

# NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

## DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

- April 10 to 15—Nebraska Clean-up and Paint-up Week.
- April 22—State Letter Carriers' Convention at Grand Island.
- April 28-29—State T. P. A. Convention at Alliance.
- April 18—Nebraska Primary Election Day.
- April 24-25—Savannah to Seattle Highway Convention at Omaha.
- May 2—Omaha-Lincoln-Denver Good Roads association convention at Lincoln.
- May 16 to 18—State G. A. R. Encampment at Lexington.
- May 15-18—State Dental Society annual convention at Lincoln.
- May 17—Nebraska Bankers' convention, Group One, at Beatrice.
- May 24-25—State Association of Commercial Clubs' Convention at Omaha.
- June 5 and 6—Pageant of Lincoln, presenting "The Gate City."
- June 5-6—Spanish War Veterans' State Convention at North Platte.
- June 12 to 15—Trans-Mississippi Bakers' Ass'n convention at Omaha.
- June 13 to 16—State P. E. O. Convention at Alliance.
- June 13-14-15—Great Western Handicap Tournament at Omaha.
- June 19-20-21-22—American Union of Swedish Singers, West. Div., concerts and convention at Omaha.
- June 20 to 24—State Stockmen's convention at Alliance.
- June 21 to 23—Fraternal Order of Eagles, state meeting at Lincoln.

Although Norfolk got a majority of the votes cast in a county seat removal contest, the county seat will remain at Madison for another two years at least. Norfolk polled 2,875 votes, Madison 2,564, giving Norfolk 53 per cent of the total of the 7,459 votes. Sixty per cent was required by law to make the change. The largest vote ever cast in Madison county prior to this was less than 4,300. Madison's campaign was made upon the issue that removal would increase taxes. Norfolk urged its railroad center and the fact that it is the metropolis of the county as a reason for changing.

Additional advances in the prices of farm implements have been announced by agricultural machinery houses in this territory. Perhaps the most notable increase, because of its proportions, is a raise of from 5 to 15 per cent in the price of farm gasoline tractors. Tractor manufacturers declare that they are being utterly ignored by steel mills, who are entirely occupied with filling orders for war munitions.

Considering the poor hay crop and soft corn John Peterson of Stanton county did unusually well with a bunch of cattle he has fed for about five months. Last November he bought fifty-two head averaging at that time 887 pounds and costing \$7.00. Last week the same bunch of stock averaging 1,210 pounds sold at \$9.10, a gain of 323 pounds in weight and \$2.10 in price.

Secretary Connors of the Grand Island Commercial club has received news that Grand Island is to have a new Union Pacific depot at once. The news was contained in a letter from President Mohler of the Union Pacific declaring that an appropriation for the same had been authorized and that the architect was completing plans and details of them at Omaha.

Following a government statement that meat prices are 12.7 per cent higher than the last six-year average, and probably higher than ever before. R. C. Howe, manager of Armour & Co., packers, said recently while in Omaha that he believes the limit has been reached, and that unless prices go down, the people will quit buying meat.

The announcement that Hastings soon will start eleven miles of new paving, that four or five new business buildings are to start soon and that contracts already have been left for more than a score of new modern homes, has attracted scores of laborers and mechanics from Nebraska and adjoining states.

The annual convention of the Nebraska Fraternal Order of Eagles is scheduled to take place in Lincoln on June 21, 22 and 23.

Word has been received in Omaha from Savannah, Ga., of the great interest being taken there in the proposed Savannah to Seattle transcontinental highway, which it is proposed to outline and map off at a big meeting to be held in Omaha April 24 to 25.

Gage county's fourth zopher extermination club has been organized at Filley. Thirty-six farmers residing on the various sections of the township were named to have charge of the extermination work.

Twenty-two blocks of the residence portion of Kearney, comprising one paving district, will be paved this spring. This makes approximately forty blocks of paving to be contracted for this spring.

The city of Allion is contemplating the construction of a \$50,000 hotel. A subscription campaign is now on. An Omaha concern offers to loan half the necessary funds.

