

EPITOME OF EVENTS

PARAGRAPHS THAT PERTAIN TO MANY SUBJECTS.

ARE BRIEF BUT INTERESTING

Brief Mention of What is Transpiring in Various Sections of Our Own and Foreign Countries.

Washington.

Assistant postmasters who hope to be transferred into the permanent service of the government under the civil service recently issued by President Taft must first stand a rigid examination as to their efficiency.

Captain Robert E. Peary, the Arctic explorer, returns to active duty in the navy department on November 9 as engineer expert of the department of justice in cases before the bureau of claims involving construction work for the naval bureau of yards and docks.

A long line of detailed questions to answer in connection with the investigation of the general increases in railroad rates has been forwarded by the interstate commerce commission to all the railroads in the official classification, western trunk line, trans-Missouri and Illinois freight territories.

The establishment of through routes and joint rates from Chicago, St. Louis and other Mississippi river points and from Denver and Pueblo, covering the shipment of all commodities and classes of freight moving to points on the Nevada Southern railroad from Chicago and Eastern points through Chicago is asked in a petition filed with the interstate commerce commission.

Some idea of the vast amount of work that is done in the government printing office annually can be gained from the figures just completed from the type composition for last year. More than 3,000 tons of type metal were used in making 1,963,899,000 ems of type of every description. If the individual lines of type were placed end to end they would stretch out over a distance of 31,000 miles.

Foreign.

A dispatch from Paris to the London Daily Telegraph says a rumor is current that a revolution has broken out in Madrid. No confirmation of this rumor has reached London.

The first case of yellow fever ever known in Honolulu has been discovered aboard the Japanese liner Hong Kong Maru, which arrived there October 30 from Manzanillo, Mexico.

The new republic of Portugal is threatened with a military revolution. The Second and Fifth regiments addressed a round robin to Provisional President Braga declaring that they were not granted the promised promotions and pensions for helping overthrow the monarchy.

It is understood that the new French cabinet, although it does not oppose the principles of trades unionism, will propose a law for enactment, declaring strikes by employees in the public service and by state employees to be illegal and providing a penalty for persons engaged in such movements.

Senor Franco, ex-premier of Portugal, who held office at the time King Carlos and Crown Prince Louis were assassinated in 1908, has been arrested on the charge of abuse of power during his incumbency. It is declared by the government that it did not inspire the arrest of Franco, but that it was the result of an investigation held by the judiciary.

General.

Women of Cincinnati ask that they have representation in the city detective force.

Gifford Pinchot says the people are rebelling against the present order of things.

Fourteen deaths due to smallpox having occurred at Saginaw, Mich., within a month.

Iowa farms in the last decade have decreased in number, but their value has enormously increased.

An American loan of \$50,000,000 to the Chinese government has been consummated in New York.

Governor Stubbs of Kansas was the star witness at the Chicago interstate commerce rate hearing.

The directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad company declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent.

The Uruguay revolutionary leaders have agreed to disperse and disarm, provided the candidacy of Jose Batlle y Ordóñez for the presidency is withdrawn.

Al. Livingstone, the automobile speeder, was killed on the Atlanta track while taking a practice spin.

Melton Prior, the British war correspondent and artist, who saw service in twenty-four campaigns and revolutions, is dead.

Memorial services for the late Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver of Iowa were held in Washington in the Foundry Methodist church.

The Jewish quarters in Shiraz, the capital of the province of Fars, Persia, have been sacked by Khazgais. Eleven Jews were killed and 5,000 are destitute.

Mr. Bryan has been making some speeches in Speaker Cannon's Illinois district.

President Taft will be furnished election bulletins as he journeys from Cincinnati to Washington the night of November 8.

Three aviators made successful flights around the statue of liberty in New York harbor.

Fire at Alexandria, Egypt, destroyed several large cotton sheds and 6,000 bales of cotton. The loss was \$1,000,000.

Dispatches received at Duluth say that the steamer Langham was burned in Lake Superior, but that the crew was saved.

The negotiations by a syndicate to secure the controlling stock of the Cramp Shipbuilding company have been declared off.

The Northern Central railway stockholders have approved of a lease of their road to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for 999 years.

Nobles of the Mystic Shrine from all parts of the United States met in Philadelphia to celebrate the feast of Al Kalam, or Oriental thanksgiving.

