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INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED
COVERS WIDE AREA.

GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-
ington and in Other Sections of
the Country.

Washington.

The resentment of Colorado citizens' organizations and beet sugar growers at the testimony of three Colorado witnesses before the house sugar investigation committee was shown today when five representative citizens of the state appeared to refute the former testimony.

The Lodge amendment to the resolution for ratification of the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France has stirred unexpected opposition from democratic senators. It is favored by three-fourths of the republican senators, who accept it as a happy compromise of all differences.

In a message to the house of representatives President Taft announced this government would refuse to admit free wool pulp and paper from any nation other than Canada until the proper courts have decided the question raised by several European governments under the favored nation clauses of their treaties.

Enlarged application of the leading principle applied to the public domain, especially a liberal leasing law for the development of the mineral resources of Alaska, particularly its coal lands, and immediate consideration by congress of the whole subject of water power development and control, are the most important recommendations contained in the annual report of Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

A. A. Everett, a sugar beet grower living three miles from Scottsbluff, appeared before the Hardwick sugar committee to controvert statements previously made that the beet sugar companies were robbing farmers, paying labor scant wages and dealing unfairly generally. Everett said that the farmers could make money at the rate they have been paid, that the company treats the growers fairly and that they have no complaint.

General.

Richard T. Crane, the foe of higher education, died at Chicago.

Congress will soon get busy on a law for the regulation of the Panama canal.

Hon. W. J. Bryan made a fight for ousting Col. Duffey from the Democratic National Committee, but lost.

A call was issued for a conference of "progressive" republicans to meet in the Leland hotel, Springfield, Ill., Jan. 27.

On the recommendation of Representative Kinkaid a board of pension examining surgeons has been established at Alinsworth, Neb.

Mayor William J. Gorman apparently agrees with former President Roosevelt that the greatest happiness that can come to woman is motherhood.

The complete returns of the election in France of the 100 senators show a net gain of eight seats for the republicans and two for the republican-socialists.

When Charles Richards was sentenced to life imprisonment at Belvidere, Ill., for the murder of his wife he implored the court to make the sentence death instead.

George A. Nealey, democrat, of Hutchinson, Kansas, was elected to congress at the special election Tuesday by a majority of 1,509 over Frank I. Martin, republican.

An organization that will endeavor to secure delegates from the state of Washington who will favor the candidacy of Woodrow Wilson in the democratic national convention was formed at Seattle.

A resolution inviting the parliament of the world to meet in Washington next September to discuss international arbitration and to appropriate \$50,000 therefor, was introduced in the house.

Nearly 200 inmates of the National military home at Leavenworth became violently ill shortly after breakfast, and hash which was served is suspected to have contained ptomaine. The sick men were treated promptly for ptomaine poisoning and all will recover.

Senator Curtis of Kansas laid before President Taft what he considered an answer to charges recently made against United States Circuit Judge Hook of Kansas, one of the most prominent candidates before the president for appointment to the existing supreme court vacancy.

A call was issued at Chicago for a conference of "progressive" republicans to meet in the Leland hotel, Springfield, Ill., January 27, "for the purpose of considering ways and means for advancing the cause of progressive republicanism."

It has been decided by the relatives of the late Alfred Tompkins Dickson, son of the English novelist that the body shall be buried in New York.

The board of directors of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, was re-elected. The board now consists of nine members instead of fifteen as formerly.

Congressman Sherwood says his pension bill will not cost what the secretary of the interior estimates. Senator LaFollette said if another than the republican party afforded a better agency for reform he would desert his present affiliation.

The supreme court will shortly hand down a series of opinions on important cases.

Former Governor Joseph M. Brown was elected governor of Georgia. A very light vote was cast.

Radical reductions in livestock rate have been ordered by the interstate commerce commission.

A sympathy strike, involving 300,000 railway shop employees, may be called within two weeks.

