NEW STATE BUILDING

RICHMOND MEASURE PASSES HOUSE 67 TO 28

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

Triumphant over an important op- out on the floor. position that died in the last ditch, H. R. No. 1, the Richmond bill pro- bill, however, the dry wing of the viding for a special tax levy and tinue the discussion as a special \$700,000 appropriation to construct a order of business during the present new east wing of the Nebraska state week. The drys declared they did capitol passed the lower branch of not care to consider the amendments the legislature by a majority of more first having had a chance to study than two to one. It received sixtyseven votes-enough to have put it through with the emergency clause had it carried that proviso. The negative strength on the final showdown was but twenty-eight.

Just ahead of the capitol bill, the federal aid road bill was voted upon and passed by the still more decisive division of 72 to 18.

A third appropriation bill, providing a fund of \$20,000 to pay the expenses of civil war veterans from Nebraska attending the Vicksburg battlefield celebration next summer, went through by 85 to 1.

Senate is Hardest Worker.

While the senate has plugged along in a leisurely way, it has really accomplished more toward the making of laws than has the house, according to statistics compiled by Senate Bookkeeper Gus Beschorner, Working only forty-eight legislative days, the senate has introduced 331 bills, passed 112 of them to the house, killed forty-one or 12 per cent of only passed two senate files, or twothirds of one per cent on to the governor to sign. The house, finishing its fifty-fifth legislative day, had only sent the senate 176 house rolls, of which the senate has passed twenty-one, or 12 percent; killed five, or 3 per cent; has put on general file sixty-six or 38 per cent; and his placed on third reading twenty-nine. or 16 per cent. The senate has passed 28 per cent of its bills, while the house has been toiling over 22 per cent of its own.

Another Anti-Cigaret Bill

been placed on the general file in the house and will be submitted to the 213,600 gallons of gasoline to run Neprohibits the smoking of cigarets in hotel dining rooms, restaurants or boarding houses. It was recommended the gasoline cost \$8,042,720. for passage by the committee which bill, passed by the house some time ago, prohibits such smoking in practically all public places. The Ollis bill, making it a misdemeanor for a county attorney to refuse to enforce the anticigaret law, is still awaiting action, as is another one allowing adults to smoke the weed but making drastic provisions against the practice among

Will Adjourn About April 10 It is now hoped to adjourn this legislature some time between April 6 and April 10. Two years ago final adjournment was taken April 8, and 21 last; one by C. W. Harvey, receiver two years before that the date was April 16. In order to allow the members to get away by April 10 the sifting committee plans to rush its business as much as possible. Some of the bills it will report out promise to undergo a lengthy discussion in the house, and for that reason it will be necessary to speed up on all of them. It is the plan of fund. the house leaders to put a motion. within a week or ten days, to kill To Validate Saline Land Sales all the house rolls that have not

Consider Land Good Investment

by that time.

been acted upon by the committee

Nebraska farm land at the price of \$200 per acre, for a state insti- covered to be defective. The govertution housing several hundred inmates, is considered by the lower matter and found that the defect branch of the legislature a good in was only technical in nature—the vestment. By 51 votes to 16, the house recorded itself in favor of bill title as broad as the act which purchasing 157 acres for the Nor it carried—and he accordingly sent folk insane hospital, additional to a message to the house urging the the 400 acres it now has, and pay passage of the corrective bill at the \$31,400 therefor

For Federal Ownership.

The lower house has gone on record in favor of a government ownership of railroads. By a neat majority it overturned the action of legislature proposes to appropriate its railroad committee in killing the Beal resolution and allowed that resolution to go before the sifting committee for further consideration.

In the form of a memorial to congress the resolution, S. F. 167, was passed by the senate some time ago give a fixed sum out of the fees for but was recommended for indefinite postponement by the railroads committee.

