

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.

Representative Britten has introduced his resolution for an investigation of the navy's contracts for Australian beef.

Representative Charles P. Coady of Maryland, who succeeds the late Representative George Konig has been sworn into office.

Estimates Secretary Daniels has sent to the house appropriations committee ask congress to vote \$145,000,000 for the naval establishment in the next fiscal year.

Another Alaskan railroad to open the natural resources of the territory, is proposed in a bill Chairman Houston, of the territories committee, has favorably reported to the house.

Interest will be revived in the lobbying activities in Washington when the senate's special committee reopens hearings for a short time. Chairman Overman has called a meeting and plans will then be made for a conclusion of the inquiry.

Secretary Houston desires congress to appropriate \$25,000,000 for the agricultural work of the government. His estimates will be submitted and the house committee on agriculture will begin consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill early in December.

White house officials have informally expressed at their appreciation of the speech of Viscount Haldane, lord high chancellor of Great Britain, in London, in which he lauded President Wilson's interpretation of the Monroe doctrine.

Secretary Bryan told government printing office employees at their Thanksgiving services that thanks of the nation at this season should be not only to God, but to those whose labor in the past enabled Americans to enjoy their political privileges, their religious ideals and their educational advantages.

Record-breaking estimates for army appropriations were laid before congress by the War department. Secretary Garrison transmitted to the house his estimates for the military establishment during the next fiscal year, aggregating \$108,000,000, which is roundly \$10,000,000 greater than the figures submitted a year ago for the army bill.

DOMESTIC.

In a twenty-seven-minute flight from Los Angeles to Santa Ana, thirty-five miles southeast, Glenn Martin, aviator, attained an altitude of 9,800 feet, with a passenger.

James K. McGuire, former mayor of Syracuse who is under indictment in New York for soliciting a political contribution from a corporation is in San Juan, Porto Rico.

Mrs. Adlai E. Stevenson wife of the former vice president and past president-general of the Daughters of the American Revolution is seriously ill in her home at Bloomington Ill.

Chicago women to whom have been promised appointments as election judges or clerks for the coming year, must declare their allegiance to some political party in order to get the jobs.

The campaign for a \$4,000,000 fund for the Young Men's Christian association and the Young Women's Christian association, which has been in progress in New York, closed successfully when it was announced that a total of \$4,061,500 had been donated.

Unless there is a substantial increase soon in the number of men returning to work, several mines in the north end of the Calumet, Mich., district will close for the winter, the management announces. The properties which may be temporarily shut down include the Ahmeek, Allouez, North eararge, Wolverine and Mohawk.

Mrs. Charlotte Campbell, who died recently in Vineland, N. J., at the age of 104, was the oldest woman in the state and had never been outside of the state boundaries, having been born in Monmouth.

The wireless station on the shores of Lake Huron above Point Edward, Ont., picked up signals from the wireless station at Darwin, near Palmerston, South Australia, which was calling the wireless station at Sydney. The signals received were quite clear. This is said to be a record distance.

Dr. William T. Elam, the St. Joseph, Mo., physician who, last Tuesday shot and killed W. Putnam Cramer of Chicago, waived preliminary hearing at Kansas City and was bound over to the criminal court.

Atlanta, Ga., has adopted the initiative, referendum and recall.

New York now has a municipal complaint bureau, whither citizens may resort to "kick."

Since 1866 the United States government has paid out \$4,300,000,000 in pensions.

A naval rifle team from the American warships was beaten 138 points in a match against a team from the Nice rifle club.

Assuming the population of the United States to be 100,000,000, one man out of every forty owes, his means of livelihood and usefulness in some degree to Edison.

The American historical association of the Pacific coast opened its eleventh annual convention at Los Angeles with a large attendance of members and with an excellent program.

The body of a man found by hunters in the woods near Concord, Mass., was identified as that of Alfred Bull Nichols, professor of German at Simmons college, who had been missing since September 9. He had shot himself.

There are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 118 international trade unions, with their 27,000 local unions, thirty-six state federations, 537 city central bodies and 650 local trade and federal labor unions having no international.

The Ohio federation of labor adopted at its annual convention a resolution declaring for the establishment of a life insurance department by the state. The recent amendments to the constitution authorized the state to issue insurance contracts.

An initiative petition bearing 12,378 signatures, filed with the California secretary of state in favor of a general eight-hour law makes it almost certain that the measure will find a place on the ballot at the state election next November. The petition brought the total signatures up to 28,040, which is but, 1,960 short of the required 30,000.