George H. Ray, wealthy lumberman and banker, and former speaker of the Wisconsin assembly, died at La Crosse after a lingering illness.

John J. Smythe was sentenced to death in Norfolk, Va., for the murder of his wife. Bullets intended for Mrs. Smythe also killed a 12-year-old daughter.

Mrs. Edward H. Harriman has formally given to the Palisades park commission a deed to 10,000 acres of land in Rockland county for state park purposes.

The financial panic in China continues to spread, according to advices brought by the steamship Seattle Maru. Twenty-seven of Shanghai's foremost Chinese banks have closed.

Following an investigation begun in St. Louis the interstate commerce commission suspended until March 1 next the date of putting in effect the advance in the rates of transportation.

B. P. Conger of Detroit, son of the head of the United States weather bureau station there, was placed under arrest in Denver on the charge of forgery and working a confidence game.

The National City Evangelical union of the Methodist Episcopal church, holding its eighteenth annual convention in Pittsburg, elected Hanford Crawford of St. Louis as president.

John T. Marchand, for several years the personal representative of President Winchell of the Rock Island railroad, has been appointed an attorney of the Interstate Commerce commission.

Charles Webb Murphy, the president of the Chicago National League Baseball club, says he stands ready to give John T. Brush \$30,000 for Christy Mathewson, the star pitcher of the Giants.

After an illness of less than four days, George A. Rasmussen, an instructor in the Sioux City high school, died of infantile paralysis. He was the third adult to die in Iowa of that disease.

The hearing by the London criminal court of appeals of the appeal of Dr. Hawley H. Crippen, under sentence of death for the murder of his actress wife, Belle Elmore, was postponed to November 5.

Director Durand of the census bureau is preparing a public statement regarding alleged fraudulent census returns in Fort Smith, Ark., and Great Falls, Mont., which will be given out at an early date.

Asbury Spicer, who has figured conspicuously in the Breathitt county, Kentucky fends for many years, was given a life-sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of Nephew Asbury Fugate last spring.

Americans who land cars in England for a four months' tour or less will no longer be subject to the payment of a license fee, and those from whom fees may have been exacted since May 1 last are likely to have these amounts refunded.

Application was made to the superior court in Seattle by State Food Commissioner Davies for an order to destroy a ton of turkeys and five tons of smelts, salmon, crab and lobsters, received last May from a California firm to be placed in cold storage for the fall trade.

The supreme court of the United States declined to consider at this time the action of the Oklahoma federal court, which issued temporary injunctions against the enforcement of the 2-cent fare and various freight orders issued by state officials.

Personal.

General Allen laments the lack of aeroplanes for the army.

Many new names have been added to the Carnegie hero list.

In a speech at Cincinnati Congressman Longworth proclaimed himself a progressive.

President James of the University of Illinois complained that educational methods were lagging.

Robert Pettit, aged 48, a former National league baseball player, died at his home at Derby, Conn.

Six prominent Pacific coast men were indicted for an alleged attempt to steal Pacific coast lands.

New England capitalists will invest \$800,000 to \$900,000 in a fine goods cotton mill in Greenville, S. C.

Municipal elections throughout England and Wales show a considerable growth in the labor and socialist parties.

William Smith, a native of New York, famed as an impersonator of the character of Uncle Sam from his remarkable likeness to cartoons, died in a hospital in Tucson, Ariz., at the age of 91 years.

STATE'S CROP VALUE

LABOR BUREAU FIGURES IT AT \$220,000,000.

CORN INCREASE IS OVER 1909

The Value of This Crop in Nebraska for 1910 Placed at Nearly \$80,000,000.

"Despite the blue outlook in the spring, and especially during the middle of the summer season, Nebraska again comes to the front with big crops this year," said Deputy Labor Commissioner Maupin.

"We have just finished compiling the crop statistics, and we find that the nine principal agricultural crops this year total approximately \$220,000,000 in value.

"The corn crop of 1910 amounted to 178,823,128 bushels, an increase of 9,743,991 bushels over 1909. The value of this year's crop is \$87,877,346.

"The winter wheat yield this year was 80,617,535 bushels, a decrease from 1909 of 5,827,200 bushels. The value of this year's wheat crop is \$36,555,751.

