

## MINOR NOTES FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA

### DATES FOR COMING EVENTS.

June 4 to 7—Nebraska State Dental Society Meeting at Omaha.  
June 5 to 7—Nebraska-Iowa Funeral Directors Joint Meeting at Omaha.  
June 5-6-7—State Association of Postmasters' Meeting at Lincoln.  
June 12, 13 and 14—Semi-Centennial celebration at Lincoln.  
June 15 to 24—Nebraska State Hollenbeck Association camp meeting at Lincoln.  
June 18-20—Nebraska Press Association Annual Convention at Omaha.  
June 19—Annual Meeting State Pharmaceutical Association Meeting at North Platte.  
June 19-20—Nebraska State Sunday School Convention at Omaha.  
June 23 to 27—International Ass'n. of Railway Special Agents and Police Meeting at Omaha.  
June 25 to 30—State Golf Tournament at Lincoln.

Beatrice Sunday schools are making preparations for a union picnic to be held in this city some time this month. Last year over 2,100 participated in a parade and over 3,000 were in attendance at the picnic.

A measure to put the ban on dogs running at large in Fremont from March to October every year, has been submitted to the city council and it is said the council intends to put the bill through.

Mrs. Robert Hood of Chadron, whose name figures in the blackmailing conspiracy involving several Omaha police officers, was formerly a popular teacher in an Omaha public school.

A new concrete bridge to be 700 feet long will be built across the So. Platte river in Lincoln county, the project receiving the endorsement of the voters at a special election. The structure will cost \$40,000.

It is announced that the Nebraska Guard regiments will be mobilized at Fort Crook, near Omaha, about July 5, and then sent to a centralization camp somewhere in the south two weeks later.

Building construction is nearly at a standstill in Omaha as a result of strikes by unions of the building crafts and the trouble between building material concerns and their teamsters.

The J. M. Cox farm, four miles north of Beatrice, has been purchased by Chris Spilker, a well known farmer of Holt township. The consideration was \$49,800, or \$155 per acre. To fill up their ranks to war strength as ordered by the War department at Washington, the Fifth regiment Nebraska National Guard needs 600 men and the Fourth 500.

The Commercial club of Norfolk is negotiating for securing a tannery to come to that city. A firm from Dubuque, Ia., is considering the proposition.

The Nebraska Potato company, with general offices at Chadron, owning a string of houses along the Northwestern railroad, has offered the use of its houses to the government.

C. O. Reed of Ewing, R. D. Bryson of Callaway and Earl Erskine of Wayne were appointed to the medical staff of the Nebraska Guard.

Two Falls City guardsmen couldn't wait until the militia is called for action, so they joined the navy, hoping for earlier war excitement.

Several thousand acres of land east of Curtis are being negotiated for by an eastern firm for the purpose of prospecting for oil.

Grand Island's park commissioner is offering two cents per pound for dandelions pulled from the Pioneer square.

The Lincoln highway into Fremont will be paved with concrete. This was decided just recently.

Boys of the senior and junior classes of the Fremont high school are conducting a campaign to enroll the names of every resident of Fremont in the county patriotic league. Dodge county had the first league in the state and effort will be made to make it the biggest.

The Seward Y. M. C. A.'s proportion of \$5,000,000 to be raised for carrying on the association's work in the army camps is \$1,000 and the local workers are getting busy with the expectation that the amount will be raised soon without difficulty.

A canning school, directed by the State School of Agriculture, will be held at North Platte June 22 and 23. The remodeled Methodist Episcopal church at North Platte was dedicated just recently. The rebuilding of the structure cost \$18,000.

George Coupland of Elgin declared at Fremont recently that he is going to enlist the aid of merchants and business men of every kind in towns over Nebraska to go into the fields and help the farmers during harvest time.

While his little playmates looked on in horror James Kocourek, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kocourek, drowned in the Missouri river at Omaha.

Ten farmers in the vicinity of Filley delivered over 5,000 bushels of wheat to the elevator at that place during the past week, the price ranging around \$3 per bushel.

