

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.

WASHINGTON.

Labor forces pressing congress for an inquiry into the Michigan and Colorado strikes have renewed their activities, claiming that the establishment of martial law in either state threatened conditions as serious as that which recently obtained in West Virginia.

A nation-wide crusade against "Cheats and Cheapeners of Food Products" was launched at Washington at an address by Dr. Carl Alsberg, chief of the bureau of chemistry, Department of Agriculture, before the woman's department of the National civic federation.

The historic old painting, "The Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation," commemorating President Lincoln's action in 1862, which for years has been one of the show features of the capitol, has been temporarily put out of sight. It is undergoing a nice, clean bath, the first in years.

Just \$979,948,900 was expended last year in construction by the seven naval powers of the world, the United States standing second in the list with appropriations of \$140,800,643. Great Britain spent \$235,713,489, while Germany was not far behind the United States with an expenditure of \$111,270,025. Japan took last place having spent but \$48,105,151.

Representative MacDonald of Michigan has returned from the Calumet strike region and announced that he would ask for another hearing before the house committee on rules, in order to press his resolution for a congressional investigation of affairs there. Mr. MacDonald described the conditions as warranting immediate action by congress.

Sale of a billion feet of timber from the Kaibab national forest in northern Arizona, with authority for construction by the purchasers of 200 miles of railroad through one of the richest sections of the west, has been approved by Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture. Bids will be received up to the middle of June this year; then three years will be allowed the contractors for building the railway. The timber will be cut gradually over a period of twenty-five years.

DOMESTIC.

The gross value of the estate of the late Colonel John Jacob Astor, one of the victims of the Titanic disaster, is \$85,890,826.

A syndicate of five St. Louis banks will take \$500,000 of an issue of \$1,500,000 receiver certificates of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad.

Woman suffrage is not to be endorsed or even considered by the Women's National Democratic league at its annual convention in Washington.

At 10 cents a drink our liquor bill figures \$859,800,000 for the year. And the value of all the bread made in the bakeries of the country was but \$396,865,000.

The public service commission's order giving consent to the issue by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad company of \$67,700,000 of convertible debenture bonds was annulled by the supreme court.

Twenty-four hours after he had asked for a meal and a place to sleep, J. T. Howell, giving his address as Council Bluffs, Ia., received a telegram informing him that an uncle in New York had died and that he had fallen heir to more than \$50,000.

Glanders, a disease peculiar to horses, caused the death of Andrew M. Jansen, aged twenty-six, an assistant in the bacteriological department of the Ohio state university. He was infected by glanders bacillus while working in the laboratory and was ill twenty-two days.

General Jose Manilla, one of the most prominent commanders of the Mexican federal army, has deserted and crossed over to the American side from Ojinaga, Mex., and is held by the United States border control.

Fire, starting in the basement of the Harvey house at Gallup, N. M., consumed that building, the Santa Fe railway depot and freight house and for a time threatened the destruction of adjoining property in the business district. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

James M. Lynch, recently appointed New York state commissioner of labor, left Albany for Indianapolis, to sever his connection with the International Typographical union as its president.

There are 483 iron mines in this country, employing 65,176 persons.

Philadelphia surgeons have successfully opened the skull of a boy and removed a blood clot from his brain.

Madison, Wis., derives revenues of over \$2,000,000 a year from University of Wisconsin students. There are about 5,000 regular sessioners.

In 1900 there were sixty-two beef cattle in the United States for each 100 persons of population; now there are thirty-seven cattle to each 100 of population.

Andrew Carnegie recently reduced his fortune by \$10,000,000 in making a gift of that amount to the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust in Dumfries, Scotland.

During 1913 the people of Missouri consumed approximately 78,400,000 gallons of beer, equal to 23.8 gallons for every man, woman and child in the Showme state.

The largest apple tree in New York state is said to be one standing near the town of Wilson. It was planted in the year 1815, and it is on record that it once yielded thirty-three full barrels of apples in a season.