The building trades department of the American federation of labor has decided that a building trades council, representative of the American federation of labor and its policies, shall be established in New York city as a rebuke to the various so-called central bodies which grant recognition to dual and succeeding unions.

The proposal that a national interstate trade commission, fashioned along the lines of the interstate commerce commission, should be formed to deal with problems arising from large industrial corporations will be one of the important subjects to be dealt with by the national civic federation at its meeting to be held at New York.

FOREIGN.

The Chilean battleship Almirante Latorre was launched at the Elswick, England, shipyards.

Confirmation has been received of the conspiracy in the island of Formosa to overthrow Japanese rule there.

The American ambassador, and Mrs. Frederick Courtland Penfield gave a large Thanksgiving dinner to prominent American residents at Vienna.

Charles Popkiss of Chicago, the newly appointed American minister to Rumania, Servia and Bulgaria, presented his credentials to King Charles at Bucharest.

The number of articles handled by the Egyptian postoffice department during 1912 is estimated at \$1,619,6593 about one million six hundred thousand and more than in 1911.

Suicides in Berlin during October reached record figures. Nine out of every ten deaths are ascribed to the gambling mania which pervades the German capital and most of Europe.

The great strike of miners in northern France have been settled, the Association of Mine Proprietors agreeing to an eight-hour day until the bill fixing an eight-hour day for working men, which is now before the French Parliament, is passed.

Statistics issued by the Russian factory inspectors indicate that working class unrest, which had been allayed during the years 1908-10, has more recently reappeared in a steadily increasing ratio.

Dr. Joseph Hersfield, a social-democratic member of the German parliament, asked the government whether it had decided to investigate the relations of "the Anglo-American tobacco trust" with the German cigarette industry.

The production of potato flour in Holland increases rapidly from year to year and the product is also steadily finding markets abroad. The total production is now not less than 275,000,000 pounds annually.

Colonel Roosevelt, after sightseeing at Valparaiso, Chile, returned to Santiago.

The largest oil-carrying vessel in the world, having a capacity of 15,000 tons, was launched at Jarrow, England.

WANTS LARGER NAVY

SECRETARY DANIELS RECOMMENDS AN INCREASE.

ASKS FOR TWO DREADNAUGHTS

Thinks Country Should Maintain a Capable Fleet in Both Oceans at All Times.

Washington.—Two dreadnaughts, eight destroyers and three submarines is the yearly naval building program Secretary Daniels recommends in his first annual report to President Wilson. While such a program is somewhat less than recommended by the Navy General board, principally because Mr. Daniels believes it is as heavy as the revenues of the government will permit, he believes it is a progressive one which will meet the demand to go forward in the continuation of an adequate and well proportioned navy.

Second only in interest to the secretary's building program is an endorsement of Winston Churchill's proposed "naval holiday" with a recommendation that the United States take the initiative and that President Wilson ask congress to authorize him to invite all the powers to a conference to discuss the project.

Policy of Building. Regarding his building program, Secretary Daniels says:

"The wise naval policy for the United States at this time is to find the golden mean. It cannot wisely by itself reduce the construction of dreadnaughts or compete with other great powers in burdening taxpayers to hasten the construction of a navy larger than our conditions demand. The estimates of the Navy department show a decrease in the ordinary expenditures. The program of the department may be summed up in the phrase: 'More money afloat and less ashore.' I therefore recommend the authorization by the present congress of the following building program. Two dreadnaughts, eight destroyers and three submarines.

"This is not, it will be observed, a large program, but it is a progressive one. It meets the demand to go forward in the continuation of an adequate and well proportioned navy."

Villa Prepares to March.

Juarez, Mexico.—Northern Mexico, embracing the states of Sonora, Chihuahua, Coahuila, Nuevo Leon and Tamaulipas, and including the territory from the border 500 miles southward, will be wholly under the authority of the rebel forces within two weeks. The forces which are fighting Huerta will then join at Guadalupe with a view of marching on to Mexico City. General Francisco Villa, the rebel leader, has so announced. This campaign, he said, contemplated not only the capture of Chihuahua City, but also the spreading of the rebel or constitutionalist authority further south. He is to be joined in the interior later by General Carranza, the head of the revolutionary movement. So far as the north is concerned, Villa said the campaign is between 14,500 federal troops, mostly in garrison, and 20,300 rebels, or constitutionalists, in garrisons or roaming the country.

Drafts and Checks Found.