Six Indian skeletons, several finely made agate heads, a number of ancient fire places, buffalo and elk bone and other fragments were found near Dunning just recently.

Through a scheme worked out by the commercial club of Norfolk and the Madison county agent, it is believed the question of supplying farm help during harvest time is solved, at least in Madison county. Every farmer in the county, who is in need of help, is asked to apply to the county agent. He turns the list over to the commercial club and the club lists all transient and resident labor in the city, thus the farmers and laborers are connected. Each merchant and clerk in the city has volunteered to work two days a week in the field.

Judge Crawford, sitting in the county court of Douglas county at Omaha, ruled that the provision of the Nebraska statute making unlawful possession of liquor in any place except the owner's private residence is constitutional, in the case against A. M. Larsen at whose farm a large quantity of liquor was seized May 9. Larsen was fined \$100 and the liquors ordered destroyed. The case was appealed to the supreme court. No disposition of the liquor will be made until a final decision is obtained.

Miss Emma Matzen, Red Cross nurse, is the first Nebraska woman injured in the war now raging over the most of Europe. She was hit by a piece of shell fired in practice on board the U. S. Steamer Mongolia en route to France. The explosive boomeranged when it hit the water and killed two other nurses, who were watching the practice. Miss Matzen had visited her parents at Columbus early in May.

According to a report submitted at the Food Conservation Congress at Omaha, Nebraska potato crops this year will more than double the 1916 yield. Estimates place the yield at 1,400,000 bushels, compared with 650,000 bushels last year. The report showed that 17,000 acres in the state are planted in beans, which are expected to produce 7,140,000 pounds.

The wheat crop of Richardson county is sure to be the shortest in the history of the county since its settlement with the possible exception of the grasshopper year, 1875. The assessor of Rulo township found only 180 acres of winter wheat and eleven acres of spring wheat, and winter wheat is only a partial stand at that.

Two thousand delegates attended the Nebraska conservation congress for the purpose of mobilizing the state's resources for the war at Omaha last week. W. G. McAdoo, secretary of treasury of the United States, addressed the congress on the subject of financing the war.

Thirty thousand dollars worth of canned beans, a dozen carloads of coal and valuable machinery were lost when fire, of an unknown origin, destroyed the Norfolk Packing company plant at Norfolk. The loss is placed at from \$50,000 to \$80,000.

Recommendation of national laws whereby the federal government should immediately assume control of supplies and prices of food products and necessities of life were made in a set of resolutions passed by the Saline county council of defense.

"Odd Fellows of Nebraska are planning a big centennial jubilee on April 28, 1919, in Omaha," said Walter V. Houghland of North Platte, grand master of the order, while in Omaha to attend the conservation meet.

Omaha banks have decided to double the amount of their subscriptions to the Liberty bond loan. Instead of the \$2,000,000 worth of bonds they formerly intended to purchase, they decided to invest \$4,000,000 in the loan.

Omaha's Red Cross campaign conducted during the past week netted close to 25,000 members and a fund of nearly \$35,000.

The Knights Templar lodge of Beatrice has voted to invest \$500 of its funds in Liberty bonds.

Major General John Joseph Pershing, who is to lead America's first battle unit against the Germans, at one time intended to be a lawyer and graduated in a law course at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln in 1880. He lost his wife and three children in a fire at the Presidio, San Francisco, two years ago. Until just a few days ago his only child lived in Lincoln.

Equipment for the new Dodge county jail at Fremont, which is to occupy the top story of the new court house, will cost \$14,768.

An organization has been perfected at Beatrice and arrangements made to begin at once the raising of \$4,000, the share of the war Y. M. C. A. fund, apportioned to a district comprising Gage, Johnson and part of Saline county. Twenty-one towns are in the district. Beatrice will raise \$1,500 of this amount.

The Beatrice aerie of Eagles have voted to invest from \$1,500 to \$2,000 in Liberty bonds. The Knights Templar have voted to invest \$500 for the same purpose.

