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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

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.

CONGRESS.

Refused its unanimous consent to
pass the Alaska railroad bill.

The house passed the senate bill
to increase the number of midshipmen
at the naval academy.

A bill to create an additional federal
judgeship for eastern Pennsylvania
is being held up by filibuster.

A bill for Hetch waterworks for
San Francisco has been agreed on by
the public lands committee and intro-
duced by Senator Perkins.

The judiciary committee failed to
get a quorum to act on Kahn resolu-
tions for investigation of Caminetti
case and will meet later.

The senate has passed the New-
land bill to amend the Erdman act
and create a special board of arbitra-
tion for railroads and their employes.

A second unsuccessful attempt was
made by Senator Chamberlain to get
early action on his bill authorizing
the president to construct a govern-
ment railroad in Alaska.

The senate has confirmed nomina-
tions, including that of Henry Van
Dyke, as minister to The Netherlands
and Luxemburg, and several hundred
postmasters and naval promotions.

President Wilson said the agree-
ment in the dissolution of the Union
Pacific-Southern Pacific merger would
be submitted to him by Attorney Gen-
eral McKeynolds before being sub-
mitted to the court.

Secretary Bryan has announced
that he is strongly in favor of the
Glass currency bill, and let it be
known that he would use what in-
fluence he could in bringing about its
early enactment by congress.

DOMESTIC.

Walla Walla, Wash., has appointed
a woman member on its police force.

The Pittsburgh Chamber of Com-
merce is campaigning to teach fire
prevention.

Philadelphia has thirteen play-
grounds. Last year they were en-
joyed by 1,371,315 persons.

A general strike of all unions con-
nected with the industrial council
may be called at Kansas City.

The supreme court of Mississippi
has held that the razor is not a weap-
on, but an "implement of the toilet."

Of 74,000 locomotives inspected last
year by the Interstate Commerce
commission more than 48,000 were
found defective.

Mrs. Loretta Ayers Ward obtained
a divorce in the circuit court at St.
Louis from William A. Ward, socialist
candidate for governor of Missouri
last fall.

President Wilson has approved the
recommendation of Secretary Daniels
that no applications for retirement of
naval officers be favorably acted upon
unless such officers had had twenty
years' service.

Aroused by reports that the appro-
priation of \$40,000 was too small to
take care of veterans at the Gettys-
burg celebration, Representative
Barton has taken steps to have an ade-
quate appropriation made.

Official figures, recently compiled,
place the cement production of the
United States last year at 83,361,191
barrels, which is a new high record
and an increase of more than 3,-
800,000 barrels in a year.

Officials of the Toledo Museum of
Art have refused to deliver to En-
sign Lowry, sent from Annapolis by
Secretary of the Navy Daniels, the
Commodore Perry flag bearing the
inscription, "Don't give up the ship."

An appeal from the verdict which
sentenced him to a year in prison
for violation of the Mann white slave
act, was granted "Jack" Johnson, the
negro pugilist by Judge Carpenter, in
the United States district court here.

Mine No. 17 of the Western Coal
and Mining company of St. Louis at
Jenny Lind, Ark., near Fort Smith,
was wrecked by an explosion and sub-
sequent fire recently. No one was in
the mine at the time of the explosion.

State officials and representatives
from the railroads operating in Minne-
sota will meet with the railway and
warehouse commission of Minnesota
to discuss plans for putting into
operation the state rate held valid by
the United States supreme court.

John Ennis, 70 years old, who
started out some days ago to defeat
Edward P. Weston, the veteran walk-
er, on a hike from New York to Min-
neapolis, is seriously ill at his home
at Stamford, Conn., and physicians
fear he may not recover.

George Hudson of Winefield, Kan.,
who is 87 years old, is living in a
house which he himself recently built,
unassisted.

Seven railroads operating in Minne-
sota have agreed to abide by the
terms of the recent decision of the
United States supreme court in the
Minnesota rate cases.

The New York assembly defeated
Governor Sulzera direct primary bill
by a vote of 54 to 92.