Plans for the government to buy the Bull Run battlefield and make of it a national park are endorsed in a report by a board of army officers to secretary Garrison. Better care for the monuments now there is recommended.

As residuary legatee under Miss Eliza Andrews will, which was probated in Baltimore, Cardinal Gibbons, may receive between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The cardinal said the money would be used for Catholic educational work.

One of two women passengers carried recently by Glenn Martin, an aviator, at Los Angeles stepped from his machine when it was 850 feet in air. She reached the ground safely, and demonstrated, to Martin's satisfaction, the practicability of an aerial life preserver.

What is said to be the record compensation for injury in New York was given Bruce Shanks, a mechanic, when a supreme court jury awarded him \$40,000 for the loss of his arms while employed in the Kingsland, N. J., shop of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad.

The release on bail of Harry K. Thaw would not menace public safety, is the opinion expressed by two of his custodians at a public hearing before the commission appointed by the federal court to pass on the matter of Thaw's mental condition and its relation to his liberation under bonds.

The retrial of Hans Schmidt for the murder of Anna Ammiller has been postponed. The postponement was granted at the request of Schmidt's counsel to enable the prisoner's father and sister, who went back to Germany after the first trial to return. It was said Schmidt's mother would accompany them.

"The next baseball country will be France," said A. G. Spaulding, who has just returned from Europe. "The French took up boxing with enthusiasm and they are getting into our national game. When they have been taught its delights there is no doubt that France will be second in baseball only to the Americans."

FOREIGN.

Violent earthquakes caused great damage to property in the Greek provinces of Elis and Peloponnesus.

It cost Italy \$191,400,000 to acquire Tripoli, a country which, according to all accounts, is, with the exception of the desert of Sahara, the least desirable part of Africa.

One hundred and fifty mounted police are patrolling Regina, in anticipation of a possible outbreak of unemployed men who threatened to burn the city if work were not provided for them. Women and children were ordered to remain off the streets.

A variation of the usual dynamiting incident is reported from Agua Caliente. The rebels captured a train at Espritu Santo. While it was approaching La Honda, another party of rebels, believing that the train carried federal troops, exploded a mine. The train was blown up and eighty men were killed or injured.

Five English Alpinists, including a girl and a boy, were found almost frozen in a snow hut near the summit of the Dole, one of the highest peaks of the Swiss Jura. They had attempted to climb the mountain on skis and were overtaken by a blizzard. The condition of the tourists was serious, but they probably will recover.

Joseph Chamberlain, the venerable British statesman, has decided to retire from parliament at the next general election. He has served continuously as a member of the house of commons since 1876.

Labor unions in London have under consideration a project to build a \$1,000,000 structure to serve as the general headquarters of their organizations. It is proposed to include in the building a club, office accommodations for fifty unions, a large hall and store-rooms.

IS AGAIN AT WORK

MANY HARD PROBLEMS FACING
NATIONAL BODY.

ANTI-TRUST BILLS ARE FIRST

These, With Rural Credits and Labor
Investigations, Constitute a
Strenuous Program.

Washington.—Congress has started upon the second stage of the long session with the calendars of both houses crowded with legislation of far-reaching character. Refreshed by nearly three weeks' vacation, the first complete relaxation since President Wilson convened the special tariff-currency session last April, senators and representatives have returned to Washington keenly interested in the prospective developments of the next few months.

Regulation of the trusts through further corrective and prohibitory legislation will hold much of the attention of both houses, but other subjects are to share the legislative arena with the corporation measures. The first of the trust bills to bear any official status are expected to appear during the present week, and the endorsement of the democratic membership of the house judiciary committee; and their scope and terms probably will reflect closely the views of President Wilson and Attorney General McReynolds.

The president reached Washington Tuesday with a draft of his message to congress upon trust legislation. This will be gone over at conferences between the president and anti-trust bill framers of house and senate before being submitted to congress. The general character of the anti-trust bills prepared by Chairman Clayton and his associates of the house committee already has been publicly outlined; and their provisions are in accord with the ideas of the democratic leaders.

