

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.

Twenty-one naval officers were placed on the retired list, fifteen of the number having been selected by the plucking board, while the other six voluntarily asked retirement.

Favorable reports on three of the five federal reserve board nominations sent to the senate by President Wilson were agreed upon by the banking and currency committee.

Ulrich Davivier, the minister from Haiti, informed Secretary Bryan that he had been recalled by his government and that he would be succeeded by Solon Menos, whom he replaced at Washington in 1913.

An item of \$100,000 for the boring of artesian wells in arid districts for the purpose of discovering the existence of supplies of water available for irrigation purposes, has been dropped from the agricultural appropriation bill.

President Wilson will take no action in the strike situation at Butte, pending further developments. Federal troops will not be moved from Vancouver barracks to Fort Missoula to be in readiness in case of trouble, for the present.

The administration trade commission bill was further supported by Senator Cummins, republican, who continued his discussion of its constitutional phrases. He particularly defended the provision of the bill making "unfair competition" unlawful.

Senator Davilmar Theodore, the Haitian revolutionist leader has been killed in a battle with fifty of his followers near the dominican frontier. Captain Eberle of the cruiser Washington so reported his information from two members of the Haitian cabinet.

Letters of commendation for conspicuous gallantry during the occupation of Vera Cruz were written by Secretary Daniels to George H. Boyd, quartermaster, and Augustus J. Hallberg, runner's mate, of the cruiser Chester. Both men have been advanced to the rank of petty officers.

An official intimation of the purpose of the United States to begin negotiations with Russia for a new treaty to replace the one abrogated a year and a half ago, was conveyed in a statement at the White house that George T. Mayne, the newly-appointed ambassador to St. Petersburg, might take up that subject.

DOMESTIC.

America, the Rodman Wanamaker trans-Atlantic flyer, rose from the water in a recent test, with ten passengers, establishing another weight-carrying record for hydro-aeroplanes.

The germ which caused pyorrhea and a cure for the disease has been discovered by Dr. Michael F. Barrett of Philadelphia, according to an announcement made at the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania state dental society.

Hope for an early settlement of the strike of the Westinghouse employes at Pittsburgh was checked by the decision of 7,000 of the strikers not to accept the terms made in signed statements by the heads of the affected industry.

Guy Phillips, associate secretary of the Missouri Pacific Railway Co., shot and killed himself in the offices of the company on the eighth floor of a New York office building. His physician said he had been a sufferer recently from despondency.

The saloons in the Colorado strike district will not be permitted to open as long as the federal troops are in the field. The order issued by the federal commander upon entering the district last April is final. This is the word that came from the secretary of war, to whom the city and county officials recently appealed.

There are 299 railways in the United States, operating 120,901 miles of track which last year carried 409,808,488 passengers without a single fatality.

Dr. Holbrook Curtis, the throat specialist, has told Colonel Roosevelt he would have to rest six weeks. Then after the colonel had made a few speeches as a test, the doctor said, he would be able to tell more definitely just what Mr. Roosevelt could do in the campaign.

Joseph Burton, the negro who was recently captured in a spectacular attempt to blackmail the Cunard Steamship company in New York, was sentenced to fifteen years in Sing Sing prison.

United States in 1913 imported 3,267,323 pounds of mica.

The fourteenth international Sunday school convention has opened in Chicago with 4,000 delegates.

Walter W. Davis, Jr. and his brother, Fred, were found dead in a field on their farm near Peabody, Kan. It is believed they were struck by lightning in a storm.

Chief Wallace of the Charlotte, N. C. fire department and one fireman were killed and three others were seriously injured by a dynamite explosion in a small fire. The dynamite stored by a contractor was ignited by a fire in a barn.

What is claimed to be a record in walking recently from the summit of Pikes Peak to the cog station in Manitou was made by Maurice Kubby of Omaha, Neb. Kubby walked down the mountain, according to timers, in an hour and thirty minutes. Three hours were required to walk to the summit from Manitou.

An aeroplane will be used by Prof. David Todd of Amherst college in observing the total eclipse of the sun, August 21, according to plans announced. Prof. Todd will make his observations at Riga, Russia. With the aid of the flying machine he hopes to be able to rise above any clouds that may hinder observations from the earth.

A carload of beer and whisky billed as gravel was seized by state and federal officers at Bartlesville, Okla. It was the biggest seizure of intoxicating liquors ever made in this section. Twenty barrels of beer and twenty-five cases of whisky were seized. As no one claimed the shipment, it is to be destroyed. It was valued at nearly \$1,000.

