

# The State News of the Week in Brief

An Epitome of All the Big and Interesting Events of the Past Few Days in Nebraska.

The three Omaha police officers who took part in singing "Die Wacht Am Rhein" during a recent drinking bout at the German Home in the south part of the city, face dismissal from the department. The order removing the officers may come from the governor's office if not from the city commissioner.

Damage suit to the amount of \$50,000 has been filed against the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railroad company by several Davenport property owners and a number of insurance firms who claim that sparks from a defective locomotive owned by the road caused the \$50,000 fire in Davenport's business district May 16.

The other night someone entered the stable yards of Life Nelson, prominent farmer living near Gretna, and knocked his two valuable horses on the head. Indications are that an ax or a hammer was used to commit the crime. The horses were permanently injured and may die.

The report that the Omaha government balloon school is to be moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, is flatly denied by Washington officials. Instead of moving the school it is proposed to enlarge it and make it a permanent institution.

T. S. Allen, U. S. district attorney at Lincoln, has received word from the department of the interior at Washington, warning the public against parties who claim to be able to secure prior rights to entry on railroad lands in Oregon, title to which has been reverted to the government.

John F. Albin, editor of the Brainard Clipper, and well known throughout his state, died last week. His remains were interred at David City, his former home.

The new Columbus canning plant, financed entirely by local capital, has launched its first season's run. The factory started with a force of thirty-five employees.

"Sammy's Girls," a Junior Red Cross club, has been organized at the home of Mrs. W. W. Wright of Hebron. The members are girls between the ages of ten and thirteen.

Misjudging the speed of a train, William Ackerman of Fremont was struck and thrown several feet, receiving only slight injuries. He was a crossing flagman.

The new \$5,000 county church at Purple Cane, Dodge county, was formally opened last week. Congressman Dan V. Stevens was the principal speaker.

The National Swine Show which is to be held in Omaha, October 3 to 10, is expected to surpass any exhibition of its kind ever held in the middle west.

To accommodate the vast number of soldiers soon to be stationed at Fort Omaha, new barracks and other buildings will be erected in a few weeks.

Fines aggregating \$287 were imposed on eight men residing near Alliance, found guilty of shooting prairie chicken out of season.

Range cattle sold for \$9.75 per hundred pounds at South Omaha the other day, the highest price ever paid for range cattle on that market.

Syracuse is preparing to organize a company of National reserve guards. The guard will be known as the Syracuse unit.

The Jefferson county live stock show will be held at Fairbury from October 10 to 12.

A. C. Smith, president of the Nebraska section of the Navy League of the United States requests all garments made by ladies of Nebraska auxiliaries be sent to Mrs. J. C. Frazer, 1318 Sixteenth street, Washington, D. C., who will see that they are delivered to the ships intended by the senders.

Edward Moorehead of Falls City, son of ex-Governor Moorehead, has been assigned to General Harries, commander of the Nebraska brigade, as an aide and is with the general at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.

Harvard's new city park was dedicated just recently with appropriate ceremony. The grounds contain two large fountains of running water, beautiful trees, shrubs and all that is required to make an ideal place of recreation.

F. E. Beuchler, son of A. F. Beuchler, editor of the Grand Island Independent and E. H. Almquist of Wahoo, are two young men who will represent Nebraska in the West Point Military graduating class of 1918. Both men graduate with high honor.

Lieutenant Governor Edgar Howard made the statement in Central City just recently that Merrick county, in proportion to population, has less disloyal citizens than any county in the state.

After being married more than forty-seven years Mrs. Mary A. Sisco of Odell secured a divorce from her husband at Beatrice on the grounds of extreme cruelty.

Reports of Lincoln county commissioners show an increase in the tax levy this year from 97.5 to 108.48 mills on the dollar.

"Give drafted farmers of Nebraska the right-of-way in the harvest" is the slogan that the First district appeal board is promulgating over the state. "We are allowing some farmers exemption until December 1 to harvest and husk their crops," said the chairman of the board. "That time is very short. Neighbors should get up husking bees to help these drafted farmers out, so that every Nebraska farmer will leave his crop in marketable shape before he goes into the national army."

Editor Norton of the *Hunboldt Standard* has lost two of his trusty assistants because of the war. His son, Harry, has enlisted in the National Guard, Sixth regiment, and his foreman, Henry Schleidegger, joined the hospital corps of the navy some time ago. The print shop is stranded and Mr. Norton now thinks if the war continues much longer he will unite with the boys in the effort to eliminate Kaiser Bill.

