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NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

The invitation from the United States for Great Britain to participate in an international conference with a view to regulating the killing of seals in the international waters of North America has been referred through the colonial office in Canada.

The London foreign office learned indirectly that Germany had informed the state department of the United States that she had agreed to the terms by which the British, French and German groups of financiers were each to surrender a portion of their shares in the Chinese railway loan in order to enable the Americans to participate.

The more liberal section of the French episcopate, headed by Archbishop Turinasse of Nancy, are beginning to question the wisdom of the militant action which began the formation of a league of Catholic voters in the coming elections. Instead the former advocate a broader union, which shall include, with the Catholics, other conservative forces.

An extraordinary attempt at whole sale poisoning among military officers in Vienna has caused a sensation. A large number of officers just promoted to be captains in the general staff have received through the mails sample boxes of pills. These were accompanied by a circular recommending them for nervous debility. One of the officers, Captain Mader, took some of the pills and died almost immediately. An autopsy revealed the presence of cyanide of potassium and that death had been caused by this poison.

General.

Power of revolutionists is gaining strength in Nicaragua.

A jury in the Henry county (Illinois) circuit court set aside the will of John Looney, who left \$50,000 to Charles and Harry Looney of Valparaiso, Ind., and James Looney of Kansas City.

More harmony of action is expected as a result of the meeting at Washington of railroad commissioners.

A woman teacher in the Denver public schools, whose name is withheld by the police, became insane when teaching her class and began to disrobe in the presence of her pupils.

James Freeman Curtis of Boston, now United States district attorney and once intercollegiate golf champion of the United States, has been chosen assistant secretary of the U. S. treasury.

Five miles of the Panama canal have been opened to navigation. This includes the channel from a point in the Bay of Panama. Steamships plying between San Francisco and Panama and the west coast ports of South America and Panama are using this part of the canal daily.

The Topeka Commercial club has received word from the governors of Arkansas, West Virginia and Kentucky that they will be in Topeka to attend the good roads congress on December 14-15. The club expects nearly all of the governor's west of the Alleghenies to be present.

George Crocker, youngest son of the late California millionaire, Charles C. Crocker, is slowly dying at his home in New York from a malady said to be a cancer.

The Great plains reconnaissance party of the United States bureau of soils, is assembling at Victoria, Tex. During the winter work will be done along the Gulf coast north of Corpus Christi.

Senator Borah called on the president in the interest of western irrigation projects.

After hearing Samuel Gompers speak at Cooper union 200 members of the Ladies' Waist makers union decided to go on strike for shorter hours and higher wages.

The British liberal government is sued an ultimatum to the peers.

Bloodhounds proved so far unsuccessful in running down the assailant of seventeen-year-old Myra Smith at Lima, Ohio, who was attacked in the streets, that there came near being a lynching of the wrong man.

J. S. Clarkson will not be reappointed as the surveyor of the port of New York.

Customs frauds at New York are not limited to the sugar cases.

What appears to have been an attempt upon the life of Baron Albert Rothschild of Vienna is reported from Schillersdorf, the Rothschild hunting seat in upper Silesia.

Mechanics' liens aggregating \$15,616.15 have been filed against the Independent Telephone company at Omaha.

Theodore Roosevelt, as a candidate for governor of New York in 1910, is the prediction of Congressman W. W. Cocks of the Oyster Bay, N. Y., district.

Mariners are to be sent south with Nicaragua the possible destination.

Mrs. Roosevelt and her daughter have returned from Europe.

Five members of family killed and two fatally hurt when trolley car hits auto near Los Angeles.

The government faces important problems relating to channels and terminals in proposed waterways improvement.

Lyman J. Gage, former secretary of the treasury, was married at San Diego to Mrs. Ada Ballou. Gage is 73, his wife 35.

It may be many weeks before all bodies are removed from the Illinois mine, wherein they were killed by black damp.

Morgan Chambers, a negro, was and Deputy Joe Camp at Meehan, Miss., by a mob of 200 masked men and his body riddled with bullets.

The comptroller of the currency issued a certificate authorizing the First National bank of Linton, N. D., to begin business, with a capital of \$25,000.

Civil service examinations will be held December 18 for rural carriers at Friend, O'Neill, Steele City and Winslow, Neb.

President Taft said he enjoyed his Thanksgiving dinner because no speechmaking had to follow.

Heavy loss of life is feared as the result of an explosion in a coal mine at Onoura, Eukoko province, Japan. Fifteen men are known to have perished, while 228 miners are entombed in the workings.