"The spring wheat yield this year was 4,533,517 bushels, an increase of 664,652 bushels over 1909. The value of the spring wheat crop this year is \$4,079,968.

"The 1910 yield of wild and tame hay, not including alfalfa, was 2,111,394 tons, a decrease of 1,141,946 tons from 1909, which is easily explained by the unfavorable weather conditions during the season, when hay should be making its best growth. The increased price, however, more than compensates for the shorter crop, the value this year being \$37,336,728, or nearly \$8,000,000 more than last year.

"The alfalfa crop amounted to 1,863,681 tons, a decrease of 8,889 tons from last year. This year's alfalfa crop is worth \$28,256,215.

"This was Nebraska's banner oats year, the total yield being 71,502,877 bushels, worth \$17,989,696. Last year's oats crop amounted to 59,653,479 bushels.

"The rye crop amounted to 823,648 bushels, worth \$493,559.

"The barley crop amounted to 2,333,199 bushels, worth \$1,073,271.

"The potato crop this year is short, amounting to 3,330,198 bushels, worth \$1 a bushel now—and bound to go up.

"The sugar beet crop shows an increase of 120 per cent over 1909, the production this year amounting to 105,369 tons, worth \$526,854.

"There were 1,149,028 bushels of speltz, 154,018 tons of millet, 174,154 tons of sorghum cane and 18,042 tons of kafir corn.

"The department did not take the manufacturing statistics this year, having co-operated with the government census bureau and thus avoiding the duplication of the work. There are plenty of evidences at hand to show a healthy increase of production over the previous year, and it is safe to say that Nebraska's total manufacturing output during the last year is upwards of \$250,000,000.

"Live Stock Gratifying. The live stock figures for 1910 are gratifying. The total valuation for the year is \$174,983,950.

"During the period covered by the report just completed the grand total of Nebraska's output—grain, hay, live stock, butter, eggs, poultry, miscellaneous crops and manufactured products will approximate \$680,000,000. I do not believe the state has ever had a better year, taking everything as a whole."

One request from a Lincoln citizen to be appointed as a delegate to the lakes-to-the-gulf deep waterways convention, to be held in St. Louis on November 25 and 26, has been received by Mayor Love. The mayor is authorized to appoint ten delegates to attend the convention. This being the number to be sent from cities of between 20,000 and 50,000 population. C. H. Tedd of Elm Creek, Neb., has written the mayor that he would like to be appointed a delegate, but from the instructions received Mr. Love is of the opinion that he must appoint the delegates from Lincoln.

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GREAT CORN STATES.

Nebraska Stands Fourth in the Production.

Four states are in a class by themselves in producing corn this year, according to an analysis of the government's crop report for October, which has been subjected by the Bartlett-Frazier company to keen study. These four states are Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska, which rank in total production of corn in the order given. All of them have over 200,000,000 bushels of corn in the fields this year. Kansas, which is 18,000,000 below the 200,000,000 mark this year, is sixth in corn. Indiana is fifth with 193,000,000 bushels.

Indiana averages 37.98 per acre and Illinois has a flat 37. Iowa is 34.6, Missouri is 31 and Nebraska is 25.3. Kansas is only 20.5.

Increased Production. Grain dealers say that the report is right when it declares that increased production, the whole country considered, and decreased consumption in cattle-feeding uses—means that a low price level is inevitable.

On this subject the Bartlett-Frazier report says: "In four years out of the five preceding this consumption was practically the same, the fluctuations in supply being equalized by corresponding increases or decreases in final stocks carried over. The exception was in the year 1906-07, when something like 250,000,000 bushels more was used than during the other years under review. The records show that this increase in distribution was stimulated by the low range of corn prices. May corn in Chicago ranging between 42 and 50 cents during practically the life of the delivery, the greater part of the time under 45 cents. During the last three years actual consumption was less by about 250,000,000 bushels each year, and coincident with this shortened consumption it may be noted that similar range of the May option was around 60 cents or more."

Woman's Club Meeting. The delegates to the state meeting of woman's clubs returned from Tecumseh, bringing enthusiastic reports of the hospitality received. Two Lincoln women were re-elected to places on the executive board. Mrs. H. M. Bushnell was chosen to serve another term as general federation secretary and Mrs. H. C. Lindsay of Lincoln was re-elected as vice president for the first district. The complete new board follows: President, Mrs. T. J. Gist, Falls City; vice president, Mrs. Margaret Stewart, Tecumseh; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. R. Cani, Stella; recording secretary, Mrs. Maybelle Corbett, Atkinson.