August Schmichtenberg, for forty years a resident of Pierce county, was on the South Omaha market just recently with a carload of feeders of his own raising which averaged 1,000 pounds and sold at \$9.25. Mr. Schmichtenberg still has around sixty head of cattle out on his farm and says he expects to feed one or two loads this coming winter.

Citizens of Ericson have organized an association for the purpose of preventing fishermen from catching more fish in Lake Ericson than the law permits. The lake has been well stocked with game fish. The residents like to have people come and fish, but they do object to any individual taking away more than the law permits.

William G. Krauleidis, the Riverdale Lutheran minister ordered interned as an alien enemy, is now in the Lancaster county jail at Lincoln. Contrary to other reports, Rev. Krauleidis is far from repentant and is still aggressively pro-German in his sympathies. He will be interned at Fort Riley.

Six boxes of hospital dressings are on their way to France, sent from the Omaha War Relief society. This means about 7,000 articles to be used in the war hospitals for the wounded soldiers. The War Relief society averages about 5,000 dressings a week.

Steam-heated barracks, all the comforts of home, and the satisfaction of being under the leadership of one of the most famous soldiers of American history, Major General Wood, are some of the things in store for Nebraskans at the Fort Riley cantonment.

Within a few weeks Fort Omaha will be equipped with additional barracks to care for 1,500 more soldiers than are now stationed there. Barracks, garages and shops are being built, with a heating plant for all. Contracts have been let for other buildings.

The Geneva Red Cross has fitted up a room with sewing machines and squads of women will work every day in the week making bandages. A certain number of women will be assigned from day to day to give their services.

Paving is progressing in Fairbury 100 men and forty teams being at work. The cement base on a large district is about half finished and the laying of brick will begin soon.

Officers of the Ak-Sar-Ben are making an effort to secure 1,000 soldiers to participate in the fall festival at Omaha, Sept. 28 to Oct. 6.

The Gage county woman's council of defense will hold a county wide mass meeting in Beatrice in the near future to further war work.

In addition to the large amount of paving now under construction at Beatrice, two new districts have been created by the city commissioners.

The first five per cent of Nebraska's drafted men for the army will probably travel to Fort Riley, Kan., in a special train.

Two brutal murders of similar nature, both women, stirred Omaha as never before in the history of the city. The two women, Mrs. Christine Anderson, 74 years old, and Mrs. C. L. Nathaway, wife of a prominent real estate dealer, were killed and mutilated within a period of 24 hours. Several arrests have been made.

Miss Gertrude Armstrong of North Bend, formerly a teacher in the Fremont schools, was drowned while bathing with a party of friends in the Platte river south of Fremont. No trace of the body has been found.

Ballard Dunn of the Union Pacific railroad has just returned to Omaha from Fort Riley, Kan., where he went to inspect the cantonment that is to receive Nebraska troops of the new National army. He declares the camp is rapidly nearing completion and will be ready when the soldiers arrive early this month.

The Hastings city council defeated by a vote of 6 to 2 a proposition to permit Sunday movies in the city. The question may be put to a vote of the people.

Following the conference of Omaha and Douglas county authorities with Governor Neville at Lincoln, city and county officials started a crusade to wipe out bootlegging in Omaha and Douglas county.

The highest ever paid for farm land in Sarpy county was received by A. W. Clarke for 160 acres near Papillion, the sum being \$50,000. This is at the rate of \$312.50 per acre.

Company D of the Nebraska National guard reserve of Beatrice has been mustered into service. The unit has a membership of over 100.

## NO FARMERS EXEMPT

PROPOSAL MADE BY REP. SHOUSE OF KANSAS REFUSED BY PRESIDENT.

### WANTED FOR WHEAT HARVEST

Class Exemption Would Lead to "Many Difficulties and to Many Heartburnings"—5 Per Cent of National Army to Camp Sept. 5.

Washington, Sept. 1.—In disapproving a proposal by Representative Shouse of Kansas that all men engaged in agricultural pursuits last March be exempted from military service, President Wilson wrote the congressman that a class exemption would lead to "many difficulties and many heartburnings."

Representative Shouse responded to the president's letter with the declaration that much of the Kansas wheat crop would not be in on October 1 and that the labor situation in that state was critical.

The latest order, which was issued by the war department on Thursday, amplifies the instruction announced last week. It says:

"The object of calling 5 per cent is to place in the camps enough men to form a skeleton organization to assist in receiving and assimilating the large contingents. For this reason it is required that local boards send only white men, and, so far as practicable, that they send men with some military experience, or cooks."