Portland, Ore., is to have a great
outdoor recreation organization to be
known as the Municipal Athletic
association.

The land office at Devil's Lake, N.
D., has been consolidated with the
office at Minot, N. D.

According to the latest statistics
12,437 plutocrats in Missouri will be
touched by the income tax.

San Francisco is to have a new
twenty-story building on the north
side of Market, opposite Second street.

One woman in this country, Mrs. D.
Harry Hammer, of Chicago, has made
a collection of cartoons of Uncle
Sam, and has 30,000 of them.

A wind storm which almost reach-
ed the proportions of a tornado swept
over Kansas, Minnesota, doing more
than \$150,000 damage to property.

Captain Robert Bartlett, command-
er of Peary's north pole vessel, takes
a like position in Steffanson's expedi-
tion to the Arctic, which started re-
cently.

Five New York banks have been
added to the Texas oil penalty suit
and by this action the total penalties
demanded have been increased to
\$102,161,000.

A Pennsylvania statistician calcu-
lates that in the last year 120,000,000
tons of water were pumped out of the
mines of one company in the anthracite
region.

John Nicholson has confessed to
murdering his wife and their 9-year-
old son by setting fire to them after
he had soaked their bed clothing with
oil at Vandalla, Mo.

The stork visited the home of Na-
than Valone, a Pittsburgh merchant,
recently, and left a baby girl weigh-
ing fourteen pounds. This is the
twenty-sixth child born to Valone.

The whole of the J. P. Morgan es-
tate has a value of \$100,000,000, ac-
cording to an unofficial estimate
credited to Thomas E. Rush, counsel
to State Comptroller Solmer.

Frank S. Graham of Oakes, N. D.,
has been appointed a national bank
examiner for one of the North Da-
kota districts by John P. Kane, acting
comptroller of the currency.

The woman's suffrage bill has been
signed by Governor Dunne. The act
gives Illinois women the right to
vote for all statutory officers in the
state, and also for presidential elec-
tors.

As a result of a conference between
Governor Hatfield and the United
Mine Workers of America and coal
operators of the New River coal field
in West Virginia, a strike order issued
applying to the New River coal fields
is being held up temporarily.

To prove that the people of the
twentieth century need not be slaves
to civilized convention, Joseph
Knowles, a Boston painter of outdoor
life, plans to plunge into the wilder-
ness of Northern Maine on July 1,
without clothing, food, matches or
ammunition.

Foreign.

Berlin's street railway is to be
electrified at a cost of \$5,000,000.

Audacious daylight thieves in Paris
stole a mass of jewels from a private
house.

An official dispatch describes the
fighting between the Servians and the
Bulgarians at Zletovo as a small affair.

The authorities of Naples have un-
earthed the bodies of a large number
of infants buried in the garden at-
tached to a villa occupied by a mid-
wife.

One of the world's largest belts,
being 207 feet long and three and a
half feet wide, is used to transmit
nearly 3,000 horsepower in an Aus-
trian steel mill.

The prospect that the Balkan dis-
pute will be submitted to Russia ar-
bitration, and the four premiers of
the four Balkan states will meet at
St. Petersburg, is much brighter.

Deputy Legrand announced in the
chamber of deputies that France's
standing army on a peace footing
would number 727,000 men after the
adoption of the government's three-
year service bill.

The magnificent auditorium pre-
sented to the University of Michigan
as a memorial to the late Arthur
Hill was formally dedicated in con-
nection with the alumni day celebra-
tion at the university.

An adequate American navy means
a fleet second only to that of Great
Britain, and "inadequacy is an invita-
tion to war" in the opinion of Admiral
Dewey, ranking naval officer of the
United States.

Miss Nellie O'Farrell of San Fran-
cisco, who has gained considerable
notice as the first woman wireless
operator in the world, has retired
from the operator's field. She was
married recently.

A violent scene occurred in the
senate when Senator Arthur Costa,
brother of the premier, objected to
the remarks of Joao Jose de Freitas,
and advanced upon him. Senator de
Freitas drew a revolver and leveled
it at the other's breast.

