

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.

To enable John Hays Hammond to carry out his commission as special ambassador of the United States at the coronation of King George, Judge Barnard Thomas, of the district court, ordered the postponement until November of further proceedings in the case of John D. Sully against Mrs. Hammond.

The proposed treaty of arbitration by the United States and Great Britain, upon which rests the hope of the English-speaking peoples for a permanent peace between the two nations and which probably will be a model for peace pacts with other nations, has reached the stage where it is to be presented to the British government for approval.

Governor Shafroth, of Colorado, is in Washington to protest to the president and the war department against the abolition of the department of the Colorado, with headquarters in Denver. Even should the heads of the department be maintained at Denver under the new scheme of organization it would mean an office force of only seven men, it was explained.

The monetary commission has expanded between June 5, 1909, and March 31, 1911, \$207,130, according to figures submitted to congress by Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh in response to a house resolution. Former Senator Teller and Former Representative Bonyong of Colorado, on the commission since its creation have drawn in salaries \$15,562 each.

Seventy-seven mail bags filled with invitations to the public to bid for Uncle Sam's new bonds left Washington. Every one of the 23,000 national banks, state banks and trust companies of which the treasury has record will receive one of the official circulars and bidding slips. The man who wants to lend \$100, \$500, \$5,000 or more to the government at 3 per cent interest can learn all the particulars by dropping around to see his banker.

General.

People of modest means are able to buy Panama canal bonds.

Hermosillo, Mexico, was evacuated by the federals without a battle.

It is given out officially that Diaz will resign before the end of the month.

The house ways and means committee is still debating the question of free wool.

Foreign diplomats at Mexico City have taken steps to safeguard residents.

President Taft sent the report of the tariff board on paper-making to the senate.

The Prussian diet passed the second reading of the government's bill legalizing cremation.

Earnings of express companies are being scrutinized by the interstate commerce commission.

The Pennsylvania forest fires, checked last week by rain, have begun to burn with renewed vigor.

The jail sentences of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison was declared by the supreme court to be illegal.

Attorney General Wickersham brought suit at New York for the dissolution of the alleged lumber trust.

The general synod of the Reformed church of the United States elected r. James I. Good of Dayton, O., president.

President Taft formally nominated to the senate Henry L. Stimson, of New York, to be secretary of war, and C. B. Millington, of Herkimer, to be assistant treasurer of the United States at New York.

President Taft withdrew from all forms of disposition 2,550 acres of land in Wyoming to be reserved for examination and classification with respect to their coal value.

A resolution urging Philippine neutrality on the ground that the people of the islands are being exploited by non-resident grabbers, was introduced in the house.

The navy department made public the names of the lucky 88 out of a class of 185 midshipmen who graduated from the naval academy in 1909, who, after two years' sea service have managed to pass the examinations that will entitle them to commissions as ensigns.

Thomas Davis was executed in the Nebraska penitentiary for murder.

Prof. Heberd of the mathematical department of the Newton (Mass.) Technical High school makes his pupils figure baseball batting and fielding averages to teach them mathematics.

The recall provision of the Arizona constitution, to which President Taft objects, was discussed in the house at Washington.

Colonel Henry O. Seixas, a widely known financier and a director in many prominent industrial corporations, committed suicide in New York.

Mexican rebels effected the capture of many towns in the state of Sinaloa.

A reign of riot and pillage followed the capture of the town of Pachuca by Mexican rebels.

Secretary MacVeagh has asked bids on an issue of fifty million dollars Panama canal bonds.

Excesses on the part of irresponsible Mexican rebels are expected with the declaration of peace.

It is said reciprocity has made Taft popular in the cities, but farmers are yelling "bloody murder."

If peace fails in Mexico the investment of the capital city and Chihuahua will start immediately.

An amendment by Senator Root to the reciprocity agreement was opposed as likely to be fatal.

Assurance was given that the Standard Oil company will obey the mandate of the supreme court.

There was generous criticism, along with praise, of the supreme court decision in the Standard Oil case.

Mrs. John O. Fox of Glenwood, Ia., was burned to death as she was attempting to kindle a fire with kerosene.

Henry L. Stimson of New York was confirmed by the senate to be secretary of war to succeed Jacob M. Dickinson.

Ernest Hebleb of Philadelphia, killed himself rather than yield to the insistence of his friends that he join a labor union.

The supreme court decision in the Standard Oil case generally had been discounted at Paris and it did not affect the bourse.

The resolution for the federal income tax amendment was concurred in by the senate. It has already passed the house.

Every one that has money can get a chance to bid for the new Panama bonds. They draw 3 per cent interest.

