

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

August Heldt, chief agriculturist of the Scottsbluff Sugar company, declared while in Lincoln rounding up German-Russian families to work in the beet fields the coming spring, that nearly one hundred families, representing 600 or 700 people, will be employed, the greatest exodus of the kind in the history of Lincoln. He asserted that during the year 1915 more raw product was used by the Scottsbluff Sugar company than any other factory in the United States.

James P. English, district judge, former county attorney and practicing attorney in Omaha for more than thirty-five years and well known over the state, died at his home in Omaha. It was the trial and conviction of Arthur Hauser, murderer of W. H. Smith, which cost the life of Judge English, in the opinion of physicians and friends.

A second quarantine for smallpox has been placed recently on the Soldiers' home at Grand Island by City Physician Phelan. The first quarantine was released after the outbreak had been kept down to the one victim. The number of victims cannot be ascertained at this time, but is believed to be limited.

William West, a farmer residing in the southwestern part of Furnas county, unearthed an Indian grave on his farm recently and in it found the petrified bones of an Indian. The skull shows a deep concussion. There was nothing metallic found, but there were numerous flint arrowheads and stone battle axes.

While operating a gas engine at Allen, Dave W. Johnson got his right arm caught in the ragged edge of a belt twisting him around the flywheel and whirling him around until his weight stopped a six horsepower engine. His right hand was broken and his hips, back and ankles were badly bruised.

The saloon question will come to a vote in North Platte at the city election, Thursday, April 6. A petition bearing 79 names has been filed with the city clerk asking that the license question be put to a vote. This number of signers is more than enough to force the issue into the city ballot.

Eighty-five new members were added to the enrollment at the Y. M. C. A. at Fremont, as a result of a four days' campaign conducted by the membership committee. This brings the total membership to 719 and the committee hopes to increase the total to 750.

The girls of a club just being organized in the Tecumseh High school, entertained their mothers to a banquet recently, 100 being in attendance. The organization of the club is for the improvement of social conditions with the students. A club has also been organized by the boys.

The Madison county seat removal election will be held March 25, according to a decision of the county commissioners. Madison offered no protest to the election, having failed in six weeks' time allotted to shake the Norfolk petition.

A farmers' union, consisting of seventy members has been organized at Holdrege. The union will either buy or build an elevator in the city, and will confine its operations to the buying of grain and selling coal.

The permanent organization of the Farmers' union co-operative grain elevator at Glenville has been effected. The company has a paid up capital of \$5,000, and is organized under the Nebraska co-operative law.

Officers of Company G, Nebraska National Guard of Hastings, have launched a campaign of preparedness. It is hoped by those connected with the movement to fill the company to its full quota.

The safe in the postoffice at Dodge was blown by robbers and loot to the amount of \$600 cash and stamps was obtained. Mail sacks were rifled, but nothing of value was taken from them.

The plans and specifications for the steel bridge to be built across the Niobrara river at the Parshall crossing, just south of Butte, are ready for bids.

Omaha bank clearing for the week ending February 19th made a gain of over \$9,000,000 over the total clearings for the corresponding week in 1915.

Columbus won the state volley ball championship by defeating Fremont in the final round of the tournament at Columbus in three straight games. Omaha, Fremont, Norfolk, Grand Island, York and Hastings associations were represented.

With \$40,000 actually subscribed, a new \$100,000 building for the University of Omaha is an assured proposition. Ground will be broken by June and the building will be ready for use next September according to plans of the board of trustees.

As the result of experimenting with a dynamite fulminating cap, Frank Schave, aged 22, of Grand Island, employed by the Kohler hotel as a fireman, is minus an eye and one finger.

Henry Allen, the founder of the village of Allen, and who gave his land for the site of the town, died a few days ago. He was one of the oldest settlers of Dixon county.

Ralph R. Clayton, a schoolboy of Homer, has established a wireless station at his father's place and can pick up wireless messages from Arlington Station, Va.

The United States department of agriculture has just published a thirty-eight-page soil survey of Nemaha county, based on the work of the department and the Nebraska soil survey. The county is a heavy corn producer, one acre of corn being grown for every acre of all other crops combined. The report contains an analysis of the various soils encountered in the county. Forty-two per cent of the area of the county is made up of Carrington silt loam, which is considered a good agricultural soil. A fourth of the county is made up of Marshall silt loam, which is said to be the best soil for grain farming. A part of the county is mapped as Knox silt loam. This is almost entirely devoid of organic matter and is sticky. Near Peru and Browning a number of orchards are supported in this soil and grapes do very well on the upper slopes. The remainder of the county was found to consist of alluvial terrace soils of good quality.