Announcement is made that Senator Guggenheim has donated \$50,000 for a new building for the Colorado State Normal school.

Serious rock and snowslides on the Canadian Pacific railway in the Rocky mountains have compelled the cancellation of all trains.

At St. Paul, Minn., Judge Walter H. Sanborn, in the United States circuit court of appeals, handed down an opinion setting aside the verdict and ordering a new trial in the case of the United States against the Union Pacific Coal company.

The secretary of the Des Moines Commercial club received word from Congressman Hull that the secretary of war has ordered that the military tournament for next year shall be held in Des Moines.

Giuseppe Aiello, a member of the "black hand" society which operated in Cincinnati, died in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kas.

The Nebraska Woman's Suffrage association decided to find out, from every candidate for the legislature whether he will favor permitting the women to vote.

Washington.

The forthcoming report of the special naval board, of which Rear Admiral Swift is chairman, it is declared, will submit recommendations to the secretary of the navy that will revolutionize the operation of American navy yards. Officials refuse to give any idea of what the report will be, but experts are of the opinion that concentration will be the burden of the report.

"I shall cheerfully aid you in your proposed temperance movement in the army," promises General Frederick Grant, in command of the Department of the Great Lakes, in a letter addressed to the Rev. Wilber F. Crafts of Washington, superintendent of the International Reform Bureau.

Satisfactory progress in the construction of the Panama canal is shown in the annual report of the Isthmian canal commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1909, made public by the secretary of war.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, outlining work mapped out for certain bureaus of the Department of Agriculture next year, said that a soil survey would be made of the western part of Nebraska and Kansas in the development of a plan comprehending the survey of the entire United States.

The interior department has withdrawn from disposition, as containing water power possibilities, about 9,604 acres of land along the Smith river in Montana. This tract will be held in reserve pending action by congress, which is expected to enact legislation, governing the disposal of power sites on the public domain. A portion of the lands withdrawn are unsurveyed.

Practically every small railroad in the country carries the United States mails at a dead loss, according to Ralph Peters, president of the Long Island Railroad company, who called upon President Taft to pay his respects. The appropriations made by congress for carrying the mails, Mr. Peters declared, are utterly inadequate and he stated that he would take up the subject with that body this winter.

Personal.

Six summary dismissals were made at the New York customs house.

The general counsel of the Standard Oil company sees the bright side of the court decision.

It is thought that bodies of many men in the Illinois mine will never be recovered.

Former President Castro, an exile in Santander, Spain, is accused daily by the highest officials of the Venezuelan government of attempting to foment a revolution against the Gomez regime.

Castro is accused of trying to foment trouble in Venezuela.

The Finnish diet has been dissolved for refusal to obey Russian orders.

C. L. Winchell says he has not resigned the presidency of the Rock Island road.

A \$17,000 robbery of the E. M. F. Automobile company of Detroit was reported and a discharged paymaster is missing.

Governor Charles N. Haskell and the other six defendants charged with conspiring to defraud the government in Muskogee town lots pleaded not guilty.

CASH FOR DAIRYMEN

IMPROVEMENT IN METHOD OF TESTING CREAM.

PRICE FOR NEBRASKA BUTTER

Copies of House Journals Received in Improved Form.—Other Matters at State Capital.

The Nebraska butter market is within 3 cents of the Elgin market, instead of within 4 cents, the differential which has ruled for years. During the next year this means \$250,000 for the Nebraska farmers. The efforts of the Nebraska state pure food commission to get absolutely correct tests of the butter fat percentages have brought this about.

Elgin is the butter market of the world. The Nebraska buyers, in purchasing butter, have paid 4 cents under the Elgin market for butter fat. This margin includes freight and other losses. In the latter one of the important items is dishonest, careless or incompetent grading by the local testers. Efficiency in cream testing has shaved the margin 20 per cent, and this difference now goes to the butter fat producer.

The difference of 1 cent a pound has proved a formidable item. During 1908, 27,144,000 pounds of butter were shipped. A difference of 1 cent a pound on this means \$371,440. A quarter of a million dollars in increased returns to dairymen is regarded as a conservative estimate of the saving.

Food commissioner Mains has been working for several months on the cream testing proposition. The improvement in testing methods has been rapid, and since the beginning of the term of Governor Shallenberger, the system has been entirely revolutionized. The testing is now a science. False grading is punishable by a heavy fine. Testers must prove their ability, and they lose their permits if they are caught making mistakes.

House Journals Printed.

