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## EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

### ARE BRIEF BUT INTERESTING

Record of What is Going on in Congress, in Washington and in the Political Field.

#### Foreign

The duke of Abruzzi lectured at Turin before an audience numbering 10,000 and including the royal prince and princesses, on his ascension of the Himalayas, which aroused great enthusiasm, especially his description of his climb of 24,000 feet. The duke will lecture in Rome February 22 before the king and queen.

The police agents at Berlin have taken possession of promissory notes representing \$100,000, which were given by Prince Francis Joseph of Braganza in a mining venture to a man whom the prince says he supposed to be Frederick Vanderbilt of New York. The notes of which the police took possession were brought to Berlin, it appears, by Leslie Clark, representing a mining company of London.

The French Antarctic expedition steamer Pourquoi Pas, with Dr. Jean M. Charcot, head of the expedition, on board, has arrived at Punta Arenas, Chile. The Frenchmen did not reach the South Pole. All the members of the crew are well, but during the voyage there were some cases of scurvy among them. The Pourquoi Pas will remain here a fortnight.

The following cabinet appointments were announced at London: Secretary for the home department, Winston Spencer Churchill; President of the board of trade, Sydney Buxton; Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, J. A. Pease; postmaster general, Herbert Louis Samuel.

Captain Robert F. Scott, commander of the British antarctic expedition of 1906-07 and of a new antarctic expedition soon to set out, in a lecture at York defended Commander Peary's action in sending Captain Bartlett back. He said that some injustice had been done Peary in this respect, and while it would have been better if he had organized the party so that he could have had another white man accompany him to the pole, under the circumstances he had no choice, because he was bound to send Bartlett back as leader of the Eskimos.

#### General

Young widows of veterans of the civil war are bringing pressure to bear in order to get pensions.

Speaker Cannon surprised the house by taking the floor and making a speech of prophesy and warning.

"Comic" valentines received a staggering blow from the postoffice censors at Chicago. More than 25,000 of them were ordered not delivered on the ground that they were objectionable.

Improvement in the condition of King Gustave who was recently operated on for appendicitis continues. He is constantly gaining in strength.

Inchan Angan, the Korean who assassinated Prince Ito, former Japanese resident general of Korea, at Harbin, October 26, 1909, was convicted and sentenced to death.

It is planned to have President Taft present to aid in the Roosevelt reception.

A New York man making a journey of 3,000 miles is using interurban traction lines entirely.

A general movement toward the gulf coast country is creating heavy demand for emigrant equipment of the railroads.

Vice President Sherman has laid before the senate a memorial from U. S. Grant, Post G. A. R. of Brooklyn, urging that Gen. Grant be declared a veteran of the civil war.

An unusually heavy increase is reported at fifty of the largest post-offices of the country during the month of January.

President Taft, it is believed, intends to take a hand in New York politics.

John L. Sullivan, the former heavyweight champion of the world, was married to the sweetheart of his school days, Miss Katharine Hartnett.

Trustees of Princeton university are not to be swayed from their course by proffers of gifts.

Louis Wolfley, a former governor of Arizona and prominent in the mining affairs of that territory, was struck and perhaps fatally wounded by an electric car at Los Angeles.

Joseph A. Graham, a widely known editor and author, died at his home in Salisbury, Md. He was widely known in the west.

A special dispatch from Tenerife says that in his attempt to cross the Atlantic in a dirigible balloon Joseph Brucker, the aeronaut, will be accompanied by Colonel Shack and A. Mesner.

Representative Hayes, one of the leaders of the house insurgents, is in danger of being defeated at the next congressional election because of his opposition to the house organization.

More than 100 members of the National Editorials' association, which concluded its annual convention at New Orleans, left on the steamer Caringo for Panama.

The Paris Figaro announces that President Fallieres will give a grand fete at the Elysee palace on the occasion of ex-President Roosevelt's visit there.

Colonel Erwin S. Jewett, general agent of the passenger department of the Missouri Pacific railway, and generally known as the dean of the railroad profession in Kansas City, died suddenly of heart failure.

The Burkett bill for federal inspection of locomotive boilers was taken up by a senate sub-committee.