"In making this selection order numbers are not controlling, but great care must be taken not to send men whose order of call is so late that they will not be within the quota of the boards. The careful selection of these men will be of great assistance to the orderly organization of the National army, and it is hoped that local boards will act with this end in view."

"In order that it may not be necessary to make any special railway arrangements and to prevent a congestion of normal railway traffic, local boards should be instructed to send approximately 1 per cent of their quotas on each of five consecutive days, beginning September 5."

"Since no special traffic arrangements are necessary, the adjutant general of the state may leave to the local boards the routing of their men, requiring such boards to send the small daily groups by the shortest usually traveled route to the mobilization camps."

"Practically all that will be ordinarily necessary for the local boards to select their men, call them to military duty, provide for their subsistence and lodging and transportation and dispatch them by the shortest practicable route to the mobilization camp."

### ALLIED SHIPS SHELL TRIESTE

Austrian Navy Trapped in Pola and Unable to Fight—Bainsizza Plateau in Hands of Italians.

Washington, Sept. 1.—For five days Italian and British monitors have shelled the defenses at Trieste incessantly, according to cables received by high Italian officials here.

The monitors dominate the entire gulf of Trieste. They are protected by a screen of torpedo and motorboats. On land, General Cadorna's artillery is bombarding the Hermetta, pouring a constant rain of shells into the mountain fortress.

Twenty miles away the Austrian fleet, trapped at Pola, has remained silent and immobile throughout the enemy action. The west slope of the Slemo has been captured by the Italians. On the Nakobil the Austrians have made a stand. The Italian columns, however, are attacking its lower slope and forest of Tarnovo.

The entire Bainsizza plateau is now in Italian hands, and the mountain fortifications of San Gabriele and San Daniels are expected to fall before night.

### 100 OFFICERS FIGHT BANDIT

Three Chicago Policemen Wounded by Payroll Robber—Taken After Long Battle.

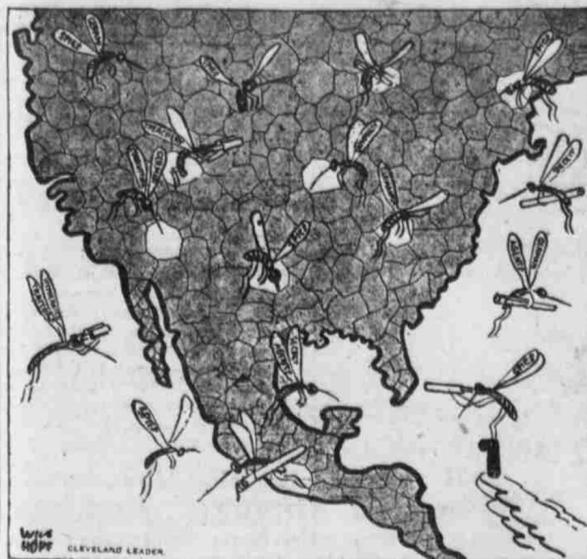
Chicago, Sept. 1.—With thousands of persons looking on, 100 policemen fought a battle with Edward Wheeler, a counterfeiter, suspected of being a member of the bandit gang in the Winslow iron foundry robbery, who was entrenched in his mother's cottage at 2637 Thomas street, here, on Thursday.

The battle lasted for three hours. After three detectives had been wounded and the police were prepared either to fill the house with fumes from formaldehyde, or as a last resort to blow it to pieces with dynamite, the outlaw surrendered and was rushed away in an automobile.

**Bread Strikes in Austria.**  
Zurich, Aug. 31.—Numerous "bread strikes" are occurring throughout Austria, according to a traveler who arrived here from Vienna. At some points troops were used to drive the workmen back into the factories.

**Five Persons Burn to Death.**  
Bad Axe, Mich., Aug. 31.—Andrew Lupe, fruit dealer, his wife and three daughters were burned to death in their apartments over Lupe's store, George Goodhall, a roofer, escaped by jumping 40 feet to the sidewalk.

## HONEYCOMBED



### TO CONTROL EXPORTS FLEE FROM TRIESTE

UNIVERSAL EMBARGO PROTECTS COUNTRY'S NEEDS.

Board Headed by Vance McCormick to Have Entire Charge of Shipping Permits.

Washington, Aug. 20.—President Wilson on Monday night issued a proclamation giving the government control over all commodities exported from the United States.

It is the most drastic step for economy control taken by any nation during the war. The president said he aims at control, not at actual stopping of exports.

