

The State News of the Week in Brief

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

Nebraska's draft men at Camp Funston—683 in all—who are to help fill the National Guard units at Deming are from the following counties: Boyd, Cuming, Scottsbluff, Knox, Pierce, Stanton, Sheridan, Cherry, Saunders, Rock, Antelope, Sioux, Cedar, Dixon, Dakota, Wayne, Thurston, Madison, Burt and Douglas. The order means that National Guard regiments will reach the front long before the national army.

Food Administrator Wattles will attend the Nebraska Potato Growers association meeting at Alliance November 15 and 16. The charge that Nebraska is the most wasteful state in the union in handling potatoes, made by E. P. Miller, federal potato administrator at Washington, will be taken up. Besides this Mr. Wattles will appoint a committee to go into the question of marketing potatoes.

Because he was exempted from military service by the appellate board after he had been qualified by the local board, caused people of Wood River to show resentment against Elva McKee, young business man, and resulted in his place of business receiving a coat of yellow paint.

The report of the mission board of the Baptist church at the annual convention at Hastings showed that the year just closing has been the most successful in the history of the Baptist church. There was a net gain of 28 per cent in membership.

Fuel Administrator Kennedy at Omaha is receiving reports from various parts of the state that coal shortages exist. He is arranging to provide relief in each case as soon as possible.

Aurora schools will be dismissed for one week early in November to permit teachers to attend the state meeting at Omaha and to allow larger scholars to aid in the corn husking.

Nebraska grand lodge of Odd Fellows at the annual meeting in Lincoln voted to purchase \$10,000 worth of Liberty bonds. It was decided to hold the 1918 encampment at Lincoln.

Reports have reached Lincoln that Nebraska's bean crop will fall far short of expectations. Due, it is said, to the importation of southern bean seed undamaged to Nebraska soil.

Of the 20,000 Baptists in Nebraska, more than 1,100 were in attendance at the denominational state convention at Hastings.

Acting upon the request of Herbert Hoover the Paddock hotel and restaurants of Beatrice will have a beefless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesday.

Lincoln has oversubscribed its Liberty bond quota of \$2,300,000. Subscription in the capital city are expected to go well over the three million mark.

Omaha hotels hereafter will abstain from serving meats on Tuesdays, and pastry made of wheat flour on Wednesdays.

Troops from several national army cantonments are expected at the Ashland rifle range to engage in practice in the near future.

Fire drills and other appropriate exercises are to be observed in Nebraska schools on Friday, November 2, Fire Prevention Day.

Omaha grocers declare that a sugar shortage exists in the city and that it is likely housewives will have to find a substitute.

The \$250,000 hospital of the University of Nebraska medical college at Omaha was dedicated just recently with a fitting ceremony.

In spite of the dry summer the potato growers in Sheridan county are harvesting a nearly normal crop of potatoes this fall.

Practically all of the business men of Berneston who suffered losses in the recent fire, expect to rebuild and re-open in business.

Due to the increased cost of living, teachers in Aurora city schools are to be given a bonus of \$5 per month.

Corn shuckers are going on in many parts of the state. So far the labor supply is equal to the demand.

W. D. Fisher, new secretary of the Alliance Commercial club, is expected to make things hum in the city. One of his first acts was to submit a proposition to build 25 new cottages to house the growing population. Plans for a new six-story hotel are also under consideration.

A movement has been started around O'Neill to conserve the fuel supply of the region by gathering dead cotton-wood trees which may be found in abundance in the community.

Plans for the new city hall building at Scottsbluff, bonds for which were voted by the people in August, is now in the hands of a local architect.

The Beatrice school board has decided to dismiss the high school for a three weeks' vacation to allow the boys to husk corn and perform other farm labor.

Nebraska outstripped Iowa in army recruiting for the first half of October, according to figures made up. Nebraska enlisted 226, while Iowa has 191.

Food Administrator Wattles has issued a statement calling attention to the recent proclamation of President Wilson putting into effect the federal food control law and warns corporations engaged in storing, importing, manufacturing and distributing food products that after November 1 they will be required to have government license to do business. He advises those affected by the law to secure their license at once from the licensing division of the federal food administration at Washington.

John L. Kennedy of Omaha, attorney, has been appointed fuel administrator of Nebraska. His duties will be to select an advisory committee for the state; appoint committees in each county to investigate and report on local conditions; to aid in every way possible to see that Nebraska has an adequate supply of fuel and to see that the prices set by the government prevail.

