

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 hearing of the testimony in the Lorimer case will begin Thursday, June 22.

The Lorimer investigating committee of the senate appointed as counsel John Marble of Washington and John J. Healey of Chicago. Mr. Marble for years has been attorney for the interstate commerce commission.

An attempt to extend the legislative program of the democratic majority in the house at the extra session of congress failed completely at a caucus of the democratic representatives.

In the view of the state department there is no danger of the friendly relations of China and Mexico being disturbed as a result of the outrages against Chinese at Torreon.

After the first of next month ocean-going vessels carrying more than 50 passengers will be liable to a fine of \$5,000 unless they are equipped with wireless telegraph apparatus.

The interstate commerce commission granted to all railroads an extension of time from August 1 next to January 1, 1913, in which to publish their rates complying with the commission's requirement that where a commodity rate has been fixed between points of production and points of consumption, the same concessions shall, on application, be granted to intermediate points.

General.

The Portuguese cabinet considered the question of mobilizing the army. The Canadian reciprocity bill is ready for consideration by the senate.

The administration forces suffered a setback on the waterways bill in the Illinois legislature at the outset. In response to appeals from Iowa, army engineers will undertake to control the waters of the Missouri river at Sioux City to prevent the flooding of that city.

The president sent to the senate these nominations: Assayer of the mint at Carson, Nevada, Andrew Mautz; surveyor general of Montana, Jerome G. Locke.

The Illinois grain dealers' association adopted a resolution opposing the plan of Postmaster General Hitchcock to send trade journals and magazines by fast freight instead of passenger trains.

The Chinese minister signed the prospectus for the \$30,000,000 Hu Kwang railway loan as a preliminary to the issue of bonds in New York, London, Paris and Berlin.

Of fourteen applications by Western and Southwestern railroads for permission to establish higher rates for short than long hauls in the same direction, the interstate commerce commission denied eleven and granted three.

A telegram from Chihuahua says the situation there is inappreciable. The federal troops refuse to surrender the city and will not allow General Orozco or any of his 5,000 insurgents to enter with their arms.

The government's issue of \$50,000,000 Panama bonds promises to be so successful that there will be no chance that any part of the proceeds of the issue may go to the banks as deposits.

Charles Davis James, an expert engineer, once head of the engineering department of Iowa university has been selected by the Red Cross to proceed to China to aid the Chinese government in preventing the great periodical inundations which have resulted in frightful famines.

Word was received in Chicago from New York that Mrs. Isiah Roanbaugh, wife of a farmer living near Kirkland, Ill., is one of the eight heirs to a fortune of \$16,000,000 left by John Colter, a New York real estate speculator, who died recently.

Senator Kenyon called upon President Taft to urge remittance of the fine of \$5,000 imposed upon W. S. Harlan, formerly of Audubon, Ia., who was recently convicted of peonage in Georgia and sentenced to eighteen months in jail, that sentence being commuted by the president to six months.

A skating rink for the blind has recently been opened in Berlin city. Senator Lorimer is preparing to make a vigorous fight to retain his seat.

London is being gorgeously decorated for the coronation exercises, soon to take place.

The mayor of Philadelphia will try for the place of Senator Penrose.

It is expected that the senate will vote on reciprocity about July 15.

The line of battle has been drawn in the senate on the reciprocity bill.

A reduction in the price of sugar is likely to come said the head of the trust.

These are reconstruction days in Mexico and the country is rapidly returning to peace basis.

President Taft nominated Robert W. Kemp as receiver of public moneys at Missoula, Mont.

Manuel Bonilla took the oath of office as Mexican minister of communication and public works.

Concessions to foreigners will not be extended under the new order of things in Mexican states.

Secretary Knox has been summoned by the house committee to explain an expenditure of \$5,000.

America must take the lead for world-wide peace declared Dr. Benj. Krohelt of Leland Stanford university.

Directors of the Denver & Rio Grande railway passed the dividend on the preferred stock of the company.

A committee said to represent the Gould interests have purchased the International & Great Northern railroad at receivership sale.

There is an alarming increase of the cigarette habit among boys and girls of New York's public schools, according to Dr. John D. Quackenbush.

The case of the government against the Standard Sanitary Manufacturing company, the alleged bathtub trust, was called for argument at Richmond, Va.

With an air of great mystery, William J. Burns, the detective in the Los Angeles dynamite case, sailed for Europe on the American liner Philadelphia.

President Taft is considering an invitation to speak at the national conservation congress which will meet late in September, probably at Kansas City.

