

NEWS OF THE WEEK

CONDENSATIONS OF GREATER OR LESSER IMPORTANCE.

A BOILING DOWN OF EVENTS

National, Political, Personal and Other Matters in Brief Form for All Classes of Readers.

WASHINGTON.

Major Edward Russell opposed before military affairs committee a proposal to form separate aviation corps in army.

The war department has recommended the expenditure of \$20,000,000 to complete the inland waterway from Boston to Beaufort, N. C.

Anti-suffragists were given a hearing by Chairman Henry of rules committee and were promised formal hearing in December.

Colonel Thomas H. Birch of Burlington, N. J., personal aid to President Wilson when governor of New Jersey, has been appointed minister to Portugal.

Representative Townner has introduced a resolution to authorize the president to act with the Argentina and Brazil in offering mediation in Mexico.

President Wilson's message to President Huerta is now in the possession of the Mexican government, which may be expected to reject it or to return some answer shortly.

The election committee has voted to report favorably on the Clapp bill to prevent senators and representatives from soliciting political campaign funds.

The determination of republicans in the senate to compel a compromise on the White house program for currency legislation this session is being more strongly exhibited from day to day.

Doubt as to the disposition of the Italian government towards the Panama-Pacific exposition was removed by a report to the state department that the Italian chambers had passed an act appropriating 2,000,000 lire for participation in the celebration.

An amendment designed to make clear that commercial paper, based on warehouse receipts for staple commodities, would be accepted for rediscount by federal reserve banks, proposed in the administration currency bill, was practically agreed upon in the house democratic caucus.

Democratic leaders in the senate are considerably perturbed over the failure to make progress on the tariff bill and for several days informal conferences have been held with progressive republicans and regular republican leaders in the hope that some means to hasten consideration of the measure might be found.

DOMESTIC.

An "artificial meat" has been devised of grain by a Belgian chemist.

Twenty acres of land in Coos county, Oregon, were forfeited to the United States from the C. A. Smith Lumber company, in a decree signed by Federal Judge Robert S. Bean.

Socialism, immoral dances and the action of mine owners in Lead, S. D., were scored in the adoption of resolutions during the session of the American Federation of Catholic societies at Milwaukee.

Placing two sticks of dynamite in his vest pocket, Henry Holtz went to the rear of his home at Altoona, Pa., lighted a fuse and calmly waited the explosion that blew up the house and cut his body almost in two.

Henry D. Clayton, member of congress from the Third district of Alabama, was named by Governor O'Neal, of Alabama as United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Joseph.

Five days at the rockpile for a five-cent fraud in the sale of a piece of ice, was the sentence imposed by Municipal Judge Stevenson upon Thomas Barnes, of Portland, Ore., proprietor of an ice and coal company.

Citizens of Brady, Mont., angered at the persistent refusal of tramps to work despite the urgent need for harvest hands, are seizing the recalcitrants and ducking them in horse watering troughs until they agree to accept employment.

Chicago makers of women's ready-to-wear garments employ over 200,000 persons and have a yearly output valued at \$27,000,000.

Seven hundred miners employed by the Pacific Coast Coal company in three collieries at Black Diamond, twenty-five miles southeast of Seattle walked out because the company refused to reinstate George Ayres, who was discharged after he had quarreled with a foreman. Ayres is an organizer for the Industrial Workers of the World.

John Black, half-breed Cherokee, of Tulsa, Okl., claims to be 151 years old.

Concrete "runs" under the action of the oxyacetylene torch, the heat of which is intense.

J. J. Armstrong of St. Paul won the championship of the Northwestern Lawn Tennis association in the annual tournament at Minneapolis.

Mrs. Elizabeth Metzenthin, an American woman, formerly of Austin Tex., has arrived at Nogales, Ariz., with her four small children after losing her husband and all her possessions in Mexico.

Water shortage is said to be responsible for an epidemic of typhoid fever at Wilsey, in Morris county, Kansas, where this summer has broken all previous heat records.

Chicago women voters have blossomed out as stump speakers before an audience of reporters. For several weeks they have been holding classes in public speaking at the headquarters of the woman's party, but no outsider has been permitted in the room.

The last dyke in the Pacific section of the Panama canal between Miraflores locks and the ocean will be destroyed about August 25. The event will mark an important step toward the completion of the water communication for vessels of light draft.

