

The State News of the Week in Brief

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

Probably the most successful Red Cross entertainment that has been staged in Nebraska was given by the Minden chapter of the Kearney County Red Cross organization in Minden. The net proceeds amounted to \$750. A mock circus was organized to accomplish the results, in which all the different functions of the circus was in some manner represented.

In accordance with the general request of the National Council of Defense that no new enterprises be undertaken not directly connected with the war, the Omaha board of education decided not to submit the \$2,250,000 school bond proposition to voters of the city on November 20, as had been scheduled.

Immediate dispatch of 100 refrigerator cars to Nebraska for hauling potatoes was asked by State Food Administrator Wattles in a telegram to Herbert Hoover. He said that unless shipping facilities were furnished at once, hundreds of thousands of bushels of potatoes would be lost.

Knox county, Nebraska, oversubscribed its quota of \$459,000 for the second Liberty loan by \$105,000, according to an itemized statement made by T. A. Anthony, chairman of the Knox county committee, who believes his county should be placed on the honor list of the state.

Camp Cody, Deming, N. M., where Nebraska National guard troops are quartered, led all cantonments and military camps in the United States in the purchase of Liberty bonds. The average per man at Camp Cody was \$110.88. The total subscription was \$2,300,800.

Two persons were probably fatally hurt and six more were injured, one seriously, as a result of an automobile collision between Morse Bluff and Cedar Bluff. The most seriously injured are: James Zakovec, Saunders county, and Ludwig Peltz, Morse Bluff.

John L. Kennedy, state fuel administrator, stated at Omaha that arrangements have been made for the monthly shipment of approximately 25,000 tons of hard coal to Nebraska. In addition to the shipments already available.

Paul McKee, state boys' work secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in Fremont a few days ago laying plans for the boys' state conference, which will be held in Fremont November 30, December 1 and 2.

George Edson, who established the Spotlight at Filley a little over a year ago, has leased the paper to W. B. Cassa, and left for Mexico, where he will take a position on the road for an eastern printers' supply house.

Farmers in the vicinity of Kearney are instituting a rigid search to discover the parties guilty of wholesale stock poisoning on the farm of Carson Bros., which destroyed 100 head of hogs.

Lincoln Gas company has raised the rate for gas to the consumers from \$1 to \$1.25 per thousand feet, despite the rejection by the city commission of the company's request for permission to make the increase.

Voters of Aurora authorized an additional \$15,000 in school bonds, and with the \$35,000 the board now has on hand, two new grade school buildings will be constructed.

Dr. A. B. Tushjean, physician of Norfolk, who made the biggest subscription to the second Liberty loan, is now a surgeon in the United States army.

John Corners has sold his 160-acre farm, about six miles northwest of Stella for \$200 an acre. This is the highest price ever paid for a Nebraska farm.

Lucius R. Bringer, cashier of the Grand Island National bank, has resigned his position to enlist in the army.

Lutherans of Marysville, Seward county, dedicated their beautiful new church building. The edifice cost \$33,000.

Exeter citizens have organized a Community club, with a membership of about 175.

The cornerstone of the new Christ's Evangelical Lutheran church at Davenport was laid last Sunday.

It is reported that 60 per cent of Kitball county's potato crop has been lost. Recent frozes have played havoc with the potatoes left in the ground. The crop matured so late that it was not ready for digging at the regular time. The loss is estimated from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Meyers & Morgan of Richardson county had eighty-five head of cattle on the Chicago market that averaged 1,456 pounds and sold at \$16 per hundred, or \$232.96 per head. These cattle were on feed for forty-three days.

Louis Rulfsen of Fremont claims the cornhusking championship of Dodge and surrounding counties, having husked 180 bushels a day for three successive days in a field in Saunders county.

The Prairie Oil and Gas company of Kansas is spending \$100,000 in search of oil in Banner county. The firm plans to bore to a depth of 5,000 feet, if necessary.

