

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

Every township in Phelps county was represented by two or more men at a "better roads" meeting in Holdrege recently. The meeting was called by the County Board of Supervisors, road overseers and township board members, composing the attendance. Ideas were exchanged and uniform methods of making and maintaining roads were adopted. Much enthusiasm was shown by those present, and it is expected that the county's highways will benefit in no small measure from the meeting.

A big interstate firemen's tournament will be staged in Omaha this summer. Teams from seven neighboring states will compete in volunteer hose, hook and ladder and relay races, water fights, exhibitions of motor apparatus and horse races of various kinds. The states represented will be Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Missouri, Colorado and Wyoming. The tournament will be the first of its kind ever held in this part of the country.

Plans for the furtherance of the Great Western Handicap shoot to be held in Omaha June 13, 14 and 15 were formulated at a meeting of the Omaha Gun club last week. Committees were appointed to carry out the various accepted plans of the meeting. The Omaha Gun club and the interstate association have each added \$500 to the prize list, which brings the figure up to a decidedly robust total.

There probably never has been a winter when wolves were noted in such great numbers in Cass county as has been the case this year. Farmers in driving along the road during the daytime will see as many as three or four wolves within a few miles distance. In the last thirty days about twenty wolves have been killed by the organized hunting parties and others have been killed at other times.

Members of the volunteer fire department of Holdrege have decided to buy a motor truck for fire fighting purposes. The truck will carry 1,000 feet of water hose and a chemical engine. One-half the amount required to buy this is now in the company's treasury. The other half will either come from the city or will be raised by a series of entertainments.

Streeter Day will be one of the annual events in Aurora if the plans of the Aurora Commercial club are carried out. Plans are now being made by the Commercial club and city council for an annual celebration in honor of the man whose wealth went to the city in the establishment of the splendid Streeter park, which has just become the property of Aurora.

William W. Criderman, confessed slayer of Mrs. Heelan and Mrs. Layport on the Heelan ranch, near Valentine, was found guilty by a jury in Valentine and the penalty fixed at death in the electric chair. Criderman, after killing the two women with a shotgun, set fire to the house in an effort to cover up the crime. He will be the first man to die in the chair in Nebraska.

A clean toothbrush league has been organized by the boys of the Y. M. C. A. of Fremont. The purpose of the club is to urge the boys to form the habit of keeping their teeth clean.

The village of Merna has accepted an offer of \$5,500 from Dr. J. G. Brenner for the establishment of a public library. There are no strings of any consequence attached to the offer.

At a meeting of the Beatrice Queen City Park association it was decided not to drop out of the Nebraska Speed circuit, and it was voted to accept the dates of June 26, 27 and 28.

While out walking with Mayor Simpkins at Orleans, W. P. Pierce, president of the State bank of that place, was killed instantly by a runaway team. The horses dashed upon them suddenly and Mr. Pierce failed to get in the clear fast enough, and was killed.

A petition signed by 125 Seward people has been presented to the council asking that the discontinuance of Sunday movies be submitted to a vote of the people at the April election.

The itinerary of W. J. Bryan in his primary campaign in this state is being arranged and the first speech will be March 22, according to announcement of Mayor C. W. Bryan of Lincoln. Mr. Bryan's entire time until the primary election April 18, will be given over to Nebraska.

Lincoln people will have an opportunity to see all time records broken in the construction of the new Terminal building. The entire ten story building is to be completed by August 1, more than a month before the state fair opens.

The latest thing in Paris is the shrapnel bonnet. It may be called that because it is considered perfectly killing.

A Harvard professor says "it's me" is an idiom and therefore all right. Gradually, we're getting our English whitewashed.

Importation of eggs may have fallen off somewhat, but the consumer cannot always discern this in the taste of those he buys.

Every now and then one runs across that unusual phenomenon, the chess player, and even the checkers player is not extinct.

That a serious condition exists in the printing trades, with every indication of a complete dearth of paper stocks, inks and other materials within the next fourteen months, was declared by C. E. Corey, one of Omaha's leading master printers, recently. He declared paper of all kinds has advanced 50 per cent since December 1. Dyes used for inks and chemicals utilized in the process of making both printing and writing fluids have soared to record-breaking price altitudes. Annaline has jumped from 40 cents to \$20 a pound. Chlorine for bleaching preparations has been exhausted by the demands of munitions makers. Rollers used on printing presses are from 50 to 75 per cent higher.

Mrs. John Seifert, over 80 years of age, was found burned to death in a cellar cave, a short distance from the family residence in Grand Island. She had not been seen for a couple of days, and her husband supposed she was visiting with some of her relatives. A search was instituted and she was found in the cellar with her clothing burned and body seared. It is presumed she struck a match and her dress caught fire. In her enfeebled condition she was unable to help herself or give outcries that could be heard.

