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**NEWS NOTES** CONDENSE A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There 

## Foreign.

Most of the villages in the vicinity of Marash have been destroyed by the fanatical Mohammedans, and the scattered populations are flocking in Marash. Up to the present time 14,000 people have come in and must be fed by the relief committee.

A brief dispatch received at the state department from the American legation at Tangler repeats a telegram from the consular agent at Megador, Morocco, who says that the rumored capture of American travelers near Agadir is untrue.

The French steamer Admiral Hamelin, arriving at Victoria from Havre via the Orient, brought news of a severe earthquake in Formosa, causing large loss of life. Many villages collapsed in the northern part of For- government's clutches for alleged mosa, and reports were coming in from resident governors at Taipeh and are being made by the Cudahy Pack-Keelung of much loss of life in the ing company. various districts.

Ten thousand dollars has been raised by the Turkish relief committee of which American Consul General Gabriel B. Ravndal at Beirut, is bye to Senator Burkett and other chairman, for affording assistance to Americans in Turkey.

All the governments except Germany which have been sounded by the sented in principle to the wish of question of raising her tariff rates.

is taking an inventory of the contents of the imperial palace at Yildiz has learned that Abdul Hamid deposited, at the meeting of postmasters of Neduring recent months, considerable sums of money in New York banks through a confidential agent. It appears that Abdul Hamid has in the the so-called progressive senators, neighborhood of \$10,000,000 in German aided unexpectedly by Senator Root, banks.

Since the proclamation of the new sultan there has been a general feeling of security in Tarsus.

The Roosevelt expedition is still in camp on the ranch of Sir Alfred Pease, at a point near Machakoe. All the members of the party are well.

Fifteen hundred Japanese employed on the Honolulu sugar plantation went on strike for higher wages, and it is expected that the movement will introduced by Representative Camp-

Patten, the wheat operator, has returned to Chicago from Colorado and will again buy and sell wheat.

Speculators are taking advantage of government effort to irigate arid regions of the country and are now buying up land wherever the government decides it will run a ditch.

Twenty persons are missing, and all of them are believed to have been drowned when a gasoline launch sank in the middle of the Ohto river near Schoenville.

Schuyler Rolley Logansport, Indiana, set a death trap for chicken thieves and met death from his own device. Dr. Manuel Amador, first president of the republic of Panama, died re-

cently at the age of 75. Congressman Kinkaid of Nebraska, has received information that the O'Neill postoffice will be advanced to second-class on the first of July, and

that the Morrill office, in Scott's Bluff county, will be advanced to third-class at the same time. A training school for saddlers and

battery mechanics in the army will be established at Rock Island, Ill. About the only hope for changes in

the tariff bill is through the president. Brad D. Slaughter, army paymaster, died in Omaha at the age of 60.

James K. Hacket, the actor, New York, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, giving his liabilities at \$126,457

President Taft has appointed Thomas J. Akins as postmaster at St. Louis, Mo., to succeed Mr. Wyman. Mr. Akins is assistant treasurer of the United States at St. Louis.

The electrical show at Omaha was opened by President Taft by wireless message sent to Fort Omaha.

Earnest efforts to get clear of the violations of the oleomargarine law

# Washington.

Ex-Governor Charles Magoon of Cuba was at the capital to say goodfriends in congress and left for New York, from which port he will sail for Antwerp to travel through Europe for the next few months. Governor Ma-United States on the subject have as- goon, on the advice of his physician, will take the waters at Nauheim, and China for a conference to consider the after a course of treatment there will visit Italy and the Viviera, returning The parlimentary commission which to America late in September.

In all probability Postmaster General Hitchcock will be in attendance braska to be held at Lincoln June 8, 9 and 10.

Persistent hammering on the part of brought an admission from Senator Aldrich that the schedule relating to windown glass ought to be reconstructed, and at the end of the speech by Senator Burkett the chairman of the finance committee asked that the schedule be passed over for purposes of revision.

Manufacturers will not be able to put any fictitious name upon the article which they manufacture if a bill spread to the other plantations where bell of Kansas becomes a law. The together with Mrs. Stonemall Jack- each and every one of our former measure provides for a fine of \$1,000 and an imprisonment penalty for every violation for each case in which a manufacturer places any other but intends to organize a rising in Albania. his own name on an article that he produces.