Three men on an engine of a freight train were overcome by gas in the Northern Pacific tunnel through Stampede pass, near Seattle, when an air hose broke and stopped the train. Fred Callahan, a brakeman, was beyond resuscitation when taken out, and died at a hospital. Robert Pierson, fireman, suffered a fractured skull when he fell. Webb Baldwin, the engineer, is recovering.

WAR ECHOES.

All the Venezuelan officials in Carr were killed when the town was captured.

Mexican federals in the state of Durango are shooting all prisoners taken, regardless of nationality, according to O. V. Seifert, a mining man from that state.

Official dispatches announced that a camel corps of British native troops had been ambushed by a force of 2,000 Dervishers near Burao, Arabia. The British killed and wounded include officers and about sixty men.

The overwhelming defeat of the rebels under Venustiano Carranza and Julio Madero at Torreon is confirmed by dispatches which have reached the Mexican war office. Carranza and Madero are said to have reached Durango, and the bulk of the rebel force is reported to be falling back demoralized and short of ammunition.

Five thousand persons are reported to have been killed in the fighting that is going on in Canton and its environs between government forces and rebels. Looting continues, and there has been a wholesale destruction of property. Among the buildings destroyed was the Canton governor's yamen.

A report that Mexican authorities have resorted to courier for carrying their dispatches through the United States was spread by the passage of Francisco Antonio Lara, a federal cavalry officer, said to be carrying dispatches to Washington. He was quoted as declaring there had been a leak in telegraphic transmission.

FOREIGN.

The trades federation has called off the proposed general strike of miners in South Africa.

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

Princess Sophie of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach will renounce all her rights and marry a commoner. Two of her brothers have already done the same thing.

The world's greatest collection of postage stamps, valued at \$5,000,000 and owned by Philippe la Renotiere von Ferrary, son of the Duchess de Galliera is to be given to the Galliera museum in Paris.

The death in Zurich of August Bebel, the German socialist leader, will have little effect on the activities of his party. For several years he had been more a source of inspiration than the actual leader.

The French government has given an extensive order for aeroplanes that are almost entirely composed of steel and so simply constructed that they can be taken to pieces in half an hour for easy transportation.

The French government has passed a special law permitting Mme. Dieulafoy to dress in the attire of men. She is a noted explorer and mountain climber and is the only woman in France enjoying the privilege of wearing man's clothing.

A Belgian syndicate has signed with the Chinese minister of communications an agreement for a loan of \$50,000,000 at 5 per cent interest in connection with the new railway to be constructed in the provinces of Shan Si and Sze Chuen.

WOULD EXPEL HALE

MEXICAN PRESS MAKES RABID ATTACK ON HIM.

HOPEFUL VIEW OF SITUATION

Lind's Ability to Get in Touch With Officials Considered a Favorable Indication.

Mexico City.—Popular interest in the outcome of John Lind's visit to Mexico as the personal representative of President Wilson is divided by the efforts of a portion of the local press to secure the application of Article 33 of the constitution to Dr. Bayard Hale, who for some time has been investigating conditions in Mexico on behalf of the United States government. Article 33 is the clause that provides for the expulsion of pernicious foreigners.

The independent, which is extremely rabid in its attack on him, suggests editorially, that President Huerta expel Dr. Hale, who is characterized as a spy and declared to be working to bring about intervention.

Reply Expected Soon.

In the week that has elapsed since Mr. Lind arrived in the capital public sentiment toward him has been modified and the opinion now prevails that not all of the government officials are as ready to summarily reject his proposals as was indicated before he reached the capital. There is reason to believe that whatever the Mexican reply will be, it will be made within two or three days and that by the end of the week Mr. Lind will be on his way to the United States.

Situation Unchanged.

The Mexican situation continued apparently unchanged, with President Wilson and Secretary Bryan awaiting the Huerta government's reply to the preliminary note delivered by John Lind to Foreign Minister Gamba outlining the position of the United States. Mr. Bryan let it be known that he expected no reply for a day or two. The fact that Mr. Lind had established relations with the Huerta government through Minister Gamba, following reported declarations which almost threatened deportation of President Wilson's personal representative, leads officials here to take a more hopeful view of the situation.

Big Fire at Omaha.

Omaha.—Property loss estimated to aggregate \$120,000, one fireman fatally, and many others more or less seriously injured, marked the practical destruction Sunday night of the big three-story building at 1509-1511 Howard street, occupied by the Burgess-Granden company, the Omaha Gas company and the Rubel Furniture company, in one of the most spectacular and menacing fires in Omaha in years.

