

CRISIS IS IMMINENT

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH AUSTRIA ENDANGERED.

TO GET GERMAN DYE STUFFS

Consent of Great Britain to Importation of Dyes—War Will Bring New Order of Things.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Diplomatic relations with Austria are in grave danger of being broken off over the sinking of the Italian liner Ancona, with the loss of American lives. All officials here continue to preserve silence over the negotiations with Austria, but through the veil which has been drawn about the situation is seen a crisis just as grave as that which attended the submarine negotiations with Germany. The question of continuing diplomatic relations may be said to depend upon a satisfactory reply to Secretary Lansing's note, which now probably is before the Vienna foreign office, demanding a disavowal of the sinking of the Ancona, reparation for the lives lost and assurances that passenger ships will not be attacked without warning or an opportunity for non-combatants to take places of safety.

War Will Bring New Order. Columbus, O.—President Wilson expressed the opinion that there will be no "patched up peace" following the European war. In a comprehensive and forceful address before the Columbus chamber of commerce here he urged American business men to mobilize their resources so the United States might be prepared to play a more important part in the world's affairs, and bring about justice after the present war. The president spent eighteen hours in Columbus, during which he was active every minute. His reception was enthusiastic and pleased him greatly.

CAN GET GERMAN DYE STUFFS.

Great Britain Gives Consent to Their Importation. Washington.—Great Britain has announced its willingness to permit exportation from Germany of sufficient dye stuffs to supply the immediate needs of American industries. Negotiations with Germany, based upon this assurance, have been begun informally by the state department with a view of persuading the imperial government to permit the exportation of dye stuffs, without receiving concessions, of foodstuffs or cotton from the United States. Great Britain has consistently refused to allow Germany to import these commodities.

To Have Full Ticket in Nebraska.

Washington.—The "bull moose" organization will have a full ticket in Nebraska next year, according to the prediction of Frank P. Corrick of Lincoln, who attended the recent progressive conference in New York and saw Colonel Roosevelt. The bull moose candidates will be expected to draw most of their strength from the dry element. Mr. Corrick regards Colonel Roosevelt's withdrawal of the primary presidential petition in Nebraska as evidence that the colonel will not be a candidate in any of the early state primaries next year.

Reclamation Fund Nearly Exhausted.

Washington.—Representative Shalenderger has been informed by the reclamation service that the funds which could be used for a further survey of the proposed irrigation project in Gosper, Phelps and Harlan counties are about exhausted. Mr. Shalenderger is not disposed to let the matter rest there and will ask the secretary of the interior for a statement of the amounts which Nebraska has contributed to the reclamation fund and the amount which has been spent in Nebraska.

Will Have to Revise Treaties.

New York.—John Bassett Moore, former counsellor of the state department, in an address before Tuesday's session of the international trade conference, expressed the opinion that the United States at the conclusion of the European war, would find it necessary to revise or supplement all existing commercial treaties with the countries now at war.

To Protect Japanese Residents.

Tokio.—It is understood that Japan, in view of the disturbed conditions in Shanghai, will adopt measures for the protection of Japanese residents and interests there. Several Japanese warships are already on the spot and the cruiser Tsurugari, which has left Yokohama, is believed to be bound for Shanghai.

London.—The minister of munitions, David Lloyd George, announces that there are now 9,024 government controlled munitions establishments.

Honolulu Wants G. O. P. Convention

San Francisco.—Honolulu will make an effort to get the national republican convention and to that end the island residents have pledged \$100,000 and in addition are prepared to charter two special steamers to carry the delegates, according to Lorin Andrews, republican national committee man from the territory of Hawaii, who is en route to Washington. Andrews said he would urge the selection of that city at the meeting of the committee.

ANOTHER MYSTERY



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TAX FOR MODEST INCOMES

LAW OF COMPULSION MAY BE A REALITY.

Radical Changes Suggested in Present Income Tax Law—Boom Town Almost Destroyed by Fire.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Secretary Garrison declares in his annual report to the president that if the administration plan for a continental army fails, the United States will face some form of compulsory military service. In what many men in official life characterize as the most remarkable report ever made by a secretary of war, Mr. Garrison passes quickly over the widespread routine activities of the war department and devotes practically all his words to the subject of military preparedness, the need for which he sums up by saying, "So long as right and wrong exist in the world there will be an inevitable conflict between them. The right doer must be prepared to protect and defend the right against the wrong."

Town Almost Wiped Out by Fire.

