

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.

Democratic Leader Underwood predicted that the caucus of the house democrats would not authorize an omnibus public building bill at this session of congress, notwithstanding the public building committee's recommendation for one.

The Sherwood service pension bill, which would add upwards of \$40,000,000 to the government's annual expenditures by granting increased pensions to civil and Mexican war veterans on the basis of length of service, was passed by the house despite the determined opposition of many democratic leaders.

A plea for the creation of a special committee of five to investigate the so-called "money trust" was made before the house rules committee by Representative Lindebergh of Minnesota. Mr. Lindebergh's contention is that a syndicate of bankers and allied capital controlling the reserve funds in American banks dominates the financial world.

Former Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the national monetary commission, had a conference with President Taft at the white house. The president expects to make suggestions for what he considers necessary financial reforms in a message to congress after the holidays, and it was understood that Senator Aldrich talked with him over such legislation.

Indictment and prosecution of railroads which fail to refund promptly manifest overcharges on the transportation of freight, hereafter will be requested by the interstate commerce commission. The commission called official attention to the fact that "it is unlawful for a carrier to overcharge a shipper as it is to give him a rebate." It also says that the refund of overcharges should be made without an order from the commission.

General.

The McNamara brothers have been put to work in the prison jute mill. The resolution terminating the treaty with Russia was passed in the house.

The Indianapolis grand jury is going deeply into the dynamite outrages.

President Taft gives out no hint as to what he will do with the pension bill.

A bill in congress provides for a distribution of the relics of the Maine.

Thomas Knorrer, publisher of the Munich Neueste Nachrichten, died at Munich.

The Page bill enlarging federal aid for agricultural instruction was in conference.

Senator Works charged negligence in the care of veterans at the national soldiers' home at Los Angeles.

The bill requiring two wireless operators on steamers was introduced by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska.

Lieut. Charl Lanthoume, the well known French military aviator, was killed by a fall.

President Taft is credited with initiating the federal investigation of dynamite outrages.

Senator Cummins insists the supreme court should review the decree in the tobacco dissolution case.

The infant daughter of Queen Victoria of Spain, who was born recently, probably will receive the name of Christine.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Carnegie Institution of Washington \$1,200,000 was appropriated for the work for 1912.

A license to wed was issued to Edith Pulitzer, daughter of the late Joseph Pulitzer, and William Scoville Moore, son of Clement Clark Moore.

An adjournment of congress Thursday, December 21, until Wednesday, January 2, was agreed upon in the house. Tariff legislation will be deferred until after the Christmas recess.

The advance guard of the LaFollette presidential candidacy will invade Ohio between December 26 and December 30, when a campaign of oratory will be started in various parts of the state.

A suit was filed at Boston for the dissolution of the United Shoe Machinery company.

The Northern Securities company has reduced its annual dividend from 4 to 3 per cent, because of a prolonged strike.

Senator Cummins introduced a bill to give independent tobacco organizations the right to appeal from American Tobacco reorganization.

The eight hour labor law, enacted by congress in 1892, controls the construction of levees as well as other work for the government, according to a decision by the supreme court.

The estate of the late John W. Gates is stated to be \$18,542,705.07.

The United States is now among the leaders in rapid warship building.

Heavy punishments were meted out to the English spies arrested at Hamburg on March 18.

Soil products of Iowa for the year of 1911 are valued at \$388,991,154.

Protests are pouring into the senate against precipitate action on the Russian treaty.

Democratic Leader Underwood said it was unlikely the house would pass an omnibus building bill.

Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad were acquitted of the shooting of Milinaire W. E. D. Stokes.

The report of the investigating board on the wreck of the Maine was sent by the president to congress.

Legislation for direct election of United States senators apparently is hopelessly hung up in conference.

The foreign affairs committee agreed to favorably report the Sulzer resolution for abrogation of Russian treaty.

More than 50,000,000 animals were inspected during the last fiscal year by the United States bureau of animal industry.

A report current in London is that Prince Arthur of Connaught will succeed General Baron Hardinge as viceroy of India.

The flour output of Minneapolis is approximated at 16,000,000 barrels and will turn the high water mark, according to the millers.

Louis D. Brandeis of Boston, discussing trust regulation before the interstate commerce committee, urged the competitive system.

The 50,000 women suit makers and 3,000 tailors who have been on strike in Berlin since November 23 have abandoned the struggle.

The Canadian Pacific liner Empress of China, which went ashore on July 27, forty miles from Yokohama during a fog, was refloated.

