

STATE WEALTH GROWS IN LAST FIVE YEARS

ASSESSMENT RECORDS SHOW INCREASE OF 10 PER CENT

NEWS FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Varied Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources at the State House

Comparative assessment figures for Nebraska covering the last five years, as compiled by Secretary Bernacker of the state board of equalization, show a steady increase in the valuation of all property in the state, amounting to \$68,000,000 on the basis of one-fifth actual value, or \$340,000,000 real worth. The state's assessment in 1913 was \$470,690,000, while this year it stands at \$528,891,000.

Farm lands and other real estate show some gain in value, but the big increase is that shown on live stock. Cattle, listed in 1913 at an actual value of \$29.70 apiece for animals of all ages and sexes, are now assessed at an average of \$40.40 each. Hogs have jumped from \$10.15 actual value, in the former year, to \$15.80 in 1917. Sheep are now counted as worth \$5.60 apiece, compared with \$3.50 in 1913.

Due to the passage of the Osterman act forbidding banks and trust companies to deduct their real estate mortgages from capital stock in making assessment returns, the taxable valuation of banks this year is \$8,581,000, where only \$7,176,000 was returned in 1913. The actual values of these items are the real increase of this item is about \$7,000,000.

Money on deposit made a material gain in the assessment tables, having grown from \$5,025,000 in 1913 to \$8,561,000 this year.

Automobiles fell off in their assessed valuation from \$89.70 in the former year to \$64.36 the present annum, but the number of them was quadrupled and the gross assessment is raised from \$2,112,000 to \$6,379,000. Next year will show almost a 50 per cent increase in the 1917 figures on automobiles.

Wheat, oats and corn, of course, have greatly increased in value, but the shrinkage in wheat stocks which occurred last winter and spring partly nullified this gain. About 25,000,000 bushels of corn was assessed in 1913, and virtually the same amount this year, but only \$1,927,000 while now it is \$4,596,000.

The railroads have not had any material increase in their assessment during the five-year period. Aside from a raise of \$1,000,000 last year, their valuation has remained practically stationary, while most other property was being increased. They are assessed for this year at \$56,355,000.

Confer on Vocational Education

A conference between the state board of vocational education and representatives of the federal bureau promoting that work took place last week at the office of Governor Neville, chairman of the state board. It dealt with the general scope of the work, the extent of federal aid to be given, and the requirements which must be met in order for the state to obtain this aid. W. F. Cramer and J. C. Wright, one a specialist in agricultural matters and the other in industrial education, were the government representatives. The three members of the state board—Governor Neville, State Superintendent Clemmons and Treasurer Hall—were all in attendance.

Will Aid Exemption Boards

Nebraska attorneys are going to be called upon to give free legal advice to men called for military service under the selective draft law. Governor Neville has picked three lawyers in each county and recommended them to the war department for appointment on local committees to assist exemption boards and to advise the conscripts as to their will not announce the names of any of these barristers until he receives duties and privileges. The governor word from Washington that his selections have been confirmed.

Nebraska Acreage Shows Increase

Nebraska's total acreage of twenty-three cereal, forage, vegetable and other agricultural crops shows a small increase for this year over 1916, as computed by the state board of agriculture. Notwithstanding the great shrinkage in the winter wheat area, due to freezing out of that crop last winter, farmers have made pretty full use of their lands and have raised other things to take the place of the wheat.

Less than 20 per cent of a normal winter wheat acreage was grown

Find Lot of Ancient Documents

In hunting through the old books and documents stored in the basement of the capitol building, Land Commissioner Shumway found 3,000 copies of an old circular printed many years ago explaining the law that requires land owners to destroy Russian trinkets. This literature is apparently part of a batch printed for the state and left over. It weighed nearly a ton and a half. Mr. Shumway sold it to a junk dealer for \$14.83 and will turn the money into the state treasury.

AN APPEAL FOR CASH

Woman's Committee of State Council of Defense Needs Money

At the close of a most exciting campaign, during which several thousand dollars of funds, unlimited time, and the dauntless work of many patriotic women was given over to the cause of liberty and democracy, the woman's committee of the state council of defense finds itself in urgent need of material for still further carrying on its work.

