

# FOR THE BUSY MAN

NEWS EPITOME THAT CAN SOON BE COMPASSED.

## MANY EVENTS ARE MENTIONED

Some and Foreign Intelligence Condensed into Two and Four Line Paragraphs.

### WAR NEWS.

The British house of commons has given the government the power to commandeer all factories in which munitions of war can be manufactured.

A report reaching Berlin from Rotterdam says that the British collier Beethoven has been sunk at some place not stated, either by a torpedo or a mine.

The Roumanian senate has adopted a bill empowering the government to proclaim martial law throughout the country whenever it deems such a measure necessary.

A Berlin dispatch asserted that since the opening of direct negotiations between Italy and Austria a decided relation in the tension of Austria-Italian relations is noticeable.

The British admiralty announces the loss of the auxiliary cruiser Bayano, by a German submarine, while engaged in patrol duty off Corsewall Point, Wigtownshire, Scotland, with 200 lives.

Great Britain has decided not to treat captured crews of German submarines as ordinary prisoners of war, but will intern them with a view to their "possible conviction at the end of the war."

On the political side of the war the most important features is the report that Austria, on the initiative of Germany, has agreed to give territorial concessions to Italy with a view of securing Italy's neutrality.

In the Prussian Diet the minister of agriculture declared that on the present basis of allotment of flour and bread Germany would not only be sufficiently provided, but probably would be able to accumulate a reserve for all eventualities.

The German government intends to institute an investigation into the re-institution of an investigation into the report that the British admiralty means to withhold from captured crews of German submarines the customary honorable imprisonment conditions and threatens retaliatory measures, if such restrictions are imposed.

A ministerial crisis similar to that in Greece has occurred in Bulgaria, according to information reaching Paris. Premier Radoslavoff is reported to have been overthrown by the influence of King Frederick and the followers of Dr. Gheneadoff, former foreign minister because he desired to take immediate action against Turkey by occupying Adrianople.

The German auxiliary cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the raider of the seas that sunk seven allied ships in the Pacific and Atlantic oceans and on January 28 sent to the bottom an American sailing vessel, the William P. Frye, bound from Seattle for Queenstown with a cargo of wheat, has put into Newport News, Va., for repairs.

### GENERAL.

The Chinese building, one of the most beautiful and most elaborate at the Panama-Pacific exposition, has been dedicated.

James Eads Howe, who devotes his time to agitation in favor of "hoboes," inherited property at St. Louis worth \$215,000 and the income from a trust fund of equal size. The bequest is in the will of his mother, dividing her estate between her sons.

Fifty-seven coal miners were found alive after being entombed for more than four days and nights in No. 3 mine on Quinimont mountain of the New River & Pocahontas Consolidated Coal and Coke company at Layland, W. Va., where an explosion buried 182 men.

Tom Shyan, president of the Chinese Merchants' association and known as the mayor of New York's China town, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary at Atlanta for manufacturing opium.

The woman suffrage and constitutional prohibition amendments resolutions recently passed by the Iowa legislature, were signed by Governor Clarke at Des Moines. The latter amendment must have the sanction of the next general assembly before its submission to the voters.

Owing to the tremendous rise in Chile of the price of flour and wheat, the government has made an announcement to the effect that both these products could be imported free of duty.

Rev. Johnson Myers, pastor of a Chicago church, shipped 500 bushels of potatoes that were going to waste on farms to Chicago to feed its poor.

An appeal to President Wilson for government aid in fighting the foot and mouth disease in Kansas, was made at Topeka by Governor Capper.

President Pierre S. Dupont of the E. I. Dupont de Nemours Powder Co. of New York announced that sufficient orders have been received from the belligerent powers to warrant the company in making large extensions to its plants.

Destruction of the American ship William P. Frye by the German commerce destroyer Prinz Eitel Friedrich struck from marine lists next to the largest of the American sailing fleet and one of the largest square-rigged craft in the world.

General Villa, in a statement received at El Paso, Tex., from Torreon by the Associated Press, declared that in event of intervention of foreign troops to subdue the Carranza forces he and all other Mexicans would unite against the invaders.

President Wilson assured Senator-elect Phelan of California that he was very hopeful that he would be able to visit the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco. He indicated he would go as soon as the international situation appeared more favorable.

The largest gold mining deal in recent years in Colorado was closed when A. E. Carlton of Cripple Creek and fifty associates purchased 95 per cent of the capital stock of the Golden Cycle Mining company for a cash consideration of \$4,500,000.

