

NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

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GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Washington and in Other Sections of the Country.

WASHINGTON.

Senator Lea has introduced a currency bill that would revise the Aldrich-Vreeland emergency currency act.

President Wilson has asked permission of congress to accept a statue of William Pitt, sent to him by British admirers.

The president has submitted for confirmation several nominations, including Preston McGoodwin as minister to Venezuela.

The lobby investigating committee heard from James A. Emery National Association of Manufacturers' side of Mulhall lobby story.

No determined opposition to the administration currency bill will be made by republicans in the house, according to Leader Mann.

Representative Hullings has introduced a bill designed to eliminate gambling in stocks and bonds in warehouse receipts of all commodities.

Report from Attorney General McReynolds was read denying that the Department of Justice maintained espionage system over federal courts.

Senator Penrose has introduced amendment to the tariff bill to prevent foreign countries from dumping surplus goods in the United States at low rates.

A constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of all alcoholic beverages was proposed in a resolution introduced by Representative Hobson of Alabama.

William J. Price of Danville, Ky., has been selected by President Wilson for minister to Panama. Mr. Price was introduced to the president by Senator James.

James Coffey of South Dakota has been confirmed as revenue collector for the Dakotas after receipt of his resignation as chairman of the democratic state committee of South Dakota.

Representative Roddenbery's resignation as a member of the house lobby investigation committee was accepted and Speaker Clark appointed Representative Ferris of Oklahoma to take his place.

The two lobby investigations under way in congress after a series of short sessions will be resumed with the prospect of some further important testimony bearing on legislative activities.

The Interstate Commerce commission has ordered all common carrier telephone companies to furnish by October 1 a detailed statement of their organization, equipment and physical operations.

Reductions in express rates which will cost the company fully \$28,000,000 a year, approximately 16 per cent of their gross revenues, were ordered by the Interstate Commerce commission to become effective on or before October 15, 1913.

The Owen-Glass currency bill now pending in congress if it should become a law would not injure the bankers but would hamper the credit of the merchants, manufacturers and farmers of the country, in the opinion of delegates representing banking institutions of six northwestern states.

All predictions of an early passage of the democratic tariff bill by the senate are going glimmering. Majority leaders realize that notwithstanding the fact that they have set a new record in pushing consideration of this measure, only a beginning has been made and the earliest anyone now will promise completion of the task is September 15.

DOMESTIC.

An appraisement of the estate left by the late Major General Frederick Dent Grant, made public, values the entire personal estate at about \$100,000.

Mrs. George William Hooper of San Francisco has given \$1,000,000 to the University of California to be used in research in the medical department.

Private detectives working on the case of the \$150,000 jewel robbery of Mrs. John F. Hanan, which occurred at Narragansett Pier, N. J., July 25 last, have announced that some of the jewels had been traced to New York.

A pension approximating half pay for every Episcopal clergyman more than 65 years old and financial aid for widows and orphaned children of clergymen are recommended in a preliminary report issued at New York by the commission on pensions of the Episcopal church.

Mule prices are reported rising in Missouri.

Only one man in 208 is over six feet in height.

Chicago is to have a new detention hospital, to cost \$400,000.

St. Louis is to have a new 8-story hotel at Eleventh and Pine streets, to cost \$500,000.

The United States is a heavy coffee drinker, with 800,000,000 pounds last year, or 9.33 pounds per head.

Philadelphia secured the 1914 convention of the American Osteopathic association, now in session at Kirksville, Mo.

Edison says that the inventive genius of the school boy should be encouraged by some recognition in the school curriculum.

Direct appeal for a senatorial investigation of the copper miners' strike has been made by the Western Federation of Miners.

Mayor Gaynor has vetoed a resolution recently adopted by the aldermen appropriating \$32,000 for the establishment of a municipal ice plant.

Seven thousand women employed in New York knitting mills have struck, demanding shorter hours, higher pay and more sanitary working conditions.

George Harriman, the leper who was taken to the isolation cottage at Quarantine, several miles south of St. Louis, has escaped. He returned to his wife's home in the heart of the city, secured some money and departed.

As the result of an enforced ride taken in a delivery wagon belonging to him last September, Mrs. Anna Riffle, a young matron, was awarded judgment in Los Angeles for \$2,500 against Arthur Letts, one of the city's wealthiest merchants.