The state council of defense provides headquarters. It paid \$500 of the expense incurred by registration. The woman's committee members have individually financed hundreds of dollars' worth of work in arrears at the present time, despite the capable individual support. The chairman of the executive board of the woman's committee, Miss Sarka B. Arkhova, and all her co-workers, are giving time and strength to the defense labors, wholly without compensation of any sort.

The appropriation by the legislature has been so small that a plea for support has become necessary. The woman's committee therefore appeals to the public in Nebraska to give support to this necessary co-ordinating work which is the backbone of all the war relief work among women. An especial day, the 15th of December, has been set aside for the campaign to raise funds for the Nebraska state division of woman's work of the council of national defense.

It is earnestly hoped that every person who is called upon will respond heartily and willingly, and thus do their bit toward keeping the work alive, and carrying it to a glorious finish.

Governor Tenders Resignation

Governor Neville's formal resignation as the chief executive of Nebraska, to take effect whenever he enters the military service of the United States as colonel of the Seventh regiment, is now in the hands of Secretary of State Pool, and a copy of it is on its way to Washington for the information of the war department.

The governor will continue to hold the office until such time as the Seventh regiment is either drafted or called and mustered in as a federal organization. This time is uncertain, but as the inspection of the regiment has just been completed by an army officer the summons to war may come soon after his report is received at Washington.

It will require no further action by Governor Neville to vacate the executive office when he enters the active service of the United States. Upon being mustered in he will automatically cease to be governor, under terms of his resignation on file with the secretary of state, and Lieutenant Governor Howard will thereupon step into the gubernatorial shoes.

Other officers of the Seventh who must resign their civil positions are: Captain H. E. Gooch of Lincoln, who is a member of the state council of defense; Captain Lee Metcalfe, who is the governor's secretary, and Major Ray Abbott, who is an assistant in the Douglas county district attorney's office.

Must Secure Certificates of Health

Students, members of the faculty and employees of the university will be required to show certificates of vaccination or officially signed certificates of good health, issued daily, in order to gain admittance to the campus, beginning Monday, December 3 and continuing until other notice is given. This is the order given out by Chancellor S. Avery and Dean Carl C. Engberg after a conference held Saturday.

During the past week a number of cases of smallpox have been contracted by students of the university. There is no official report as to the exact number of cases already developed, but at least ten persons have been confined with the sickness.

The university executives take this measure as the most conservative one in view of the present circumstances.

Specialist in Poultry Husbandry

A specialist in poultry husbandry has just been added to the staff of the agricultural extension service at Lincoln. A. G. Peters, for many years engaged in commercial poultry work in the middle west, has been deleterated by the department of agriculture to spend his entire time in Nebraska in the interests of Nebraska poultrymen.

Many Enlisted Men Rejected

Word has been received by Governor Keith Neville, colonel of the Seventh regiment, that fully 25 per cent and possibly 30 per cent of the men enlisted in Companies E, F and G of the Seventh Nebraska national guard regiment, stationed at Omaha, will be rejected as a result of the physical re-examination that has been in progress during the last few days by the medical staff. The governor's information is that approximately 150 men in the three companies will not be accepted for service in the army.

Must Secure a Permit

Attorney General Reed has given an opinion holding a retail druggist cannot legally buy alcohol to be used in compounding pharmaceutical supplies until he has received a permit from the governor to do so. Possession of a federal permit, the attorney general says, makes no difference.

"Until the supreme court shall have held otherwise, or an amendment is made by the legislature, I hold that it is essential that a retail druggist should secure a permit."

GUARDS IN FRANCE

REGIMENTS FROM NEARLY EVERY STATE JOIN PERSHING'S FORCES.

RAINBOW DIVISION IN CAMP

Americans Welcomed Enthusiastically by the French—Guardsmen Have Been Going Across for Many Weeks.

Washington, Dec. 3.—America's Rainbow division is in France, along with other National Guard units. They include Illinois troops, most from Chicago. While the war department made no announcement upon receipt of dispatches telling of the Guard units' arrival, the army censor said it was permissible to refer to the Rainbow division as that was obviously meant inasmuch as General Pershing's censor had passed the news.

With the American Army in France, Dec. 3.—National Guardsmen from every state in the Union have arrived in France. It is now permitted to be announced. They are among the troops now training or lately arrived.