A half dozen copies of the house journals compiled by the Hon. T. Cone, chief clerk of the late house of representatives, have been received by the secretary of state and it is not near time for the next session to convene. The journal contains 1,167 pages; the pictures of the state officers, officers and members of the legislature and as a new feature a record in tabulated form of every official act of every member of the legislature during the session and a tabulated record of every bill introduced. The table refers to the page on which every motion was made regarding each bill. There is another table in the book which gives the epitomized title of every bill together with its number. At least 300 of the journals will be bound in heavy cardboard with leather covers. The book is much smaller than those of previous sessions and the paper on which it is printed is of better quality. Mr. T. Cone has made it possible for anyone to secure the official record of any members with little trouble.

Nebraska an Apple State.

Nebraska fared well at the national horticultural congress at Council Bluffs, Secretary C. G. Marshall of the state horticultural society, assisted by Clyde H. Barnard, made a display for the Nebraska society that placed Nebraska in the front rank as a fruit growing state. For general display by any state, the Nebraska society took second premium, \$150 in cash. Iowa was first in general display only defeating Nebraska because it had a larger number of variety of apples.

The Nebraska state horticultural society was first and won a \$300 silver loving cup for having the best display by any state horticultural society. It was also first in the most artistic display and won a gold medal over such competitors as Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina. The latter state was second in artistic display.

On its display of home orchard collection of apples, Nebraska was first and won a silver loving cup.

Taking Money from Pupils.

Considerable feeling is being stirred up through Lincoln at the way the schools are creating a feeling of class between the rich and poor pupils. According to the pupils, whose parents are making the complaint, pupils who brought their dimes to school were recently given a half holiday to visit the art exhibit at the State university. Those who did not have a dime were compelled to remain in school and attend to the regular routine work.

Maupin Calls Labor Meeting.

Labor Commissioner W. M. Maupin, who is president of the Nebraska State Federation of Labor, has called a meeting of the association, to be held in South Omaha January 4. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss legislation affecting labor.

Commission Slow to Act.

Because of the failure of the State Railway commission to report the name of Adna Dobson to the attorney general for investigation as to his right to receive a pass, as reported by the Burlington railroad, Mr. Dobson has been placed in a very embarrassing position. The report of the Burlington showed that he had received a pass to Madrid. Mr. Dobson said he has never received any pass from the Burlington or any other road since the anti-pass law became effective.

THE ROADS DO WELL.

Make More Money Under Two-Cent Fare Law.

The Minneapolis & Omaha, whose net earnings per mile for the year ending in June, 1907, just after the lower rates went into effect, was \$1,854.91, and for the year ending in June, 1909, when all freights and passengers were moved at the lower rates, \$1,899.56. The gross earnings in Nebraska amounted to \$1,725,298.46 for the 1907 period, and \$1,817,728.42 for 1909. The passenger earnings for the 1907 period amounted to \$422,543.83, and for 1909, \$488,384.53. The total cost of operation amounted to \$1,199,581.95 in 1907 and for 1909, \$1,231,933.21. The business done by the railroads in Nebraska for the years ending June 30, 1907 and June 30, 1909, a year when the lower freight rates and passenger rates were not in force and a year when they were in force, shows that the net earnings of all the railroads have increased except the Missouri Pacific. The Union Pacific has not yet reported. The Northwestern increased its earnings per mile from \$2,199.74 to \$2,384.73; the Burlington from \$2,710.55 to \$3,102.49; the Rock Island decreased from \$1,087.47 to \$1,128.62, but its increase in operating expenses was greater than this. The Missouri Pacific decreased its earnings from \$455.38 to \$451.85. The following is a table of comparison.

