GETS RIFLE RANGE No Change Is Likely In Railroad

COMPLETE PURCHASE OF 800 ACRES NEAR ASHLAND.

THE BOYS' CORN CONGRESS

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

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Adjutant General P. L. Hall, Colonel E. J. Murfin and Major Hazel, members of Governor Morehead's staff, went to Ashland last week and com-800 and 900 acres of land three miles be located the government rifle

Negotiations for the purchase of this land have been under way for or in excess of full value. several years and all obstacles have been smoothed out and the final spected the same.

Tentative plans, it is understood, other structures will be erected for estate values. permanent occupation. Among those to be erected at once will be barns, sheds and a military club house which will be in charge of a caretaker. Butts for target shooting will be put up and other arrangements made for the various encampments to be held there this summer.

It is understood that a citizens' military encampment, similar to that est reserve lands are situated. Blaine held in New York last year, will be one of the attractions. The Omaha cadets eight hundred strong, and the state university cadets will hold encampments there this summer.

Boys' Corn Congress.

Members of the state boys' corn club will be eligible to attend a boys' corn congress, which will be held annually at the college of agriculture, beginning next spring. The congress will last four days. The coliege will give instruction, which will include lectures and laboratory work on corn and corn growing, along with some other branches of agriculture. Only members who have successfully completed the season's work and made proper final reports may attend. The Union Stock Yards company of Omaha offers each county corn club champion a free trip to the boys' corn congress, with all expenses paid, if the county or someone within the county will do the same for the winner of second place.

Average Farm Worth of State

Another compilation of agricultural tion in Nebraska has been made by Secretary Mellor of the state board of agriculture, showing that in 1915 the average was \$4,505 for each farm. The best that has been claimed by Kansas by its statistical bureau is \$3,600 per farm. There are 129.678 farms in Nebraska, according to the government census, and the total value of crops and live stock produced last year was \$584,245,778. The value of live stock assessed for taxation was \$232,361,282, with the cereal, vegetable, fruit and garden crops of the state were valued at \$351,884,396.

Lieutenant Edward Bagnall of the National Guard aviation corps gained signal honors in the east as a result of his six weeks' training course with the Curtiss school and for which payment was made by the Aero Club of America. The Cornhusker flyer has as members of the state board of McGordon, one of the principal en- an enactment of the 1913 legislature, tnats in the Sheepshead bay aviation and the terms of the members appoint-

Crop conditions in western Nebraska are very promising and durabove normal. Previous to that time falfa and all early small grains are ing completion and very favorable concrops on the state farm at Curtis, are in excellent condition.

Must Notify Italian Consul.

In compliance with a request from ington, Governor Morehead has issued and county attorneys of Nebraska should be given to the nearest Italian consul whenever any citizen of that country dies in the United States with-Venuto at Omaha.

Enumerators to assist in the annual bird count of the United States are asked for in letters being received at plete a bridge four miles south of the state house. The work is of a Lynch over the Niobrara river, the voluntary nature, but this year the state board of irrigation and highblological survey wishes to give special attention to bird life on the bridges this year. plains, which section includes this state. It is said that he information | Word has been received at Lincoln loss state and national bird taws. of the legislature of 1883.

Valuations.

At an informal conference of members of the state board of assess tent it appeared to be the opinion of a majority that no increase would be made in the assessed valuation of railroad property in Nebraska and that real estate values would not be increased in countles where the present assessment is considered high enough. The board some time ago started out on the theory that real estate should be assessed 75 per cent of actual sales value. This would have resulted in a large increase in a malority of the counties of the state, Then it was suggested that if real estate is increased materially, railroad property ought to be raised. Now it is likely that no increase of much consepleted arrangements by which Uncle quence will be made in real estate Sam becomes the owner of between values and none in the value of railroad property. For several years the northeast of that place, on which will railroads have tried to convince the board that real estate is assessed at Illinois, to lie on the table for discusabout 50 per cent of its true value, while railroads were assessed near to

It is said that the state board this year will not attempt to raise the transfer made and cash paid over, counties that are low on real estate The party drove out to the site of to a parity with the higher values proposed range and thoroughly in in other counties, but will reduce real estate in countles that come in at what is considered excessive values. have been formulated for the erection | The effect of such a report on county of the various buildings that will be boards and county assessors it is berequired at once. In time these and lieved will be little increase in real

> State Superintendent Thomas has apportioned \$1,401.15 of government funds to the counties of Blaine, Cherry, Grant and Thomas. The money was derived from government lands withheld for forest reserve purposes and goes to the counties in which for-

Apportionment of Government Funds

county receives \$58.64, Cherry \$817.94, Grant \$4.59 and Thomas \$519.98. The counties must apportion these funds as follows: One-fifth to the county road fund, one-fifth to school districts and three-fifths to school districts on a basis of school population. In the case of the smaller sums the counties may have to apportion the fund in the form of postage stamps because some school districts will receive only

Sending Out Corporation Tax Notices Notices of the payment of the corporation tax for the current year have been sent out by Secretary of State Pool.