Neighboring property running well into the millions in value was seriously threatened for more than two hours until firemen massed at the doomed structure brought the flames under control. Three alarms, the first at 8:20 o'clock, followed by the others in quick succession, centered every bit of available apparatus in the danger zone. It was not until midnight that smoke and flame had been driven back sufficiently to permit of an entrance to and inspection of the building.

Calls U. S. Greatest of Colonies.

London.—The "Budget" publishes statements from prominent English business men demanding that Great Britain be adequately represented at the San Francisco exposition. Among them is the following remarkable telegram from Sir George Birdwood: "I congratulate you on the support you are giving to the appeal of the Times. The United States of America is our greatest colony, and if we do not give whole-hearted support to the Panama exposition, it will be a sign that the mother half of the sea-washed world is sinking her sapphire throne into blundering dotage."

Land Law Declared Meaningless.

San Francisco, Cal.—California's alien land law is declared to be "meaningless and ineffectual" in the report of the legislative committee of the Asiatic Exclusion league. It was announced that the report would be sent to civic, political and labor organizations throughout the entire country and, if possible, incorporated in the Congressional Record.

Killed Child's Despoiler.

Chicago.—An enraged father who killed the man the courts had acquitted of the charge of attacking his thirteen-year-old daughter was exonerated by the corner's jury.

Harry Thaw Escapes.

Mattewan, N. Y.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, escaped from the hospital of the criminal insane here. A dart for liberty through an open door of a powerful automobile that stood quivering outside, and a flight like a rocket for the Connecticut state line, thirty miles away, accomplished his escape.

He is still at large and the hospital authorities feel certain he is now outside the state. Once beyond its boundaries, Thaw is free. Only perhaps years of litigation can bring him back

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Sunday baseball was defeated at Ansley.

Chicken thieves are making life miserable for farmers around Table Rock.

The state teachers' association will hold its convention in Omaha in November.

One of the novel sights at the state fair will be the exhibit of Shetland ponies.

Douglas Wallenburg was drowned while bathing in a sand pit near Central City.

The cannery factory at Grand Island has closed down on account of a lack of material.

Rev. Frank Smith and wife of Hastings have gone to Japan to engage in Missionary work.

Neligh was struck by a disastrous electrical storm last week that caused considerable damage.

The farm house of Thomas Remmers near Beatrice, was destroyed by fire with all its contents.

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

Levi Hitecock, a Falls City fruit man, is proudly exhibiting a peach nearly four inches in diameter.

Camping out at the state fair will be a popular feature, according to applications already made for reservations. Representatives from over 200 churches attended the convention of Christian churches at Hastings last week.

J. A. Yazar of Fremont will have charge of the fruit exhibit at the state fair.

Harrison Anderson, a Seward carpenter, fell from a scaffolding twenty feet high and had two ribs and a leg broken.

Nearly all the Shubert fruit growers sold their apples to a Chicago firm. The same firm purchased their crop last year.

Rays of the sun reflected from a tin can set fire to a wood pile at York, and necessitated a run by the fire department.

Sparks from a threshing machine set fire to William Roehler's wheat near Okiewa and destroyed property worth \$1,000.

The little girl of W. H. Sutton, near Plattsmouth, was badly burned when her clothes caught fire as a brother struck a match.

Charles Shafer, residing four miles southeast of Beatrice, threshed five acres of oats, which yielded seventy-eight bushels to the acre.

Mrs. Annie Bahr of Eagle was taken ill while attending a circus at Lincoln Monday and died within an hour at the home of a friend.

Herman Beneš, a young German farmer living in the vicinity of Diller was drowned in the Little Blue river near Steele City Sunday morning.

One dead heifer and eight head in a serious condition, was the result of feeding freshly cut cane on the farm of Henry Hertzell near Plymouth.

A government rifle club, to be affiliated with the National Rifle association, has been organized at Stanton with a membership of twenty-three.

Johnson county will have to spend \$30,000 for new bridges along the drainage ditch being put in the reclaim lowlands, on the Nemaha river bottoms.

Mrs. Frank Eberhard, living two and one-half miles east of Pierce, was frightened to death when a bolt of lightning struck the house she was living in.

Wheat is yielding from twenty-six to fifty-two bushels to the acre in Polk county this year, and some oats have yielded better than sixty bushels per acre.

Sam Agursky, an Omaha tailor, attempted to end his life by the gas route, but the timely use of a pulmotor frustrated his designs and he still abides with us.

