

NEBRASKA
STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

May 23-24-25—State Harness and Saddle Makers' association meeting at Columbus.

May 23, 24, 25—Nebraska Medical Association convention at Omaha.

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 13-14-15—Annual convention of Nebraska Elks 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.

July 25—Nebraska Democratic convention at Hastings.

July 3-4-5—Mid-Summer Race Meet at Kearney.

July 5 to 8—State Golf Tournament at Omaha.

July 10-11-12—Northwestern Hotel Men's Association Convention at Omaha.

June 28-29—International Auctioneers' Association Convention at Omaha.

Victor Westcott, employe of a traction sawmill outfit, met death while moving from one locality to another near Ravenna. A bridge over a small stream broke down and Westcott was caught in the machine in such a way that his abdomen was crushed, one arm and one leg broken and the lower limbs badly burned. After being released he was rushed to Ravenna for medical assistance and died just as he reached town. His family home is at Wood River.

Joe Stecher, the Dodge county wrestler, while in Fremont the other day, declared that he had no doubt of his ability to take the measure of Strangler Lewis, who he is to wrestle in Omaha July 4, "providing he will come on and wrestle." He added that he would begin training six weeks in advance of the bout and that he would be in the best of condition.

A new union depot for Lincoln is in sight. Within the next thirty or sixty days the Burlington will submit through the Lincoln Commercial club a proposition that will embody a big, new union depot for Lincoln with provisions for the accommodation of other roads upon terms that it is believed certain will prove acceptable, so say railroad officials.

Preaching the gospel of better roads, the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver-Highway association will start a campaign during the state commercial club meeting at Omaha, May 23 and 24, leaving Omaha by automobile at the close of the meeting and making a run over the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver road, stopping at every town and conducting a speaking campaign.

Nebraska grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias at the recent convention at Hastings voted to establish a Pythian home in the state. The location to be decided upon when the fund has grown large enough to start the erection of the building. The fund will be raised by an annual per capita tax of 5 cents on all members.

J. Corwin Temple, a young man of Utica, N. Y., who is walking across the continent to San Francisco, was in Table Rock the other day. He is to make the trip out in ten months and back in three and one-half months. If he succeeds he is to receive \$600 in cash.

A company of Burlington officials were in Tecumseh recently in the interest of the proposed new depot. They had a number of blue prints of the railroad yards and went over the ground thoroughly. The indications are that work will begin shortly.

The cloth for the costumes for the second annual pageant, "The Gate City," to be held in Lincoln June 5 and 6 has arrived and is being made ready for the occasion.

People of Omaha are considering the proposition of requesting the federal government to establish a citizens' military training camp at Fort Crook. Business men from several towns over the state have already signified their intentions to join if the project is put through.

One of the largest events ever carried out by the International Auctioneers' association will be the convention in Omaha June 28 and 29. More than 400 persons are expected from all parts of the state.

Boy scouts of Seward have completed plans for a cross-country hike, the date of starting having been set for May 26. The boys will make the trip to Manhattan, Kan., a distance of 140 miles.

As the result of public improvements the city council of Hastings increased the annual mill levy from 28 to 37 mills, of which nearly 1 mill is for the upkeep of the only municipal band in the state.

Nebraska Knights Templars at their recent meeting at Columbus, selected Lincoln for the 1917 convocation.

W. D. Fisher, former secretary of the Alliance Commercial club and secretary of the Western Nebraska Commercial clubs and of the State Association of Commercial Clubs, has been engaged as secretary of the North Platte Chamber of Commerce. Fisher is already arranging for a visit to North Platte by various Commercial clubs and Community clubs of surrounding towns and counties and for the marking of 250 miles of road in the vicinity of North Platte telling the distance to the city.

With 2,000 students of the University of Nebraska the guests of Omaha on May 19, Omaha residents will be given an idea of the importance of the university and its relation to the state of Nebraska. Like all institutions of its kind, Nebraska University has never received the recognition it is entitled to and this trip to Omaha will afford an opportunity for the university officials to impress the magnitude of the institution on the city.

