

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.

WAR NEWS.

A general land campaign against
the Turks by British and French
troops is about to be undertaken, ac-
cording to reports from London.

The British expeditionary forces in
France will amount to 750,000 men,
according to a statement made by
David Lloyd-George, chancellor of
the exchequer.

It is stated in high official quarters
in Rome that it is becoming increas-
ingly improbable that Italy will par-
ticipate in the war at least for some
time to come.

Information comes from Austria by
way of Rome that Austria-Hungary is
concentrating troops on the Italian
frontier in view of a possible invasion
by Italian forces.

Germany is sending troops into
Hungary, and strong support of this
kind is likely to have an encourag-
ing effect on the Austrians, whose
resistance has been described as
most determined.

Seven million Poles, including
2,000,000 Jews, are at the point of
starvation, according to Hermann
Laundau, a Jewish philanthropist,
who arrived in London recently.
Many are eating potato peelings left
by the German army.

Tout Paris, a social register of the
French capital, just issued, contains
the names of 1,500 Parisians killed on
the battlefield up to February 25, 1915.
Included in this number are the
names of twenty generals, 367 other
officers, fourteen priests and 193
titled members of the aristocracy.

GENERAL.

Baron Herbert De Reuter, manag-
ing director of Reuter's Telegram
company, committed suicide in his
London home.

As a result of torrential rains and
windstorms in Texas, twenty-five per-
sons were killed and property dam-
aged to the extent of over \$500,000.

Two Wisconsin inventors have pat-
ented a kerosene lamp that is auto-
matically extinguished if upset or
even lifted from a support.

For the first time in its history
Rapid City, South Dakota, voted "dry"
in the recent municipal election, with
a majority of 43 against licenses.

Patriots' day, which commemorates
the battle of Lexington fought in the
revolutionary war 140 years ago, was
observed in the Massachusetts build-
ing at Panama-Pacific exposition.

Seventy-five men, many accom-
panied by families, have located on
the government townsite reserve at
Ship Creek, the Cook inlet terminus
of the Alaska government railroad.

Twelve persons were killed and
twenty were hurt at Birmingham,
Ind., when a five-story wall of the old
Steel-Smith building crashed down on
a shoe store and a tea company's
store.

"Labor organizations when properly
conducted are in my opinion of funda-
mental advantage, not only to work-
men, but to employers," was the
statement at San Francisco of Sir
Thomas Shaughnessy, president of
the Canadian Pacific railroad.

Four hundred and ninety-six ships
passed through the Panama canal be-
tween August 15, 1914, and February
14, 1915, according to National Cham-
ber of Commerce figures issued.
Tolls were \$2,126,832.

The first step toward the arbitra-
tion of the building trade strike and
lockout which has thrown 125,000
wage earners of Chicago out of em-
ployment was taken. Under a plan
announced by the state board of arbi-
tration the difficulties between the
workers and employers will be sub-
mitted to a board of three arbitrators.

Three test suits attacking the con-
stitutionality of the war revenue act
passed last October by congress af-
fecting a tax upon the capital stock
of banks, were filed in the United
States district court at Chicago.

Robbery of a chest of silver filigree
work aboard the steamer Vega, a part
of Italy's exhibit at the Panama-Paci-
fic exposition, was discovered by cus-
tom officials. The robbery, according
to the customs officials, probably was
committed at Genoa before the vessel
was completely loaded.

All women, regardless of their sta-
tion in life, are now entitled to vote
in Denmark. The Danish parliament
adopted the new Danish constitution,
one of the chief factors of which is
the abolishment of sex privileges.

Mrs. Paul Watgner of Goforth, Tex.,
gave birth to four children, three
girls and a boy.

A bill providing for compulsory mil-
itary training passed the house of the
legislature of Hawaii.

Predictions of great prosperity in
the United States were made at Port-
land, Ore., by Charles Sumner Ham-
lin, governor of the federal reserve
banking board, who is touring the
Pacific coast.