Taking Precautions Against Fire

That the state capital may be prepared for any unforseen fire, Governor Neville has ordered all the fire apparatus in the building thoroughly cleaned and tested. The governor observed the bobbins of hose attached to water mains about the corridors immersed in accumulations of dust an Further investigation showed him that these hose lines and chemical extinguishers had not been taken down and tried out for several

DEBATE GOES OVER

Proposed Changes in Prohibition Amendment Delayed a Few Days. The first volley of the opposition to the present drafted prohibition bill, H. R. 793, was filed in the Nebraska senate when a batch of a hundred senate amendments were

submitted by Robertson of Holf-The prohibitory bill had been reported out on the sifting file and made a special order of business for Thursday. The gallery and the senate floor was packed with spectators Western Newspaper Union News Service, expecting to see the Issues threshed

> Instead of a consideration of the senate took immediate steps to conand digest them.

Following are some of the changes called for:

Allow unlimited amount of liquor on hand.

Allows ethyl alcohol to be manufactured.

Allows anyone to make wine or ider for home use. Gives saloons thirty days after

May 1 to dispose of stock. Gives distilleries time necessary to dispose of bonded goods.

Raises restriction against advertising liquor. Does not make it unlawful to have

iquor in one's possession. Frees property owners for prosecution when place is used for illegal

sale of liquor. Removes clause allowing suits for liquor damages against cities and

Some Nebraska Auto Figures

More than \$13,000,000 a year is spent in Nebraska just to run the automobiles owned in this state, while more its own measures, and the house has than \$70,000,000 is invested in the machines on which this money is spent. A member of the office force of the secretary of state makes thre estimates. While there is no way to prove them, they are believed to be extremely conservative. Here are the results of his figuring:

There were 100,534 registered in 1916. At an average value of \$700 the total value is \$70,373,800.

An average upkeep cost of \$50 a ar would amount to \$5,026,700 for all of them.

If each car is run an average of 1,000 miles a year the total mileage of all the cars would be 402,126,000. As-Still another anti-cigaret bill has suming that ten miles is the average for a gallon of gasoline, it took 40,sifting committee. H. R. 413, by Neff. braska's cars last year. This would be 5,360 carloads.

At an average of 20 cents a gallon

A parade of all the cars, owned in had it under consideration. The Fults Nebraska, would string out for 312

Goes Back to State Fund.

Governor Neville has sent a special message to the legislature in response to the Swanson resolution inquiring why no refund had been paid into the state guarantee fund from the assets of the First State Savings bank of Superior. The money was taken out about three years ago and as yet nothing has been returned.

The governor includes a report by the late Edward Royse, secretary of the banking board, dated September of the bank, December 31 last, and E. E. Emmett, state bank examiner. February 7, 1917, . The executive announces that it is expected about 78 per cent will be returned to the state fund. The bank took out \$54.800 to pay its depositors. On the estimate given by the governor, something like \$42,000 will be returned into the state

The lower house has sent out of the standing committee Governor Neville's bill, house roll No. 800, validating the Saline land sales made in Lancaster county years ago, and the titles to which were recently disnor made an investigation of the 'ailure of the legislature to make a

Appropriations for Specific Purposes

present session.

State Auditor Smith has notified various boards interested that the fees to rthe use of the boards collecting them, but that it proposes also to designate the purpose for which fees shall be expended, and how much for each purpose. The legislature will salaries, so much for traveling expenses and a fixed amount for "miscellaneous expenses."

Preparedness for National Guard Adjutant General Phil Hall of the

National guard has received orders from the war department which indicated a desire on the part of the department to be alert for any possible grave developments in the interna-

tional situation. of the state on forty-eight hours' a statement from the French admiralnotice," declared General Hall. "We ty received here on Friday, 286 men could increase that number if we were | were drowned. given a week or ten days," he added.

TORNADO KILLS FIFTY

TERRIFIC CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER NEW ALBANY, IND .-OHE HUNDRED HURT.

25 BODIES ARE RECOVERED

Farming District South of Carlisle Also Hit by Storm and Two Persons Die-Property Loss at Both Towns Estimated at \$2,000,000.

New Albany, Ind. March 26,---Between twenty-five and fifty persons were killed and probably 100 or more were injured by a storm which on Fridny swept over New Albany, demolishing scores of residences and several industrial plants. A school building was wrecked. The property damage is estimated at \$2,000,000.

