

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.

Opening of the Panama canal to the world's commerce on August 15, next, was announced by Secretary Garrison.

W. G. Mulkey has been sworn in for the Third Alabama district, succeeding Henry D. Clayton, recently appointed to the federal bench.

The resignation from congress of Representative William G. Sharp of Ohio, recently appointed ambassador to France, has been announced in a letter to Speaker Clark.

After months of deliberation, the senate judiciary committee has agreed upon the final revision of the Clayton anti-trust bill to supplement the Sherman law which passed the house last spring.

Great increases in the importation of fresh beef and other meat products since the Underwood tariff, with its free list, went into effect, are reported to the Department of Agriculture.

President Wilson in withdrawing the nomination of Thomas D. Jones of Chicago to be a member of the federal reserve board, has ended the bitter controversy over his confirmation in the senate.

President Wilson has nominated Clarence W. Ashford of Honolulu to be first judge of the first circuit court, and William E. Edging, also of Honolulu, to be judge of court of the second circuit in Hawaii.

Spurred on by the democratic caucus, which has ordered a "hurrying up" of legislation, the senate interstate commerce committee favorably reported the revised railroad securities bill. The complete trust program is now before the senate.

Civil suit to separate the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company from its subsidiary rail, trolley and steamship lines will be brought by Attorney General McReynolds in the United States district court at New York within the next few days.

By resigning from the house of representatives, James T. McDermott of the Fourth Illinois district has brought to an end the agitation in the house that followed the publication and investigation of the lobby charges made by M. M. Mulhall, a former agent of the National Association of Manufacturers.

President Wilson has sent to the senate for ratification new peace treaties with twenty nations, providing for special investigation of disputes in all cases where the resources of diplomacy have failed. They are the treaties which Secretary Bryan has indicated the president wishes to have ratified before congress adjourns.

DOMESTIC.

Ex-Congressman James Richardson, sovereign grand commander Scottish Rites Masons, southern jurisdiction, died at his home at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The long continued effort to untangle the New Haven railroad without litigation came to an end when President Wilson, in a letter to Attorney General McReynolds directed the institution of a Sherman lawsuit to dissolve the system and ordered that the criminal aspects of the case be laid before a federal grand jury.

Destructive competition, wasteful mining and a superfluity of men in the industry were held responsible for the constant clashes between miners and operators by witnesses before the Federal Industrial commission at Chicago.

Three persons were killed outright, another died later and twenty-one were injured, some seriously, in a head-on collision at Westport, Conn., between a train of three trolley cars, carrying 279 Sunday school picnicers and a trolley freight.

Henry H. Rogers, Standard Oil millionaire, left an estate of \$49,000,000 in New York state and D. Ogden Mills left \$36,536,791, according to official appraisals filed at New York.

Announcement was made at Philadelphia that a delegation representing through national associations, more than 1,000 wholesale houses which annually handle products, approximating \$2,000,000,000, will be received by President Wilson to talk over business conditions.

The mile-high altitude of Denver affects visitors and makes the heart beat faster. This is said to be the reason nearly twice as many strangers as Denver residents were married in Denver in the past year.

The Southern road is said to have been looted in much the same manner as the New Haven.

Albert Myer of Albert Lea, Miss., was unanimously re-elected president of the American Optical association at the seventeenth annual congress at St. Louis.

The list of rats infected with bubonic plague was increased to seven at New Orleans when examination of a rodent captured showed that it harbored plague germs.

Sidney Ossosky, general claim agents of the Chicago surface railways has been dismissed following charges that he had appropriated \$117,000 of the company's funds.

The fog which has hung over the Rhode Island coast for several days having lifted the cup defenders sailed their tightest race, the Resolute again winning, but only by seconds over the Vanitie and by less than two minutes over the Defiance.

Hopes for a satisfactory adjustment of the wage controversy between the western railroads and their employees took definite shape with the assembly of the federal board of mediation, whose good offices have been accepted by both sides.

The Chicago divorce prevention bureau of the municipal court has opened its doors as the first branch of a court created solely to fight the divorce evil. The divorce prevention bureau is part of the court of domestic relations.

There is no foundation for much of the agitation about business conditions in the United States, George M. Reynolds, president of the Continental and Commercial National bank, and John Snedd, president of Marshall Field & Co., of Chicago asserted in their testimony before the federal commission on industrial relations.