Congressman Longworth says that at birth a man has his choice between a bald head and brains. His own choice, he says, is apparent.

Mrs. Olive Apperson, of Kokomo, Ind., wife of Elmer Apperson, automobile manufacturer, demanded \$200,000 alimony in her suit for divorce.

The Wisconsin house passed the James woman suffrage bill, which contains a clause calling for state referendum, before it goes into effect.

W. R. Greene of Audubon, Ia., has been nominated by the Ninth congressional district convention to succeed Former Congressman Walter L. Smith.

At Sydney, N. S. W., Bill Lang won his fight with Jack Lester, Tommy Burns' protegee, in the sixth round. Lester broke one of his wrists and was practically defenseless.

Daniel O'Reilly, former assistant district attorney and later attorney for Evelyn Thaw in her sensational suits, pleaded not guilty to a charge of receiving stolen property.

Announcement was made by the incorporators of the national McKinley birthplace association that Joseph G. Butley, Jr., Youngtown, O., was elected president.

Four and one-half hours will be cut from the Chicago-Son Francisco time of the Union Pacific-Southern Pacific overland limited enabling the train to make this trip in 68 hours instead of 72 1/2 as heretofore.

An eight-day aeroplane meet surpassing in value of award, in variety of features and in number of entrants any meet yet given in the United States will be held in Grant Park, Chicago, beginning on August 1.

At Wilmington, Del., to prove that the new \$2,000,000 office building of the Dupont Powder company is fireproof, fires will be started simultaneously in several rooms and no attempt will be made to extinguish them.

Only 88 of the 155 members of the naval academy's class of 1909 passed their recent final examinations after the customary two years' cruise and will be commissioned ensigns in the navy June 5.

Postmaster General Hitchcock announced the designation of forty-seven additional postal savings banks, making a total of 176 since January 3.

At Cambridge, Mass., Mayor Barry has made arrangements with the Harvard Athletic association to allow the fifty pupils in the local schools with the best grades free admission to Harvard's baseball games.

After eight years in an Arctic ice pack, a message dispatched by balloon from the headquarters of the Baldwin-Zeigler expedition in Franz Josef land in 1902 is now in the hands of the original sender, Evelyn Briggs Baldwin.

Railroads operating in central passenger association territory, including the states of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, are permitted, by an order issued by the interstate commerce commission, to exact higher passenger fares for interstate than for intrastate business where state legislatures or state commissions have established a two-cent-a-mile rate.

Personal.

Democrats of the house had quite a set-to over the rules committee's powers.

The contempt charges against Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell may be revived.

London is filling up with visitors for the coronation festivities.

Hot weather is causing congress to consider taking an adjournment.

Vice President Corral says the resignation of Diaz will bring no lasting peace to Mexico.

The Washington Times thinks Norris Brown will have a hard fight to retain his seat in the senate.

Mr. Bryan says the Standard oil decision is likely to revive the whole trust question.

Emperor Menelik's grandson, Prince Lidji Jeasu has been proclaimed emperor of Abyssinia.

BOOSTING IN VALUES

ACTION OF THE NORTHWESTERN IN VILLAGES AND TOWNS.

AS TO THE TERMINAL TAX LAW

Object of Railroad in Putting Up Values.—Other Matters at the State Capital.

In its report to the State Board of Assessment the Northwestern railroad has boosted its values of property situated in cities, villages and towns. The reports filed by the board deal with property to be assessed under the terminal or local tax law, all of which is subject to valuation for the purposes of local taxation. The local boards value the property for purposes of local taxation, while the state board values it for purposes of state taxation.

The terminal or local railroad tax law was originated in Nebraska by H. T. Clarke, Jr., who is now a member of the state railway commission. When he introduced a bill for the local taxation of railroad property he was a member of the house of representatives and lived in Omaha. The people of Omaha were very desirous of such a law because in Omaha there is situated large and valuable terminals which had theretofore escaped local taxation because they were taxed for state purposes.

Soon after the terminal tax law went into effect the Northwestern Railroad company began to report the value of its property far beyond the values placed upon it by assessors. Now another jump is made by the reports of the company, in many cases the increase being from one-third to one-half the former value. When this increase was first commenced by the railroad company it attracted a great deal of attention and was combatted by other railroad companies in an indirect way. Now that some of the company's property is reported to the state board at double the former value, the suspicion is aroused that the company had more foresight than other railroad companies in preparing for the time when the state railway commission will place a value on all of the physical property of railroad companies in this state.

The state board of assessment did little or nothing when the Northwestern road first began to report increased values for the purposes of local assessment, but now that railroad rates may be based on physical valuation the board may take notice. It is generally understood that any railroad company is willing to pay increased taxes if it can gain the privilege of charging rates in accordance with property values.