For the fourth time in as many years the Mitchell High school won the eastern Nebraska track and field meet. The five competing towns were: Scott's Bluff, Mitchell, Minatare and Morrill, and Torrington, Wyo. The meet was held at Mitchell. Out of the 126 points the Mitchell boys carried away 64. Scott's Bluff took second place, Minatare third and Morrill fourth. Torrington did not get a point.

If present conditions are any criterion, the spring meeting of the Nebraska Midway Racing circuit at Benson, the home of the Douglas County Fair association, is going to set a number of records for opening events in the middle west. The program will run three days, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, June 8, 9 and 10. Practically all of the best horses in this part of the country will take part.

The wheels of a spring wagon loaded with feed caused the almost complete amputation of the nose of C. J. Borders, a well known farmer near Ellsworth. He was riding on a pile of sacks in the rear of the wagon when an unexpected lurch of the front wheel threw him to the ground between the wheels. His nose was broken at the bridge and from there down it was nearly severed.

One of the biggest advertising schemes ever attempted will be the bringing to Nebraska the first week in June a special trainload of the most eminent advertising experts from New York and other eastern cities by the State Publishers' association. The special will visit all important cities in the state and the visitors will be shown Nebraska's resources and possibilities.

Within fifteen minutes after the action was started before District Judge Dungan at Hastings, representatives of the St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad paid \$1,250 to Miss Lucy Young, 9 years old, for the death of her late father, Balas Young, who was killed in an auto-train collision north of Hastings, December 1, 1915.

All former records for high priced sheep and lambs were broken at the South Omaha stock yards, when Belmont & Klink of Scottsbluff county brought in 743 fed Mexican lambs that averaged 96 pounds and sold at \$9.40, the highest ever paid on this or any other market for fed ewes.

The razing of Dodge county's old fire-damaged court house at Fremont, to make room for a new \$140,000 building on the same site, is under way. The old building was sold for \$100, with the understanding that the buyer would remove it.

The state convention of Knights of Columbus at their recent big meeting in Fremont voted to go to Alliance next year. Alliance had a big delegation present.

Crawford, through its Chamber of Commerce, has taken up the preliminary steps to secure free mail delivery service in the city limits.

Kimball has just completed the organization of a Commercial club. Fifty business and professional men have joined.

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Fire destroyed the Woods Bros. silo manufacturing plant at Lincoln. The plant will be rebuilt at once.

Plattsburgh is working to secure free mail delivery. General receipts at the postoffice are increasing.

The annual state golf tournament will be held at Omaha July 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Charley Peters, the Papillion wrestler, won over William Dametral in a lively match at Omaha in straight falls. It took Peters a total of forty-four minutes to earn both falls. It took Gotch fifty-nine minutes to turn the same trick on Dametral last February out on the coast.

Harold Cates, 23 years old, was instantly killed when he was run over by a train in front of the Burlington depot at Wymore. Cates was a brakeman and made his home in Wymore.

The promoters of the Kearney canning factory are unable to contract for a sufficient acreage of sweet corn and tomatoes to operate the factory during the entire season.

The Commercial club of Wayne has changed its name to the Public Service club. In changing the name the organization has assumed larger functions.

Arrangements have been made for the annual meeting of the Nebraska state association of Commercial clubs in Omaha, May 24 and 25. Plans for the meeting are being formulated.

READY FOR ACTION

PERSHING PREPARES "CLEANUP"
IN NORTHERN MEXICO.

FUNSTON HAS 50,000 TROOPS

Outlines Scheme Which He Thinks
Will Be Protection Against Any
Further Bandit Raids.

Washington.—General Scott, chief of staff, in a message to the war department declares General Pershing has so arranged his troops as to make a rapid, thorough cleanup of the northern Mexico bandits. It indicated the safety of the shortened lines by saying no Mexican troops were within sight.