Twenty-five bodies are known to have been recovered, and it is expected this number will be materially increased when all the debris of wrecked buildings have been cleared

The lighting system for the residence section of the city was put out of_commission by the storm and the work of rescue is proceeding slowly and with difficulty.

In addition to the bodies taken to undertaking establishments, there were reports of others that were taken to private homes.

The known dead are: Baby -Deering, Charles McCaffrey, Clarence Moss, Edward Johns, Mrs. Charles Dafley, Mrs. William Huff, Miss Elsie Lopp, Miss May Lopp, Mrs. Bunch, Mr. - Peyton, Mrs. John Didelot, a daughter Cecelia, aged fourteen; a son, six, a baby, two; Rose Huff, ager five years; --- Zurschnide, a boy, fifteen; nine unidentified.

A call was made on the governor for state troops, and they arrived within a few hours. Plans were formed for furnishing relief to those whose homes had been destroyed. At a hurriedly called mass meeting at the city hall, a large fund was subscribed by citizens, and a relief committee appointed.

The work of convoying the injured to St. Edward's hospital, the only public institution of the sort in the city, was hampered by fallen wires and unrooted trees which blocked many swept streets. The hospital soon was filled, however, and it became necessary to place later arrivals in corri-

The hospitals of Louisville were prompt in placing their facilities at

the disposal of injured. Carlisle, Ind., March 26,-Two persons were killed, three seriously injured and a dozen less seriously hurt when a tornado devastated a thickly populated farming district south of Carlisle late Friday. The storm swept | the fleet. a district eight miles long and onekilled when his home was wrecked ably fatally hurt. Mrs. William Norris dled of her injuries. The property damage is estimated at \$200,000.

NO INDIANAPOLIS AUTO RACE

Threatening War Conditions Cause of Decision by Speedway Officials -To Aid the Government.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.-The scheduled for the Indianapolis motor fense of the nation. speedway on Memorial day was declared off on Friday by James A. Allison, secretary-treasurer of the company, because of the threatening war conditions. Mr. Allison announced that the big plant recently constructed here for the manufacture of racing cars would be turned over to the government for manufacturing airplane

67 "GUILTY" OF VOTE FRAUD

Indicted Indiana Men Arraigned Before Federal Judge Anderson at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, March 23.—Before the United States district court here adjourned on Wednesday 67 of 153 men accused of violation of the election laws of Indiana had entered pleas of guilty. Seventy-nine entered pleas of not guilty and four bonds were ordered forfeited by Judge A. B. Anderson when the defendants failed to appear. Three men never have been arrested. The majority who pleaded guilty were

FRENCH WARSHIP IS SUNK

Berlin Says Vessel Was Torpedoed by Submarine in the Mediterranean.

Berlin, March 22.-A large French battleship of the Danton class was sunk by a German submarine in the Mediterranean. It was officially announced on Tuesday.

Moewe Had 593 Captives. Berlin, March 26.-The Moewe brought 593 prisoners into port, according to announcement here on Friday. An official statement announced the arrival of the Moewe at her home

286 French Drowned.

London March 26.-In the sinking of the French battleship Danton in "We are ready to send 1,600 men out | the Mediterranean on March 19, says

UNFETTERED AND UNAFRAID



U. S. PLANTS READY PLOTTERS HELP TARS

MANY BIG PLANTS FOR USE OF TWO GERMANS DROWN IN DASH GOVERNMENT.

Volunteer Army of 3,000,000 is Planned | Teutons Who Escaped From Interned -Plans Are Now Fully Matured.

Washington, March 23 .- All the rein the fullest state of readiness for any eventuality.

For the present the responsibility rests with the navy, which is arming American merchant ships, placing rush orders for submarine chasers, spending \$115,000,000 by special authority of congress to hurry the naval con- the discovery of the plot. struction already under way, advancing the graduation of classes at Annapolis, protecting American harbors against invasion by German submarines and marshaling the industrial resources necessary to stand behind

Plans for the army are not so fully and a son, four years old, was prob- possibility of the army's, participation across a channel to the shore. in war when he addresses congress by discussing the need of universal military training.