Tumors are afloat regarding damage to the winter wheat crop of Nebraska by cold weather.

Republican leaders in New York are determined to extend the bribery investigation.

President Taft is dissatisfied with the progress shown in some of the bills in the senate.

Mrs. Anna Christian Spreckles, widow of the late Claus Spreckles, died in San Francisco.

Former Vice President Fairbanks was the luncheon guest of Ambassador Hill at Berlin.

President Taft promised a special committee of the military order of foreign wars to go to New York on March 15 to have the insignia of the order conferred upon him.

Mr. Fairbanks gets many cables of congratulation on his attitude toward the vatican.

The Iowa supreme court of Iowa upheld the constitutionality of the Cason removal law which provides that public officials may be removed for intoxication.

The abolishment of seventeen out of eighteen pension agencies in the country is recommended to the house by the appropriations committee in the report on the pension bill.

Dr. Hyde of Kansas City was arraigned for murder in the first degree and released on \$50,000 bail.

Congress adjourned promptly on learning the death of Representative Lovering of Massachusetts.

Mr. Marsh of the New York cotton exchange characterized the bill to regulate exchange transactions as futile and unconstitutional.

The French steamer General Chanzy was wrecked off the coast of Minorca and one hundred and fifty-six lives were lost.

The supreme court of Kansas ordered the county clerk of Wyandotte county to put all property of the Cadahy Packing company on the tax rolls. The company claimed that the finished product is not taxable.

The government will probably discontinue the practice of printing stamped envelopes with the address of business firms in the corner.

Mrs. Sarah Bailey, grandmother of Governor Stubbs of Kansas, died at Emporia, aged 96 years.

The dedication of a new gymnasium building was the chief feature of the celebration of founders' day at the Kansas state normal school at Emporia.

The Bennett "white slave" bill regulating the traffic in immoral alien women was passed by the senate.

The rivers and harbors bill carrying appropriations of more than \$35,000,000 with authorizations of work that will cost more than \$7,000,000 additional was passed by the house.

#### Washington

A bill making eligible for pensions widows of the civil war, married since 1890, was reported to the senate from the committee on pensions.

The house committee on military affairs reported a resolution re-electing the following members of the board of managers of the home for disabled volunteer soldiers: James W. Wadsworth of New York; Henry E. Palmer, Nebraska; John M. Halley, Wisconsin and Henry H. Markham of California.

An effort by the upper Missouri river delegations, including Nebraska, Iowa, the Dakotas and Montana, to secure consideration for the Missouri river needs in the river and harbors bill failed in the house.

The senate passed a bill designed to deal with the question of hazing at West Point military academy.

President Taft will leave to Attorney General Wickersham the selection of a successor to Wade H. Ellis, the special assistant in charge of trust prosecutions, who resigned several days ago to enter politics in Ohio.

A resolution asking the secretary of state to inform the house whether twelve cotton-growing states had representation in the diplomatic and consular service in the foreign countries that purchase American cotton, particularly the United Kingdom, France and Germany, was introduced by Representative Hull of Tennessee.

#### Personal

Charles Adair, nephew of John Brown, died at Osawatimie, Kas., aged 47 years. He was born in Ohio.

President Taft believes the republican organization in New York state is in need of purging.

Mayor Dahlman of Omaha said he and W. J. Bryan had reached the parting of the ways.

Congress is expected to follow the program outlined by President Taft in his New York speech.

Congressmen Hitchcock and Latta sent regrets to the managers of the democratic dinner at Lincoln.

## SEED CORN CRUSADE

RAILROADS INTERESTED AS WELL AS THE FARMERS.

### URGE CARE IN THE SELECTION

A Matter of Great Importance to Agriculturists—Miscellaneous Capital Newsitems.

Railroads have taken up the crusade for better seed corn in Nebraska. The Northwestern and Union Pacific have sent bulletins to all agents to be posted to call the attention of the farmers to the crusade for better corn now being waged by the Commercial club of Omaha and to the necessity of testing the seed corn, especially this year.

Two hundred samples of corn from all sections of the state are now in the tester at the Commercial club and Chief Tester Campbell is eagerly watching what the result will be, as this corn comes from all sections of the state.