PRESIDENT ATTENDS MECKLEN-BURG CELEBRATION.

# HE MAKES TWO SPEECHES

Anniversary of "First Declaration of Independence" Is Occasion of Three Days of Entertainment in

# North Carolina.

Charlotte, N. C .- President Taft, by tis presence and participation, gave his indorsement to the celebration of to the one hundred and thirty-fourth anniversary of the Mecklenburg declaration of independence, and consequently the entire state is rejoicing. The chief executive came on the last of the three days of celebration, and his address was a main feature of the carnival program.

Millitary maneuvers and drills, band concerts, athletic and baseball contests and numerous addresses entertained the swarms of visitors from all parts of this and adjoining states. The Charlotte fire companies opened the affair Tuesday noon with an exhibition, and then a troop of regular cavalry drilled and a band concert was given. Baseball followed, and in the evening the Charlotte drum corps and three bands amused the crowds.

Governors' Day Program.

Wednesday was designated as governors' day and the main event was the delivery of addresses by Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina and the chief executive of several other states, at the fair grounds. These were preceded by a big athletic meet and followed by a cavalry drill, military maneuvers and band concerts, with another ball game thrown in for good measure.

Two events made the evening notable. The first was a May musical festival at the Auditorium which en- all allegiance to the British crown and listed the services of a number of excellent soloists and a large and tract or association with that nation, well trained chorus. The second was an illuminated parade given by the Order of Red Men.

#### President Taft Arrives.

Just at ten o'clock Wednesday morning the booming of a 21-gun salute by the Charlotte artillery notified the people that President Taft had arrived on his special train. Nearlyall the inhabitants and the thousands of visitors were at the station, and ss Mr. and Mrs. Taft alighted from their car they were greeted with a mighty roar of applause. A special reception committee took the distinguished guests in charge and conducted them to the Selwyn hotel, where they were welcomed by Gov. Kitchin, Senators Simmons and Overman and the mayor of Charlotte.

After meeting all the committeemen | itary, within this country, we do hereand their wives, Mr. and Mrs. Taft, by ordain and adopt, as a rule of life,

#### THE RATE IS VALID. controversy was brought up in congress. It was at this time that David-

North Carolina, announced that Meck-

lenburg county had declared her in-

dependence 13 months before the pro-

mulgation of the document in Phila-

While the statement created some

surprise it resulted in an investiga-

tion into the facts as to the Mecklen-

made by Nathaniel Macon, who repre-

sented North Carolina in the senate

Macon received from Dr. Joseph Mc-

event," which Dr. Alexander said he

Senator Macon sent to Raleigh, N. C.,

and it was published in the Register

Dr. Alexander's Story.

Dr. Alexander related at length how

the farmers of Mecklenburg county in

the spring of 1775 had called a con-

vention to be composed of two dele-

gates from each settlement in the

county to meet May 19 to devise

means for the assistance of the "suf-

fering people of Boston and to extri-

cate themselves from the impending

storm." "Official news, by express, ar-

rived of the battle of Lexington," ac-

cording to Dr. Alexander's report to

Senator Macon, and the influence of

the news from Lexington, he added,

resulted in the unanimous adoption of

the Mecklenburg declaration of inde-

sion of our rights, as claimed by Great

Britain, is an enemy to this country

-America-and to the inherent and

"2. Resolved. That we, the citizens

of Mecklenburg county, do hereby dis-

solve the political bands which have

connected us to the mother coun-

try, and hereby absolve ourselves from

abjure all political connection, con-

who have wantonly trampled on our

rights and liberties and inhumanly

shed the innocent blood of American

Declared Themselves Free.

"3. Resolved, That we do hereby de-

clare ourselves a free and independent

people, are, and of right ought to be,

a sovereign and self-governing asso-

ciation under the control of no pow-

er other than that of our God and the

other our mutual co-operation, our

lives, our fortunes and our most

"4. Resolved, That as we now ac-

knowledge the existence and control

of no law or legal officer, civil or mil-

tion on May 20, 1775, reads;

inalienable rights of man.

patriots at Lexington.

sacred honor.

pendence.

on Friday, April 30, 1819.

delphia.

