

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

Aug. 7 to 11—Tractor Week in Fremont.
 Aug. 7 to 10—State Press Association's North Platte Valley excursion.
 August 7 to 12—Merchants' Market Week in Omaha.
 August 7-12—Platte Valley district reunion at Central City.
 Aug. 9 to 12—Frontier Days Celebration at Silver Creek.
 August 11—Harvest Home festival at Seward.
 Aug. 17-27—Seventh Day Adventists' Conference at Hastings.
 Aug. 17 to 20—Biennial Nebraska Saengerbund festival at Grand Island.
 Aug. 21-25—Mo. Valley Photographers' Association Convention at Lincoln.
 Sept. 4 to 7—Nebraska State Fair at Lincoln.
 Sept. 12-16—Central Nebraska Fair at Grand Island.
 Sept. 13—Annual Convention State Federation of Labor at Fremont.
 Sept. 13 to 15—Old Settlers' reunion at Mitchell.

Douglas county, according to the 1916 assessment report of County Assessor Counsman, is more than \$17,000,000 richer than last year. Unimproved lots in Douglas county, assessed in 1915 at an average valuation of \$384, are now listed at an average figure of \$568.12, an increase of 48 per cent. Improved lots in the county, assessed at an average valuation of \$1,572 in 1915, now are listed at \$2,005.35 average, an increase of 28 per cent. Acreage, listed a year ago at an average valuation of \$81.75 per acre, now goes on the rolls at \$88.73 per acre, an 8 per cent increase. The total assessed valuation is \$257,735,810.

According to a report submitted to the United States League of Local Building and Loan associations during their convention at St. Louis recently Nebraska ranks eighth in building and loan assets among the thirty-three states which were represented, standing next to Indiana and leading all states west of the Mississippi river. For the fiscal year 1914-15 the reports showed Nebraska had a total of \$41,660,870 and will exceed \$45,000,000 in the state report for 1915-16, now being compiled.

The itinerary of the big United States government "safety first" special train, carrying a dozen cars loaded with exhibits for the promotion of industrial safety, has been announced by the Union Pacific for that part of the trip that applies to Nebraska. This train will be at Sidney August 22; at North Platte August 23; at Grand Island August 24; at Omaha August 26; at Lincoln August 28, and at Beatrice August 29.

Nebraska's share of the \$5,000,000 just apportioned by the federal government for public highways under the new good roads act amounts to \$106,770. To be entitled to its share the state must provide an equal amount to that put up by the government. A campaign is a start at once by Commercial clubs of the state to create good roads sentiment.

Two Nebraska harvest hands, Clarence Sandquist of Geneva and J. E. Longmore of Lincoln, were killed in a wreck of a Milwaukee freight train on which 200 harvest hands were beating their way to the wheat fields of the Dakotas. The accident happened near Tripp.

Judge Bagby of Papillion handed down a decision at Blair in the Herman saloon case, upholding the action of the Herman village board in granting a saloon license to an applicant May 1, to which remonstrance was filed.

Bids were opened a few days ago for the proposed new \$20,000 municipal building at Creighton. All of them were surprisingly high, running from \$3,000 to \$6,000 more than the town officials had expected they would.

Norman Peal, the Industrial Worker of the World, who was mortally shot in a fight with bandits in the Rock Island yards at Fairbury several days ago, finally succumbed to his injuries. Work is expected to begin on Fremont's six-story, all modern \$200,000 hotel about August 15.

West Point will have the Redpath-Horner chautauqua for one week, commencing August 4.

The city council of Superior turned down the license for a carnival company that the fire department had arranged to have show there the last of the month after a petition signed by leading business men fled asking them to refuse the license.

Doane college at Crete has just received a check for \$5,000 from the estate of Edward Whitin, of Whitinsville, Mass., as an endowment for the new Whitin library. The library building is virtually a gift of the Whitin family.

Tom Taylor, a prominent young farmer, was drowned near his home south of Valley when the horse he was riding threw him off in a lake. Marks on the body indicated that he had been trampled upon by the horse.

Fire destroyed the Nye-Schneider elevator at Clarkson together with its entire grain contents, causing a loss of over \$15,000.

Over 2,000 persons attended the dedication of St. Paul's Lutheran church at Hastings recently. Work on the new church has been in progress a year. It cost \$20,000.

Sixty Alliance citizens in automobiles responded to a call for help from the Frank Jesse ranch, six miles east of town, one day recently and after two hours of hard fighting they put out a prairie fire which had burned over a square mile, consuming several haystacks and some small buildings and threatened ranch houses and barns.