A personal campaign to secure senatorial support for the British and French arbitration treaties was begun by President Taft.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to open the twelfth International Association of Navigation congress at Philadelphia, May 23.

The Omaha railway announced the installation of a 19 1/2 per cent milling in transit rate per hundred pounds on wheat from Kansas City to Chicago via Minneapolis.

The committee of the German Aero club has decided that the international balloon race for the James Gordon Bennett trophy is to be held at Stuttgart next year.

The general tariff situation, and particularly President Taft's forthcoming message to congress on the wool tariff schedules, were discussed at length by the cabinet.

Two young officers from the president's yacht Mayflower, Lieutenants J. S. Dowell, Jr., and A. L. Bristol, Jr., have been ordered to Berlin to study German shipbuilding methods.

Wire and nail product prices have been advanced one dollar a ton by the American Steel Wire company, a subsidiary of the steel corporation.

An investigation to determine why the price of sugar was increased several cents a pound last summer was begun by the house committee appointed to investigate sugar connivances.

Enough ammunition to supply the United States army, navy and state militia for three and a half years will be in the arsenals and strong boxes of the United States at the end of the present year.

Mrs. Agnes Taylor Schwartz, sister to the late President John Taylor of the Mormon church, and mother-in-law of President Joseph F. Smith, died at Salt Lake City. She was ninety years old.

On account of two vacancies in the supreme court of the United States, a movement has been started to have the group of state railroad rate cases assigned for argument on Jan. 3, 1912, postponed for a full bench.

Complete information of the operation of the parcels post in twenty-one foreign lands has been compiled for the use of the senate committee on postoffices and post roads, to be used in considering proposed legislation to establish a parcels post in the United States.

After a running battle of thirty miles with a company of state militia and a posse of armed citizens, John Wedemeyer, who shot and killed Sheriff Moody of Wahpeton, was surrounded near White Rock, S. D., and killed after he had wounded three of his pursuers.

Personal.

Gov. Woodrow Wilson has begun his campaign in Illinois.

The Lorimer investigation seems destined to drag until spring.

Attorney General Wickersham favors the creation of a bureau to supervise corporations.

Senator Works of California has asked investigation of soldiers' homes and urges federal care of confederate veterans.

Gen. P. H. Barry of Nebraska has the refusal of the place of governor of the soldiers' home at Dayton, O.

Walter Cook of New York was elected president of the American Institute of Architects.

Congressman Stephens has introduced a bill in the interest of the Ponca and Santee Indian tribes.

Senator Lorimer will probably be the last witness in the senatorial bribery scandal.

Senator Cummins introduced a bill to give the tobacco organization the right to appeal from the American Tobacco company reorganization.

NEBRASKA IS AHEAD

SOME SPLENDID CATTLE FROM
STATE UNIVERSITY.

FINEST STEER IN AMERICA

Specimens to Be Used as the Best
Models of Beef Types at the
Winter Courses.

By the request of the management of the National Sheep show at Omaha, the department of animal industry of the University of Nebraska placed on exhibition at the Auditorium the two steers which have recently won fame at the International Live Stock exhibition. One of them, called Prince of View Point, was made reserve champion of the show, and, as the champion has been slaughtered, Prince has the distinction of being the best steer in America, any age or breed. He was purchased when a small calf by H. R. Smith, professor of animal husbandry, from Paul Culver, an Angus breeder at Edgerton, Mo. Prince was made champion of the Angus breed when exhibited as a calf last year, and this year brings back the additional honor of reserve grand champion. He has never won anything less than first prize wherever he has been shown, the total winnings in cash prizes amounting to approximately \$400, or four times his original cost to the university. In addition to receiving milk as a calf, Prince was given a mixed ration of corn, oats, bran, linseed meal. Alfalfa formed a large part of his roughage during the winter, and grass in summer. He was also given corn silage during the winter.

Bluebeard, the other steer on exhibition at the Sheep show, was first prize grade calf at Chicago last year, and first as a yearling this year, bringing back the additional honor of reserve yearling champion, a rating next to Prince as given by the English judge.

Bluebeard was born and reared on the university farm. His dam was a sister of Challenger, the grand champion steer a few years ago.

Both steers are to be returned to the university farm at the close of the Sheep show to be used as models of beef types in the winter short courses at the school of agriculture.

State School Funds.

