

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

October 11-12—State Meeting Grand Lodge Degree of Honor at Lincoln.
 October 11-23—Coursing Meet at Grand Island.
 October 17-20—L. O. O. F. State Convention at Lincoln.
 October 20—Annual Meeting Luther Synod of Nebraska at Omaha.
 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.

T. O. C. Harrison, former chief justice of the Nebraska supreme court, was fined \$10 and costs at Grand Island in the county court for the alleged shooting of two Chinese pheasants. The offense was really committed by Mr. Harrison's two grandsons, who were with him at the time.

Assessed valuations of Lincoln property have been increased \$748,097 over last year's figures according to a summary compiled by Tax Commissioner C. R. Mawe. The summary includes real estate, personal property, insurance companies, street car lines, public utilities, banks, investment concerns and railroads. The total for 1916 is \$11,355,329 as against \$10,637,223 for last year.

Tom Pickrell, chief of police of Kearney, died from the effects of drinking carbolic acid. He had donned his coat and hat preparatory to leave his office but before doing so unlocked a cupboard and took a drink from a flask. It is supposed he picked up the wrong bottle and drank the acid by mistake. Death was almost instantaneous.

The Elk Valley school house in Dakota county was entirely destroyed by fire when small boys, attempting to capture a swarm of bees in the bellry set fire to the roof. The building was insured for \$1,000 and the contents, which were entirely destroyed, were insured for \$250. Emory Austin of Ponca is the teacher.

E. J. Kessler, who resides near Beatrice, believes that apples can be made to pay well if properly cared for. He has a ten-acre orchard at his place and sprays his fruit four times a year. Last season he sold \$3,150 worth of fruit, and the crop this year promises to be about as large as on the preceding year.

The Rotary club of Omaha has engaged the service of an experienced boy scout organizer to conduct a months campaign in the city. It is the ambition of the Rotarians to see a boy scout troop in every neighborhood in Omaha. The expense of the movement is to be paid for by the club.

Yeggmen entered the postoffice at Milford last Thursday morning, blew the safe and made away with \$139 in stamps, \$119 in currency and a large amount of postal savings bank credits. Entrance to the building was gained by breaking a glass in the rear door. Nitroglycerine was used to blow the safe.

The postal carrier census of Lincoln shows that a population of 69,000 is served from the Lincoln office. The figures were obtained for administrative purposes by the U. S. postoffice department to determine how many carriers are needed at the Lincoln office.

Without a dissenting vote, the Omaha city commission passed the 6-cent electric light ordinance, giving Omaha consumers electric current at the rate of 6 cents per kilowatt hour, instead of 8 cents, on a basis of 150 hours instead of 125 hours, effective January 1.

The Gage County Crop Improvement association has unanimously decided to continue another year and the county board will be petitioned to levy a tax to support a farm demonstrator. Gage county, after four years of trial, pronounces it a very profitable enterprise.

Beatrice city commissioners instructed the city engineer to submit an estimate of the cost of paving East Grant street district. It is proposed to get the paving to the city limits and then ask the state to pave to the feeble minded institute.

Many farmers of this state and others interested in the location of the Federal Land banks gathered in Omaha last week to urge Nebraska's and Omaha's claims for a land bank and Omaha's claims for a land bank will be of great force in the developing of Nebraska was presented.

The Beatrice incinerator, the first plant to be installed in the state, has been completed and is in operation. The city has also purchased a sanitary garbage wagon to gather it up for burning.

Gus Sauler, a farmer, living five miles north of Tilden, died while trying to take honey from bee hives. He sought to stupefy the bees with sulphur fumes by burning sulphur on a rag. He inhaled the sulphur fumes and died almost instantly.

Bonds for the purpose of constructing a city sewer system at Oxford carried at a special election by a vote of 122 to 12.

The safe of the Avoca postoffice was blown by yeggmen a few days ago and \$15 in cash and \$35 in stamps were taken.

Twelve thousand cans of pork and beans and 5,000 cans of tomato pulp were ordered confiscated in federal court at Norfolk as unfit for consumption under the pure food act. The canned goods were the product of a Norfolk canning company. The tomato pulp, it seems, had been made from over-ripe tomatoes, while the pork and beans was reported by government inspectors as being adulterated. Twenty-three sacks of beans belonging to a store at Norfolk were also ordered confiscated as being wormy.