Officials of the Burlington railroad have promised the city of Scottsbluff a new passenger station to be completed sometime during the next year.

The prize-winning hogs in the National Swine show, to be held in Omaha October 2 to 7 of this year, will immediately jump to a value of from \$3,000 to \$5,000 apiece, according to officials of the National Swine Growers' association, who were in Omaha recently conferring with local men regarding arrangements. It is estimated by officials that the hogs exhibited will average in value around \$125 apiece, and that the total aggregated value of swine shown will be \$300,000. The principal breeds to be exhibited will be the Duroc-Jersey, Berkshire, Hampshire, Poland-China, Chester White and a number of the minor breeds.

The auction sale of Box Butte county land at Alliance resulted in the purchase of eleven hundred acres in small tracts in different parts of the county. The price paid averaged \$30 per acre, no piece sold being the last the seller had. The object of this sale is rather to divide up where possible, some of the larger ranches into small farms, as it has been proven in the last five seasons that money can be made on a single tract of 100 acres of Box Butte county land.

Congressman Kilkald of O'Neill and Colonel Edwin J. Murfin, judge advocate general of the Nebraska national guard, have secured permission of the War department for the use of the military reservation at Fort Robinson, Nebraska, for a military encampment during the coming summer. They are authorized to invite the four adjoining states of Colorado, Wyoming, North and South Dakota.

Edley J. Kegley of Kearney won the drawing from a field of ninety-five applicants at the Alliance land drawing for the "Mitchell tract" homestead near Minature, considered the most valuable homestead offered at the drawing for Scottsbluff and Cheyenne county irrigated lands. Three hundred and twenty-four applicants filed on the thirty tracts which were opened.

The call to the spring plow is more pronounced in and about Kearney than the call to arms. Last week a recruiting station for the Nebraska National guard, with officer in full uniform in charge, was established there, but not a young man has volunteered to serve his Uncle Samuel.

The Florence city council has passed an ordinance providing for the submission to the voters of Florence, April 18, of a \$10,000 bond issue for the construction of a municipal electric lighting system. Florence is a suburb of Omaha.

Columbus now has a militia company. At a meeting of Spanish-American war veterans last week fifty members voted to enlist if war is declared against Mexico. Most of those present were members of the First Nebraska.

Dr. Nathaniel Butler, University of Chicago, and Prof. M. V. O'Shea, University of Wisconsin, will speak at the Central Nebraska Teachers' association meeting at Fremont, April 7 and 8.

Twelve relatives of Peter Brandenburg, aged Lincoln recluse, who died in a tiny hut where he made his home for years, have been located by the administrator of the estate. All reside in Germany. Each portion will be sent them as soon as the estate can be closed. The twelve heirs are children of a brother and sister of Brandenburg. Each one will receive about \$1,000.

Within a few hours' time a committee raised \$600, a guarantee fund for the Buffalo county fair association, insuring against loss when holding the mid-summer races at Beatrice in July. These races always have been a financial success, the guarantee against extreme weather conditions not having been needed to meet existing deficits.

The long timbers to be used by the Union Pacific in the reconstruction of its \$1,000,000 bridge over the Missouri river at Omaha have arrived. Word has been received that the eastern mills that are to furnish the steel for the new superstructure have started work on the beams and columns, and that shipment will start within the next few weeks.

The poultry breeders of Buffalo county have voted to raise \$600 to be used as a fund for the erection of a permanent building at the fair grounds at Beatrice, to be used for their annual display.

Officers of the State Dental Society announce that the annual meeting of the organization will be held at Lincoln May 15 to 18.

Congress has been asked to appropriate \$2,000,000 to build a canal to convert Platte river water for irrigation purposes in Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties. Congressman Shallenberger introduced the measure and favorable action is hoped for.

Thirty-one business men of Holdrege have subscribed stock for the purpose of buying two lots on which an auditorium will be erected. An effort is to be made at once to sell additional stock to raise funds to erect the building.