Eighteen hundred bottles of beer were found in the cellar of the residence of a Falls City butcher. It is said the liquor was intended for the use of the German society of Falls City.

Three hundred sacks of flour and several hundred bushels of wheat were lost when fire destroyed the Creighton flour mill. The loss is estimated at \$35,000.

It is estimated that acreage planted in garden truck in Nebraska this year is twice as large as in any previous year.

## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

### DISAGREEABLE DUCK.

"Quack, quack, quack, quack," said Mrs. Green-and-White Duck. She was called Mrs. Green-and-White for short always.

"Quack, quack, good morning," said the other ducks.

Mrs. Green-and-White had just moved to the duck pond and she wanted everyone to like her.

"Do come for pond water this afternoon at four," she said.

The ducks were very much pleased and thought Mrs. Green-and-White was extremely nice and pleasant.

"If you can't come for pond water this afternoon, do come for my insect dinner this evening."

And she spoke of her insect dinner as if it were a dinner of creamed chicken on toast, ice cream and cake.

When the ducks went to Mrs. Green-and-White's afternoon party of pond water they found her awaiting them on the bank of the pond looking very handsome. She quacked politely and said, "I do hope you will like me as I think this is a lovely part of the country and the pond is so nice."

Now Mrs. Duck's husband was a very large creature. He was called Mr. Green-and-White Drake, but for short he had also always been known as Mr. Green-and-White.

He was putting on his best feathered top and combing it up. He was smacking his beak and trying to look his best.

"My dear," he said to Mrs. Duck, "if you were in my place, would you carry my new stick made out of birch bark that old Mr. Giant gave me once, or would you carry my little walking stick of the branch of our favorite tree in the last pond?"

Mrs. Green-and-White quacked in a very annoyed tone.

"I don't see," she snapped, "that it is my place to tell you what sort of a stick you are to carry. I have enough to do looking after the social side of our lives. I have to keep up the friendships. I have to get to know the people—I have to keep them as friends. You ask me too much. I am entirely too busy. And besides I can't be worried in such a way."

Poor Mr. Green-and-White looked very sad. He was very fond of Mrs. Duck and she was apt to be cross to him. Every other duck and drake liked him wherever he went as he was always quite natural and nice and friendly. Whereas Mrs. Green-and-White always put on airs and pretended that she was the finest duck that ever lived.

Of course she did entertain a great deal as she wanted to be very popular but in many ponds she had made herself very much disliked by the unkind things she had said.