The Federal league will invoke the Sherman anti-trust law in its fight for the services of Marsans and Chase, according to a statement made by President Gilmore. Charges that Organized Base Ball is a combination operating in restraint of trade will be made by attorneys for the Federals when the next stage in the Marsans case, now in the federal courts, is reached.

The announcement that 400 Japanese laborers from California are coming to locate in Alger county, Michigan, has started an anti-alien law agitation there and it is reported an attempt will be made at the next session of the state legislature to enact an anti-alien law similar to the one in California. The Japanese will engage in vegetable farming when they arrive in Alger county.

Six thousand baited rat traps are doing service in the infected zone of New Orleans, Fla., where they had been placed by direction of health authorities in their campaign to eradicate bubonic plague. Two hundred employes placed the traps, rat-proof residences and business houses and are keeping a general surveillance in the prescribed area.

George McDuffey, a deputy sheriff of Heppner, Ore., fought a single-handed battle with train robbers in the middle of a chair car fifty miles east of Pendleton, Ore., killing one, and wounding another and missing death himself when the westerner's inevitable pocket comb in the upper left-hand pocket slowed down a bullet aimed at his heart. The car was Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation passenger train No. 5 west-bound.

FOREIGN.

Moran was no match for Jack Johnson, and the black fighter retained his title after twenty rounds of easy fighting.

Simon W. Strauss, who has spent several months in Europe investigating for the American society for the promotion of thrift, will bring back to America many suggestions. He has found much material in Great Britain.

Nedeljo Gabrinovich, who threw a bomb at Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, while they were proceeding to the Sarajevo town hall, has made a complete confession, according to dispatches received from Sarajevo.

Emperor William abandoned his intended trip to Vienna to attend the funeral of Archduke Francis Ferdinand. It was announced that he was suffering from a severe cold attended with symptoms of lumbago.

The troubles of the American-Panama joint land commission, which is endeavoring to settle land claims, have grown serious, according to the legal officers of the canal, who made no secret of their expectation that the work of the commission would result in failure.

Two hundred coal miners were entombed in the Vielle-Maribaye colliery, near Liege, Belgium, when fire broke out. Two hundred of their comrades escaped when the alarm was given.

Counsel for the owners of the Storstad, in his opening arguments at the inquiry, stated that one of the vessels was to blame for the sinking of the Empress and that the inquiry would fix that blame. In other words, the catastrophe was an avoidable accident.

HUERTA RE-ELECTED

MEXICANS TAKE BUT LITTLE INTEREST IN VOTING.

REBEL LEADERS STILL AT OUTS

Representatives of the Two Factions
in Conference and Hope for Peace-
ful Solution of Quarrel.

Mexico City.—Elections for president, vice president, deputies and senators were held in that portion of the republic controlled by the Huerta government. Indifference was manifested everywhere.

General Huerta appeared to be the favorite candidate for the presidency and General Blanquet for the vice presidency.

President Huerta, it is reported, received a virtually unanimous vote of confidence. The returns indicate the re-election of all present members of the chamber of deputies and the senate.

The lightest votes in many years were cast in both the capital and nearby towns.

See Differences Eliminated.

Torreón, Coahuila, Mex.—When the Carranza-Villa conference adjourned after a long session, both sides were apparently confident that whatever differences had existed between the two constitutionalist leaders were in a fair way of being eliminated.

While none of the members of the two commissions would discuss any phase of the negotiations, it was evident that they were in accord on whatever matters there had been before them.

Protests to Villa.

El Paso, Tex.—Expressions of optimism received from Torreón upon the question involving the ownership of constitutionalist national currency are not echoed locally. Roberto Pesquera, Carranza's confidential agent, has sent a strong protest to General Villa regarding what Pesquera termed the "criminal acts" of Villa's agents in making away with Carranza's first paper currency on this side of the line.

It was learned that Carranza had outlawed all flat paper of the national issue not put into circulation by his officials. This will affect several millions of pesos which the Villa officials have confiscated and stamped.

Anarchist Plot Revealed.

New York.—In the ruins of the tenement wrecked by the explosion of a bomb, which, it is believed was intended for use against John D. Rockefeller, Jr., the authorities have found evidence that Arthur Caron, who was killed with three others, had used his apartment as a center for the distribution of inflammatory literature and that it was filled with death-dealing explosives. A small printing press, revolutionary pamphlets and circulars, an electric dynamo, two electric batteries, cartridges and bits of steel, were among the articles uncovered, which tend, in the opinion of the police, to show an anarchistic plot. Two of those killed in the wrecked building were agitators, who were to be placed on trial at Tarrytown on charges of disorderly conduct in connection with the demonstration inaugurated against Mr. Rockefeller, as a protest against his attitude in the Colorado coal mine strike. The body of the fourth victim of the explosion has been found. It was that of Charles Berg known in Industrial Workers of the World circles as the "big Swede," associate of Caron.

