

# NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

### Foreign.

Tia-Hung-Tse, president of the board of justice, has been appointed grand councillor of the empire in succession to Chang-Chieh-Tung, deceased. An imperial edict issued eulogizes Chang-Chieh-Tung, gives him posthumous honors and promotes his three sons.

The Spanish camp, under Commander General Sotomayor, was the object of a surprise attack at 6 o'clock in the morning by the Moors. The enemy was repulsed and shelled until 9 o'clock. The Spaniards lost two men wounded.

Henry White, the American ambassador to France, has been given a leave of absence, and accompanied by Mrs. White will sail on November 3 for the United States, not to return.

The preparations for the extension of Spain's operations in Morocco, involving the sending of heavy reinforcements, are creating increasing uneasiness in Paris.

Mohammed Ali Mirza, the deposed shah of Persia, sailed from Anzali, on the Caspian sea, on his way to exile in Russia. He is expected to land at Petrovsk, on the west shore of the Caspian. He will be taken direct to Odessa on a special train. His movements are being kept as secret as possible as the Caucasus is swarming with Persian revolutionists and attempts at assassination are feared.

The English government has completed arrangements to take over all the coast stations of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company stations, except the Poldhu and Clifton, which the company retains for its projected trans-Atlantic service. The government pays \$75,000 for these stations and gets also the right to use all existing patents and all improvements made during the next fourteen years.

### General.

Hog-growers in central New York are obtaining unheard of prices for this year's crop.

Seventy thousand acres of land under the Carey act were opened for entry in Montana. Number one was drawn by R. A. Carpenter of Oak Park, Ill.

George W. Bowers, acting general manager of the South Omaha plant of the Armour Packing Company, who disappeared a month ago, was located at Fort Francis, Ont., by a representative of the company.

Commander Peary has formally notified the National Geographic society of his acceptance of its offer to examine and pass upon the records of his polar explorations. Notice to this effect came to Prof. Willis L. Moore, president of the society, in a telegram from Commander Peary in New York.

After being in jail five months charged with counterfeiting, John Preston has been released on the discovery that the alleged bad money is all genuine. News reached Bristol, Tenn., from Abingdon, Va., where he was in jail. A grand jury ordered his release.

Governor Hughes of New York renewed his activity against race track betting in his state. Several indictments will soon be returned against prominent jockey clubs.

The governors of the Bank of England raised the minimum discount rate from 2 1/2 per cent. to 3 per cent. This is the first change since April 1 last, when it was reduced from 3 per cent.

The health of Count Leo Tolstol is again exciting apprehension. He fainted twice after his return to Yasnyaya-Polyana from his trip to Moscow. One fainting spell lasted ten minutes. The aged author, after several hours' rest, was able to undertake a short promenade.

Henry White, ambassador to France, is coming home not to return.

Commander Peary has formally notified the National Geographical society of his compliance with the resolution of the society urging Peary and Dr. Cook speedily to submit all their observations, notes and data to a competent scientific commission in the United States.

Miss Clara L. Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), was married to Oseip Gabrieliwitsch, the Russian pianist, in wedding took place in the drawing room at "Storm Field," Conn. Mr. Clemens' country home, with Rev. Dr. Jos. H. Twitchell of Hartford officiating.

John Van Nortwick, millionaire paper and pulp manufacturer and owner of extensive water power rights in Wisconsin, died at his home in Appleton of heart failure.

T. P. O'Connor is coming to the United States to seek aid for the Irish. A monument to the madness of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, the revolutionary general who led a successful attack against apparently hopeless odds on Great Britain's Stony Point Gibraltar 130 years ago, was dedicated at Stony Point, N. Y., as one of the opening events of the up-state Hudson-Fulton celebration.

Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick has offered \$1,000,000 toward the improvement of Lake Michigan in the neighborhood of Lake Forest, Ill.

Members of the cabinet are getting back to Washington to take up routine work.

Falling from one of the upper floors of a skyscraper office building in Philadelphia, Robert Bredbury, aged 65 years, met death in sight of hundreds of spectators.