The entire state seems to be aroused to the necessity of testing the seed corn, and while many samples are being sent in the crusade is also having its effect in other ways because farmers in many cases are preparing to test their own corn. So many excellent authorities have shown the corn is not good for seed that all seem to have come to the conclusion that there is a great deal in the statement. A bad ear of corn planted will cost the farmer an average of twelve bushels per acre when his crop is harvested.

Robertson Bros., of Waterloo, seed growers, who buy from 250,000 to 300,000 bushels of seed corn annually, have made from thirty to forty tests a day since December 1 of corn from all parts of the state. Their findings show that 50 per cent of all corn gathered before the freeze of October 13 will not grow and that of the corn which was gathered and cribbed since that time scarcely any will grow.

George Coupland, regent of the University of Nebraska, who has a large corn acreage at Elgin, says that a great deal of the corn from his section was so damp that when it was gathered and cribbed it froze so solid that crows had to be used to pry it apart. He says that he has his doubts about the germinating qualities of seed corn which was gathered early and that the corn which is still standing, and which is the best to be found in the state, is also in a bad way.

General Grant Cannot Come. In reply to a letter urging him to accept an invitation to speak at the Epworth assembly next August, General Frederick D. Grant has sent the following letter to Addison Wait, deputy secretary of state:

"Headquarters Department of the Lakes, Chicago—My Dear Mr. Wait: I have just written to Mr. Jones, president of the Epworth assembly, as I write to you, in reply to your kind letter of the 12th inst., to express my deep appreciation of the high compliment paid me, in the invitation to be present during Patriotic day, August 4, next.

"I most deeply regret that it is impossible for me to have the honor of being with you then, because of the maneuvers at Pine camp during the month of August next, which maneuvers I am to command. Sincerely yours, FREDERICK D. GRANT."

What the League Wants. Two things which the newly organized Southwestern Hard Winter Wheat Millers' league will try to bring about in the trade are the abandonment of long time sales and a shortening of the credit period extended to some classes of patrons. The committee named at Kansas City a short time ago to draft trade rules will report its recommendations at another meeting in two weeks. The rules will not apply to credits extended in local territory where a mill operates, but will be intended to make shipments to eastern consignees subject to arrival draft terms or cash on delivery.

For a Sane Fourth. Mayor Love is already considering some plan whereby a sane Fourth of July celebration can be secured with a minimum of trouble and annoyance. Last year when the plan was started citizens objected because they had not been asked to join in the movement in time. Hence the early consideration now.

A Labor Chautauqua. A labor chautauqua is being planned for by the labor unions of Lincoln to be held during the coming summer. At a committee was appointed to make arrangements, secure speakers and set a date and place. The subjects of addresses and lectures will be confined chiefly to economic topics and those of interest to union members.

The "Greater Lincoln Industrial Exposition" will be held at the Auditorium May 24 to 28. This was decided upon at a meeting of the committee in charge of the exposition at the Commercial club Thursday. A diagram of the booths will be mailed to all prospective exhibitors. A number of applications for booths have been received, but so far no space has been let. The scope of the exposition will be greater than that of the "Made in Lincoln" show last year. All articles manufactured in Lincoln will be exhibited.

## THE WESTERN UNION.

District Court Fine Sustained by Higher Tribunal.

The fine imposed by the district court of Lancaster county upon the Western Union Telegraph company, amounting to \$50 or \$100, was affirmed by the supreme court. The company was prosecuted by the state on the charge of increasing rates for messages in Nebraska without first obtaining permission of the state railway commission. A second count was that the company failed to file reports as required by the railway commission. In fact, the company did not admit that it was amenable to the railway commission under the law regulating common carriers. The company was found guilty by a jury in the district court on the first count, increasing rates without permission of the commission.

The principal defense of the Western Union company was that the suit should have been a civil action instead of a criminal suit. The supreme court holds that prosecution under subdivision C, section 15, chapter 60, of the statutes should be criminal, and that this section, so far as it relates to the prevention of abuses, extortions and unjust discrimination, is applicable to common carriers of news and intelligence, such as telegraph and telephone companies, as well as to common carriers of goods and passengers. The court holds that the title to this act is broad enough to embrace its provisions defining telegraph companies to be common carriers.