Many Questions for Voters.

Denver, Colo.—Seventeen legislative questions, consisting of eight initiated bills, six referendum petitions and three proposed constitutional amendments, are on file in the office of Secretary of State J. B. Pearce for submission to the voters of Colorado at the November election. Three of the referendum petitions relate to the public utilities bill. Suit to prevent the submission of these petitions has been started.

Among the bills to be referred is one to prevent the appointment of deputy sheriffs or peace officers who have not been residents of the state for at least one year.

Among the initiated measures are to provide a half mill levy for roads, allow probation to adult prisoners, allow a majority of jurors to decide civil suits and to establish state-wide prohibition.

Clark Made a Doctor of Laws.
Washington.—Speaker Clark has been notified that he had been made a doctor of laws by Bethany college, the West Virginia school from which he graduated.

Arms and Ammunition Landed.

Dublin.—In the absence of the police, the Irish National Volunteers succeeded in landing here 400 cases of ammunition, and 800 cases of rifles. The arms and ammunition were taken from on board a boat which had been hovering about the coast off Dublin.

All in Favor of Prohibition.
Boise, Idaho.—Planks favoring state wide prohibition were incorporated in the platform of the republican, democratic and progressive parties assembled in convention here.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The Wisner Chronicle has ordered a standard linotype.

A new theater erected by Louis Meyers, has been formally opened at Germantown.

The annual session of the Madison county institute will be held at Madison, August 27.

A. Zlotkey has purchased the Ruwe block at Fremont, the consideration being \$40,000.

A \$2,000 bond issue for water works was carried by a vote of forty-one to eighteen at Clatonia.

A \$12,000 bond issue for the extension of the water service was defeated at Albion, 127 to 89.

The People's Banner of David City has moved into new quarters and installed some new machinery.

Twenty-two Nebraska counties which have reported already show only slight increases in assessments.

An automobile stolen from the Haynes automobile garage of Omaha, was found, deserted, north of Fremont.

G. E. Johnson, city electrician of Falls City, has received a pulmotor which will be kept for emergency service.

Wheat cutting near Stella has been finished, threshing has been delayed by heavy rains. A bumper corn crop is assured.

Walter Henry, twenty-two years old, committed suicide at the family home near West Point while temporarily insane.

The city council of Kearney has awarded to the United Trust Co. of Omaha \$45,000 5 per cent funding bonds at par.

The Alliance Times and Alliance Herald each issued special illustrated editions during the Nebraska Stockmen's convention.

F. W. Alsted of Norfolk has begun action in district court for divorce from his wife, Ethel G., and the custody of their child.

The new German Lutheran Zion church, four miles northwest of Ellis, was dedicated Sunday. Three services were held.

A bond issue for the erection of a municipal light plant has been carried by the voters of Lyons by a majority of 148 to 25.

A new mail route starts from Chadron July 1, going to Antelope, Pepper Creek, Esther and Manchester, making rural free delivery en route.

Christopher Courtwright, the last surviving Mexican war veteran in this county and possibly the state, died at the residence of his sister at Milford.

That he sustained an injury by said railway company which resulted in the loss of a foot. J. J. McCarty and M. F. Harrington are attorneys for the plaintiff.

Editor F. W. Brown of the Kearney Morning Times got out a special edition to boom Kearney's Fourth of July celebration. It was printed in red and blue ink.

Subscriptions are being given for the building of a narrow gauge suburban railroad to the Table, twenty miles southwest of Chadron. Surveys are being made.

Fremont gas users have petitioned the city council to provide for a dollar rate on gas charging that discrimination is shown in the present rate schedule.

Nellie A. Lichty has applied for a divorce from George W. Lichty at Beatrice. She alleges desertion and non-support and asks for the custody of the two children.

M. H. Marble and Frank Kovanda, Jr., have been elected members of the Table Rock school board to succeed C. I. Norris and C. J. Wood, whose terms had expired.

The Farmers' State bank of Clarks has incorporated with a capital of \$20,000. I. J. Wehrman is president; F. D. Rhodes, vice-president, and J. R. Chamberlain, cashier.

The body of Albert John Bahr was brought to Chadron for interment from Hardesty, Canada, where he had been killed while on duty as conductor for the Canadian Pacific Railroad company.