Ten baby buffaloes have been born to the government herd on the Wichita national forest and game refuge, near Lawton, Okla. The new arrivals bring the herd up to forty-eight head, twenty-seven of which are bulls and twenty-one are cows.

The backbone of the Missable dock strike was broken when about 100 of the night crew, surrounded by police, returned to work. No disorder accompanied the split in the strikers' forces and disorder here is not expected, as the dock was surrounded by police.

Governor William Sulzer of New York was nearly \$50,000 in debt as the result of stock market speculations at the time of his nomination and used contributions to his campaign fund to make additional purchases of stock while this debt was hanging over him, according to testimony adduced at the hearings of the Frawley committee of the legislature.

WAR ECHOES.

According to a consular dispatch from Torreon, state of Chihuahua there has been a ten days' battle between government forces and rebels, in which the rebels were repulsed with great loss.

Representatives of the powers have taken the first step at Constantinople to compel Turkey to evacuate the portress of Ardianople, which its troops reoccupied after war broke out between the former Balkan allies.

The second Balkan peace conference having concluded peace on a basis of compromise which is unsatisfactory to all states concerned except possibly Rumania, the question is being asked how soon a third Balkan war will break out.

Fighting has been in progress in the streets of Teheran caused by the smouldering feud between the Bakhtiaris clansmen and the national authorities. Firing is going on in the main street of the city, where the foreign legations are situated. In other districts there have been numerous conflicts between the military police and the clansmen.

FOREIGN.

The average yearly wage of the employees of the Austrian state tobacco factories (state monopoly) is less than \$150 per year.

"Japanese toys are rapidly supplanting those made in Germany in many of our departments," states a large importer of toys in London.

A number of prominent Germans have started a campaign in an endeavor to induce the government to participate in the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco in 1915.

The Chilean steamer Isidora was wrecked off Cape Carranza, Chile, and all the members of its crew except one were drowned. The steamer is a total loss.

Kobe, Japan, has a population of 436,651.

The International Medical congress was opened by Prince Arthur of Connaught as the representative of King George in the Albert hall.

The Department of Agriculture of Ontario, Canada, was awarded the president's cup for the best display at the apple show conducted in conjunction with the International Apple Shippers' association convention at Cleveland.

LIND SAFE IN MEXICO

ARRIVES AT CAPITAL CITY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM

Foreign Relations Committee Will Assist Wilson in Furthering His Peace Plans.

Washington, D. C.—With the arrival in Mexico City of Joan Lind, personal representative of President Wilson, administration officials decided that no further steps would be taken in carrying out the policy of the United States toward Mexico until Mr. Lind had made a careful study of the general situation there.

While the president has mapped out a distinct course of action about which strict secrecy is being maintained, it is known that the instructions to be sent Mr. Lind from time to time will depend largely on developments in the Mexican capital in the next few weeks.

Further enlightenment as to the errand of Mr. Lind and the policy the president has formed came from Senator Bacon, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, who declared that president Wilson was facing "a great responsibility" in the present situation and had the hearty support and co-operation, not only of the foreign relations committee, but of members of the senate generally, regardless of party lines. To explain various interpretations of the conference between the president and the foreign relations committee Senator Bacon made the following statement:

Senator Bacon's Statement.

"The foreign relations committee recognizes that the president is acting in good faith in trying to solve this problem peacefully. The president's undertaking is with that view, and in that reasonable purpose the committee are in accord, and have confidence in his sincerity and integrity. They recognize that he wishes to settle the question without violence and for the best interests of the United States and of Mexico. Of course he cannot now be expected to go into all details. In the first place some of the details are necessarily not yet worked out, and depend, in a measure, on developments and the information which is to be derived from the methods he is now pursuing. In the second place, some matters of detail, if given out in advance in the present delicate situation, will defeat the very ends sought to be accomplished."

Aged Man Burned to Death.

Stout Falls, S. D.—Unable to save himself because of an illness which confined him to his bed, and with the flames preventing rescuers from reaching him, an old man named Nord was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Lillehaug of Jerauld county. The old man was Mrs. Lillehaug's father, who made his home with his daughter, who for seven years has been bedridden. He was over 90 years of age. Only about an hour before fire broke out the other members of the family went to the home of a neighbor to make a short visit, leaving the old man alone. The house and contents was completely destroyed. The charred remains of the old man were recovered.