Alliance is busy nowadays making preparations for the annual convention of the Nebraska Travelers Protective association convention which is to be in that city April 20 and 21.

The Chamber of Commerce of Hastings has designated the first week in May as trade week for Hastings. An automobile will be given away during the week.

Between 600 and 800 bakers of Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and South Dakota are expected to attend the Trans-Mississippi Bakers' convention at Omaha, June 12 to 15.

## VISITED BY RAIDERS

ZEPPELINS BOMBARD BRITAIN WITH DEADLY RESULTS.

### FIFTY-NINE PERSONS KILLED

British Defensive Methods Prove Much Better; One Zeppelin Brought Down, Another Engaged.

London.—With the exception of the big air raid of January 31, when the casualties were sixty-seven persons killed and 117 injured, the Zeppelin raids of March 31 and April 1 caused greater loss of life than any previous aerial attack this year.

The total casualties for the two visits, according to an official report, were fifty-nine persons killed and 166 wounded.

As some compensation for this sacrifice of life, however, the British people have satisfaction in practical proof afforded of a great improvement in the defensive methods dealing with aerial raids. For the first time since the inception of this method of warfare on the British coast, not only had one raiding Zeppelin been brought down and its crew taken prisoner, but the official report recounts an exciting aerial fight between a Zeppelin and a British airman, Lieutenant Brandon, who, mounting to a height of 9,000 feet, flew over the raider and dropped several bombs on it with effect.

There has been constant agitation in the newspapers for British airmen to ascend and attack Zeppelins and the fact that this now has been successfully done gives promise of still greater achievements in the same direction. At the same time, it will tend to increase public confidence that the authorities are making progress in their efforts to deal with the Zeppelin danger.

#### Fighting Country Not Citizens.

"I do not think you would find an officer of the German navy or army who would willingly participate in the killing of women and children."

Lieutenant Commander Breithaupt, commander of the Zeppelin L-15, which was hit by shell fire in the raid April 1st and later sank in the Thames estuary, replied thus to the Associated Press correspondent when requested to explain the psychology of German air raids on defenseless cities and the killing of harmless civilians.

"I am very well satisfied with the treatment here," he said, "but naturally feel the loss of my freedom. As to air raids, we have a much more important object in view than the killing of women and children, namely, the destroying of the enemy's armed positions, warships and factories. Women and children become the victims of our operations, but not because we will them intentionally. It is war."

#### Told to Lay Down Arms.

Torreón, Mex.—In his proclamation calling on the Villa bandits to lay down their arms, General Jacinto Treviño, commanding this district, stated that this, by authority of the first chief, would be the last call. The bandits must lay down their arms within ten days, he said, to obtain personal guarantee of safety. General Treviño further stated:

"If they do not come in we shall have to treat them as common bandits and pursue them with vigor until they are annihilated. If there are any real patriots among them, they will help us to close the gaping wounds of our bleeding country by putting themselves at the disposition of the de facto government."

Negotiations for the surrender of some of these bands are reported to be in progress.

#### Engineer Responsible for Catastrophe

Cleveland, O.—Blame for the New York Central wreck at Amherst a few days ago, in which twenty-eight were killed and forty injured, was placed on Herman Hess, engineer of the second section of train No. 86, which crashed into the first section while running fifty miles an hour through a dense fog, by D. C. Moon, general manager of the company, in an official statement issued here.

#### Warship Destroys Two Forts.

London.—Fort St. George and Sanjak, as well as the other coastal defenses of Smyrna, were destroyed by a three hours' bombardment by a British warship, says a dispatch to the Times from Saloniki. The Turks did not reply to the fire of the warship. Sanjak is the chief work commanding the entrance to Smyrna harbor.