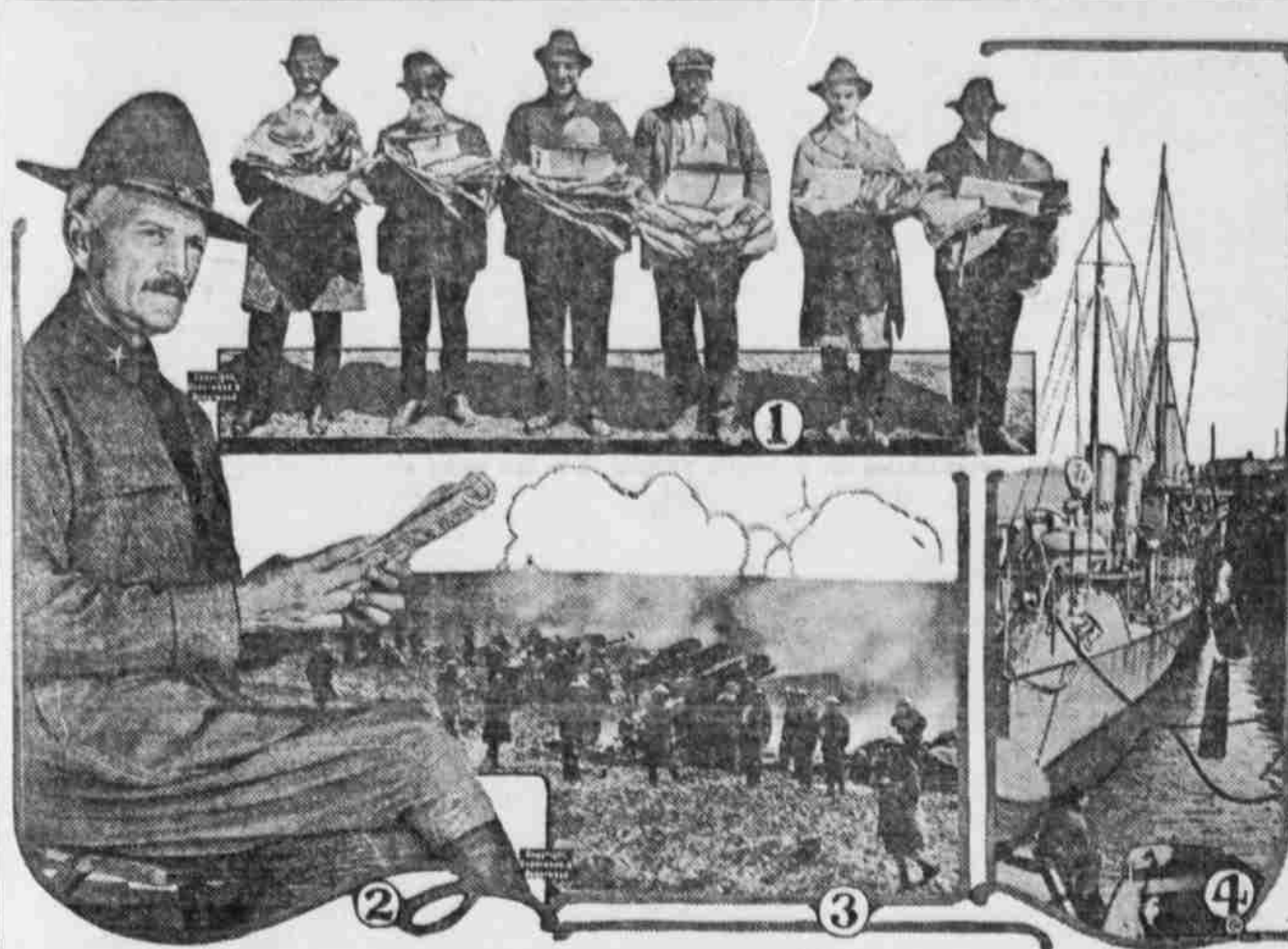
The ducks at the pond water party looked at each other in amazement. She was not so nice as they had thought at first. They didn't like ducks to be nice to some creatures and to be unkind to their own family.

Mrs. Green-and-White quacked most of the afternoon of her troubles with Mr. Green-and-White. She told how little he cared for manners and all such things which meant so much. The ducks listened politely, but they thought quite differently. Manners were all right—but silly manners and affectation was all wrong they thought.

They left after a rather unpleasant visit. In the evening Mrs. Green-and-White gave her dinner party. And what did she do but make fun of her guests of the afternoon. Some of her stories were funny when she was making fun of Mrs. White Duck who had such a funny dress on—quite muddy and unfit for a tea—and she made herself out to be the finest creature in all the land.