India has produced about 2,500,000
tons of sugar annually for the last
two years.

The French aviator, Maurice L.
Fouquier, while testing a monoplane
for the first time, fell from a height
of 250 feet and was killed.

A sailor from the United States
battleship Illinois while on shore
leave at Antwerp with several ship-
mates, killed a Belgian.

Approximately ten tons of feathers
plucked from birds by poachers four
or five years ago in the Hawaiian and
Midway islands have been burned by
the government of Honolulu.

NEW ALLEGATIONS

"FIELD AGENT" OF MANUFAC-
TURERS' MAKES CHARGES.

MUST TELL STORY TO SENATE

Martin M. Mulhall Expected to Prove
a Vital Power in Inves-
tigation.

Washington.—Further sensations in
the senate's lobby investigation were
foreshadowed when it became known
that a subpoena had been served upon
Martin M. Mulhall of Baltimore,
reported to have been for many years
the active "field agent" and lobbyist
of the National Association of Manu-
facturers.

The subpoena was ordered by
Chairman Overman of the lobby com-
mittee, after representations had been
made to him that Mr. Mulhall was
willing and able to give the commit-
tee important facts regarding attempts
to influence legislation to elect or de-
feat candidates for congress and to
control the makeup of committees in
congress.

The nature and extent of the dis-
closures that are expected were out-
lined in an article published under
the sworn signature of Mr. Mulhall
in the New York World and the Chi-
cago Tribune.

The statement purports to be Mr.
Mulhall's personal history as the rep-
resentative from 1903 to 1912 of the
National Association of Manufacturers
and bristles with the names of con-
gressmen whom he alleges were
"subservient" or who were punished
for their opposition to legislation fa-
vored by the association. The allega-
tions that he had helped to defeat
congressmen who opposed the inter-
ests of the manufacturers; that this
organization had spent thousands of
dollars to elect congressmen expected
to be sympathetic to their influences;
that he had aided in securing favor-
able members on committees that
handled labor legislation, and that
his assistants had used great efforts
to secure the establishment of a fed-
eral tariff commission in 1908, as a
means of delaying tariff revision, are
contained in the long article under
Mr. Mulhall's name.

The facts alleged in the striking
story of legislative lobbying and po-
litical campaign were not laid before
Chairman Overman prior to their pub-
lication. He declared, however, that
the story was so circumstantial in its
detail that he expected the committee
to go to the bottom of the allega-
tions and to uncover any new angle
of "insidious lobbying" or "pernic-
ious" political campaigning that
might be disclosed.

Agitators Arouse Discontent.

Tokio.—At an anti-American meet-
ing the Japanese cabinet had failed
in settling the California question and
that the time had arrived for the peo-
ple to assume a more determined at-
titude and extend the national pres-
tige. The meeting was attended by a
number of agitators and two opposi-
tion members of parliament, and it
was decided to continue the attempts
to arouse public opinion by further
anti-American meetings and the dis-
tribution of manifestos. The speakers,
who advocated the most radical mea-
sures toward the United States were
the men who have daily tried to stir
up the Japanese public during the last
month.

Prisoners Make Escape.

Leavenworth, Kan.—An all day
search for Richard Osborne and Wal-
ter Layman, convicts, who made a
daring escape from the federal prison
has not developed a trace of the men.
Osborne was serving eighteen years
for robbery in Washington, D. C.,
while Layman was serving a three-
year term for counterfeiting in Cal-
ifornia. Both men have made prison
escapes before. Layman from McNeil's
island, the government prison on the
Pacific coast. The two men were cell-
mates. They sawed the bars of their
cell and of a door ten feet away, leav-
ing dummies reposing in their cots.

Body Washed Ashore.

Kansas City, Mo.—The body of
George Townsend, wealthy Chicago
railway promoter, who disappeared
from the Baltimore hotel, was found
on Goose island, a small strip of land
in the Missouri river, six miles west
of Kansas City, Kas. It had been
washed ashore.

Confesses to Bribery.