General Obregon's proposal for Mexican policing of the Parral and Big Bend districts has been announced. Scott informed the war department that undoubtedly Obregon is in a better position to aid the United States in Mexico by not being bound by a written agreement.

Both state and war department officials regard the Mexican situation brighter than at any time for several days. This optimism is based on an opinion from Scott that the "acute-ness of the situation has passed," and Mexico City cables indicating Carranza is not inclined to be over-insistent in his withdrawal demand.

Major General Frederick Funston has begun the reorganization of the border patrol. Relieved of diplomatic responsibilities and having under his direct control almost 50,000 men, he has outlined to his staff a redistribution of forces that he believed would guarantee the protection of American residents from Mexican raiders.

State department cables told of renewed Zapatista activities in southern Mexico strong Villista activity in Acatecas and the presence of many independent bands elsewhere.

Pershing Fortifies Line.

El Paso, Texas.—General Pershing is fortifying his line of communications from Columbus southward with barbed wire entanglements, bomb proofs and extra guards, according to arrivals from Naminiquipa. Reports that Carranzista troops are moving into territory adjoining the American expedition were said to have caused the extra precautions.

Under Foreign Secretary Amador said no secret pact or gentlemen's agreement was entered into between Generals Obregon and Scott.

Asquith Modifies Regulations.

Dublin.—General Maxwell, command of the government troops sent to Ireland to suppress the rebellion, has issued a proclamation placing a ban on all parades, meetings, political, athletic or otherwise, except when approved by police.

Great modification in the regulations of martial law has been given the people. All may now come and go as they wish between the hours of four in the morning and midnight. During the remaining four hours they must keep within doors.

It is generally understood that Premier Asquith is responsible for this relaxation. The premier's study of conditions and the sentiments of people apparently convinced him that there was no element of rebellious spirit remaining.

Plan Aeroplane Contest.

New York.—A trans-continental aeroplane competition for which prizes amounting to \$100,000 probably will be offered, has been decided upon by the Aero Club of America. The plan, which has for its object the development of aerial defense of the country, was suggested by Ralph Pulitzer of this city, who has donated a trophy for annual competition. The route for the flight and the date will be announced later.

May Act Upon Mail Seizure.

Berlin.—In view of the recent seizures of mail from Scandinavian steamships by the British authorities, notwithstanding the protests of the governments concerned, joint action by Denmark, Sweden and Norway now is under consideration. This step is made probable by Great Britain's refusal to reconsider her policy in respect to detention of mails by the United States and Scandinavia.

Girls Go Over Dam; Three Drown.

Hawarden, Ia.—Three of Hawarden's popular high school girls were drowned in the Big Sioux river when a boat containing five pupils and a teacher was carried over a dam.