Rate raises on transportation of cattle, sheep and hogs to Chicago and St. Louis markets from Nebraska points were announced by the Nebraska state railway commission. Unless the interstate commerce commission holds them up they will go into effect on April 1.

The American legion, to be composed of between 250,000 and 300,000 former army and navy militiamen, to act as first reserves in event of war, will soon be organized. Captain Gordon Johnston, aid-de-camp to Major General Leonard Wood, has announced.

That while prices of grain have gone steadily up, freight rates on it have gone steadily down until there is no money in carrying it was the testimony of Frank P. Eymann, assistant freight traffic manager of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad gave at the Chicago hearing.

The United States receiving ship Maine, a vessel of 12,000 tons stationed at the Brooklyn Navy yards, was ordered into the dry dock at the yard after an accident which flooded its engine room. An eighteen-inch pump valve blew out. Before the water could be gotten under control, the ship had a pronounced list.

C. T. Sagara, secretary of the Japanese Association of America, appealed to the San Francisco police for protection for Japanese merchants against what he alleges amounts to picketing of Japanese stores by Chinese as the result of a boycott declared recently because of Japan's demands upon the Chinese republic.

Thousands of Chicago dope fiends will be robbing drug stores and committing worse crimes because they can obtain no more narcotics as the result of the Harrison law, predicted Superintendent H. I. Davis of the Cook county "psycho" hospital. "There are tens of thousands of drug sufferers in the city," he said. "The condition exists everywhere, and the country must face it."

### WASHINGTON.

Secretary Lane announces he has entered into a contract with private interests to build a 250,000 plant to handle the invention of Dr. Walter G. Rittman of the bureau of mines—a process for the manufacture of gasoline, dye stuffs and explosives.

In the rush of legislation through congress in the closing hours of the session a bill which had passed both houses providing for reorganization of the patent office mysteriously disappeared. It is believed by government officials to have been lost by a page.

It is up to President Wilson to decide whether the Alaskan railway shall run to the east or west of Prince William Sound. This depends on which part of the coal fields it is thought best to develop. Secretary Lane submitted to him the report of the Alaskan Engineering commission on surveys of various routes.

Secretary McAdoo has been operated on for appendicitis. Mrs. McAdoo, President Wilson's youngest daughter, accompanied her husband to the hospital and waited in the ante-room until the operation was over. Physicians say the operation was successful.

Officials of the American government have decided that the time to be allowed the German raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich to repair at Newport News, Va., navy yard, shall remain an official secret.

# GUARD IS CRIPPLED

LEGISLATURE TURNS DOWN REQUEST OF STATE MILITIA.

## REJECTS OFFER OF UNCLE SAM

State Deprived of Over \$300,000 Offered by the Government Because of Meager Appropriation.

Lincoln.—The state of Nebraska has been deprived of over \$300,000 offered by the government because the legislature would not make a sufficient appropriation to enable the National Guard to put itself on an efficiency basis.

The finance committee, under the leadership of Norton of Polk, chairman of the committee, slashed the appropriation from \$63,000 to \$37,000 in the face of the government's offer to give the state \$300,000 and besides equip the Ashland range so it would be a mobilization ground for the militia not only of this state, but of the nearby states. The committee was supported by a vote of 48 to 41. Meredith of Saunders moved to amend by making the appropriation \$93,000. After voting down by a vote of 40 to 54 the amendment for an appropriation of \$93,000 for the national guard, the house then proceeded to vote down another amendment making the appropriation about the same as two years ago, or \$68,000.

Governor Signs Four Bills.

The governor has signed the following bills:

House Roll No. 5—Providing that counties where there is no high school must establish a county high school.

House Roll No. 263—Increasing the salary of councilmen in towns of from 5,000 to 25,000 to \$1,500.

House Roll No. 301—Provides that property owners must mow weeds on their property.

House Roll No. 749—Appropriates \$3,000 for the railway commission to use in opposing freight rate increases by western railroads.

Now Applies to Parents.

Amended so as to apply to parents of dependent children instead of to mothers only, the Beal bill providing pensions for parents of children needing aid was passed by the house. It now only needs the signature of the governor to become a law. The house also passed a bill regulating the practice of dentistry, a bill forbidding baseball playing on Memorial Sunday until after 3 p. m. and a bill providing that clerks of the district court must turn over naturalization fees to the county.

### Inspection Bill Brought Up.

An exceedingly warm session of the house committee on miscellaneous subject took place over house roll No. 287, by Stebbins, providing for the inspection of private hospitals, schools, convents and other institutions by the members of county boards once every four months. After the members of the committee had expressed their views upon the bill in the executive session, a vote was taken, which resulted 8 to 3 in favor of placing it on the general file. The bill has not yet been reported out by Chairman Korff.