G. A. Esau, Gage county farmer, brought an ear of corn to Beatrice which contains twenty-six rows of kernels and 1,222 kernels in all.

Over 1,100 trays of vegetables and fruit were dried in the community drying plant at Lincoln, which just closed a most successful season. The plant was established June 24 in a North Lincoln church and was the first of its kind in the United States. State Food Administrator Wattles has made known that he will soon appoint a county food administrator in every county in Nebraska, whose duty will be to see that food regulations are enforced.

Members of the Nebraska live stock committee of the state food administration went on record as opposed to the government fixing the price on cattle and sheep. This was decided at a meeting in Omaha in which the new minimum price of \$15.50 for hogs was discussed. A telegram was sent to Washington informing the food administration of the committee's action.

Vaccine points manufactured by the National Vaccine company, Washington, and used in Omaha, have been tested and found to contain pus germs in dangerous quantities. City health officials believe the contamination of these points is the work of pro-Germans. Not long ago 200 Omaha children were made deathly sick as the result of being vaccinated.

Merle D. Hay, of Gridden, Ia., who enlisted at Omaha May 9, was one of three American infantrymen killed by Germans in a sharp attack November 3 in American trenches held by Pershing's men in France. Dewey Kern of Collins, Ia., who enlisted with Hay at Omaha, was one of the twelve Americans captured by the Germans.

The Platte county council of defense is doing a great amount of good. So far the council has furnished twenty cornhuskers to the farmers of the vicinity. Early in the season it was announced that the council would aid the farmers in procuring men to harvest their crops.

Fifty ministers and many prominent laymen met at Hastings to mobilize the forces for the big drive for preachers' pensions. The Methodist Episcopal church in the Nebraska conference is seeking a fund of \$500,000, of which it has at present about \$50,000.

Fifty-seven men enlisted in some branch of Uncle Sam's war machine at Alliance in October, giving the northwest metropolis the distinction of being second in the state for recruits. Omaha, first, had 222; Lincoln, 50; Sidney, 42; Grand Island, 38; Norfolk, 20 and Hastings, 2.

A drive will soon be launched to secure 300,000 children for the Junior Red Cross in this state. L. W. Trester of Lincoln will assist State Red Cross Director F. W. Judson in the organization work. A chapter will be organized in each community with some business man as treasurer.

The Nonpartisan league of Nebraska, the farmers' political organization, is preparing to capture Nebraska in the next election. Forty workers have been imported from South Dakota to lead in the organization. Politicians are taking notice.

Wymore residents who were ill as a result of eating tainted sandwiches, are reported as recovered. The sandwiches were eaten at a social given by the Knights and Ladies of Security lodge. Fully 100 cases of ptomaine poisoning were reported.

Many farmers in the vicinity of Louisville have quit husking corn on account of it being so green, some they have husked seemed quite dry, but since putting it in the crib it has started to spoil.

O. J. Schweizer of Chadron has been appointed chairman of the state potato committee by Food Administrator Wattles. The committee will see that Nebraska tubers are properly marketed and taken care of.

Because of a number of destructive fires in Gage county the last few weeks a move is on foot to organize home guards in nearly all of the towns to protect property against alien enemies.

Patrick F. Kane, private, Battery A, Troop B, at Fort Russell, while heading his way on an eastbound Union Pacific freight the other night was killed at Sidney, his body being found on the track near that town.

After he had been hung in effigy on the main streets of his home town, Roseland, Laverne Duncan appeared for a second physical examination and was accepted without protest.

The Sidney Boys' Club now has a membership of seventy and is said to be the largest club of its kind in the state.

Pawnee City is making a survey of the town to locate available sites for "war gardens" next spring.

A "blood-red Star of Bethlehem" has bloomed in the conservatory of M. M. Warner, editor of the Lyons Mirror. Since the discovery of the "Star of Bethlehem" the flower has been white, and Mr. Warner is at a loss to account for the freak blossom.