Pansy, the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Omar Pickerill, who reside near Syracuse, lost her life in a sad manner. The little girl was playing about the home and her mother, missing the child, began to search and discovered her head downward in a large jar, she having suffocated in the three inches of water.

Owing to the seasonable weather that has prevailed, contractors on the Burlington's Chalco-Yutan cut-off have just about completed the fifteen miles of grading on the line that will connect up the Sioux City branch. The work will be finished and ready for the ties and rails within a month.

At a special election Shubert voted \$6,500 or electric light bonds, the issue carrying by a large majority. Stella had carried bonds for \$8,000 at an election held in May. A transmission line will be built from Stella to Humboldt, which will supply the current to Shubert and Stella.

Republican newspaper editors of Nebraska to the number of about fifty organized a Republican State Press association at Lincoln recently, the aim of which, it is said, was to form an organization to advance the interests of the party through cooperation.

Plans for the new county jail and jailers' residence will be received by the Gage county board of supervisors Tuesday, September 5. This was decided on by the county board at a meeting held recently. The new jail is to be a modern structure and will cost in the neighborhood of \$22,000.

At Schuyler a few days ago August Kaasch found his wife, Mary Kaasch, lying dead, face downward in four inches of water in a bathtub. How Mrs. Kaasch came to fall into the tub is not known. She had been apparently in good health.

Omaha has its first case of infantile paralysis since February, the disease which has been claiming so many victims in New York. According to Health Commissioner Connell the patient, a little boy, will recover without any serious effects.

Rev. W. W. Whitman, pastor of the Methodist church at Hooper, has installed a moving picture machine in his church, to be used in illustrating his sermons. This is the first church in Nebraska equipped with moving picture apparatus, it is believed.

Two giant stalks of corn, fourteen feet high, with the ears growing ten feet from the ground, were exhibited in a department store at Omaha. The corn was raised by "Uncle Sam" Bouvier of De Soto.

There are 78,659 savings accounts in the banks and the building and loan companies in Omaha. This is exclusive of the postal savings accounts. These thousands of accounts aggregate \$35,843,502 in savings.

There is a movement on foot in Merrick county to submit to the voters at general election the proposition of abandoning the supervisor form of government and returning to the commissioner form, as in the days of old.

The cornerstone of the new St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church at Falls City was laid last Sunday. This building is to cost \$16,000, of brick veneer and will be completed in November.

Jesse C. McNish, chairman of the republican state central committee, plans to open headquarters in Lincoln August 15 and begin active campaign work.

Joe Stecher of Dodge and Harold Christensen, the Danish wrestling champion, will meet on the mat at Fremont August 9, during the tractor meet.

Herman Riderhagen, an engineer of a threshing outfit, backed his engine in a creek near Springfield and was crushed to death.

A case of infantile paralysis has appeared in Fremont. The victim is the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roth.

Nebraska City is making preparations for its annual home-coming week August 14 to 19.

Kearney citizens are agitating the question of holding a big fall festival early in November.

The Tecumseh Commercial club is making an effort to land a canning factory for the city. A committee has been appointed to communicate with the Lang Canning company of Beatrice relative to the company installing such a plant there.

The annual report of F. J. Vogtland, county superintendent of Colfax county, shows that the county has sixty school districts, with a total of 4,266 school pupils. There are 109 teachers, whose average wage is, for men, \$77.64; women, \$54.55.

A field of corn planted on a piece of alfalfa sod by F. J. Pimper, near Howells, and given three good cultivations, on the 15th day of July many of the stalks measured ten feet in height.

A total of 1,926 automobiles and motorcycle licenses have been issued by County Treasurer Andrew Andersen of Gage county from December 1, 1915, to July 29.

Nine hundred and ten bushels of oats were threshed from a ten-acre field belonging to Fred Haveman near Avoca, making a yield of ninety-one bushels to the acre.

MUNITIONS BLOW UP

GREAT QUANTITIES OF WAR TOOLS ARE DESTROYED.

LOSS MAY REACH \$25,000,000

Detonations Shake Five States; Loss of Life is Small.—Canadian Forest. Fires Take Many Lives.

New York.—Property loss estimated at \$25,000,000 was caused by a series of terrific explosions of ammunition awaiting shipment to the entente allies and stored on Black Tom island, a small strip of land jutting into New York bay off Jersey City.

Three are known too have been killed by the explosions, and at least five more are missing. Scores of persons were injured, some of them probably mortally.

The detonations, which were felt in five states, began with a continuous rapid fire of small shells, the blowing up of great quantities of dynamite, trinitrotoluene and other high explosives, followed by the bursting of thousands of shrapnel shells, which literally showered the surrounding country and waters for many miles around.

