

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR THE FOLLOWING EVENTS.

- Sept. 26-Oct. 7—Jr. Ben Fall Festival at Omaha, Neb.
- Oct. 2 and 3—State Equal Suffrage association convention at Hastings.
- October 2 to 7—National Swine Show at Omaha.
- Oct. 3 to 6—State Federation of Women's Clubs convention at Hastings.
- October 11-12—State Meeting Grand Lodge Degree of Honor at Lincoln.
- October 17-20—I. O. O. F. State Convention at Lincoln.
- Oct. 31—Northwestern Nebraska Medical Society meeting, Long Pine.
- Nov. 2-5—Nebraska Christian Endeavor Union state convention at Omaha.
- Nov. 8-9-10—Nebraska State Teachers' association meeting at Omaha.

Sheriff Hutter and Officer Kline have been snapping up fast automobile drivers the last ten days and bringing them into court, where fine and costs are taxed. The county commissioners have ordered the arrests, as there have been too many accidents of late. A case was reported of a fake officer who has been operating along the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver line and acting the part of sheriff and justice, but not reporting the fine assessed. The sheriff is looking into the matter.

Seward county, which has long been infested with hog cholera, has at last become rid of that dread disease, according to recent reports. The combined efforts of state and county officials were needed to effect this result, and vaccination as a preventative among spring pigs played the most important part. The farmers of Seward and adjoining counties are jubilant over the results.

Samples of oil scum from certain springs in Sioux county sent to the state chemist at Lincoln have been pronounced mineral oil. Some eastern oil men have been investigating the matter and have leased land for the purpose of putting down a trial well. The land is very similar to the Wyoming district a little farther west, where oil is abundant.

The body of Mrs. Lucy Goddard, 34, was found in a burning house at Grand Island. Investigation showed bullet holes in the walls of the rooms and a mark in the plastering made by a thrown dish, the latter found on the floor. Two men are now held by the police as witnesses, pending further investigation.

It is reported that the northwestern Nebraska potato crop will be a bumper, even larger than last year, caused by the abundant rains in August. Winter wheat was excellent but spring wheat light and of a poor quality. There is an abundance of feed for stock the coming winter.

It is expected that the highway from Grand Island to Rosebud, S. D., 236 miles, will be tagged by R. A. Woodall, of the Auto Blue Book Publishing company, of Chicago, beginning at the Rosebud, S. D., end.

While repairing the main drive belt of a threshing machine on the Koberstine farm north of Hastings, Robert Simpson was caught and seriously injured when his arm was carried around the pulley.

Mrs. Julia Wheaton, 76, died at the Omaha County hospital of "self-starvation." She had refused to eat since placed in the hospital, Sept. 1. Efforts to force food upon her were unsuccessful.

C. D. Traphagen of the Journal at Lincoln was elected president of the United Typothetae and Franklin Clubs of America at their annual session in Atlantic City, N. J.

Fred Schmadrer, son of a prominent farmer near Louisville, was drowned in a sandpit north of Louisville while in bathing. Water in the pit is 60 feet deep in places.

A number of Gage county farmers have imported several carloads of Holstein cattle from Ohio for dairy purposes.

Elmer Moore, 17, was burned to death in a fire believed to have been of incendiary origin, which consumed the Latta home at Tekamah.

At the opening of the Fremont Kennel club show there were 381 dogs entered for competition.

Almost ten thousand more people attended the Nebraska state fair this year than ever before.

A stock company has been organized by the business men of Gering for the construction of a \$40,000 thirty-eight room hotel. The entire amount was subscribed in one day. It is planned to have the building completed by January 1.

Word has just been received that Rev. J. P. Trites, former pastor of the First Methodist church of Hastings, will return soon from Sutherland, Ore., and enter the Methodist evangelistic field with headquarters in Hastings.

At Nebraska City school bonds to the amount of \$30,000 for the erection of a new Fourteenth street district building and \$5,000 for repair of the Sixth street building, passed by a vote of 5 to 1 at a special election.

The Nebraska state fair was almost an auto show. Cars were everywhere, and the report of Secretary of State Pool that there is one automobile in Nebraska to every twelve people is about correct.

The B. & M. railroad has lowered its rates on carload shipments of sand in the Hastings district.

At the last meeting of the directors of the Alliance Commercial club, action was taken to complete a direct road paralleling the Burlington eastward to Hoffland, Antloch and Lake-side. This new road will materially shorten the distance between these points and will put Alliance in more direct touch with the potash mines located at those places. A large fund is being raised to complete this road. It is anticipated that work will commence immediately and that the road will be in good shape before winter.

