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MUST REMIT MONTHLY.

COST OF MARKETING SAYS HORSES AN EXTRAVAGANCE ON THE AVERAGE

FARM

WINDMILLS ECONOMIC POWER

Items of General Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources Around the State House.

Weatern Newspaper Union News Service.

It takes 4,380,000 horsepower hours of work to market Nebraska's wheat year, and that the state treasurer may crop, and 6,300,000 horsepower hours of work to market the state's corn crop, yet this tremendous volume of power is but one-twenty-fifth of the county treasurers should remit once total amount of energy required an- a month the state funds in their poswealth.

This and other interesting facts were related by Prof. L. W. Chase, dean of the agricultural engineering department of the University of Nebraska, paid into the state treasurer's office aha & Council Bluffs Implement and the month of January. The money Vehicle club at Omaha.

tures were owned by farmers in the each. commonwealth, he said. Windmills average farm. Wide wagon tires and treasury, Harman has not been turnroller.

Heavy Auto License Business.

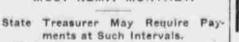
In the first two months this year within 3,000 as many automobile licenses as his office sent out in the total for last year. The expense of ary. the automobile registry department during February was \$1,472.

Notwithstanding that Nebraska reof state indicate that a special tax for the first months of the year: has no deterrent effect. A comparison of the cash receipts from that source during the month of February for the past two years is as follows:

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The total receipts of the office for February, 1915, were \$2,275.50, while K. in February, 1915, they increased to \$3,772.54.

Loan Shark Law Upheld. The validity of the law enacted by the legislature of 1915 logalizing the business of so-called "loan sharks," is Sp established in an opinion of the high Ind bench in the test suit brought by Jules Althaus in Douglas coupty. The decision says that the provision permit- Issued in January ting such dealers to charge a brokerage lee of 10 per cent and an examination fee of 50 cents, in addition to 10 per cent interest, is not "local nor special legislation" and that it does vision empowering the secretary of state to reject applications for liarbitrary power on that official. Under the terms of the "loan shark" law, dealers are required to take out of state's office,



State Treasurer Hall's fight to compel monthly remittances from county treasurers was brought to a successful finality when the Nebraska supreme court handed down a decision upholding his legal right to require payments at such intervals. The ase decided is that brought by Hall against Treasurer W. G. Ure, of Douglas county, for a writ of mandamus compelling the latter to pay over state funds in his possession. It is held by the court, in brief, that county treasurers are required by law to make settlements with the

state in February and October of each require payment of state funds from county treasurers at other times. The

Paid Over License Fees.

Food Commissioner Harman has before the monthly meeting of the Om- \$115 of license fees collected during represented seven cold storage ware-According to the 1910 census, \$44, | house permits at \$5 apiece and eight 249,780 worth of implements and struc- commission merchants' licenses at \$10

On account of Treasurer Hall's rewere characterized as the "most eco. fusal to let the food commissioner positions in the Corbeaux woods. nomical form of farm power," and draw out inspection fees of his dehorses as an "extravagance" on the partment, when once paid into the long hitches were recommended by the ing those receipts over to Hall for professor, who explained that a nar- the last six months, but has been row tire acts on a road like a disc using them to pay the running exharrow, while a wide tire acts as a penses of his department and depositing the balances to his credit.

In the case of the cold storage and

commission merchants' licenses, however, there is no provision of law Secretary of State Pool has issued whereby they may be used for defraying expenses of administration, and so Food Commissioner Harman is turnentire year of 1915. The total for ing them into the treasury. Another January and February is 55,241, as payment of this kind will be made of compared with something over 59,000 the moneys received during Febru-

Warrants Issued Last Month.

Following is the list, with the quires all corporations doing business amount and number of the warrants within her borders to pay for the priv- issued from the office of the state flege of existing as corporations, the auditor during the month of Februrecords in the office of the secretary ary, together with the total amounts No. 2293 281 387

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CORBEAUX WOODS RECAPTURED BY THE GERMAN TROOPS-PARIS ADLIITS GAIN.