A post-season series between the Omaha baseball club, champions of the Western league, and the Louisville club, winners of the American association pennant, has been closed. Seven games will be played between the two teams, the dates being October 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8. On October 7 and 8, Saturday and Sunday, double-headers will be played, thus making the series seven games. All the games will be played in Omaha.

Not only did the Nebraska State Fair break all records for attendance—193,174—but it took in more money than ever before. The net profit will not be known until all the bills are in, but it will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The receipts at the gates were \$58,000; from concessions, \$17,000; grand stand and bleachers, \$15,600; miscellaneous, \$3,220; speed entries, \$1,800; state appropriation, \$2,000. Total, \$101,679.58.

Classes are now being held in North Platte's new parochial school building, just completed, the first enrollment consisting of 120 pupils. The structure is one of the largest and best equipped institutions in western Nebraska. Nine Ursuline sisters from the Ursuline seminary of Louisville, Ky., are in charge of the school.

During a severe electrical storm at Randolph lightning struck the Methodist church, causing its complete destruction by fire. The church was built at a cost of \$17,000 and was insured for \$12,500. The library of the pastor, valued at \$2,000, was a total loss. Other property damaged during the storm entailed a loss of \$3,000.

Prices on laundry work in Omaha have increased ten per cent in the last ten days. Increased cost of material is the reason given for the raise. Similar action has been taken by many other cities over the country. The plan is to add 10 per cent to the total of each bill under the present rate of charge.

Gothenburg will hold its third Colt Show and Harvest Festival on October 12 and 13. Fifteen hundred dollars has been donated by business men for prizes and a big barbecue is to be held on the 13th. The festival last year was attended by 10,000 people and a larger crowd is looked for this year.

Brigadier General John J. Pershing, well known to Nebraskans because of his services at the state university long before he attained prominence in Mexican border affairs, has been promoted to be a major general, filling the vacancy in that grade caused by the death of Major General A. L. Mills.

Nebraska stands third in the states of the union in crop production this year, according to statistics prepared by the department of agriculture and printed in the department's monthly crop report which is just out.

The hitching post problem was the principal discussion at a "get-together" meeting of Platte county farmers and business men at Columbus. All hitching posts in Columbus have been removed on account of paving. A committee was named to recommend a substitute.

One hundred converts resulted from the evangelistic meetings at Nickerson. Evangelist Charles Gray of Winona Lake, Ind., had charge of the meetings.

A fifty thousand dollar sewer bond issue passed upon by the citizens of Kearney at a special election was defeated by a vote of two to one against the proposition.

Over one hundred candidates will be initiated at Beatrice on October 12 at a county class adoption to be conducted by the local M. W. A. lodge. The head officers of the organization will be present and each camp in the county is expected to bring candidates.

Matches having been placed in grain before threshing caused the destruction by fire of a large amount of straw on the farm of M. J. Murphy near Friend. Four distinct fires were started by these matches during the threshing.

Nebraska troops on the Mexican border expect orders for their return home about October 10, according to word reaching Hastings. Because they did not put up precautionary nets, several Nebraska soldiers are in the hospital from disease following mosquito bites.

The Rev. J. S. Budlong, of Oshkosh, Wis., who has been rising rapidly in fame in middle western church circles the last few years, has become dean of the Episcopal cathedral at Hastings.

An association composed of some of Lincoln's heaviest taxpayers is preparing to launch a movement to vote \$1,000,000 paving bonds for the Lancaster county roads at the coming election.

Fremont barbers have raised the price of hair cuts from 25 to 35 cents. Barbers in a great many towns over the state are contemplating the same action.

One Hastings bank, the First National, shows deposits of \$2,000,000, being the largest of any bank in Nebraska outside of Omaha and Lincoln.

HITS CROWDED CAR

FOURTEEN KILLED IN CROSSING DISASTER AT DETROIT.

TWENTY-FIVE PERSONS HURT

Train Going Twenty Miles An Hour Smashes Into Trolley Car Containing Ninety Passengers.