Twenty-one city officials and former
officials of Terre Haute, Ind., convicted
in the election conspiracy cases
there are now in the United States
penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kans.,
serving time for their crimes.

Mrs. Julia Hellner, wife of Seligman
Hellner, a wealthy corset manufactur-
er, was found murdered in her
Brooklyn home. Her head had been
crushed by blows with a bottle. The
motive apparently was robbery. Two
valuable diamond rings were missing.

General Villa's attempt to besiege
Matamoros was definitely abandoned
so far as the present is concerned.
Major General Frederick Funston and
staff left Brownsville for San Antonio.
The general expects, however, to keep
in close touch with the border situa-
tion.

A jury was secured at Trinidad,
Colo., for the trial of John R. Law-
son, international executive com-
mittee member of the United Mine
Workers of America, on a charge of
murdering John Nimmo, a mine
guard, during the recent coal miners'
strike.

SPORTING

The bill to create a commission to
regulate boxing and wrestling and al-
lowing ten-round bouts was defeated
in the Pennsylvania legislature.

The match between Johnny Kil-
bane, featherweight champion, and
Joe Mandot, lightweight, set for May
3 at New Orleans, has been called off.

Dick Grotte, secretary of the Omaha
baseball club, has just completed the
draft of the Nebraska state league
baseball schedule. The league is to
open in two weeks.

Eddie Almsmith, premier catcher of
the Washington American league
baseball team, was sentenced to
thirty days in the workhouse, with-
out option of a fine, in police court
at Washington, after conviction of
an assault upon a street car motor
man.

Leonard Zepela, driving his own
team of sixteen Siberian wolf dogs,
won the 412-mile all-Alaska sweep-
stake dog team race at Nome, Alaska.
His time for the course was 78 hours,
44 minutes and 37 seconds, 4 hours,
30 minutes and 17 seconds lower than
the record established by John John-
son's Siberian wolves in 1910.

Joe Stecher, the unbeaten farmer
lad from Dodge, Neb., hooked his
famous scissors hold on Conolly, the
Irish champion, and threw him twice
in about nineteen minutes at Coun-
cil Bluffs. The time of the two falls
totaled about the same as required
for Stecher to throw Westergaard at
Lincoln a couple of weeks ago.

The house bill legislating ten-round
no-decision boxing matches in the
three first class cities of Minnesota—
Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth—
has passed the senate, 35 to 32, after
several minor amendments were
adopted. Concurrence by the house in
these amendments will be necessary
before the bill goes to the governor.

WASHINGTON.

A note from President Wilson to
the German ambassador, Count von
Bernstorff, vigorously denies partial-
ity on the part of the United States
to Great Britain.

Advices to the State department
from central Mexico indicated that
General Villa is continuing his effort
to concentrate at Aguas Calientes
troops enough to warrant another
attack on Carranza's army.

In response to inquiries Secretary
Bryan in a letter just made public,
reiterated the announcement that the
State department does not deem it
advisable to issue passports to per-
sons who wish to visit belligerent
countries of Europe for the mere pur-
pose of sightseeing or pleasure.

Secretary Daniels reiterated with-
out qualification that the Atlantic
fleet will pass through the Panama
canal to the Pacific in July. Some
doubt had been expressed. We are
making all our plans to go through
and will be in the canal July 4," said
Mr. Daniels. "We will go through in
good shape."

General George H. Harries of
Omaha, who has been in command of
the National Guard of the District of
Columbia since 1897, and a member
of the organization for 26 years, has
filed his application with Secretary
of War Garrison for retirement with
the rank of major general.

Secretary of State Bryan issues
mild rebuke to Rear Admiral Peary,
finder of the north pole, for stating
that within 100 years the United
States must hold all North America
or cease to exist as a nation.

BELOW THIS STATE

APPROPRIATIONS FOR COLORADO
LESS THAN NEBRASKA.

GOVERNOR GATHERS FIGURES

Money Set Apart by Four Adjoining
States Shows Nebraska
Fared Well.