FRENCH RETAKE FORT VAUX

Crown Prince's Army Launches New Drive East of Verdun-Fierce Artillery Duel in Progress-Foil Attempt to Wreck Bridges.

London, March 13 .- With Fort de Vaux again in French hands, according to the official statement from demand of State Treasurer Hall that Berlin, the crown princes troops launched a new and desperate artillery attack against the entire French nually in agriculture in the common. session is declared to be a reasonable line east of Verdun, pouring thousands of tons of explosives into the French. positions

> The official communique issued at Paris discloses a violent artillery borabardment against Eix, Moulainville, Villeres-Sous-Bonchamp and Hougee. which lie to the east of Verdun and south of Vaux.

in addition to this terrific attack the Germans resumed their desperate action west of the Meuse, sacrificing thousands of men in the recapture of which were taken by the French on Wednesday. In this battle, one of the most desperate and sanguinary of the Verdun campaign, the Teutons made assault after assault upon the French positions, losing men, according to the LIGHEE VILLE MEACHIDE DOM/C TO LAW OF CEAC French communique, "cut of all proportion to the objective sought." These attacks were repulsed until the Germans brought up 20,000 men and launched their entire strength in the great drive which cleared the woods of the French, but left the ground carpeted with dead.

A German ruse, apparently to blow up the bridges on the Meuse below Verdun and thus hamper the supplies of the French and cut off the retreat of troops is revealed in the statement. which declares the Germans set floating mines in the river. The French, however, fished out the mines before they did any damage

TWO BRITISH WARSHIPS SUNK

Destroyer and Torpedo Boat Hit Mines-Sent to Bottom Off East Coast.

93 10 13 41 men are missing, and it is believed in the evening. they perished.

The Coquette, a ship of 355 tons, five six-ponders She carried a crew of American citizens whose "foolhar-41 Lieut. Frederick A. Warner.

with two three-inch guns and three She carried a 18-inch torpedo tubes.



4	HOUSE KILLS MEASURE	BUWS TO LAW OF SEAS
e 1 8	M'LEMORE WARNING RESOLU- TION IS DEFEATED.	GERMANY APPEALS TO UNITED STATES' FRIENDSHIP.
V B	Big Victory for President Wilson When the Measure is Tabled 276 to 142.	Kalser's Government Will Yield If Great Britain Heeds Interna- tional Regulations.
	Washington, March 9.—The house of representatives capitulated completely to the Wilson administration. By two test votes early in the day it showed its confidence in President Wilson and on Tuesday night it crowned a day of chaos and confusion by tabling the now famous McLemore resolution.	Washington March 10.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, on instructions from his government, handed to Secretary Lansing on Wednesday a long memorandum ex- plaining in detail the German position in regard to armed merchant ships and the causes leading up to the decision

vote resulted in a victory for the ad- chantmen of their enemies. ministration adherents, 256 to 160, and the second resulted in 271 votes for gation that Great Britain had taken London, March 11 .- The British de- the Wilson policies against 138 oppos- advantage of the contention of the strover Coquette and torpedo boat No. ing. Both votes were on parliamentary United States that Americans must bo 11 have been sunk by mines, the ad- phases of the situation, but they clear- safe on defensively armed merchantmiralty announced. Four officers and ly forecasted the vote that was to come

The final argument and appeal which



GERMANY HANDS PASSPORTS TO PORTUGUESE MINISTER AT BERLIN.

REFUSED TO RELEASE SHIPS

Declaration Enumerates Long Series of Breaches of Neutrality-Military Clashes in South Africa Cited-Permitted English to Use Ports.

Berlin, March 11 .- Germany dedared war on Portugal at 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and handed his passports to the Portuguese minister. This action was foreshadowed when a semiofficial report declared that an ultimatum had been sent to-Portugal demanding the immediate release of the German ships. The handing of his passports to the Portuguese ambassador in Berlin was given as the action that would follow a refusal to comply with the imperial demands. The declaration enumerates a long series of breaches of neutrality by the Portuguese government, such as the permission of free passage to English troops through the colony of Mozambique, the permission given English men-of-war to use Portuguese ports for a time exceeding that given

neutrals, and the permission given the English navy to use Madeira as a naval base Actual engagements between Por-

tuguese and German troops on the frontier of German Southwest Africa and Angola and frequent insults to the German nation by members of the Portuguese parliament, who were never reprimanded, are also cited.