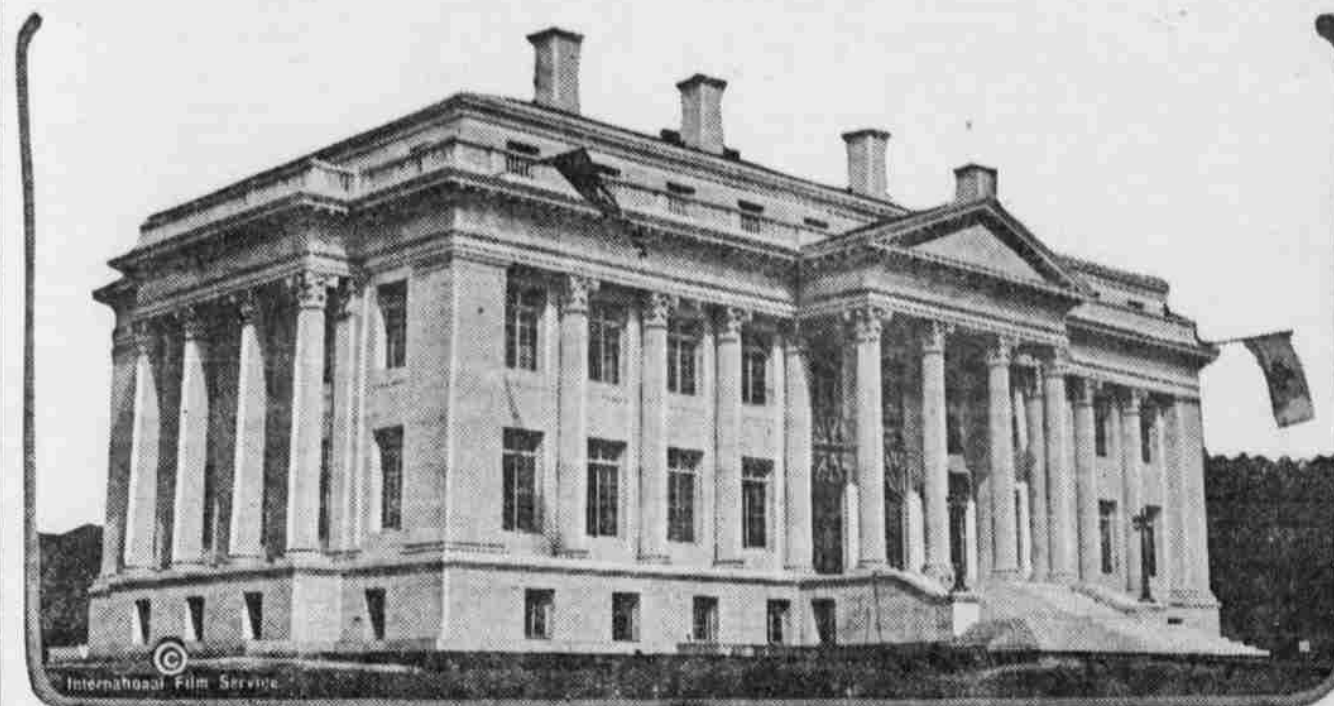
Most of them just kept quiet, but Mrs. Brown-and-White Duck, who had a great deal of spirit, said, "If you want to live among us you must be pleasant."

Mrs. Green-and-White Duck gasped in surprise! She had never before been spoken to in such a way. "Yes," continued Mrs. Brown-and-White Duck, "we like our families and we don't respect ducks who are friendly outside and cross inside their pond homes. And, another thing, we all belong to a club which will not allow us to talk about our neighbors and more especially our friends. So take your choice, Mrs. Duck. Either you stay and belong to our friendly club where we must all act natural, or you can go somewhere else and talk about your duck friends. It's too nice a pond and we won't be made unhappy." And Mrs. Green-and-White mended her ways and became a nice duck.