Two Omaha women, Miss Lillie Marks and Mrs. R. A. Tibbets, had a most miraculous escape from death when an automobile in which they were riding plunged down a sixty foot embankment at Omaha. Both were pinned in a ditch beneath the machine, which alighted upside down, across the trench, thus saving them from being crushed.

Mrs. Louise Middaugh, who has served as rural mail carrier out of Ames for the past 14 years, has resigned. She was one of the first women carriers in the state; among the first to drive an automobile on her route and has been president of the Dodge County Rural Carriers' association for several years.

A representative from every chapter in the state is expected to attend the Nebraska Red Cross conference at Omaha October 31 and November 1. Important questions pertaining to Red Cross work and outline for future work will be discussed. This will be Nebraska's first Red Cross meeting.

A representative from Nebraska will go to Washington with a delegation from Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and North and South Dakota to urge that the food administrator repeal at once the price fixed by the government for the 1917 wheat crop.

Owing to the shortage of labor, it is estimated that the best sugar campaign in Nebraska will continue about one hundred days longer than usual. The Scottsbluff factory is now turning out 1,900 tons of sugar daily, and the Gering factory, 1,200.

Six business establishments and one entire block of residences at Berneston were destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$75,000. The origin of the fire is believed to have been incendiary.

The Morrill high school football team challenges to play any high school squad in the state. Morrill has already beat Bayard, Alliance and Scottsbluff. Bayard fell before the Morrill boys by a score of 129 to 0.

Grocers and druggists handling lemon extract and Jamaica ginger are bootleggers in Lancaster county. County Attorney Frank Peterson has authorized Sheriff L. A. Simmons to proceed against them as such.

A petition is being circulated in Scottsbluff county asking the county board to call a special election to vote on a proposition to build a new court house at Gering, to cost between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

The program for the annual meeting of the State Teachers' Association in Omaha, November 7 to 9, is virtually completed and fairly bristles with names of national educators.

"Pledge Card Week" has been postponed from the October 21 to 28 to the week of October 28 to November 4, so as not to interfere with the last lap of the Second Liberty loan drive.

The city council of West Point has joined with the county board in the construction of a concrete road, twenty feet wide, from the city limits to the entrance of the Mount Hope cemetery.

Nebraska's three principal fall crops, corn, hay and potatoes, will be worth \$359,880,000, according to the Burlington railroad estimates.

A special election will be held in Omaha November 20 for the purpose of voting on a school bond proposition of \$2,750,000.

While baling hay on his farm near Papillion Frank Konecky was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Recent rains over the eastern half of Nebraska will greatly benefit the winter wheat crop, it is said.

Falls City is soon to have a cereal mill. The Gehring brewery has been converted into a concern that will be known as the Western Cereal company, and it will be but a short time before the mills are in active operation.

Nebraska farmers who pay six cents a bushel for husking corn will pay about the same rate as Iowa farmers. The following rate has been agreed upon in Harrison county, Iowa: For good corn, 5 cents; medium corn, 6 cents; poor corn, 7 cents.

The Buffalo county good roads fair held at Kernay netted the good roads fund \$7,000 to be used in improvements. A style show, which will be made an annual feature, was held in connection with the fair.

The Nebraska football team trimmed the Iowa state aggregation at Lincoln by a score of 47 to 0. It was the first big game on the Cornhuskers' schedule.

The Western Potash company has started work on their plant at Antioch, making the fourth company to build at that place.

RUSS MOVE CAPITAL

PETROGRAD OFFICIALS NAME CITY OF MOSCOW THE NEW SEAT OF GOVERNMENT.

TWO GERMAN SHIPS SUNK

Berlin Announces Capture of 5,000 Prisoners on Moon Island—Kaiser Sends Powerful Fleet Against Slavia.

Petrograd, Oct. 22.—The government has definitely determined to move to Moscow in the very near future.

The new offensive operations by the Germans, resulting in the capture of Oesel and Moon Islands, and the threat of an invasion of Estonia may be responsible for the decision to remove the government to Moscow, the ancient capital.

Berlin, Oct. 22.—Two Russian infantry regiments totaling 5,000 men were captured on Moon Island in the Gulf of Riga, it was announced officially on Friday. The island is not completely in possession of the Germans.

Petrograd, Oct. 22.—Two German torpedo-boats were sunk in the mine field in Moon sound.

The Germans on Wednesday began to land troops on Dago Island, south of the entrance of the Gulf of Finland.