South Bend, Ind.—Drafts, money orders and checks amounting to \$10,249, stolen from a mail sack at Dowagiac, Mich., were recovered here. Postal authorities said negotiable orders amounting to about \$5,000 had not been found. According to the postal official a sack of mail left on the platform of the Michigan Central railroad station at Dowagiac was stolen. The loot recovered was dropped into a mail box at the postoffice.

Iowa Has a Hunger Striker.

Iowa City, Ia.—Emma B. Ricard, a suffragette now in jail in Iowa City, charged with perjury, is the first woman in Iowa. It is believed, to adopt the "starvation strike" method of bringing her captors to time. She has refused to partake of a meal since her imprisonment, and while her friends are striving vainly to secure a \$5,000 bond for her liberation, she is seemingly determined to starve herself.

Is Going After Law Sheepskin.

Columbus, O.—Robert Alphonso Taft, son of former President Taft, is one of about 100 applicants who will take the examination for license to practice law in the courts of Ohio before the law examiner's board.

Spug Campaign On.

Washington.—Mrs. Champ Clark, Miss Margaret Wilson and other women of the capital's social life are expected to speak at a meeting here at a "sup" campaign.

Ships Sail From Naples.

Naples.—The United States naval supply ship Celtic and the fuel ship Cyclops have left here for the south. The commanders of the battleships Florida and Arkansas exchanged visits with the commander of a Russian cruiser which arrived.

Loan Shark Given Six Months.

New York.—Daniel H. Tollman, "king of the loan sharks," must serve months in the penitentiary for usury. In so deciding, the appellate division upheld the lower court.

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Farmers of Nebraska are steadily and consistently buying silos for the improvement of their farms. In April, 1913, there were 2,076 silos in Nebraska. In 1912 there were 1,683. Hand separators to the number of 47,444 were in use in 1913, as against 43,006 in 1912 and 42,782 in 1911.

The war department has agreed to furnish all non-commissioned officers in the Nebraska national guard with automatic revolvers of the kind used in the regular army. These will be drawn at once by the adjutant general and distributed. There are 239 officers entitled to receive them.

The state fire commission, following a lengthy investigation, has brought about the arrest of C. E. Carpenter at Gothenburg. Carpenter is alleged to have set fire to his residence a year ago and to have collected insurance from two companies, this aggregating more than the actual value of the structure.

A telegram has been received by Leslie C. Stevens, student at the Nebraska university, announcing that he passed the recent Rhode scholarship examinations given in Lincoln. The message came from W. G. Crossland, Rhode scholar from Wesleyan university, who is now at Oxford. No official notice, however, has yet been received by the state university authorities.

Among other things for the week of Organized Agriculture at Lincoln, January 19 to 23, will be a clinic during which a test will be made of a cow afflicted with tuberculosis and the infected organs will be displayed after the tests have been made. Prominent dairy experts from a number of states will attend, according to the announcement of President R. W. McGinnis.

Deposits of state banks have increased \$13,269,812.64 in the past year, and loans in the same period have reached a mark \$9,533,425.28 higher than they were in October, 1912, according to the state banking board report just issued. The number of banks reporting is 714, with deposits of \$91,794,086.44, and an average reserve of 25 per cent.

The McCabe Aviation company of Lexington is the first flying company to be licensed by the blue sky department of the state railway commission. The company has been given permission to issue stock in the amount of \$1,500, this to allow the construction of the new form of airship which it proposes to build. Afterward, if everything works well, more stock will be issued with the department's permission.

Mrs. Lydia J. Bradbury of University Place has been appointed by the board of control as matron at the Grand Island soldiers home, to begin her duties as soon as she can arrange her affairs. The salary is \$500 a year, with maintenance at the institution. Mrs. Bradbury has been prominent as a W. C. T. U. worker in her home community. The matron's position was resigned recently by Mrs. M. M. Hall.

Following the recent suggestion of Adjutant General Phil Hall, that Omaha should have four militia companies instead of three, and the subsequent order of the war department that all companies must be recruited to full strength, and each battalion must contain four companies, Omaha members of the national guard have started an active campaign to organize the new company and fill the ranks of the old.

Governor Morehead, speaking to the Omaha Manufacturers' association upon "Convict Labor on the Public Highways," said he favored making better use of the convicts than under the present contract convict labor system and in taking convict labor out of competition with free labor. He suggested getting a large tract of land and making paving brick for roads and working convict labor at this and upon roads.