Mabel Mosier, an Atchison, Kan., woman, was convicted of engaging in the "white slave" traffic by a criminal court jury and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

Mary Manning, charming and beautiful, who has ended all speculation as to her matrimonial intentions by wedding Frederick E. Wadsworth, a Michigan millionaire.

The sinking of an overcrowded ferry boat on the Volga, near Uglich, is reported. Thirty persons were drowned.

Announcement was made that Miss Ellen Fitz Pendleton, dean and acting president of Wellesley college, had been chosen president of the college.

A bill providing that every newspaper must print in a conspicuous place the name of the owner or owners, publisher and managing editor was introduced by Representative Barnhart of Indiana.

Three thousand, two hundred and nineteen bodies of federal soldiers buried in cemeteries in different parts of Texas are to be moved to Pineville, La., for reburial in the national cemetery at that place.

The great naval review by King George at Spithead, June 24, two days from the coronation, will see gathered together in full commission the largest number of vessels of the dreadnaught class ever assembled.

Most of them naturally will be units of the British navy, but the United States will be represented by the most powerful up-to-date battleship in the review, the Delaware.

Drinking of champagne in public by members was one of the closing features of the Ohio legislature.

The formal making of plans to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of Kansas as a state was commenced by the Topeka Commercial club. The celebration will be held this fall during the Topeka state fair week.

It was held by the interstate commerce commission that a privilege favoring of a gratuity can not be ordered continued by the commission unless the original granting of the privilege rested on some legal obligation.

Mrs. Edith Culbertson, republican candidate for superintendent of the Denver county schools at the last election, shot and killed herself at her home in Denver. Mrs. Culbertson left a note in which she evidently wished to make it clear the wound was self-inflicted. Her husband, Sydney M. Culbertson, told the police that he and his wife had quarreled. Mrs. Culbertson was thirty-six years old, and a graduate of Vassar.

Personal.

The new president of Mexico is 45 years old.

Kansas now has all the harvest hands needed.

Madero is engaged in pacifying the country as he moves along.

The remains of Carrie Nation were burned at Belton, Mo., beside her parents.

It is said Ambassador Lane desires change from Mexico City to another post.

Senator Root says reciprocity bill will be passed July 16.

Abdul Hamid, former Turkish Sultan, is said to be insane.

London reports Ambassador Reed seriously ill at his country estate, from bronchitis.

President Taft has accepted honorary membership in the Touring Club of America.

ROADS VALUE FIXED

CHICAGO, ST. PAUL, MINNEAPOLIS AND OMAHA.

THE COST OF REPRODUCING

Physical Valuation as Shown by Experts—Other Matters at the State Capital.

The valuation of the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad, as determined by the state physical valuation division, has been made public and is peculiar in that the reproduction value as found by the state is slightly greater than the reproduction value claimed by the railroad.

The cost of reproducing the road, according to the state, is \$10,586,882. The railroad claims a value of \$10,426,344, which is \$160,000 less than the value found by the state. The state, however, finds that the present value of the road is only \$8,728,936. The railroad makes no return on the basis of present value.

The railroad did not attempt to include brokerage or discount in its bonds nor did it demand allowance for the adaptation and solidification of roadbed. This last item is allowed by the state. The former item, amounting to 12 1/2 per cent of the entire cost, was demanded by the Rock Island but denied by the state.

The valuation as published shows that the state used a multiple of 2.54 as applied to railroad real estate as compared with adjacent real estate. The Rock Island, with which the state disagreed in this matter, claimed that its real estate was worth three times what adjacent property was worth. In taking a somewhat lower multiple in the case of the Chicago, St. Paul Minneapolis & Omaha the state and this railroad have come near getting together.

Michigan Man Likes Nebraska.

C. A. Disbrow, formerly assistant secretary of the Commercial club at Grand Rapids, Mich., was in Lincoln on his way to Hastings, where he will take the position of secretary of the commercial organization of that city. Mr. Disbrow declared that when he first landed in Nebraska he was not very much taken up with the outlook, but after being in the state a few days asserts that he knows he will like it immensely.

Reitz Will Interpret.

The will of the late Jonathan Reitz of Lancaster county, who left an estate of \$20,000, part of which was to be given to the Lutheran church board, has been interpreted by the court. His widow and three children were to receive a certain share, two-fifths of the income of the estate to go to the widow during her life time. Three fifths of the estate was not mentioned or bequeathed by the terms of the will. To settle whether or not trustees should hold the income not mentioned the suit was filed. Court holds for the widow.