The sum of \$252,172.47 is to be apportioned among the ninety-two counties of the state, according to announcement made at the state house today. This is the annual apportionment of state school funds and will be distributed to a total of 376,622 school children. The following funds make up the sum total:

State tax \$ 471.44
Interest on school lands sold 16,295.11
Interest on school lands 54,637.83
Interest on bonds 166,820.11
Interest on warrants 659.98
Fish and game licenses 13,588.00

Total \$252,472.47

For Cleaner Milk.

With a view to inaugurating the campaign for cleaner milk, State Food Commissioner Jackson has just completed a thorough investigation of 138 dairies in and near this city. In the preliminary tests which he made the state official found that only six graded good, forty-three fair and eighty-nine poor. The commissioner declares that although people are prone to require a rich milk so far as butter fat is concerned, they pay little or no attention to the cleanliness of the fluid.

Gift to Historical Society.

The Nebraska state historical society has received from Rev. Dennis G. Fitzgerald of Red Cloud, a framed copy of the London Times of June 22, 1815, which contains the dispatch of the Duke of Wellington, dated at Waterloo, June 19, 1815, giving an account of the battle at Waterloo.

This paper is in a good state of preservation and will be placed on exhibition in the museum of the historical society.

Says She's Not Herself.

Mrs. Jennie Gelger, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary, insists that she is not herself, but her twin sister. Mrs. Gelger is serving a life sentence for the murder of a man with whom she was traveling across the country. She was tried and convicted in Cheyenne county and after being taken to the penitentiary was later removed to the Lincoln asylum December 16, 1909, and escaped from that institution February 19, 1910. She was recaptured and returned to the penitentiary.

Pardons by the Governor.

Governor Aldrich has issued pardons to Martin Hicks of Richardson county and Fred Bishop of Kimball county, in accordance with recommendations of the advisory board of pardons. The former was convicted for entering a house and stealing therefrom a pan of milk and a pocketbook containing a small sum of money. Bishop stole a cow valued at \$20. The latter was recommended for executive clemency because it was thought his punishment would preclude his indulgence in depredations.

FARMERS TO ANSWER.

Rural Life Commission Sends Out
Questions.

In order to obtain the most exhaustive information possible from the farmers of this state, the Nebraska Rural Life commission is sending out blanks that contain questions asking for facts and opinions with respect to rural conditions in Nebraska.

According to Frank G. Odell, secretary of the commission, that organization is undertaking a great project. "The results already obtained," he says, "indicate that the final report of this commission will be of great value as a survey of farm life conditions, such as has never before been attained. It is vital that we reach the largest number of farmers possible without any delay."

"To the Farmers of Nebraska" is the way the appeal is addressed.

Questions Asked Farmer.

Following is a list of the questions asked in the pamphlet:

1. Are the farm homes in your neighborhood as good as they should be under existing conditions?

2. Are the schools in your neighborhood training boys and girls satisfactorily for farm life?

3. Do the farmers of your neighborhood get the returns they reasonably should from the sale of their products?

4. Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the railroads, highways, trolley lines, etc., the service they reasonably should?

5. Do the farmers in your neighborhood receive from the United States postal service, rural telephones, etc., the service they reasonably should expect?

6. Are the rentals of farms in your neighborhood making a satisfactory living and accumulating profits which tend to enable them to become owners of farms?

7. Is the supply of farm labor in your neighborhood satisfactory?

8. Are the conditions surrounding hired labor on the farm in your neighborhood satisfactory to the hired help?

9. Are the farmers and their wives in your neighborhood satisfactorily organized to promote their mutual buying and selling interests?

10. Have the farmers in your neighborhood satisfactory facilities for doing their business in banking, credit, insurance, etc.?

11. Are the taxation laws of the state satisfactory to the farmer?

12. Do you know of undervaluations of real estate or personal property in your neighborhood, for purposes of taxation?

13. What change, if any, would you suggest in tax laws?

14. Are the sanitary conditions of farms in your neighborhood satisfactory?

15. Are the religious facilities in your neighborhood satisfactory?

16. Do the farmers and their wives and families in your neighborhood get together for mutual improvement, entertainment and social intercourse as much as they should?

17. What, in your judgment, is the most important single thing which may be immediately done for the betterment of farm life in Nebraska?

Liquor Consumption.

Figures garnered upon the amount of intoxicating liquor consumed in Lincoln show that approximately 500,000 gallons of beer and 39,000 gallons of whiskey are disposed of in a year. This amount, according to local saloonkeepers, is less than before the intervening drought of two years.

Fair Dates.

