

**MINOR NOTES FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA**

**DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.**

April 9-14—Annual State Bowling Tournament at Fremont.  
 April 21-22—Missouri Valley Chiropractors' Association Meeting at Omaha.  
 April 23-25—Annual Meeting State Aerie of Eagles at Nebraska City.  
 April 26-27—Nebraska Association of Elks Annual Convention at Lincoln.  
 May 4—Group No. 2 Nebraska Bankers' Association Convention at Columbus.  
 May 8-9—Knights of Columbus State Meeting at Alliance.  
 May 16-17-18—Annual Encampment Nebraska G. A. R., Ladies of the G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps; Spanish War Veterans and Sons of Veterans at Columbus.  
 May 22-25—Nebraska Sportsmen's Association Annual Tournament at Fremont.

Buffalo and Kearney county farmers declare that reports sent out that winter wheat in the two counties was in bad shape and the majority of it would be a total loss, are greatly exaggerated. It is the belief now that the grain will come forth in good shape.

The 1917 state high school basketball tournament in Lincoln set a new record for attendance. Total receipts amounted to \$2,195.95, which will be apportioned among 115 schools. Last year the receipts were only \$1,500.

The T. V. Atkinson ranch in Holt county, consisting of 900 acres, has been sold for \$12,810 at referee's sale. A few years ago this land was considered almost worthless, as it lies in the "sand hill district."

Nearly 250,000 pounds of beans, representing six carloads, discovered in several Omaha warehouses, have become mildewed and order destroyed by federal inspectors. The beans are valued at \$37,500.

The farmers in the vicinity of Brining turned out en masse the other day and hauled gravel onto the streets of the town and in appreciation of the work the Brining community club gave them a banquet.

J. B. Miller, a Spanish war veteran of Alliance, has undertaken the task of organizing a company as a member of the Fourth Infantry Nebraska National Guard, in which a vacancy exists.

By a vote of 287 to 29 bonds to the amount of \$22,500 were voted at Milford to erect a new school house in place of the one destroyed by fire last November.

Fremont has a community garden club. Its purpose is to aid in a financial way those who are unable to buy seed for their patches.

Adams county farmers are considering the planting of sugar beets in fields where winter wheat has been killed.

First spring lambs sold on the So. Omaha market brought \$18 a hundred pounds. They were milk fed, and about eight weeks old.

Guards have been placed at every important railroad bridge in Nebraska as the result of the international situation.

Excavation for the new Dodge county court house at Fremont, to be erected at a cost of \$250,000, has begun.

The annual convention of the Buffalo county Sunday schools will be held at Ravenna May 10 and 11.

Experts, after examining the fields of Hamilton county, declared 90 per cent of the wheat was dead.

Corn reached \$1.11 a bushel on Beatrice markets the other day, the highest on record.

Wilbert Piner, a Polk county farmer, was instantly killed when his auto upset near York.

June 1 is the date set for the completion of Fremont's new \$250,000 hotel, the "Pathfinder."

The conversion of existing farm loans in Nebraska to loans from the federal farm land bank will save the farmers of the state \$3,465,315 annually, according to figures compiled by the farm loan board. Farm loans in Nebraska are computed at \$165,015,000 and an average interest rate, according to the board, is 7.1 per cent. The federal farm loans will bear only 5 per cent interest.

With new banks established at Carleton, Belvidere and Alexandria, Thayer county has a total of seventeen banks.

Dr. J. L. Fort, of Chicago, speaking at the district efficiency convention of the First Methodist church at Fremont, declared that nearly twice as much is spent in America for seeing "the movies" as is contributed to the church for all purposes.

Wrestling fans over the state are keenly interested in the coming match at Omaha April 9, between Joe Stecher of Dodge and Earl Cadlock of Anita, Iowa. Both men are in the pink of condition and a lively exhibition is anticipated.

Never before has such a splendid array of talent been secured for a Sunday school convention as will appear before the workers of Nebraska at the Golden Jubilee celebration in Omaha June 19-20.

Seward's new \$95,000 high school building was dedicated a few days ago. The building is fireproof and is splendidly built and has all the latest school equipment.

Fire at the Johnson county poor farm, near Tecumseh, destroyed several barns, burned six head of horses and 200 bushels of corn.

Beatrice was selected for the 1918 meeting place of the conference of the Nebraska Daughters of the American Revolution at the close of a two-day convention at Fremont. The Gothenburg chapter won the silk flag for the chapter making the largest percentage gain in membership during the year. Mrs. C. B. Letton of Lincoln was endorsed as a candidate for the office of national general vice regent. The following officers were elected: Regent, Mrs. E. G. Drake, Beatrice; vice regent, Mrs. Frank I. Ringer, Lincoln; recorder, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Linn Smith, Chadron; treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Spencer, North Platte; auditor, Mrs. A. E. Bryson, Fullerton; registrar, Mrs. J. J. Stubbs, Omaha; historian, Mrs. Hosteter, Shelton.