With the close of the professional baseball season less than two months away the pennant races in both major and minor leagues are tightening up in a remarkable manner when the scores of associations are considered as a whole. With a few exceptions here and there the struggles for first places are far closer than has been the rule for several years.

Upon recommendation of the receivers of the Metropolitan Street Railway company of Kansas City, Mo., Federal Judge Hook ordered an increase of 1 cent an hour in the wages of the employees of the company. The increase will affect about 34,000 men and will cost the company between \$110,000 and \$125,000 a year, according to the estimate of the receivers.

FOREIGN.

European diplomacy is faced with a situation of extreme gravity in the controversy between Austria and Servia.

The Canadian Pacific will electrify the five-mile tunnel now being bored through the Selkirk mountains, near Rogers Pass, British Columbia.

The merchants of Havana have addressed a petition to the American legation requesting that arrangements be made with the American government to allow warships on the way to Mexico to stop at Havana.

Count Alexander Romé who was leader of the Garibaldi legion during the last Balkan war, in which he was wounded, died at Athens. He was a member of the chamber of deputies of which he was at one time speaker.

Shamrock IV, with its convoy, the steam yacht Erin, the former under its own sail, left Plymouth for the United States. It is expected that the next port of call of the challenger for the America's cup will be the Azores.

Two London suffragettes belonging to the British nobility, Lady Barclay and the Hon. Miss Edith Fitzgerald, were arrested at Buckingham palace, where they made persistent and unsuccessful attempts to present to King George a letter written in his majesty by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst.

A crowd of militant suffragettes created a wild tumult in the assize court and its vicinity when Miss Dorothy Evans, an official of the Belfast branch of the women's social and political union, was brought up for arrest on the charge of having in her possession explosives for the purpose of committing a felony.

A conspiracy against the government was discovered at Lima, Peru, and a large number of plotters were surprised and captured in the residence of Dr. Garardo Bahueña Baranco. The prisoners included seven military men, all of whom confessed that it was their intentions to overturn the government.

The strike situation in Russia took on a more serious aspect at St. Petersburg when armed conflicts occurred in the streets and resulted in the wounding of many police, Cos sacks and strikers.

In compliance with the king's summons, which all speak of in accordance with the time honored tradition as "command," the eight party leaders most vitally concerned with a settlement of the home rule deadlock met at Buckingham palace in an effort to reach an agreement.

WAR IS IMMINENT

SERVIA MUST ACCEPT TERMS OR FIGHT.

PROSPECTS OF EUROPEAN WAR

Chance of General Engagement Among Nations Is Not Regarded as all Unlikely.

London.—New proof that Austria is fully determined to make war on Servia is seen in recent developments, while the possibilities of a general European war seem greater than have ever confronted the present generation.

The Servian reply to the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum was an acceptance of almost all the imperial demands, except that Austrian officials shall participate in the investigation and fix responsibility for the anti-Austrian propaganda.

Servia proposed an appeal to the powers at The Hague for the settlement of that feature. Notwithstanding this humiliating surrender, which was more than Europe expected of the proud little nation, the Austrian government has given the Servian minister his passports, which may be construed as a virtual declaration of war.

First Act of War. Austria also committed an act of war by arresting the chief of the Servian general staff, General Putnik, near Budapest, but he was soon released by the Emperor's direct command.

A formal declaration of war is not expected because Servia is not a party to The Hague convention which requires this. The suspension of all parliamentary and judicial institutions has been decreed in Austria, and an ironclad censorship has drawn a cordon of secrecy around the country, so that the outside world is in complete ignorance of everything happening there except what the government wants the world to know.

Even now the Austrian armies may be closing in on Servia and launching a sudden blow, as Japan did when it sent its fleet against the Russian ships without warning.

King's Men Shoot into Mob.

Dublin.—Three men and one woman are dead and more than sixty persons are in the hospital wounded, as a result of a battalion of the King's Own Scottish borderers firing into a mob in the streets of Dublin. Seven of the wounded are expected to die. Among them are three women and a boy of 10.

The affray was the result of a gun-running exploit of the Nationalists' volunteers, who were being aided by a mob composed largely of woman and youths. A consignment of rifles, said to number 10,000 were landed at Howth, nine miles from Dublin, from a private yacht. The Nationalists' volunteers cut the telegraph wires and stopped travel on the Dublin roads, and according to reports sent away most of the rifles, together with 70,000 rounds of ammunition, in motor cars.