St. Louis, Mo.—Joseph A. Fansler,
a former member of the East St.
Louis, Ill., city council, has made a
sworn confession of bribery to State's
Attorney Charles Webb.

Gold and Skeleton Unearthed.

San Bernardino, Cal.—Two pots of
gold and a skeleton were unearthed
by G. W. Tyler while conducting
street grading operations. The gold,
in dust and nuggets, was worth about
\$500. The skeleton was believed to
be that of some ancient Indian chief.

May Electrocuted.

Eddyville, Ky.—"General" May, in
the stock of whose pistol was said to
have been carved eight significant
notches, was electrocuted in the
state penitentiary here.

RIGHT TO CHANGE STREAM.

Judge Munger Holds for Railroad in
Schuyler Case.

That the fact that a stream changes
its course through natural causes
does not take away from a landowner
the right to put the stream back into
its natural course, providing the con-
ditions are restored practically as
they were before the change, was the
substance of an opinion given Thurs-
day by Federal Judge Munger in the
case of the Union Pacific against the
city of Schuyler. The railroad and the
city of Schuyler were engaged in
litigation over the course of Shell
creek, which changed its course in
1908 and 1909 as a result of a flood.
The railroad objected to the city of
Schuyler emptying its sewage into
the stream as the new channel of the
creek was coursing down a ditch on
the right of way of the Union Pacific,
and started to change the course of
the stream. The city of Schuyler ob-
jected to the railroad's putting up an
embankment on a ditch known as the
Bailey ditch which would force the
stream back into its old channel, and
secured an injunction from the lower
court. The lower court held that the
railroad did not have a right to
change the course of the stream to
its old bed. The city of Schuyler
contended that if the course of the
stream was changed the city could not
use the old stream for sewage pur-
poses.

Judge Munger held that as the rail-
road secured the right and consent of
the landowner to place an embank-
ment on the creek to force it into its
old channel that the city of Schuyler
could not prevent such action by the
railroad. The court dismissed the
supplemental bill of the defendants
brought after a former opinion of the
court had been filed.

Senate Session Proved Costly.

The late senate session with a legal
allowance of slightly over half the
number of employes allowed the
house, spent 70 per cent of the
amount expended by the lower body
for payment of its help, according to
a legislative summary just prepared
by the state auditing department. The
house, with an allowance of eighty-
two employes, spent just \$30,258 for
salaries, while the senate, with a legal
allowance of forty-nine employes,
spent \$21,505. The latter amount, of
course, included payment of about
sixty-nine employes which the senate
took unto itself during the ses-
sion.

The total expense of the senate
was \$50,673, while the total expense
of the house was \$104,500. Of the
difference of nearly \$54,000, between
the two bodies the sum of \$41,200
represented salaries and mileage of
the sixty seven members which the
house possessed in excess of the sen-
ate membership.

Incidental expenses of the senate,
with its thirty-three members, footed
up to \$7,338, while the house, with
its 100 members, expended \$11,629
under this item.

Dirt to Fly in a Short Time.

Officials of the Omaha, Lincoln &
Beatrice Interurban railroad have
not yet made full determination as to
the time of starting construction ac-
tivity between here and Omaha. The
matter is likely to be settled at a
meeting of interests to be held here
in a short time. George Moore of
Detroit, interested in the Common-
wealth Power company, the Lincoln
Traction company and the Omaha,
Lincoln & Beatrice is to be here, and
he, with others are to decide the
matter.

Prairie Chickens.

The protection of the prairie chick-
en is receiving considerable at-
tention just now. Farmers are much in-
terested because the birds are vorac-
ious destroyers of insect pests. The
secretary of agriculture is consider-
ing the plan of placing the prairie
chicken under the migratory clause
of the McLean law. This would mean
a five year closed season. The prairie
chicken migrates between states,
the Nebraska birds jaunts to Kansas
and Colorado.

Treasurer to Collect Bonds.