4 few cents.

The tax becomes due July 1 and delinquent a month later. The charge is based on the amount of paid-up capital stock, and varies from \$5 to

Foreign corporations' taxes under this law become due August 1 and delinquent September 1.

Corporations which do not pay in ime can-and will, says Secretary Pool-have an additional 15 per cent of the amount of their tax charged against them as a penalty.

Record Class to Graduate.

Forty-five students will be graduat ed from the college of agriculture this year at commencement in June. This is the largest class from this college in the history of the institution. In addition to this number, eight were graduated in February. making a total of fifty-three for the year. An examination of the record shows that thirty-one men and twenty-two women will be graduated this year, representing twenty-seven counties. At the recent graduating exercises of the school of agriculture, ninety-eight students received di

Governor Morehead has appointed A. J. Sawyer of Lincoln, and Robert Cowell and T. P. Reynolds of Omaha been selected as mechanician for Steve | mediation. The board was created by ed that summer have expired.

The petition asking for the submis sion of a constitutional amendment, ing the past week rain fall has been prohibiting the sale or manufacture of intoxicating liquors, which was filed heavy winds have done considerable with the secretary of state Monday damage although wheat generally forenoon, was arranged in book form never looked better at this time of during the afternoon. Eight persons, the year than it does this season. Al- including prohibition workers and members of the governor's office force well advanced: Corn planting is near- and assistants of the secretary of state, performed the work of detachditions have aided the farmers in put- ing the signatures from original peting the crop in. The demonstration titions. Secretary of State Pool will later verify the number of signatures by actual count.

Rural Life Conference at Lincoln.

Rural organizations are now con-Secretary of State Lansing at Wasn- tributing such a large part to the life of various communities of the state a circular letter to all county judges that the leaders of two or three organizations have been invited to speak and calling their attention to a treaty pro- lead in some of the discussions at the vision with Italy, whereby notice rural life conference to be held at the state farm June 13 to 23. C. H. Gustafson, state president of the farmers' union, and J. D. Ream, state master of out leaving heirs or a will. The con- the grange, will speak on the relation sular agent for Nebraska is Antonio of these organizations to the rural community.

> After allowing the application of Boyd and Holt counties for \$12,000 from the state ald bridge fund to comways announced that it would allow no more applications for state aid

this year will be utilized, among announcing the death in Colorado of other things, in enabling the depart. D. V. Stephenson, former surveyor ment to test the efficacy of the var- general of Nebraska, and a member

ASKS WILSON TO ACT

LEWIS OF ILLINOIS INTRODUCES PEACE RESOLUTION IN THE SENATE.

PRESIDENT WOULD AID ALL

America Will Not Plead Cause of Any Single Belligerent, But Will Serve Best Interests of All Nations-Berlin in Favor of U. S. Mediation.

Washington, May 27.-A resolution requesting the president, unless incompatible with the public interest, to suggest to warring nations of Europe that the United States undertake mediation was introduced into the senate on Thursday by Senator Lewis of sion later.

The resolution would authorize the prosident to propose that the belligerents declare a truce and that each of them select a neutral country as its representative on a board of arbitration thus createft:

Each selected neutral would name one member of the board, over which the president or his representative would preside as referee. Under the plan each belligerent would present its demands or claims to the board, | which would be authorized to arrive at an equitable adjustment.

The resolution secites that it is suggested as an expression of the desire for world peace and not of favoritism for any of the belligerents.

President Wilson told callers that the intervention of a neutral in behalf of peace in Europe could rest only ligerents that terms to be arranged are to conserve the interests of all, and of the world at large, rather than those of a particular nation or group of nations among the warring powers.

Mr. Wilson gave the impression only when the conditions he outlined were likely of fulfillment.

Berlin (via London), May 27 .- A wireless dispatch from the United States giving the substance of President Wilson's speech at Charlotte, N. the place of honor in the morning papers. Their comments, together with the wide interest shown by the German public, show how important this news is regarded here.