In the naval battle of Wednesday in which the Russian battleship Slavia was sunk, two German trawlers were sent to the bottom and hits were obtained by Russian battleships on German dreadnaughts. The statement says that not less than ten enemy dreadnaughts of the newest Kaiser and Koenig types took part in the battle.

CREWS OF U. S. SHIPS SAFE

Americans Report U-Boat Attack on U. S. Vessels—Reach Port on French Liner.

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 22.—Attacks on three American sailingships by German submarines were reported by their crews, who reached here on a French liner. Captain Mortensen of the three-masted American bark, Paolina, of 1,198 tons, said that his vessel was fired on by a U-boat, but not hit. The Germans then came alongside, looted her and sank her with bombs, he said. The captain and his crew were picked up by a French destroyer.

Another crew, who said they were from the American schooner Crockett of Philadelphia, reported that three months ago their ship was torpedoed by a submarine near Brest, but did not sink. The Germans looted her and then abandoned her, and later, they said, she was towed into Brest and sold. She had a cargo of oil.

Also on the same liner was the crew of the four-masted schooner Henry Lipitt, 895 tons, of Philadelphia, whose sinking had previously been reported.

BULGARIA IN PEACE MOVE

Country's Agents Seek Entente Aid to Safeguard Rights After End of War.

Copenhagen, Oct. 22.—While Emperor William and King Ferdinand of Bulgaria have been exchanging assurances at Sofia of the unshakable loyalty of Bulgaria and Germany to each other and of the permanent nature of the alliance of the two countries, Bulgarian agents abroad have been endeavoring to get into touch with the entente powers on the subject of peace and subsequent relations.

Their efforts are declared to be inspired by apprehension that Germany and Austria-Hungary, particularly the latter, may not be overzealous in defending Bulgaria's interest at the peace conference, as well as by a desire on Bulgaria's part to escape from revolving in an exclusively German orbit after the war.

FRENCH EXPERTS REACH U. S.

Sixty Officers to Assist in Training of Field Artillery Units of the National Army.

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 22.—A party of 30 officers and 30 non-commissioned officers of the French field artillery who are to assist in the training of field artillery units of the United States National Army arrived here aboard a French steamship.

U. S. TO BE IN THE WAR ZONE

Germany Plans U-Boat Raids on Coasts of United States and Canada.

London, Oct. 18.—According to news from Berlin in an undated dispatch received by the admiralty wireless press Germany is expected shortly to declare the coasts of the United States, Canada and Cuba war zones.

Japs See German U-Boat Sunk.

A Pacific Port, Oct. 22.—Officers of a Japanese steamer that has arrived here said they saw a British destroyer sink a German submarine. The submarine had just made an attack on another Japanese freighter.

Triplets Born on Train.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 22.—Mrs. J. C. Atkinson of Seattle, Wash., became the mother of triplets aboard a west-bound Rock Island train. Two of the children were born in Kansas and the third was born in Colorado.

B. E. UNDERWOOD



B. E. Underwood, president of Underwood & Underwood, New York, has been commissioned a major in the signal corps, U. S. R., to serve on the photographic war board in Washington. Major Underwood's experience in photography covers a period of over 35 years and embraces work in many foreign countries. In calling him to Washington and asking him to serve on the photographic board, the administration again shows its policy of placing men of large expert experience in important departments.

U. S. DESTROYER HIT

ONE SAILOR KILLED AND FIVE OTHERS WOUNDED.

Damaged Warship Reaches Port.—Attacked While on Patrol Duty in War Zone.

Washington, Oct. 19.—An American destroyer on patrol duty in the war zone was torpedoed on Tuesday. One man was killed and five wounded. The boat managed to make port in spite of severe damage.

Vice Admiral Sims cabled a brief report of the incident to the navy department on Wednesday. He gave no details, but it is assumed the U-boat made its escape after firing a torpedo.

A gunner's mate, Osmond Kelly Ingram, was the man killed. He was blown overboard by the explosion.

The casualties were officially announced as follows:

The Dead.
Osmond Kelly Ingram, gunner's mate, body not recovered. Kelly's mother, Mrs. Betty Ingram, lives at Pratt City, Ala.

The Injured.
Herman H. Pankratz, gunner's mate, St. Louis.
William E. Merritt, seaman, New York city.
Frank W. Kruse, fireman, Toledo.
Patrick Rutledge, oiler, New York city.
William Selmer, fireman, Dundas, Minn.