Fire that started soon after the first great crash which spread death and desolation in its wake, destroyed thirteen of the huge warehouses of the National Storage company on Black Tom island, in which was stored merchandise valued at between \$12,000,000 and \$15,000,000. The flames, shooting into the clouds, were reflected against New York's "sky-line" of towering office buildings, which only a few moments before were shaken to their foundations by an earthquake. Miles of streets in Manhattan alone were strewn with broken glass and shattered signs. The cause of the disaster has not been determined.

Auto Plunges into Missouri.

La Platte, Neb.—Traveling at a fair rate of speed, a big seven-passenger car left the road and dashed down a thirty-foot embankment into the Missouri river at a point one and a half miles east of here at about 1 o'clock last Sunday morning, carrying its load of six persons into the stream and drowning five of them.

T. F. Swift of Omaha was the only one to escape. Those who met death were:

Mrs. T. F. Swift, Omaha.
 Mr. and Mrs. Letner, Hastings, Neb.

Sister of Mr. Letner.
 Woman friend of the Letners.

The party was on the way in from Hastings and had gotten on the wrong road, after passing La Platte. The road at this point is said to be extremely treacherous and the car had gone over the bank before the occupants realized their danger.

Hundreds Die in Forest Fires.

Englehart, Ont.—Forest fires in northern Ontario have resulted in the loss of from 150 to 200 lives. Other scores of persons have been injured and it is feared many of them may die. Several small towns have been completely wiped out by the flames. Reports thus far received show that fifty-seven perished at Mushka, a French-Canadian settlement, and thirty-four at Matheson. Cochrane has eighteen dead and thirty-four injured; Iroquois Falls, fifteen dead and many injured, and Ramore, fifteen dead. The number killed at Porcupine Junction is not known, but the entire town was destroyed except the railroad station.

Believe Anarchists Caused Fire.

Berlin (Via Sayville).—Reports of a great conflagration at Petrograd, in which a bridge across the river Neva, twelve large steamers, including several trans-Atlantic liners and the Putiloff gun works and other establishments were destroyed are printed in the Lokal Anzeiger. The paper asserts that the police suspect that the conflagration was the work of anarchists who planned to burn all public buildings being used for military purposes.

Appam to Britain.

Norfolk, Va.—Federal Judge Waddill has decided the libel proceedings for possession of the captured British liner Appam in favor of the English owners and against the German prize crew which brought it here.

The court held that the German government lost all legal claim to the Appam and its cargo as prizes of war when Lieutenant Berg and his prize crew on last February 1 brought them into the neutral waters of Hampton Roads with the intention of "laying up" the vessel indefinitely.

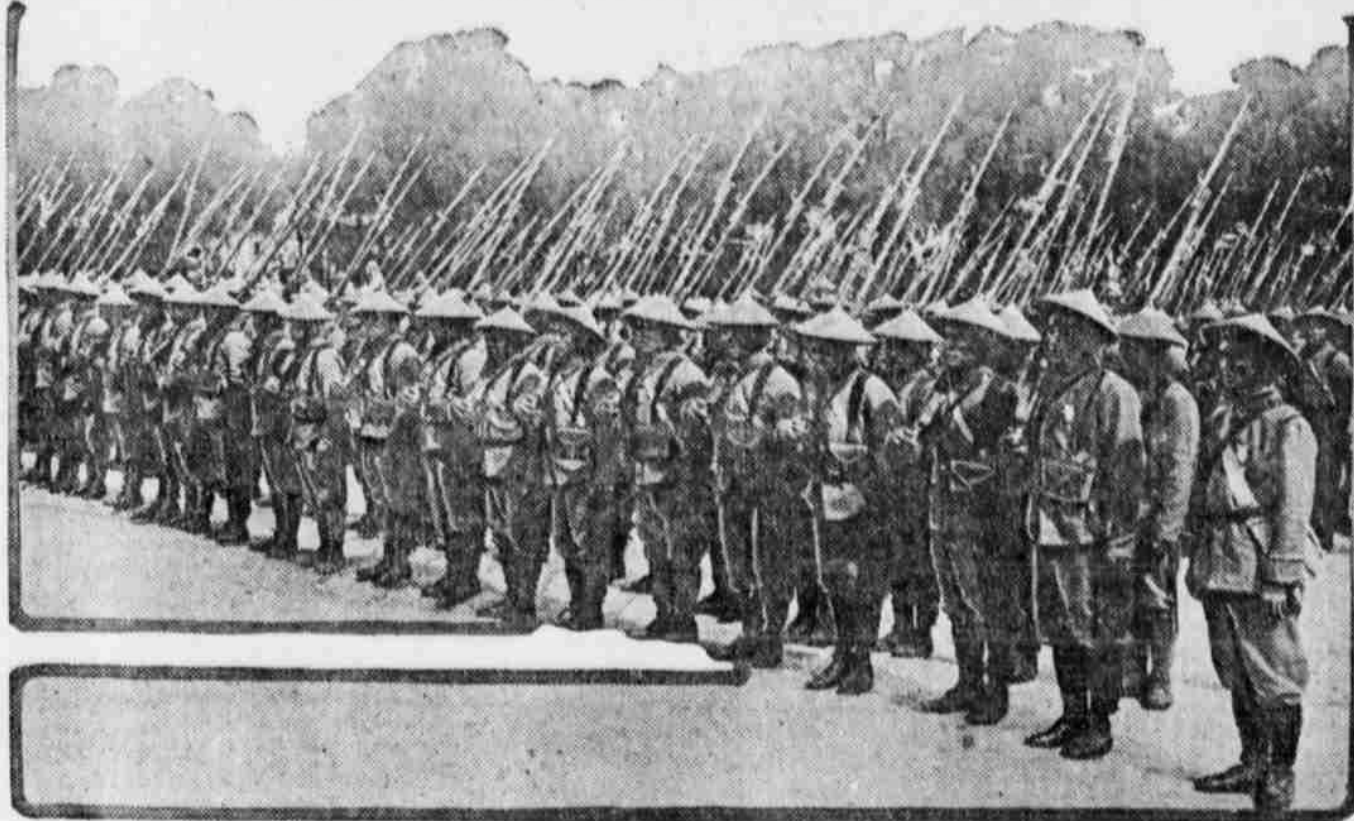
Burns Held For Wire Tapping.