May S. Kemper of Lincoln has asked the Lancaster district court to grant her a divorce from her husband who, she alleges, is so pro-German she cannot live with him. Kemper is a wealthy retired farmer, worth \$50,000.

L. C. Sturges of North Platte has been selected by officials at Washington to take a position in the postoffice department in France, being one of the 24 who will go from the United States.

Six hundred additional troops arrived at Fort Omaha a few days ago to take up training in the government balloon school. The men are from southern training camps.

Eighty acres of farm land near Lyons sold just recently for \$277.50 per acre, the highest price ever paid for farm land in Burt county.

DIAZ LEADS LATIN

ALLIED MILITARY COMMITTEE TO DIRECT OPERATIONS—FAMOUS CHIEFS ON BODY.

GEN. CADORNA GIVEN PLACE

Generals Foch, Wilson and Emanuel's Commander to Co-Operate in Campaign—Allied Troops on Way to Firing Line.

Italian Army Headquarters, Nov. 12.—The conference of British, French and Italian representatives has resulted in the creation of a permanent inter-allied military committee. New leadership for the Italian army has been provided.

General Cadorna, who has been in supreme command of the Italian army since the beginning of the war, has been given a place on the new committee.

New heads of the Italian army have been named. General Diaz has been appointed first in command, with General Badoglio second and General Grandino third.

General Foch, chief of staff of the French war ministry, and General Wilson, subchief of the British general staff, will serve on the inter-allied committee with General Cadorna.

Among military officers the decision of the allies to create a permanent military committee has caused great satisfaction. It is accepted as evidence that the allies have awakened to the necessity for the closest union of the whole length of the western front for the political and military conduct of the war.

General Diaz is rated as one of the ablest Italian military leaders.

General Badoglio is a northerner. In the war he has been in command of a brigade of Bersaglieri, whose heroic deeds have done much to decrease the gravity of the disaster.

General Grandino was minister of war in the cabinet of Premier Boselli. He was one of the leading generals.

The Italians continue their retreat in accordance with the plan of the general staff.

From the Treviso hills they are pouring down a rain of shells on the Germans and Austrians, making them pay a heavy price for the ground they gain.

A dozen bridges have been blown up on the Livenza river to arrest and delay as much as possible the advance of the Austro-Germans toward the Piave river.

Both British and French troops are going toward the front.

The French and British representatives who have come to Italy had a conference of two hours with King Victor Emanuel.

The military measures called for by the present situation were discussed in active and cordial collaboration. On leaving the king the party visited French and British troops going toward the front.

The Italians are still holding back the Austrians and Germans by rear-guard actions, while the main body of the troops is establishing itself on the positions chosen for the resistance, says the official statement issued on Friday.

Berlin, Nov. 12.—The Austro-German forces in northern Italy, overcoming the resistance of the Italian rear guards, are advancing toward the Piave river, the war office announced on Friday.

U. S. SHIP ROCHESTER SUNK

Steamer Torpedoed by Submarine With Loss of Four Lives—Freighter Sinks U-Boat.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The American steamship Rochester was torpedoed and sunk at dusk on November 2. Four sailors are known to have lost their lives. One boat with the second mate and 13 men is missing.

An Atlantic Port, Nov. 10.—Information that an American shell fired by an American naval gunner sank a T-entonic submarine in the Mediterranean is contained in a report made to the navy department by the officers of an American freight steamship which arrived here recently. It was learned.

IOWA TO HONOR SOLDIER

Citizens to Erect Shaft in Memory of Dewey Kern, Who Was Captured by Germans.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 8.—Citizens of Collins, Ia., and of Glidden, Ia., are talking of erecting monuments to Dewey Kern, first Iowan taken prisoner by Germans, and Morel D. Hay, first Iowan killed in action in the American army abroad. Kern lived at Collins, Ia., and Hay lived at Glidden. Memorial services for Hay were held in Glidden last night.