Though definitely stated nowhere, there is little doubt that Germany is offices to inaugurate peace negotiations. The former attitude that America had disqualified itself as a peace mediator on account of munitions shipments to the allies has now changed. If President Wilson can hold out any tangible possibilities of peace through his mediation, Germany will undoubtedly be willing to consider such suggestions.

TEXANS FACE COURT-MARTIAL

Baker Announces 116 Members of Militia Will Be Punished-Refused to Serve.

Washington, May 27.-Reversing his previous decision, Secretary Baker announced on Thursday that the 116 members of the Texas National Guard who failed to present themselves for muster into the federal service will be brought to court-martial immediately under the present law,

Upon recommendation of Judge Advocate General Crowder the secretary has decided that the alleged offense of the guardsmen refusing to "present" themselves for muster, was committed under the Dick law and trial should be under that law.

O. K. APPROPRIATION BILL

Measure Carrying \$145,000,000 Has Provision to Carry Out Army Reorganization.

Washington, May 27.- The army appropriation bill, carrying \$145,000,000 and including provision for carrying out the Hay-Chamberlin reorganization bill, was agreed to by the house military committee on Thursday. The bill includes provision for a council of executive information for co-ordination of industries and resources in war

MRS. MATTERS NOT GUILTY

Woman and Two Others Freed on Charge of Conspiring to Buy Child in Canadian Hospital.

Chicago, May 27.-Mrs. Anna Dollie Ledgerwood Matters and her codefendants, Charles S. Mellon and Harry Edwards, were found not guilty on Thursday of attempting to foist a false heir upon the probate court. The jury was out two hours and forty min-

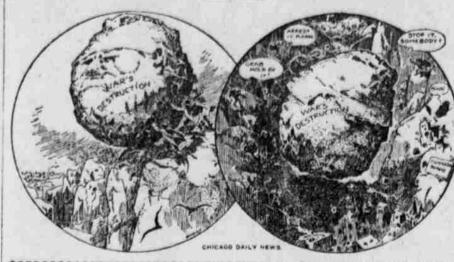
Refuse to Lift Ban.

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., May 27,-By a vote of 434 to 360, the Methodist bitterly attacked.

Children See Flyer Killed.

Pensacola, Fla. May 27.-Lieut. James Vincent Rockwell, who was in training as an aviator here, was killed when a navy aeroplane he was pilotchildren saw hir fall.

STARTING IT IS EASIER THAN STOPPING IT



DR. WAITE IS ON TRIAL FURIOUS BATTLE IS ON

TION AT DEAD MAN'S HILL.

Paris War Office Says Teuton Coun-

ter-Attacks Have Assumed Ex-

tremaly Violent Character.

Paris, May 25 .- In the Verdun re-

gion the German counter-attacks have

assumed an extremely violent charac-

ter on the whole French front, accord-

ing to admissions of the war office on

Tuesday. The Germans made two des-

perate assaults on the left of the Meuse

Spurred on by their success in tak-

ing the larger portion of Fort Douau-

are continuing their terrific drive in an

effort to dislodge the enemy from the

Fighting continued with extreme

along the Verdun front all night. Two

German counter-attacks on French po-

sitions on Hill 304 failed completely.

the war office announced at Paris. The

French made further gains within Fort

The battle around Hill 304 was es-

positions on the west side of the hill

the Germans used liquid gas, the of-

one of the French trenches, but were

PORTO RICAN BILL PASSED

House Kills Amendment Giving Wom-

en Vote-Greater Self-Government

to Island Possessions.

Washington, May 25.-The house

on Tuesday struck from the Porto Ri-

can bill, by a vote of 80 to 59, an

amendment designed to grant woman

passed without roll call, virtually as

introduced. The vote on the amend-

party !ines, although more Democrats

than kepublicans voted against it. The

amendment was inserted in the bill

government all of its internal revenue.

regardless of whether the goods on

The measure now goes to the sen-

COLONEL ACCEPTS G. O. P. AID

Country Is in Heroic Mood and He's

Willing to Run, Roosevelt Indicates

in Reply to Call for Candidacy.

Oyster Bay, L. I., May 24.-Theodore

Roosevelt accepted the support of a

committee of leading Republicans who

asked him to be a candidate for presi-

dent. He indicated that he had found

the country in the heroic mood he had

demanded, in his Trinidad speech, as

The committee called on him at his

home. The committee's spokesman

was Georve von L. Meyer, secretary

Boston, May 24.-Demanding short-

Troy, N Y., May 24.-Nearly 20,000

women and girls who do work at

home and in factories of the Troy

collar firms will be given an increase

in pay amounting to 10 per cent, com-

London, May 24.-Premier Asquith,

in the bouse of commons, moved a

vote of credit for \$1,500,000,000 with

which to carry on the war. This is

the eleventh vote of credit asked by

000. The credits granted during the

Wins a Sea and Air Battle.

flome. Italy, May 27.—An Austrian

today, aggregate \$3,000,000,000.

were taken prisoner.

mencing next Monday.

er hours and higher wages, 2,500 cloth-

and about Boston went on strike.