New York.—William J. Burns, the detective, and Martin Egan, publicity representative of J. P. Moran & Co., were charged with misdemeanor and each held in \$100 bail as a result of their alleged activity in the recent wire tapping disclosures.

Teddy to Speak in Maine.

New York.—Theodore Roosevelt intends to take part in the campaign in Maine preceding the state election, September 11. He has arranged to make three or four speeches.

ANNAMESE TROOPS FIGHTING FOR FRANCE



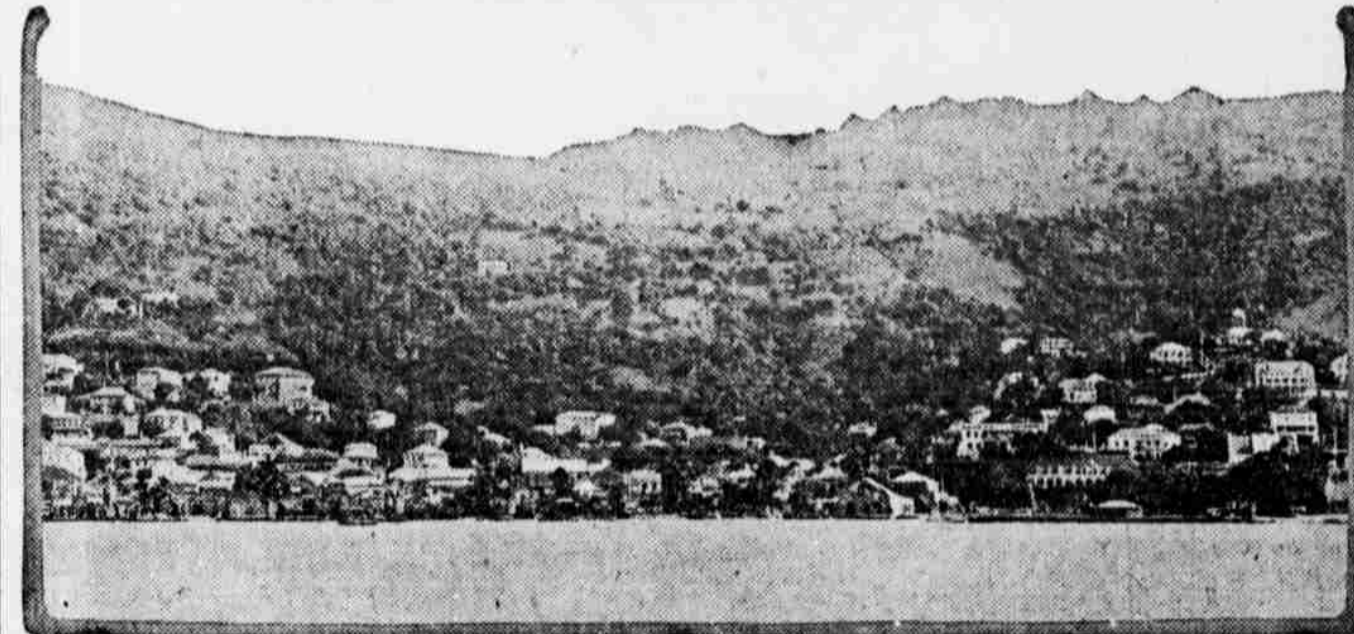
Annamese troops are now fighting with the allies at Saloniki, having been called into the war by France. Their equipment is modern, excepting their hats, which are made of woven bamboo fiber covered with khaki. Annam is a French protectorate and the soldiers now fighting for the allied cause are well trained. They are near relatives to the Chinese.