Detroit, Mich.—Fourteen persons were killed and more than twenty-five injured, several probably fatally, when a switch engine pushing two freight cars crashed into a crowded street car at Forest avenue and Dequinder street, this city, last Sunday evening. There were more than ninety persons in the street car, many of them returning from the theaters.

The street car was struck almost in the center, the impact pushing it from the tracks and sliding it alongside the freight cars.

Panic-stricken passengers began jumping from doors and climbing through windows. Most of the dead were killed by jumping from the car and falling under the wheels of the still moving freight cars.

This is the third accident of a similar nature here in the last year and the second to occur at the Forest Avenue crossing.

The railroad tracks at Dequinder street are used by the Grand Trunk and Detroit Terminal Railroad company.

Those who were killed outright at the crossing were so badly mangled that identification there was impossible.

According to a member of the switching crew, the train was moving about twenty miles an hour when it struck the street car.

The gateman of the Dequinder street crossing disappeared immediately after the accident. None of the gates were damaged, indicating, it is claimed, that they were not down at the time of the crash.

There is a derailing device on the street car tracks at Dequinder street and the train crew claim there was nothing to prevent the conductor of the car from seeing the approaching train had he operated the derailer.

Senator Clark Dies at His Home.

Little Rock, Ark.—United States Senator James P. Clarke, president pro tempore of the United States senate, died at his home here after suffering a stroke of apoplexy. Senator Clark was 62 years old and a native of Mississippi.

His revolt against the eight-hour bill was a typical manifestation of a stern independence which characterized his attitude throughout the thirteen years of his senatorial career. He was many times the leader in opposition to measures proposed by his party. The climax to his independence was reached when he led the democratic revolt against the ship purchase bill, which gave new life to the republican filibuster against the measure and made its passage impossible.

Villa planning to Take Towns.

San Antonio, Texas.—Francisco Villa, with 600 men, was in the Santa Clara canyon district September 22, according to the most reliable information planning to capture the towns of Namiquipa, Cruces and Bachieva.

This is the substance of a message received at Southern department headquarters from General Pershing. Gen. Pershing says rumors regarding the bandit chief's whereabouts are afloat, but this seems the most creditable.

Reports have reached him, he says, that emissaries of Villa have been working throughout the district paralleling the American lines. Cruces is only about thirty miles south of El Valle, where American troops are stationed.

New Scheme to Thwart Teutons.

London.—"In their latest raid on Bucharest," says the Times, Bucharest correspondent, "the German aeroplanes dropped proclamations declaring that the city will be laid in ruins soon unless Roumania hastens to make a separate peace." In view of the probable continuance of the raids the government authorities are reported as planning to bring numbers of foreigners who are now detained in concentration camps in the country to Bucharest, where they will be lodged in places most exposed to attacks.