Lincoln.—Governor Morehead, who
has been gathering a few figures on
the appropriations of the five states
adjoining Nebraska, deems the com-
parison not wholly unfavorable.

So far as he has heard from four
out of the five states, and in but one
state, Colorado, has the total of ap-
propriations been less than that of
Nebraska. The total Nebraska ap-
propriations, including those for schools,
was a little less than \$8,000,000.

Appropriations in Missouri amount-
ed to \$11,112,000, exclusive of schools,
for which that state is to spend the
additional sum of \$5,556,000. Iowa ap-
propriated \$12,750,000, Kansas \$9,
530,644. The Colorado legislature ap-
propriated \$3,374,000, and the govern-
or of that state cut this figure down
to \$3,150,000. A per capita rating
might change the comparative stand-
ing somewhat, however.

As yet South Dakota has not been
heard from by the governor.

Governor Must Select Men.

Creation of new offices by the last
legislature has set candidates for the
result Governor Morehead has tele-
phone calls, letters and personal vis-
its, which he must sandwich in be-
tween attention to other business.

A new district judge must be nam-
ed in the Ninth district, a public de-
fender in Douglas county and a list
of candidates for supreme court com-
missioner must be prepared from
which the high bench may make its
selections.

One provision of the bill sets out
that 100 cases now pending in the
state court shall be given to the com-
missioner for hearing. Another pro-
vision allows the court to list cases
with it from time to time as it dis-
poses of litigation.

There are to be three commis-
sioners, with a salary of \$3,000 apiece.
The list of possible candidates is to
be prepared by Governor Morehead.
It is understood that one already fa-
vored by the latter is former Attor-
ney General G. G. Martin.

Nebraska Lassie Wins Honor.

According to an official announce-
ment just made, Myrtle Mann, age
12, of Dawes county, won fourth place
last season in the national competi-
tion of the Boys' and Girls' Gardening
club, conducted co-operatively by the
United States Department of Agricul-
ture and the extension departments
of the different state colleges of agri-
culture. Myrtle's reports, filed with
the state leader of boys' and girls'
clubs, at the University Farm, show-
ed that she made a net profit of \$71.40
on a patch slightly larger than half
the size of the average city lot.

School Act Faulty.

The bill passed by the last legis-
lature for state aid for consolidated
rural schools teaching home econ-
omics, agriculture, vocational and
industrial training is rendered ineffec-
tive by a bit of legislative careles-
ness, it has been discovered. The
measure, introduced by Repre-
sentative Elmerlund, fails to provide
for the appropriation in the title, al-
though the body of the bill provides
for the appropriation out of the gen-
eral fund. The appropriation must be
in the title.

Will Remember Billie Burke.

Blessed ever hereafter will be the
name and memory of Billie Burke, the
actress, among the little crippled
children at the state orthopedic hos-
pital at Lincoln. In addition to all
the attentions showered upon the
children during her stay in the city
came, recently, to the institution a
beautiful, shiny-new phonograph of
an expensive make, with a big as-
sortment of records. Moreover, Miss
Burke left a standing order with a
local music house for three new rec-
ords each month.

Lincoln School Debaters Win.

Lincoln won in the Lincoln-Omaha
High school debate last week, and
also gained permanent possession of
the Amberst alumni cup, which had
been won by each school twice. The
subject of the debate was, "Govern-
ment Ownership and Operation of
Railroads," the Lincoln team taking
the affirmative. The debate was held
in the high school auditorium and a
large crowd was in attendance.

Will Readvertise for Bridge.

At a conference between a North
Platte delegation and the State Board
of Irrigation, it was decided to re-
advertise for bids for the state aid
bridge to be built across the Platte
river near North Platte. The contract
was originally awarded several weeks
ago to the Canton Bridge Co. of Can-
ton, O., for a concrete bridge. The
company refused to sign unless the
attorney general should guarantee
protection on the concrete patents.
This he refused to do.