# son, a representative in congress from Sibisy Law is Upheld by Referee Sullivan. The 25 per cent reduction in express

rates made by the Sibley law is held NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM valid by Referee John J. Sullivan in a report filed in the supreme court of Nebraska. This sustains the contention of Attorney General Thompson on behalf of the state. The referee finds burg declaration. This inquiry was that the Sibley act is not confiscatory as applied to the business of the various express companies and as a and through Gen. Joseph Graham conclusion of law recommends that and Representative Davidson Senator judgment be given for the state. The referee is also master in chancery for Knitt Alexander a full account of "the | the federal court at Omaha in suits pending in that court and he will file had "copied from papers left by his the same report with Judge W. H. father." This statement, which in-Munger. cluded the May 26th declaration,

If the supreme court adopts the report it will mean a saving of about \$370,000 a year to the people of Nebraska and little or no reduction in the profits of the express companies. The five companies doing business in this state last year collected from the people of Nebraska \$735,000.

The Sibley act was passed by the legislature of 1907. Attorney General Thompson sought to enforce the law and filed an application for an injunction to restrain the companies from violating its provisions. The companies took the case to the federal court and it was remanded by Judge T. C. Munger on the ground that the state was the sole party at interest and therefore the federal court had no jurisdiction. The supreme court granted a temporary restraining or-

der against the companies April 15 The declaration as written by Dr. and since that time the act has been Brevard, and approved by the convenin force. The supreme court appointed Judge John J. Sullivan referee to take testimony and report findings of fact "1. Resolved, That whosoever directly or indirectly abetted or in any and conclusions of law. The referee way, form or manner countenanced held hearings in Lincoln, Omaha and the unchartered and dangerous inva-New York City.

Attorney General Thompson will file a motion in the supreme court for judgment upon the referee's report. The companies will probably file exceptions to the report and the case. will then have to be argued before the court or submitted on briefs. This may occupy considerable time. In the meantime if the federal court should find for the companies the attorney general will have a strong point in reserve in the supreme court of the United States. He will assail the jurisdiction of the federal court on the ground that the state is the sole party at interest and that therefore the state court alone has jurisdiction. There are five identical cases, involving the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo, Pacific and United States Express companies. The finding by Judge Sullivan in all is the same. In the Adams case his finding concludes:

general government of the congress, "My conclusions of law are as folto the maintenance of which indelow pendence we solemnly pledge to each

"First-That the Sibley act, so far as it affects the business of the Adams Express company, is not confiscatory. "Second-That a judgment on its merits should be entered in favor of

the state and against the company."

# Award of State Printing.

A majority of the state printing oard has awarded contracts. In each



VARIOUS SECTIONS.



Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Andrew Carnegie notified the Norfolk library board that ten thousand dollars is available for the construction of a public library there.

At the farm of Frank McDermott, in Cameron township, Hall county, barns and contents to the value of about \$1,800 were destroyed by fire. Insurance is only partial.

In sentencing two drunks Police Judge Ellis of Beatrice, stated that from now on parties brought before him on the charge of indulging two freely will be given the limit in the matter of fines.

C. M. Chamberlain of the defunct Chamberlain banking house at Tecumseh appeared in district court and gave bond in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at the October term of court.

For several months the merchants of Republican City nave been missing from their stores, groceries, shoes and clothing. After a quiet watch two men were arrested who were found with the goods in their possession.

Superintendent W. F. Stockdale, who has been at the head of the Wisner city schools for the last eight years, has been elected superintendent of the schools at Madison at a salary of \$1,250 for the first year.

Mrs. Margaret McKernahan of Bellevue, who was a tornado victim a year ago and was mentally deranged by her physical injuries and the loss of her home, attempted suicide by setting fire to her clothes. She died of her burns a few days later.

Arthur Griess, the 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Griess of Sutton was bitten by a dog. By its, actions it was feared the dog was affected with rabies. The child has been taken to the Pasteur institute in Chicago for treatment.

The house occupied by L. W. Huddleson northeast of Ponca about one mile, was destroyed by fire. The wind was blowing a gale and carried the fire to the barn, which was consumed also. There was no insurance on Mr. Huddleson's goods.

