

EPITOME OF EVENTS

GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES FRESH FROM THE WIRE.

THE STORY IN A NUTSHELL

Embracing a Condensation of Events in Which Readers Generally Are More or Less Concerned.

Washington.

The attempt of about fourteen railroads operating between the Mississippi and Missouri rivers to resume advances in rates already condemned from Washington was thwarted by a suspension order announced by the interstate commerce commission.

The congressional investigation of the whole question of Indian council contracts has been shifted from the west to Washington. Representative Burk of South Dakota, chairman of the special committee, appointed for this inquiry, arrived here. Several of the other members will come in a few days.

The beginning of November has brought an improved condition of government finances. The month shows a surplus of more than \$700,000, as against a deficit of \$2,500,000 a year ago. The total receipts to date are nearly \$7,000,000 ahead of a year ago and the disbursements are nearly \$4,000,000.

Contemplating the adoption of some of this government's improved census-taking methods in connection with its next census, the Canadian government has sent to Washington E. S. McPhail, of the census bureau of Canada, to consult with Director Durand regarding the operations of the American census bureau.

Pensions for all employees of national banks and protection for their families in case of death has been proposed to the treasury department by the large mutual life insurance companies. Several reports of the companies headed by W. C. Beers of New York, had a conference Friday with the comptroller of the currency regarding the legality of the plan.

Foreign.

Mexicans at the town of Sayula have tendered their services in the event of war with the United States.

The Australian commonwealth decided not to accept the Canadian government's proposal to renew the Vancouver and Australia mail service with calls at Auckland and Sidney only.

Morocco has agreed to pay Spain \$13,000,000 indemnity as demanded by the latter government following the successful Spanish campaign against the Riff tribesmen in the summer of 1909.

The marriage of Prince Victor Napoleon Bonaparte, cousin of King Victor Emmanuel and pretender to the throne of France, and Princess Clementine, daughter of the late King Leopold of Belgium, took place at Montcalieri, near Paris.

General.

Funeral services for United States Senator A. S. Clay were held at Marietta, Ga.

Socialism was denounced at the meeting of the Catholic federation at New Orleans.

The men who incited anti-American riots at Leon, Nicaragua, have been expelled from the country.

William Phillips, secretary of the American embassy in London, underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Ralph Johnstone was instantly killed when his aeroplane went wrong at Denver and plunged 500 feet to earth.

The Iowa anti-saloon league filed injunction suits against eleven saloons in Keokuk, alleging violation of the Mullet law.

E. J. Byrne, thirteen years old, died at Milford, Mass., of injuries received in a football scrimmage three months ago.

Several hundred women attended the opening of the women's national missionary golden jubilee celebration at Cincinnati.

Joel Francis Freeman, aged seventy-four, formerly secretary of the Standard oil company, died at his home in Orange, N. J.

Governor Brown of Georgia announces the appointment of former Governor G. M. Terrell as United States senator to succeed the late Senator A. S. Clay, deceased.

Six persons were killed and twenty-six injured in a wreck at Kalamazoo, Mich.

The Illinois state tax commission has fixed the rate of state taxes for next year at 30 cents on each \$100 of assessed property valuation.

National banks of the country must soon make a showing of their condition.

Pinchot asks the president for leave to file a brief concerning the Cunningham claims.

Memphis, Tenn., has a population of 131,105 according to the statistics of the thirteenth census.

Because it was fined for infraction of law, the window glass trust has retaliated by reducing wages.

Demand for tariff revision will be made to the coming session of congress by the knights of labor.

All contests for the patenting of lands in the oil country of California are being held up by the government.

Doctors at their Baltimore meeting scored medical schools for their failure to train students on care of infants.

Charles W. Armour believes high prices have reached their climax, and from now on will be on the down grade.

The supreme court of the United States has adjourned for its Thanksgiving recess. It will reconvene November 25.

Latest returns from the Nebraska election show that Wait, republican, for secretary of state, will have about 350 majority.

The Nobel prize committee has awarded the prize for literature for 1910 to Paul Johann Ludvig Heyse, the German poet and novelist.

The successful campaign of Eugene N. Foss, the democratic candidate for governor of Massachusetts cost him \$37,000, according to his sworn return.