Kendrick Brothers of Marsland are making some preparatory arrangements for putting in another big potato storage cave here. Albert Miller & Co. of Chicago, whose agents have bought potatoes here for the past three or four seasons, are having the big cave put in. It will be near the old depot, and we understand will be larger than any of those which are already here.

Emigration Agent Howard, of the Burlington road, believes there is bound to be a big advance in Nebraska land prices soon. He bases his opinion on the great crops this state has enjoyed in the past few years, and the prospects this year. His predictions are that land selling at \$40 to \$50 per acre will bring \$100 to \$125, and farms now held at the latter price will be worth \$150.

The court room at the Federal building has been selected as the place in which to hold the farm loan board's hearing in Omaha, September 22. At that time arguments in favor of locating one of the federal land banks in Omaha will be presented by representatives of local banking interests and civic organizations. The hearing at Lincoln will be held September 21.

The last lap of paving contracted to be done this year in Kearney has been tied up by an injunction. A restraining order was issued in the court prohibiting the council and mayor from paving the five blocks on East Lincoln Way, contract for which was let to C. D. Tyner company. The city treasurer was also enjoined from making any payment on this work.

States taxes in Butler county for this year are \$167.15 less than last year, on account of reduction of seven tenths of a mill in the levy made by the democratic state officials who constitute the state board of assessment. The amount of state taxes for Butler county this year is \$53,640.16. Last year the amount was \$55,315.31. The reduction for the entire state is \$220,202.

Though four new garage buildings have been completed at Hastings within the past year, bringing the total to a dozen, work will start on two more for E. A. Bandes and Sherman brothers. The auto business has grown by leaps and bounds until Hastings police are finding traffic conditions growing alarming. Widening of business streets, practically an impossibility, is the only solution offered.

An election has been called for October 19 to vote on the issuance of \$50,000 bonds for money to be used in paving the streets, crossings and alleys in Fairbury. The first district created calls for paving fifteen blocks. The proposition stipulates that these bonds shall be issued as needed, but in aggregate shall not exceed the amount voted.

The new high school building at Schuyler, erected at a cost of \$45,000, has been turned over to the board of education and will be dedicated within a few days. The structure is modern throughout with equipment for teaching domestic science and manual training. The building is two stories high with a gymnasium in the basement.

Fremont merchants must not use the sidewalks for the display of their wares hereafter, nor can an automobile be operated in that city without a dimmer on the lights at night. These instructions were made by the passing of two new ordinances at a recent meeting.

In a communication filed with Secretary of State Pool, Laurie J. Quinby of Omaha announces his withdrawal as populist candidate for congress in the Second district. Mr. Quinby comes out strong for President Wilson, but says he wants to aid in the prohibition fight.

While riding at a swift clip on his motorcycle with a companion, Charles Jensen of Omaha ran into the side of a street car. The handlebar of the machine was driven into Jensen's stomach and tore out his intestines. The other fellow was not badly hurt.

Omaha has been assured of the 1919 meeting of the National Bohemian Catholic Turners' convention. Competition was keen between Baltimore and Omaha, but the latter was chosen by a small margin. 3,000 delegates are expected.

J. S. Jackman, a Fremont photographer, two years ago bought a pound can of metal, a chemical used in picture making, at \$5.00. It has never been opened and now, being very scarce and hard to obtain, is valued at more than \$100 and going up.

Farmers' Co-operative stores are becoming popular throughout Nebraska. West Point and Herman are the latest to be added to the list. The one at West Point is on the Mauritz farm, near town, and is well stocked.

The canning factory at Beatrice has already packed 10,000 cases of sweet corn, and is now putting up several thousand cases of tomatoes and apples.

Beatrice has called a special election for October 17, to vote \$25,000 bonds to enlarge the municipal light plant.

VILLA BAND BEATEN

ATTACK ON CHIHUAHUA ENDS IN DISASTER FOR BANDITS.

WOULD CLASSIFY NEUTRALS

London Chamber of Commerce Has Plan to Raise Cash by Protective Tariff—To Abrogate Treaties.

Chihuahua City, Mex.—Villa's own troops executed a surprise attack on Chihuahua last Sunday morning, which although successfully initiated, ended in a complete victory for the de facto government forces under General Jacinto Trevino. Villa is said to have lost, all told, nearly 600 men in killed and captured.