Revenue Collections \$2,607,049.

Washington, D. C.—Internal revenue collections in Nebraska during the fiscal year ending June 30 were \$2,607,049. The collections in South Dakota were \$137,260, which is included in a single district with North Dakota. The collections for the entire district were only slightly in excess of \$198,000. Collections for Iowa were \$1,180,855. A preliminary report on collections during the last fiscal year made by Commissioner W. H. Osborn, to Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has been made public.

Mistreated Girls Coming Home.

New Orleans, La.—Lily and Edna Gourd, the American girls who were mistreated by bandits near Tampico, Mex., last week, while their father, Matthew Gourd, bound to a tree, looked on, powerless to help them, arrived here on the German steamer Spreewald from Tampico. They left for their home in Corning, Ia. Thirty-six other American refugees were aboard. Passengers declare that Americans were fleeing from Mexico leaving everything behind them.

Mosquito Crop is Short.

New York.—The mosquito pest around New York and New Jersey has been reduced more than a half by the anti-mosquito campaign this year, according to Dr. Alvah H. Doty.

Earth quake Destroys Two Towns.

Lima, Peru.—News reached here that an earthquake destroyed the Peruvian towns of Caraveli and Quichcha. Thousands of the inhabitants were rendered homeless, and extended relief measure will be necessary to prevent great privation.

Gunboat Smith Licks Smith.

New York.—Gunboat Smith of California defeated Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, in the fifth round of their scheduled ten-round bout at Madison Square garden.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Sunday baseball was defeated at Ansley.

Garrison has had no rain since the middle of June.

George McClain was killed by a freight train at Syracuse Saturday.

Dr. Bailey of Pella, Iowa, is the new president of Grand Island college.

The Tecumseh Milling company is going to be reorganized and incorporated.

Madison has bought a sprinkler and will attempt to keep the streets free of dust.

A harvest home picnic will be held in the park in Garrison, August 15 and 16.

Burglars and safe blowers have been at work in Nebraska City during the past week.

Thirty green fruit trains from the south have passed through Fairbury the past week.

Charley Kinsley, a Lincoln lad, was bitten by a rattlesnake while in Salt creek bathing.

The Hamilton county teachers' institute will convene in Aurora Monday, August 11.

August 23 has been settled upon as the date for Havelock's annual gala day celebration.

Eight "prairie schooners" passed through Madison one day last week en route to Wyoming.

Fremont signal corps are becoming quite proficient with the aeroplane attached to that body.

John Kautz, 60 years old, committed suicide by taking acid in the city jail at Beatrice.

The saengerbund seagions just closed at Lincoln will hold its next session at Council Bluffs.

George Brenton was instantly killed at Neligh when a wagon loaded with brick passed over his body.

The building and grounds of the Nebraska school of agriculture at Curtis will be dedicated August 15.

The convention of the German American alliance of Nebraska will be held at Lincoln October 14.

Henry Nelbauer of Paul, who was badly injured in an auto wreck some time since, is slowly recovering.

Almworth's first chautauqua just closed is said to have been a grand success financially and otherwise.

Norfolk's first big fall festival will be held September 17, 18, 19 and 20. Hereafter it is to be an annual event.

Paul O'Hara has arrived at Hastings, having ridden on a motorcycle the entire distance from Greenville, S. C.

The city of Wisner has let the contracts for extensive improvements to the present electric lighting system of the town.

R. B. Wahlquist has been appointed postmaster at Hastings. He held that position under the Cleveland administration.

The committee in charge of financing the "big four" fair at Fremont have sufficient funds to warrant its complete success.

The Logrolling association, dormant for five years, has been revived, and will hold the annual picnic at Blair Thursday, August 21.

Albert Tibbets of Hastings had his foot badly mangled when the jack he was using in repairing an auto slipped out of place, the machine catching him as it fell.

William Worthman and wife had a narrow escape from death when their auto went dead on a railroad crossing and was struck by a fast freight near Seward.

Louis Westermann, for twenty-three years a resident of Lincoln, is dead at his home in that place. He was seventy-five years of age. Heart failure is believed to have been the cause of death.

In transferring a threshing engine across the Missouri river at Moorehead island by means of a ferry boat, the boat sprang a leak and sank with its cargo. The engine belonged to Dixon brothers, and they are making an effort to recover it.