Lucius H. Bigelow, head of the music publishing firm of Bigelow & Main, New York city, died at his summer home at Ridgeville, Conn., aged 72.

The fishing schooner Caldwell H. Colt of Pensacola port has been seized by a Mexican gunboat off Progresso and her crew of eight men have been thrown in prison.

The department of justice is preparing to fight the cases against those persons who by various means obtained from members of the five civilized tribes of Indians lands that under the federal government's contention could not be alienated.

Albert Pulitzer, a brother of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, committed suicide in Vienna. It was evident that he made double sure of death, for he had first swallowed poison, and then, standing in front of a mirror, had sent a bullet from a revolver through his right temple.

Governor Hughes was the central figure in the Hudson, N. Y., celebration. Secretary of War Dickinson will soon argue a case on behalf of the Illinois Central road.

The Omaha street car trouble is over and strike-breakers have been sent away.

Revolutionists are active in Paraguay, according to advices received at the state department from Minister O'Brien.

On the steps to the Hall of Fame at New York university an unknown man shot himself in the head. The body was removed to the morgue.

Germans of Chicago celebrated the anniversary of the landing of the German pilgrim fathers and the founding of Germantown on October 6, 1633.

Herbert Parsons, chairman of the New York county republican committee, announced that all cheating in the coming mayoralty contest in the metropolis would be guarded against.

The picture of Martha Washington may be placed upon one of the postage stamps of the present series. A number of women prominent in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have requested the postoffice department to take such action. It is suggested that the proposed issue of the 12-cent stamp offers an opportunity to do this.

After having pleaded guilty to burglary of a store at Woodbine, Ia., Mrs. Anna Lind, aged 25, mother of a 14-month-old baby, was given an indeterminate sentence of ten years in the penitentiary.

### Washington.

A new counterfeit five dollar silver certificate has appeared in Michigan and other places, and the secret service issued a warning to the public. The counterfeit bears the Indian head, and is of the series of 1889, has the signatures of United States Treasurer Treat and Register Vernon and is described as having check letter "2B" face plate number 1242 and back plate number 362.

Continued improvement in the industrial situation in the United States is indicated by the reports of leading industrial commercial movements received during August by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. Unusually large movements of soft coal, coal and iron ore and large shipments of lumber are indicated.

Census Director E. Dana Durand announces November 3 next as the date for making a practical test of the qualifications of applicants for appointment as special agents for the collection of the thirteenth census statistics of manufacturers and mines and quarries. Blank applications may be obtained now by writing the bureau of the census.

Secretary of War Dickinson left the city for Bellemeade, Tenn., the home of his son, immediately upon receipt of a telegram to the effect that the young man was suffering from a serious attack of heart failure.

Representatives of eleven governments will attend the tenth annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, to be held here. From the United States will be medical officers of the army, navy and marine hospital service and national guard organizations. It is believed the convention will be the most important to this branch of medical profession held in years.

### Personal.

Harvard university formally opened by installation of President Lowell.

The Duchess of Aosta is about to leave Naples for the Congo and will spend the winter in Africa for the benefit of her health.

Street car strikers in Omaha have determined to go on with the fight. Congressman Parsons of New York has thrown down the gauntlet to Cannon forces.

David Hill, who succeeded Charlemagne Tower as ambassador to Germany, arrived on the liner George Washington for his first visit to this country since his appointment to the post at Berlin.

William Randolph Hearst again in the race for mayor of New York.

President Taft ended a strenuous period of dinners and speeches by sleeping in the mountains.

Mrs. Joseph Sullivan is the first policewoman of Chicago. She was sworn in the other day and invested with all the authority and privileges given to special policemen of that city.

## CRANE CALLED BACK

STOPPED ON THE EVE OF SAILING FOR PEKING.

### REASON GIVEN FOR THE SAME

Occasioned by Developments Involving the Question of His Fitness For the Position.