While it is not permitted to disclose the identity of units, it may be said that all of those which sailed from the United States have arrived safely and that some already are in training within sound of the guns on the battle front.

The former state troops are billeted over a wide area and are pronounced excellent soldiers.

The Guardsmen have been arriving in the American zone for many weeks. They are scattered somewhat, but as far as possible the units from the same state have been kept close together, except in one case. They found the regular army had made good preparations for them, and while many are billeted in houses in French towns, others have been quartered in low wooden barracks specially erected.

The troops from the various states have been recognized by the French population and have been welcomed enthusiastically. After a sufficient time to rest from the journey, which in some cases has been extremely tiresome, the troops have been set to work training for actual service at the front.

During the last few days one unit has been working with grenades and automatic rifles, while another has been working out military problems in maneuvers. Another unit has been in the instruction trenches which bring them as near as possible to actual fighting conditions. Many of the former Guardsmen in training have heard guns roaring in the distance. They are all being given the same course of instruction as the first contingents of regulars have undergone.

The Guardsmen are all in good health. Every one of the Guards who sailed from the United States has arrived safely in France.

WOMEN SLAIN BY TEUTONS

Mothers and Babies Used as Shields by Kaiser's Troops During Invasion of Italy.

Washington, Dec. 3.—All the oppressive measures which characterized the German invasion of Belgium and many of the acts of barbarism which revolted the civilized world, semi-official dispatches from Rome say, are now being practiced by the Austro-German invaders of Italy.

Near Zenon, the dispatches say, the invaders placed Italian women and children before their troops as they advanced and the Italian soldiers were compelled to sacrifice their innocent countrymen.

Austro-German prisoners tell of Italian non-combatants massacred by the invading troops and loot from Italian homes and shops has been found on the bodies of dead troops. Soldiers on the Piave declare they hear the screams of women and children from the opposite side of the river.

The invading armies have taken away cattle and other property and burn household furniture for their bivouac fires at night. Bosnian troops, the dispatches say, have committed unnamable atrocities.

LENINE GOVERNMENT OUSTED

Succeeded by Coalition Cabinet of Advanced Socialists—Bolsheviks Are Represented.

London, Dec. 3.—The government of Nikolai Lenine has fallen, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Daily Chronicle dated Wednesday. It has been succeeded by a coalition cabinet of advanced socialists, in which, however, the bolsheviks are represented.

East Africa Fight Near End.

London, Dec. 3.—The end of the East African campaign before Christmas is predicted by the Reuter correspondent at Ndara. He declares that by that time the German commander in chief will be a prisoner.

Gertrude Smith, Author, Dies.

Brookline, Mass., Dec. 3.—Gertrude Smith, author of many books for children, and best remembered for her "Arabella and Araminta" stories, published more than twenty years ago, died at a hospital here.

MISS TATIANA ROMANOFF



Miss Tatiana Nicolaevna Romanoff, second daughter of Nicholas Romanoff, deposed emperor of Russia, has escaped from Siberia through a fictitious marriage to a son of a former chamberlain of the emperor and is now on her way to the United States chaperoned by an English woman. In this country she will dance, lecture, and write fairy tales for the benefit of the Russian civil relief organization.

100 ITALIANS ARE HELD

ANARCHIST SUSPECTS TAKEN IN NORTHWESTERN CITIES.

Charged With Plotting to Aid Germany by Fomenting Revolt in Italy.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 29.—More than 100 Italians, most of them miners and shipyard employees, said to belong to the Circolo Studi Sociali, an alleged anarchistic society, were arrested in Seattle, Portland, Spokane, Tacoma and other Northwestern cities by federal agents in raids which ended Tuesday night, according to an announcement by H. W. White, federal immigration commissioner, who had charge of the roundup.

According to federal agents, the Italians plotted to help Germany win the war by fomenting a rebellion in Italy to overthrow King Victor Emmanuel.

Federal officers in disguise, it was announced, attended one of the society's recent meetings, at which calls were issued for volunteers to bring about disturbances in this country.

Officials planned to assemble all the prisoners in one camp, where they probably will be interned for the duration of the war.

Pamphlets entitled "Throw Down Your Arms" were among the papers and documents federal agents said they seized at the society's headquarters here.

The propaganda, it was said, urged Italians everywhere to rise against governments and resist all military service.