THE WIRE

of the navy in Roosevelt's cabinet.

SPARKS FROM

a condition of his candidacy.

showed a complete disregard of

but were dislodged.

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dislodged at once.

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small angle still retained.

CASE OF ALLEGED POISONER GERMANS WIN AND LOSE POSI-STARTS QUICKLY.

Dr. A. A. Moore, Who Attended Grand Rapids Millionaire, Goes on Witness Stand.

New York, May 24.-Testimony of Dr. Albertus Adair Moore, the physician who attended John E. Peck, millionaire drug manufacturer of Grand Rapids, in his last illness, for whose murder Mr. Peck's son-in-law, Dr. Arthur Warren Waite, was placed on trial here on Monday, indicated that Doctor Waite feared some time before his arrest that he might be accused of causing the death of his father-in-law.

The task for selecting the jury to try Doctor Waite was completed in on a mutual understanding by the bel- two hours and fifty-four minutes. Seldom has a trial of the kind moved so rapidly, it was said.

District Attorney Swann, addressing the jury, recited Waite's life history, and declared the prosecution would show that the young dentist lacked that he would make peace suggestions means of support of his own and sought to gain possession of his father-in-law's money.

in addition to purchasing the arsenic with which Peck was poisoned. the prosecutor declared it would be shown that Waite applied chloroform C., in which he referred to the possi- to the nostrils of his father in-law on bility of American mediation, is given the night of March 12 and "that was the last of John E. Peck."

The district attorney then told of Walte becoming interested in the study of disease germs and of his acquaintance with Mrs. Margaret Horton, the young woman with whom he shared a studio apartment. Mrs. willing to consider a tender of good Horton, the prosecutor said, "will play a conspicuous part in the trial."

HOLDS SMALL JURY IS VALID

U. S. Suprece Court Affirms Verdict by Five-Sixths of Panel-Wisconsin Statute Declared Unconstitutional.

Washington, May 24.-Juries of less than twelve men when required by common law and verdicts by less than the entire jury, when provided for by the state law are valid in cases, even those arising under federal law. the Supreme court held on Monday.

The decision upheld the Minnesota law permitting five-sixths of a jury to return a verdiet after being out 12 hours and a Virginia statute authorizing trials before seven jurors. Two judgments against railroads were affirmed.

The Supreme court annulled as unconstitutional the Wisconsin statute making it the duty of state officials to revoke the license to do business in the state of any foreign corporation which shall remove into any federal court any action against it by any citizen of the state upon any claim or cause of action arising within the

RETREAT ADMITTED BY ROME

Bulgarians Join Austrian Troops in Drive Against Italians-Advance Checked.

Rome (via Paris), May 25.-Along the Isonzo front the Italians have made prisoners of Bulgarians, showing that Bulgars have joined the Austrians in their present offensive.

The official statement issued here on Tuesday in part as follows:

"In the Sugana valley between the Astico and the Brenta our troops fell ing workers employed in 150 shops in back gradually on their main lines after repulsing Austrian attacks throughout the day of May 22. The retreat was orderly and spontaneous."

REJECTS RUBLEE NOMINATION

Defeat for Wilson Appointee Comes in Senate on Motion to Reconsider Vote.

Washington, May 25 .- The senate on Tuesday by a vote of 38 to 38 refused, the government since the war began to reconsider its vote of last week of and brings the total up to \$11,910,000. 37 to 41 rejecting the nomination of George Rublee of New Hampshire to current year, together with that asked the federal trade commission.

All Records Are Broken. Sydney, N. S. W., May 26,-The

American steamer Ventura, from San aeroplane and an Austrian gunboat Episcopal general conference on Francisco, reported that it had picked Thursday refused to lift the ban on up wireless messages from the station amusements. A minority report was at Tuckerton, N J., when 9,000 miles from the American plant

George Ade Moose Delegate.