Secretary Mellor of the state fair board has returned from a meeting of national fairs and expositions at Chicago. Nebraska was well represented by delegates at the meeting and Secretary Mellor has again been appointed chairman of the committee on transportation, a position he has held in the national association for two years. The date of the Nebraska state fair next year is September 2 to 6.

Corn Prizes to Boys.

Audley Fellows of Winnebago, Thurston county, won the first prize of \$50 offered by the state board of agriculture for the best yield of corn on one acre. In all eleven prizes were offered this year, the first being \$50, second, \$25; third, \$20; fourth, \$15; fifth, \$10 and to the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh, \$5 each.

The Lincoln Monument.

The contract for the architectural accessories of the Abraham Lincoln monument was awarded to Kimball Bros. of Lincoln, whose bid was \$7,000. A Chicago firm bid \$7,500.

For the Supreme Bench.

President Taft will shortly have an opportunity to pass on the merits of a Nebraskan for a seat on the supreme bench of the United States. A set of resolutions commending Judge Roscoe Pound formerly of the state university for that high place of judicial authority was mailed to the president.

Public Land Sales.

United States public land sales will be held this month at the office of the commissioner of public lands in the federal building beginning December 21. Thirteen tracts of land ranging from six acres to 280 acres in size will be disposed of to the highest bidders. Four of the tracts to be sold are in Hayes county, five in Chase, one in Hitchcock, two in Dundee, and one in Hamilton county. The first sale will be held at 10 a. m., December 21. Sales will also be held on Jan. 5, 6 and 10.

ON RUSSIAN TREATY

THE PRESIDENT NOTIFIES CZAR
OF ITS ABRIGATION.

WILL IGNORE HOUSE ACTION

Communications Prepared and Inter-
national Relations Not Lightly
to Be Dealt With.

Washington.—President Taft called the five members of his cabinet now in Washington to the White House Sunday and conferred with them from 10 o'clock until midnight on the Russian treaty situation.

Nothing was given out for publication at the conclusion of the conference, but it is understood that the attitude of the administration was finally decided upon and messages outlined to be sent to the capitol Monday, in which, it is said, the senate will be urged to adopt a resolution abrogating the treaty of 1832, couched in language that will not be offensive to the St. Petersburg government.

Attending the conference were, Secretary of State Knox; Secretary of the Navy Meyer, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh and Attorney General Wickersham. Secretaries Stimson, Fisher and Hitchcock are out of town.

President Taft, it is said, has indicated that he will veto the Sulzer resolution if it should be forced through the senate tomorrow without modification. Nothing that can be construed as an offense to Russia will be permitted if the president can help it.

In his communications Mr. Taft, it is said, will call attention to the fact that international relations are not lightly to be dealt with.

Despite the advice of certain republican leaders of the house that the lower branch of congress should be considered in the matter President Taft was said to be determined to ignore the house entirely in his further dealing with the Russian situation.

Senate leaders expect to hear Monday that the president, through American Ambassador Guild at St. Petersburg, already has notified Russia of the impending abrogation of the treaty. This notice is believed to have been couched in the politest terms of diplomatic language, and to have stated that the American people had come to regard the treaty as obsolete in many of its provisions. The expiration of the treaty is fixed for January 1, 1913.

President Taft is said to have taken the ground that if he chooses he can abrogate the treaty by executive decree without waiting for or taking into consideration any possible action either by the house or the senate. He is supported in this view by various members of the senate committee on foreign relations, and is said to base his attitude upon precedents laid down by his predecessors.

Seventy-Seven Bodies Found.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Ten bodies were removed from Cross Mountain mine at Briceville Sunday, leaving seven or eight more in the mine. The removals brings the total of identified dead up to seventy-seven, while the total number of victims will be eighty-four or eighty-five.

Restoration of Canteen.

Washington.—Major General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, favors the restoration of the canteen to army posts. He declares in his annual report that the consensus of opinion in the army is that the canteen should be re-established.

Mrs. McKim Weds.

London.—Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt and Mrs. McKim Hollins McKim, formerly Miss Margaret Emerson of Baltimore, were married at Reigate at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the bans having been announced in the customary manner.

Robbers Blow Santa Fe.

Gainesville, Tex.—Robbers blew the safe in the Santa Fe freight depot here with nitroglycerin and took \$200 in cash, leaving about \$4,000 in checks.

Big Drydock Opened.

New York.—Drydock No. 4 at the Brooklyn navy yard, the largest in America, was opened. Four years have been spent in its construction, at a cost of \$3,000,000.

London Given Scare.