The declaration states that, according to the treaty between the two nations, the seizure should have been preceded by an agreement regarding the price to be paid the owners and that the seizure was only justifiable in case of public necessity in Portugal, whereas the tonnage of the ships was evidently larger than that needed at Portugal's disposal. It is further stated that the Portuguese government did not even try to enter into communication with the German owners or the German government.

"The Portuguese government by these acts openly gave evidence that Portugal considers herself England's vassal, for whom England's interests and wishes are paramount in comparison with other considerations." the declaration continues. "The Portuguese government seized the ships in a fashion which must be considered as an intentional provocation of Germany. The German flag was hauled down on board the ships and the Portuguese flag, with the war emblem, set, while the admiral's ship

Lisbon, March 11 .- Large numbers of German residents are leaving Por-The German government concedes tugal as a result of notices given to that as submarines are a new engine them by German consuls that they warfare, international law as at should quit the country as soon as possible.

Warnings that no nation "divided against itself shall stand" were reon belligerent ships might "plunge the The torpedo boat No. 11 was armed country into war" was cheered.

roused the house the demand that the country stand firm be-

warning Americans off armed ships. of the central European powers to torby a vote of 276 to 142. The first test pedo without warning all armed mer-

The memorandum contains the allemen, to have those ships act offensively toward enemy submersibles.

The German government expresses a willingness to operate its submarines was armed with one 12-pounder and ceived in solemn silence. Excoriation in accordance with international law prevailing prior to the war, provided fired a salute." of sixty men and was commanded by diness and recklessness" in traveling Great Britain does not violate the same laws.

Reappraisement of State Lands. The state board of educational lands and funds has approved the reap- get up out of bed and go to work. praisement of state lands for leasing The opinion of the high court, writpurposes made by county boards in ten by Judge Fawcett, takes the eleven counties. The new appraise ground that while Muzik was probably ment will become effective July 1. It covered 281,584 acres. For the work of nevertheless was abnormal and the appraising (ne state paid county degree of the crime was not so great boards, \$2,026. The appraisements ap- as to call for capital punishment. proved by the state board show an increase of \$268,976 in the valuation of the land, which means an increase only property within the city, and of \$16,138 annually in rental which property is deemed "taxed" when the the state will receive. The rental per acre in Franklin county was increased from 29 cents an acre to 76 cents, which appraisements were approved are Cheyenne, Deuel, Arthur, Dundy, Grant, Hooker, Kimball, McPherson, and Perkins.

The Nebraska state banking board be nade to investigate more thoroughtendency to promote an excessive num- tive," said Secretary Mellor. "We benovnces that it will herafter require posed state bank to be subscribed among residents of the community where the proposed institution is to be located, and it will examine closely the needs of the people of the community for a new bank.

The state board of educational lands and funds has bought county high school funds belonging to the state. This is the first purchase by the state of bonds of this kind. Hooker ern part of Nebraska. It took adschool. The bonds bear 5 per cent interest.

288,492.67 3433 Total two months. \$1,030,474.18 7445 ued in January and Febru-Isound fr 1906ary, 1915

Emil Muzik, convicted of wife murder, sentenced from Douglas county as not deny the equal protection of the the second man in Nebraska to suffer laws. It is further held that the pro- death by electrocution, will not be excuted for the crime, but will instead receive a sentence of life imprisoncenses under this law does not confer ment. The state supreme court in reviewing Muzik's case, has ruled that the evidence was sufficient to sustain his conviction, but not to justify the annual licenses from the secretary death penalty, and it therefore reduces the sentence. Muzik's defense was insanity. He cut his wife's throat with a thin table knife one morning because she urged him to not insane in the usual sense his mind

A city can tax for city purposes tax is levied, not when it is valued by the assessor. The state supreme court so held in the case of T. E. and in Kearney county from 22 cents Hinson against John T. Nickerson of to 57 cents. The other counties in Beaver City. The property concernes, had been detached from Beaver Civbetween the time of making the assessment and the time for levying the taxes.