After an inquiry lasting all night the corner's jury at Hastings failed to fix responsibility for the death of 9 year old Tommy Stoetzel who was killed with a shot from a rusty army musket in the home of his father. Thomas Stoetzel seven miles southwest of Holstein.

Fire of unknown origin totally destroyed the electric light plant of Cambridge. All the machinery, dynomos, motors, switchboard, Weber gas producer and engine are totally de-

Japanese are employed.

According to a Belgrade telegram Prince Burnheim Eddin, son of the former sultan of Turkey, Abdul Hamid,

#### General.

The chamber of deputies of the new Turkey voted to send the two Turks to co-operate with an American commission of inquiry into Adana atrocities.

Senator Bally in a fierly senate speech declared that the only way to tests at Fort Myer this summer. dissolve the steel trust is to imprison its officers.

The International Aeroplane club has been organized at Dayton, Ohio, district, with office at Belle Fourche, the object being to commemorate the S. D., will be ready for business July homecoming of the Wright brothers each year.

Ex-Gov. Crounse, who died in Omaha last week after a lingering illness, with the land office on account of was born in Schoharie county, N Y. He served during the civil war as a captain of light artillery, being se- and application for water. verely wounded in action. Coming to Nebraska in 1864, he served successively as a member of the territorial legislature, justice of the supreme court, member of congress, assistant, secretary of the treasury under President Harrison, and governor of the state, being elected in 1893. He was a republican in politics. Mr. Crounse is survived by four children: Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock, wife of the present congressman from the Omaha district; Mr. William G. Crounse, associated with Mr. Hitchcock in the publication of the Omaha World-Herald; Mrs. George McIntyre and Miss Marie Crounse, both of Omaha. His burial took place at Ft. Calhoun, beside his wife, who died in 1882.

The owners of the Canon ranch in Texas have unloaded 16,000 sheep in the La Sarge pasture near Kaw City.

Ex-Governor Crounse of Nebraska died at Omaha after a lingering illness.

Bishop Charles B. Galloway of the Jackson, Miss., of pneumonia.

At a meeting of the Yale chapter of reception for Australians. Phi Beta Kappa at New Haven Robert A. Taft, son of President Taft, was elected president.

Diplomatic relations between the governments of Colombia and Venezuela have been resumed after a break of several years.

A big postal strike is on in Paris. Speaker Cannon says it will take 100 degree temperature to get action in the senate on the tariff bill.

President Taft attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Louise Dalzell, wife of Representative John Dalzell of Pittsburg, Pa., who died in Washington. Paris strikers are under control of

the military authorities who are prein a day.

Owing to the failure of congress to provide funds for the construction of a gas plant and boiler house at the Fort Meyer aerodome, General James Allen, chief officer of the Signal corps, has been forced to change his plans for the aeronautical trials and

The commissioner of the general land office has issued a proclamation declaring that the Belle Fourche land This will be of great benefit to

farmers under the government project, as there is a great deal of business amending entries to comply with farm unit maps, payment of water rights

Preparations are being made for the guarding of President Taft's summer home at Beverly Cove, Mass., while the president is there this summer.

## Personal.

President Charles W. Eliot of Harvard university, was invested with insignia of the Order of Rising Sun, bestowed upon him by order of the emperor of Japan.

Nominations sent to the senate by the president included the names of Oscar S. Straus as ambassador to Turkey and W. W. Rockhill as ambassador to Russia.

Dr. Maurice L. Egan, American minister to Denmark, will retain his place.

A political report of interest to the Third district of Iowa is that A. D. Sumner of Waterloo will be a candidate for member of the house to succeed Representative Charles Pickett,

At the request of the Atlantic Union, Whitelaw Reid, the American am-Methodist Episcopal church died at bassador, and Mrs. Reid will soon give at Dorchester house London, a big

> The highest hotel in the world is to be built in New York City. It will be thirty-one stories, and cost \$2,000,000. Wilbur and Orville Wright, the American aeroplanists, have returned from the scenes of their European triumphs.

Capt. Hains of New York, who killed Wm. E. Annis last August, was found guilty of manslaughter.

A guard will be provided for President Taft at his summer home at Beverly, Mass.