Hopewell, Va.—This mushroom town of 25,000 people, grown up since last summer with the new explosive plant of the Dupont Powder company, was almost wiped off the map by a fire which started in a restaurant and did property damage estimated at considerably more than a million dollars. The Dupont works outside of the settlement escaped damage, although for a time seriously threatened. Scenes of wild disorder accompanied the fire, and citizens are said to have lynched a negro for looting. There was no loss of life otherwise, however, and only a few minor injuries were reported.

TAX ON MODEST INCOMES.

Secretary McAdoe Wants the Field Enlarged.

Washington.—Radical changes in the income tax to reach thousands not now subject to its provisions and to improve the machinery of collection, have been suggested to congress in the annual report of Secretary McAdoe as means by which the greater part of the additional revenues needed to pay for the administration national defense plans can be provided. The secretary proposed to lower the exemption limits so as to tax married persons with incomes as low as \$3,000, and single persons with \$2,000 incomes. The exemptions are now \$4,000 and \$3,000, respectively.

San Francisco.—Franz Bopp, consul general of Germany in San Francisco, has arraigned the American public in a statement for what he termed their unfair treatment of his countrymen, and predicted a wholesale exodus of German-Americans at the close of the war.

"I do not like this country any more," said the consul, "and will be happy to return to Germany. I am disgusted with the ill-feeling displayed. And I am not the only one. After the war there will take place a regular exodus of German-Americans who feel about things in the United States as I do."

Substitute for Saloon.

Denver.—Dean H. Martyn Hart, rector of St. John's cathedral here, and other leading Episcopal clergymen of the city have established a coffee house in the lower part of the business district to be used as a place of companionship for men after the Colorado prohibition law goes into effect January 1. The mission is intended for the class which at present resorts to saloons for sociability, the ministers say.

Predicts Democratic Victory.

Washington.—President Wilson told members of the democratic national committee at a luncheon in the state dining room of the White house that the republicans had no issue in the next campaign except the tariff, and that democracy was certain to win. "Our constructive work has started an irresistible movement which cannot be stopped," he declared. "Anyone who tells you otherwise is talking through his hat."

FIRM NOTE SENT TO AUSTRIAN CAPITAL.

American Oil Steamer Sunk in Mediterranean Sea—Pushing the War in Balkan States.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack upon the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost. The communication was sent from the state department to Ambassador Frederick C. Penfield, at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Burian. Friendly but firm terms are said to characterize the document.

The Balkan Campaign.

London.—The situation in the Balkans is developing rapidly. The German and Bulgarian divisions have reached Kenali, on the Greek border, ten miles south of Monastir, thus threatening to outflank the Anglo-French forces, while Bulgarians, who also are supposed to be supported by Germans, have attacked the allies' extreme right wing near Strumitsa. Under this pressure the French have withdrawn from the Krivolak salient and have taken up a position at Demirkapou, in a deep gorge about twenty miles from the Greek frontier, through which the Saloniki railway runs. Here they were attacked by the Bulgars, who, according to the French reports, were repulsed.

SENT DOWN BY SUBMARINE.

American Oil Steamer Sunk in Mediterranean Sea, but Fate of Her Crew Unknown.

Rome.—The American oil steamer Communipaw has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, near Tobruk, Tripoli. No information has been received concerning the crew or the nationality of the submarine. The steamer Communipaw was recently held by the Italian government at Genoa, but was allowed to sail for her destination on December 2, owing to representations made to the government by the American embassy at Rome. The Communipaw was owned by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey and sailed from New York October 27, for Egypt.

Murder Suspect Released.

Omaha.—Guy Leman, who was brought to Omaha from Lincoln as a suspect in connection with the murder of C. D. Campbell, the Lincoln contractor shot on South Tenth street on the night of November 19, has been returned to Lincoln by Detective James Kenneley. After a thorough examination of Leman and the witnesses the police found that there was no evidence that would warrant them holding the man any longer. He was returned to Lincoln, where a charge of carrying concealed weapons is filed against him.

War Council Meets at Paris.

Paris.—The second general war council of the entente allies was held at the general headquarters Tuesday. General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces, presided, and General Gillinsky, of the Russian army; Field Marshal French and Lieut. General Sir James W. Murray, chief of the British general staff; General Parro, of the Italian general staff; Colonel Stephanovitch, of the Serbian army, the chief of the Belgian general staff, and a representative of the Japanese army were present.