VACANCY ON NORMAL BOARD

Term of J. R. Gettys Expires in June
and Governor Morehead to Name
Man for Place.

COMING EVENTS.

Nebraska Federation of Com-
mercial Clubs annual meeting, Lin-
coln May 5-6.
North Platte Valley track meet
Scottsbluff, May 7-8.
Nebraska Elks' convention, Fre-
mont, May 11-12.
State Gun Club tournament,
North Platte, May 18, 19 and 20.
Annual encampment of State G.
A. R., Minden, May 18-19-20.
Missouri Valley Tennis Tourna-
ment, Lincoln, May 21-22.
State Sunday School convention
Broken Bow, June 15-16-17.
Stockmen's Convention and State
Sheriff's Annual Meeting, Alliance,
June 16-17-18.
National convention of Travel-
ers' Protective association, Omaha,
June 14-19.
Annual convention of the Ne-
braska State Pharmaceutical as-
sociation, Omaha, June 7-10.

There will shortly be a vacancy on
the state normal board, necessitating
an appointment by Governor More-
head that might change the factional
lineup of the present members, a
majority of whom are now pro-
Thomas. The term of J. R. Gettys of
University Place, a Thomas man, will
expire either on June 24 or on Sep-
tember 1. A notation on the records
makes it the later date. But the re-
cord also shows that the term of I.
F. Roach of Lincoln, the unexpired
part of which Mr. Gettys is serving,
would regularly run five years from
June 24, 1910, to June 24, 1915. The
record would govern if the notation
were not explained in some way. The
governor, so far as known, is neutral
in the fray that has split the educa-
tors of the state into two camps. Be-
ing neutral the suggestion has been
made that he will probably leave
things in status quo by reappointing
Gettys, or at least another Thomas
man. The reappointment is especial-
ly pertinent in view of a rumor that
has been going the rounds that there
will be an attempt to create the po-
sition of financial secretary for the four
normal schools, paying 4,000, which
will be given to A. L. Caviness of
Fairbury, who, with T. J. Majors of
Peru and A. H. Viele of Wayne, con-
stitute the present minority faction
on the board.

Nebraska stockmen who are fam-
ilar with live stock sanitary laws of
other states say that as a result of
the late legislature's activity Nebras-
ka has the best live stock laws of any
state in the union.

That view is held by J. A. Ollis of
Ord and other members of the Im-
proved Livestock Breeders' associa-
tion, who have gone over the enact-
ments. Six bills indorsed by that
body have been sent through the last
step of their career and will be on
the statute books after July 8.

Among the number of measures
highly commended are: The bill
amending the law for indemnification
and including both glanders and
douraine in horses, the measure
changing the stallion registration law
and requiring only two inspections
instead of yearly inspections, the bill
giving potency to livestock quaran-
tine statutes, amending the veteri-
narian practice law and putting that
profession on a higher plane and the
bill giving the livestock sanitary
board complete control over the man-
ufacture and sale of serum and virus.

A circular telling of the produc-
tion requirements of the different
breeds of dairy cattle and expenses
in securing official tests has just been
issued by the dairy department of the
University of Nebraska. The circular
and any other information regarding
testing may be received from the
dairy department, University Farm,
Lincoln.