Senator Lorimer pleaded his own cause as a witness before the senate investigating committee.

The "black powder" law enacted in Kansas in 1907, to protect coal miners, was upheld as constitutional.

The Equitable building was burned at New York, with a cost of six lives and a property loss of \$6,000,000.

Major General Carter told the military committee that 35,000 Japanese subject to recall in war time, lived in Hawaii.

The report of the monetary commission on the reorganization of the currency system is completed and ready for congress.

Representative Humphrey of Washington introduced a bill providing that Chinese shall enter the United States only through a Pacific coast port.

Mystery surrounds the deaths of four persons whose bodies, fully clothed, were found in a room of the boarding house of Mrs. Bridget Flanagan of Philadelphia.

New members of committees chosen by the democratic caucus were elected by the house, including Dan V. Stephens, Nebraska, accounts and Indian affairs.

In the burning of the John Benyon home at Farmersburg, Ia., Martha Benyon was burned to death and her sister, Mary was badly burned and frozen.

A band of Bulgarians threw three bombs into an open air mass meeting at Zikowa, near Uskub, European Turkey, killing three persons and injuring twenty-two.

The Turkish vessels destroyed by Italian warships were those which took refuge at Suez two weeks ago, according to a dispatch to a news agency from Rome.

Pennsylvania's Gettysburg anniversary commission urged \$500,000 appropriation before Gettysburg congressional committee for erection of a permanent memorial.

New Mexico's first members of congress, George Curry, republican, and H. B. Ferguson, democrat, were sworn in as members of the house amid generous applause.

Representative Smith of Texas attacked President Taft in the house, for alleged failure to protect Americans on the border during the Mexican revolution last year.

Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, in an address before the St. Clair County Democratic club at East St. Louis, attacked the financial policies of the recent republican administration.

Senators Hitchcock and Brown and Congressman Kinkaid of Nebraska will call on Director Newell of the reclamation service to seek an extension of time in which farmers in the irrigated district may pay for their lands.

To be blown through the broken walls of their home, imprisoned underneath their bed out in the yard and yet escape uninjured was the fate of Mr. and Mrs. Rex Sansing, whose house was blown up by dynamite at Parkville, near Tahlequah, Okla.

Frank Wells, Wilberforce Sully, Rufus J. Ireland and George W. Dally must stand trial in Wyoming on indictments charging them with conspiracy, on June 1, 1906, to defraud the government by obtaining 1,760 acres of coal and belonging to the United States.

Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh awarded an aggregate of \$75,000 to two informers in customs frauds cases. Joseph L. Payne will be given \$50,000 for the evidence he contributed in the Duveen art case and Peter Redling will receive \$25,000 for his service.

William Twyman, a negro, considered insane, murdered his father at their home in Scottsville, a village near Rochester, N. Y., shot dead a deputy sheriff and wounded four others who were endeavoring to enter the Twyman home in which he had barricaded himself.

The will of William C. Greene, known as the "mining king" of Cananea, Sonora, Mexico, who died in Cananea, last August, was filed for probate at Los Angeles. Colonel Greene directed that all his property, personal and real, be given to his wife, Mary Proctor Greene.

Personal.

W. Morgan Shuster has given up his job in Peru.

Colonel Stimson says Roosevelt is not in the presidential race.

Andrew Carnegie voluntarily gave testimony before the steel trust inquiry.

Progressives of Illinois have issued a call for a meeting at Springfield, January 27.

Senator Bacon (Ga) presided over the senate during three days' absence of Vice President Sherman.

Colonel Bryan and Senator LaFollette held a short conference in Washington.

Congress is again fully under way, with prospects of a long grind before it.

Governor Foss of Massachusetts may commute Richeson to life imprisonment in case the death penalty is imposed.

DEATH IN NEBRASKA

HEALTH BOARD REPORT SHOWS
11,499 PASSED AWAY.