State Fair Improvement.

The work of putting in a foundation for a new grand stand at the state fair grounds has been completed and the fair management which did the work is waiting for the iron work which is to be erected on contract by John Westover of Lincoln.

Asks Banks for Statistics.

Secretary Roysse of the Nebraska state banking board has asked state banks for statistics for the comptroller of the currency bearing on the resources and liabilities of state banks in Nebraska.

Probable Purchase of Bonds.

Providing bonds of other states now held in the Nebraska treasury can be sold, the board of educational lands and funds will purchase \$164,000 of Richardson county drainage bonds and also \$60,000 of the same kind of securities from Dodge county. The large sum bears a 1 1/2 per cent interest, while the latter bears 6 per cent.

Regents Reprimanded.

The board of regents of the state university reprimanded three members of the faculty for lobbying during the last legislature, although it did not divorce any of them from the payroll because of their disobedience of orders.

Degrees to Students.

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska at its meeting granted bachelors' degrees to 287 seniors.

New Bank Building Opens.

About 7,000 people passed through the doors of the new eight-story First National bank building formally opened to the public.

Governor May Grant Paroles.

The supreme court in the case of John C. Owen, serving five years in the penitentiary, holds that the governor may revoke a parole without notice of a hearing to the paroled prisoner and may do so for any reason he may deem sufficient, that his action of revocation is the exercise of a sole discretion which is not reviewable by the courts. Owen's parole was revoked by Governor Shallenberger and he began habeas corpus proceedings to gain his liberty. The application was denied and the case dismissed.

BOND ISSUE COMING.

Missouri Pacific Authorized to Make a Loan.

After a hearing the State Railway commission, represented by Commissioners Furse and Winnett, granted the Missouri Pacific officials permission to issue \$20,000,000 worth of three-year 5 per cent notes and half that amount of 5 per cent bonds to serve as collateral security for the notes. The \$20,000,000 will be used equally for the payment of floating indebtedness and for improvements on its lines. Whether any part of the amount to be expended on improvements will go to Nebraska was not given out by the officials who were here.

The Nebraska Railway commission issued an order August 9, 1909, authorizing the Missouri Pacific to issue \$83,251,000 of stock in exchange for capital stock of the consolidated lines of the company.

In November, 1909, the commission gave the Missouri Pacific authority to issue \$29,806,000 of 5 per cent bonds to run fifty years, \$19,700,000 to be used to defray indebtedness and for betterments and \$5,300,000 to be used to acquire a mortgage on the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern railroad and \$4,806,000 for extensions and betterments.

It is said the Missouri Pacific prefers to issue short term notes at this time for \$20,000,000 instead of bonds because of the difficulty in selling bonds.

Information for Campers.

According to the provisions of the Leidigh bill, passed with the emergency clause at the late session of the legislature, it is unlawful for persons to camp upon the highway more than twenty hours at a time unless they have the permission of the owners of the land adjoining on both sides of the road. Further, the terms of the new law set out that no camp shall be made within forty rods of any church, school house or house without the permission of the owners of the property or trustees of the school or the church. The bill also stipulates that no persons shall camp at two places within five miles of each other within thirty days. In the act the term camping is defined as putting up a tent, hut, making a fire, stopping in a covered wagon and unhitching the horses to remain overnight. The period from sunset Saturday night to sunrise Monday morning is not included in the time limit of twenty hours.

The Oregon Trail.

The passage of the Bonham bill appropriating \$2,000 of state funds for assisting in the work of marking the Oregon trail across the state and which contemplated the raising of additional funds by civic, fraternal and commercial organizations over the state was followed by resolutions passed at the recent session of the state press association, in which the project was warmly commended. It is believed this will give the matter a desired impetus.

Paying School Bills.

Last week \$235,000 was paid out by the state treasury most of the payments being on warrants issued on the temporary school fund, a fund which is disbursed semi-annually to the different counties for the support of public schools.

Woodmen Circle Investigation.

The investigation of the affairs of the Woodmen circle which was begun last week by State Auditor Barton has been continued until June 26 in order that both Mrs. Emma B. Manchester and Mrs. Elizabeth Sears, the principals in the case, may attend the national convention of the order which meets at Rochester, N. Y. Several Nebraskans left the latter part of the week for the east where they will attend the annual gathering.

South Omaha Greek Riots.