Enforcement of the nine-hour working day and other provisions of the female labor law, particularly in out-of-the-state telephone offices, is giving Labor Commissioner Pool something to keep busy with these fall days. Adjustments are being effected here and there which are not similar, but which are thought to come under the statutes and not be subject to the penal provisions of the act.

Sale of adulterated linseed oil is practically stopped in the state, according to the state food commission. A few vigorous prosecutions and insistence that the state law be strictly enforced turned the trick. Nine companies which were found to have broken the law paid penalties for their indiscretions during the war on the false product.

A breakdown of an engine at the penitentiary plunged the corridors of the state house into darkness Friday afternoon.

The code commission's version of state laws, soon to make their appearance in the revised statutes, will amount to more than one-third of a mile in length, were they strung out end to end and with only the printer's leads between the page-wide lines. The index would add 600 feet to that amount. The work when finished and ready for the desks of state officials and barrieters will contain about 2,000 pages. The end is in sight, according to assertions of the code commission, and the books should be ready for distribution early in the year.

SOLD BAD POTATOES

FINDS CANNED GOODS IN VERY UNSATISFACTORY ORDER.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Commissioner Harmon's office one day last week was the scene of deadly earnestness, and a fight for life that became more and more exciting and tragic as the contest waged, and the slaughter continued. It was a battle of organisms and they tussled among themselves with great vigor in sweet potatoes, which were captured last week in a food inspection trip to the store of a provision company at South Omaha. The potatoes were alive with the little "unknowns," and magnified through a microscope at 550 diameters the little bodies were watched in their conflict by many interested spectators. According to statements made by the head of the department, the provision company was ordered by an inspector a fortnight ago to take the goods off sale at once. During a recent trip to South Omaha the canned goods were found to be on sale at reduced prices. The official bought three cans of sweet potatoes and an equal number of cans of sardines. The spuds were full of the organisms, while the small fish were so stale that when the cans were opened the department's employees held their noses when attempting to get portions detached for further inspection with the microscope. As soon as the state chemist's report on the goods is available Commissioner Harmon will likely take the matter up in a legal way with the company.

Accidents Reported to Commissioner.

Out of 103 accidents reported to State Labor Commissioner Pool under a new state law, three were fatal. Frank Leonard of Omaha, employed by an electric light and power company, fell from a pole and died from his injuries. Peter Hock of Omaha, a railway employee, was killed by cars passing over his body. John Knopp employed in a broom factory in Lincoln, became entangled in a belt and was killed. More accidents were reported among employers of the Omaha Gas and Electric Light company than from any other source. Only a few accidents were reported among railway employees. The reports show that a considerable loss of time was caused by accidents to employees.

Public Policy is Constitutional.

Briefs in defense of the juvenile court law which Wilbur F. Bryant of Hartington is attacking in the supreme court, have been filed with that tribunal by County Superintendent Miller of Cedar county. In defense of the enactment attorneys for Superintendent Miller say: "The opposing litigant says the juvenile court is against public policy. I have never heard of a law being set aside because it was against public policy. It may have been done sometime and somewhere. Contracts have been declared against public policy. But public policy itself is the constitution and the laws. Public policy is but the manifestation of the state."

Affects Many Members of W. O. W.

Thirty thousand policy holders of the Woodmen of the World are said to be affected by the probable ruling of the state insurance department with regard to continuation of payment on life certificates held by long-time members of the order. The payment is said to have been concluded under the first rules of the order and then afterwards when these certificates were nullified, inquiry arose as to what the policy holders might expect in return. The affairs will finally be adjudicated in the courts, according to the attorney general, instead of being settled by the department's ruling. Action by the department, however, will likely be used as a basis for the litigation.

The university law building, which was put in use at the opening of the semester, will be dedicated December 9. Roscoe Pound, professor of law in Harvard university and former dean of the law college at Nebraska, will be the speaker.

The 1913 report of the Nebraska state board of agriculture has been published and is now ready for distribution. This report contains the itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the state board of agriculture, papers on various farm and live stock topics by experts, a record of the proceedings of the Bessey memorial banquet, and a complete tabulation of the 1913 crops, compiled under the provisions of the Scott act by the department of agricultural statistics and publicity of the state board of agriculture.

Pool Picks Out Homestead.

Labor Commissioner Pool has returned from Grant county, where he picked out a homestead following in the wake of his success in the recently conducted drawings at North Platte. The official drew No. 65, but on account of disqualifications and withdrawals of those ahead of him was finally given an opportunity to make the thirty-third selection. His choice of acreages is located twelve miles southwest of Hyannis and the land is well fitted for alfalfa growing. Water is only eight feet below the surface.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

The basketball team at Fairbury has been reorganized.