### First Sign of the End.

The first sign that the beginning of the end of the legislature was in sight was given when Norton of Polk, floor leader, sent up a motion for the appointment of a sifting committee. The committee was appointed by Speaker Jackson and consists of three democrats at large and a democrat and republican from each congressional district. This gives the republicans six members of the committee and the democrats nine.

### Omaha Lodge Protest.

A petition has been filed with the state senate protesting against the proposed slash by the house in the appropriation for the national guard in this state.

### Use of School Houses.

The house, in passing H. R. No. 603, by Harris, gives voters of school districts the right to decide, at annual meeting, whether school houses may be used for other purposes.

### Senators Keeping Up.

The senate is making good progress in disposing of its measures. Within a few days, it is expected, all bills will be out of the standing committees.

### Commission Files Complaint.

The State Railway commission has filed its formal complaint with the interstate commission asking a suspension of the proposed advance by the railroads in live stock rates.

### House Recommends Dope Bill.

Without amendment, just as it passed the senate the Brooklyn anti-dope bill has been recommended for passage by the house. The bill follows the federal drug act and makes more stringent the local provisions.

### Fire Escapes on School Buildings.

That school houses of two stories height should be equipped with fire escapes is the opinion of the house members who have approved a bill to that effect. The present law applies only to three-story buildings.

# CLEAR PATH FOR MERGER BILL

House in Committee of the Whole Recommends Greater Omaha Measure for Passage.

Consolidation of Omaha, South Omaha, Dundee and Florence by legislative act, without a vote on the question in any of the merging units, was agreed upon by the house in committee of the whole. The vote was 55 to 43 in favor of that action. The bill went through the committee of the whole only after a hard battle, by its opponents. Amendment after amendment was offered for the purpose of submitting the consolidation proposition at a special election, but they were of no avail, the friends of the measure, under the leadership of Henry Richmond of Douglas, assisted by others of the Douglas county delegation, held their forces well in hand and refused to budge an inch.

Merrick county has taken an advanced step along the line of construction of the Lincoln highway automobile road, a letter received by Representative Osterman of that county from Joe A. Hays, secretary of the State Roads association of Merrick county, containing the following:

"At a recent meeting of our State Road association of Merrick county, our president, H. E. Glatfelter, announced a gift of 2,000 barrels of cement for the construction of a seedling mile of concrete on the Lincoln highway in Merrick county and our association is now taking the necessary steps to construct this mile at the earliest practical date this spring.

"Assuming that your road committee will recommend for passage an up-to-date, comprehensive road bill, similar to Ohio, and practically along the line of Colorado's convict labor available for road work in Nebraska, we ask you to present this to the proper authorities as our request for the first camp of twenty-five convicts for road work, to be assigned to Merrick county."

No change is made in the existing laws against prize fighting in the amended boxing bill as reported favorably by the house judiciary committee. The bill also provides that all wrestling matches shall be regulated by the proposed state athletic commission and provides heavy penalties for any person implicated in holding a fake wrestling or boxing match. The principal features of house roll 255 as originally introduced by Representative W. N. Chambers of Omaha are retained, but the measure as first proposed repealed the present drastic laws against prize fighting.

Water power legislation, which has so far been held in the background at this session, now shows some prospect of taking shape under a comprehensive plan. Three bills dealing with this subject have been reported out for the general file by the house committee on irrigation, water power and drainage. One other bill is in preparation and will be brought out soon.

The special appropriation bills introduced at the request of the Grand Army of the Republic carrying \$12,000 for a Thayer monument and \$15,000 to pay expenses of civil war veterans attending the Vicksburg memorial celebration, will probably be reported for indefinite postponement.

It would not be advisable for the county commissioners of Keya Paha county to lease permanently a portion of the new court house for county high school purposes, according to an opinion furnished by Assistant Attorney General Roe.

The state flag bill, introduced as an act of patriotism by Matteson of Clay, passed through the house on third reading by a vote of 89 to 0. The measure is backed by the various patriotic organizations of the state.

Abolition of the office of county coroner will be assured as soon as the governor signs House Roll No. 208 by Tibbetts, which passed the senate.

Seventeen bills, seven senate files and ten house rolls, have been signed by the governor. None are of very great importance.

Hereafter bridges off main roads need not sustain a greater weight than fifteen tons, according to a bill passed by the senate.