The federal department of state has addressed a letter of inquiry to Governor Aldrich regarding the Greek riots in South Omaha in 1909. Claims for \$248,000 damages have been filed. The letter was referred to the attorney general and he will communicate with County Attorney English. Former Attorney General Thompson wrote an opinion on the liability of the state, saying that the state and county were clothed with proper authority to control such matters.

After Vendors of Bad Eggs.

Deputy State Food Commissioner W. R. Jackson has ordered the prosecution of two farmers, Mark Fender and Helmer Hansen of Bennett, because they are alleged to have sold eggs that were bad. The order of the deputy food commissioner is the carrying out of his recently adopted policy that all persons who sell bad eggs or who have bad eggs in their possession for sale shall be prosecuted. He intends to prosecute all offenders from the farmer to the biggest of wholesale dealers in the state.

Agricultural School Site Selected.

Land Commissioner Cowles, Attorney General Martin, Secretary of State Walte and State Treasurer George were in Curtis and located the State Agricultural college campus and farm consisting of 463 acres, twenty-two acres of which is within the city limits and all improved. The houses will be removed to other lots by the city and vacated for the college park. More than 100 acres adjacent to Fox creek can be irrigated if desired. The balance is second bench land and is a fine tract.

MAINE IS SEARCHED

EXPLORERS RECOVER ARTICLES IN OFFICERS' QUARTERS.

AMMUNITION BOX IS FOUND

Bayonets Reduced to Rust as Result of Galvanic Action Between Steel and Brass Cases.

Havana.—As the remains of the battleship Maine gradually rise above the slowly lowering level of the water within the cofferdam, the first discoveries are most interesting.

A curious relic of the great disaster has been found. The explorers recovered plates and other chinaware in the officers' quarters. Some pieces were identified later as parts of the dinner service of the captain and wardroom mess. All were in a good state of preservation and were found piled up as they had been left by the stewards after the last dinner.

In the afternoon the searchers found on the spar deck, adjacent to the port turret, a small ammunition box, such as is customarily distributed about the decks. This contained a mass of six millimetre cartridge clips for the naval service rifle and a number of short knife bayonets in metallic leather covered scabbards. The clips of cartridges were well preserved, but the steel bayonets were reduced to almost unidentifiable masses of rust around which were clinging shreds of leather scabbards.

The disintegration of the bayonets is believed to have been the result of galvanic action between the steel and the brass cartridge cases in the medium of sea water. This gives rise to speculation regarding the effect of galvanic action on portions of the hull still under water, on which depends greatly the possibility that the hull may not retain sufficient strength to warrant the expectation of floating out any portion.

Pathetically interesting was the discovery of an officer's dress sword found behind the forward port side door leading from the officers' quarters to the spar deck. This door was found closed, but on being forced open the sword was seen upright in the corner. The inference is that some officer hastening to the deck on the first alarm, and buckling on his sword as he ran, was compelled to abandon it and escape in the rush of water over the spar deck. The bronze sword hilt was well preserved, but only attached by shreds of the sword knot to the blade, which was merely a ribbon of rust encased in a black leather scabbard. The only possibility of identifying the sword is the chance that some officer may recollect having abandoned the weapon.

A curious indication of the slight force of the explosion felt in the after part of the ship was an electric bulb hanging intact from the roof of the superstructure.

Exploration of the interior continues to be interrupted by masses of mud and rubbish. Only the clearing of portions of the roof of the after superstructure has been completed, showing the effects of the fire on the charred oak planks. Other indications of fire are observed around the combing of the spar deck, supposed to be adjacent to the gallery on the port side, in which cooking utensils are visible.

AVIATORS MEET DEATH.

Two Dead and One Seriously Injured Soon After Start.

Paris.—Fifty aviators took wing early Sunday from the aviation field at Vincennes on the first stage of the European circuit race, which calls for a flight to London and return with stops at various places going and returning. Two of the aviators almost immediately after the start met with tragic deaths and at least one was seriously hurt. The dead are:

Captain Princetau, whose motor exploded in midair, flooding him with gasoline and burning him to death. M. Le Martin, who dashed against a tree, the motor of his aeroplane crushing his head.

M. Gaubert, a former lieutenant in the army, who was entered in the civilian race under the name "Dai-ger." He was found lying senseless near his machine in a wheat field four miles from Villars-Coterets. His injuries are serious.

Battle With Miami Indians.

Wabash, Ind.—The famous battle of 1812 between the United States troops and Miami Indians will be reproduced here next year. The battle was the last engagement with the redskins in Indiana. Five hundred men and women, including 100 Miami Indians, still living here, will participate.