Nebraska will require all states to
pay bonds held by Nebraska, when
they come due. The state holds
\$635,000 of Tennessee bonds, which
will be due next month. These bonds
draw 3 per cent. Tennessee is un-
fortunate in that its whole bonded
debt becomes due at the same time
and amounts to \$11,485,000. The
state expects to refund the debt and
Nebraska will get its money.

Stock Breeder's Handbook.

The Nebraska Improved Live Stock
Breeder's Association has recently
published a directory of the breeders
of fancy stock in the State of Nebras-
ka, who belong to this Association.
It contains, besides the breeders'
name and the kind of stock which
he handles, the approximate number
which he generally has on hand and
also the number which are for sale.
This little directory should be a very
helpful guide to any prospective pur-
chaser or others interested in live
stock.

ENTITLED TO OFFICE

SUPREME COURT REVERSES IT
SELF IN KEARNEY CASE.

CHAMBERS DAMAGES TO STAND

Verdict of Six Thousand Dollars
Against Owners of Boyd Theater
Held to Be Good.

Lincoln.—The supreme court of Ne-
braska, has changed its mind, in the
Buffalo county case which involved
the right of Charles Reiley to hold as
police judge of the city of Kearney.
The court holds that the district court
has no right to oust Reiley from the
office and seat W. L. Hand, elected at
the regular fall election. Judge Sed-
gewick wrote the opinion and says that
the constitution fixes the term of
office of a police magistrate, and that
the legislature cannot change the
length of term nor remove the
incumbent by legislation. Judge
Fawcett in a dissenting opinion is
rather inclined to ridicule the
later action of the court when in a
former action it had unanimously de-
cided otherwise.

Must Resentence Stehr.

In the Henry Stehr case from
Madison county, wherein an appeal
had been made to the supreme court
for a new trial for Stehr, who had
been given an indeterminate sentence
for being responsible for the death
of his stepson, whom he caused to
stay all night in a coal shed, from
which exposure he died, the court
finds that the district judge had no
right to sentence Stehr under the in-
determinate sentence law before that
law had gone into effect. The case
is sent back to the lower court with
instructions to pronounce sentence
under the law in effect at that time.
The supreme court recommends that
the very lowest sentence be given,
considering the time already served
and that Stehr should be discharged
from custody.

Theater Damage Stands.

An opinion handed down, sustains
the district court of Douglas county
in the Boyd theater elevator case
wherein Chas. H. Grunnell, as ad-
ministrator of the estate of Bessie
Chambers, recovered a verdict for
\$6,142 from Anna H. Boyd, James E.
Boyd Jr., and Eleanor B. Bierbower,
owners of the Boyd theater in Omaha,
wife, son and daughter of ex-Governor
Boyd, for damages sustained by
Miss Bessie Chambers, March 16,
1910, who fell down the elevator
shaft at the building, sustaining in-
juries from which she died.

Suggests Higher Valuation.

Lincoln.—George Anthes, formerly
deputy state auditor, but now con-
nected with the county offices of
Douglas county, was at the state
house and visited the railway com-
mission for the purpose of looking up
reports made by certain Douglas
county corporations relative to their
property.

While here Mr. Anthes took up the
matter with E. B. Gaddis, member of
the new tax commission, and dis-
cussed matters pertaining to the in-
equalities of the present methods
and its inability to meet the present
needs. He said that there were only
two cities in the country outside of
Omaha that were assessed only 20
per cent of their value and he be-
lieves that something will have to be
done in Douglas county to bring
about a different method of taxation
in order to meet the bond issues com-
ing due very soon.

Deputy Auditor Inquires About Land.

Lincoln.—Deputy Auditor W. L.
Minor has addressed a letter to the
attorney general calling attention to
247 parcels of land comprising 27,
995 acres which have been proven up
on and have never been certified to
the various counties for taxation.
The following counties show the
acreage for years 1910 and 1911:

	Acres.	Acres.	Total.
1910.	1911.		
Scott's Bluffs	5,284	12,098	17,482
Morrill	787	3,075	3,862
Sioux	2,510	4,050	6,560
Total	8,772	19,223	27,995

New Corporations Formed.