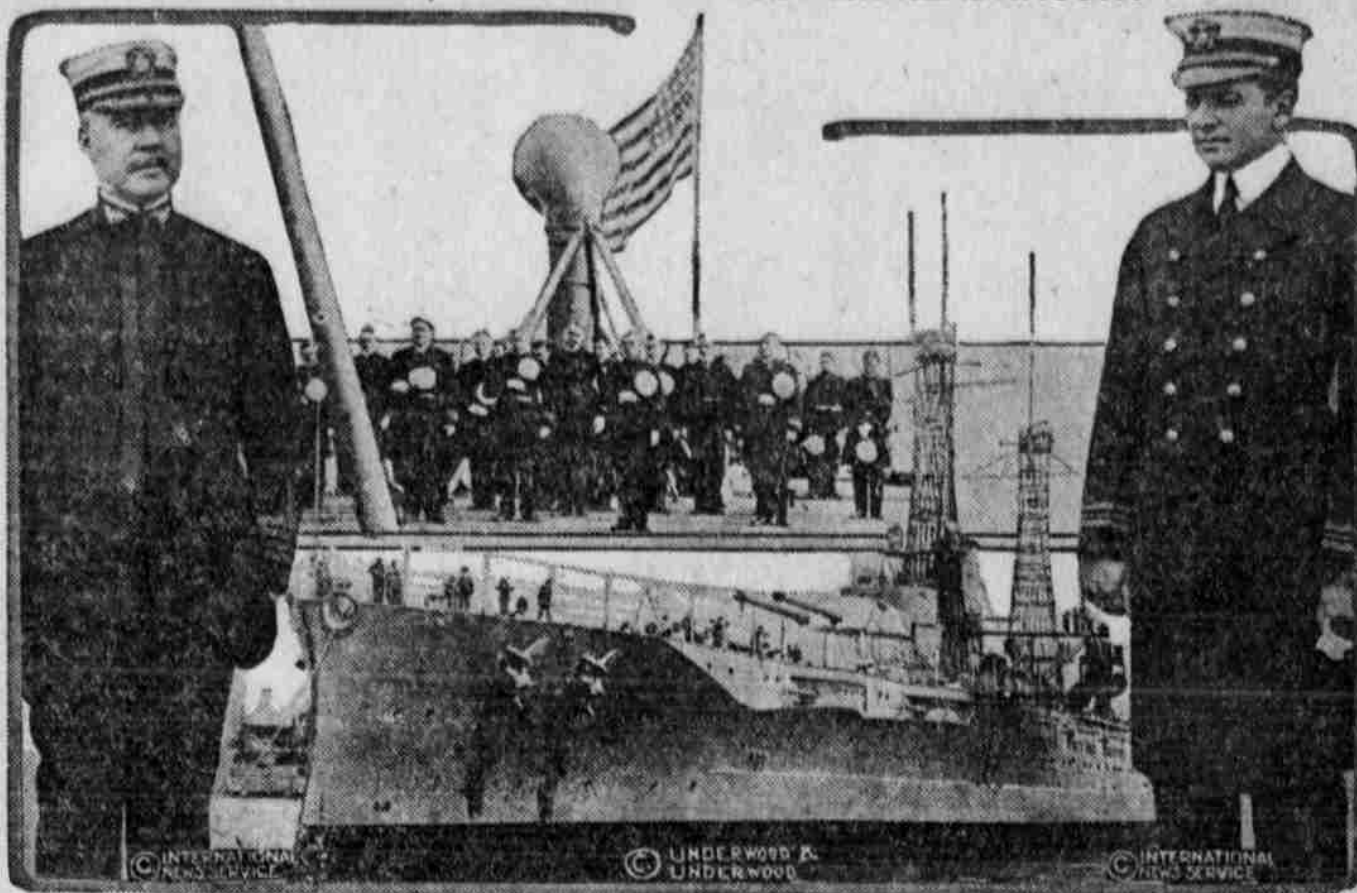
Cowboys Tender Services.

Helena, Mont.—One hundred cowboys of Montana have offered their services to the local United States army recruiting office. A cowboy delegate, who made the offer to the army officers here, said a thousand rangers could be secured.

Recalled Attache Decorated.