The Nebraska state fair board will anvounces that hereafter an effort will go after the Gotch-Stecker westling match to be held Labor day under ly applications for state bank char- Gene Melady's promotion. "We can ters in an effort to curb the "growing show Mr. Melady something attracber of state banks." The board an- lieve we can provide several thousand more people than could any other 50 per cent of the stock of each pro- point at that time." The fair will be on at that date.

> Charles W. Pool of Hyannis, has filed with the secretary of state as a candidate for re-election to that office on the democratic ticket.

Alleging that it has no present purpose to violate the Nebraska 2-cent school bonds as an investment for fare law, buti nsisting that the restraining order of the Nebraska supreme court now in effect is an infringement upon its right to apply for country is a sparsely settled county in | relief to the United States court if it the grazing region in the northwest- should see fit to do so, the Northwestern railroad has filed in the former vantage of a state law of 1913 and tribunal a demurrer to the state's pevoted \$5,000 for a county high school. tition and a motion to dissolve the The entire county is taxed to pay the order. A similar motion and a decost of maintaining a county high murrer have been filed on behalf of the M. & O. road, which is part of the Northwestern system.

crew of 35 men. The torpedo boat displaced 253 tons and was built in hind the president in his fight.

J. E. WATSON ADMITS DEFEAT

Harry S. New Leads Indiana Senate Race by 8,202 Votes-Goodrich and Adair Increase Leads.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 11 .- With 2,794 of the 3,177 precincts of the state in and with Harry S. New leading by 8,202 votes, word was received on Thursday from James E. Watson that he admitted he had been defeated on the first choice votes in Tuesday's primary for the Republican nomination for United States senator.

James P. Goodrich and John A. M. Adair continued to increase their leads in the contests for the nomination for governor on the Republican and Democratic tickets, respectively,

M'CUMBER CHANGES HIS MIND

North Dakota Senator Withdraws His **Resolution Warning Americans Off** Armed Ships-Tells Why.

Washington, March 10 .- Senator Mc-Cumber brought his resolution warning Americans off armed ships before the senate and then withdrew it because, he said, there were very strong indications of a settlement of the Uboat controversy without congressional action.

Senator McCumber read a brief statement saying that in view of what purported to be an authoritative statement from Secretary of State Lansing that Americans were to be indirectly but effectively warned off armed ships, he considered the purpose of his and the Gore resolution accomplished.

Mrs. Hefiin Dies.

Lafayette, Ala., March 10 .- Mrs. Thomas J. Heffin, wife of Congressman Heflin of the Fifth Alabama district, is dead at their home here.

This One Breaks Record.

Washington, March 11 .- The treasury department's "conscience fund" has been made richer by \$30,000. It was the largest sum ever contributed to the fund. The money came in a letter dated Philadelphia

Austrian Ships for Turks.

Rome, March 11 .- Two of the most powerful of Austria's dreadnaughts are being prepared in Dalmatian ports, the Tribuna says with the intention of forcing the allies blockade of the Adri- by the British government for the acatic in order to reach the Dardanelles.

STEEL FIRMS ARE INDICTED

E. H. Gary of U. S. Company and Six Corporations Named in Ohio Inquiry-Wage Trust Is Alleged.

Youngstown, O., March 9 .- Indictments were returned on Wednesday by the Mahoning county grand jury against the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, the Briar Hill Steel company, the Youngstown Iron and Steel company, the United States Steel company and E. H. Gary, executive chairman of the United States Steel company. The defendants are charged with having formed a trust to fix the wages of common labor in violation of the laws of Ohio. These indictment followed a sweeping investigation of the East Youngstown riots and labor troubles in January, indictments were returned also against Mayor W. H. Cunningham and six councilmen of East Youngstown. charging them with being financially interested in property purchased for

village purposes.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS Summenmenmenmen

London, March 11 .- British troops in German East Africa have occupied

and military prisoners in the United Kingdom total 13,821 and all of them receive the same pay as British soldiers, according to a statement made in the house of commons by Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary for war.