London.—A rumor that King George had been assassinated in the royal camp at Delhi was circulated broadcast in London Saturday and created tremendous excitement.

Harry F. Richer Is Dead.

Emporia, Kas.—Harry F. Richter of Council Grove, former lieutenant governor of Kansas, died here Friday, following an operation. Richter was sixty-five years old. He was a leader in republican politics in Kansas for many years.

Appendicitis in Baby.

Pittsburg.—A nine weeks old baby was operated on at a Pittsburg hospital for appendicitis. Physicians say the operation was successful and that the child will recover.

SERIOUSNESS OF PARENTHOOD.

It is a serious matter to launch a soul on the tempestuous sea of life to be storm-driven and possibly wrecked upon some hidden reef.

We were reminded of this by a recent afternoon spent in Judge Frost's Juvenile Court, at Lincoln, Nebraska. The first case was that of a youngster just budding into manhood who had been intoxicated. The liquor had been given him by an older man with whom he worked. He professed not to know his name. He was reticent, almost sullen. His face suggested a parental influence that cursed him before he was born. The judge sent him away with an exhortation and warm shake of the hand. To the writer he said: "I have not much hope, have you?"

Case No. 2 is a baby in the arms of a woman with a mother heart. All unconscious that its destiny is fast being determined the eight weeks' old child is tugging away at a bottle to satisfy present needs. The parents have separated and have both deserted the little waif. There is nothing better but to turn it over to some child-saving institute.

Case No. 3 was that of two girls; the father and stepmother appeared with them. The mother is defiant and has a reputation none too good. The judge severely reprimands the parents and postpones action one week and commands that the second girl be present.

Case No. 4. Husband and wife have separated. She has taken steps to procure a divorce. Charged her husband with drunkenness, infidelity and cruelty. The evidence made it clear that her conduct had been unsolacious if not criminal. The judge proposed to take her 8-year-old child from her. He had taken one before and it had been adopted into a good family. For an hour she wept and pleaded that the judge would not take away her baby. "The Court assured her again and again that he would be glad to give her the child if he felt that the future of the child was safe with her. She produced letters showing that her husband had reformed and was willing to take her back. She promises to return and the judge promises to restore her child when she can give good evidence that her home is fit for its nurture."

Case No. 5 is that of eleven boys. They have been guilty of stealing five gallons of cider, tearing down a fence, flinging mud at houses and making life miserable for their neighbors. They are well dressed, intelligent, and evidently from good homes and good families. The oldest is 14 or 15 and the youngest 8. The overworked probation officer, Mr. Hoenberger, could not see them all and they, for the most part, have come in voluntarily. They know that the judge is their friend.

Young as they are they belong to that great class of American youth, uncontrolled by parents, out at night, taking eagerly such instruction as the street affords. They are embryo anarchists. The Court and probation officer try to impress them with their danger and to transform the leaders in the way of evil into leaders in the paths of virtue.

The boys are not marked exceptions. They are simply illustrations of the great mob of young anarchists that infest every town. They are the derelicts of parents too busy in making money and attending clubs to manage their own homes. The Juvenile Court is needed in all our towns to buttress up the slender authority of parents. If men and women do not think enough of their progeny to care for them suitably and train them properly, then they should forfeit the pleasure of begetting them. The family will either perpetuate or overthrow the state.

Ladies Object to Profanity.

The woman golfers of New York have made objections to swearing on the links and have discussed the matter in their clubs. The men who play over the links are all supposed to be gentlemen, but sometimes they are not careful of their language, and ladies have been made very indignant by some speeches. It has been suggested that notices be placed in the clubhouse, but the fact that the ladies have discussed the subject will, no doubt, be all that is necessary.

The Facetious Judge.

A horse dealer complained to a magistrate that some malicious person had cut off his horse's tail, which, as he meant to sell it, would be a great drawback.

"Then," said the magistrate, "you must sell the animal wholesale."

"Wholesale?" replied the other, "What do you mean? How so?"

"Because you cannot re-tail it," was the reply.

Rather Late.

"Does that young man who calls on your daughter stay very late?"

"Rather. It's got so that I have to use the back door when I start out for work in the morning so as not to interrupt them saying good by to each other."

Experience.

"That singer certainly knows how to manage her range."

"She ought to. She used to be a cook."

Flour Output Heavy.

Minneapolis.—The flour output here is approximated at 16,000,000 barrels and will turn the high water mark, according to the millers. It is estimated that the production will be between 500,000 and 600,000 barrels greater than in 1910.