May Disrupt Peace Plan.

Washington.—Advices to the effect that General Carranza is not disposed to make a formal agreement granting amnesty in advance of his actual assumption of power in Mexico City reached Washington from the headquarters of the constitutionalist chief. This is not in line with what the American government has previously understood to be Carranza's position, and if insisted upon may disrupt the proposed peace conference in Mexico at its very beginning.

The United States has taken a definite position urging that an amnesty and guarantee be given. Informal assurances came recently from Carranza that with the exception of those who were directly responsible for the murder of Madero and Suarez he would not prosecute the supporters of the Huerta government.

Dismissal and Not Imprisonment.

Washington.—Abolition of imprisonment for desertion from the navy in times of peace was ordered by Secretary Daniels. Under the new regulations blue jackets who overstay their leave or commit similar breaches of discipline will be summarily dismissed instead of being sent to prison, while men who become dissatisfied with the service and want to quit may have an honorable discharge by merely refunding certain enlistment allowances.

More Cases of Plague in New Orleans

New Orleans.—Two human cases of bubonic plague and three rodent cases were reported by Dr. W. C. Rucker, assistant surgeon general in charge of plague eradication work.

Men Missing in Chicago.

Chicago.—Five men were reported missing when fire destroyed the six-story building used by Morris and company as a refinery in the stock yards. Those missing were at work on the sixth floor of the building. The fire started on the sixth floor.

500 Miles in Row Boat.

Fairbanks, Alaska.—William Woods, a Fort Yukon merchant, who made a 500-mile trip in a row boat from the Porcupine river to Fort Gibben to have his legs amputated, died.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

Thirty-five acres of land on the Helm farm, Superior, yielded eighty bushels of oats an acre.

The date of Harvard's fall festival has been changed from August 12 and 13 to August 19 and 20.

Claude Aubrey, who broke jail at Grundy, Ia., was arrested in Auburn by Deputy Sheriff Broady.

The Harvard Community club is planning for a fall festival. Committees have been appointed to arrange a program.

William Haley, a tramp, was fined \$10 and costs for attempting to rifle the cash register at the Lindell hotel at Hastings.

L. C. Todd of Nehawka was fined \$5 by Judge Archer for failing to have lights on his automobile when driving at night.

Ten thousand dollars for his lost toe is what George Peick of Omaha is demanding of the Chicago & North-western Railway company.

The International Sheriffs' association decided in favor of federation of peace officers before adjourning the convention in Lincoln.

An excellent yield of potatoes seems assured from reports from Sioux, Box Butte, Sheridan, Scottsbluff and Brown counties.

Ralph Buchtel of Tobias was badly bruised when he was thrown from his motorcycle north of Ohiowa. He was going at a high rate of speed.

For the first time since the revenue law of 1903 went into effect there is a reduction in the total assessed valuation of all property in the state.

The sixth annual tournament of the northeast Nebraska tennis association will be held at the Norfolk Country club courts. Fifty players will compete.

A delegation of Cedar Bluffs boosters in eighteen automobiles toured through Saunders county in the interest of the festival to be held July 28 and 29.

George D. Thomas, newly appointed postmaster at Seward took charge of that office. William Royer, whom he succeeded, has served for fourteen years.

William Fried, vice president of the Nye-Schneider-Fowler Grain company, died at his home in Fremont of cancer, after an illness of about six months.

David Primrose threshed a seventy-acre field of wheat lying just west of Primrose that averaged thirty-seven bushels to the acre and tested sixty-two pounds.

Sheriff Jones of Auburn has filed as democratic candidate for state senator, and Cashier Yont of the Brook State bank as a candidate for the house of representatives.

Deputy Fish Commissioner W. J. O'Brien and Deputy Game Warden Gust Rutenbeck have returned from Curtis, where they deposited six tons of fish in the lake at that place.

According to the report of the street railway company filed with the city clerk, the gross receipts of the Omaha lines for the three months ending June 30 were \$498,409.46.

From reports received and compiled by J. R. Dnuan, secretary of the Nebraska state horticultural society, it appears the prospects for apples are not as good as they were earlier in the season.

Carl Lennon of Hebron was injured when his team ran away after one of the horses fell on a bridge. He was thrown into the river and one arm was broken. He was able to make his way to a doctor.

John Gillespie was returned from Superior to Hastings on a charge of passing a worthless check. He made good the check which William Otto cashed a month ago and paid a fine of \$10 and costs.