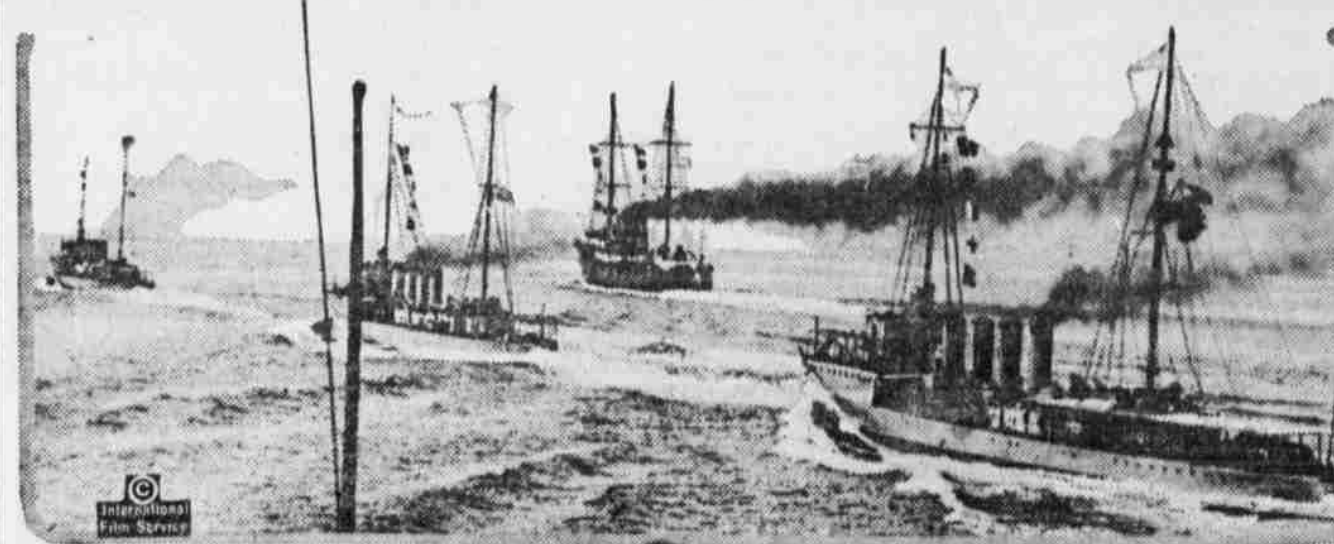
1—Rookies at Fort Slocum who have just received their soldier clothes and are proud of them. 2—Latest photograph of Maj. Gen. John J. Pershing, selected to command the first American expeditionary force in France. 3—British artillery on the western front preparing the way for an infantry advance. 4—American destroyer Rogers, put into commission at the Charlestown navy yard for the Massachusetts Naval militia.

## NEW HOME OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS



This is the new building of the American Red Cross in Washington which was formally dedicated recently. It was erected at a cost of \$800,000 and is the general headquarters for all Red Cross work in this country.

## OUR DESTROYERS ALREADY ACTIVE IN THE WAR



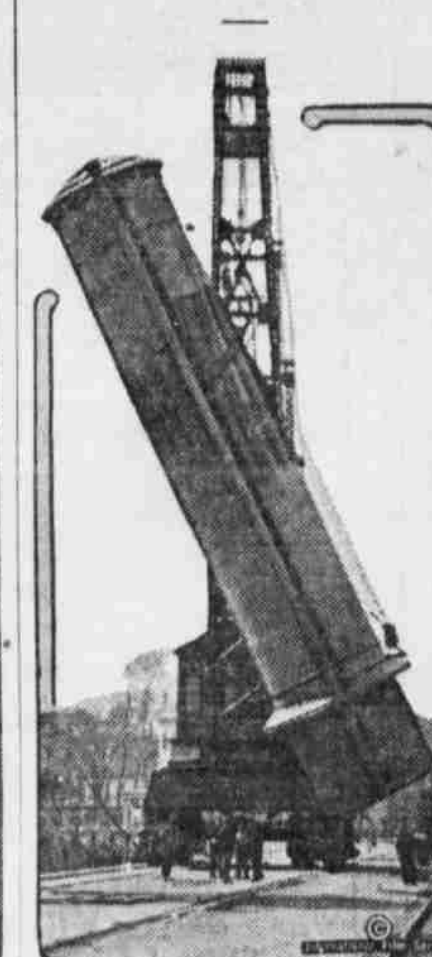
Some of the American destroyers that, according to official advices, already are in European waters taking an active part in the war on German submarines.

## BRITISH LABOR COMMISSION



These are the members of the British labor commission now in this country conferring with the representatives of American organized labor and others. They are: Seated, left to right, Rt. Hon. C. W. Bowerman and H. W. Garrod; standing, Joseph Davies and J. H. Thomas.

## NEW STACK FOR THE GEORGIA



Lifting a new ten-ton smokestack to be placed on the U. S. S. Georgia, at the Charlestown (Mass.) navy yard. This naval crane can lift a curden of 60 tons.