Washington.—Charles R. Crane's sudden, unexpected and hitherto mysterious recall to Washington by Secretary of State Knox, as he was at the point of sailing from San Francisco to assume his duties as minister of the United States to China, was occasioned by developments involving the question of Mr. Crane's fitness for that post. This much is known in well-informed quarters in Washington. Unless Mr. Crane is able to clear himself in the eyes of Secretary Knox of an accusation of a serious breach of what the state department regards as the first principle of diplomatic discretion the conference with his official chief may result in the abrupt termination of Mr. Crane's connection with the diplomatic service.

Minister Crane arrived in Washington Sunday afternoon from his hurried journey across the continent, reiterating his declaration of ignorance as to the occasion for his rather dramatic call from the waters' edge of the Pacific, and declined to discuss the matter in any of its aspects, beyond saying that while he expected to be here several days, he had reserved new accommodations for the transpacific voyage on the steamer sailing from San Francisco on October 20, a week from next Wednesday.

The state department has in hand, it is said, what it regards as more or less convincing evidence that Minister Crane, on the eve of his departure for the far east, became responsible for the publication in a Chicago newspaper of what the department views as a most indiscreet discussion of the attitude of the United States toward the two treaties recently negotiated between China and Japan. This, the department holds to have been the more serious because that attitude is still under confidential consideration, no decision having been arrived at.

While the speeches delivered by Mr. Crane before the American Asiatic association and at a dinner given in his honor at Chicago, are viewed at the state department as having been at best, unwise and undiplomatic, they had been carefully considered after their delivery and before Mr. Crane started for San Francisco, and although deprecated were not regarded as justifying any change in his plans.

The Chicago publication fails, however, in the eyes of the department, into a category very different and far more serious.

China and Japan early last month entered into treaties which contained provisions regarded by the state department as very surprising and possibly objectionable to this government. By these treaties Japan would secure rights in Manchuria which are held by some diplomats to be in direct violation of both the letter and spirit of the Portsmouth treaty. China has agreed in the treaties now under consideration, that before extending the present railway system in Manchuria, it shall consult Japan, and, presumably, obtain its consent thereto. This provision is regarded as inharmonious with the declaration of Japan in the treaty of Portsmouth that it will not obstruct any measures taken by China for the development of its empire.

### WELCOME TO GOMPERS.

Royal Reception Planned for His Home-Coming.

Washington.—As a tribute to the home-coming from abroad, President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, one of the most representative gatherings of organized labor ever assembled in this country, will welcome him. To signalize his return arrangements were completed for a mammoth parade of organized labor and a reception in his honor. In the parade, which Mr. Gompers will head, will be more than 30,000 laboring men.

### Des Moines Wins Lower Rates.

Seattle—Chairman Martin A. Knapp announced a decision of the Interstate Commerce commission in the suit brought by Greater Des Moines against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad and other lines. The commission denied a petition of the railroads for a rehearing and ordered the reduction of rates from the Atlantic seaboard to Des Moines to go into effect.

### K. C. Dry Goods Firm Falls.

Kansas City.—The large wholesale firm of Swofford Bros. Dry Goods Co. of this city was placed in the hands of receivers as a result of disagreements among stockholders. The assets and liabilities are not given.

### Magoon Back in Washington.

Washington.—Governor Charles E. Magoon of Lincoln is in Washington after an extended tour of Europe, he having taken the baths at Nauheim for heart affection. Governor Magoon has given himself a year in which to get back to his old form after years of strenuous work he put in in the tropics. Mr. Magoon expects to go to Mexico shortly to see his old friend D. E. Thompson, United States ambassador to that country. From Mexico Governor Magoon will go to California for a short stay.

## NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

### THE MIDWEST LIFE OFFICERS

N. Z. Snell, President  
Dr. B. B. Davis, Omaha, Vice-Pres.  
A. J. Sawyer, Secretary  
H. S. Freeman, Treasurer  
Dr. M. H. Everett, Medical Director  
C. R. Easterday, Actuary  
J. H. Mockett, Jr., Supt. of Agents Insurance in Force.