Charles Olson of Newman Grove has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment of the district court of Madison county in a case where he brought action against the village board of Newman Grove to compel them to recount the votes held in the city election on the proposition of license to saloons.

During the last week entries were made by plow and rood grader manufacturers who will exhibit at the next state fair. Some distinct advances have been made during the last year and the new models in farm machinery will interest both the dealer and the purchaser of up-to-date implements for farm use.

Agricultural enthusiasts in a number of counties are preparing the county displays for the state fair. Exhibit space is being assigned by Superintendent William James of Dorchester. The agricultural exhibit of Nebraska has aroused envy all over the country. It promises to be a record breaker this year.

Shipments out of Omaha by parcel post have become so heavy that a new terminal railway postoffice for handling parcel post packages will be opened in the Union depot postal station by the railway mail service. Six or eight additional men will be employed in the department which will be installed in the basement of the Union depot station.

Lieutenant Governor S. R. McKelvie has left for a trip to New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other eastern points. He expects to be gone until September 1.

The Lusk-Wyoming Oil Co., which has been drilling for oil just across the state line from Harrison, in Wyoming, has abandoned the well at a depth of 2,250 feet on account of lack of funds. The drilling rig will be moved six miles west of the present site and a well will be begun for the Pine Dome Co. If this well is successful the abandoned well will be completed at a later date.

WANT LEGISLATION

SCHOOL COMMISSION MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS.

TAKE SCHOOLS FROM POLITICS

Removal of the Major Educational Institutions From Political Field Is Planned.

Lincoln, Neb.—Removal of the state superintendent's office and the major educational positions from the field of politics is contemplated in recommendations by the state school law revision commission.

In its report the commission will give its reasons why submission and adoption of such an amendment would work untold benefits to Nebraska's school system.

Further than this the commission will recommend a more equal distribution of the school apportionment moneys, easier methods for consolidation of rural schools, more feasible plans for maintaining rural high schools, elimination of third grade, certificates to eighth grade graduates, and passage of laws enabling school treasurers to draw interest money on district deposits.

Drs. Howard, Wolfe, Luckey and Caldwell of the state university were named on a committee to assist the commission in determining non-partisan methods for election of school system heads. The committee will report at a later session to be held by the body.

Tax Law Proving Its Value.

Lincoln, Neb.—Popularity of the corporation tax bill passed by the 1913 session at Governor Morehead's request and with assistance of the democratic house, advanced several notches when the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad company came in with a \$2,500 check and the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company and affiliated properties came in with a check for \$3,380. Under the old law the companies would have paid \$675. The total in favor of the new law therefore is \$5,005. The Standard Oil company came in also with a \$400 check, whereas under the former statute its fee would have been not to exceed \$125, according to clerks in the office of the secretary of state.

Listed among the names of the affiliated properties of the Omaha street car system are the Metropolitan Cable company, the Omaha Cable Tramway company and other concerns whose names are not known to many present-day residents of the metropolis.

Knox County Decreases.

Lincoln, Neb.—Knox county has reported a decrease of assessed values this year. A report filed with the state board of assessment shows the total assessed value of all property in the county has decreased from \$1,006,543 to \$998,500. The county reports a decrease in the value of lands although 14,000 acres of accessible lands were added to the assessment roll this year. The counties of Furnas, Gage, Garden and Knox have not yet reported. In Gage county the delay is due principally to the attempt of the county board to change the valuation of horses and other live stock on a basis of the age of the animals. It is almost impossible for the assessor to figure out the result which the board desired to reach.

Will Delay Valuation.

Lincoln, Neb.—Officials of the engineering department of the state railway commission are not likely to be seen on the streets of Omaha and nearby cities and villages within the near future, making a valuation of the property of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Co. For the state supreme court, which has had under consideration the question of the railway commission's right to compel such a valuation did not rule on the matter previous to summer adjournment. That means that the opinion will be stayed until fall and that after it is rendered there will be the customary legal delays for filing of motions for rehearing and other turns in the litigation.

No Action Taken.

The State Railway commission has decided to take no action in the agitation by Omaha parties looking to a physical valuation of the South Omaha stock yards until after the hog service rate hearing has been before the board. The commission wrote to the parties who had been looking up the matter stating that unless a complaint was entered the matter would go over until after the hog service hearing was completed.