CAUSES GIVEN FOR DEMISE

Two Hundred and Twenty-two Was by Accident, 142 Suicided, and the Railroads Killed 101.

The state board of health has just prepared and issued complete vital statistics for the year 1911. Included in the report is the marriage and divorce record of the year 1910—a year behind that of the balance of the statement because of the way the matter is handled under the present arrangements. During the year just past there was a total of 11,499 deaths in the state and 26,819 births. The males predominated in the latter entry, totaling 13,987, whereas the females who arrived in the state during the same period totaled only 12,832.

A glance over the report shows that 222 people lost their life through accident, 142 went the suicide route, railroads were responsible for 101 deaths, diphtheria claimed only 67 and measles but 63, while firearms caused the loss of 48 lives and drowning 42.

Following are among the causes given in the report:

Total number of deaths in state, 11,499; total number of births, 28,819; total number of males, 13,987; total number of females, 12,832; total number of white children, 26,750; total number of colored children, 69; total number twin births (sets), 293; total number of male twins, 213; total number of female twins, 373.

Total number of marriages, 11,556; total number of divorces, 1,714.

Cause of Divorce—Cruelty, 732; desertion, 465; non-support, 280; adultery, 129; drunkenness, 108.

Length of Marriage—Under two years, 221; between two years and five years, 412; between five years and ten years, 461; between ten years and twenty-five years, 350; between twenty-five years and forty years, 119; between forty years and forty-three years, 3; not given, 18.

Cause of Death—Infantile diseases, 1,343; pneumonia, 1,258; heart disease, 1,110; old age, 944; tuberculosis, 44; cancer, 521; nephritis, 358; apoplexy, 356; arterio sclerosis, 233; peritonitis, 223; pneumonia, 276; accidents, 222; meningitis, 188; Bright's disease, 179; typhoid fever, 174; bronchitis, 153; intestinal obstruction, 152; suicide, 142; diabetes, 130; enterocolitis, 118; the grip, 101; railroads, 101; appendicitis, 100.

Two Plead Not Guilty.

Albert D. Welpton and Lawrence H. Daft, cashier and assistant cashier of the Greenwood bank, appeared before Judge Munger in federal court and pleaded not guilty to the charges of embezzlement and falsifying the books. Their cases were postponed until the May term.

Plan Big Bryan Feed.

William J. Bryan will be given a bigger and better feed this year than ever before by the members of the Lincoln Bryan club, which for several years past has sponsored the birthday feed for the party chieftain. Such was the decision reached at the annual meeting of the club. Of the 2,000 members of the club, twenty-five were present.

New Food Commissioner.

Nels P. Hansen of this city, chairman of the Lancaster county republican committee, and well known party worker, was appointed state food commissioner in place of the late W. R. Jackson. Mr. Hansen will assume the duties of the office at once.

Up Against a Snag.

The state oil inspector has run up against a snag. Some time ago he was puzzled to know whether the law prohibited bringing into the state for sale and use gasoline which did not come up to the required gravity test of 62, when such gasoline was used for power purposes. An examination of the law in the attorney general's office clears up that point and indicates clearly that the bringing into the state for any purpose of gasoline below the specified standard is prohibited by law.

Typhoid in University.

State university students are beginning to contribute largely to the increasing number of typhoid fever cases reported during the month of January. Almost every day one or two cases have been reported. Some of the students have contracted the disease in but a mild degree, while others have been taken down with a serious case of the dreaded malady. The authorities of the city of Lincoln state that more than eighty cases had been reported up to Tuesday of last week.

To Relieve Congestion.

The Board of Public Lands and Buildings some time ago thought to relieve the congestion at the Lincoln asylum for the insane by sending back to Douglas county some of the harmless patients from that county to be cared for locally. Douglas county objected because it had no place to care for them. The board sought to return the patients on the ground the county had not paid the state for the clothing of the pauper inmates. It is now discovered the law is against such a change.

MERGING OF PHONES.