German Town Swept by Fire.

Amsterdam, March 11 .- A great fire has destroyed warehouses and a large quantity of merchandise at Muenchen-Gladbach, a town in Rhenish Prussia, sixteen miles southwest of Dusseldorf The damage was extensive.

British Commandeer Liners.

New York, March 11 .- Officials of the White Star line conceded that the freight space in their transatiantic steamships had been commandeered commodation of munitions and grain.

present constituted makes no provision for their use.

The memorandum contends that the evidence appended to the late German announcement proves that British ships armed ostensibly for defense have been instructed to act, and have acted offensively, and that they are not peaceful traders, as the United

States was assured they would be by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British amhassador.

The memorandum also reiterates the previous declaration that submarine warfare was begun by Germany in reprisal for the announced intention of Great Britain to starve the civilian population of the central empires.

The memorandum also refers to the long-standing friendship between the United States and Germany, and expresses the hope that the American people will, when familiar with the explanation offered, fully appreciate the position in which Germany finds herself as a result of the blockade.

By way of supporting the contention that Germany's reprisals are justified. the memorandum enumerates various actions of Great Britain, which have operated against the interests of neutrals and their citizens. These are cited to show that Great Britain has violated international law.

INCREASE IN RATES GRANTED

Interstate Commerce Commission Decides in Favor of Railroads in Western Rate Case.

Washington, March 11 .- The interstate commerce commission has granted substantial rate increases to west-

ern railroads in a decision in the western advance rate case No. 3, following decisions favorable to the railroads as to many commodities handed down last year in the first two to the fund. The money came in a parts of this case. The decision declares justified the proposed increase from 30,000 to 40,000 pounds in the minimum carload weight on grain.

\$100,000 to Pension Ministers.

Wichita, Kan., March 10,-A \$100,000 endowment with which to pension aged Methodist ministers was started on Wednesday afternoon at the southwest Kansas conference of Methodist ministers.

Earl Curzon Hurt in Accident.

London, March 10 .- Earl Curzon of Kedleston, lord of the privy seal, is confined to his residence, suffering from a fractured left elbow, the result of an accident, according to an announcement made here.

Military Strength of Portugal. Peace establishment of active army is about 30,000.

All available, including active army, reserves and territorials, estimated from 300,000 to 400,000.

The navy consists of one old battleship, five protected cruisers and about thirty smaller vessels.

RATIFY MINERS' WAGE PACT

Bituminous Operators and Employees Agree to \$15,000,000 Boost.

New York, March 10 .- After a warm debate lasting nearly six hours, the interstate joint conference of minersand operators from the soft coat fields of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, representing nearly 200,000 mine workers, on Wednesday adopted the new wage contract agreed upon by the subcommittee of employers and employees. The agreement will increase the income of the mineworkers in these states about \$15,-000,000 during the two-year period the contract is to run, and will have an influence on the wage conferences to be held in the bituminous fields of central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Wyoming, Montana and Washington.

THIS ONE BREAKS RECORD

Uncle Sam's "Conscience Fund" has Made Richer by \$30.000 Mailed From New York.

Washington, March 10 .- The treasury department's "conscience fund" has been made richer by \$30,000. It was the largest sum ever contributed letter dated Philadelphia, but postmarked New York. The writer stated that it was to return money stolen many years ago.

Rerblan Refugees Removed.

Washington, March 11 .- All destitute Serbian refugees have been removed from Greece and Albania and have been transported chiefly to the islands of Corsica and Corfu, according to a dispatch.

Roosevelt Not a Candidate.

New York. March 11.-Colonel Roosevelt is not a candidate for the Republican presidential nomination in any state primaries. In an interview the ex-president declared he did not wish the nomination.

Taveta and Salaita, it was officially announced. Petrograd. March 11 .- Turkish-Persian troops under German officers are evacuating the Persian city of Ispahan before the Russian advance.

London, March 10.-German naval