The Missouri river at Verdel reached the highest mark for high water last week that it has reached for years. The bottoms two miles east of there was over three miles wide. The Niobrara, or, as the Indians named it years ago, "the Running Water," which is one of the swiftest rivers in the United States, was blocked up for over a quarter of a mile with a large amount of ice. Old settlers declare the water was nearly as high as it ever was.

The City baseball league of Aurora which furnished the entertainment of Aurora last summer will be organized again this year. It will be under the supervision of a board of managers appointed by the Commercial club. Teams will be picked from the four sides of the public square and a schedule of games will be provided.

The 1916 Omaha directory, just issued by the Omaha Directory company, estimates the population of Greater Omaha at 217,575. This estimate is based upon the company's theory that each name in the directory represents two and one-fourth citizens in Omaha. There are about 96,700 names in the directory.

"Raise Better Pigs" is the motto of an illustrated poster sent to all the country schools of Dodge county by Superintendent J. M. Matzen at Fremont. These posters are for the purpose of interesting boys in the pig-raising project of the Nebraska Boys' and Girls' club. Any boy or girl in the county over 10 years old and under 18, may enroll for this contest.

During the month of February, four patrons of the city water system at Weeping Water lost through leaks in the water pipes on their premises, a total of 210,000 gallons of water. So great was the strain of all this leakage that the reserve supply in the city reservoir was entirely exhausted.

Three hundred enthusiastic hunters in a wolf roundup just west of Plattsmouth killed an even half dozen of the pests, which have been committing depredations in the farm yards recently. The crowd surrounded five miles and came to the center, driving the wolves before them.

Fifty-five carloads of Nebraska and western horses, 1,200 head, were shipped from Grand Island a few days ago to the Atlantic seaboard. These horses are for the Italian and French armies. This is one of the largest shipments ever made from Nebraska.

One hundred dollars was the amount cleared at the charity ball given at Columbus for the benefit of the Siberian prisoners. This amount will be sent to the committee in New York and from there forwarded to Siberia.

Seventy-five cars of horses to be used by the warring powers of Europe passed through Fremont one day last week. The animals were hilled to Montreal, Canada, where they will be loaded into boats.

Sentiment is growing in favor of a municipally owned electric lighting system for York. It is said the service is inefficient that is being rendered by the present privately owned concern.

The Kelley family of Lyons has fallen heir to a fortune of about \$150,000 to be divided among fifteen heirs. This fortune was left by their Aunt Mary Bailey of Randolph, Ia., who recently died at Los Angeles.

A petition containing thirty-nine names purporting to be of voters of the status required by law for such petitions, has been filed with the clerk of the village board of Callaway asking liquor license question be submitted to the voters at the village election of April 4.

A straw vote on the preparedness question was taken by one of Weeping Waters' business firms and the result of the votes polled at the store was a four-fifths majority in opposition to preparedness.

The South Omaha market continues to hold second place among the markets of the country. For the months of January and February South Omaha received 218,414 head more of live stock than Kansas City. This is a larger margin than was shown between the markets for the same months last year.

The season's record for lambs was topped on the South Omaha stock market last week when a shipment from Theodore Jacobson of Goodrich, Colo., brought \$11.25 per hundred-weight.

ISSUES A MANIFESTO

INVASION MUST BE SANCTIONED, SAYS CARRANZA.

EQUAL PRIVILEGE IS ASKED

Asserts People Will Uphold Rights at Whatever Cost; Hopes to Avert a Conflict With U. S.

Mexico City, Mexico.—General Carranza has issued a manifesto to the nation declaring that under no circumstances would the Mexican government grant the right to the United States to violate Mexican territory by sending in an armed force in pursuit of Villa without consent and reciprocal privilege being first obtained and admitted.

General Carranza says in his manifesto in part:

"I am sure that I interpret in this matter the national sentiment, and that the Mexican people will comply in a dignified manner with their duty, be the sacrifices what they may, to sustain their rights and sovereignty, if unfortunately this drags into a war—a war which the United States can never justify. We will not be responsible for the disastrous consequence and upon the heads of the traitorous Mexicans who, within and without this country, have labored to produce this result, will fall the inexorable justice of the people.

"The constitutional government has given instructions to its confidential agent at Washington immediately to make representations that under no circumstances will any motive, be the reasons of the United States government what they may, justify the armed invasion of Mexican territory without reciprocal rights being granted to the Mexicans, and that not for an instant will the invasion of Mexican territory or an outrage to its dignity be tolerated.

"Because of the assault which Francisco Villa and the bandits who accompanied him made on the town of Columbus, in American territory, burning houses and killing some of the inhabitants, soldiers as well as civilians, the international situation in these moments is very delicate, as the North American press have excited their people against Mexico, and the government of that country has discussed the situation in the American congress, members of which have advised intervention.