Seek Safety in U. S.

Presidio, Tex.—Twenty-eight hundred Mexican federal soldiers, six generals, 300,000 rounds of ammunition, two cannons, four large field pieces, and 1,500 civilian refugees are in the custody of the United States army border patrol as the result of the federal army's evacuation of Ojinaga, Mex., its flight to American territory and the occupation of the Mexican village by General Francisco Villa's rebels. The distress of the refugees is intense. They have scant food and no shelter. Men, women, children, dogs, chickens and cattle are packed together in a space covering several acres. About them are scattered all the wreckage and turmoil which they brought in fleeing from the Ojinaga battle. Urgent requests for the immediate removal of the soldiers and refugees to some other place were sent by Major McNamee to the war department through Brigadier General Bliss.

Deportation Is Denounced.

Denver, Colo.—Resolutions were adopted by the Denver trades assembly condemning the deportation of "Mother" Jones and telegrams were sent to Colorado representatives and senators in congress supporting the demand for a congressional investigation of the Colorado strike. In her speech "Mother" Jones declared that the governor did not own the state and that she would return to Trinidad the latter part of next week in spite of the military authorities.

\$55,000,000 Worth of Bullion.

Fort Dodge, Ia.—Approximately \$55,000,000 worth of gold bullion passed through Fort Dodge in an Illinois Central train made up of steel baggage cars, bound from the west to Chicago and New York. The shipment was consigned as "silk" from the Orient. Transportation charges were \$15,500 for the eleven cars.

Dies From Poisonous Gases.

Denver, Colo.—E. E. Shumway, 51 president and general manager of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, died from the effects of poisonous gases inhaled in rescue work which resulted from the explosion in the Vulcan mine at New Castle, Colo., December 17 last. He came here from Nebraska.

Firemen Overcome.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Finished lumber, dry kilns and sheds valued at \$250,000 were destroyed in a fire of unknown origin in the yards of the E. K. Wood Lumber company here. Six firemen were overcome by smoke.

Agd Fuedist Fatally Burned.

Pikeville, Ky.—Randall McCoy, who was a leader in the McCoy-Hatfield feud thirty years ago, fell into an open fireplace here and before he could be removed was fatally burned.

Must Catch Up With Europe.

Washington.—"It is time to jump right in and catch up with the European nations in aeronautics," says Rear Admiral Blunt, chief of the navigation bureau of the navy, in a recommendation just submitted to the house committee on naval affairs.

Norway May Be Represented.

Christina.—The Government has resolved to request the storting to vote the necessary funds to send a warship to represent Norway at the opening of the Panama canal.

BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Tecumseh has a flourishing troop of boy scouts.

Fairbury is soon to have a modern public hospital.

County assessors of the state will meet at Lincoln, January 20.

Two deaths occurred from the diphtheria epidemic at Wymore.

Plattsmouth Elks will lay the cornerstone of their new home next week.

A stock company to build a farmers' elevator has been organized at Garrison.

The office of the Fifth Graphic was entirely destroyed by fire Sunday night.

A branch of the woman's suffrage association has been organized at Lyons.

A large hog cholera serum plant is to be installed at Shelton in the near future.

Isaac Smith, a farmer, 80 years old, near Elmwood, dropped dead with heart failure.

The new city hall at Havelock was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Friday evening.

A Kenesaw man last week sold fifty-two head of mules for over \$12,500—nearly \$250 each.

The local supply of corn at Shelton is so short that feeders are shipping it from elsewhere.

Clay Harry has bought the Central City Nonpareil and will change its politics to democratic.

Hastings baseball fans will try to raise a \$4,000 fund for the promotion of the game next summer.

The general store of Martin & Tool at Murdock was destroyed by fire, originating from a defective flue.

The postoffice at Cortland was partially destroyed by fire last week, a lot of mail matter being lost.

Mrs. Mary Wildman, said to have been the oldest woman in York county, is dead at the age of 96.

