

# NEW DEFENSE BODY

MILITARY NEEDS OF NATION WILL BE STUDIED BY BOARD APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT.

EFFICIENCY IS THE OBJECT

Commission Organized to Give Country the Benefit of Its Resources in Time of Necessity—Members Are Distinguished Men.

On Board the President's Train, Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 13.—President Wilson made public on Wednesday the names of seven men whom he has appointed members of an advisory commission to be associated with the "council of national defense" created at the last session of congress.

The names of the men are: Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor.

Dr. Franklin H. Martin of Chicago.

Howard E. Coffin of Detroit.

Bernard Baruch of New York.

Dr. Hollis Godfrey of Philadelphia.

Julius Rosenwald of Chicago.

The president's statement follows:

"The council of national defense has been created because the congress has realized that the country is best prepared for war when thoroughly prepared for peace. From an economic point of view there is now very little difference between the machinery required for commercial efficiency and that required for military purposes. In both cases the whole industrial mechanism must be organized in the most effective way.

"The council's chief functions are:

"1. The co-ordination of all forms of transportation and the development of means of transportation to meet the military, industrial and commercial needs of the nation.

"2. The extension of the industrial mobilization work of the committee on industrial preparedness of the naval consulting board. Complete information as to our present manufacturing and producing facilities adaptable to many-sided uses of modern warfare will be procured, analyzed and made use of.

"One of the objects of the council will be to inform American manufacturers as to the part which they can and must play in national emergency.

"The personnel of the council's advisory members, appointed without regard to party, marks the entrance of the nonpartisan engineer and professional man into American governmental affairs on a wider scale than ever before.

"In the present instance the time of some of the members of the advisory board could not be purchased. They serve the government without remuneration, efficiency being their sole objective and Americanism their only motive."

## DOTOR SHOT BY EX-PATIENT

Chicagoan Probably Fatally Wounded by Dentist Who Says Operation Ruined His Life.

Chicago, Oct. 11.—Dr. Arthur C. McLaren, a dentist, who held that his life had been ruined by an operation performed by Dr. J. B. Weintraub, nursed his grievance seven years. Monday he trapped the surgeon in his office in the Delaware building and fired two shots at him from a heavy-caliber revolver. One of the shots inflicted a serious and perhaps fatal wound in the abdomen.

Doctor McLaren said he was engaged to be married and consulted Doctor Weintraub, who advised an operation. The operation was performed on New Year's day, 1909, and Doctor McLaren says the surgeon assured him he was again a healthy man.

"Instead of being restored to health I found I could never marry and had to break off my engagement with the girl I loved," said Doctor McLaren. "I bought a revolver and I shot him. I am not sorry."

Doctor Weintraub is well known and was prominent as a militiaman.

Doctor McLaren is thirty-three years old, a graduate of the Northwestern University Dental school.

## AUSTRIAN BATTLESHIP SUNK

Naval Headquarters on Adriatic Herebefore Outouched by Italian Hostile Force.

Rome, Oct. 10.—Reports were in circulation here on Sunday that an Austrian battleship has been blown up in Pola harbor.

Pola is Austria's naval base in the Adriatic, and is 60 miles south of Trieste, the principal seaport.

It is from Pola that the Austrian submarines have been operating in the attacks upon the allied merchantmen and warships in the Mediterranean.