Villa Divides His Forces.

Columbus, N. M.—Reports have reached here that Francisco Villa is disintegrating the force of 1,500 to 2,500 men whom he used to support or to make the Columbus raid last Thursday, when seventeen Americans were killed. Villa apparently is carrying out a plan to make pursuit more difficult for American troops, by breaking up his force into small bands and hiding among the mountains. Some of his forces are reported to be approaching the Sonora state border. Others are said to be making their way southward and southeastward toward the mountains of the San Geronimo district, from which the bandit chieftain started March 1, with the announced intention of invading the United States.

Movements Kept Secret.

Washington, D. C.—Secrecy regarding General Funston's plans for moving against Villa and his bandits has been rigidly enforced at the war department that even high officials of the government are in doubt as to the whereabouts of American troops. The general instructions to General Funston, it is understood, lay stress upon the necessity of impressing Mexicans on both sides of the border with the fact that the United States is interested only in defending its own borders and that troop movements now in progress or contemplated have no other object. Instructions are explicit, it is said, to capture or disperse the bandits and return to United States territory immediately.

French Badly Beaten.

Berlin.—French assaults in massed formation against the newly won German positions on the left bank of the Meuse, northwest of Verdun, were repulsed with heavy losses to the attackers says an official statement just issued.

Wilson Authorizes Use of Name.

Boston, Mass.—President Wilson, in a telegram to Secretary of State Langtry, authorized the use of his name in the Massachusetts presidential primaries of April 25.

Convention Ends in Fight.

Macon, Ga.—A meeting of the republican state central committee here broke up in a series of fist fights in which police had to intervene. Leaders of the rival factions called two separate conventions to choose delegates to the national convention.

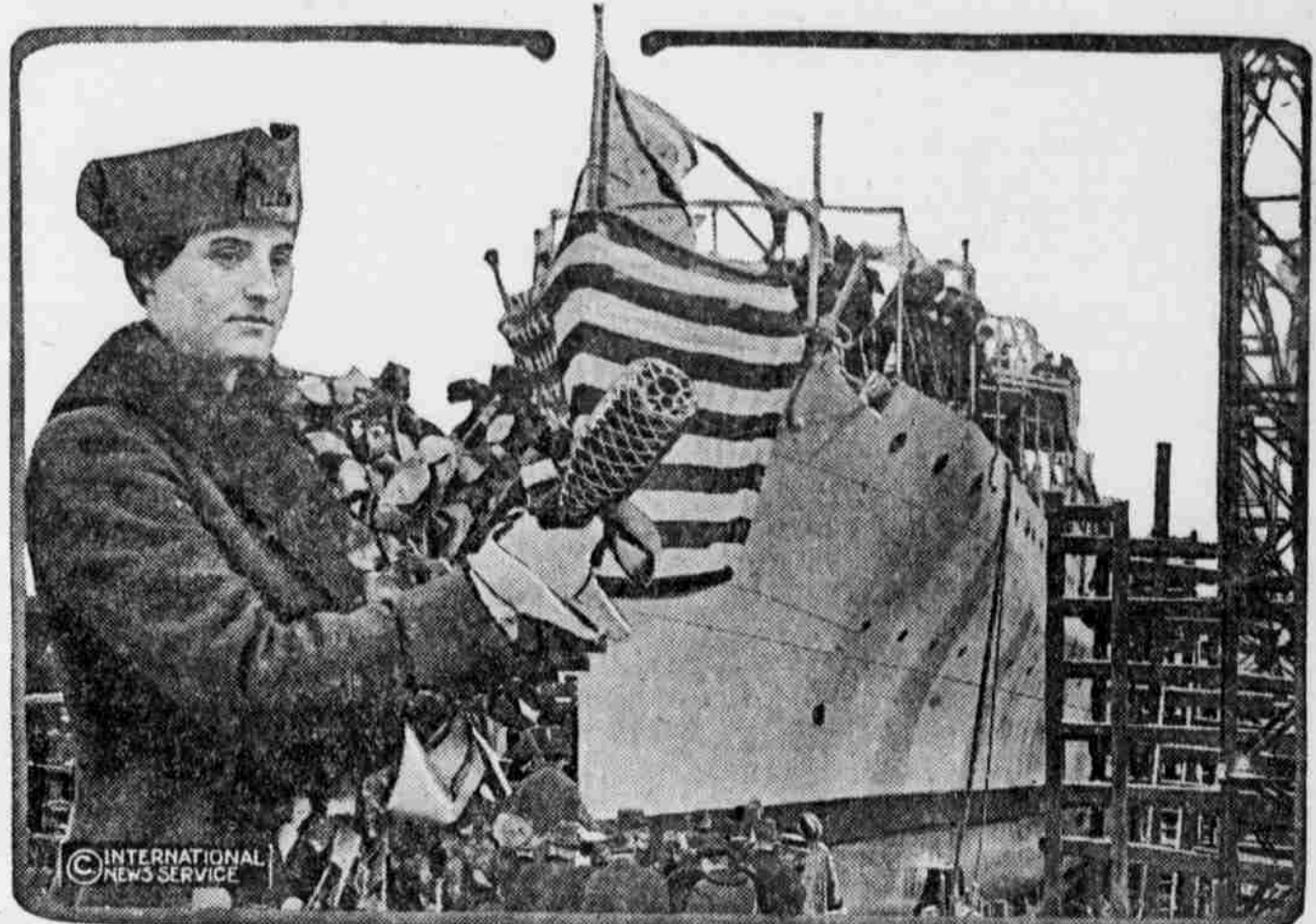
Another Victim of Mexican Raid.