Two persons drowned, one died from injuries received, and another was hurt so badly she is expected to die, when a bridge over the Keya Paha river at Brockburg, in Keya Paha county, was smashed and torn out by the combined force of a heavy ice gorge and flood waters. Forty persons were on the bridge when it collapsed. They rushed in panic to the shore, two were drowned, some receiving slight injuries. The dead: Mrs. Wakefield, 70, Brockburg; Sylvia Wales, 16, Gregory, S. D.; Jud Stewart, 45, farmer near Brockburg. Six other bridges in Keya Paha county were destroyed by ice gorges and high water.

Two hundred farmers, bankers, members of the Omaha grain exchange, soil experts, railroad representatives and representatives of the University of Nebraska at meeting in Omaha appointed a committee to secure and furnish at once to farmers sufficient wheat to reseed damaged winter wheat fields in the state. The seed can be purchased at cost by communicating with the Omaha Grain exchange.

Eighteen hours from the time he attempted to rob a bank at Talmage, a youth 18 years old giving his name as James Johnson and his home as Kansas City, Mo., entered a plea of guilty in the district court and was given an indeterminate sentence of three to fifteen years in the penitentiary.

The mile-long wooden bridge over the Platte river at Kearney has been undermined by the current of the stream and has been closed. As the new bridge is still incomplete, Kearney has no means of crossing the river.

The Nebraska Electric company of Cedar Rapids, Ia., has taken over the light and power plant at Emerson.

Elgin good roads boosters have started a movement to improve the highways of Antelope county.

Six thousand employees of the South Omaha packing houses received wage increases of from 5 to 12 1/2 per cent. The boost in salary was given as the result of the high cost of living heads of the big packing firms say.

E. W. Spitzgerber of Wayne had a shipment of hogs on the South Omaha market a few days ago that sold for \$14.85 per hundredweight. The load consisted of 67 Duroc Jerseys, averaging 274 pounds.

As the result of slow recruiting and the inability to fill its ranks Company G Nebraska National Guard of Stanton, has disbanded. Company G was a unit of the Fourth regiment.

The Holdrege Auto show held recently proved a great success and will be made an annual affair. The total attendance at the four-day exposition was 5,000.

There will be no winter wheat in Thayer county. Farmers are putting in oats and spring wheat on ground sown to winter wheat, and what remains will be put in corn.

Mrs. John Simpson, aged 60 years, of Alliance, was instantly killed when a wagon in which she was riding was struck by a switch engine near that place.

Nebraska City is preparing for the annual convention of the State Aerie of Eagles which will be held there April 23 to 25.

The American Berkshire association has voted special premiums amounting to \$1,200 to be awarded for prize Berkshires at the National Swine show in Omaha next fall. This amount, with \$800 offered by the National Swine Growers' association, makes a total of \$2,000 for prize Berkshires alone.

Custer county cattle topped the South Omaha market the other day, selling for \$12.50 per hundredweight. The shipment consisted of 83 head, averaging 1,500, and was shipped in by G. W. Mulligan of Walworth.

Norfolk suffered damages that will run into thousands of dollars as the result of the worst flood in the town's history, caused by the overflowing of the North Fork river. The water was a foot higher than it was five years ago when the city suffered what it thought then to be a record breaking flood.

A firm which will manufacture steel spring auto wheels has been organized at Dishler, with a capital stock of \$100,000. A factory will be erected at once.

A mile a minute for 100 miles was the record established by Expert Pilot Leo Stevens and four army officers taking aeronautic instructions at Fort Omaha, in a flight in one of the government's free balloons.

Lincoln secured the annual meeting of the medical society of the Missouri valley next September at the close of the semi-annual meeting of that society at Keokuk, Ia.

More than \$5,000 is being expended building a "hog back" road through the Pine Ridge, north of Harrison, on the Deadwood-Denver highway.

**PLAN MIGHTY EFFORT**

**GERMANS ASSEMBLE EVERY RESOURCE TO WIN WAR.**

**HINDENBURG IS BEHIND MOVE**

**All Available Fighters Being Mustered For Duty.—Factories to Concentrate on Work of War.**

Copenhagen, April 3, Via London.—Germany, according to information reaching here from Berlin, now is gathering to the colors every available man for a supreme military effort to bring the war to victorious conclusion in this year's campaign—a goal which Field Marshal von Hindenburg and his advisers consider by no means impossible of attainment.

Without altering formally the law of military service, the German authorities have in practice extended the period of service beyond the forty-fifth year, and are retaining with the colors, and in many instances for fighting duty with active units in the front line, Landstrum men who have passed this age.