CAPTURE ISLAND FROM RUSS

Berlin Announces Victory on Moon Isle—Battleship Slavia Destroyed in Gulf of Riga.

Berlin, Oct. 20.—The German forces have captured Moon Island, according to the official statement issued on Thursday.

The Germans have taken 10,000 prisoners and 50 guns and much other material on Oesel Island, the war office reports.

The Russian naval forces in the Gulf of Riga have been trapped by the Germans, according to the announcement.

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—A naval battle has occurred in the Gulf of Riga between Russian and German battleships, the war office announces.

The Russian battleship Slavia was sunk as the result of being hit several times beneath the water line. Nearly all the members of the crew were saved by Russian torpedo-boats.

Eat something else in place of wheat. Eat more corn.

U. S. to Punish Loan Foes.
Washington, Oct. 20.—The government set in motion the machinery to apprehend and punish pro-German workers who have started an organized campaign in more than a dozen states to defeat the Liberty loan.

Mexicans Fire on U. S. Patrol.
Marfa, Tex., Oct. 20.—Mexicans fired upon an American army patrol at San Jose, sixty miles south of here, on the Rio Grande, according to a report brought here from the river. The fire was returned by the army patrol.

German Rebels Sent to Front.
Amsterdam, Oct. 20.—German sailors who took part in the recent mutiny at Wilhelmshaven have been sent to the western front to fight in the trenches, according to information from a German source.

ENDS HIGH PRICES

HOOVER DECLARES "CORNER HAS BEEN TURNED IN HIGH COST OF FOOD."

PUTS BLAME ON RETAILERS

Asserts Wholesale Prices Are Much Lower Now Than a Year Ago and Urges Pressure on Dealers and Farmers.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Food Administrator Hoover announced on Thursday "that the corner has been turned in high prices."

He has gone as far as he can in price reduction, he says, and assails the retailers for not doing their part. The next congress will probably be asked to give him power to force the retailers to abstain from profiteering.

Mr. Hoover says: "Most of the essential commodities should, one after another, continue to show reductions between now and the end of the year. The food administrator has no control of either the grower or his organizations, nor of the great majority of retailers."

"The distribution chain lying between the warehouse, wholesalers, commission men and manufacturers of prime commodities has required a great deal of study and development for its proper regulation, and these regulations are coming into force now."

Mr. Hoover said he had every hope the retailers will co-operate, as the farmers and other food handlers are co-operating, to feed the nation and the allies at reasonable prices. Everybody along the line down to the retailer, he declared, already is helping. But retail prices do not by any means reflect the wholesale prices.

He added: "It is necessary to secure a large production, to maintain fair and remunerative prices to the producers. While their expenses have increased during the past year, the prices demanded for certain commodities are not warranted. The intermediate handling trades are being placed under regulation; they are co-operating well with the food administration, and the speculation and profiteering are now generally a thing of the past."

"The retailers need the co-operation of consumers in reducing deliveries, and their success in all measures will rest largely upon the support they receive from local authorities."

Summarized, his review follows: Flour.—The current prices at which flour is sold at the mill in jute bags vary with the locality and freight charges on wheat, Toledo showing the lowest prices at \$10 for first patent and \$9.70 for second patent; the highest being Buffalo, at \$10.70 for first patent and \$10.70 for second patent. The average retail price on first patents in 796 cities on October 13 was \$13.77, or from \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel higher than is warranted by the price being paid to the millers. The retail price has not responded to millers' reductions.

Beans.—The bean harvest is estimated by the department of agriculture at approximately 7,000,000,000 bushels in excess of last year. The growers' associations are holding beans at from 13 1/2 to 15 cents per pound, as against an average price last year of eight cents. There has been 100 per cent increase in the Manchurian bean crop and it is now estimated at 2,000,000 tons. Owing to shipping shortage practically the only outlet is to the United States, and these beans will flow into the American market from December much below the prices now being demanded.

Corn.—The harvest this year is 600,000,000 to 700,000,000 bushels over last year, and will be generally available about the end of November. The price stands at \$1.90 in Chicago. New corn is quoted in Chicago at \$1.13 for December and indicates a 40 per cent drop in the price of cornmeal.

Potatoes.—The harvest is 50 per cent in excess of last year. The price at the leading points varies from \$1.50 to \$2.80 per 100 pounds. It is higher than at this period last year and is due to a tendency on the part of the producer to hold for higher prices, and to the temporary inability of the railroads to furnish cars.