Saunders county farmers are busy harvesting one of the biggest wheat crops this county has ever seen. The acreage is larger than usual and it is estimated that the yield will be from thirty to forty bushels.

Petitions have been filed to have the names of H. N. Colman and L. H. McKillip placed on the primary ballot as candidates for county judge and county attorney of Seward county, on the republican ticket.

In an auto accident one mile north of Ogallala Bruce Reed, aged 27, was killed when his jugular vein was severed by the broken wind shield. Carl Simson, Tom Cooney, R. C. Young and Bruce Stafford were injured, but not fatally. Reed leaves a young widow and two small children.

With one automobile for every twenty-five of its inhabitants, Nebraska heads the list of states in the number of autos per capita. Iowa is second and California is third. According to estimates, 80 per cent of the Nebraska machines are owned by farmers.

A hail storm passed over the country west, north and east of Callaway, completely destroying crops within its path. Many farmers who were preparing to harvest, lost all of their small grain. Corn was also damaged to a great extent, but may recover.

Charles K. Bassett, proprietor of the Grant County Tribune at Hyannis, has been sued for \$10,000 by Bert S. Claire of Omaha for alleged defamation of character. Papers were served on Mr. Bassett while he was attending the meeting of the Nebraska Press' association at Lincoln last week.

HIS DUTY OUTLINED

ASSESSOR MUST FIND VALUE OF MORTGAGES IN FULL.

CASE FROM FURNAS COUNTY

Jasper L. McBrien Pays Hurried Trip to Nebraska, Making Talk at Peru Normal.

Lincoln.—It is the duty of an assessor to get the actual value of mortgages and determine the same irrespective of their face value, according to an opinion of the attorney general in answer to an inquiry made by County Attorney R. J. Harper of Furnas county.

In the case referred to the land has an actual value of \$1,400 for taxation purposes. There are two mortgages on the land valued at \$1,400 and also a third for \$250. The attorney general holds that the first two mortgages should be held at their face value, which is the value of the land and that the third mortgage should not be assessed because it has no real value over and above the value of the two former mortgages which cover the value of the land.

To Push Norfolk Building.

Norfolk people are getting anxious to know when the State Board of Control is going to begin the erection of the new hospital building at the asylum for the insane, near that city and Editor Huse of the News was at the state house in an endeavor to gather some information which he could take back to the home folks. The board was out visiting state institutions and as the governor has several times refused to instruct the board what they should or should not do, it is not supposed that he got much satisfaction out of the executive.

Commissioner Kennedy said that the board was waiting to get the track laid to the institution because of the saving it would make on hauling material to the place, and that proposition alone would be quite an item in the matter of submitting bids. When it was understood that the track could be completed at some specified time, and Architect Stitt had the plans completed, the matter would be pushed rapidly. Commissioner Kennedy thought that August would see things moving.

State's Coal Bill.

The state board of control is busy trying to determine who are the lowest bidders for coal for state institutions. Fourteen bids were submitted to the board. Another bid was shut out because it came too late. As the board asked for bids on coal for state institutions for a period of one year, more than usual interest was shown by coal dealers throughout the state. The state uses but 25,000 tons of coal annually. Most of it is steam coal and the total cost is about \$75,000 a year. Last year Mr. Miles got most of the contracts. The board at that time decided not to permit substitution at a higher price in case the dealer is unable to furnish steam coal bid upon. This plan is being followed again this year. The specifications call for different kinds of coal but make no provision for substitution. If a dealer is unable to furnish steam coal bid upon, he must furnish something better at the price of the steam coal.

McBrien Pays Hurried Visit.

J. L. McBrien made a hurried trip into Nebraska the other day and visited the normal schools at Peru and Kearney. Mr. McBrien is now government inspector of rural schools. He was met at Peru by State Superintendent James Delzell, who was at Peru to address the school management class in the absence of President Hayes, who is suffering with an attack of gout.

Complaints of Charge.

J. W. Shorthill, secretary of the Nebraska Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock association of Hampton, has filed a complaint with the state railway commission against the South Omaha Stock Yards association, claiming that the stock yards company makes yarding charge of 8 cents on hogs when but 6 cents is charged by Kansas City and St. Joseph.

Fined for Using Seines.

Special Deputy Game Warden S. A. Bowers went to Scott's Bluff county this week and captured four men who were seining contrary to law. The men pleaded guilty to the crime and were fined \$1 and costs each. Their names were W. H. Harding, C. J. Shadden, Clarence McCord and Frank Fisher.

Nebraska Bids for Maneuvers.