All articles of commerce must be licensed for export to enemy countries and European neutrals. This will give the United States for the first time control over certain munitions and money sent to the neutrals. The list of commodities for which license is required is widely extended.

"This," says the president, "is for the protection of our own needs."

The administration of the proclamation, except as it refers to coin, bullion and currency, is placed in the hands of the exports administrative board.

This board a few days ago had no authority to act. Its members, headed by Vance McCormick, chairman, advocated a strict rationing system with regard to allies and neutrals alike.

### RUSS FLEE FROM GERMANS

Entire Division Abandons Position on the Rumanian Front, Says Petrograd.

Petrograd, Aug. 31.—A Russian division abandoned its positions in the region of Farshani, on the Rumanian front, and fled in disorder, the war office announces.

The statement says that the enemy continued to advance all day on the southern Rumanian front, reaching the line Trechty-Deus-Varnitza-Fittone-Chyollanitch. In the night Russian positions in the region of Varnitza were penetrated.

Moscow, Aug. 31.—Unity of sentiment against a separate peace was in evidence at the third general sitting of the national conference.

### JAP TROOPS SENT TO RUSSIA?

Forces Mobilized in Manchuria, Says Paper—May Be Transported to Eastern Front.

Zurich, Switzerland, Aug. 31.—Reports that strong Japanese forces have been concentrated in Manchuria are given currency in Bavaria by the *Neuete Nachrichten* of Munich, which also speculates on the possibility of transporting such troops to the Russian front.

If the railway facilities were the same as before the war, it says, such an operation would require a long time, but the situation has been changed greatly, Americans and Japanese having laid new tracks and made great improvements in the rolling stock.

### WILSON TO LEAD DRAFT ARMY

President Will Head Parade at Capital When the Men Entrain for Camp September 5.

Washington, Aug. 30.—President Wilson will lead the parade of capital National army men when they mobilize here for entrainment to camp September 5.

**Seven Tomato Pickers Killed.**  
Aberdeen, Md., Sept. 1.—Seven men were killed and two others were seriously injured at a Pennsylvania crossing near here. The dead men were tomato pickers riding to work in a wagon which was run down by a train.

**27 I. W. W.'s Are Arrested.**  
Spokane, Wash., Sept. 1.—Twenty-seven men, the majority of them alleged to be I. W. W. agitators, are in jail here on order of Major Wilkins. They were taken from a train and are held as military prisoners.

CITIZENS TAKE VALUABLES AND LEAVE FOR THE INTERIOR.

Entire Plateau of Bainsizza is in the Hands of King Emanuel's Troops—Foes Cut Off.

Rome, Aug. 30.—The *Stefani* News agency announced on Tuesday, on the authority of the high command that the entire Bainsizza plateau is in the hands of the Italian troops.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Trieste is being evacuated. Its civil population is deserting the town, at the order of Austrian high command, according to the Zurich correspondent of *Corriere d'Italia*, whose dispatches were cabled to the Italian embassy here.

"Most of the citizens have left, taking with them all articles of value," the cable stated. They sought refuge in the interior of Austria.

Hourly the Italian offensive becomes more certain of a military decision, cable messages say. The Austrian troops in the sector dominated by Monte Santo are reported so far ahead of the Italians in their retreat that no trace of them can be found except tracks of abandoned munitions, guns and food.

From Monte Santo, many square miles of territory can be raked by the Italian artillery. No Austrian positions in this zone can be held more than a few hours.

### KAISER BOWS TO ARGENTINA

Promises Payment of Indemnity for Sinking of Steamer Toro by Submarine—Grants All Demands.

Buenos Aires, Aug. 30.—Germany's reply to Argentina's note, embodying demands in connection with the submarine campaign as affecting Argentine shipping, has been received. In official circles it was stated on Tuesday that the reply was satisfactory, according to the newspaper *Razon*, the German note meets all the demands of Argentina.

The note says that Germany, "in order to maintain friendly relations with Argentina, is willing to modify the blockade of enemy coasts, allowing freedom of the seas to vessels under the Argentine flag carrying food."

The note also promises the payment of an indemnity for the sinking of the Argentine steamer *Toro* by a German submarine.

### JAPAN IN WAR TO FINISH

Viscount Ishii Tells United States Senate Japs Will Fight Kaiser to the End.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Japan is in the war to finish and will fight shoulder to shoulder with the United States until the peace of the world is secured, Viscount Ishii, head of the Japanese mission, declared before the United States senate.