Company C Gets Prize. Adjutant General John C. Hartigan has awarded a prize of \$50 in cash to Company C, First Nebraska National Guard, for the best general inspection.

Captain Brewster commands this company. The same company is to receive a prize of \$35 for attendance at government inspection. Five companies have 100 per cent of attendance at government inspection. The companies were A of Kearney and G of Omaha, both of the Second regiment, who got \$50 each; C of Beatrice, Second regiment; the galling gun section of Beatrice and the signal corps of Fremont. The latter three got \$35 each for attendance. While the other companies had their men in the army, the signal corps, the galling gun section and Company C of Beatrice had a few men absent, but accounted for. Company C, Second regiment, at Nebraska City, is reported as being the best drilled company in the guard.

Board of Regents. At a recent session of the board of regents Erwin Hoft was made adjunct professor of agronomy, beginning March 1. Mr. Hoft has been dividing his time between the work of the school of agriculture and the station at North Platte. The action of the board will locate him permanently at the university farm.

Blind School Growing. Superintendent Abbott of the school for the blind at Nebraska City says his enrollment now numbers sixty-three, an increase from fifty, when he took charge of the institution a year ago. Mr. Abbott said the newspaper advertising given the school had materially aided him in securing new students.

Invitation to the Governor. An invitation has been received by Governor Shallenberger to be before the democratic club of Washington, D. C., on the night of April 13. The other speakers will be Governor Shaforth of Colorado, Mayor Gaynor of New York, Governor Harmon of Ohio and Governor Marshall of Indiana.

Federal Labor Union. A federal labor union, the members of which are employed in many different crafts, has been organized in Lincoln. Twenty-six charter members have been secured and the charter is to be sent for. G. H. Bush was elected temporary president and E. A. Weaver temporary vice president.

Nebraska Hardware Officers. The Nebraska hardware dealers' convention elected the following officers: President, G. R. Wycoff, Madison; vice presidents, Ernest Hoppe, Lincoln; L. Worth, Falls City; Gale Lawson, Hastings; secretary, J. Frank Barr, Lincoln (re-elected); treasurer, H. J. Hall, Lincoln (re-elected); chairman executive committee, Fred Ebinger, Plainview.

Convention of Postoffice Clerks. Washington's birthday is the date set for the annual meeting of the Nebraska state convention of postoffice clerks in Omaha, to be held at the federal building. The convention will be called to order by the state president, W. A. Howland of Lincoln. Delegates representing the Omaha branch of the association are Charles J. Marshall, C. F. F. Michelson, Paul V. Morton, Louis D. Motz, E. W. Dean, James P. Dugdale and H. F. Meyers. The matter of alleged excessive hours of work will be a grievance which the postoffice clerks will take up.

Furze Back to His Post. Colonel W. J. Furze, private secretary to Governor Shallenberger, has returned to Lincoln from Alma, where he sold at auction twenty-three head of horses. Colonel Furze reported that about 400 people attended the sale and that several horse buyers who were present informed him that the prices paid were higher than the market price. The sale netted something over \$3,400. The large prices paid, Mr. Furze said, he believed was due to the scarcity of horses for use on farms.

## IN THICK OF BATTLE

AMERICANS BEAR SCARS OF NICARAGUAN FIGHT.

### TWO OF THEM ARE WOUNDED

Two of insurgent General Mena's Guns Are Disabled and Another Dis-mounted Twice—Reports From Bluefields.

Bluefields, Nicaragua—Americans took a very active part in the battle between the insurgents and the Madriz forces at Saint Vincent, and one of them, at least, was badly wounded. They were under Capt. Victor Gordon, with General Mena the contingent being known as the "American scouts." The wounded man is William Wilkins, who joined the provisionals from Panama. A steel bullet struck the cartridge clip swung across his shoulder near the heart, and penetrated the arm and leg. Another scout, C. T. Bushby, was bruised when a stone from behind which he was firing was shattered by a cannon ball. Bushby was thrown twenty feet, but he came back into the fight.