Lincoln.—Adjutant General Hall is reported to be pulling wires to bring regular army troops and national guard troops from other states to Nebraska for maneuvers. The war department first planned maneuvers at Camp Dodge, near Des Moines, and issued orders for the Nebraska state troops to participate. This order was held in abeyance pending a settlement of the Mexican trouble. Now the matter is being considered and General Hall asked that the maneuvers take place in Nebraska.

SIX GRADES OF CORN NOW.

New System of Standards in Force by Department of Agriculture.

Six sample grades of corn are now recognized by the office of standardization of the United States Department of Agriculture, where heretofore only four grades were used in designating the value of the cereal. Yellow, white and mixed corn will run maximum per cent of moisture in the six grades as follows: 14, 15.5, 17.5, 19.5, 21.5 and 23, while the allowable per cent of damaged product will be regulated by 2, 4, 6, 8, 13 and 15 per centages.

In regulating the amount of foreign material in the grain the following percentages will prevail: 1, 1, 2, 2, 3 and 5, while cracked grain will come under a regulation of 2, 3, 4, 4, 5 and 7 per cent.

Eleven other rules prescribed by the department are:

The corn in grades No. 1 to No. 5, inclusive, must be sweet.

White corn, all grades, shall be at least 98 per cent white.

Yellow corn, all grades, shall be at least 95 per cent yellow.

Mixed corn, all grades, shall include corn of various colors not coming within the limits for color, as provided for under white or yellow corn.

In addition to the limits indicated, No. 6 corn may be musty, sour, and may also include corn of inferior quality, such as immature and badly blistered.

All corn that does not meet the requirements of either of six numerical grades by reason of an excessive percentage of moisture, damaged kernels, foreign matter or badly broken corn, or corn that is hot, heat-damaged, fire-burnt, infested with live weevil, or otherwise of distinctly low quality shall be classed as sample grade.

No. 6 and sample grade, reasons for so grading shall be stated on the inspector's ticket or certificate.

Finely broken corn shall include all broken particles of corn that will pass through an 8x8 mesh wire sieve, the diameter of the wire to be twenty-five thousandths of an inch.

Badly broken or "cracked" corn shall include all broken pieces of kernels that will pass through a 4x4 mesh wire to be thirty-six thousandths of an inch, except that the finely broken corn as provided for under rule 8 shall not be considered as badly broken or "cracked" corn.

It is understood that the damaged corn, the foreign material, including cob, dirt, finely broken corn, other grains, etc., and the badly broken or "cracked" corn as provided for under the various grades, shall be such as occur naturally in corn when handled under good commercial conditions.

Moisture percentages as provided for in these grade specifications, shall conform to results obtained by the standard method and tester described in circular 72, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture.

Refusing an offer of \$250,000 for a formula for a fertilizer, which he has discovered, a former Nebraska boy, Earl S. Bishop, is well on the road to fame and fortune. Mr. Bishop is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Bishop of University Place. He is 25 years of age, and was born at Imperial, Neb. He graduated from the Imperial High school in 1904, from Wesleyan in 1909, the University of Nebraska in 1911, and from the Queen university, Kingston, Ontario, in 1912. He was a chemist in the Nebraska experiment station before going to Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., where he is now doing research work in chemistry. Mr. Bishop got the first idea regarding his later discovery while still in Nebraska. He says that the value of the new fertilizer lies in the fact that it can be produced at much less cost than any other nitrogenous fertilizer now on the market. It is said that it is made from by-products which were formerly wasted.

Under the Nebraska bank guaranty law, the semi-annual assessment on state banks for the benefit of the depositors' guaranty fund, was made July 1, by the state banking board. The levy is 1.20 of 1 per cent of a bank's average deposits during the six months' period preceding the levy. The levy this time will raise \$54,029.11, which is a little less than the amount of the fund that was used to pay the depositors of the First Savings bank at Superior, which failed a few weeks ago. The amount taken from the guaranty fund to pay losses of the Superior State bank was \$54,526.17, which left a total of \$810,464.20 in the guaranty fund. The new levy will bring the guaranty fund up to \$872,229.36, which is used to guaranty payment on the total of \$91,027,015.14 average deposits in the 720 state banks.

J. H. Hale has been elected president of the Dawson county poultry and pet stock association for the coming year.

Samuel Bowers of Columbus, deputy state game warden, has reported the arrest of four men at Gering charged with seining and using a trammel net. The men arrested were Messrs. Harding, Shadden, McCord and Fisher. The deputy game warden said he received little help from county officers in the prosecution, but each of the accused was fined \$1 and costs. No fish were found in possession of the men. Another man who had coffee sacks fastened to a seine was released because he said he was merely seining for minnows, which is lawful.