Sugar.—Beet sugar prices are being controlled by the manufacturers on a basis that should reach the retailer from 8 to 8 1/2 cents per pound. A temporary shortage in the Northwestern states gives no warrant for advances by retailers to over 9 cents.

Beef.—Beef already shows some tendency toward reduction in wholesale prices, but these have not been so far reflected by the retailer. The price of beef at the packers' door is 14 1/2 cents per pound, as compared with 16 cents in July. But the average retail price of round steak in 796 cities is 31 cents per pound, against 27 cents in July.

Island Swept by Storm.
Georgetown, Grand Cayman, British West Indies, Oct. 22.—The Island of Grand Cayman was visited by the most violent hurricane in its history. The property loss is estimated at \$300,000. Two lives were lost.

Manila Bay Helmsman Dies.
Charleston, S. C., Oct. 22.—Rudolph C. Mehlrens, who was at the wheel of the cruiser Olympia during the battle of Manila Bay in May, 1898, died suddenly. He was fifty-two years old and was on the retired list.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

On "Conservation Week"

1. Go to church on "Conservation Sunday," October 28, and hear what your minister has to say about food conservation.
2. Find out why we must eat corn and other things in place of wheat; why we must eat fish and chicken and other things in place of beef, pork and mutton; use less sugar; use less fats.
3. Eat corn bread for dinner every day for eight days. This will give you the corn bread habit.
4. Eat no beef, pork or mutton on "Meatless Tuesday," October 30. Chicken or fish are permitted.
5. Attend "Conservation" speakings on Wednesday, October 31.
6. Study conservation window displays and watch for merchants' conservation sales on "Merchants' Conservation Day," Thursday, November 1.
7. Eat no beef, pork or mutton on "Meatless Friday," November 2. Fish and chicken are "permitted."
8. Sign your country's pledge to save food to help win the war.
9. Get others to sign the pledge card.
10. Hang the food administration window membership card in your front window to help get other people interested in food conservation.

COAL MINERS STRIKE

UNION LEADERS CALL ACTION OF MEN "OPEN REBELLION."

Men Quit Work Because of Failure of National Administrator to Order Immediate Increase.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—John E. Williams, newly appointed federal coal administrator for Illinois, on Tuesday sent a report to Washington on the Illinois coal mine strike situation indicating that fully 75,000 tons a day of production had been cut off, that there was fear of the trouble spreading and that immediate action was urgent.

The fuel administrator and the miners' union officials joined in declaring the situation to be one of open rebellion, existing wage agreements being regarded as "scraps of paper."

The trouble was precipitated by the failure of National Administrator Garfield to order immediate increases in Illinois coal prices and of the mine operators in turn to put extra pay in the miners' envelopes.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 18.—Miners struck on Tuesday at several mines near Belleville, Ill., at some of the mines of the Southern Coal, Coke and Mining company, at two Donk Bros. mines at Collinsville and Maryville, Ill., and at the Lumaghi mines at Maryville. Altogether about twenty mines in the Illinois field near St. Louis were affected.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 18.—Ten thousand miners in central Illinois are on strike asking a 10 per cent increase in wages.

TEUTON SAILORS IN REVOLT

III Treatment and Poor Food Cause Mutiny at Pola Naval Base.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Official diplomatic dispatches received here on Thursday report mutinies in the Austrian navy and clashes between Austrian sailors and crews of the German submarine fleet based at Pola, in which officers on both sides have been killed and which resulted in a decision to change the base of the German flotilla.

Despite the attempts of the Austrian admiralty to suppress the news, it reached here, coming by way of Berne.

The Austrian crews are said to have revolted under ill treatment of officers and bad food, while the clash with the German submarine crews was caused by the overbearing conduct of the latter.

Army Order Cites Lufbery.
London, Oct. 19.—Lieut. Raoul Lufbery of Wallingford, Conn., member of the Franco-American flying corps, who has scored many victories and recently was cited in French army orders as an "incomparable pilot," is said by the Herald to have brought down his thirteenth enemy machine.

Alleged Plot Frustrated.
New York, Oct. 22.—An alleged plot to damage or blow up a United States converted transport here was frustrated when the police arrested a Scandinavian charged with attempting to bribe a ship mechanic.

Another Strike Is Settled.
Portland, Ore., Oct. 22.—Through the efforts of the federal wage adjustment board, in session here four days, the strike of 7,000 shipyard workers in the Columbia river basin practically is settled.