Verdict Cut Down.

A verdict for \$25,000 for the loss of a life in a railroad accident, has been cut to \$15,000 by Judge Frost of the district court. The judgment was in favor of Lizzie L. Wright, administratrix of the estate of Otto Wright, the latter having been an engineer in the employ of the Rock Island road. He was killed in a wreck and the widow brought suit for \$25,000. She was given a verdict for the full amount and the company filed a motion for a new trial. Judge Frost ruled that if a remittitur for \$10,000 should be filed, within ten days, the motion would be overruled; otherwise it would be sustained.

Charged With Taking Fish.

Chief Game Warden Miller has ordered the arrest of Herman Lease of Norfolk for stealing fish. The real charge is taking fish unlawfully from public waters.

Two Officers Go to Texas.

Lieutenant Colonel W. Edmund Baehr of the First regiment, Nebraska National Guard, of Omaha, and Captain Roy E. Olmstead, commander of Company A, First regiment, of York, have been assigned by Adjutant General Phelps to attend the army maneuvers at San Antonio, Tex., for two weeks. The two officers are to report for duty at San Antonio on May 27.

State Pays for Permit.

The state of Nebraska refused to pay for a building permit or to take one out in Omaha a year ago when the new building at the school for the deaf was built. The engineering department of Omaha raised considerable of a rumpus about the matter but the state stood pat and refused to take out a permit. Last week, however, a permit was taken out in the city of Lincoln for a cement garage to be constructed on the grounds of the executive mansion to house the governor's new automobile, and the state paid 50 cents fee for this permit.

Senior "Sneak Day."

The senior class of the state university celebrated the annual senior "Sneak Day" and journeyed to Millford, the usual place for holding the celebration. Only the chancellor and members of the faculty were advised as to the day set apart, except the seniors themselves. Various forms of outdoor entertainment had been planned by the committee in charge, such as baseball, races and other events. Besides the sports, the seniors visited the Old Soldiers' Home at Millford.

FOR STATE BANKERS.

Board Prepares to Enforce Guaranty Law.

Secretary E. Royse, of the state banking board has sent out blanks asking state banks to report to him the average amount of daily deposits for six months ending May 31, exclusive of public moneys, so that he may compute the amount of the assessment to be levied against each bank for the depositors' guaranty fund. This is to remain in the banks but is subject to payment on demand of the banking board. Here is the letter:

Lincoln, Neb., May 15, 1911.—To the Cashier: I enclose herewith two blank forms upon which to make a statement of the average daily deposits of your bank for the six months ending May 31, 1911, exclusive of public moneys otherwise secured. See section 45 of the banking act. These statements must be signed and sworn to by the president, vice president or cashier, and both forwarded to this office not later than June 2, 1911, one of which will be returned showing the amount of the assessment levied against your bank, which amount shall be set apart, kept and maintained in the bank to the credit of a fund or account designated as a "Depositors Guaranty Fund," payable to the state banking board on demand. See section 46 of the banking act.

Where a bank does not have a sufficient amount of net earnings to meet its assessment the shareholders must be assessed in proportion to their stock holdings, as the capital or surplus should not be reduced for that purpose.

With notices to the banks of the amount of this assessment will be sent blanks upon which to make a report of their condition, as required by section 15 of the banking act. Upon receipt and examination thereof by the state banking board, certificates provided for in said section will be issued to such banks as the board is satisfied meet the requirements of the depositors guaranty law. Certificates will be withheld in all cases where the condition of the bank is such as to imperil the integrity of the guaranty fund. Banks must be solvent beyond question before given a certificate. Very respectfully,

E. ROYSE,

Secretary State Banking Board.

Rock Island Engineers Appear.

Chief Engineer J. B. Berry, of the Rock Island railroad, accompanied by Assistant C. Sattley, appeared before the state railway commission a few days ago to try to induce the commission to increase the valuation of the physical property of the Rock Island in Nebraska from \$10,723,372 to \$13,131,186, the latter being the valuation as found by the company and the former being the valuation as determined by the physical valuation department of the railway commission.

Lincoln Traction Company.

The assessment schedule of the Lincoln Traction company has been filed in the office of County Assessor Miller and is the first return from any of the big corporations. The company places a total valuation on its property of \$1,455,297.52, which is \$589,352.48 less than that fixed by the board of equalization last year. The total for 1910 was \$2,044,650.

Grants Application.

The state railway commission has granted the application of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad to withdraw its rule under which the road absorbs switching charges on non-competitive business.

First in the Race.