December 31, 1906, \$ 559,000  
December 31, 1907, 1,152,250  
December 31, 1908, 1,453,218  
September 30, 1909, 1,815,335

### Local Agents Wanted

In every town in Nebraska. Liberal commissions are paid. Write the The Box Butte county fair this year was a great success.

Richard Sneath, aged 18 years, son of Robert Sneath, a prosperous farmer living west of Pender, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a shotgun. The top of his head was blown off.

The grading for the Union Pacific's double track from Kearney to North Platte is nearly completed. Ties are being laid from North Platte and the bridge work is being pushed as hard as possible.

Governor Shallenberger has appointed as delegates to a good roads convention at Columbus, O., October 25 to 29, Dan Stephens of Fremont, Mr. Longworthy of Seward and J. J. Derlight of Omaha.

If you want to sell life insurance for an active old line Nebraska company write to the Midwest Life at Lincoln.

A. E. Fisher, traveling salesman for L. J. Kinney & Co., cigar manufacturers of Hastings, dropped dead in front of an undertaker's establishment on the main street. Apoplexy was the cause. Mr. Fisher was 45 years old and lived here.

Samuel Spies, a young farmer, committed suicide in Dodge county under dramatic circumstances. Spies believed his wife had drowned herself in the Elkhorn river, which flows a few rods from the house occupied by the couple, and in a fit of remorse blew out his brains with a 38-caliber pistol.

President Crabtree delivered the opening address of the Peru Normal school year. In closing he spoke especially on the "school policy." He spoke in part as follows: "As I see it our school policy is not to tear down, but to build up. It is not to discourage any worthy student enterprise, but to encourage and develop."

N. P. Miller, a prominent farmer living seven miles west of Adams, has mysteriously disappeared and searching parties which have been looking for him have failed to find any trace of him. Mr. Miller was a well known political leader in that locality and his friends are unable to explain his absence. Foul play is feared.

David E. Allen of Otoe county celebrated his 80th birth anniversary by presenting each of his three daughters with \$500 in gold. Mr. Allen came to Nebraska City in 1857 and has since made it his home. He owns eighty acres of land, which is nearly in the heart of the city and which he has always fought to prevent it being made a part of the city and has succeeded so far.

Charles Johnson of Greeley was killed while returning home from Spaulding. He fell from a load of well tubing under the team he was driving. One of the horses became frightened and kicked him in the head. The team then ran into a wire fence and became entangled in the wire. The body of the dead man was found there a few hours later by neighbors.

The state railway commission has issued an order that the Missouri Pacific Railway company be directed to maintain an agent at the station of Glen Rock until January 1, 1910, at which time, in the absence of any material increase in business, and on proper showing being made, the railway company will be given authority to discontinue the service of the said agent at Glen Rock. The company had asked leave to close the station.

At Dalton, eighteen miles north of Sidney, about dark an extra freight train going north on the Burlington railroad ran into the rear end of the regular freight train. A traveling salesman was fortunately notified in time and proceeded to jump from the train just in time to avoid being hit. His grip, upon which his head had been resting, was literally torn to shreds. The engine and two freight cars of the regular freight were smashed to kindling.

In the district court of Dodge county Judge Hollenbeck handed down a decision sustaining the judgment of the county court in the matter of the inheritance tax on the Davenport estate. The principal question involved was whether contracts for the sale of lands in Nebraska which were in the possession of the decedent at his home in New York state were taxable in Nebraska. The county court held they were not and Judge Hollenbeck affirmed the judgment.

Louis Bronmeir, the farmer of Syracuse who was kicked in the stomach by one of his horses and who was taken to an Omaha hospital, died there from his injuries.

J. M. Proctor, deputy United States marshal, of Arlington, served a subpoena on H. J. Crapenchoff to appear as a witness in the case of the United States against the tramp who rifled Mr. Crapenchoff's mailbox a few weeks ago and abstracted a check therefrom and was arrested while attempting to cash it at Blair. The case will be tried in the United States district court at Omaha.