At 3:30 o'clock during a heavy rain, and while the people were hard asleep after the festivities of two nights in honor of the Mexican independence day, the Villa forces entered the town in two columns. One made straight for the penitentiary, where Jose Ynes Salazar, the amnestied rebel on trial for plotting against the government, and political prisoners were released. The other rushed for the government buildings and the federal palace, driving out the small Carranza guard. General Trevino rushed his troops to vantage points and covered the government buildings with rifles and machine guns. He then took personal command of the artillery at Santa Rosa, and by a few well-directed shots made the buildings untenable. The bandits, caught under the double fire, fled out of the city to the northwest, leaving several hundred dead behind. The fleeing Villa followers at Nombde De Dios ran into the forces of General Matias Ramos, which General Trevino had placed there to cut off the retreat. Ramos continued the pursuit, with heavy loss to the bandits. Although in command of the attack, Villa did not enter the city with his troops.

The streets around the government buildings were strewn with dead men and horses. A large number of former adherents of Villa and Orozco are among the dead.

Would Abrogate Treaties.

Washington.—Division of the world into economic strata separated by tariff walls and classified as allies of the British empire, friendly neutrals, unfriendly neutrals and enemy neutrals is urged by the London Chamber of Commerce. To clear the ground for this world reconstruction the chamber concludes in a special report, a copy of which has just been received here, that abrogation of all "most favored nations" treaties, including that with the United States, is inevitable. Free trade would be abandoned and a series of graded tariffs proposed in line with the present war groupings of the nations. All imports would be divided as follows: Wholly manufactured goods; semi-manufactured goods and articles solely used as raw material in industries; manufactured foodstuffs, and raw foodstuffs. All parts of the British empire and its allies would pay minimum duties; friendly neutrals which allow the United Kingdom more favored treatment would pay twice as much; other neutrals, giving preferences to other powers and including neutrals which might be swung into the Teutonic commercial system, would pay a still greater tax; and all "enemy" neutrals would pay the maximum duties, running up as high as 30 per cent. Roughly it is estimated in the report that this change from free trade to protection would net a yearly revenue of about \$375,000,000.

Blackmail Band Arrested.

Chicago.—Eight members of an alleged blackmail gang, charged with using the beauty of their women members and the fascinating powers of their male members to lull women out of more than \$250,000, are in custody of federal authorities here. The band includes five men and three women. The women, according to the authorities, are young and beautiful. They are accused of fleeing men and women of social prominence in Chicago, Baltimore, New York and Philadelphia through organized efforts. Their scheme, according to Hinton G. Clabaugh, of the Department of Justice, was to compromise their victims and then blackmail them. Impersonation of Department of Justice officials is another charge against the men. They are said to have used the charms of their women confederates to win attention from rich men, and then to have threatened their victims with prosecution under the Mann act.

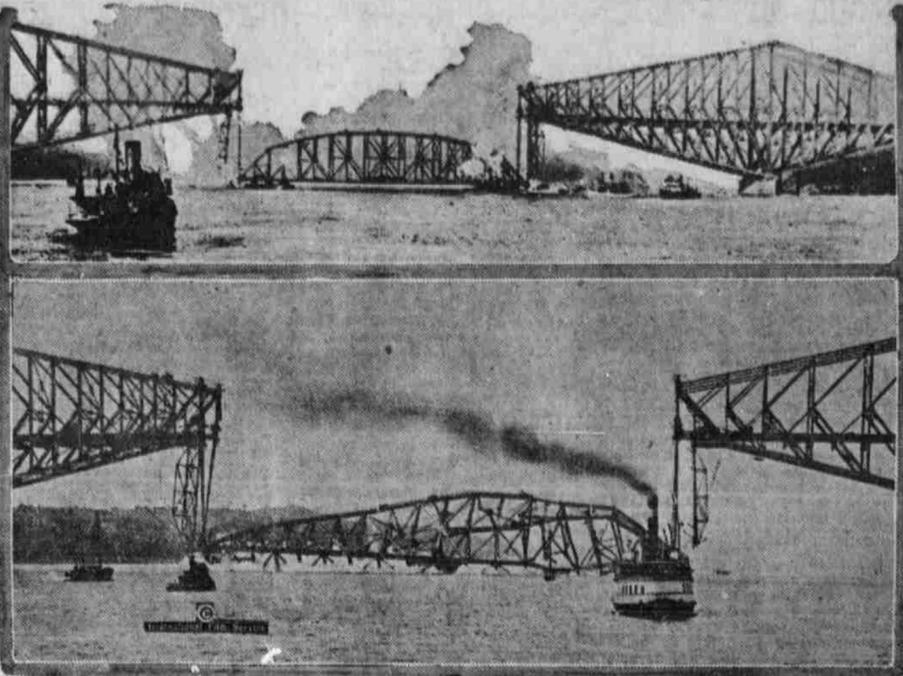
Early Settlement Unlikely.