### BUY GAS MASKS FOR ARMY

Contract for 1,074,000 of These Devices is Awarded—Government to Give Material.

Philadelphia, Aug. 29.—A contract for 1,074,000 gas masks to equip the army has been awarded to a manufacturing company of this city, according to an announcement by an official of the concern. The contract calls for an expenditure of \$1,502,000. The government will furnish the material.

### U. S. Lads Take Thirty Germans.

Paris, Sept. 1.—Allen Blount, son of Richard Blount of St. Louis, Mo., who joined the foreign legion in April, has written to his father that he has been proposed for the war cross with palm for taking 30 prisoners.

### Nation-Wide Milk Probe.

Washington, Sept. 1.—A nation-wide milk investigation will be the next activity of the food administration, it was learned here. The work will be conducted by George M. Haskell, chief of the dairy division.

## ALL BACK PRESIDENT

WAR AIMS CLEAR IN WHAT IS REGARDED AS JOINT STATEMENT OF ALLIES.

### FATAL BLOW TO THE KAISER

Washington Regards Note as Sound—Doom of Hohenzollern—Avoids Discussion of Promise Terms.

Washington, Aug. 31.—President Wilson's rejecting the pope's peace proposals was regarded here as finally settling the question of dealing with present German rulers, unconquered or uncurbed at home. The president makes it clear that a lasting and durable peace can be negotiated only on a complete understanding with the German people, and not alone on unstable guarantees of the existing government. Telegrams from all parts of the country began to pour into the White House approving President Wilson's reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposals.

Upon motion of Senator Brady, who characterized it as a last farewell to the autocracy of the world, President Wilson's reply to the pope's peace proposals was ordered printed in the Congressional Record.

"While it rejects the pope's proposals," said he, "it points the way for the other nations to reach a peace in a fair and honorable manner."

President Wilson's reply met with appreciation at the Russian embassy. "The reply of the United States to the pope's peace note," it was said at the embassy, "seems to us Russians to be an act of highest political wisdom and closely corresponds to the principles and aims of the Russian people as formulated in the declarations of the Russian provisional government."

"The inspiring expressions of this document have once more outlined the fundamental aims pursued in this war by the league of democratic nations."

"The statement President Wilson made is to facilitate to the German people their entrance in the path of democratic revival and gives a thrilling anticipation of the final triumph of democracy and justice throughout the world."

"Militarism and the imperialistic aims of the German ruler have thus received a new and powerful blow."

### TO CAUSE WAR WITH AUSTRIA

America's Financial Aid to Italy Expected to Lead to Hostilities With Vienna Government.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The possibility that Austria and perhaps other allies of Germany may soon declare war against the United States because of the financial aid given to Italy is recognized by administration officials.

It was carefully explained on Tuesday that there is nothing in the existing situation, either diplomatic or military, that would cause the United States to take initiative, but that an anomalous state of affairs does exist was not denied.

Relations of the United States with Germany's allies are defined as still a state of broken diplomatic relations. Officials hesitate to describe them as unfriendly, although admitting that they scarcely could be called friendly. The policy of extending aid to the countries fighting certain of Germany's allies will be continued, and it was admitted that Austria or any other ally might, perhaps, not improbably, construe such assistance as a warlike act.

### 247 FLYERS ATTACK FOES

Great Squadron of Italian Airplanes Fight Austrians—Latins Attack Strong Line.

Rome, Aug. 31.—The Italian troops pushing forward on the Bainsizza plateau, have reached a powerful Austrian defensive line and are now attacking it, the war office announces. On the heights beyond Goritz the Italians made gains. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken during the day.

Altogether 247 airplanes participated in the battle. A squadron of 40 Caproni machines, operating east of Goritz, dropped a great number of projectiles on Austrian batteries in the Panovizza wood.

### BAN ON PEACE MEETINGS

Governor of Minnesota Bars People's Council of America From the State.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 30.—The People's Council of America is barred from holding peace meetings anywhere in Minnesota under a proclamation issued by Governor Burnquist. Such a meeting would be followed by bloodshed, Sheriff Langum of Hennepin county told the governor.

### Michaelis Now in Belgium.

Amsterdam, Sept. 1.—The arrival in Brussels of the German chancellor, Dr. Georg Michaelis, for the purpose of gathering information regarding conditions in Belgium, is reported in a Berlin telegram.

### Save Crop From Squirrels.

Washington, Sept. 1.—More than a million dollars' worth of crops were saved from ground squirrels in North Dakota in a campaign conducted by the federal and state authorities.