County Superintendent A. T. Holtzen, Editor Mitchell of Deshler, editor of the Deshler Rustler, and Paul Gruple are touring Thayer county, advertising the county fair, which will be held this fall at Deshler. This will be the third annual county fair, and motion pictures will be taken by Professor Condra and his assistants. The total sugar beet acreage contracted for 1916 in the North Platte district is fully 3,000 acres. This is an increase of 1,200 acres over 1915. The territory in which this acreage is located is between North Platte and Sutherland. Very few if any contracts have been made from North Platte east to the county line.

The Rev. F. M. Sisson, pastor of the First Methodist church of Fremont, received 272 new members into his church and baptized 131 at a Sunday morning's service recently. This was a record day, both for Fremont and for Dr. Sisson's ministry, extending over a period of forty-two years.

The 1-year-old daughter of Mrs. Weizel Cooper of Scotia was stantly killed while her parents were watching the blasting of ice. A large Union Pacific bridge there, high in the piece of ice was thrown well onto the air by an explosion and companies are child, crushing her skull.

New national guard companies are likely to be installed in Aurora, Schuyler and David City. All of these places formerly had companies. They are anxious to get the good things of national defense and to demonstrate their interest in the Holdrege fence.

Fifty-four pupils of the school garden work for the contest. Twenty-four of the schools have been entered in the contest, which began February 1.

Albert Gerber, a river bridee one mile south of the Platte, and went off in his automobile on the Platte river at Louisville were torn out by ice floes and the railroad bridge was slightly damaged.

A petition asking the city commissioners to submit the question of a vote of the people in April. Citizens of Sheridan county are making an effort to establish a farm field at Hay Springs, Rushmore in support of the proposition.

A call has been issued for a special election on March 14, at Oakland, to rebuild a new high school building, destroyed by fire on December 29.

Three hundred lawbreakers when they gathered at the Nebraska Legislative league in Lincoln. About fifty-eight berries were raised this season. No Richardson county fair will be held next autumn was defeated by the board of directors of the Platte.

It is reported that Wilkinson & Vandees of Des Moines will build the Cross & line between that city and an interurban line between the electric lighting plant at Scottsbluff.

A \$65,000 hotel at Hastings is being planned by the company of the Clarke. It is expected to be completed in time for the democratic convention, the state of that had been frozen on the river at Plattsmouth was carried away when it last week. No trace was found.

W. A. Rourke, owner of the Omaha baseball club has made arrangements for three weeks, to be held at Beatrice starting March 20.

Aurora will have a wireless telegraph station that place is in order to obtain correct time from Washington.

LINER STRIKES MINE

BRITISH STEAMER MEETS DISASTER NEAR DOVER.

OVER 40 PERSONS LOSE LIFE

Rescue Ship Comes in Contact With Another Mine and Goes Down. Armed Ships Doomed.

Dover, England.—The steamship Maloja, a 12,431-ton vessel belonging to the Peninsular & Oriental line, struck a mine and sank within a half hour two miles off Dover, Feb. 27. More than forty persons were drowned or killed as a result of the accident.

The steamer had just passed Admiralty pier at Dover when an explosion shook her from end to end. She listed immediately to port, but, realizing that great damage had been done to the after part of the vessel, the engine to run her aground and the ship became unmanageable. The vessel was ob- served and to her rescue. One of them, full speed, struck another mine and sank nearby.

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Boat after boat and a number of rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later scores of bodies were washed ashore.

The passengers were for the most part British officials in the Indian service, the most prominent being Judge Oldfield of the Indian high court. Only one of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was drowned.

Teutons to Sink All Armed Ships. Washington, D. C.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, has informed the United States government that the assurances regarding future conduct of submarine warfare given in the Lusitania and Arabic cases still are binding, but that they apply only to merchantmen of a peaceful character. The German government is understood to contend that armed merchantmen, without regard to the nature of their armament, have shown themselves not to be peaceful, and therefore subject to destruction without warning.

The German government also contends merchantmen armed ostensibly only for defense have not assumed the character of peaceful traders, but that on the contrary they carry guns for the special purpose of attacking German submarines. To support this claim the Berlin foreign office has sent the ambassador for presentation to the state department, the list of at least twenty incidents where it is claimed British merchantmen have attacked submarines.

Confidential advices received from Berlin state that German and Austrian submarine commanders have been given their new orders, and henceforth they will be authorized to sink without warning all armed merchant ships of the enemies of Germany.

Twenty-one Are Lost. London.—The Norwegian steamer Borgsten has arrived at Hartlepool and reported the rescue in the North Sea of five members of the crew of the French steamer Trignac. Twenty-one members of the crew, the pilot and four French passengers are missing and are believed to have been lost. The survivors were clinging to an upturned lifeboat when found. They reported that two violent explosions split the ship into three sections. It is supposed the Trignac hit a floating mine.