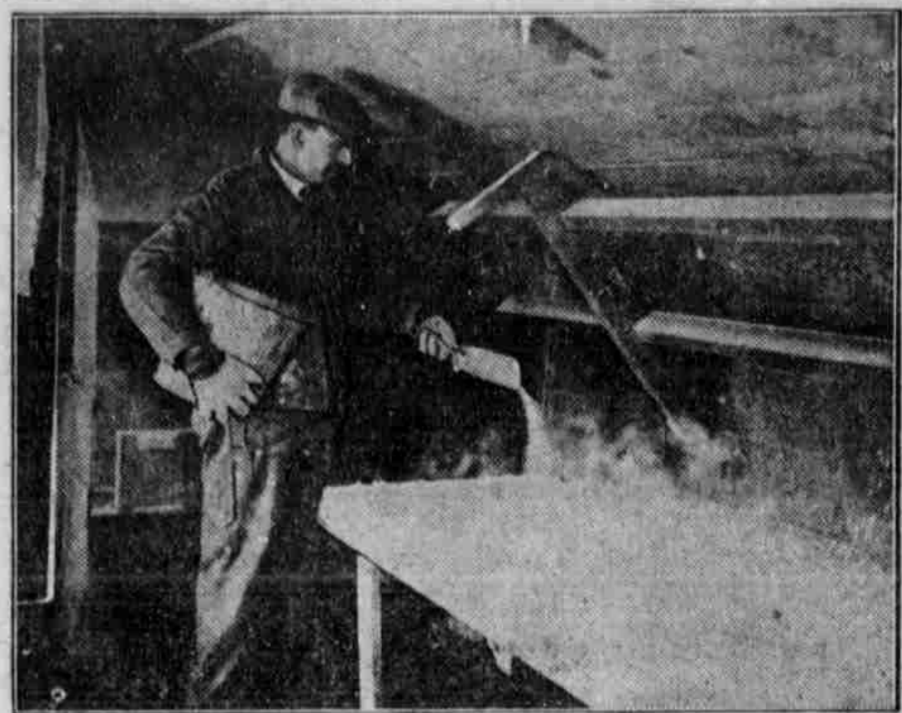
As the result of a questionnaire to
determine the wishes of patrons as
to whether the school year of the
University School of Agriculture
should be lengthened from six and
one-half to seven months, it was
learned that the farmers of the state
were two to one in favor of the longer
session.

Dr. W. H. Wilson, inspector for
the state board of health, has re-
turned from Benkelman where he in-
vestigated an outbreak of smallpox.
It is reported that there are two
dozen cases in the town. A quaran-
tine has been established.

State Auditor Smith has registered
\$15,000 of bonds issued by the town
of Lyons for electric light purposes
and \$6,000 of light bonds issued by
the town of Maxwell.

The stomach of Alvah Street, a boy
15 years of age, has been received
by the pure food department at the
state house for the purpose of anal-
ysis. Chemist Frisbie will make a
test for the purpose of discovering if
there is any poison in the stomach. It
was sent from Merna in Custer coun-
ty and, it is alleged that the boy died
in forty-five minutes from the effects
of patent medicine taken, showing all
the effects of strychnine poisoning.
The department will make further in-
vestigation if signs of strychnine are
discovered in the stomach.

HOW TO MAKE FARM FLOCK PROFITABLE



Limo Has Many Uses—One is in the Poultry House.

(By J. G. HALPIN, Secretary of Wiscon-
sin Poultry Association.)

Always breed from active hens,
which lay the best in the fall and win-
ter. Watch the flock carefully through
November and December, and mark
the vigorous, hardy hens with the red
combs and the highest egg records.
Never save eggs for setting from the
"droopy," lazy hen that hangs around
the roost.

Select Strong Males.
Much depends upon the vigor and
vitality of the male. A lazy and slug-
gish male should never be retained
in the breeding pens, as he would
transmit these characteristics to his
progeny—if he had any.

For dual purposes, use only one
male to ten or fifteen females. The
breeding flock should be allowed a
large range. Only the best hens
should be saved for breeding, the rest
being sold for meat. For good re-
sults, more than one pen should be
available in the poultry house. It
always pays to have one pen for the
pullets and another for the older birds.
The pullets are thus protected from
the abuse of the older and stronger
birds until they are able to defend
themselves. Rigid selection among
the fowls of these pens should ulti-
mately result in the choice of the
cream of the flock for use in future

breeding to build up and improve the
farm flock.