Wheat Surplus in Germany. Berlin, May 27 .- Herr Michaels, un-Lafayette, Ind., May 26.-The Prodersecretary of the interior, said that gressive party state delegates met at Renselaer and elected George Ade, the an examination of the stocks of wheat author and playwright, and Dr. C. F. proved that the new harvest year will grave anxiety is felt as to his chances ing dived into the gulf. His three Coffin of Monticello as Tenth district be entered upon with a surplus of 102. of recovery. General Gallieni resigned delegates to the national convention. 000 tons,

RETAKE FRENCH FORT

TEUTONS ALSO CAPTURE TOWN OF CUMIERES FROM THE FRENCH.

10,000 FALL IN NEW BATTLE

Thousands Killed in Bloodlest Engagement of the Three Months' Battle of Verdun-Kaiser Captures 300 Prisoners-Troops Fight With Knives.

Paris, May 26.-The Germans have reoccupied Fort Douaumont, while the French hold the immediate approach to that position. This announcement is made in the official communication issued on Wednesday by the French war office, which says that two new divisions of Bavarians effected the recapture after a series of furious attacks.

This success of the Germans followed capture by the Teutonic troops of a portion of the village of Cumieres, east of Dead Man hill. The fighting at this point developed into a hand-to-hand strugle. The French were faced by more than three divisions here.

Ten thousand men have gone down to slaughter in what is rapidly becoming the bloodiest engagement of the three months' battle of Verdun.

From Dead Man's hill eastward to the ruins of Fort Douaumont the and gained a footing on Dead Man hill, most savage struggle in any theater of war in the past two months is being waged.

The fighting in the ruins of Fort mont from the Germans, the French Douaumont attained the greatest violence at noon. The Germans battled French positions from Thiaumont to Douaumont in a steady drum-fire. From behind great clouds of dust thrown up violence on both banks of the Meuse by shells the gray columns of Germans emerged on a mad run for the French works

While French machine guns sprayed the advancing lines the charging Germans reached the western and northwestern edges of Douaumont fort and came to grips with the French pecially severe. In attacking French defenders. Groups of men struggled at such close quarters that bayonets and grenades became useless and reficial statement says, and penetrated sort was had to knives. The opposing artillery meanwhile sent shells shricking over the fort, searching out enemy reserves.

Berlin (via London), May 26.-The capture by Thuringian troops of the village of Cumieres, east of Dead Man hill, on the Verdun front, was announced by the war office. The village was taken by storm. So far more than 300 prisoners, including officers. have been taken by the Germans in this operation.

NAVAL APPROPRIATION BILL suffrage to the island. The bill then

Committee Reports Measure to House Carrying \$241,449,151.99-Building Item Has \$98,859,378.

Washington, May 26,-The naval apby Mr. Mann, minority leader. The propriation bill, the biggest national bill, as passed, gives the Porto Rican defense measure-was reported to the house on Wednesday from the naval affairs committee. It carried a total which it is paid are used in Porto Rico of \$241,449,151.99, about \$90,000,000 more than last year's bill.

The biggest item is the building program. Counting the cost for the first year of the program provided in the measure and making appropriations for continued work on vessels authorized heretofore, with the ammunition supplies for the ships that will be finished during the coming year it amounts to \$98,859,378.

EVELYN THAW WEDS AGAIN

Divorced Wife of Slayer Married to Son of Late Italian General at Elliot City, Md.

Elliott City, Md., May 26.-Evelyn Nesbit Thaw was married here on Wednesday to Virgil James Montani, son of the late Brig. Gen. Joseph Montani of the royal Italian army. Mr. Montani is better known as Jack Clifford, his professional name for many years. For three seasons he has been the dancing partner of his bride. Both gave their age as thirty-one. They were married by Rev. Edward J. Snyder, pastor of the Emery Methodist Episcopal church.

APPROVES L. D. BRANDEIS

Senate Committee Votes 10 to 8 in Favor of His Selection for Supreme Court.

Washington, May 26.—The senate judiciary committee, after weeks of consideration, by a vote of 10 to 8, decided on Wednesday to make a favorable report to the senate on the nomination of Louis D. Brandels to be an associate justice of the Supremecourt. The result was a straight party vote, the ten Democrats voting to favorably report the nomination while the eight Republicans voted against. such action.

Tuskegee Head Installed.

Tuskegee, Ala., May 27 .- Maj. Robert T. Moton, a negro of unmixed blood, was installed here as principal have been destroyed in a battle with an Italian gunboat in the upper Adri- of Tuskegee institute, founded by atic. The crew of the Austrian craft Booker T. Washington for the uplift of the colored race.

General Gallieni Near Death.

Paris, May 27 .- The condition of General Gallioni, former minister of war, has suddenly grown worse and on account of ill health.