A big black cat proved to be the burglar that a Lincoln man thought he had locked up in the cellar.

At the Home Cured Meat show at Lincoln a total of \$90 will be offered as prizes for home cured meats.

Telephone and electric light wires and poles are being removed from the streets at Tecumseh and replaced in alleys.

Findley Howard, son of Edgar Howard of Columbus, has gone to Colon, where he has accepted a government situation.

Josephine M. Lyons of Omaha was seriously injured when a railroad train, hit the buggy in which she was riding at Auburn.

The Fremont city council has passed a chicken ordinance requiring that fowls be kept in pens for ten months of the year.

Ed. Mockett, a Lincoln bowler, ran up a score of 279 in a recent contest; a record that has not been made for many years.

Chicken thieves again are in evidence in the vicinity of Tecumseh, several farmers having reported the robbing of their henneries.

Housewives of Lincoln will be appealed to by the Lancaster county gardeners to aid them in their efforts to secure a city market.

Owing to lack of employment, many Hastings residents have run behind with their water and light bills and have been shut off by the city.

A wolf hunt near Ohiowa resulted in the death of one unwary wolf. Others were sighted by the hunters but nimbly dodged all shots fired at them.

An unknown man threw himself in front of a Burlington train near Palmyra and was badly mangled. There was nothing on his person to reveal his identity.

B. F. Norval has been appointed acting county judge by the county board at Seward to fill the office during Judge H. N. Coleman's absence in California this winter.

The Rev. Thomas Shipper, D.D., of the First Congregational church at Lincoln, has been invited to accept the pastorate of Plymouth Congregational church at Milwaukee, Wis.

Burglars and petty thieves are making life a burden to the inhabitants of Fairbury.

William Hayward, born and reared in Nebraska City, and former county judge, has recently been appointed assistant district attorney of New York City.

The first rural high school in Dodge county has just been opened. While the school has public support and has been supervised by County Superintendent John Matzen in its initiation, it is a private affair. Nevertheless, it will be conducted along lines of the public schools of the county.

The construction of the four-story Y. M. C. A. building at Grand Island is being pushed and the structure will probably be ready for occupancy in the spring.

E. W. Mason of Fairbury, one of the oldest Rock Island engineers on the Nebraska division, having been in service since 1888, has been retired by the management on a pension.

A "boy farm" project is about to be started by the Rt. Rev. George Allen Beecher, bishop of western Nebraska, in connection with the Kearney Military academy, of which he is head.

Harry Merriman, manager of the Brunswick hotel at Omaha, succumbed at St. Joseph's hospital from injuries he received when he fell from a window in the hotel.

While playing on the stairway of the Elks lodge at Plattsmouth, Earl Casaty, a little boy, fell to the ground below, breaking an arm and receiving other serious bruises.

C. J. Miles of Hastings was selected at Kearney to lead the State Baseball League association the coming year, defeating Kearney, York and Columbus candidates, after three ballots had been taken.

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ORGANIZED AGRICULTURE AT
LINCOLN.

GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

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

Lieutenant W. C. Stoll's dates for visiting the different organizations of the Nebraska national guard in his capacity as inspector-instructor, assigned to this state, have been fixed by an order of the war department, as follows:

Nebraska City, January 20, 1914; Auburn, January 21, 1914; Beatrice, January 22, 1914; Wymore, January 23, 1914; Bruning, January 24, 1914; Davenport, January 26, 1914; Fairfield, January 27, 1914; Hastings, January 28, 1914; Blue Hill, January 29, 1914; Holdrege, January 30, 1914; Alma, January 31, 1914; Beaver City, February 2, 1914; Kearney, February 4, 1914; Broken Bow, February 5, 1914; St. Paul, February 9, 1914; Ord, February 10, 1914; York, February 11, 1914; Osceola, February 12, 1914; Schuyler, February 16, 1914; Fullerton, February 17, 1914; Stanton, February 19; all Omaha companies and Fourth regiment band, at Omaha, February 20 and 21; Company A, Fourth regiment, Lincoln, on February 23, and state arsenal, Lincoln, on February 24. All inspections made by Lieutenant Stoll will be during daylight hours and will include all federal property. A few changes have been made in the dates of inspection by Adjutant General Hall, extending the time beyond January 20, until February 6.