El Paso, Tex.—Private Jesse F. Taylor, of troop F, Thirteenth cavalry, died at the post hospital at Fort Bliss as the result of a wound received in the fight with the Villista bandits.

TYPICAL MEXICAN OUTLAWS

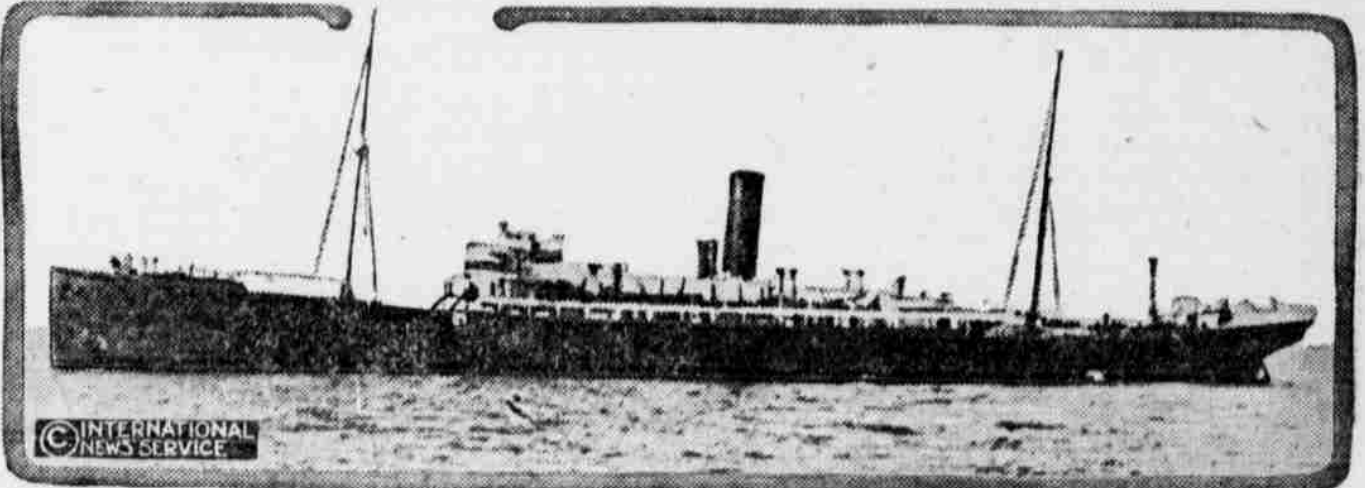


LAUNCHING OF DESTROYER SAMPSON



In the presence of a limited number of invited guests the United States torpedo-boat destroyer Sampson was launched at Quincy, Mass. Miss Marjorie Sampson Smith (at left), a granddaughter of Admiral W. T. Sampson, the hero of the battle of Santiago, acted as sponsor. The shipbuilding company expects to deliver the Sampson to the United States government April 1. This will be seven months ahead of the time allowed in the contract. Her contract speed is 29 1/2 knots. She has a displacement of 1,126 tons and will cost \$795,000. She is to be equipped with four 21-inch "W. T.'s" and four 4-inch rapid-fire guns.

SUCCESSFULLY RUNS BRITISH BLOCKADE



The German raider Moeve after raiding the enemy's commerce for months put into her home port with her prisoners and spoils of war. The Moeve captured 15 ships, 33 British naval officers, 166 members of crews and 1,000,000 marks in gold. The kaiser personally conferred upon the commander the Order Pour le Merite.

MAJOR GENERAL FUNSTON



COL H. J. SLOCUM



Colonel H. J. Slocum of the Thirteenth cavalry at Columbus, N. M., who sent soldiers across the border in pursuit of Villa and his bandits.

Two Kinds of Eggs. There are only two recognized brands of eggs—eating and throwing.