Doctor Wagner Dies in Berlin. Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—Dr. Adolph Wagner, former professor of jurisprudence and political economy at the University of Berlin, is dead in Berlin. He had an honorary degree from the University of Wisconsin.

Queen of Hawaii Is Dying. Honolulu, N. v. 12.—Former Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii is dying, physicians say. Recently "Queen Lil" lost her husband for the United States and subscribed liberally to the first United States Liberty loan.

A GOOD STRING



U. S. NOT SURPRISED WINS AID OF JAPAN

WASHINGTON PREPARED FOR UP-RISING IN RUSSIA.

Probability of Change for Better Through Counter-Revolution or Some General.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The newest Russian upheaval surprised nobody in our government. They had hoped for the permanence of the Kerensky government, but they never lost track of the ever-present probability that the radicals, with their program of immediate peace, division of the land and other Utopian dreams, would seize the government from the uncertain hands of the young dictator.

Our military officials warned the government at the time of the original abolition of the death penalty for military offenses that Russia had ceased to be a dependable factor in the war.

Obviously the other allies, with the same information, reached the same conclusion, and plans were made accordingly.

Our task is harder and longer than it seemed when we entered the war, but there is no other change.

There is always the possibility of the Russian situation changing for the better, either through the rest of Russia refusing to accept the Bolshevik domination of Petrograd or through a counter-revolution in the army.

ORDER HITS ELECTRIC SIGNS

Doctor Garfield Will Permit Fire Use Only Between Hours of 7:45 and 11 P. M.—To Save Coal.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Fuel Administrator Garfield on Friday issued his order darkening all advertising "white ways" in the country before 7:45 p. m. and after 11 p. m. Advertising signs burning electricity made from coal or coke may remain lighted only between these hours.

Coal supplies to industries classed as nonessential will be sharply reduced within a few days.

Industries are now being classified and those whose products are not necessary in the conduct of the war will be supplied with fuel in limited quantities.

To relieve the coal shortage in Ohio and Michigan, the fuel administration will suspend for one day, November 19, the priority order under which most of the coal mined in the central field is going to the lakes for transship to the Northwest.

WAR WELDS THE NATION

President Issues Thanksgiving Day Proclamation—Names November 29 as Day of Prayer.

Washington, Nov. 9.—President Wilson issued his 1917 Thanksgiving proclamation calling upon the nation, even in the midst of sorrow and great peril of a world shaken by war, to thank God for blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

The proclamation fixes Thursday, November 29, as Thanksgiving day.

CORN CROP BREAKS RECORD

Harvest for 1917 Aggregates 3,191,085,000 Bushels—Potatoes Total 440,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The American corn crop of 1917, aggregating 3,191,085,000 bushels, breaks all previous records, and the 440,000,000 bushels potato crop also exceeds any former production, according to final reports of the department of agriculture on the harvest of the first war year.

Auto Bandits Wreck Bank. Jackson, Mich., Nov. 12.—The Farmers' State bank in the village of Concord was wrecked by burglars. The bandits escaped with about \$18,000 in cash. Explosions in the bank attracted several citizens.

Major Hanley Is Injured. Rantoul, Ill., Nov. 12.—Major Thomas Hanley, Jr., chief of flying instruction, is in the hospital with minor injuries as the result of striking a Curtiss plane just beginning to ascend while the major was landing.

CANNED GOODS SAFE

NO NEED TO FEAR BOTULISM IN PROPERLY PREPARED PRODUCTS.

NO DANGER IN HOME TYPE

U. S. Department of Agriculture Issues Statement Prepared by the Bacteriologists of the Bureau of Chemistry and States Service.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The United States department of agriculture has issued the following statement prepared by the bacteriologists of its bureau of chemistry and the states relations service:

"There is no danger that the type of food poisoning known as 'Botulism' will result from eating fruits or vegetables which have been canned by any of the methods recommended by the United States department of agriculture, provided such directions have been followed carefully. It is possible that in a number of instances the directions were not strictly followed and that spoilage has occurred. Of course, extreme care should be taken to ascertain before eating canned goods of any kind whether they are in good condition, and if they have spoiled they should not be consumed.