	Northwestern.	1907.	1909
Passengers carried one mile	59,937,505	92,701,022	
Passenger revenue	\$1,320,414.57	\$1,791,410.82	
Passenger earnings per mile of road	\$1,488.25	\$1,958.62	
Earnings per passenger train mile	1.41	1.54	
No. of coaches per train	4.7	4.9	
Gross operating expenses	\$4,161,071.16	\$4,115,230.26	
Operating expenses per train mile	\$1,274	\$1,209	
Net income per mile of road	\$2,199.74	\$2,384.73	
Passengers per train mile	52	67	
Burlington.			
Passengers carried one mile	244,697,629	289,685,744	
Passenger revenue	\$4,934,779.63	\$5,407,459.42	
Passenger earnings per mile of road	\$1,802.59	\$2,291.19	
Earnings per passenger train mile	\$1.47	\$1.663	
Average number coaches	5.63	6.22	
Gross operating expenses	\$12,907,732.24	\$12,693,784.28	
Operating expenses per train mile	\$1,911	\$1,631	
Net income per mile of road	\$2,710.55	\$3,102.49	
Passengers per train mile	60.7	75.9	
Rock Island.			
Passengers carried one mile	21,791,654	27,216,744	
Passenger revenue	\$487,964.46	\$510,768.64	
Passenger earnings per mile of road	\$2,278.95	\$2,417.22	
Earnings per passenger train mile	\$1.647	\$1.859	
Average number coaches	5.1	6.46	
Gross operating expenses	\$1,218,768.53	\$1,178,252.63	
Operating expenses per train mile	\$1,149	\$1,318	
Net income per mile of road	\$1,087.47	\$1,038.62	
Passengers per train mile	40	67	
Missouri Pacific.			
Passengers carried one mile	13,965,613	14,293,333	
Passenger revenue	\$301,323.78	\$276,548.21	
Passenger earnings per train mile	\$954.95	\$891.85	
Earnings per passenger train mile	\$0.734	\$0.714	
Gross operating expenses	\$1,482,648.17	\$1,466,472.69	
Operating expenses per train mile	\$1,346	\$1,472	
Net income per mile of road	\$455.38	\$451.85	
Passengers per train mile	29	35.6	

Joint Passenger Rates Filed.

The State Railway commission has received a copy of the publication containing the passenger rates from and to all parts of the country served by the railroads doing business in Nebraska. In this publication the 2-cent fare law is recognized. It is also set out that should a person buy a ticket to some point in Iowa by way of Omaha over the Northwestern, if the fare is equal to the fare to Omaha on that road, the purchaser will be required to pay only the short line rate to Omaha, or the 2-cent rate over the short line.

Insurance Companies Merge.

A merger of the Farmers and Merchants Insurance company of Lincoln, and the Nebraska Underwriters of Omaha, was completed Tuesday afternoon when Auditor Barton secured from the directors of the Underwriters, the company which loses its identity in the transaction, an agreement to turn over to the Farmers and Merchants all assets and all reserves aside from an amount equal to the original amount put into the Underwriters by its promoters. The two companies have operated in nineteen different states.

Governor Delays Action.

Governor Shallenberger will make no move to appoint a member of the State Normal board to succeed Superintendent Hays of Alliance for the present. The governor said he likely would wait until the time had passed for the filing of the motion for a rehearing in the case.

Candidates Must Answer.

The Woman's Suffrage association have decided to sound out every candidate for the legislature on the proposition of permitting women to vote, and they will refuse to vote for any candidate who does not believe they should vote. Then the association elected the following officers: Dr. Inez Philbrick, Lincoln, president; Mrs. A. J. Marble, Table Rock, vice-president; Mrs. Jay Lincoln, recording secretary; Miss Mary H. Williams, Kenesaw, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Damaree Roca, treasurer.

TAFT ASKS NO AID

TO MAKE FEDERAL BENCH APPOINTMENTS ALONE.

NOT TO CONSULT THE CABINET.

Told His Appointed Advisers That He Would Seek Counsel in All Matters Except This One.

Washington, D. C.—There is one striking difference between the methods of President Taft and those of his predecessor, and it is in regard to appointment of members of the federal bench.

"I shall consult with you gentlemen," said President Taft at one of the first meetings of his cabinet, "about all matters of importance to the administration save one; the appointments to the federal bench. That I shall attend to alone on my own responsibility."

The cabinet was more than willing and the president's policy was generally indorsed. His long service on the bench was considered the badge of his superior qualification to perform this duty entirely alone.

The president did not intend to bar himself from the privilege of consultation with his cabinet members, if he so desired, but he did make plain that the responsibility and the authority would not be divided in any wise. And in the matter of the pending supreme bench appointment, it is said, he has adhered strictly to this rule. He had not laid the matter before the cabinet, and it is not known that thus far he had discussed it with any member of the cabinet. The fact that he had asked no counsel or advice has added strength to the impression, now entertained as frankly inside as outside the cabinet, that Judge Horace H. Lorton of Nashville is to be named for the place.

Beyond this, the understanding is that the president has a waiting list for supreme bench appointments, long enough, at least, to fill all the vacancies that are likely to arise during his administration. Indeed, people closest to the president suspect that the president knows exactly whom he would appoint, and in what order, if there should be four or five vacancies. It is believed by many that Attorney General Wickersham is the second man on the list, and Lloyd W. Howers, solicitor of the United States, is very generally placed third.