BREAK ISOLATES PETROGRAD

No Word With Southern Part of the Country While Germans Arrive to Help Lenine.

London, Nov. 29.—All communication has been broken between north and south Russia. The foreign embassies at Petrograd are unable to establish touch with Odessa and other points in southern Russia. Official messages, however, are reaching Odessa by way of Persia.

Information was received here from Petrograd that a number of German staff officers had arrived there and were acting in an advisory capacity to Nikolai Lenine, the bolshevik premier.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Official confirmation of the news from London that German staff officers are in Petrograd acting as military advisers of the Lenine faction probably will be followed promptly by action on the part of the United States and her allies definitely to place the bolshevik regime in the list of Germany's allies.

TWO U. S. MEN DIE IN FIGHT

Pershing's Soldiers Killed in Artillery Battle—Five Others Severely Wounded.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Two American soldiers were killed and five were severely wounded in an artillery combat with the Germans on November 20, General Pershing reported.

Those killed were: Private Harry L. Miller, field artillery; address, Mrs. L. Copeland, 1602 Center street, Baker, Ore.

Private Charles Rissmiller, field artillery; mother, Mrs. Clara Rissmiller, 1321 Moss street, Reading, Pa.

Captain of Raider Jailed.

Philadelphia, Dec. 1.—Capt. Max V. Thierchens, former commander of the German sea raider Prinz Eitel Friedrich, was sentenced to 14 months' imprisonment. He was convicted of violating the Mann white slave act.

Yaquis Fire on Train, Wounding 15.

Nogales, Ariz., Dec. 1.—Four passengers, three of them women, and eleven federal soldiers were injured when a band of Yaqui Indians fired on a Southern Pacific De Mexico train near Lynch, south of Guaymas.

NEW DRAFT RULES

FEDERAL AGENTS, POSTAL OFFICIALS AND POLICE TO HUNT DESERTERS.

\$50 REWARD FOR PRISONERS

Registrants Who Fail to Return Questionnaire, or to Appear for Examination, or to Perform Any Act Will Be Punished.

Washington, Dec. 1.—Federal agents, the entire postal machinery of the nation and police of all cities are drafted into the pursuit of the men who attempt to evade the conscription law in regulations made public on Thursday by Provost Marshal General Crowder and approved by the president.

The regulations also set the penalties which shall be imposed upon the men who attempt to escape military duty or who by their own indifference fail to comply with the letter of the law.

"Under the plan of the war department every police official, high or low, throughout the land, will become a part of the army-building machine," declared General Crowder. "This great agency will be put in operation from 5,000 separate points by the local boards.

"The postal authorities under direction of the president and postmaster general also will work hand in hand with the local boards in every direction and every possible clue will be run out to trace registrants who have disappeared from their home districts in order that they may have no possible excuse for their failure to return their questionnaire within the seven-day period prescribed by law."

It also was stated that the postal authorities through their ability to trail persons through the addresses on letters will turn their whole machinery toward the apprehension of men who fail to report for service when ordered.

The agents of the department of justice throughout the country also will carry on this work, in addition to taking a large part in the prosecutions.

In a new regulation promulgated on the method of dealing with draft evaders, Provost Marshal General Crowder asserts:

"Those who fail to return the questionnaire, or to appear for physical examination, or to report change of status, or to report for any duty, or to perform any act at the time and place required by the regulations or by directions by local or district boards in pursuance thereof, are guilty of a misdemeanor under the selective service law. Under authority granted by that law, it is hereby made the duty of all police officials of the United States, or of any state, or any county, municipality, or other subdivision thereof, to locate and take into custody such persons and to bring them forthwith before local boards to determine whether their cases shall be reported to the federal department of justice for prosecution, and to serve the summons to witnesses issued by local or district boards.

"Persons who, after induction into military service, with intent to evade such service, willfully fail to report to local boards for military duty, or fail to entrain for a mobilization camp, or who absent themselves from entrainment or from their parties of selected men en route to a mobilization camp, are deserters and are subject to military law. It is hereby made the duty of all such police officials to apprehend and arrest such deserters and proceed against them.

"A reward of \$50 is payable for the apprehension and delivery to a military camp, post or station of a deserter from the National Army when the person making such delivery presents the certificate of a local board."