The Illinois legislature continues balloting for United States senator without results.

The ceremony of girding the sword pared to mass 50,000 troops in Paris for the new sultan of Turkey occurred on Sunday at Stamboul.

son, the governor and mayor and other distinguished visitors, were escort- of Great Britain never can be consided by a guard of old soldiers to a revlewing stand and witnessed a grand parade of all the military and civic organizations that could take part in the celebration.

## Mr. Taft Speaks Twice.

A second installment of the music festival in the Auditorium was graced by the presence of the city's guests. and then all returned to the reviewing stand, where President Taft delivered an address. His words were listened of a 'committeeman.' to issue process. to with close attention and frequently elicited loud applause.

Later in the afternoon the president made a speech to the colored people and the students of Biddle university.

From 8 to 9:30 in the evening Mr. and Mrs. Taft held a public reception in the parlors of the Selwyn hotel and shook hands with thousands of people.

Military drills, band concerts and other entertainments were provided for the crowds all Wednesday afternoon and evening, and the great celebration closed in a blaze of glory.

## Old Controversy Renewed.

The people of North Carolina, whose proudest boast has been that their ancestors were the first Americans to throw off the yoke of British rule, now rejoice in the feeling that President Taft has recognized the justice of their claim, but the centuryold controversy has broken out afresh. Many historians refuse to accord to the pioneers of Mecklenburg county the honor that is thus accorded them. These historians allude to the story as "the Mecklenburg myth," and thereby arouse the anger of North Carolinans.

According to those unblased investigators who have looked most deeply into the matter, the Mecklenburgers did hold a public meeting on May 31, 1775, and did adopt resolutions quite abreast of the public sentiment of that time, but not venturing on the field of independence further than to say that these resolutions were to remain in full force till Great Britain resigned its pretensions. In 1793, or earlier, some of the actors in the proceedings endeavored to supply the record from memory, unconsciously intermingling some of the phraseology of the Declaration of July 4, which gave the resolutions the tone of a pronounced independency. Probably through another dimness of memory, they affixed the date of May 20, 1775, to them.

## Case for Mecklenburgers.

The case for the Mecklenburgers is set forth as follows: In 1818 there arose a great rivalry between Massa chusetts and Virginia as to which commonwealth should receive credit for the Philadelphia document, and the been since the appearance of Eve.

laws, wherein, nevertheless, the crown ered as holding privileges, immunities or authority therein. "5. Resolved, That it is also further

decreed that all, each and every millitary officer in this county is hereby reinstated to his former command and authority, he acting conformably to these regulations. And that every member present of this delegation shall henceforth be a civil officer, viz., a justice of the peace, in the character hear and determine all matters of controversy, according to said adopted laws, and to preserve peace and union and harmony in said county, and to use every exertion to spread the love of the country and fire of freedom throughout America, until a more general and organized government be established in this province."

# More Light.

By the extraordinary contortions of her neck he concluded that she was trying to get a glimpse of the back of her new blouse; by the tense lines and scintillating flash about her lips he concluded that her mouth was full of pins.

"Umph-goof-suff-wuff-sh - offspog?" she asked.

"Quite so, my dear," he agreed. "It looks very nice."

"Ouff-wun-so-gs-ph - mf-ugh -ight?" was her next remark. "Perhaps it would look better if

you did that," he nodded; "but it fits very nicely as it is." She gasped and emptied the plns

into her hands. "I've asked you twice to raise the

blinds so that 1 can get more light, James," she exclaimed. "Can't you understand plain English?"

# Angels on Horseback.

There are many ways of cooking oysters. "Angels on Horseback" are well known, but I should hope not very well liked. It is a barbarous conjunction, that of bacon with oysters; a tremendous compliment to the ba con, it is true, but an insult to the fish

Nor can I praise the steak and oysters so dear to many. But as an ingredient in a beefsteak ple nothing but praise can be spoken of the bivalve. There are oysters in that most delicious of ples, the one that cooks for 24 hours and keeps a man up all night to see that it does not leave off boiling. Need I say that I refer to the world famous pudding at the Cheshire Cheese?-The Gentle-

# Woman Rules.

woman.