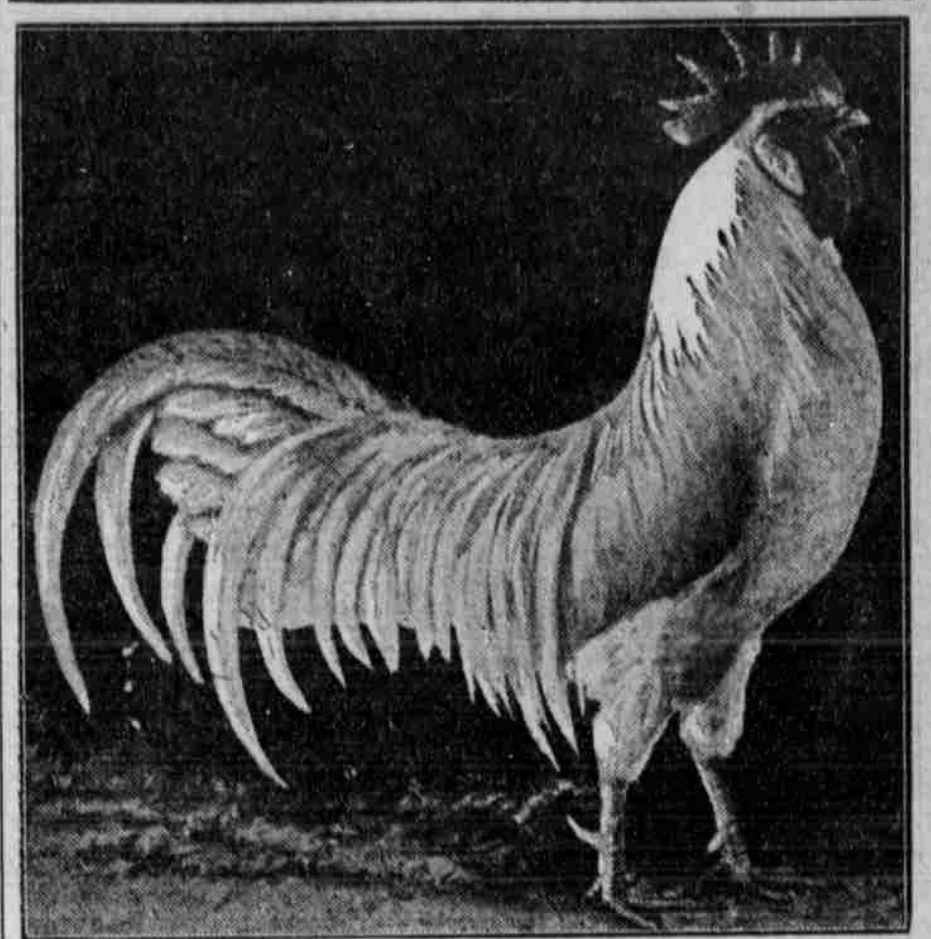
April the seventh is now fixed as adjournment time by the more experienced legislators and employees of the legislature.

The Kiechel bill regulating the sale of agricultural seeds and giving the state food commission greater power of supervision passed the senate.

It was decided by the finance committee of the house to allow the sum of \$5,500 for additional improvement for the state fish hatcheries at South Bend and Valentine. The proposed appropriation of \$10,000 for this purpose was scaled down by the committee.

Municipal equal suffrage went down to defeat in the house by a vote of 40 for and 54 against. Many voted in the negative because they felt it too important a matter for legislative action.

# IMPROVING LAYING QUALITIES OF FLOCK



Single Comb White Plymouth Rock Cocker.

(By MRS. C. G. LANE.)  
If you wish to improve your flock carefully, so you will know the hens that are the best layers, put these hens into a house by themselves, with a rooster for each 12 hens. Feed them a good variety of food, make them exercise, and use the eggs from this house for setting.

If this plan is followed from year to year, a great improvement will be made in the laying qualities of the flock.

If you are more especially raising poultry for market, then select your breeding hens for those qualities, and the improvement will be as great along those lines.

A great deal is heard these days about pure-bred poultry being so much better than scrubs, and they certainly are a great deal more profitable than the usual mixed flock.

It costs no more to keep a flock of pure breeds than one of mongrels, and a flock of beautiful, high-bred fowls look much better than one of all sizes, colors and conditions.

This is an advantage, for the pleasure of their beauty helps us to take more interest in caring for them.

As regards their being more profitable, the pure breeds bred for certain qualities are sure to have those qualities in greater degree than fowls raised without any regard to these points.

Thus fowls bred for generations from the best layers will lay more eggs than others where this care has not been taken and the same is true regarding the size, flesh and general table qualities. In the poultry business every extra egg and pound of flesh counts, so this alone makes a sufficient reason for good breeding.