Can Use the General Fund.

Lincoln, Neb.—A solution has at last been found by the State Board of Control of the problem of making up deficits in the maintenance funds.

Attorney General Martin has given out an opinion in which he says that it is within the power of the board to use \$5,000 of its general appropriation for the purpose of making up the deficit in the maintenance fund for the girls' industrial school. This principle will apply equally well to deficits occurring in the maintenance funds of the other state institutions.

CRUSADE BRINGS RESULTS.

Many Lives Saved and Accidents Prevented on Northwestern.

Lincoln, Neb.—The "safety first" crusade of the Northwestern railroad, started four years ago, has been productive of great good. Figures showing the effect of the movement have been filed with Chairman Clarke of the railway commission by Superintendent Walters.

Comparisons made between the four years ending June 30, 1910, and the four years ending June 30, 1914, show the following:

Fifty-nine less trainmen killed and 6,244 less injured.

Twenty-eight less switchmen killed and ninety-six less injured.

Twenty-three less stationmen killed and 674 less injured.

Thirty-five less trackmen killed and 1,884 less injured.

Two less bridgemen killed and 213 less injured.

Two less shophmen killed and 756 less injured.

A total of 310 less persons killed and 10,113 less injured.

Adjutant General Fall has announced that unless a change of date is found necessary, the annual encampment of the Nebraska national guard will be held at Ashland, August 27 to September 4. This date is chosen because it is the only time regular troops can be present. At least two companies of regulars will camp with the state troops. An additional \$18,000 will be allowed by the government on account of the presence of regular army troops.

The state railway commission has granted leave to the Nebraska Telephone company to issue \$1,500,000 of common stock, the proceeds to be used to retire \$1,350,000 of 6 per cent demand notes for which the company received their face value, the balance of \$150,000 to be used for future construction and betterment. April 4 the capital of the company was \$11,838,482 and its liabilities \$15,978,567.

State Food Commissioner Harman held another meeting with creamery men for the purpose of inducing operators of creameries to buy cream according to grade and not according to weight. Governor Morehead addressed the meeting. The creamery men agreed to try the new method for one month, beginning August 1, without changing the price. This trial will educate operators in methods of grading cream and if it is found satisfactory the method will be continued and different prices will be paid in accordance with quality and grade.

Drainage district No. 1, Richardson county, has appealed to the supreme court from a judgment for \$7,000 given in favor of A. S. Daggett and others who sued for damages caused by the condemnation of and for right of way for ditches, dikes and levees.

Secretary Ludi of the state printing bureau will open bids July 30 on twelve different biennial state reports, ranging in number of copies from 300 to 7,500. A small amount of printing for state institutions and state departments will also be awarded at that date.

The board of control may have to go to the courts to get funds to run the penitentiary. The maintenance fund of that institution is exhausted, but there is \$25,000 of other funds available for salaries, repairs and other purposes, most of which is not needed for the purposes for which it was appropriated. The board of control will ask leave to transfer these funds of the institution to the maintenance fund or ask the right to draw out of the state treasury \$30,000 paid in during the present biennium from the labor fund of the penitentiary. It has been the custom to turn all money derived from convict labor contracts into the state general fund. Under the Gerdes law state institutions are required to turn in all cash funds into the state treasury and then draw out such funds on vouchers and warrants as they are needed. The attorney general is of the opinion that this law does not apply to the convict labor fund, because the legislature appropriated maintenance funds for the penitentiary without regard to the money derived from convict labor. The penitentiary has a cash fund derived from the sale of products of various kinds that is turned into the state treasury under the Gerdes law and which is drawn upon by the state board. State Treasurer George will not permit the board of control to draw the convict labor fund from the state general fund without an order of court. The board will endeavor to transfer unused funds of the penitentiary or to obtain the use of the convict labor fund which is now in the state treasury.

Next November a Junior agricultural short course will be held in Madison county. Delegates will be sent from Madison, Wayne, Pierce and Stanton counties. The program

Reports from Sheridan, Box Butte and Brown counties indicate that the potato crop in the northwestern part of the state will be up to the usual standard. The vines are in healthy condition, the yield good and the crop has come through remarkably free from disease. Sheridan and Box Butte counties are close rivals in the matter of production. Brown county does not grow as many potatoes, but manages to turn out an early product. In Scottsbluff county the potato crop is an important factor. Several days ago the reports indicated a good crop.