"This is the woman's century," says a suffragette. As every century has

case the lowest bidder received what he wanted. The bids were opened some time ago, but official awards were not made till last week. All of the big jobs except the report of the state board of agriculture go to printers out of Lincoln. The house journal was awarded to Claffin of University place, the senate journal to the York Blank Book company, and the session laws to Tim Sedgwick's company of York. The Ord Quiz received two contracts.

#### After Bird Killers.

Deputy Game Warden Gellus has started on a campaign against foreigners who slaughter song birds. Railway laborers, he claims, kill the song and insectivorous birds for food.

## Salcons Out of Business.

All saloons in Lincoln closed downed in accordance with law, on Monday night. Most of the barrooms were dismantled early in the evening. Accumulated stocks will be shipped back to wholesalers. The saloonkeepers who remain in Lincoln, say they will unite with officials in striving for the enforcement of the prohibition law to the letter.

## His Organs Reversed.

The case of Charles Schuppel, a laborer in the brick yards at Yankee Hill, has mystified Lincoln physicians, His heart is on the right side of his chest, while his liver is on the left side of the abdomen. He is 40 years of age and in excellent health.

## Clubs Given Dry Notice.

Chief of Police Cooper notified all the clubs of the city that after June 1 they must discontinue to sell intoxicating liquors and that they must not have any stock on hand after that

date. This action is in accordance with instructions from the excise board.

## Contest for Mayoralty.

T. J. Doyle, attorney for Robert Malone, said that as soon as he could consult his client he would begin a suit to contest the election of D. L. Love for mayor.

#### Burlington Man Promoted.

H. E. Byram, general superintendent of the Burlington railroad for the Nebraska district, has received notice of a promotion in the form of a transfer to Chicago headquarters as assistant to Daniel Willard, second vice president of the system. He will be succeeded here by W. B. Troop, now general superintendent of the Iowa district with headquarters at Burlington. braska experience will be of help.

stroyed and turned into scrap metal; also the storage batteries that supplied the daylight current.

At Grand Island Mrs. Janey Jay. who shot Frank Koehler, alleged in self-defense, and seriously wounded him, was arraigned on the charge of shooting with intent to wound and bound over to the district court waiving preliminary examination, in the sum of \$500.

Arrangements have been effected by which Fairmont will have the advantage of a chautauqua the coming summer. A group of business men and farmers voluntarily subscribed sums to be used as a guarantee fund in case the sale of tickets does not meet the necessary expenses.

The 3-year-old daughter of Bruce Mansfield at Arlington, while playing in the kitchen where her mother was washing stepped backwards and not noticing a tub of boiling water behind her, fell over the edge of the tub receiving injury that it is thought will prove fatal.

Bill Hicks, the man who has been in jail in Clay Center charged with assaulting and robbing Robert Mc-Keown, a bachelor farmer living two miles north of Saronville on the night of April 22, appeared in district court and pleaded guilty. Judge Hurd sentenced him to the penitentiary for seven years.

An employe of the Pullman Car company refused to sell W. H. Cowglifa seat ticket from Columbus to Omaha for 50 cents and the purchaser was obliged to pay \$1.50 for a ticket. The agent did not know that the purchaser was one of the state railway commissioners, or did not care if he did know it, but in return his company reaps a suit for violation of the state law.

Chief of Police Lowell of North Platte has gone to San Francisco, taking with him Henry Jones, a deserter from the United States army. Several weeks ago he was captured there and taken back by Sheriff Miltenberger, who received a reward for so doing. Jones again made his escape by leaving the U.S. Intrepid and swimming ashore. Several shots were fired at him, but none took effect.

The month of April was the record month in the Cuming county treasurer's office in the collection of taxes, over \$83,000 having been paid in during that time.

The grand lodge, Ancient Order of United Workmen in session at Lincoln, elected officers as follows: Grand Master Workman, A. M. Walling of David City; Grand Foreman, W. E. Lounsberry of Aurora; Grand Overseer, George S. Hawley of Re-In his new capacity Mr. Byram will publican City; Grand Recorder, Fred become a factor in the operation of C. Whittlesey of Grand Island; Grand the whole Burlington system. His Ne- Receiver (Treasurer), Robert P. Falks ner of Hastings.