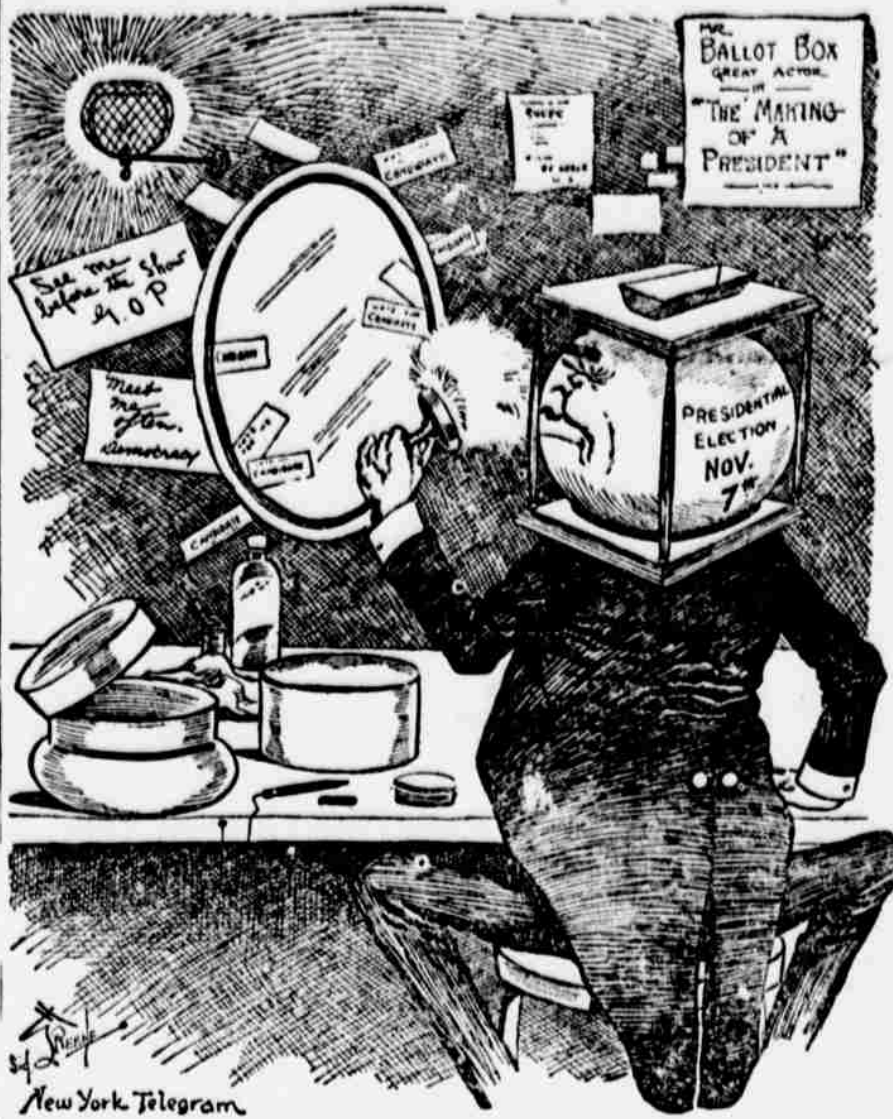
## British General Is Killed.

London, Oct. 13.—Brig. Gen. Philip Howell, aged thirty-nine, has been killed in action. General Howell was mentioned in dispatches last year and was made a commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

## Kaiser Calls Old Men?

London, Oct. 13.—The Tugendblatt of Berlin says that examination of the military classes of 1870 to 1875 (men between the ages of fifty-eight and sixty-three) will take place this month in the province of Brandenburg.

# MAKING UP FOR HIS ACT



New York Telegram

## U-BOATS OBEY LAW ALLIES IN RETREAT

PRESIDENT SAYS GERMAN DIVERS MUST OBSERVE RULES.

Executive Declares He Will Hold Germany to All Its Promises Regarding Warfare.

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 11.—A conference between President Wilson and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, at the summer White House and a telephone talk between the president and heads of departments involved in Washington on Monday revealed the following facts regarding the situation of the United States with respect to the activities of the U-53 off Nantucket lightship.

1. President Wilson will hold Germany to all its promises regarding its conduct of submarine warfare.

2. Ambassador von Bernstorff promises that Germany will hold sacred all its promises to the American government.

3. Secretary of the Navy Daniels says the Germans have not violated the neutrality of the United States, and that passengers and crews have been given a full measure of safety.

4. Secretary of State Lansing, while not ready to make a final decision, cannot see how the Germans have violated international law thus far in their campaign against allied shipping and contraband entering or leaving American ports. The promises regarding warning and safety of passengers and crews, he believes, apparently have been kept.

Secretary Lansing, it was announced, will come here for a conference with President Wilson concerning German submarine raids off the American coast.

The president made this statement before the German ambassador made his call.

"The German government will be held to the fulfillment of its promises to the government of the United States," he said. "The government will, of course, first inform itself as to all the facts that there may be no doubt or mistake as far as they are concerned.

"The country may rest assured that the German government will be held to the complete fulfillment of its promises to the government of the United States. I have no right now to question its willingness to fulfill them."

Count von Bernstorff spent only 15 minutes with the president. On leaving the summer White House he said to the correspondent:

"All the attacks on merchant ships off the American coast have been conducted in accordance with cruiser warfare."

## CYCLONE IN DANISH INDIES

Almost Every Building Destroyed in St. Thomas—No Lives Reported Lost—\$1,000,000 Damage.

St. Thomas D. W. I., Oct. 12.—A cyclone swept over St. Thomas with disastrous results. Almost every building in the city was damaged. The damage on the island is estimated at about \$1,000,000. The cyclone also did great damage on the island of St. Croix.