Quite the reverse of this was the method of President Roosevelt, who, not being a lawyer, and being especially anxious about judicial appointments, took much advice about them. The Taft program is similar to that of President Harrison, who is regarded as having made, on the whole, the best judicial selections of any president in a generation. He didn't feel that he needed advice, and he seldom asked it, in this matter. The Harrison judicial selections were as generally commended as those of Roosevelt have been criticised.

Food Products in Demand.

St. Paul, Minn.—While not entirely agreeing with the recent statement issued by Bradstreet which intimates that the consumption of food products in this country has caught up with production, James J. Hill said Friday the point has been nearly reached.

"It is a matter which should be seriously considered," said Mr. Hill. "Our present balance of trade is an indication that the margin between our production and consumption is becoming narrower. Look at the figures ten years ago and then look at them now. Our enormous balance of that time has dwindled away. We are not exporting foodstuffs as we were. We are consuming them ourselves. The reason for the increase in price this year over last year is a matter of supply and demand."

Mrs. Ford Held by Jury.

Cincinnati, O.—An indictment was returned by the Hamilton county grand jury against Mrs. Jeanette Stuart-Ford, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the shortage of \$643,000 in the accounts of Charles L. Warriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four railroad. The indictment charges Mrs. Ford with receiving funds stolen of the Big Four by Warriner. Warriner was brought from jail to testify against Mrs. Ford before the grand jury.

Propose to Explore Land.

Freeport, Me.—An expedition to explore Crockett's land, the territory discovered by Commander Peary in his dash to the north pole, will start next July, according to Prof. Donald B. McMillan, who was one of the Peary party.

Professor McMillan says he will give up teaching and make Arctic exploration his life work.

He declined to give any details of his proposed expedition.

Must Improve Its Lines.

Topeka, Kas.—The state board of railroad commissioners Friday issued an order to the Missouri Pacific to put its lines in Kansas in standard condition by the close of the year 1910.

This order followed the conference between Governor Stubbs and officials of the Missouri Pacific, and is based on letters written to the board, stating the intended improvements. The order includes rebalancing, resurfacing and retamping tracks and 100 miles of new steel rails on the Central branch.

LOST REGISTERED LETTERS FOUND IN QUEER PLACE

Missed From a Mangled Mail Bag, They are Recovered From Car Trucks.

It does not always follow that the disappearance of registered mail packages indicate a robbery of the mail. This was demonstrated on The Overland Limited train No. 2 Friday, November 5th, when a package of five registered letters from Schuyler disappeared between that point and Omaha.

The recovery of the lost package was as strange as its disappearance. The Schuyler pouch is picked up from a crane by means of a pouch catcher as the train passes. This pouch catcher is attached to the mail car and hooks onto the pouch suspended from the crane as the train passes. In this particular instance the pouch catcher did not make a good catch and the pouch fell under the wheels of the train and was cut in two. The mail was scattered along the track for a considerable distance, but the five registered letters, which were in a packet, could not be found when the other mail was picked up. The impression at once prevailed that the registered package had been found and kept by some one and it was reported as lost.

Postoffice Inspector L. A. Thompson was started out to investigate. His first visit was to Council Bluffs to make inquiries of the postal clerks on the car, and scarcely had he reached there when he received word that the registered package had been found by the car cleaner resting snugly on the trucks under the dining car, where it had been blown or thrown when the mail pouch was flung under the wheels at Schuyler.

That the package was not injured in the slightest, nor jarred from its position on the trucks, is simply another tribute to the Union Pacific's unsurpassed roadbed and perfect track.

CHEAP COALS.



Smythe—Do you pay much for your coal?

Jones—Not a cent. I live near the railway line, and get my son to make graminacs at the engineers of all the trains as they pass.

That Single Thought.

You've heard the old story of sweet wedded bliss, of the two hearts that flutter as one, and the two souls single-thought sealed with a kiss, and have wondered, no doubt, how 'twas done. As a wise one who was by experience taught, this effect we will briefly explain; in most of the cases that "one single thought" is: "I wish I was single again!"

A Domestic Arrangement.

"Bluster and his wife seem to get along very well together."
"That's because they have set aside one day in the week to do all their fighting. On the other days they keep the peace."

Dr. S. F. Spohn, President of the Spohn Medical Co., proprietors of Spohn's Distemper Cure, was recently elected mayor of Goshen, Ind., by a good majority. Mr. Spohn was for a number of years County Supt. of Schools, making such a record that his neighbors and friends, regardless of political lines, insisted on his accepting the nomination for mayor.

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