The daily program prepared for the societies which form organized agriculture, which meets in Lincoln beginning Monday, January 19, is as follows:

Monday, January 19.
Corn Improvers' association—Plant industry building, state farm, room 110.

Tuesday, January 20.
State board of agriculture—Commercial club rooms, Eleventh and F streets.
State Horticultural society—Lindell hotel.

Nebraska Horse Breeders' association—Judging pavilion, state farm.
Corn Improvers' association—Room 110, plant industry building, state farm.

State Home Economics association—State farm, room 306, agricultural hall.
Association of State, County and District Fairs—Lincoln Commercial club, at 6:15.

Wednesday, January 21.
State board of agriculture—Commercial club rooms.
State Horticultural society—Lindell hotel.

State Dairymen's association—Plant industry building, room 110.
State Swine Breeders' association—Judging pavilion.

Nebraska Pure Seed Growers' association—Plant industry building, room 207.
State Bee Keepers' association—State farm, agricultural hall, room 303.

State Home Economics association—State farm, room 306, agricultural hall.
Good Roads association—State farm, agricultural hall, room 306.

Nebraska Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers' association—State farm, judging pavilion, room 203.

Thursday, January 22.
State Horticultural society—Lindell hotel.

State Live Stock Improvers' association—State farm, judging pavilion.
State Shorthorn Breeders' association—Agricultural hall, state farm, room 105.

State Herford Breeders' association—State farm, agricultural hall, room 303.
Aberdeen Angus Breeders' association—State farm, agricultural hall, room 304.

Red Polled Breeders' association—State farm, agricultural hall, room 305.
Dairy Cattle Breeders' association—Judging pavilion, state farm, room 203.

State Dairymen's association—State farm, plant industry building, room 110.
State Florists' association—State farm, plant room 207.

State Home Economics association—State farm, agricultural hall, room 306.
State Association of Rural School Patrons—State farm, agricultural hall, room 303.

Nebraska tax commission—State capitol, 9 a. m.

Friday, January 23.
State Dairymen's association—State farm, plant industry building, room 110.

Agricultural development commission of Nebraska—State farm, agricultural hall, room 306.

Agricultural extension conference—Agricultural hall, room 306.

Nebraska tax commission—State capitol, 9 a. m.

Evening Events.
Monday evening, January 19—Apple, floral, home-cured meat, corn show, at the city auditorium.

Tuesday evening, January 20—Banquet of the Nebraska state board of agriculture and the Nebraska Association of State, County and District Fair managers, at 6:15 at the Lincoln Commercial club.

State Horticultural banquet, Lindell hotel at 6:30. Show at the city auditorium. Moving pictures showing Nebraska's resources, better babies contest and scenes at the state fair will be given each evening.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings—Show at the city auditorium.

Friday evening—Banquet—Agricultural extension conference, Lindell hotel, 6 p. m.

Refused shelter in the penitentiary, denied admission to the county poor farm, not wanted at the county jail, and turned away from the charity headquarters where he has been staying since his release from the state prison, James Durkin, the crippled man who declared that living is easier and more desirable for him inside rather than outside such institutions, is now an inmate of the Lincoln hospital for the insane. He was taken there following the verdict of the insanity commissioners that he was suffering from mental ills.

Feeble-minded Institute Report.
Four hundred and fifty feeble-minded "children," ranging from 3 to 60 years of age, are now inmates of the Beatrice school for the feeble-minded, according to a report made by Superintendent Fast. In the report he tells Governor Morehead:

"The feeble-minded are easily controlled by kindness. Men and women, inmates of this institution, who are middle-aged and even aged, are like children, and are easily managed by kindly suggestion. A certain firmness is necessary to maintain discipline, but the first cost will decrease appreciably, as the cost of maintaining them decreases."