Prof. W. T. St. Claire, one of the best known educators of the middle west and former principal of a high school in Louisville, Ky., committed suicide.

Not having sufficient feed to last their sheep throughout the winter many Montana ranchers are selling their stock to ranchmen in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

The New York state department of health is seeking the co-operation of various railroads operating in the state in abolishing the common drinking cup from trains and railroad stations.

Complete returns indicate that the Wyoming legislature will be republican by a majority of eleven on joint ballot, insuring the return of Senator C. D. Clark to the United States senate.

Governor B. F. Carroll announced the appointment of Lafayette Young, editor and publisher of the Des Moines Capital, to be United States senator, succeeding the late Senator Dolliver.

Exports out of this country in October were larger than in any previous month in the history of the United States while imports were about \$4,000,000 less than in the same month last year.

Five hundred pounds more of documentary evidence records of the Chicago & Western Illinois railroad were brought into court to aid the government in its suit against the Standard Oil company of Indiana.

As the result of a letter to the Navy department, which is regarded by officials as insubordinate in tone, Major H. C. Davis who is in command of the marine guard at Guam, has been ordered home.

Belated returns on Tuesday's election continue to increase the plurality of James H. Hawley, democratic candidate for governor of Idaho. It is now estimated he will lead Governor Brady about 1,000 votes.

Long and short haul problems involved in the fourth section of the amended law for the regulation of interstate commerce will be discussed at a conference at the interstate commerce commission headquarters in Washington on November 28.

A letter was made public from Woodrow Wilson, governor-elect of New Jersey, in which he said he had decided to resign as professor of politics and jurisprudence in Princeton university, thereby severing all connection with the teaching body of the institution.

Census Director Durand has been having more trouble of late than any officer of the government. Census directors always have trouble and always expect it. Aspiring communities of the urban sort are seldom satisfied with the result of the federal enumeration of population.

British naval men gave their American visitors a cordial welcome.

Henry M. Hoyt, counsellor of the department of state, is seriously ill.

King George, of England, is taking his first plunge in the political pool. Gov. Saunders, of Louisiana, will call an extra session of the legislature.

Mayor Gaynor of New York has kept his promise and is shaking up the police force.

Col. Roosevelt has dropped politics for the present and is talking about his African hunt.

Fifty-one counties give Hitchcock 114,412, and Burkett 94,999 for senator from Nebraska.

President Taft gave Gifford Pinchot permission to file his brief in the Alaska land case controversy.

Dr. Wiley says the reduction in meat is a plot by the packers, and prices will soon go soaring again.

Governor-elect John A. Dix spent \$4,372.32 in aid of his campaign, according to a statement of election expenses.

LEGISLATIVE ROLLS

LIST OF MEMBERS OF HOUSE AND SENATE.

THE NAME AND RESIDENCE

Senate Has 19 Democrats and 14 Republicans, the House Standing 64 Democrats and 46 Republicans.

Table listing members of the Senate with names and residences.

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Blue prints of the floors of both the house and senate have been prepared and members of the next legislature are being assigned seats as rapidly as their requests come in.

Pardoned by the Governor.

James Reed, who killed Della Haynes, a woman of the under world, at Omaha several years ago, has been pardoned by Governor Shallenberger.

Beet Sugar Industry.

W. M. Gifford, receiver of the federal land office, has returned from a trip through western Nebraska, during which he visited at Scott's Bluff. Mr. Gifford was surprised at the extent of the beet sugar industry which is being developed in the territory around Scott's Bluff.

Amendment Defeated.

The proposed constitutional amendment submitted at the election that would have withheld the franchise from new arrivals from foreign lands until after five years' residence seems to have been defeated.

Judge Munger Going Away.

Judge W. H. Munger will leave about the first of December for St. Louis, where he will sit with the circuit court of appeals until the holidays. There are sixty-two cases set for hearing and it is probable that about fifty of them will be heard.

THE NEBRASKA VOTE.

Complete Returns From Most Counties on Governorship.

Complete returns from eighty-nine counties, and partial returns from one on governor, show:

Table showing election results for Governorship by county.

Totals — 119,873 106,572 118,449 126,578

Complete returns on senator from 65 counties show Burkett to have 94,999, and Wait has 106,509, and Hayden 106,509. For secretary of state in 83 counties Wait has 104,292, and Pool 104,194.