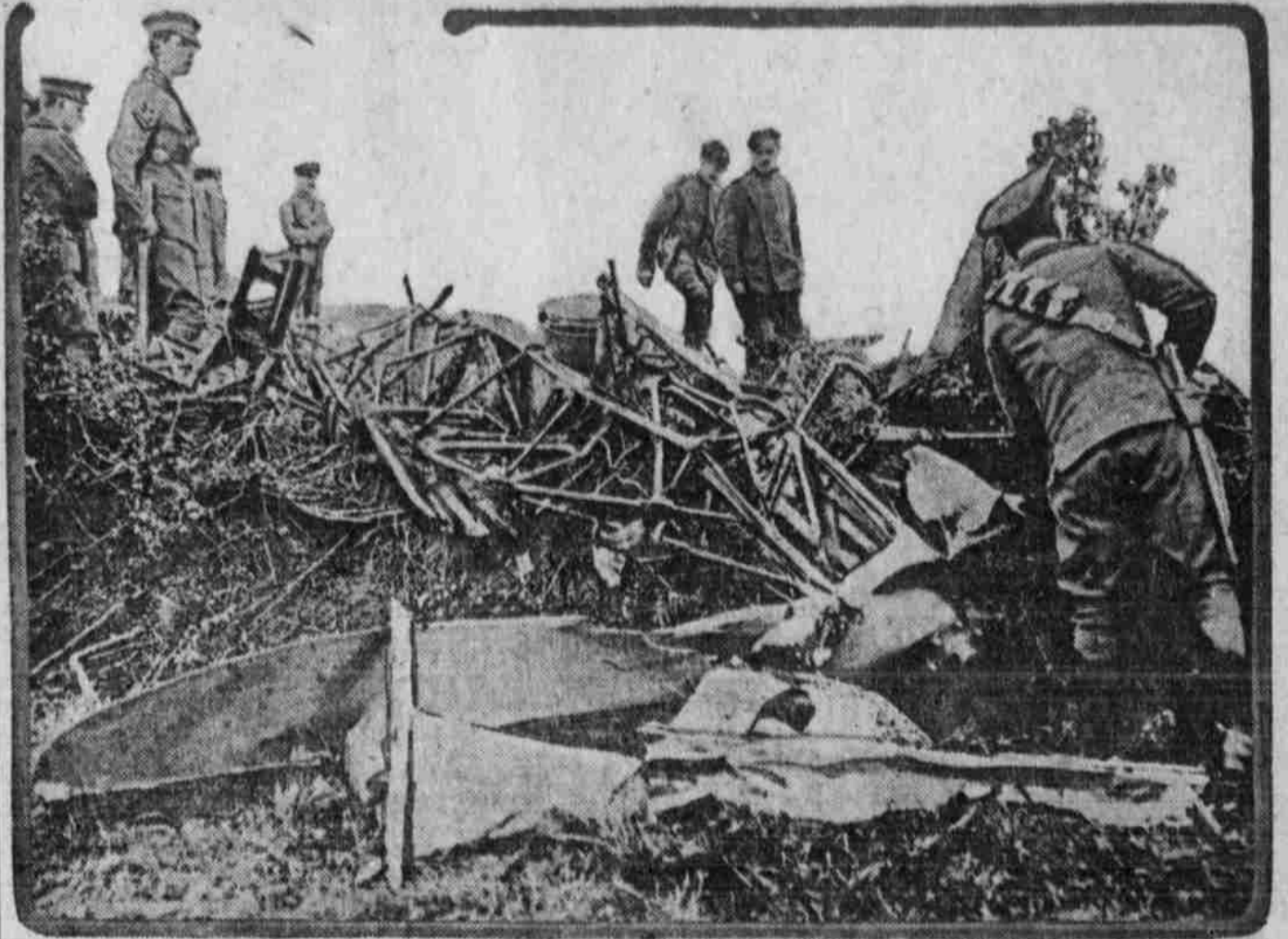
Wife and Three Children Burn.

Parkside, Sask.—Mrs. John Odegard and three of her children were burned to death and her husband and three other children were seriously and perhaps fatally burned when fire of unknown origin destroyed the Odegard country home near Parkside.

Confiscated Liquor Destroyed.