The volunteer army of 500,000 is planned as a nucleus of what evenfuand would be assembled in camps.

The mobilization of industrial resources has gone much farther. Hundreds of great corporations, through the efforts of the council of national defense, have prepared themselves to annual 500-mile automobile race utilize their full efficiency in the de-

C. R. CRANE TO GO TO RUSSIA

Chicago Man, Wilson's Friend, Will Get Facts About New Rule-To Sail Next Week.

Washington, March 26,-Charles R. Crane of Chicago, a close personal friend of President Wilson, will sail next week, vin Norway, for Russia. Mr. Crane, it is asserted, is not going to Petrograd upon any presidential

mission. personal investigation of conditions in eign Minister Milyoukoy immediately Russia and to learn for himself the upon the receipt of instructions from stability of the government set up by the state department at Washington. the revolution. He will return to the In the afternoon, accompanied by his

United States in July. pected to urge is the negotiation of a ace, where the council of ministers new commercial treaty, under which was assembled, made the formal rec- CARRANZA PLAN IS REJECTED equality of treatment will be extend- ognition and presented congratulations ed to all American citizens, irrespective of religion or nativity.

Oregon Troops Are Called. Portland, Ore., March 26.-The

Eighth company, coast artillery, Oregon National Guard, was called to federal service on Friday night and began immediate preparations for entraining for a destination which was not made

Tornado Kills Seven. Little Rock, Ark., March 22,-Seven persons were killed and eight injured when a tornado struck the country in the vicinity of Delarde, Ark.

Boston Harbor Is Guarded. Boston, March 24.-Navy yard officials were ordered to rush into service high-powered navy steam launches armed with picked men to patrol Boston harbor and the water front of the navy yard from sunset to sunrise.

French Liner Arrives Here. New York, March 24.—The French line steamship Espagne arrived here from Bordeaux with 231 passengers. She came in armed with an automatic

FOR LIBERTY.

Raiders Reported as Well Supplied With Money.

Philadelphia, March 22.-It became sources of the United States, indus-known on Tuesday that the German trial as well as military, are speedily sailors who escaped from the interned being mobilized to place the nation raiders Prinz Eitel Friedrich and the Kronprinz Wilhelm had a list of outside conspirators who were ready to aid them and that they had been supplied with thousands of dollars to

finance their escape. It is now believed that other members of the crew had escaped before

All the interned sailors still at League Island are to be removed at

is responsible for the statement that from three to ten members of the Burgrave nad Count von Dohna-Schlocrew got away in the dash for lib- dien. erty at night. Four sailors were capa district eight intes long and one-half mide wide. Wesley Hints was half mide wide. Wesley Hints was president Wilson will recognize the half mide when his home was wrecked. It is believed, however, that are at large. They swam 3,000 yards a gross tonnage of 123,100. They in-

The dash was made under cover of darkness, and when search was made at daylight the police found an interesting collection of property. It included ten life preservers, marked ally would be an army of 3,000,000 with the initials of the two cruisers, three discarded uniforms and a dag-

The police say that each of the men captured had ten new \$10 bills planed o his understirt.

Washington, March 22.-Lieutenant Chorth and Machinist Mate Hermann Schroeder of the German Interned crews at Philadelphia navy yards are believed to have been drowned in an attempt to escape.

FIRST TO GIVE RECOGNITION

United States Congratulates New Government of Russia-Ambassador Sees Council.

Petrograd, March 24.-The United States is the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Rus- in order that the increased wages acsia. Ambassador Francis made a pre-He is extremely anxious to make a liminary call in the morning on Forstaff, including the naval and military One of the things Mr. Crane is ex- attaches, he went to the Marinsky pal-United States.

SENTENCE GERMAN PLOTTERS

Sander and Winnenberg Given Two istration's feeling toward Germany Years in the Federal Prison at Atlanta.

Sander and Charles W. Wunnenberg, bargo on all supplies to European belwho plended guilty to conducting a ligerents. military enterprise in this country against Great Britain, we're sentenced on Thursday to serve two years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta and to freely accorded to them on American pay fines of \$2,500 each.