Judge Francis Hamer, of Kearney, is the first formal entry in the judicial handicap to be determined by party in the August primary ballot as a candidate for judge of the supreme court on the republican ticket.

Death of Judge Pond.

Judge S. P. Pond, a Nebraska pioneer and a leading member of the Nebraska bar, died at his home here. He was 78 years old.

Charges Embezzlement.

Fred A. Corbin, postmaster at Reynolds, appeared before United States Commissioner Marlay to answer to a charge of embezzling money orders amounting to \$2,664. He gave bond for \$2,500 and was bound over to the federal grand jury.

Requisition by the Governor.

Governor Aldrich has issued a requisition for the return of George Wallace to Holt county on the charge of obtaining \$400 on a forged check. Wallace is reported to be in Denver.

W. A. Sizer on Board.

W. A. Sizer, son of Postmaster Edward Sizer, of this city, and for many years a resident of Lincoln, has been appointed a member of the Wyoming state board of immigration by Governor Carey of that state.

Bookkeeper Consults Governor.

T. E. Stewart, who was bookkeeper of the state school for the feeble minded youth at Beatrice under the Roe administration and who is alleged to have been responsible for the shortage of \$1,300 which occurred there, visited Governor Aldrich. After a consultation it was announced that the bookkeeper would pay the shortage in full as indicated by the report of the state accountant on the books of that institution. Stewart says he does not know how the shortage on his books occurred.

DISASTER IN FRANCE

MINISTER OF WAR KILLED BY A MONOPLANE.

SEVERAL ALSO ARE WOUNDED

Accident Occurs When Machine Plunges into Group Gathered to Witness the Start.

Paris.—France paid a terrible toll Sunday for its magnificent endeavor to attain supremacy of the air when a monoplane, the driver of which had lost control, plunged into a group of members of the cabinet, who had gathered to witness the start of the race from Paris to Madrid, killing the minister of war and injuring the prime minister, his son and a well known sportsman.

The dead: Henri Maurice Berteaux, minister of war.

The injured: Antoine Emmanuel Ernest Monis, premier and minister of the interior, Antoine Monis, son of the premier, Henri Detusch de la Mourthe, the aged patron of aeronautics, automobile and other sports.

A large number of the other persons of note had narrow escapes from injury.

The accident occurred on the aviation field at Issy les Molineux, where 200,000 persons had gathered to see the start of the race.

Mr. Train was piloting the monoplane. With him in the car was M. Bounier, a passenger. Neither of these men was injured. The machine was wrecked.

Minister of War Berteaux was horribly mangled. The swiftly revolving propeller cut off his left arm, which was found ten feet away from the spot where he was struck, the back of his head was crushed in, his throat gashed and the whole of his left side cut and lacerated.

Premier Monis was buried beneath the wreckage of the monoplane. He was taken out as quickly as possible and examined by military surgeons, who found he had sustained compound fractures of two bones, his face badly contused and there were bruises on the breast and abdomen.

M. Deutch and M. Monis were not seriously hurt.

Among those who had narrow escapes from injury was M. Lepine, the prefect of police.

M. Berteaux's body was placed in a closed automobile and escorted from the field by a squadron of dragoons with swords at salute, while tens of thousands of persons stood uncovered. An intimate friend of the family communicated the news of M. Berteaux's death to his wife.

PEACE OFFICIALLY DECLARED.

Document Signed Pledges Cessation of Hostilities.

Juarez, Mex.—Officially designated representatives of the Mexican government and the revolutionists at 10 o'clock Sunday night signed a peace agreement at the customs house here intended to end the hostilities that have been waged in Mexico for the last six months.

Though covering only the principal points negotiated thus far, the agreement practically records the concession by the government of those demands which started on November 20 last by an armed revolution in Mexico. Telegrams announcing the signing of the agreement were dispatched throughout Mexico to revolutionary and federal leaders alike.

Squaw Man Shot on Prairie.

Lander, Wyo.—Word was received here that Lee Reagan, a squawman, living on the Shoshone Indian reservation, had been shot and killed by his companion, Cal O'Neal, another squawman. The two men had left Fort Washakie to round up some cattle.

Killed a Chinese Banker.

Laredo, Mex.—At the end of a rope which had been tied around his neck, Dr. J. M. Lim, a Chinese banker, was dragged around the plaza in Torreon, Mex., until his body was a mass of broken bones and bleeding wounds.

Nebraska Banker Dies Abroad.

Redonda, Cal.—James Forbes, vice president of the National Bank of Anoka, Neb., who came here for his health, died Sunday night. Mr. Forbes, who was 71 years old, is survived by a widow and five children.