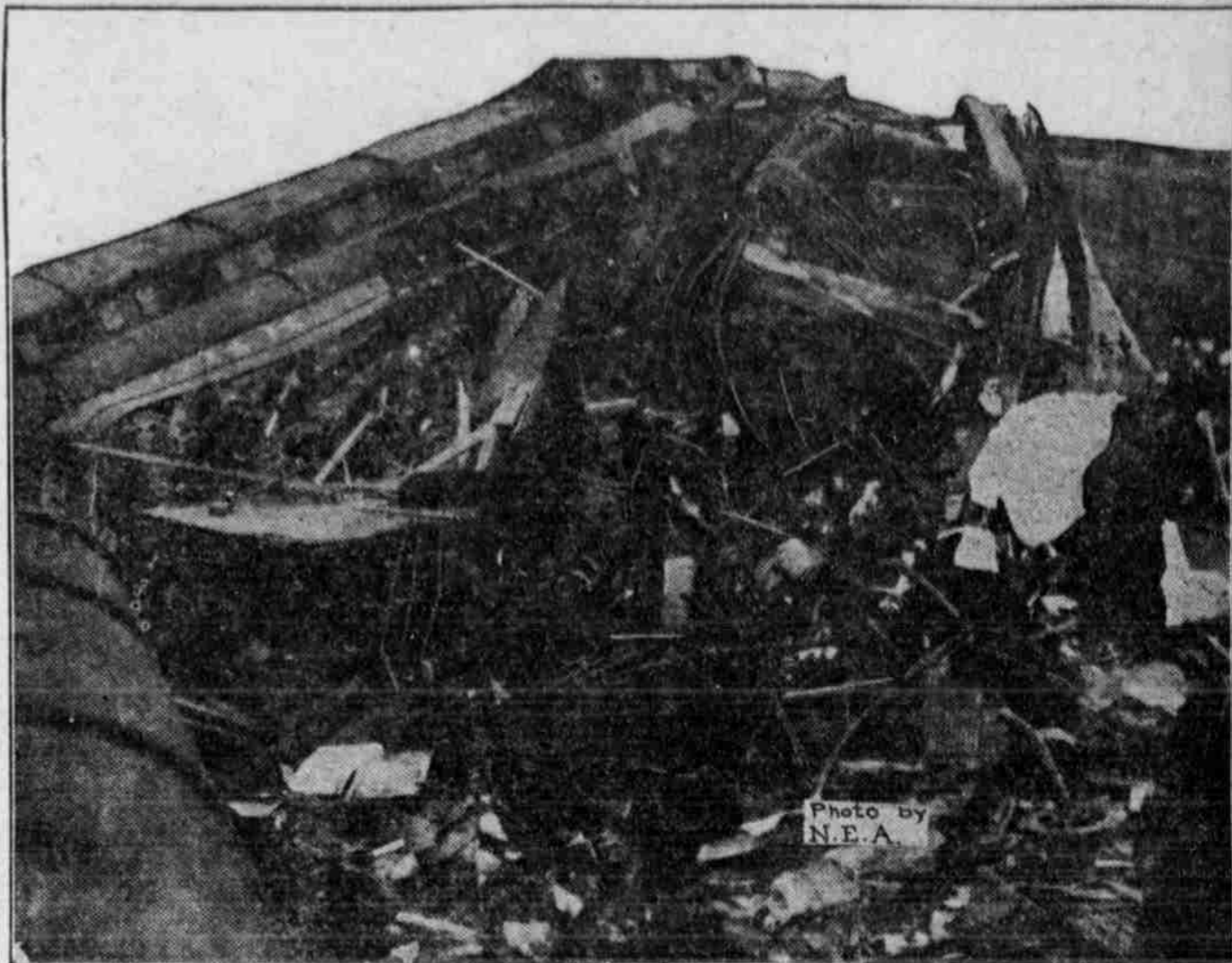
#### Ford Will Fight Taxation.

Detroit, Mich.—Suit to prevent enforcement of the proclamation of Governor Johnson of California, prohibiting the Ford Motor company from doing business in that state because of its failure to pay a state franchise tax of \$24,000, will be started soon.

#### Rewarded for Faithfulness.

Sloux City, Ia.—Faithfulness of A. J. Kellogg to his employer, John Amsler, veteran cigar manufacturer, will result in Mr. Kellogg sharing the \$50,000 estate of his employer.