There will also be in the pure-bred flock a uniformity of size, which makes a better looking crate of fowls to send to market and the eggs will be of the same size and coloring, which adds greatly to their appearance.

## BREEDING SEASON AT HAND VENTILATE THE HENHOUSE

Eggs Must Be Known to Be Fertile—See That Hen Is Properly Fed—Exercise Is Essential.

Setting time is far on the way. A few items may help the small poulterer to make a success of his period of incubation. First comes the study of the egg. It must be fertile and should be known to be this or much good time will be lost. Fertility comes from the male bird, the condition of the egg when it is put under the hen, and the condition of the hen herself largely determines the hatch. Back of the egg is the hen. She must be well fed, or, rather, properly fed, or she cannot produce an egg capable of carrying the germ to a successful hatch. Hens that are kept in too close quarters or in unhealthy quarters are not apt to lay eggs that will bring forth strong and healthy chicks. Hens that are troubled with lice are in no condition to produce good eggs. In a word, hens for producing eggs that are quite sure to hatch, must have fresh air, cleanliness, exercise and an assorted and balanced ration. Any exclusive feed, constantly given, will pall upon the hen and influence the egg for evil. Meats, clovers, green food of any wholesome kind are good with grain and soft foods. Fowls with free outdoor exercise are more apt to lay fertile eggs than hens that are kept confined.

### Have Extra Coop.

It is well to have a single coop hanging in the breeding pen into which you can put the male for extra good feeding, as many males will not get enough to eat unless fed separately. It is also a good plan to have such a coop when you are making close matings—one male to two or three females. In such cases keep the male shut up each day except for a little while.

### Keep Chickens Busy.

A head of cabbage or piece of meat hung on a string just above the chickens' heads will keep them busy for a long time.

The farmer, in making a start in pure-bred fowls, if he buys from large poultry farms, should get what is called utility stock, instead of the fancy birds which are raised for show purposes.

The utility stock is just as well bred, and perhaps is better for practical purposes, but there is some little fault possibly in the color of a feather which disqualifies them for show purposes.

It need not be expensive to make the change from a flock of mongrels to pure-bred stock. By looking for the chance, one may often get a few old hens from a neighbor who has the desired breed. If this happens to be a neighborly neighbor he will not charge you much, if anything, in advance over the market price, when he disposes of his old hens to make room for his pullets.

While perhaps these old hens are not so profitable for him to keep as the younger ones, still, you can afford to keep them through the hatching season, for the sake of getting a start. Then buy somewhere a good rooster of the same breed to keep with them, and you have a good beginning.

Another way to get a start with pure-bred stock is to get a setting of eggs and raise the little chicks for the foundation of your flock.

If each year you keep all the pure-bred fowls by themselves during the breeding season and set all their eggs, selling off the mongrels as you raise the others to take their place, it will not be long before the entire flock will be changed, and the mongrels will have disappeared from your farm.

Don't neglect to introduce new blood into the flock by a change of cocks. Careless inbreeding will ruin the best flock that ever cackled.

Line breeding, if understood, can be practiced to advantage, but it is more trouble than the average farmer cares to take with poultry, and necessitates several different breeding pens and confining the fowls in them.

Cloth-Covered Window Will Permit Air to Pass Slowly Back and Forth Without Creating Draft.

A tree is the natural home of the hen. She was not intended to live in a house. In housing a hen so that she will produce eggs during the winter, we have confined her in a home as tight and stuffy as our own. But unlike most humans, the hen wants fresh air more than she wants warmth. In providing a home for the hen we should protect her against storms and cold winds but we should take care that we do not exclude fresh air and light.

One of the best systems of ventilation, according to J. G. Halpin, College of Agriculture of the University of Wisconsin, is a cloth-covered window which will allow air to pass slowly back and forth without a draft. The cloth should be stretched on a hinged frame so that the entire window may easily be opened. The window should be placed when possible on the south side of the poultry house. It will need to be open a large part of the time, being closed only during storms and on the coldest nights.

### Keep Dogs and Cats Away.

Dogs, cats or other animals should never be allowed to visit the yard where the hens are kept. These animals will frighten the fowls and cause them to become wild and skittish. To get the best results from your hens you must keep them gentle and contented.

### Avoid Overcrowding.

Do not crowd the growing stock. It is the surest way to develop roup. The chicks get overheated during the night and catch cold. Better let them roost out in the open than to keep them in too close quarters.

### Prevent Drafts.

Cover the holes made in the poultry house for ventilating with coarse burlap. This will prevent drafts.