Information is Wanted. City Clerk Ozman, secretary of the league of Nebraska municipalities, has written the members of the league to find out their attitude on certain questions, among them being a proposed law which would exempt municipal bonds from taxation. Also whether or not it is believed that there should be modifications in the laws regulating the expenditures of the county commissioners of moneys received in the road fund, so that a part of such money may be used on the streets of the cities within the limits of the cities.

Declined the Position. W. J. Furse, secretary to Governor Shallenberger, declined the appointment of railway commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of W. H. Cowgill. Governor Shallenberger offered the place to Mr. Furse and it was declined because the secretary has made other arrangements which will keep him busy until after the first of the year.

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A DAY FOR THANKS

PEACE AND PLENTY ADMONISH US OF OUR DUTY.

PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

Chief Executive Dwells Upon Country's Growth, Good Crops and Other Causes for Thanks.

Washington.—The vigorous growth and progress of the country as reflected by the records of population and harvests and the general conditions of international peace are things for which thanksgiving is principally due for the year 1910, according to the annual Thanksgiving day proclamation issued by President Taft. The proclamation is as follows:

"This year of 1910 is drawing to a close. The records of population and harvests which are the index of progress show vigorous national growth and the health and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout this land and in our possessions beyond the seas. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God.

"We continue to be at peace with the rest of the world. In all essential matters our relations with other people are harmonious, with an ever-growing reality of friendliness and depth of recognition of mutual dependence. It is especially to be noted that during the last year great progress has been achieved in the cause of arbitration and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

"Until now therefore, I, William Howard Taft, president of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the civil magistrate since the first settlements in this land and with the rule established from the foundation of this government, do appoint Thursday, November 24, 1910, as day of national thanksgiving and prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to him for all His goodness and loving kindness.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this fifth day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the Independence of the United States, the one hundred and thirty-fifth. By the president.

"WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT. ALVIE A. ADEE, Acting Secretary of State."

PENSION RATE INCREASES. Number on Rolls Decreases by Twenty-Five Thousand.

Washington.—While the number of pensioners on the rolls of the United States decreased during the last fiscal year by more than 25,000, the average annual value of each pension at the close of the year was slightly more than \$2 greater than a year previously when it was \$169.82, according to the annual report of James L. Davenport, commissioner of pensions. Of the 921,083 pensioners on the rolls at the close of the last year, 89,828, or nearly 10 per cent, reside in Pennsylvania. Ohio was only 600 behind, followed in order by New York, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Massachusetts and Michigan. Nevada is lowest with only 453 pensioners.

THE EMPIRE STATE. Both Parties Are Claiming About 1,000,000 Majority.

New York.—Notwithstanding the oft-repeated assertion that arguments advanced in the closing hours of the campaign have little influence on the vote, the Sunday before election day found both party candidates humming with activity.

The republican candidate for governor gave out a last appeal to voters, summarizing the speeches he has scattered from the great lakes to the sound. The democratic candidate gave out two counter statements—one brief reply from his home at Thomson, and another issued from democratic state headquarters here. Both parties claim the state by 100,000 majority.

Drops Dead in Pulpit. Santa Clara, Cal.—The Rev. H. H. Clapham fell dead in his pulpit in the Episcopal church here Sunday morning while reading a psalm to his congregation.

Senator Taken Ill. Bowling Green, Ky.—United States Senator W. C. Bradley entered a hospital here and while his condition is not thought critical, he will be unable to travel for several days.

Mrs. Crippen Near Chicago. Philadelphia.—Belle Elmore Crippen, for whose death Dr. Harvey Crippen is to be hanged on Tuesday in London, is declared to be alive in this country by Francis Tracy Tobin, a lawyer in this city, according to an interview which the Philadelphia Press will publish on Monday. Mr. Tobin declares he "has received letters from those who have seen her" and says he knows "that she is living and in hiding in this country, not a great ways from Chicago."

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Sections.

Agitation is on at Hastings for building a first-class hotel.

Word was received in Nebraska City of the death of Mrs. Herman Fass at Minneapolis, Minn., where she has been for some time for her health.

T. J. Current, of Hildreth, lost his automobile by fire.