As Louis Lovett, a Johnson county farmer, was resting under the shade of his wagon, the team started up and both his legs were broken as the wheels ran over him.

Continued dry weather and scarcity of feed have compelled many farmers to sell butcher stock at a loss.

Heirs of the late Horace Greenwood at Wymore will pay to Gage county an inheritance tax of over \$800.

The Rev. J. W. Sapp, pastor of the Christian churches at Stella and Nemaha during the past eleven years, has resigned to accept a call at Smith Center, Kas.

A gasoline stove in the home of Thomas Naylor at Falls City, exploded, setting fire to the clothing of his wife and little daughter, who were both badly burned.

The village of Pickrell has been incorporated.

Carl W. Wilson, a switchman employed by the Union Pacific, was killed in the yards at North Platte by being run over by a switch engine.

While cranking an automobile, Marion Livingston, a Grand Island young lady, was hit in the face when the handle slipped from her hand, knocking out several teeth.

Circulators of a petition for the woman's suffrage amendment at Stella are meeting with great success, having obtained nearly 80 per cent of the signatures asked for.

The German Day celebration at Lincoln will be held in October.

Theodore Roosevelt has been invited to be one of the speakers at the third party gathering which will be held at Lincoln some time this fall.

Eleven year old Mimi Gibson, of Morrill, was kicked in the face by a mule. A physician had to remove several pieces of shattered bone from around his nose.

Charles D. Andrews, a gunner on Admiral Dewey's flagship, Olympia, the May morning of 1898 when he sailed into Manila bay, died at his home at Omaha last week.

IMPEACHMENT ECHO

NEBRASKA CONTRIBUTED TO LIST OF IMPEACHED GOVERNORS.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Impeachment of Governor Sulzer by the New York legislature recalls Nebraska's contribution to the record of other governors of American states who have been impeached.

David Butler, first governor of the state, was impeached by the lower house of the legislature, March 1, 1871, found guilty by the senate June 1, and removed from office. Of the seven impeached governors in 137 years history, he was one of three found guilty.

Curiously enough, Kansas and Nebraska were the only states north of the old Mason Dixon line, until the present, which had impeached their governors.

As in the case of Governor Sulzer, the troubles of Governor Butler were house impeached him on several counts. One charged misappropriation of \$16,000 of state funds and on this alone was he found guilty. Others upon which he was acquitted, charged that he had arranged with purchasers of state lands and with contractors on state buildings, whereby he received a part of the amount involved in the transaction. Several such incidents centered about the construction of the old state university, the building which is still the main university hall.

The house preferred its charges on March 1, 1871. The senate convened as a court of impeachment March 6 and cited Governor Butler to appear March 7. Managers of the case for the house were J. C. Myers, J. E. Doom and DeForest Porter, with Experience Estabrook as counsel. Governor Butler's counselors were Clinton Briggs, John I. Redick and T. M. Marquette. The president of the senate could not be present and resigned, whereupon Senator Isaac E. Hasall of Omaha was elected president to preside during the trial.

After six weeks dreary testimony, the senate found Governor Butler guilty of misappropriating the \$16,000 of state funds, the vote being 9 to 3. It was declared that he had taken this amount out of funds from the sale of public lands and had used it in the construction of a \$20,000 mansion in the outskirts of Lincoln, which is now the home of the Lincoln Country club. He offered to deed to the state, land then worth little, but which later sold for \$60,000. The offer availed nothing and he was immediately removed from office.

Plan for Test of Wire Rate.

Plans for allowing the Western Union Telegraph company to make a three to six months' trial of the universal day rate provided for in the Stebbins bill of the last legislature, were talked over at a conference here by the railway commission and Attorney Brogan of the company. The plan will be tried under an accounting system provided by the commission. It will likely become operative September 1. After the trial the commission will make a recapitulation of the returns and if the rate has been compensatory it will be put into effect permanently. The new rate will allow a charge of 25 cents for all ten word day messages between any two points in the state and will supplant the now prevalent 25 cent, 30 cent and 40 cent rates on such messages.

Cost of maintaining fourteen state institutions for the half year, December 1, 1912, to May 31, 1913, amounted to \$394,924 or \$129 for each of the 4,297 inmates, according to a report from the governor's office.

The Hastings asylum under Superintendent Baxter, spent \$9 less for each of the 1,099 patients than under the administration of Dr. Kearn for the first half of the year 1912. The Lincoln hospital, under the same head, Dr. B. F. Williams, reported an increase of \$10 per inmate, while the Norfolk hospital, with 416 patients, cost of \$1 per inmate more than last year.