## WORST WRECK IN HISTORY OF THE NEW YORK CENTRAL



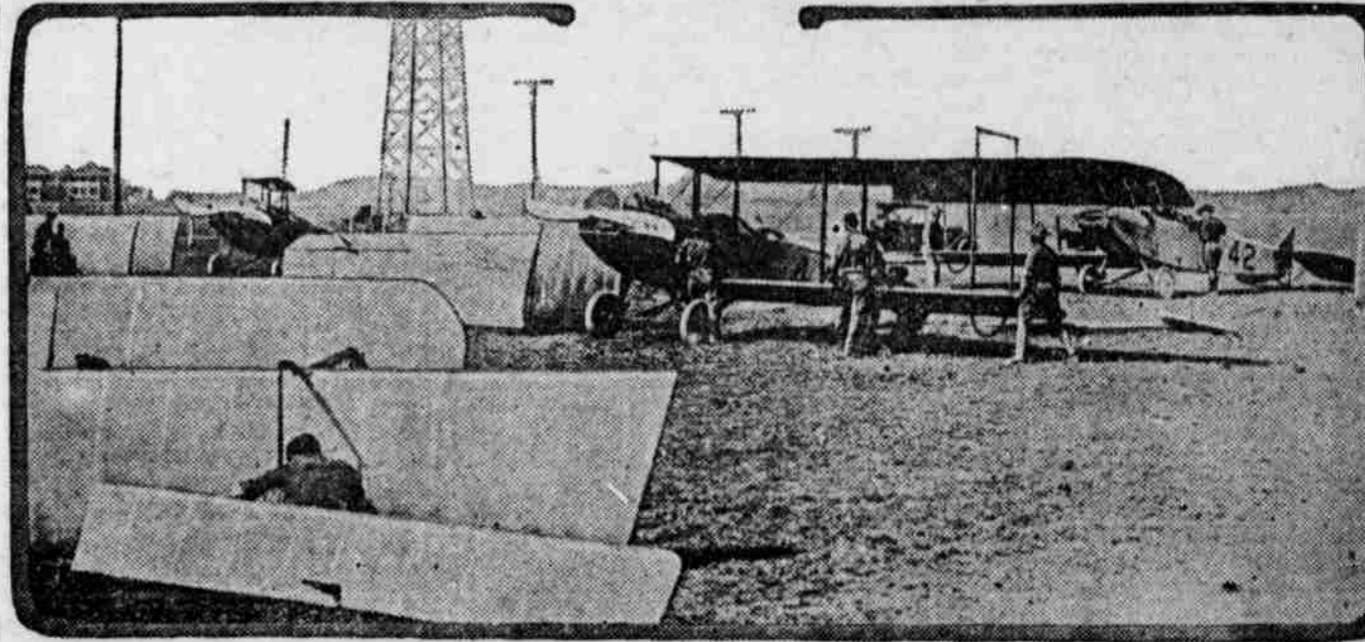
This photograph shows the remains of two Pullman coaches of the first section of the Chicago-Pittsburgh Limited, and the engine of the second section is seen in the debris. The wreck occurred near Amherst, O., and at least 26 persons were killed and 40 injured.

## GATHERING BODIES FROM WRECK OF NEW YORK CENTRAL TRAINS



This photograph, taken shortly after the collision near Amherst, O., shows rescuers gathering up pieces of body of the victims of the wreck.

## ARMY AVIATORS GETTING THEIR MACHINES READY



This photograph shows army aviators preparing their machines for shipment to Mexico.

## MEDAL OF HONOR FOR OBREGON



General Obregon, the one-armed commander of Carranza's armies, having a medal of honor pinned on his breast by Senorita Alasorie in the city of Celaya. At the right is General Carranza, de facto president of Mexico.

## MRS. ALICE LONGWORTH



This is the latest photograph of Mrs. Alice Longworth, daughter of Colonel Roosevelt, who has resumed her prominent place in the society of Washington since the re-election of her husband to congress.