Gasoline Scarce in Berlin.

New York, Oct. 12.—Gasoline has become so scarce in Germany since the war started, said Ambassador Gerard on his arrival here, that he is compelled to get his personal supply from Holland in sealed cans.

## British Loss 22,852 in Week.

London, Oct. 13.—The total British casualties on all fronts for the week just ended were announced by the war office on Wednesday to have been 22,852 of all ranks killed, wounded and missing.

## German Losses Are Huge.

London, Oct. 13.—German casualties from the beginning of the war to the end of September were 3,556,018, according to an official British compilation given out here on Wednesday afternoon.

# LEASES OIL LANDS

CHADRON MAN WILL SEEK AND MARKET PRODUCT

Items of General Interest Gathered From Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

What is thought to be the first oil land lease ever made by the state of Nebraska has been executed between the state board of educational lands and funds and E. D. Crites of Chadron.

It covered a half section of state school land, lying twenty miles north of Chadron, upon which Mr. Crites and



WAYNE HENRY KUSTER Who made a score of 96.5 at the state fair Better Babies show. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuster of Roca.

his business associates expect to drill for oil.

Mr. Crites already held the land, which is only two miles from the South Dakota boundary line, for farming and grazing purposes, under an old contract with the state, whereby he paid \$24 a year for the use of the land, or 7 1/2 cents per acre.

Under the new contract he is given authority to take whatever oil he may find and market it as his own product, the state to receive one-tenth of the royalty therefrom. The contract runs for five years.

## State Historical Publications

"Nebraska History and Pioneer Days" is the title of a new publication which will appear shortly. It is the outcome of plans made more than a year ago. A. E. Sheldon is the editor-in-chief of the new publication, with a staff of some thirty well known Nebraska pioneers and historical writers.

The publication is designed to furnish a means of communication and information upon Nebraska history and ethnology. It will be both popular and scientific in its nature, and aim to reach all persons, old and young, who are interested in Nebraska history and the preservation of its records and memories.

Organization of the staff for this publication was begun in 1915 and the preparation of articles and illustrations for the first number has been under way for several months.

## State Auditor Smith is Refunding to

about thirty counties the amounts they overpaid the state many years ago in settling with the state for the care of insane patients. The last legislature made appropriations to reimburse the counties that overpaid. Merick county heads the list with an overpayment of \$201.15. Harlan county will receive back only 3 cents.

Nebraska soldiers now stationed on the Mexican border will have a chance in a few days to break into the movies and have their first taste of "real" action, if the plans of a film company are carried out. This corporation contemplates taking advantage of the great number of soldiers at Llano Grande camp to use in some "thrillers."

According to word received from Secretary Mellor there will be a fund from the state fair this year of about \$25,000 with which to prepare for next year's exposition.

## State Funds Decreasing

The monthly report of State Treasurer George E. Hall shows that the total in the state treasury decreased during the month of September from \$1,560,923.57 to \$1,461,960.70, a decrease of \$98,962.87. The educational or trust funds invested is now \$9,869,498.33, an increase of only \$5,400. The amount in the four trust funds at this time, available for investment, is reduced to a total of \$8,100.

The general fund dropped during the month from \$507,208.11 to \$406,550.05, a reduction of \$100,658.06. The receipts for this fund during the month amounted to \$59,748 and the disbursements were \$151,406. The total receipts for all funds amounted to \$197,643.10 and the disbursements \$296,607.97.

## The Madison county commissioners'

board has asked State Auditor Smith to go to Madison and meet with it, in relation to the unpaid insane fund tax due the state from that county, amounting to \$7,007, plus interest. The date of October 17 is set by the board for the proposed meeting.

# FARMERS INSTITUTES

Short Courses in Agriculture and Home Economics

The number of short courses in agriculture and home economics to be given this year by the extension service of the university college of agriculture is to be double the number held last year. Last winter the service conducted twelve short courses; this year twenty-four courses have been signed up, an increase of 100 per cent. Last year the total attendance at all seasons of short courses reached the 15,000 mark. This year it is expected to exceed 30,000.