## NEBRASKA HAS DEBT

IS SMALL, HOWEVER, AND CAN SOON BE WIPED OUT.

### PROCLAMATION BY GOVERNOR

Required to Be in the Hands of County Clerks Twenty Days Before Election.

For the first time since June 24 the state of Nebraska has an outstanding debt. Last week a debt of \$1,000 in the form of registered state warrants appeared on Treasurer Brian's books. There not being enough money in the general fund or the fund for the redemption of outstanding warrants, the treasurer had to buy the warrants presented to him by using trust funds, the same as was done for years prior to June 24, when there were no warrants registered. The state board of assessment made no levy for the redemption fund when it met during the last summer because there was then no apparent need of it. If county treasurers remit all that is due the state Treasurer Brian believes the state debt can be wiped out by December 1, when taxes on the new levy will begin to come in. The state debt was over \$2,000,000 a few years ago.

### Election Proclamation.

Governor Shallenberger has issued an election proclamation. If the non-partisan judiciary law had been upheld by the supreme court this duty would not have been necessary, but under the law as it exists the governor is required to issue a proclamation and get it into the hands of county clerks twenty days before the general election. The governor's proclamation is dated October 1, but pending the receipt of printed copies it was not announced. The proclamation is very brief as follows:

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of section eleven (11) of chapter twenty-six (26) of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1909, entitled "elections," I, Ashton C. Shallenberger, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby issue my proclamation declaring that on Tuesday, the 2d day of November, A. D. 1909, there will be an election held at the usual places of voting in said state for the election of the following officers, to-wit: Three judges of the supreme court; two regents of the state university; one regent of the state university to fill vacancy.

### May Investigate Railroads.

The state railway commission may be forced to investigate the books and records of some of the railroads that are in federal court objecting to the enforcement of the 2-cent fare law, the Aldrich commodity rate law and the anti-pass law and other regulatory acts passed by the legislature of 1907. If this step is necessary the commission will employ an expert accountant and empower him to employ a large force of accountants to investigate records and accounts for the purpose of gathering evidence to meet the testimony introduced by the railway companies.

C. W. Hillman of Louisville, Ky., who did similar work in Minnesota, held a conference with the state railway commission in regard to such proposed work in Nebraska. The commission may employ Mr. Hillman as its chief accountant in charge of the proposed investigation of railroad accounts.

### Wreck in Burlington Yards.

C. E. Safford, fireman on a Burlington switch engine, died as a result of injuries received in a wreck in the Burlington yards. Burlington passenger train No. 9, heavily loaded with Ak-Sar-Ben passengers, crashed into the switch engine, which was on the main line when the passenger train entered the yards. Hundreds of people were jarred, thrown to the floor of the cars or hurled back into their seats. The excursionists were preparing to leave the coaches and were crowded in the aisles when the crash came. The crew of the switch engine, with the exception of the fireman, jumped. Safford was pinned between the engines and was terribly bruised and scalded.

### The "Nebraska" Figurehead.

Secretary C. S. Paine of the State Historical society has received word that the figurehead from the battleship Nebraska has been shipped from the New York navy yard and will arrive in Lincoln within a few days. This figurehead was secured for the historical society through the efforts of Congressman Kinkaid and it will be held by the society as a permanent loan from the federal government. The figurehead is no longer used on some of the battleships of the navy. The one from the Nebraska weighs 4,050 pounds. It was shipped from the navy yard last week.

### Complaint Against Express Company.

Failure to provide sufficient facilities for the prompt transportation of shipments delivered to it is the basis of a complaint to the state railway commission filed against the Adams Express company by the Lincoln Commercial club, acting for the Appel Mercantile company. The charge is made that while the business of the express corporation has increased 20 per cent within a year or so no more wagons have been put on to take care of it and no attempt is being made to see that shippers receive proper attention.

## THE WHEAT FIGURES.

Nebraska Crop Estimated at 50,000,000 Bushels.