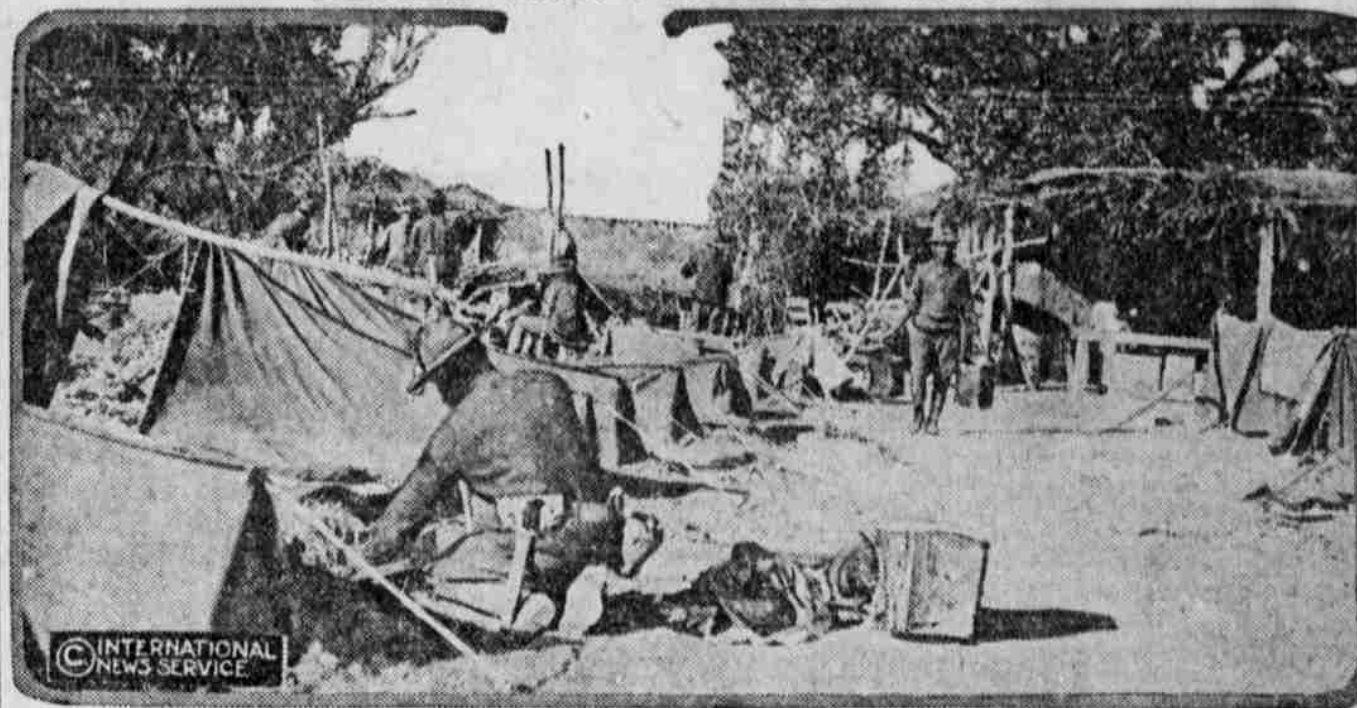
London.—It is reported that Captain Boyed, formerly German naval attache at Washington, has been decorated with the Order of the Red Eagle, third class, with swords.

OKLAHOMA, OIL-BURNING SUPERDREADNAUGHT



The Oklahoma, oil-burning superdreadnaught, latest addition to America's navy, is here shown at anchor at the Philadelphia navy yard. Above are its officers photographed at the flag raising. At the left, Capt. Royer Wells, commander of the Oklahoma, and the right, Lieutenant Commander Adolphus Andrews.

COLORED TROOPS AT CASAS GRANDES



The negro troops that are with the expedition in Mexico are standing the climate and hardships very well. This is a view of their camp at Casas Grandes.

IN THE CAMP OF THE FIFTH CAVALRY



Some of the men of the Fifth cavalry are seen in a struggle with an outlaw horse that needed shoeing and objected to the operation.

YOUNG MARBURG AND HIS BRIDE



Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Harburg, Jr., photographed on their arrival at New York. Mr. Marburg, who is the son of the former minister to Belgium, served in the British flying corps until he lost his leg in an accident. While in the hospital he met the Baroness de Vivaro and they were married on April 10.

FRANCE HONORS AMERICAN



Elliot Cowdin has just been awarded the military medal, the highest wartime distinction of France, in recognition of his valor and aerial efficiency displayed in bringing to earth his third enemy aeroplane. Mr. Cowdin is a member of the American aeroplane squadron. He destroyed his second German aircraft over Verdun a few weeks ago, adding a second palmleaf to the croix de guerre earned nearly a year ago. Recently Cowdin was aloft about 5,000 feet when he found himself face to face with a German Fokker. Although his adversary's machine was far more powerful than Cowdin's, the young New Yorker instantly attacked and destroyed it.