The first course for this season was held at Cozad October 3 to 6. Page and Tilden were scheduled for the following weeks, and then the short courses will stop until corn picking time is past. Giving of courses will be resumed December 4, and will last until March 2. Instruction is given by a crew of extension specialists consisting of two men and two women. This year two crews are being used so that two courses can be given simultaneously at two different points. The list of courses scheduled this year follows: October 2 to 6, Cozad; October 9 to 13, Page; October 16 to 20, Tilden; December 4 to 8, Gresham and Springfield; December 11 to 15, Allen and Lyons; December 18 to 22, Dakota City; January 1 to 5, Papillion and Pleasant Dale; January 8 to 12, Weston and Laurel; January 15 to 19, reserved for organized agriculture; January 22 to 26, Wausa and Dixon; January 29 to February 3, Polk and Nysted; February 5 to 9, Stromsburg and Western; February 12 to 16, Morrill and Nemaha-Richardson consolidated school; February 19 to 23, Loomis and Wood River; February 26 to March 2, Waterloo and Cowles.

## Raised Less But Worth More

A bulletin from the state board of agriculture, issued by Secretary W. R. Mellor, shows that Nebraska raised less winter wheat this year than last year, but this year's crop is worth nearly \$20,000,000 more than the crop of last year. The area planted this year averaged 1.6 bushels more to the acre, being an average of 21.3 bushels to the acre.

The total acreage this year as 3,063,756 or 352,574 less than last year. The total yield this year was 65,365,691 bushels, or 1,954,757 less than last year's yield, but the crop this year is valued at \$1.20 a bushel, or a total of \$78,438,829 as compared with \$58,856,358 for last year, an increase of \$19,582,471 over the value of last year's crop.

## No More Spring Shooting

"Spring shooting is gone forever, as it concerns waterfowl and migratory game," says I. A. Lawyer of New York, a federal game warden, in Lincoln to confer with State Game Warden Gus Rutenbeck.

"Treaty provisions, running eighteen years, have been signed by the United States and Canada, absolutely eliminating spring shooting in both countries and this treaty takes precedence over federal and state laws."

He says that the United States government does not propose to relax its regulations and allow birds to be killed before they have hatched their young.

## Many Autos in State

Secretary of State Pool issued 3,444 automobile licenses and 100 motorcycle licenses in September, making a total of 96,750 automobile licenses issued since the first of the year. As 577 of these were issued to replace alleged lost numbers, the total number of automobiles in operation in Nebraska is now 96,173. The expense of the automobile department for September was \$6,423.84, but \$5,560 of this amount was paid for automobile number plates for use next year. The fees of the secretary's office in September amounted to \$4,113.07, the greater part of which was for the filing of articles of incorporation and for corporation permits.

## Investigating Car Shortage

Inspectors Adams and Hayes, employed by the interstate commerce commission, have arrived in Lincoln to make an investigation of the freight car shortage situation in this state. They were sent after the Nebraska commission wired to the federal body asking its assistance in meeting the emergency which is causing heavy loss to Nebraska farmers and shippers of grain.

## State Wins Test Suit

Suit has been filed in supreme court by Attorney General Reed to quiet the title to the six lots in the city of Lincoln. A mortgage for \$5,000 was given the state on this property and a tract of farm land in 1870, for money loaned from the permanent school fund. The mortgage was afterward released as to the farm land but not as to the city property.

In this suit, brought in the name of the state, the supreme court is asked to order an accounting and the sale of the property under foreclosure.

## League of Second Generation

The League of the Second Generation, a university club composed of students whose parents were once students, met last week and organized for the coming year, with the election of Ralph Wagner as president. Other officers named were Louise Peck, vice-president; J. Dwight Davis, secretary, and Ralph E. Anderson, treasurer. The league will co-operate with the athletic authorities in securing a large number of alumni at the homecoming football game with Kansas, November 18.

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## Treatment of "Sick" Plants.

The plan of treating sick plants with sprays of iron sulphate solution is believed to be the solution of a serious problem of pineapple growers in the Hawaiian Islands, though the details of application are yet to be perfected. The black surface soil near Honolulu, over an area of 6,000 to 10,000 acres, contains manganese, up to two or three per cent, and pineapple plants in this soil, though growing well for a time, eventually become weak and sickly, with drooping yellow leaves. The fruit, which develops and ripens imperfectly, is made unpalatable by a peculiar acidity and lack of sugar. The investigation of M. O. Johnson, of the Honolulu experiment station, has recently brought the discovery that the manganese dioxide in the soil renders the iron insoluble, and that, in soil having a great abundance of iron, the plants have failed from lack of this element. Injections of iron sulphate promptly restored greenness and vigor. In field experiments, feeding iron to the roots gave no results, but it was found that when the leaves were wet with copperous solution enough iron was absorbed to supply their needs. The flavor of the treated fruit was equal to that of the product of the best pineapple land.

Marringe is seldom a failure if neither party to the contract has any relations to interfere.

Moberly, Mo., has celebrated its 25th anniversary.