Shanghai.—Three outbreaks by small bands of rebels have been put down by the authorities, who now apparently have the situation well in hand. The cruiser Chao-Ho, seized by forty men who boarded her from a launch, was abandoned by the rebels, after she had been shelled and set on fire. It was reported at first that the crew of the Chao-Ho had mutinied, but it developed that the bombardment of warships and the arsenal was carried on under compulsion from the rebels, who surprised and overpowered the crew.

HAS COST HEAVILY

WAR STRIKES HARD AT POSTAL SERVICE.

REAL WAVE OF PROSPERITY

Insurance Men Say Good Times Have Arrived—To Elect Candidates by Direct Vote of the People.

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Washington.—Postmaster General Burleson's annual report says the European war has cost the American postal service \$21,000,000, but that economies of administration have reduced the audited deficit to a little more than \$11,000,000 for the fiscal year which ended last June. Considerations of service, the report says, were placed above all others and notwithstanding adverse revenue conditions, expansion and improvement of postal facilities continued. Had it not been for economical reorganization begun before the war started and continued since, the postmaster general says the audited deficit would have been at least \$24,000,000. Of the total deficit, however, his analysis of the department's finances declares that all but a little more than \$300,000 was the result of increases of postal salaries and additional railway mail pay required by law.

To Elect by Direct Vote.

New York.—For the first time in the history of the United States, the presidential candidate of a leading political party will be nominated by delegates elected by direct vote of the people. In issuing the official call for the national convention at St. Louis, June 14, Chairman William F. McCombs has instructed democratic state organizations to arrange primaries for election of delegates in the states where presidential primaries are not provided by law. This step was taken in accordance with a plank inserted in the democratic platform in 1912. At the same primaries democratic national committeemen from each state will be elected.

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Insurance Officials State that Good Times Have Arrived.

New York.—Real prosperity is sweeping the entire country in the opinion of the presidents of six of the largest insurance companies in the United States. Prosperity in the east, in their opinion, is due to orders from European nations for war supplies, but, in other sections of the country, the condition, they said, is the natural reaction from the depression that followed the outbreak of the war. They were unanimous in declaring that "prosperity is here."

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FROM ALL OVER NEBRASKA

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Rev. J. E. Spencer, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Kearney, has resigned to accept a call to Bridgeport. George Harms of Johnson county, came near losing his home by fire when he attempted to smoke out some bees that had taken up a residence in the siding. Lincoln, Neb.—Coach Jumbo Stehm of the all-victorious 1915 Nebraska football team, and for the past five years all-year coach at the state university, has been offered a similar position at an eastern school at a salary of \$4,250 a year, and he immediately asked to be absolved from his gentlemen's agreement with the local athletic board. The announcement created a furor in athletic circles and steps to retain the elongated coach at Nebraska were taken at once. The offer is at an advance of \$750 a year over the salary Stehm now receives.

POSSIBLE EXPLANATION

Claim is Made that Train Had No Headlight.

Hastings.—That the southbound Grand Island passenger train which killed Balas Young, injured Miss Mabel Evans and wrecked his auto near Hastings, was running without a headlight at the time it went through the village of Hansen is the alleged claim of two eye witnesses now being investigated by relatives of the dead man. A farmer near Hansen is said to have made a similar claim. While this is considered absurd by railroad officials here, Young's relatives consider it a possible explanation of why neither the autoists nor the engineer saw the approaching danger.

Selecting Next Year's Seed Corn.

West Point.—Cornhusking is about finished throughout this section of the state. Very little new corn is being marketed, what is being sold being disposed of solely for feeding purposes to local feeders. The old corn now on hand is being held by the farmers very carefully, much of it being picked over and seed corn for next year selected. Numbers of renters are finding difficulty in raising their rent money from the proceeds of the corn crop for this year, and are depending largely on the oats and wheat raised to enable them to meet their obligations on January 1.

Find Prehistoric Bones.

Tecumseh.—D. F. Perdue and C. G. Auken, of Pawnee county, while working on the latter's place, unearthed a section of a vertebrae which was imbedded in the sand sixteen feet below the surface. It is petrified, and judging from its size, must have come from some animal as large or larger than an elephant.

Souvenir Hunters Get Relics.

Hastings.—The hundreds of visitors who Sunday swarmed about the place where Balas Young was killed when a passenger train struck his motor car, all but carried away the wrecked machine that had been left on the scene. Bits of broken wood and iron, spark plugs, and even the steering wheel were carried away by the souvenir hunters.