The fierceness of the battle is indicated by the fact that two of Mena's guns were disabled. Another was twice dismounted, but each time replanted, doing effective execution. Mena's loss was twelve wounded, Gordon is of the opinion that the enemy's loss was heavy, as their assaults were delivered across open spaces in the face of artillery.

Five additional Americans under General Zeledon were placed in command of forty Nicaraguans, with whom they turned the enemy's flank in a movement which shortly afterwards terminated in the enemy's complete retirement.

### Guard the Sheriff.

Cairo, Ill.—Police Officers of this city are searching for a negro suspected of purse-snatching, and another clash between the authorities and the citizens is feared if the man is caught. Feeling is still running high against the negro, and intensity was added to this sentiment Sunday afternoon, when negroes, it is charged made insulting gestures at persons in the funeral procession that was following the body of Alexander Halliday, killed Thursday night in an attack on the jail, to the cemetery.

Nearly 600 people attended Halliday's funeral and accompanied the body to Mounds, Ill., in a special train. As the train was passing through the negro district of Cairo negroes collected on the streets to watch its passage. At Thirty-first street, members of the funeral party say an insulting demonstration was made.

An effort was made to organize a party on the train during the return trip to Cairo to wreak summary revenge, but no disturbance resulted.

The home of Sheriff Nellis is being guarded by the militia, and he is given a military escort when he leaves the court house. Popular feeling is against him for using negro deputies and allowing Halliday's body to lie in front of the jail for three hours.

Adjutant General Dickson, Governor Deneen's personal representative, declared Sunday afternoon that Sheriff Nellis was not ordered by the governor to permit Halliday's body to lie on the ground until the militia arrived.

Mrs. Nellis, wife of the sheriff, collapsed Sunday afternoon under the strain, and is now under a physician's care. She is one of the women who are carrying revolvers.

The ministers in their pulpits for the most part Sunday united in urging the citizens to support the law.

To Test Minnesota Primary. Minneapolis, Minn.—Judge John Day Smith listened to arguments Sunday in the mandamus proceedings to compel the auditor of Hennepin county to place the name of David Morgan, congressional candidate of the public ownership party, on the primary ballots without the payment of the usual fee of \$10. The action is to test the validity of the primary law clause requiring the filing fee. The entire public ownership party is behind the test.

Catholic College Burned. Chamberlain, S. D.—The Catholic college at this place, which was formerly the government Indian school, burned to the ground at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. When discovered the exits were cut off by smoke. The students and faculty of priests got out in their night clothes by way of the escapes. The building was recently purchased by Bishop O'Gorman for \$90,000.

Egyptian Premier Is Shot. Cairo.—Bourgeois Pacha Ghall, the Egyptian premier and minister of foreign affairs, was shot and seriously wounded Sunday by a student, who was arrested after the shooting. The crime was entirely of a political nature.

Swept by a Fierce Gale. London.—A fierce gale has swept over the British Isles, doing an immense amount of damage. The harbors are all crowded with shipping seeking shelter. Incoming vessels report extremely rough passages. The Adriatic and Amerika, which arrived Sunday at Plymouth, experienced a succession of gales all the way across the Atlantic. The two steamers were in communication throughout the passage, but the Amerika, which started two hours ahead of the Adriatic, beat the Amerika by eight hours.



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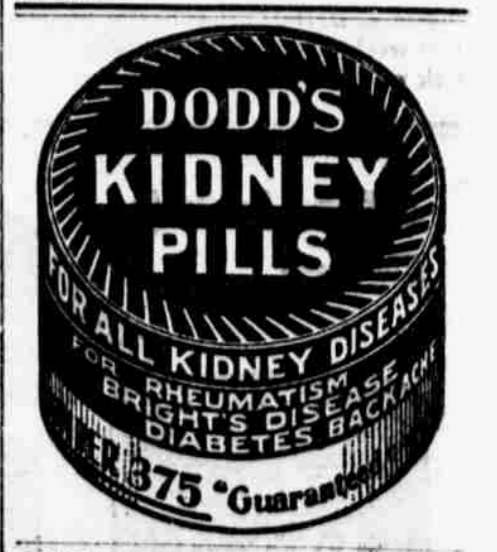
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