"In case of any doubt as to whether the contents of a particular can have spoiled, the safest plan is to throw it away, although all danger of Botulism may be avoided by boiling the contents of the can for a few minutes, since the Bacillus botulinus and the toxin or poison which it produces are killed by such treatment. No canned goods of any kind which shows any signs of spoilage should ever be eaten. In the cold pack method of canning given out by the department of agriculture, only fresh vegetables are recommended for canning, and sterilization is accomplished by the following processes: Cleansing, blanching, cold dipping, packing in clean, hot jars, adding boiling water, sealing immediately, and then sterilizing the sealed jars at a minimum temperature of 212 degrees Fahrenheit for one to four hours, according to the character of the material. Since the spores of B. botulinus are killed by heating for one hour at 175 degrees Fahrenheit (according to Jordan's 'Bacteriology' and other recognized textbooks) there is no reason to believe that the botulinus organism will survive such treatment."

LAST GERMAN RESERVE UP

Supreme Effort Seen Before America Is Invincible—Men Previously Rejected Called Out.

London, Nov. 10.—Germany called up her last reserves within the last few days, according to the Central News correspondent at Zurich, telegraphing under Wednesday's date. All men who previously had been rejected were ordered to present themselves for re-examination and within 24 hours all not utterly incapacitated were on their way to the training quarters. This action, says the correspondent, is attributed to the intention of the central powers to make a final effort on the western front before America's help becomes effective.

PLENTY OF TURKEYS

Washington, Nov. 10.—Plentiful supplies of turkeys are available for the Thanksgiving market, according to information in possession of the United States food administration, if the large stock of turkeys now in cold storage is placed on sale. The food administration will require that this poultry be rapidly placed on sale under the provisions of the food control act. With a larger volume of the product going on the market for sale consumers may soon look for an abundant supply at lower prices.

HYLAN WINS IN NEW YORK

Tammany Scores an Easy Victory—Mitchel Second and Hillquist Third.

New York, Nov. 8.—John F. Hylan, a county judge of King's county, was elected mayor of New York on Tuesday by a plurality of more than 140,000.

He carried with him the entire Democratic city ticket, including Charles L. Crang for comptroller, Alfred E. Smith, now sheriff of New York county, for president of the board of aldermen, and Edward Swan for district attorney.

Finland Near Famine.

Copenhagen, Nov. 12.—That Finland is facing a famine this winter is the information sent to President Wilson by Professor Wendt. The entire nation, he says, is desperate and the outlook hopeless.

"Bored" While Playing Anthem.

New York, Nov. 12.—Dr. Karl Mueck led the Boston Symphony orchestra in playing the "Star-Spangled Banner" here, but on Friday some music critics declared he did it in a bored manner.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Wildwood, N. J., Nov. 8.—The Hotel Greylock was destroyed by fire here. The loss is estimated at \$50,000. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Keit, O., Nov. 9.—Two interurbans met in collision near here on the Northern Ohio Traction line. Reports said two persons were killed and fifteen injured.

Amsterdam, Nov. 8.—Commenting on the Austro-German advance in the direction of Venice, the semi-official Berlin news agency prepares the public for an attack on the famous art center.

Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 8.—William Mennen, pioneer farmer and the oldest man in Illinois, is dead at Benson, aged one hundred and four. He was a native of Germany, but came to this vicinity when he was a youth.

\$75,000 Damage Caused by Blast. Youngstown, O., Nov. 10.—An explosion of mysterious origin caused a fire which wrecked part of the plant of the American Slitting company's plant here. The damage is estimated at \$75,000.

Captain Rogstedt Shot Dead. Camp Logan, Houston, Tex., Nov. 10.—Capt. Oscar Hogstedt of La Grange, Ill., was killed near here. Hogstedt and two soldiers were examining a revolver when it was accidentally discharged.