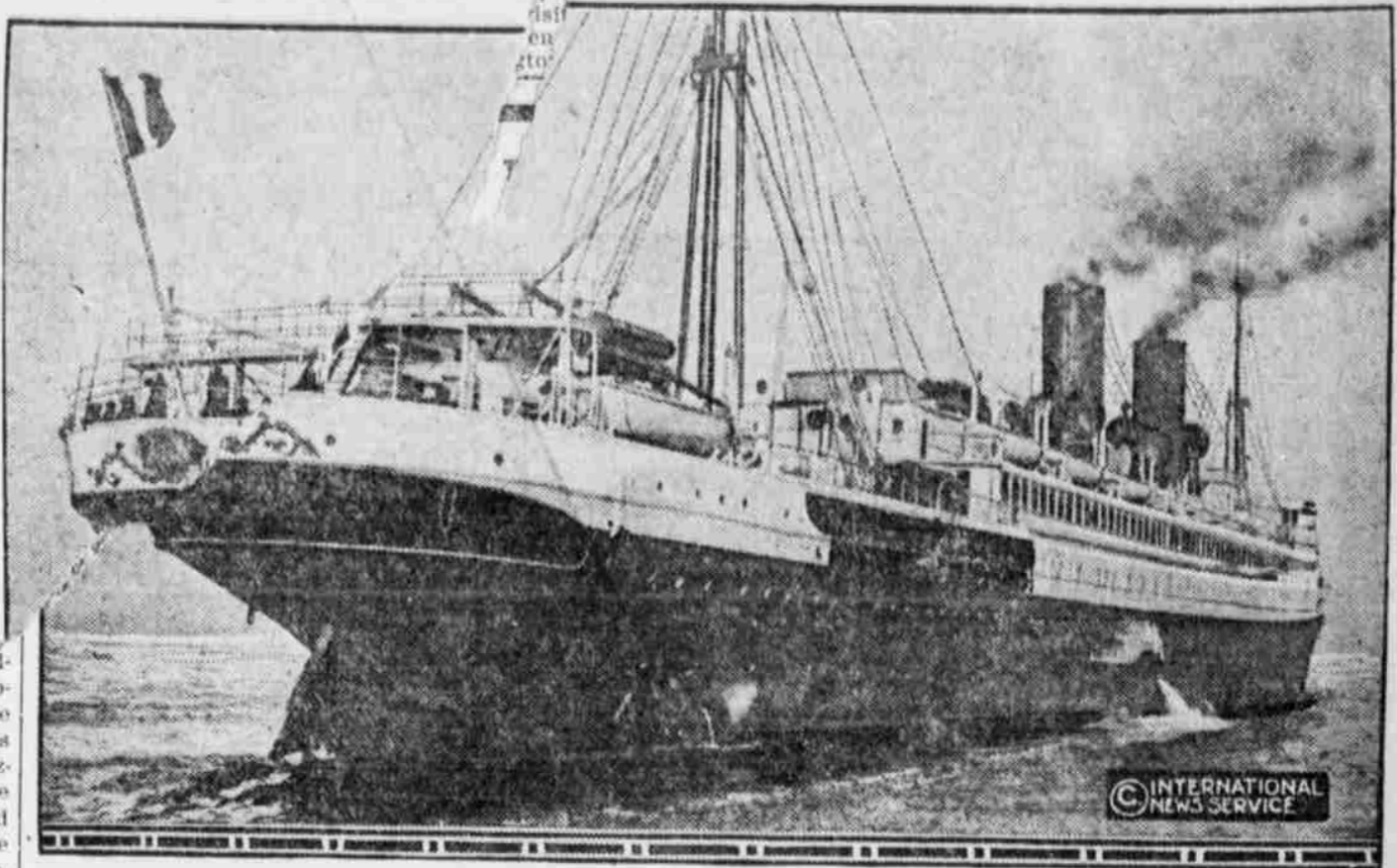
Mail Steamer Sinks. Flushing, Holland.—The mail steamer Mecklenburg of the Zealand line ran on a mine in the channel while on a voyage from Tilbury to Flushing. The vessel was lost. Officials of the line state that the passengers and crew and the mails were saved.

Want Philippine Bill Help Up. Manila.—The Merchants' association has sent an appeal to congress to hold off final action on the Philippine bill now pending in congress until the end of the war.

Charge Frenchmen Shirk. Paris.—Frenchmen who are shirking duty in the trenches were denounced in the Chamber of Deputies by speakers who demanded a more strict application of the law against them. It was averred that munition factories contain many evaders.