Fire Destroys Church and School. Lanesboro, Minn., March 26.-Fire of undetermined origin, which broke out in the new high school building and spread to the old high school building and the Lutheran church, caused a loss of \$150,000,

Houston, Minn., Has Flood. Houston, Minn., March 26,-The Root river has overflowed its banks from three to five feet. Sixty feet of washed out a mile above town.

BACK PLEA FOR WAR

HUGE MADISON SQUARE GAR-DEN CROWD CHEERS PATRI-OTIC ADDRESSES.

URGED BY ACTION ROOT

Want Peace at Any Price, and Price Now Is War," Says Dr. J. G. Hibben, President of Princeton University-Roosevelt Favors Drastic Move.

New York, March 24.-Led by more than 40 patriotic and civic organizations and college clubs, a crowd that filled Madison Square Garden Thursday night enthusiastically pledged itself to the support of President Wilson and urged that there be no more delay upon the part of the United States in enterin gthe European war against Germany.

Thousands of voices joined in singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and other patriotic airs, while the various college clubs interrupted the meeting at intervals by giving their yells.

Mr. Root said in part:

"We come not to find fault or to criticize. We come to turn our faces toward the government of our choice, the government, the president and the congress, on whom weigh the terrible burdens of decision and action in the issue of peace or war and in the terrible pursuit of that freedom which can be maintained, it seems now, only by war.

"There is no nation on earth with greater stake in the sugcess of the allies in this war against German militarism than the United

States," In opening his address Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton

university, said: "I am here tonight as a pacifist. I believe in peace at any price, and the price at the present time is war."

RAIDER MOEWE SANK 27 SHIPS

Berlin Admiralty Reports Twenty-Two Steamers and Five Sailing Vessels Captured.

Berlin, March 24.-The German auxlliary cruiser Moewe has returned to a home port of the navy from a second cruise in the Atlantic ocean, it was announced on Thursday by the German admiralty.

The statement follows: "The German auxiliary cruiser Moewe has returned into a home port of the navy from a second cruise of The Philadelphia detective bureau the Atlantic ocean, where she stayed for several months, under command of

> "The ship captured twenty-two cluded twenty-one hostile steamers, of which eight were armed and five in the service of the British admiralty, as

> well as four hostile sniffing ships. "Among the vessels captured by the Moewe were the Voltaire, an English steamer of 8,617 tons gross, in ballast, carrying a 12-centimeter gun; the Norwegian steamer Hallbjorg, of 2,587 tons gross, and the Mount Temple."

APPLYING THE ADAMSON LAW

Managers and Brotherhoods Agree on Tentative Plan at New

York. New York, March 26.-Railroad managers and representatives of the four trainmen's brotherhoods have agreed upon a tentative basis for the application of the Adamson law, It was announced by Elisha Lee, chairman of the national conference committee of railway managers. The agreement, it was said, "covers the greater part of the wage schedules.

1 may be paid as quickly as possible. "A number of minor points," said Mr. Lee in a formal statement, "are still to be decided. If any differences arise they will be referred to a joint board of eight, four from each side."

cruing to the employees since January

and felicitations on behalf of the Washington's Real Attitude Toward Germany Revealed in Reply to Mexican Leader.

Washington, March 22.-The adminwas made clear in a note dispatched by the state department to Mexico retecting the suggestion of General Car-New York, March 24.-Albert O. ranza that all neutrals declare an em-

> German diplomacy was bitterly arraigned by Secretary Lansing for its "abuse of the liberties and privileges soll and under American protection."

> "Bone-Dry" Bill in Colorado. Denver, Colo., March 26 .- An absolutely "bone-dry" prohibition bill, even prohibiting the importation of liquor for medical and sacramental need passed the senate. That the hill will be approved by the house is assured.

Man and Wife End Lives. Columbia, Miss., March 26.-Chagrined over their fallure to work and flooded this city to a depth of miracles Steve Reagen and his wife, Lucy Govout, members of a religious rapid-firer on her bow and a large gun the Milwaukee railroad track was sect, committed suicide. Both took potson.