Paul Barrett, a three-year-old boy, was bitten by a monkey at Antelope park at Lincoln, and blood poison is feared.

Dr. Frederick Cook, the Arctic explorer, delivered a lecture and told of his dash to the pole, at the Nebraska City chautauqua last week.

Grace Booth, a 14-year-old girl near Broken Bow, was dangerously wounded when a .32 calibre revolver was discharged as she was examining it.

Tetanus, resulting from running a splinter into her foot, caused the death of little Rose Zamunski at South Omaha.

The state association of rural mail carriers of Nebraska will be held at Norfolk September 1.

Martin Brott, one of the very first settlers of Tecumseh, celebrated the eighty-second anniversary of his birth last week by inviting all his old soldier friends to his home to partake of an elaborate "mess."

Mrs. Emma Brinton of Beatrice and Mrs. Emma Reese of Wymore have been granted \$15 a month each toward the care and maintenance of their children. This is the first action taken under the "mother's pension act" in Gage county.

Will Marsh, Jr., residing on a farm four miles east of Doniphan, suffered a loss of over \$3,000 when fire of unknown origin destroyed his large barn, full of hay and grain.

While the family of Charles Edwards of Shubert was at dinner, the house was discovered on fire, supposedly from a defective flue. It was burned to the ground, together with a great part of the household goods.

Dependent over a love affair, George Arnold, twenty-three years of age, killed himself at Broken Bow Saturday night by swallowing strychnine.

CAUSES MANY FIRES

TOTAL LEVY FOR STATE TAXES TO BE 7.80 MILLS.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

A total of \$391,865 worth of property was imperiled by fire during the month of July, according to a report by Fire Commissioner Ridgell. Of the amount the loss sustained on buildings reached \$112,64 of which \$59,709 was on the contents.

The totals are compiled from the entire state excepting Douglas county. Aurora headed the list of losses with \$65,000, Bertrand was next with \$19,000, and Grand Island was third with \$7,000. Lincoln was fourth with \$3,256.

Unknown causes are attributed to nineteen fires, children with matches caused half a dozen and gasoline stoves caused four conflagrations. Locomotive sparks caused five fires. In his report Commissioner Ridgell adds the following interesting comment:

"We believe that every city and town in the state should pay more attention to fire prevention and I wish to suggest to the mayors and city councils throughout the state that they employ from one to four men (depending upon the size of the city or town) at least twice a year to make a thorough investigation of their cities and towns and where defects are found and parties refuse to correct them they report those who refuse to do so to the mayor of their respective towns and to the state fire commissioner's office at Lincoln and would, suggest to the fire commissioners of Omaha, South Omaha and Lincoln that they select one man from each fire station or district whose duties shall consist of inspecting and causing defects to be removed and report to the captains of said stations and to the office of the state fire commissioner.

"The report of fires for July, 1913, outside of Douglas county, showed a total of fifty-four fires, fully 75 per cent of which were due to carelessness and could have been prevented.

State Board Fixes Levy.

The state board of equalization for the first time since the present law was passed in 1904 accepted the returns of county assessors without attempting to change them. The total levy for state taxes was increased to 7.80 mills, which is 2.60 mills higher than the levy of last year. The board raised the general fund levy to 5 mills, which is the limit permitted under the constitution, and then made other levies which are required to be made by laws passed by the legislature, including eighty-five hundredths of a mill for the support of state normal schools, one mill for the support of the university and three quarters of a mill for a special building fund for the university and one-fifth of a mill for the state aid bridge fund. The state levy in mills is as follows:

General fund	5.00
Normal school	.85
State aid bridge	.20
State university	1.00
University building fund	.75
Total	7.80

The last legislature did not appropriate funds out of the general fund for the four state normal schools, but instead provided a levy. This makes that much to be collected by taxes for the general fund, but with the normal schools provided for by special taxation, the appropriations made from the general fund by the last legislature far exceeds the amount which will be derived from a 5 mill levy for the general fund.

The state board of equalization will begin at once equalizing the values of live stock as reported by county boards and assessors. It has divided the state into three districts and will try to equalize as between counties in these districts. The eastern district is bounded on the west by a line running north from the western boundary of Nuckolls county, and the central district is bounded on the west by a line running north from the western border of Dundy county. There is a great difference in the assessed valuation of live stock in different counties. The board desires to get the average valuation in each district and then bring all counties within the district near together as to value of the different kinds of live stock.