Use Leg Bands.
Ordinary leg bands can be secured
for ten cents a dozen, and should
be used as a means of identification
throughout the flock. The bands
should be numbered, and the number
entered in a small notebook, which
can be hung by a string to a conven-
ient nail. The numbers should be en-
tered in regular order (1, 2, 3, etc.)
and room left opposite the numbers
for notes which will be made from
time to time on the winter production,
health, etc., of the respective hens.
The date of birth should also be en-
tered on the notebook, as this is the
only check the poultryman has on the
age of his hens.

Use "Homegrown" Eggs.
The average farmer makes the mis-
take of sending for eggs concerning
which he reads an inviting advertise-
ment in the paper. He then employs
all the birds hatched, regardless of
their value. Instead of this, he should
use only the eggs raised on his own
place from selected stock. Then he
can be reasonably sure of what he is
getting.

The day of haphazard poultry rais-
ing is fast passing. Breed only the
best of your stock, and the improve-
ment will be steady and sure.

TO DISCOURAGE THE SITTER

One Good Way is to Confine Fowl in
Bare Yard and Feed Her Liberally
of Green Stuff.

Much as we may like to see our hens
start in to sit early in the spring, there
comes a time when their sitting be-
comes a nuisance. It is all right to
keep a few hens sitting as late as Au-
gust, if there is a good local market
for late broilers.

A few late scattered broods are
more trouble than they are worth,
except in those cases where you may
like to have a few coming on right
along for use on the home table.
Where they are raised with a view to
marketing them, they should either be
allowed a free range, or a new plot of
ground should be set apart for them,
ground that is free from the dirt and
droppings of the earlier broods.

If the hens must be broken up and
cured of the sitting habit, it should
be done when the first indications are
shown. One of the best plans is to
shut them up in a yard, bare of boxes
or other possible places where the
hen may be able to indulge in her de-
sire to squat.

If this yard is sown in oats, or is in
grass, it will be all the better. Let
them live on green food exclusively
for a few days. It will not injure
them in the least, and will cure them
of the sitting desire as quickly as any-
thing else.

The green food will be just the
thing for them in hot weather. In a

few days most of them will have for-
gotten all about their desire to raise
a family, and will be ready to go back
to their duty of egg laying.

KILLING TURKEY OR CHICKEN

Mistake to Chop Fowl's Head Off and
Then Allow it to Flop Around—
Cover With Sack.

Most people simply chop the head
off of a chicken and turkey and let
them flop around over the ground,
against the fence, or on the rocks and
bruise their flesh. This is a mistake.
The bruised flesh of the fowl cannot
be as excellent as when it has not
been injured.

I have found a good plan by which
the flopping and bruising can be pre-
vented, writes W. D. Neale in Farm,
Stock and Home. After catching the
turkey or chicken I tie their feet with
a stout string, then I slip the fowl in
side of a burlap sack, letting the head
protrude through a hole cut in the
sack large enough to give the neck
plenty of room. Then with a good
string I tie the sack down close to the
fowl. With a sharp hatchet I cut the
head off with one sharp blow after
stretching the neck across a solid
piece of wood with the left hand.

The fowl will make efforts to strug-
gle, but it will not be able to flop. The
sack will hold its wings down so that
no motion can be made. In a short
while the contortions of the muscles
will cease and the fowl may be re-
moved from the sack and dressed.

GEESE MUST HAVE PLENTY OF EXERCISE



Pair of Fine Geese.

Geese will not thrive if kept closely
confined. They are great rangers and
must have plenty of exercise.

Geese cannot be raised successfully
without water to swim in, but ducks,
particularly the Pekin breeds, do not
need it.

Ducks will not drink muddy water
and they must have water at feeding
time, as they always take a bite and a
sip alternately all through their meal.
There is no sentiment in a hen. Her
only object in life is to get enough to

eat. If she is given that and a warm,
well ventilated house to sleep in at
night, a dry sheltered place in winter,
she will do the rest.

The Brown Red Games are probably
the oldest breed of domesticated fowls
known in this country.

If any of your hens seem to have
lost most of their feathers during the
molting period and show large, bare
spots, it is evidence that they are not
vigorous, and it would be hardly worth
while to keep them over winter.