NEWS FROM STATE HOUSE

Commission form of government for students will be established at the state university if plans formulated carry through.

Labor Commissioner Pool has many applications on file from men who desire to work on farms. Farmers who need help are invited by him to take advantage of his free employment bureau.

Railroads of the state have a mileage of 6,139 miles for the year just closing, according to a report made to the railway commission by its engineering department. The present valuation is listed at \$25,400 per mile.

Secretary Royce of the state banking board is preparing another assessment upon state banks under the provisions of the guarantee law. The assessment will be one-twentieth of one per cent, based on average deposits for the past six months.

Governor Morehead has appointed the following, to appraise lands adjacent to the state fair grounds: Fred Cornell of Lincoln, Ole Palm of Lincoln, John W. Long of Loup City, Jacob Weiss of Geneva, W. H. Smith of Seward and E. A. Brown of Friend.

Kearney county was the first to make final settlement with the state for the transactions of the past year. It paid to the state \$2,198.54, of which \$1,009.70 was for the general fund. York county was second to settle. It paid \$15,339.29, of which \$8,514.34 was for the general fund.

Bulletins, reports and publications of the state board of agriculture have been entered as second class matter by Secretary W. R. Meiler. The publications of three state departments will be entered under a recent act of congress. This will result in a saving of about \$3,000 a year in postage.

A number of eastern Nebraska fruit growers will attend the Missouri valley conference to be held at Columbia, Mo., January 12-16. The Missouri state board of horticulture is promoting the conference and the fruit growers of eastern Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas and Missouri will be represented.

Lieutenant William C. Stoll of the regular army, who is instructor for the Nebraska national guard, has received orders to make an inspection of the guard for the war department. The dates for the inspection will be designated by Adjutant General Hall. The inspection will take place in January and February.

E. A. Walrath of Osceola, secretary of the state populist committee, has resigned as food, drug, dairy and oil inspector and Food Commissioner Harman has appointed James Murphy of Table Rock to succeed him. Mr. Walrath is the publisher of a newspaper and he found it impossible to work for himself and the state at the same time.

The balance in the state treasury increased from \$640,401.04 to \$675,519.79 during the month of December. The monthly report of State Treasurer George shows receipts amounting to \$458,073.19 and disbursements amounting to \$422,954.44. The treasurer has \$7,642.43 on hand and \$667,877.36 in depository banks. The amount of trust funds invested and drawing interest is \$9,464,850.79.

Monthly wages averaging \$26.50 per month are being earned by paroled prisoners from the Nebraska penitentiary, and many of them receive in addition their board and lodging. The total wages received by all the convicts on parole in the last six months of 1912 is reported by Secretary Shanahan of the state prison board at more than \$4,000. Ninety-one men have been granted paroles during these six months.

"Lieutenant Colonel Sammons of the Fifth regiment Nebraska national guard will not be deprived of his military rank and title until he has been convicted of the offense with which he stands charged." That is the statement made by General P. L. Hall, Jr., after commenting on the sudden arrest of the Kearney man for the alleged theft of valuable packages from the postoffice of his hometown. If conviction is had the proceedings will be automatic and the place will simply be declared vacant upon orders from headquarters.

Guaranty of state bank deposits is receiving much attention at the hands of economists just now and many requests are coming to the Nebraska state banking board for information on the effectiveness of the guaranty law here. To all the uniform reply is being made that it is successfully operative, both from its active and passive sides. Not only is the effect wholesome on the bankers who are identified with state banking interests, but it has an effect on depositors which is decidedly invaluable.

Time-old custom of the state board of purchase and supplies in buying shoes that have to be thrown into the discard when worn out, will be shattered when the board of control begins its quarterly institutional purchasing January 7. Instead of specifying long lists of poorly made and cheap shoes, the board has set out in its specifications that the shoes shall measure up to a higher standard, and shall be of such quality that when they begin to wear out or tear they can easily be mended. The cost of cobbling will naturally go up, but the first cost will decrease appreciably,