Columbian mammoth was found recently by George Goodman of Alexandria. It has been donated to the state museum.

The Stanton county fair will be held September 1 to 5. The premium list is about ready and the different amusements that will be secured for the fair are engaged.

GAME LAW PENALTY

COSTS FROM \$1 TO \$300 FOR SHOOTING DUCKS.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Western Newspaper Union News Service Game Law Penalty.

In most of the statements issued by the government no mention is made of the penalty for killing water fowl during the closed season prescribed by regulations of the department of agriculture. Mr. Lane, United States district attorney for Nebraska, has received details of the regulations which show that the penalty for spring shooting is a fine of from \$1 to \$300. The penalty is not based on a certain amount for each bird killed, but is left to the discretion of the judge of the federal court who imposes the fine. It is reported that ducks are being shot in Nebraska, but thus far no arrests have been made by the United States marshal or his deputy. No other persons have power to make arrests.

Health Train for Nebraska.

A health train, to traverse the state and spread knowledge of sanitary conditions and initiate health campaigns in all towns and villages where board of health laws have been dead letters since time immemorial, may be an activity soon to be indulged in by the board of secretaries of the state board of health. In discussing the problem, President Carr of that body said that the railroads are willing to meet the board more than half way in the matter and the railway commission has given permission for the necessary staff to go along free of charge without violating the anti-pass law.

An Immense Storage Reservoir.

The millenium in watering the thirsty fields of southwestern Nebraska will be reached if a storage reservoir of immense capacity can be erected there and water taken from the Platte in early spring to fill it. That is the sentiment of citizens of Kearney, Holdrege, Smithfield and Bertrand, where mass meetings were held last week. A. M. Morrissey, the governor's secretary, who represented the state government at the gatherings, is inspired with enthusiasm for the plan which he found everywhere he went. The matter has been taken up with the federal government, and on April 9 an engineer will make a comprehensive investigation of the proposed project.

Were Using Unfair Advertising.

Food Commissioner Harman has been called upon to settle a row between two baking powder companies that do a large business in the state. One is alleged to have sent out demonstrators, who use egg-albumen to impart qualities to their baking powder, which will make products rise in short order. Minus the albumen, the other baking powders carried for demonstration purposes are placed at a disadvantage. The commissioner will order that the unfair advertising of the baking powder be stopped. A hearing in the affair will be held April 6.

Chairman Peter Youngers and his two colleagues of the horticultural committee of the state board of agriculture has completed the personnel of that body. The three members from the state board of agriculture are Mr. Youngers of Geneva, C. C. Crewe of Culbertson and W. W. Cole of Neligh. These members chose two others who are not members of the state board of agriculture—G. A. Marshall, a well known orchardist of Arlington, and J. R. Duncan, secretary of the state horticultural society. This committee will look after matters connected with the interests of the fruit growers of the state.

Argentina corn is not free from weevil. This is the information received by the Nebraska state board of agriculture. In the culture of the potato it is believed that infection has been introduced in many cases by the use of infected seed. The same result might follow the careless experimenting with the imported corn, according to some authorities.

Assistant Adjutant General L. M. Scotchorn of the department of Nebraska, G. A. R., has received a letter from the national military park commission stating that the commission has authority from the war department to place a fine portrait bust in bronze of General John M. Thayer, ex-governor of Nebraska, in the Vicksburg national military park, the bust to be paid for from the park appropriation for this fiscal year. The commission asks for good war-time photographs of General Thayer. He was colonel of the First Nebraska Volunteers and as a brigadier general was at the siege of Vicksburg. Mr. Scotchorn will endeavor to find the desired pictures.

State Treasurer George has invested the last of the \$100,000 raised by a levy for university buildings. The money is derived from a levy the proceeds of which is to be expended regardless of university removal. The people will vote this fall on the question of whether or not it shall be expended on the city campus or at the state farm. As the money is not needed at this time the state treasurer proposed to invest