New London, Conn.—Both American and Mexican members of the joint commission studying international questions growing out of Mexico's revolution, expect no early agreement upon a program for the maintenance of order along the border.

Want Loan Bank in Cheyenne.

Cheyenne, Wyo.—One hundred representatives of Wyoming communities met the federal farm loan board and urged the establishment of one of the banks in this city.

COLLAPSE OF GREAT SPAN OF BRIDGE AT QUEBEC



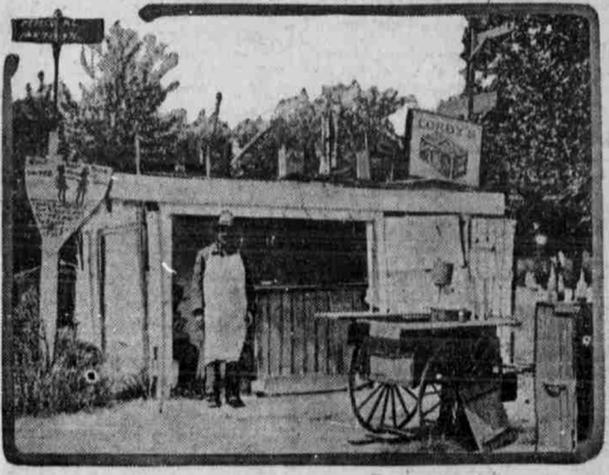
Above, the new bridge across the St. Lawrence at Quebec, showing the immense central span in position for raising. Below, the scene at the moment of collapse, showing the mass of steel plunging into the river. A number of lives were lost, and the financial loss was very large.

AFTER FATAL RIOTS IN HANKOW, CHINA



Fatal riots occurred recently in Hankow, and were suppressed by the foreign residents, aided by United States bluejackets and marines. The photograph shows Chinese searching in the ruins of their homes for valuables that might have been overlooked by the looters.

CAPITAL LANDMARK HAS NARROW ESCAPE **RALPH ALBERT BLAKELOCK**



One of Washington's historic spots was endangered a few days ago when a building inspector discovered that Keth Sutherland, an old plantation dandy, was conducting a restaurant with only a push-cart license. This inspector reported to headquarters and a health department inspector became interested. The latter reported to headquarters that the restaurant was insanitary, and trouble began. Sutherland had built the shack piecemeal over a period of more than ten years, and his stand had become popular with railroad hands and many other laborers who enjoyed not only the food, but the quaint sayings on the wall and signboards as well. Sutherland interested a great many influential friends in the effort to save his shack, the fight having extended to the district commissioners.



Ralph Albert Blakelock, the famous landscape artist, who for 17 years has been confined in an insane asylum. Many prominent people believe that Blakelock is now entirely sane. Through the persistent efforts of Mrs. Van Rensselaer Adams and others he has been granted a six months' furlow of freedom in which to prove his sanity. Blakelock says that he will paint his way back to freedom, despite his seventy years.

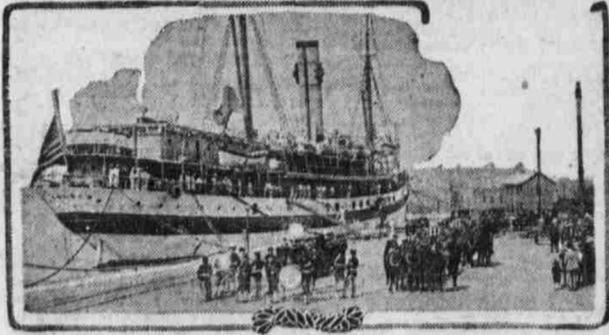
Phew! A Close Shave.

The brother of a former prosecuting attorney of Marion county recently visited the state prison at Michigan City. After arriving at the penitentiary, he asked the warden where he should go to get shaved, and he was invited into the prison barber shop.

He stepped into one of the chairs and while the barber inmate was drawing a keen-edged razor across his throat the barber whispered to him: "Don't you know me? Y. A. brother sent me up here."

After he had stepped out of the chair, nicely shaved, the visitor felt much more comfortable.—Indianapolis News.

FUNERAL OF VICTIMS OF MEMPHIS WRECK



This photograph shows the beginning of the military funeral accorded the victims of the wreck of the United States cruiser Memphis in Santo Domingo bay. The procession started from the Solace, naval hospital ship, which docked in Washington at the nearest point to Arlington cemetery. The band from the Dolphin, the vessel used by the secretary of the navy, and five of the nine coffins with their cannon caissons are shown. Four of the bodies were claimed by relatives.