Lincoln.—The Bewsher company is
the name of a new corporation doing
business in Omaha which has filed
articles of incorporation with the sec-
retary of state. The capital stock is
placed at \$50,000 and the incorpora-
tors are, A. H. Bewsher, E. J. Clizbe
and E. M. Martin. The company will
do a general business in buying and
selling grain. The Interstate Live
Stock Fair association with a capital
stock of \$5,000 and headquarters at
Cambridge has also filed articles of
incorporation with the secretary.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Editor Pent, of the Stanton Reg-
ister, is installing a linotype ma-
chine.

The insurance department of the
state has licensed the Bankers' Life
of Monmouth, Ill., to do business in
the state.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Au-
rora Milling company, containing
much wheat and flour. The loss is
placed at \$45,000.

High wind and hail caused up-
wards of \$40,000 damage to crops and
farm buildings in the vicinity of
Kenesaw and Prosser.

Articles of incorporation of the
Niobrara, Sioux City & Omaha Rail-
road company have been filed with
the secretary of state.

Editor Karl L. Spence of the
Franklin News has purchased a build-
ing and will move his plant into it
as soon as necessary changes can be
made.

Warren Hazlett was arrested after
he had broken into the Golden Eagle
clothing store at Kearney and out-
fitted himself from head to foot with
new clothing.

During the high wind at Lincoln
Wednesday night the steel work on
the new high school building was
blown down, causing damage to the
extent of over \$5,000.

County Treasurer J. S. Tate has
resigned his office and will move to
Idaho. Fred Wencke of Pender was
chosen as his successor by the
county commissioners.

The body of Alfred Jones, who was
drowned near Beatrice with his little
son by the capsizing of a boat, has
been recovered from the Blue river
by the use of dynamite.

Farmers in Gage county are push-
ing their wheat harvest, and expect
to finish the work in about a week.
The crop is the heaviest harvested
in Gage county in years.

Workmen under the supervision of
Contractor Wood are rapidly finish-
ing their work on the new building
Mr. Wood is putting up for the Burr
Publishing company at Aurora.

During a heavy rainstorm light-
ning struck the alfalfa shed on the
farm of George S. Smith, near Ash-
land, burning the structure nearly
down. Loss \$200, with no insurance.

It cost the state \$89 to bring
James W. Griffith, sr., from Valen-
tine to the penitentiary after the su-
preme court had decided that he
must serve one year in the peniten-
tiary.

John Bates, son of ex-county Judge
William Bates, who has been record-
ing clerk for County Judge McDuffee,
has accepted a position as bookkeeper
in the Rising City Bank of Rising
City, Neb.

Farm Demonstrator Liebers of the
University of Nebraska reports the
discovery of considerable smut in
the oat crop of Gage county, Ne-
braska. He estimates the damage
from 5 to 15 per cent.

The first petition calling for settle-
ment of the university location prob-
lem by a vote of the people was filed
with the secretary of state recently.
It was sent in from Sutton and con-
tained twenty names.

Lieut. W. E. Sanford of Lincoln
has been authorized to organize a
company of the national guard to be
stationed in Lincoln. Colonel C. A.
Lord, formerly of the university ca-
dets, will assist him.

The jury in the case of Geo. Leon-
ard, charged with having caused the
death of James Arnel, an old soldier
at the Millford home on April 13, 1912,
brought in a verdict of not guilty af-
ter having been out forty minutes.

Governor McCreck has issued a re-
quisition application upon the gov-
ernor of Kansas for the return of
Rufus Willis from Atchison to Falls
City, where he is wanted on a charge
of stealing a \$38 watch from George
Johnson.

The county board has decided to
build a new bridge at Sutton over
School creek and the north end of
Saunders' avenue. It is to be of ce-
ment and the latest and most perma-
nent design. The city will provide
the approaches.

False tuberculin tests on cattle
shipped from Illinois into Nebraska
and other western states will be the
chief topic discussed by the state vet-
erinarians who gather in Omaha for
the sessions of the Missouri Valley
Veterinarians' association.

Mrs. Zack Shrader, residing near
Murray, while