Ord is worrying over the water problem in that place.

The new Christian church at Alliance was dedicated Sunday.

Wolves are said to be quite numerous in the vicinity north of York.

Gage county fruit growers will hold a big meeting at Beatrice, December 11.

John Doyle, who was struck by a train at Hampton, died from his injuries.

Governor Morehead has become a sustaining member of the Lincoln Y. M. C. A.

A shortage of material is delaying operations at the new Fremont high school building.

Lightning killed a cow owned by Vaclav Havel, five miles southeast of Clarkson, last week.

William Baker, one of the oldest pioneers of Jefferson county, is dead at his home in Fairbury.

The Nebraska Veterinary association with a membership of over 100, will hold its annual meeting at Lincoln, December 9 and 10.

Mrs. N. A. Kollne, a Lincoln woman, chased a would-be burglar from her home with an empty revolver, which she skillfully handled.

George E. Beckler has received his commission as postmaster at Deshler and taken charge of the office.

Mrs. Sarah Barkshire, aged 84, died at Lincoln as a result of accidentally inhaling gas from an open jet in her kitchen.

George Le Harris was bound over to the federal district court at Grand Island on the charge of impersonating a naval officer.

An ordinance has been presented to the Omaha city council to prohibit the manufacture, sale, use or storage of the ordinary parlor or snapping match.

Carl Engelman, a Hastings carpenter, was taken to a local hospital, threatened with lockjaw as a result of running a rusty nail through his foot.

The Gage county farmers' institute will be held at Beatrice December 9 and 10. D. S. Dalbey is president and John Essam secretary of the institute.

Farm Demonstrator O. H. Liebers has returned from Wisconsin, where he purchased twenty-eight high grade Holstein cattle for Gage county farmers.

Scarcity of rainfall in Johnson county has caused most of the creeks to run dry, and the rivers are at the lowest stage in the history of the state.

The dramatic society of the Anselmo high school presented "The Merchant of Venice Up to Date" in a very creditable manner to an appreciative audience one night last week.

Earl Parmenter, a former Hastings boy, now engaged in extensive farming in Saskatchewan, Canada, this season raised and threshed over 22,000 bushels of oats on his own farm.

Cholera has been raising havoc in Pierce county, and a number of farmers have lost more than 100 head. William Bartlett has lost practically his entire herd, about 150 head.

A district meeting of the Odd Fellows was held at Odell Tuesday evening, which was attended by about 300 members of the order. Blue Springs lodge carried off first honors in the competitive drill.

Prof. E. W. Hunt, former professor of English at the state university, and well known over the state, was found dead in his room at the Flatiron building at Omaha. Death resulted from heart trouble.

The Wymore volunteer fire department will hold a fair, December 17 to 20, to raise money for the building fund. The firemen have about \$1,500 in their building fund at present, and plan to erect the building next spring.

George Baumgardner of Beatrice had a narrow escape from death when he was caught in the shafting of a machine he was operating. He succeeded in throwing the lever to stop, but lost nearly all his clothing, besides being badly cut and bruised.

Several persons were seriously injured when a speeding auto plunged into a crowd of pedestrians on the walk in front of an Omaha business house.

A religious census taken of the Second ward of Beatrice shows that there are thirty-four residents who have no church preference and only one who is a disbeliever.

J. C. Farrington of Hough, Neb., who shot himself in the head with a pistol at the union station at Omaha on the night of November 9, died at St. Joseph's hospital ten days later without regaining consciousness.

A snake was dug out of his winter quarters five feet under ground by workmen excavating the basement of the new Christian church at Brownville.

Two cars of fish, mostly bass, crappie and cat, have been distributed among the lakes and streams of Nebraska along the line of the Northwestern railway in the Elkhorn valley.

The cornerstone of the new \$20,000 Presbyterian church in Madison was laid Thursday in the presence of a large concourse of citizens and the program throughout was very interesting and impressive.

The price of milk in Fremont has been raised from 6 to 7 cents a quart and the creameries are paying 14 cents a gallon instead of 12 as heretofore.

Approximately 70 cents per capita of the city's population is now on deposit at the Beatrice postal savings bank, according to a report of Postmaster A. H. Hollingworth.

Ray Traber of Alliance was severely injured by being struck in the face by a crowbar with which he was trying to throw out a clutch on the fly wheel of a threshing engine. His jaw was broken in two places and he was badly cut about the face and neck.