Statistics compiled by the state labor bureau show that the total production of wheat in Nebraska this year was 50,370,000 bushels. This is almost equal to the banner year, 1902, when 50,500,000 bushels were produced, and a little in excess of the yield of 1901, when the total was 50,200,000. The labor bureau report shows a production of 46,500,000 bushels of winter wheat this year and the yield averaged 20.13 bushels to the acre. The government report gives the average yield at 14.9 bushels. A total of 3,370,000 bushels of spring wheat was raised, the average yield being 14.99 bushels to the acre. The total yield of wheat in Nebraska last year was 42,840,000, according to the state labor bureau. There were 41,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and the average yield per acre was 16.99. The total yield of spring wheat was 2,840,000 and the average yield per acre was 13.98 bushels.

### New Station for Madison.

The good offices of the state railway commission have been used to get the Union Pacific Railroad company to build a new station at the town of Madison and now ex-Senator W. V. Allen, who started the agitation, desires the board to do what it can to get as large a station as possible, one that will be adequate for twenty-five years. In compliance with a recommendation signed by Railway Commissioner Cowles recommending a new station the road has promised to build, but some elevator firms who are occupying the right-of-way by surface of the road are slow in removing their buildings to new locations so that the road can have room for the proposed improvements.

### To Dissolve Merger.

County Attorney Tyrrell began proceedings before the state railway commission, the object and purpose being to dissolve the merger of the Lincoln Traction company and the Citizens' Railway company, which was consummated February 3, last; the cancellation of all stocks and bonds issued subsequent to such merger; to compel the company to render better service and treat the public and its employees with more consideration and to bar it from transacting any other business than that provided for in its charter.

### Commercial Clubs Has Surplus.

A surplus of nearly \$5,000 in the treasury of the Lincoln Commercial club was shown by the annual cash statement of Secretary Whitten laid before the directors. Three years ago the organization was struggling along under serious handicap for lack of funds. At one time it was necessary for some of the leading members to give their personal notes at a bank for \$1,500 to pay the current expenses of the club. During the last year the general fund has been swelled about \$2,750. Contributions to the convention fund made during the last year aggregated in the neighborhood of \$7,000. Some firms which derive direct benefit from conventions held here have not so far subscribed to this fund, but it is hoped to secure them, as well as others which indirectly profit from the gatherings held in Lincoln.

### Charges Against the Police.

With Mayor Love, Exciseman Harpam and Exciseman Powell as judges County Attorney Tyrrell attempted to drive home charges of graft and extortion filed several weeks ago against Chief Rickard of the Lincoln police force and City Detective Malone. The county attorney alleged that several weeks ago officers from the sheriff's department attempted to make arrests in the lowlands and that the police interfered. W. A. Bentley, supposed to be a county detective, was thrown into the city jail and in the excitement some of the alleged rascals escaped. Tyrrell filed charges with the excisemen against the officers.

### Appointment by Governor.

Miss Mattie Allen of the Whittier public school was appointed a member of the state board of inspectors which has in charge the enforcement of the child labor law as it relates to compulsory attendance at school. The appointment was made by Governor Shallenberger.

### Millers Want Transfer Switch.

The railroad commission began taking testimony in the complaint of Wells, Abbott & Nieman, a milling company of Schuyler, which wants a transfer switch put in there between the Burlington and the Union Pacific.

### Landis Will Not Contest.

Harry Landis of Seward, who was in the city, said that he would accept the refusal of the secretary of state to place his name on the official ballot this fall as a candidate for state university regent and will not start a mandamus proceeding. This leaves Frank Haller of Omaha without an opponent.

### New Rule in Effect.

Financial relations between members of the faculty and students of the University of Nebraska were cut off by a rule that went into effect last week. From now on all money paid for instruction, books or supplies by the students must go through the hands of the treasurer of the university. This rule was adopted last spring by the board of regents in order to systematize the finances of the university and protect professors from accusations of misuse of funds or overcharging students for books.