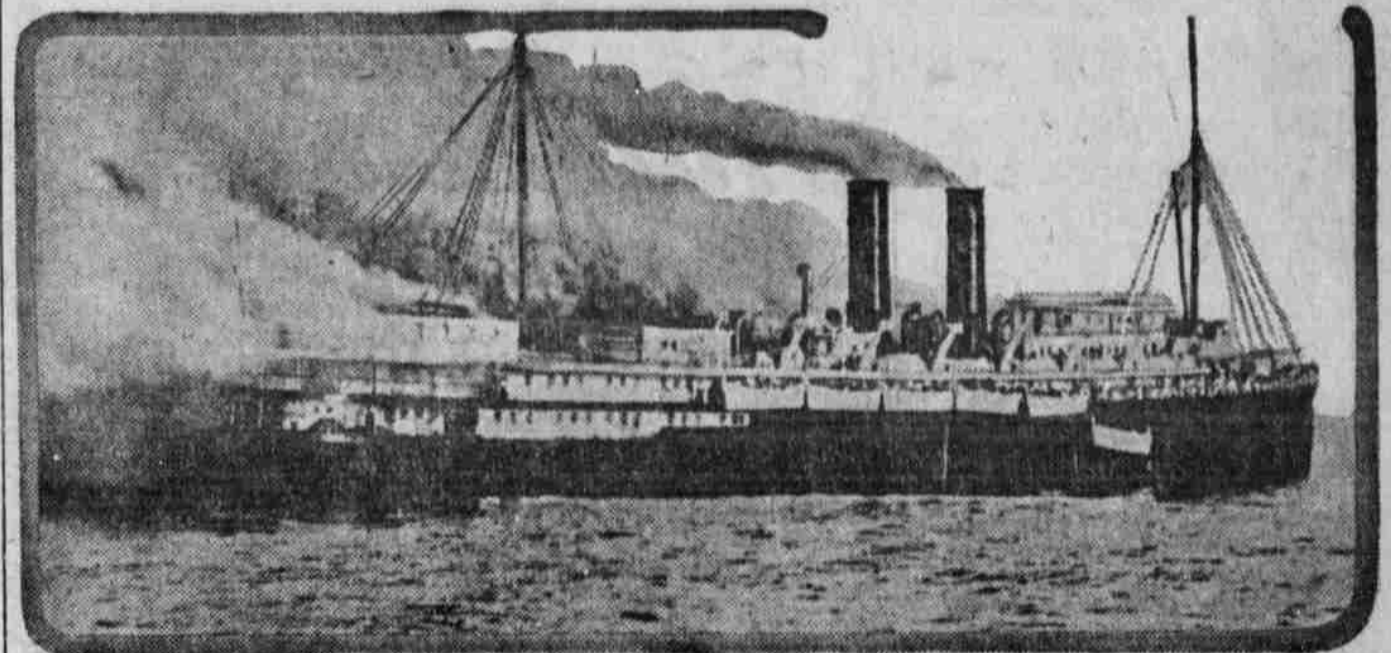
Des Moines, Ia.—Their clothes nearly soaked with beer and whisky, several W. C. T. U. women happily destroyed more than 2,000 quarts of beer and 200 pints of whisky here.

WRECK OF A ZEPPELIN SHOT DOWN NEAR LONDON



The wreckage of the Zeppelin brought down by Lieut. Leete Robinson near Cuffie, England. The encounter between the great Zeppelin and the aeroplane took place about 12 miles from London. Lieutenant Robinson in his aircraft boldly assailed the invader with machine gun and fire bombs and sent it crashing to the earth. The crew of the airship were buried with full military honors. Lieutenant Robinson received the Victoria Cross for his daring exploit.

STEAMER CONGRESS ON FIRE OFF OREGON COAST



First photograph received showing the steamer Congress of the Pacific Coast Steamship company on fire off Coos bay, Oregon. The vessel was crowded with passengers, but all of them and the crew were rescued. The steamship was a total loss.

AFTER TWO YEARS ON PAPAL THRONE

CHARLES D. MAHAFFIE



This photograph of Benedict XV was taken September 3 on the second anniversary of his elevation to the papal throne.



Charles D. Mahaffie of Portland, Ore., has arrived in Washington and has been sworn in as solicitor of the interior department. He is known throughout his native state as a prominent attorney and a good mixer.

SUPPORTS FAMILY WITH ODD EQUIPAGE



The high cost of living does not pinch John W. Bell of Washington, owner of a fine pair of goats and a six-wheel wagon and trailer, which has a capacity of from 500 to 600 pounds. He hauls everything, from trash to family furniture, and on Sunday sells Sunday newspapers from his wagon. He has a wife and three children, and the goats support them all, the animals subsisting for the most part on rubbish nibbled here and there on their trips.

CONDENSATIONS

London's inhabitants include 471,000 flat dwellers.

A diver's boots weigh 20 pounds each and the helmet 40. In addition, he is otherwise weighted.

Penis are steadily increasing in value; they are now worth three times as much as they were ten years ago.

The whole number of women employed in munition making in France, according to the secretary of munitions, is 109,300. Of these 26,203 are in state factories.

The fossil coral of the Fiji Islands is said to be the best building stone in the world. When first cut it is almost as soft as cheese, but it solidifies in the air until it is as hard as granite.