Bell and Independent Companies Divide Territory.

Contrary to expectations, the railway commission passed finally on the proposed telephone merger, putting the seal of official approval on the plan by which the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, generally known as the Independent Telephone company, will increase its capital stock and take over the property of the Bell companies in the South Platte country.

The Nebraska Bell Telephone company and the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company signed contracts lately by which the former sells the latter all of its property in the South Platte country as far west as the west line of Webster and Adams county, while the Lincoln company transfers to its rival all of the property it owns north of the river.

The price paid by the Lincoln company to the Bell is \$2,205,750, payable in 5 per cent cumulative non-voting preferred stock of the Lincoln concern. In addition the Bell agrees to purchase additional stock of the same character up to \$500,000 and to underwrite all bond issues that may hereafter be necessary.

The order of the State Railway commission gives authority to increase the common issue stock \$350,000 and to issue \$2,000,000 5 per cent preferred stock. A part of this amount will be used to complete the purchase of the Bell, while the common stock will be used to buy such independent plants in the territory named as are not now a part of the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company, but which may desire to join a corporation that now dominates the telephone business in this field.

The territory from which the Bell withdraws covers twenty-two counties in the state—Richardson, Nemaha, Cass, Otoe, Saunders, Pawnee, Johnson, Lancaster, Gage, Jefferson, Thayer, Nuckolls, Clay, Hamilton, York, Polk, Butler, Seward, Saline, Fillmore, Webster and Adams. In addition to the toll lines and exchanges of its own that it has been operating in this section, the Bell also hands over to the Lincoln company its majority stock interest in the Plattsmouth Telephone company, the Nebraska City Telephone company, the Goldenrod Telephone company and the Butler County Telephone company. The two first named are independent companies which the Bell has purchased within the last fourteen months, but which a supreme court injunction, secured by the attorney general at the instance of the independent interests, has prevented being made a distinctive part of its system. The three plants conveyed by the Lincoln company, through the transfer of a major stock interest, are those located at Fremont and Grand Island, and the several exchanges included in the Howard County Independent company.

The prices paid by both companies represent the physical valuation of the properties, inventories of which have been completed, a task that delayed the conclusion of the negotiations begun months ago.

Governor Appoints Delegates.

Governor Aldrich appointed the following delegates to attend the National Child Labor convention, to be held at Louisville, Ky., January 25; Bishop A. L. Williams and Mrs. Frank L. Haller of Omaha, Mrs. E. M. Stonebraker and Judge Lincoln Frost of Lincoln, and Bishop George A. Beecher of Kearney.

Urges Good School Work.

Robert Elliott, deputy state superintendent of public instruction, is sending out a letter to the teachers in accredited high schools in the nature of a holiday greeting, and also urging them to take advantage of every opportunity better to equip themselves for the work which they have to do.

Officers Will be Prosecuted.

Former officers of the Union Fire Insurance company who aroused the displeasure of the state auditor at the time the transfer of the company's business was made to the Woodmen Fire Insurance company will be prosecuted in good time.

State Board Miffed.

The State Board of Health had the Lincoln authorities on the carpet to find out why it had been ignored in the recent investigation into the epidemic which was charged to contaminated water from one of the city wells. The board proposes to see why it is ignored and reports are not promptly made to that body.

New Memorial Association.

The Nebraska Memorial association, an auxiliary to the State Historical society, completed its organization by the election of John L. Webster of Omaha as president; Robert Harvey of St. Paul, vice president, and Clarence S. Paine of Lincoln, secretary-treasurer.

Senate Journals Soon.

Tim Sedgwick of York, who has the contract for printing and binding the senate journals, has informed the secretary of state that he will have some of them ready in a few days.

Historical Society Officers.

The State Historical society elected the following officers: John L. Webster, president; Robert Harvey of St. Paul, vice president; S. C. Bassett of Gibbon, second vice president; C. S. Paine of Lincoln, secretary and S. L. Gelshardt, treasurer.