Good Roads Legislation.

State Senator G. W. Fuller, of Seward, is in favor of some good roads legislation this winter. He says, however, that he does not believe the farmers will support any measure that tries to make a few trunk roads or main roads to start with and leave other roads to take care of themselves.

The Vote in Lancaster.

The compilation of the official vote in Lancaster county shows that Chester H. Aldrich received a majority of 2,180 votes and that the rest of the republican ticket came within a hundred votes of this majority.

Senator Burkett.

Senator E. J. Burkett has gone for a ten days' lecture tour. He will speak in Iowa first and later in Pennsylvania. From his last engagement he will go to Washington to sit in the senate.

Equipment for Guard.

Adjutant General Hartigan has received a letter from the War department telling him that he can, by complying with certain conditions, secure field material without cost to the state.

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DEATH OF TOLSTOI

NOTED AUTHOR'S ILLNESS RESULTS FATALLY.

DIES OF HEART FAILURE

Repeated Attacks Give Several Hours' Warning that the End Was not Far Off.

Astapova, Russia.—Count Leo Tolstoi died peacefully here Sunday Mr. Makovsky and the other attending physicians and Countess Tolstoi were at his bedside when the end came.

It was recognized long before that his case was hopeless and at 5 o'clock in the morning, after the countess had been summoned and other members of the family had gathered in an adjoining room, the physicians issued a bulletin announcing that the activity of the heart had almost ceased and that Tolstoi's condition was extremely dangerous.

Several of the physicians were greatly overcome by the approaching death of Russia's great writer.

Tolstoi, accompanied only by Dr. Makovsky, left his home at Yasnya Poliana with the purpose of ending his days in solitude to which he more and more inclined in his later years. His pilgrimage led him to the monastery at Shamardine in the province of Kaigula, where he remained as the guest of his sister Marie, who is a nun in the cloister.

Learning that his retreat had been discovered he insisted upon proceeding on his journey to the Caucasus, where he hoped to spend his last days close to the Tolstoin colony on the shores of the Black sea. But on the railroad journey he was overcome with exhaustion and the cold and Dr. Makovsky was compelled to have him transferred to the flag station at Astapova, where he was made as comfortable as possible in the rude wooden building. For five days he had lain there suffering first from bronchitis and later from inflammation of the lungs.

Specialists had been called but despite their utmost efforts the heart of the great Russian responded but feebly to the restoratives and stimulants administered.

On Saturday the attacks of heart failure increased alarmingly and many hours prior to the end the physicians had given up all hopes. Countess Tolstoi was admitted to the sick room for the first time last night, but her husband failed to recognize her.

She had hastened to be beside him when she learned several days ago that his illness was serious, but the physicians had deemed it advisable that she be kept away from the count, fearing that her presence might cause the patient emotion.

Other members of the family were from time to time admitted to the presence of their father and his daughter, Alexandria, has been in constant attendance.

Physicians in attendance said that Tolstoi was a splendid patient in mind and body, except the heart.

During one of the heart attacks Tolstoi was alone with his eldest daughter, Tatina. He suddenly clutched her hand and drew her to him. He seemed to be choking, but was able to whisper, "Now the end has come; that is all."

Tolstoi left a written note that he be buried without pomp, wreathes or rites under "Poverty Oak" on a hilllock at Yasnya Poliana, where he played as a child and where the peasants were accustomed to congregate. The funeral will be held on Tuesday.

MR. MOODY'S PLACE.

Senator Carter May Become Member of Supreme Court.

Helena, Mont.—Friends of United States Senator Thomas H. Carter, who was defeated for re-election at the recent election, said tonight that the senator has been tendered an appointment as a member of the supreme court to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Associate Justice Moody. Senator Carter left hurriedly for Washington.

Johnstone's Funeral Held.

Kansas City, Mo.—Funeral services were held here Sunday for Ralph Johnstone, the aviator who plunged to death during a spectacular flight at Denver Thursday afternoon.

Retracing Northwest Passage.

Seattle, Wash.—Joe Bernard, a Newfoundland navigator, is heading eastward from Point Barrow, Alaska, in his fifteen-ton gasoline schooner Teddy Bear, in his effort to retrace the route followed by Captain Raold Amundsen four years ago when he discovered the northwest passage.