KAISER WOULD MAKE PEACE

Chancellor Tells Reichstag He Is Eager to Discuss Truce With Russia—Slaves Quit Fighting.

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Count George F. von Hertling, the new imperial German chancellor, told the reichstag that he was ready to enter into peace negotiations as soon as the Russian government would send representatives having full powers to Berlin.

"I hope and wish," he said, "that these efforts will soon take definite shape and bring us peace."

Petrograd, Dec. 1.—The bolshevik government received formal notification from Ensign Krylenko, its commander in chief, that a complete cessation of all hostilities on all fronts was in sight, through acquiescence of all German front commanders to the negotiation of an armistice.

Preliminary unofficial reports had indicated that agreement for a meeting to discuss an armistice had been obtained on the fifth army front.

Arrested as a Traitor.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 3.—E. L. Hunselman, graduate of a school of chiropractic in Chicago, who has been practicing here in the daytime and working at munitions at night, was arrested on a charge of treason.

Schoolboy Robs the Kaiser.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—A seventeen-year-old schoolboy was arrested in connection with the robbery of the imperial residence, the Wilhelmshohe, at Cassel. Most of the objects of art which were stolen have been recovered.

DR. RAFAEL MENOCA



Dr. Rafael Menocal, a leading Cuban surgeon, has arrived in this country to take up with the American Red Cross officials preparations for the field hospital and equipment to be sent to France by the Cuban Red Cross. The organization of this unit is due to the efforts of Mme. Mariann Seva de Menocal, wife of the president of Cuba. Doctor Menocal brought with him the news that more than half of the million-dollar fund necessary to maintain the Cuban Red Cross hospital unit has already been paid in.

TEUTONS HURLED BACK

ITALIANS MOW DOWN FOES IN GREAT BATTLE.

Big Allied Armies Arrive on Latin Front After Long March—Eager to Fight.

Rome, Nov. 28.—Utter failure of violent enemy attacks in the mountains between the Brenta and Piave rivers was announced on Monday in the official statement.

At Tasson the Monte Rosa battalion of Italian Alpines annihilated strong enemy forces massed in attack.

"Enemy masses, supported by heavy artillery, again attempted to attack our positions between the Brenta and Piave rivers," the statement says.

"On our left wing the enemy's efforts were directed against the Monte Pertica area. They were crushed promptly and a deadly and well-executed counter-attack on our part was made in answer to every fresh attempt by the enemy.

"At Tasson, the Monte Rosa battalion of Alpines annihilated its assailants.

"At our center, where the enemy's pressure was strongest, the Fifty-sixth division lived up to its enviable reputation.

"Enemy columns, which with stubborn fury, attacked from the northwest and north in the direction of Monte Casone, Col. Del L'Orso, Monte San Laro and Monte Spinola, were mowed down by our fire, repeatedly met by furious counter-attacks and definitely repulsed, leaving more than 200 prisoners in our hands.

"On our right the enemy attack started from the eastern slopes of Monte Monfenera. The assaulting waves were first checked by our artillery and afterward counter-attacked several times and repulsed by our gallant Alpines. A few score of prisoners were taken."

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Nov. 28.—Solid ranks of Franco-British infantry, with artillery and supply trains, were seen by the correspondent within sound of the battle on the Italian northern lines. They had been on an eight-day march.

WOMEN WIN "STRIKE," FREED

Militants Exultant When Twenty-Two Are Released at Washington Before Terms End.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Twenty-two woman's party militants who have been on hunger strike in the District of Columbia jail here were suddenly released on Tuesday, long before the expiration of their terms for picketing at the White House. Among them were Alice Paul, chairman of the party, and Lucy Burns, vice chairman. Woman's party headquarters exultantly announced that the jail officials "had gotten enough" of the first American hunger strike. In a procession of taxicabs the heroine militants, some of them showing the rigors of enforced feeding and willful starvation, were taken in a triumphant procession to headquarters.

British Casualties Go Up.

London, Dec. 3.—November's casualties among the British army forces were greater by far than those of any recent months. Britain lost 120,079 officers and men in killed, wounded and missing.

William E. Chandler Dead.

Concord, N. H., Dec. 3.—William E. Chandler, who, as secretary of the navy in President Arthur's cabinet, was largely responsible for the beginning of the modern United States navy, died at his home here.