Railways Are Overpaid.

Washington.—"Many of the railroads of the country are being overpaid for transporting the mails. I believe that a saving of approximately \$9,000,000 a year to the government can be made without injustice to the carriers by readjusting the pay on a basis of a 6 per cent profit to all railways carrying the mails." Postmaster General Hitchcock thus summarized briefly the results of his investigation into the cost of railway mail transportation under an old law that is still in operation.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

Contracts have been made for two miles of street paving in Hastings. Beatrice, among other towns in Nebraska, will get a postal bank.

Deputy Game Warden Frank Wolf made an inspection trip along two miles of the Blue river north of Deshler and destroyed five fish traps.

The Railway Board of Nebraska has authorized the Missouri Pacific railroad to issue \$50,000,000 bonds to pay off indebtedness and to improve the road.

Secretary Mellor of the state fair board has signed a contract with the Wright brothers for the use of their type of aeroplane at the state fair this fall.

State Auditor Barton is inquiring into the legality of the recent transfer of the Union Fire Insurance company of Lincoln, a mutual company, to the Woodmen Fire.

T. R. Nelson of Omaha, who is serving a ten-year sentence for second degree murder, has filed an application for a pardon. The matter will be heard before the board of pardons July 11.

The state railway commission has authorized the Nuckolls County Independent Telephone company of Nelson to issue \$700 of stock, the proceeds to be used for new equipment and new lines.

Fire which broke out early in the morning in the Wunderlich & Havlik garage at Lincoln destroyed automobiles and supplies to the amount of \$12,000 and damaged the large building, belonging to the senior member of the firm, to the extent of \$8,000.

Prof. F. S. Wolfe of Lincoln has been elected as president of the Aurora Commercial college to succeed Prof. Waterpugh, who has moved to California. Prof. Wolfe is a graduate of the Kansas Wesleyan university, and late of the Wayne Normal school.

Flag day was fittingly observed at Shubert. The members of the Stella Grand Army of the Republic and Woman's Relief corps held a meeting in the grove at the schoolhouse. After a social dinner hour a short program was given, consisting of flag drills and reading. Editor J. L. Dalby gave the principal address.

Sheriff Sevier arrived at Beaver City from Nelson with Charles Leroy and Cummins, who are charged with burglarizing the house of Ben Bailey at Edison. They were arrested at Superior with alleged stolen goods in their possession. While in jail at Nelson, it is said, they planned to shoot Sheriff Sevier.

W. A. Brokaw, who was injured at Ruby by being struck by a train, died from his injuries. Mr. Brokaw was walking toward the depot, and after passing between two freight cars which cut off his view up and down the track, he stepped onto the main track just in time to be struck by the train.

The board of public works of Fremont is trying to work out a plan to insure the payment of accounts due the city municipal plant without going into court. At a meeting the board devoted several hours to the problem. The board found many unpaid bills owing by parties who have left the city without arranging for the payment of the water and light bills.

A Fox (Morocco) dispatch says: Victor Swanson of Aborville, Neb., a missionary of the Gospel Missionary union, whose general office is at Kansas City, Mo., arrived here safely from Seefoo, where it had been reported he was being kept a prisoner in his own home by Moroccan tribesmen. He brought no news as to the whereabouts of George C. Reed of Weeping Water, Neb., the secretary of the Moroccan mission of the Gospel union. Mr. Reed sought refuge in the mountains outside Seefoo when the rebellious tribesmen attacked the town.

The state board of public lands and buildings returned to Lincoln from Curtis, where the members accepted a plat of 463 acres for the agricultural school. They also fixed on the location of the building. At Kearney the board decided to accept the proposition of a private concern to furnish light and power to the industrial home for 5 cents per kilowatt.

The house of W. B. Green, a farmer, three miles south of Beaver City, was burned with its entire contents. The Greens had been away from home at a camp meeting for three days. The fire, it is believed, was incendiary, the tracks of a man who entered the house and those of a horse which he had ridden, are plain to be seen.

Fred Stillman, a young farmer living north of Holbrook, was killed in a runaway. He was driving in from work in the field with a four-horse team and in passing an automobile on the road the horses became frightened and started to run. Stillman, who was dragged about 100 yards, when the horses in making a turn threw him against a fencepost, fracturing the side of his head.

D. Struve, a Fremont saloon man, is the victim of a bogus check man. He was stuck for \$25 on a bad check during the rush hours.

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