Good Roads Congress.

Birmingham, Ala.—Delegates from 18 states are gathering here for the fourth National Good Roads congress which will convene Tuesday. President Arthur C. Jackson, of Chicago, was one of the first to arrive.

Weather Bureau Investigation.

Washington.—Complaints by apple-growers in the west that the weather bureau's forecasts cannot be depended upon and that disastrous results to crops have followed erroneous predictions form the basis of the decision reached by the house commission on expenditures on the Agricultural department to investigate the weather bureau. The committee also will look into charges made by James Barry, former chief of the climatological division of the weather bureau, against its management.

NEBRASKA IN CRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Stanton will have a celebration on the 4th of July.

A new high school building for Sutton is under consideration.

John Schultz wants \$50,000 from the Burlington railroad for the loss of his young son.

In accordance with the recent vote Lincoln will now be "wet," to the extent of 25 saloons.

Woodrow Wilson confessed at Portland he will not run away from presidential lightning.

The supreme court sustained the contempt of court sentence of President Wilson of the wireless telegraph company.

The Women's Christian association of Omaha are making a canvass for \$50,000 to liquidate the indebtedness on their building.

The Commercial club of Lincoln, during a trip through the western section of the state, was given the glad hand all along the line.

Near Hooper, Marvin A. Pape, a boy, fell from a tree receiving injuries that resulted in his death.

A Fremont dispatch says that G. W. E. Dorsey, former congressman from that district, is seriously ill at Salt Lake, Utah, where he is now living.

At a special election held in Millard the proposition to vote bonds in the sum of \$10,000 for a water plant carried by a large majority.

Fielding Tolson, a farmer living near Columbus, is dead from heart disease induced by digging the grave of a relative. Tolson returned home exhausted, but apparently in good health. A few hours later his mother found him dead in bed.

Game Warden Lease has ordered the arrest of Herman Lease of Norfolk for taking fish unlawfully from public waters. Lease was employed to transfer fish from below the dam at Norfolk to a point above. It is said that he kept some of the fish thus seized.

Printed copies of the amended game laws of this state have been revived by Game Warden Miller and will be distributed by him free of cost on application. The last legislature put the "universal license" into effect and there are other important changes in the law.

Mrs. Joe Moss, of Amherst, is dead and her little daughter lies dangerously ill with her leg broken in two places and three other people are more or less seriously injured, the result of an automobile wreck at Amherst when a machine became unmanageable and ran down hill.

Dr. C. P. Fall and Carl Shaffer, of Beatrice, are planning the construction of a large dam on the Blue river a mile and a half from Hoag in Gage county, and expect to develop water power for the purpose of generating electric current for use in Beatrice and elsewhere in the vicinity.

The county commissioners of Richardson county have let the contract for building a macadamized road 112 rods long in Ohio township to Charles Heineman, for \$2,794. The work will be under the supervision of a government expert. This will be the first permanent roadwork undertaken in the county. A similar road was built several years ago across the river bottom east of Auburn and proved to be a big success.

The horse stolen by the men who two weeks ago made an attempt to rob the bank at Ragan has been returned to its owner, having appeared at the barn of Charles Long in Holdrege, without harness or buggy, which have not yet been found. It is thought the vehicle is somewhere in the city, as it is much more likely that the bandits would leave the rig in town than in the country districts. The appearance of the horse here naturally leads to the theory that the would-be robbers drove here and, abandoning the horse and buggy, got out of town by train.

The Columbus Journal, one of the oldest papers in Nebraska, has been sold to the Tribune of the same city. Merrick county people are enthusiastic for good roads and are contributing liberally to this end.

The Omaha and Denver Good Roads association was formally organized at the big road convention held in Holdrege. Fifty-three official delegates representing thirty towns were present and there were more than a hundred unofficial representatives of towns and villages in the convention also. Kearney county alone sent 37 auto loads of people.

Rev. Dennis Brooks Lake, an old-time circuit rider of the Methodist church, died at his home in Auburn, aged 67 years. He has preached in almost every school house in Nebraska and surrounding counties during the last 35 years. As a rule he has been assigned country and village charges and these were the ones he liked best. His permanent home has been on a farm five miles north of Auburn, although much of the time his assignments required him to reside in different places in the surrounding counties.

In line with the other improvements Broken Bow is this spring placing \$3,000 worth of water main extensions.

Secretary Royse, of the state banking board, has construed the section of the bank guaranty law relating to bonds for employes of banks as directors only and not mandatory. He has received letters from many bankers indicating that surety bond companies have stated that employes must furnish bonds. Whenever bonds are written they must be filed with the secretary of the state banking board.