Noted Athlete Killed in Action. London.—Announcement was made that Lieutenant R. E. Atkinson, one of the best known athletes of England, was killed in action Feb. 20. Atkinson was a Cambridge runner.

PASSENGERS WARNED TO AVOID THIS VESSEL



The French liner Espagne, which may be one of the first victims of Germany's new announced policy of sinking all enemy armed merchantmen. Americans booked to sail on the Espagne from New York received anonymous letters warning them not to embark.

BERGEN, NORWAY, AFTER ITS GREAT FIRE



This view of Bergen, Norway's great fishing center and seaport, was taken after the recent conflagration which destroyed a large part of the city. Thousands of persons were made homeless and the damage was estimated at more than \$20,000,000.

WITNESSED MASSACRES IN PERSIA



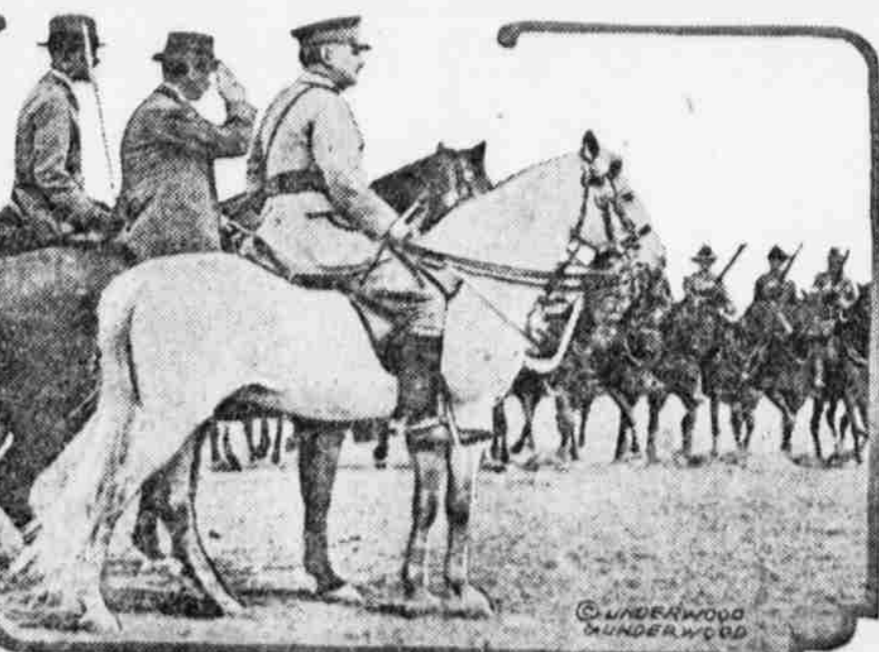
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shimmon, after a harrowing experience in Urumiah, Persia, finally reached America by devious ways and are now co-operating with the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief. Mr. Shimmon is an American citizen and a graduate of Columbia university. During the massacres of the Christians in Urumiah by the Kurds and Turks, Mr. Shimmon, by advice of the American missionaries, fled to Tiflis, leaving Mrs. Shimmon under the protection of the American flag. She was an eyewitness to the atrocities in Urumiah and the surrounding district. Her aunt and uncle were shot and their bodies were burned. Her cousin, a young girl, refusing to marry a Moslem, was made the victim of horrible abuse by the Kurds and then her body was burned. Mr. Shimmon returned with the Russians.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT IN KHAKI



Archie Roosevelt, son of the former president, is one of the leaders of the organization of Harvard students for military training. He is here seen in his uniform.

REVIEWING TROOPS AT ZATUN, EGYPT



This photograph, taken during a review of the British Mounted Rifles at Zatun, Egypt, shows, left to right, Gen. Sir Alexander Godley, Sir Henry MacMahon and Sir John Maxwell, commander of the British forces in Egypt.

BENEFIT IN "BROWN STUDY"

Concentration of Mental Energy Makes for the Production of One's Best Work.

"If the 'brown study' were more often cultivated many people would be happier, and more clear thinking would be done," says the London Lancet. "It is in such a state that truths dawn suddenly and clearly upon the unclouded intelligence. It is in such a state that mighty actions are conceived, poems born at a stroke and mankind enlightened through the enlightenment of the individual.

"In this state of mind there is such a concentration of mental energy that the body is ignored. The mind, on the other hand, is so working upon the subject which concerns it, is so intent upon its own affairs, that the external world is obliterated, and any bodily discomfort that may have been pre-existing is now negligible and unnoticed."

The Lancet says the relationship between mental activity and the bodily state is not realized with sufficient frequency or with sufficient thoroughness by the European of today. "The average man is too engrossed with his bodily pabulum and in caring for the needs of the body he neglects the needs of the mind."