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NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest From Various Sections.

Captain J. N. Cassell, one of Hamilton county's wealthy land owners, received from some alfalfa land, \$50 an acre this season; \$30 of this came from seed and \$20 from hay.

The safe in the bank at Cushing, on the Burlington railroad, nine miles northeast of St. Paul, was blown up and robbed of about \$3,000. The robbers escaped with a stolen team.

The university board of regents has decided to ask of the legislature funds for the construction of buildings for the university proper, the school of agriculture, and the Omaha medical college.

Several burglaries have recently been committed in the village of Johnson and for a while no clue to the same could be found. Now a number of boys have been arrested charged with these operations.

Leo Mathews, chief clerk in the governor's office until he was promoted to the private secretaryship, is a candidate for chief clerk of the house. Henry Richmond announced his candidacy several days ago.

Albert Looper, a farmer of Gage county, indicted some time ago by the grand jury on the charge of selling liquor illegally pleaded guilty in the district court on three counts and was fined \$100 on each count.

The attempt of Paul Steufer and others to obtain an injunction restraining the West Point Milling company from maintaining a dam at West Point has failed, the supreme court affirming the decision of the lower court.

Congressman Hineshaw has received word from the treasury department at Washington advising him that the contract for Fairbury's federal building has been let to D. J. Phipps of Norfolk, Va., the contract price being \$56,520.

The Grand Island college board of trustees will have a meeting to consult as to the plans for raising \$100,000 for the local institution. It is expected that if the full amount is raised Andrew Carnegie will donate \$20,000.

Business men and citizens of Geneva joined in a demonstration in honor of Charles H. Sloan, congressman-elect from the Fourth district. The Geneva band, the local company of state militia and the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic formed in a procession with 500 citizens following and marched to Mr. Sloan's home, where speeches were made.

The county commissioners of Cheyenne county appointed Henry E. Gagen county judge, succeeding James Tucker, deceased. Notwithstanding a large number of applications for the position, the appointment came to Mr. Gagen entirely un-solicited on his part. Mr. Gagen is a prominent lawyer of western Nebraska, and served as county attorney for nearly ten years.

A contest has arisen at Los Angeles, Cal., over the estate of the late Joseph C. Ellick, a former business man of Fremont, who was killed by robbers near the east coast of Mexico. Ellick left an estate consisting of mining stocks that may have considerable value. His divorced wife under a will is made the beneficiary. The contest has been entered by a sister, Mrs. Herb Beede, formerly of Fremont.

Old settlers in Phelps county were mystified as to how a notorious horse thief escaped from his handcuffs over twenty-seven years ago following a jail delivery in Buffalo county. They were given some light on the matter when John Johnson discovered the handcuffs on his farm northeast of Overton. He was digging post holes, when his auger struck an object through which his implement would not bore. Upon investigation he unearthed a pair of handcuffs, which had evidently been in the ground a long time.

The late Alfred E. Hargreaves was one of the heavily insured men of Lincoln, carrying \$55,000. The large amount held by Mr. Hargreaves calls attention to the fact that a number of the business and professional men of Lincoln carry big life insurance.

Excellent prospects exist for the forthcoming Cuming county corn show which will be held in January. The soliciting committee has secured liberal donations of money and merchandise, amply sufficient to insure a most successful meeting.

To replace their 500,000-bushel storage house which was destroyed in the big fire at Holdrege, last March, the Central Granaries company has begun the erection of a modern elevator in which will be combined both their local and terminal houses.

George Vinson, aged 29, with suicidal intent, took two ounces of a mixture of carbolic acid, corrosive sublimate and wood alcohol and died several hours later at a hospital at Grand Island, to which he was removed when his condition was discovered. He was a Union Pacific switchman. He was married and had trouble with his wife.

York county voted for a continuance of township organization instead of the commissioner system in a very decided manner, the vote being 2,292 for the supervisor system as against 430 for the commissioner system.

A fire in the town of Ames destroyed property and grain of the value of \$75,000. The large cattle barn formerly owned by the Standard Cattle company, but now the property of Johnson & Graham, was totally destroyed. The elevator containing 30,000 bushels of grain was a part of the fire loss.