GERMAN PRISONERS ARRIVING AT SOUTHAMPTON



A large number of German prisoners, captured by the British during their great drive, arriving at Southampton, England.

THIS MAY SOON BELONG TO UNITED STATES



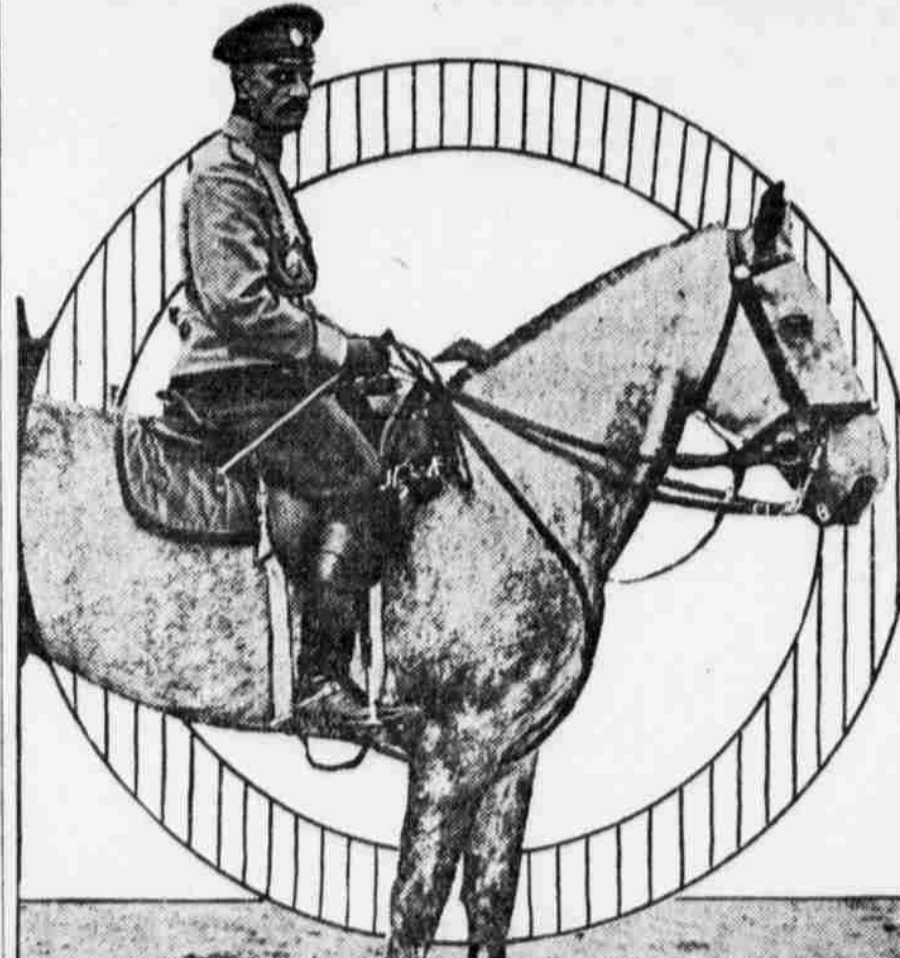
View of Charlotte Amelle, one of the chief towns of the Danish West Indies the sale of which to the United States is being negotiated. The three islands, St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix, lie about fifty miles off the east coast of Porto Rico. They are 142 square miles in area and support a population of 271,000 persons. Nearly all the inhabitants of the islands are negroes who live by the cultivation of sugar cane.

KITCHEN KEEPING COOL



Hot-weather snapshot of Claude Kitchin, majority leader in the house of representatives.

LEADER OF THE RUSSIANS IN FRANCE



General Lohvitsky, commander of the Russian troops that are now fighting in France, on the Champagne front.