The Middle Loup as a possible factor in the development of water power, leaped into prominence when Thomas Pratt and John Hoge of this city and H. R. Geurig of Omaha filed an application for 440 cubic second feet of water to be taken from that stream. According to the specifications furnished the board, the initial development of the company will call for a 1,000 horse power plant, costing in the neighborhood of \$63,000. Of that amount \$16,000 will go for a dam, \$25,000 for a three-mile canal, \$18,000 for machinery and \$10,000 for building.

Bands at State Fair.

The Genoa Indian school band will assist in furnishing music for the state fair, Sept. 1-5. In addition, the Geneva girls' industrial school band, the Nebraska state band, the Nelson concert band and the Ord concert band, will play. Liberg's band, assisted by ten grand opera stars, will give three free concerts each day in the auditorium and play a concert before the grand stand at 7 o'clock each night.

The Hastings Chautauqua is up against a deficit of nearly \$2,500.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

State Auditor Howard has begun proceedings in quo warranto in the supreme court to test the right of L. G. Brian and Governor Morehead and Attorney General Martin to control the state insurance department.

Dr. A. Bostrom, former state veterinarian, has been chosen by the stallion registration board as chief examiner. Assistant inspectors and office employees of the board will be selected on advice of State Veterinarian Kigin, secretary of the board, and the newly chosen examiner.

The resignation of Mrs. Barker, superintendent of the State Tubercular hospital at Kearney, has been accepted by the state board of control, and Doctor Nellie Deffenbaugh of Grand Island was chosen to take the place. The change will be effected September 1.

Nebraska will not be represented at the conference of the Interparliamentary union to be held at the Hague next month, both Congressman Kinkaid and Senator Norris, who were appointed as delegates, having decided they will not make the trip. Congressman Kinkaid intended until recently to go.

The members of the state banking board have been served with notice that an alternative writ of mandamus has been issued commanding them to show cause by Monday why they could not be compelled to license ex-Governor Aldrich's installment investment company.

Ladies of the Omaha Concordia singing society in attendance at the state saengerfest called on Governor Morehead and sang in his office. They were chaperoned by Mayor Jim Dahlman of Omaha. The officers and employees of the state house who heard the music considered it equal to any grand opera they ever heard.

Members Gerdes and Kennedy of the board of control, or commissioners of the state institution, went to Nebraska City last week, where they conferred with Superintendent Abbott of the school for the blind relative to improvements which are to be made there before the fall term of school opens.

A total of 210 convicts have been paroled from the state penitentiary since the law providing for paroles has been in effect in this state. Fully 90 per cent of these prisoners have received their final discharges, a comparatively few have been returned to the penitentiary and ninety are still bound by the terms of their parole agreements.

A man thought to be Baron von Werner, the Nebraska convict who escaped while in care of Chaplain Johnson at Tecumseh some weeks ago, has been apprehended at Woodstock, Ill. Warden Fenton of the Nebraska prison has sent minute descriptions and additional photographs to the officers at Woodstock and says that from their description he is sure that the man is von Werner.

Riding in automobiles, stopping at the best hotels, wearing the best clothes and doing the "gentleman act" in general, Baron von Werner, absconding nobleman-convict from the Nebraska penitentiary, was having lots of fun in Illinois when apprehended by the officers. The baron is once more a prisoner at the state prison, having arrived at noon Tuesday in charge of Warden Fenton.

Announcement that the officials of the Western Savings, Loan and Investment company would seek to mandamus the state banking board to obtain a license to do business in this state, is made by former Governor Aldrich. The company was denied the right, following a long hearing, in which the company's officers made showings as to their ability to make money by borrowing at 10 per cent.

State Game Warden Rutenback, Deputy Warden Kentopp, Superintendent O'Brien of the fish hatcheries at South Bend., and Harry Runion of Benkleman spent a day last week seeing out the lake near Oxford, which is about a mile and a half long. They took out four tons of carp, buffalo and other rough fish, which were given away to people who came from the surrounding country to get them.

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.

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.

The Y. M. C. A. will be represented at the state fair, Sept. 1-5. A tent will be maintained on the grounds for the comfort and information of men whether members of the Y. M. C. A., or not. There will be telephone service, a post office, a barber shop, hospital and nursery on the grounds.

Turbulence and turmoil which was raised at the state house over the fight for possession of the state insurance department has been renewed, following the move just made by Auditor Howard to regain possession.