Gust Fellows of Humboldt has been appointed a member of the examining board of embalmers. He is one of the oldest undertakers in the state and received the highest recommendation from the state embalmers' association.

Will Modify Drinking Cup Law.

Efforts of the board of secretaries of the state board of health to abolish the one-for-all communion cup in churches will go for naught. Members of the board of health proper, that is the governor, attorney general and state superintendent, who must approve the recent public drinking cup order, are not willing to accept the provision relating to churches and will therefore strike that from the manifesto. In other provisions it will likely receive the board's indorsement.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Reaffirmation of the campaign promise that he would not be a candidate for a second term was made by Governor Morehead in a semi-political talk made to old settlers of Clay county.

The statute compilation commission is still grinding away. The best it can promise the public is that the edition will be ready for distribution some time in January.

The state board of equalization is in session equalizing the assessed valuation of property reported by counties and will as soon as possible complete its work and make the annual state levy.

A report made to the department by a deputy game warden says that prairie chickens are being killed in the western part of the state against the law and then taken into town concealed in empty extra tires, which are carried on the cars.

State Land Commissioner Fred Beckmann, as secretary of the board of educational lands and funds, will hereafter keep a record of vouchers for money due on claims for supplies and repairs to the state house, governor's mansion and all business connected with the board of educational lands and funds which has control of this property and also of all state lands.

The semi-annual report of the state department of the Grand Army of the Republic shows that in the last six months there has been a death loss of only seventy-seven in the ranks. This is the lowest death rate recorded in some time past in this state. There are 172 posts in the state with a membership of 3,776. It is estimated that only about 50 per cent of the veterans of '61 who live in Nebraska are enrolled in the Grand Army organization.

The first official notice of vacancies in the make-up of the last legislature came to hand at the state house in a letter from Representative George Losey of Dodge county. Mr. Losey moved to New Mexico a short time after adjournment, and his place became vacant at once. Under the state law the governor has the power to appoint some Dodge county democrat to the place. This will likely be done later on.

In the eighty-four counties in which crop acreages have been computed by the state board of agriculture the gain in the acreage of corn is 10.9 per cent as compared with 1912. So far the increase has been 612,694 acres. In winter wheat the increase has been 7 per cent, or 183,180 acres. Rye scored a gain of 33 per cent, or 40,773 acres. Barley jumped up 76 per cent, or 35,584 acres. Spring wheat made a gain of 14 per cent or 4,823 acres.

The interstate commerce commission is considering the establishment in Nebraska of a subdivision of its forces now at work making a physical valuation of railroads. If the plan is adopted in accordance with the wishes of Representative Lobeck and Senator Hitchcock, Omaha will be named as this subdivision and a force of experts will be sent there to have direct charge of the railroad valuations of Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota.

Future purchasers of state school land will likely have to buy bad as well as good land, and will have to pay higher prices than in the past. The state board of educational lands and funds is just beginning to find out some of the gross business misadventures of the past in the sale of this class of land and intend to prevent repetition in the future. The poorest land will be sold at \$7 while the better class of land will hereafter cost more nearly what it is worth.

Sportsmen over the state who have been considerably worked up over the impression that there was no open season on waterfowl in the new government law regarding the protection of migratory birds, may breathe a fervent prayer of grateful relief to learn that Uncle Sam fully appreciates their condition and will permit the hunting of brant, duck, geese or swan from the first day of September to the sixteenth day of December in any year, provided the game laws of the state in other particulars are complied with.

State Land Commissioner Fred Beckmann has promoted E. B. Fairfield from the position of bookkeeper to chief clerk and has appointed his daughter, Miss Amanda Beckmann, bookkeeper.

Monthly reports from the state penitentiary show that on August 1 there were 356 convicts there, or one less than on July 1. During the month of July there were nineteen discharged by parole or time expiration, and eighteen were received in the same period.

Members of the board of control are planning to begin personal inspections of the various state institutions within a few days. The Norfolk hospital for the insane will likely be inspected first on account of necessity there for making final disposition of the headship which has been held temporarily by Dr. Guttery following the resignation of Superintendent Johnson.

The Farmers State bank of Marquette has been licensed by the state banking board.