The policy of the German war department, as stated in the reichstag last week by a military representative, is to withdraw those men over 45 from the front line after they have done six months of duty there, but military exigencies compel the holding of these over-age men for service in the so-called etape, or region behind the actual fighting front.

For some time the German authorities, in a grand combing out of men earlier pronounced unfit for service, have been mustering men on the very verge of the age limit, but up to the present they have announced that the necessity has not yet arisen for legislation raising the age limit to 65, as has been done in Austria-Hungary.

The operations of the labor service law now in full swing are further releasing for service at the front every available man behind the lines capable of carrying a rifle, so that the next two or three months should see the German armies at their maximum size.

Simultaneously with this drawing to the dreg of human reservoirs of soldier material, Germany's industrial mobilization also is approaching a climax. A scheme for converting every available factory and employing every available machine on war work and manning them with labor obtained under the labor service law in contemplated.

The secret of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's plan of the 1917 campaign still is well kept. It is uncertain whether the offensive will be directed in the east or in the west, and the German's strategic reserve, at last accounts still within Germany, has not begun to move in either direction.

On the surface, there are indications that the purpose of the Somme retirement appears to be developing, not as a scheme for bringing on a great open field engagement in that particular part of the front, but to avoid the impending onslaught by the mighty array of Anglo-French artillery massed on that sector and to delay a renewal of an Anglo-French offensive by the time required to advance the big guns to the new line.

The Teuton commanders are said to no longer be concerned with the possibility of a great battle between Arras and the Aisne because of the destruction of roads.

The German main headquarters, according to reports received here, now is established at Kreuznach-on-the-Rhine, the general staff headquarters at Charleville and Mexieres, twin French towns where Emperor William's military capital was located for almost two years until Von Hindenburg's appointment to the chief command, having been abandoned shortly before the Somme retirement.

**Riot at Peace Meeting.**

Baltimore, Md.—After an enthusiastic patriotic demonstration, several thousand persons stormed the Academy of Music here, swept a cordon of police aside and broke up a big pacifist meeting, stopping Dr. David Starr Jordan in the middle of a word and refusing to allow the speaker to continue. Police reserves from all over the city were called and broke up the crowd with their clubs. Several persons were injured during the demonstration, none seriously.

**Loans Aggregate \$6,000,000.**

Omaha, Neb.—Applications for loans in excess of \$6,000,000 are now on file with the federal land bank of Omaha. "The bank is already overwhelmed with business," said one of the officials.