THE IRON SCHEDULE

PRECEDENCE WILL BE GIVEN
OVER THAT OF WOOL.

BRYAN'S CHANGE IS ACCEPTED

Caucus of House Democrats Arranges as to Character and the Order of Business.

Washington.—A caucus of the house democrats on the iron and steel tariff schedule is likely before the end of this week. The ways and means committee, as soon as the already completed pension appropriation bill is passed by the house, will be ready to report the iron and steel schedule revision to the caucus for approval, particularly with a view to giving steel the right of way in the tariff proceedings in the house.

Even the chemical schedule bids fair to precede the wool tariff revision, for wool has been switched to let steel revision proceed. This is a virtual acceptance of the change of William J. Bryan, who during the extra session ascribed to Democratic Leader Underwood personal motives in putting other revisions ahead of steel.

A three-fold probe into gigantic "trusts" will be started by the house committee on Monday, when the first of a series of hearings lasting several days will cover the activities of the "money trust," "shipping combine" and the International Harvester company. The three are to be considered together with respect to the rules committee's consideration of the question of reporting resolutions looking to thorough congressional investigation of these "trusts."

The financial interests of New York are largely interested in the matter. Attorney General Wickersham, Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel and Samuel Undermyer of New York have been asked to appear before the committee Monday for explanation regarding the alleged shipping combination which is claimed to control trans-oceanic traffic.

Most of the democrats and several of the republicans on the committee have expressed themselves in favor of a sweeping investigation of the financial control of American industries and commercial affairs.

In the meantime the senate committee on interstate commerce expects to wind up this week its series of hearings on trust problems, without any certainty as to the reporting of a bill on the subject.

All this week Panama canal control and management will figure in hearing by the house committee on interests and foreign commerce, which is to report legislation at this session fixing tolls and regulations.

OPERATE TELEGRAPH LINES.

Postmaster General Favors Combining Business With Postal Service.

Washington.—Acquisition of the telegraph lines of the United States by the government and their operation as a part of the postal service will be recommended to congress in a short time by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

For a year or more Mr. Hitchcock has had this recommendation under consideration. After a thorough study of the operation of government-controlled lines and postal-telegraph systems of foreign countries he has decided to urge the matter upon congress.

Six Killed by Fast Train.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Five women and a man were killed when an express train on the Pennsylvania railroad dashed into a light station wagon at a grade crossing in Torresdale, a suburb of this city.

Rests With the Governor.

Denver, Colo.—Whether Sherman W. Morris, alias Frank Shercliffe, will be freed from the penitentiary, where he is serving a term for murder, depends upon action of the governor.

Nebraskan Wins Medal.

Ames, Ia.—C. R. Peterson of Nysted, Neb., won a gold medal here for writing the best examination at the close of the work in the dairy department of the short course.

Masonic Temple Burns.

Keokuk, Ia.—The Masonic temple building was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. It contained the Dodge theater and offices of the Standard Oil company.

Situation at Lan Chow.

London.—The gravest reports are coming regarding the situation at Lan Chow. According to a news agency dispatch from Tien Tsin, the report reached that city that the imperial troops were acting with the most fiendish brutality.

Parents Watch Home Burn.

Olen Carbon, Ill.—Three-year-old Mary Wiegerekey was burned to death while her parents, returning from shopping, stood near home and listened to the cries of the dying child.

U. S. Troops to China.

Manila.—The United States transport Logan left with a battalion of the Fifteenth infantry and other details on board on the way to Chin Wang Tao, in Northern China, where they will be employed in guarding a railroad.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

News Notes of Interest from Various Sections.

There were 11,499 deaths in Nebraska in 1911.

Many cases of typhoid fever is reported at the state university.

Bishop Scannell of Omaha fell down stairs and was painfully bruised.