To Regulate Barber Shops.

Lincoln.—In spite of a written protest to the commission by fifteen barber shop proprietors, the city council has passed the "barber shop" ordinance providing for the sanitary regulation of Lincoln shops. The ordinance was passed without a word of debate, all the commissioners voting in its favor.

Bold Holdup on Highway.

Scottsbluff.—A bold holdup was staged in a public highway between Morrill and Henry, in the west part of the county, when a man stopped a woman on a well traveled highway, robbed her and disappeared. The woman had drawn some money from the bank and was returning to her home.

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BASE OF SALE VALUE

MIDWINTER APPLE SHOW AT LINCOLN IN JANUARY.

NEWS OF THE STATE HOUSE

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources at State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

On a basis of assessment at 75 per cent of the sale value Nebraska land will be listed at \$65,000,000 more next year than at its last valuation, according to the statement of Secretary Bernecker of the state assessment board.

Mr. Bernecker bases this statement on figures received from sales records and assessment figures from a large number of the counties of the state. Lands of the state were last valued at \$328,000,000. Their total next year, if Mr. Bernecker's scheme prevails as it is outlined, will boost the valuation to \$395,000,000.

On a basis of taxes for all purposes that should bring in gross revenue to the various subdivisions of not less than \$650,000 more than at present. Of that amount approximately \$53,000 should go to the state.

Lands have heretofore been valued at from 25 per cent to 55 per cent of their actual sales value. While under the law they should be put in at that value, Secretary Bernecker believes that the increase of the base to 75 per cent would be equitable to all the state and would result in no apparent injustices.

Midwinter Apple Show.

Under the leadership of prominent horticulturists the Nebraska State Horticultural society will make, at the midwinter apple show, January 17-23, a complete exposition of the horticultural resources of the state. As to future development of this gigantic industry there will be a number of addresses by prominent speakers.

For several weeks President E. M. Pollard of Nelawaka, Secretary J. R. Duncan of Lincoln and a publicity committee comprising L. C. Chapin of Lincoln, G. A. Marshall of Arlington, and others interested in horticultural work in the state, outlining the program for the annual meeting and apple show.

There will be a gigantic apple display at the Lincoln auditorium. Modern methods of packing, spraying, marketing and advertising will be exemplified by experts. Flower lovers will be shown the best flowers that the florists can produce.

State Treasurer Must Pay.

A victory for Governor Morehead and Fire Commissioner Ridgell and those who have been standing with them in the legal fray against Treasurer Hall for payment of expenses and salaries of that department has been recorded in the state supreme court. A decision handed down by that tribunal states that the treasurer has no right to protest against the operation of the fire commission, that the act creating the commission provides for taking care of its expenses and that appropriations by the various legislatures are not necessary as long as the act is in force and effect.

The decision is of more importance than to the fire commission alone. It indicates that the court looks upon the food commission affair—in which Treasurer Hall has also been refusing to pay the expenses—as similar and that their opinion would be the same with regard to that department. There is a manifest similarity between the food and fire commissions' creative acts, and in the opinion of local lawyers the court's decision would fit them both.

Corn and Alfalfa for Fattening.

Recent experimental work at the Nebraska agricultural experiment station has corroborated the results of former tests in showing the economical superiority of a ration of corn and alfalfa for fattening steers. Cold pressed cottonseed cake used in connection with alfalfa hay, silage, and corn increased the cost of gains and lowered the profits. Cold pressed cottonseed cake did not give as good results as regards either rate or gain or economy of gain as did alfalfa hay. Different amounts of silage in the ration did not seem to make any material difference in the amount of gains.

Lump sum settlements under the

Nebraska workmen's compensation law, in lieu of weekly payments for a specified period of time, are of legal force and binding upon insurance companies, whereby both parties agree to such method of payment. The supreme court so holds. The high court finds that where a lump sum settlement is arrived at by computing present value of future payments on the basis of 5 per cent simple interest, there is nothing in the law to forbid such a basis of agreement.

Condition of State Treasury.

The monthly report of State Treasurer George E. Hall shows a total of \$1,204,708.35 balance in the treasury, a falling off of \$80,466.94 since the first of November. The receipts were \$248,429.72 and the disbursements \$328,876.66. Of the total amount on hand, \$94,328.98 is in the form of university warrants held as cash, \$106,850 of normal school warrants held as cash, \$88,000 of bonds held as cash, and a warrant issued by Johnson county for \$2,500, held as cash.