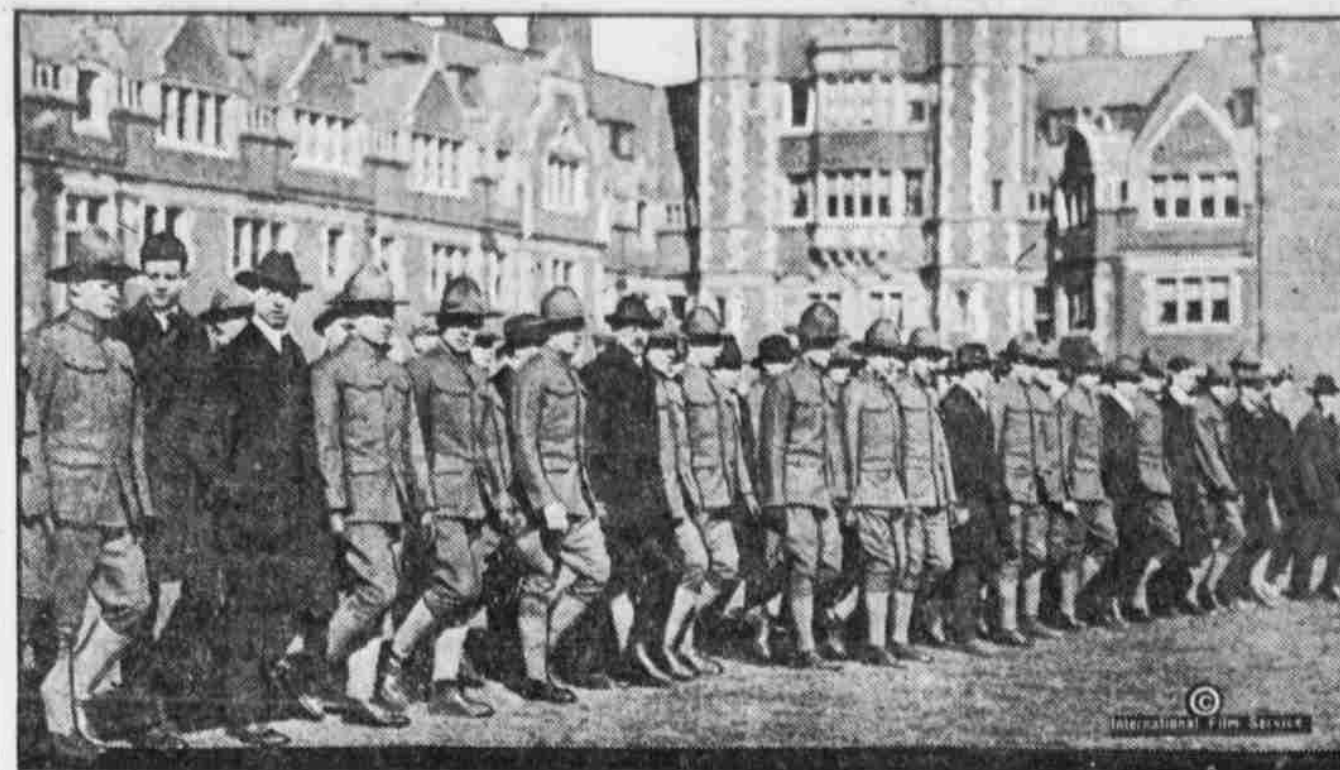
**Gold Imports Total \$1,398,200,000.**

New York.—Total gold imports since January, 1915, reached \$1,398,200,000 with the arrival from Canada of \$20,000,000, half of which has been deposited at the Philadelphia mint. It was announced here, imports for 1917 to date amount to \$290,700,000.

**Guard Officers to Spurn Booze.**

Douglas, Ariz.—Every officer of the First Arizona Infantry has signed a pledge to abstain from alcoholic beverages during the period of their services with the government.

**STUDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY OUT FOR MILITARY DRILL**



So strongly has the preparedness idea spread among the students of the University of Pennsylvania that a training corps has been organized and daily drills are held on the campus.

**PERONNE REDUCED TO SMOLDERING RUINS**



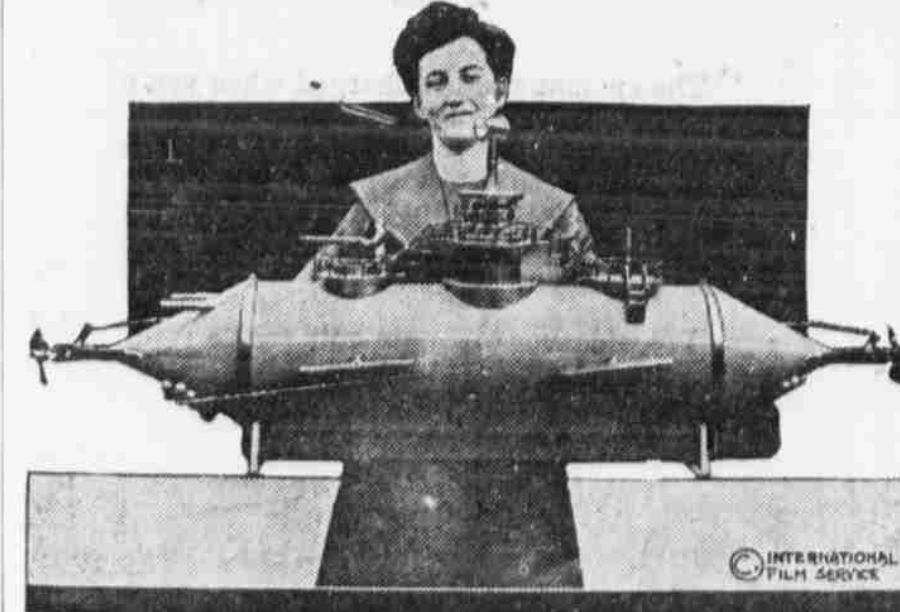
When the British entered Peronne the other day on the heels of the retreating Germans, they found the place a mass of wreckage. On every hand was found evidence of the systematic destruction wrought by the Teutons. The picture was taken at the time the Germans first took possession of the town.

**BUILDING UP UNITED STATES NAVY**



A petty officer explaining to a farm hand how he may be of help to his country by serving on one of Uncle Sam's great fighting ships.

**WOMAN INVENTS NEW SUBMARINE**



Mrs. Anna Stanley holding a model of the Stanley safety submarine, which will submerge in eight seconds. Ordinary submarines require ten minutes to submerge by taking on water ballast. There is a propeller on each end of the submarine; when the boat submerges a lever causes the rear propeller to rise to perpendicular and the front propeller to descend simultaneously.

**"THE LILIES."**



Flower lovers from all over the country attended the recent flower show in New York. This beautiful picture shows Miss Sarah Collier and some prize lilies, one of the pretty attractions seen at the show.

**TO MARRY PITCHER**



Miss Alice Johnson, a pretty Brooklyn girl whose engagement to marry Al Marnaux, star pitcher of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has been announced.