Fred A. Corbin, postmaster at Reynolds, was found guilty by a jury in the federal court of embezzlement of government funds. Sentence was deferred.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph company filed amended articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is raised to \$1,100,000.

The Nebraska State Bottlers' association will hold its annual convention in Lincoln January 24 and 25. The convention will close with a monster banquet.

Irwin Saunders of Cortland was seriously wounded by the accidental discharge of a rifle while he was out hunting. The accident happened as Saunders was climbing into the buggy.

The annual report of Game Warden Miller made to the governor shows that with twenty-one counties yet to hear from the total receipts for the year from game and fish licenses, together with fines, was \$30,263, while the total expenditures for office and traveling expenses for deputies was \$19,652.

Malcom McGriffith, a ranch hand from Newcastle, Wyo., was taken off a Burlington passenger train at Crawford with both hands badly frozen. Dr. B. F. Richards says he will be able to save only one thumb on each hand. McGriffith was stealing a ride on the freight between Newcastle and Dewey.

At Fremont Louis Rogers, murderer of Mrs. Carolyn Reichter's infant, was sentenced by Judge Hollenbeck to twelve years in the penitentiary. Rogers pleaded his innocence before the court in a dramatic speech, in which he declared that he was no more guilty of the crime than the babe itself. Judge Hollenbeck overruled the motion for a new trial.

The supreme court admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,000 Alfred Boling of Nemaha county, who is held on the charge of statutory assault upon Dolly Boling, nee Dolly Hanger. A habeas corpus case was also filed by Boling in the supreme court growing out of the same legal tangle in which he is involved. The girl in question, whom Boling is alleged to have married, is only 15 years old.

An application signed by forty-nine young men of Columbus who desire to become members of a militia company has been received by Adjutant General Phelps of the Nebraska national guard. There are now twenty-three companies in the guard and the adjutant general will not add to the list until he is confident there is sufficient funds at his disposal to support and equip another company.

Some months ago the secretary of state received a bill for \$40,000 against the state rendered by W. R. VanPeyma of Gault, Ia. Looking up the man it was ascertained that he had at one time been an inmate of the Hastings asylum for the insane, but had been released. Not receiving any remittance the claimant has evidently decided to give the state a release and has sent a communication to this effect.

President D. B. Perry of Doane college left on a two months' trip in the interest of the \$200,000 endowment fund campaign that is being started at Doane. He expects to visit Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, New York, New Haven and Boston, besides many other smaller places, to see personally people who are interested in educational work. The college hopes to raise \$200,000 for endowment to make the endowment an even \$500,000, and the remaining \$100,000 to clear up all indebtedness.

Howe, in Nemaha county, is planning for a lot of building in 1912.

The district court of Dodge county overruled the motion of Lewis Rodgers, found guilty of the murder of a baby, and sentenced him to the penitentiary for twelve years.

At Arcadia A. Fowler had a narrow escape from death or serious injury. He was driving out of town east in a top buggy when the east bound passenger train came along. The team he was driving had just started to cross the track as the train reached the crossing and as Mr. Fowler was well bundled up he did not notice the approaching train. One of the horses was killed but the driver escaped unhurt.

At a special meeting of the state banking board matters in connection with the conduct of affairs at an Anoka, Boyd county bank, were taken up. Entries in the bank's books have been reported by the bank examiners as being out of the ordinary and entirely unsatisfactory to the state officials.

The affairs have been in charge of Cashier Adamson almost exclusively and the banking board voted to take the situation up with the directors.

E. M. Copenberger, a Greek, was found dead sitting in a chair in Grand Island.

The Kearney Military academy opened last week after the holiday season with an increased enrollment.

D. D. Price, state engineer, returned to Lincoln from Merrill county, where he went to consult the county commissioners regarding bridges which it is proposed to construct with state aid at Bridgeport and Bayard over the North Platte river. The engineer recommended concrete construction and this was approved by the commissioners.