## CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

#### OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Warden Fenton of the state penitentiary told members of the state board of control at Lincoln, who are considering charges of irregularities at the institution made by two former guards, M. F. McWilliams and Jason Evans, that in periods of from three months to a year as many as ninety convicts have been cured of the dope habit. He stated that if charges placed against him that he obtained money for release of prisoners were proven, he would take his place in a cell,

According to information gathered caused losses to farmers and grain handlers several years ago. Thousands of bushels of new corn awaiting shipment contains 19 to 20 per cent moisture, the board has been advised, and if not shipped soon will deteriorate with the advent of mild weather to the extent of 20 cents to \$1 per bushel.

The official campaign inaugurated in Nebraska by Mrs. Chas. Ryan, state director of economics, to reduce the cost of living embraces every county in the state and includes muss meetings in every community, in which speakers will appeal for all people to practice thrift and eliminate luxuries,

Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce endorsed the action of the board of directors for the purchase of an 80acre tract for the Nebraska Irrigation college site. Construction work is to begin at once. This will be the only school of its kind in the United States and possibly in the world.

The same quarantine rules that prevailed for the "flu" epidemic last year have again been put into effect for all the cases of the present outbreak, by Dr. W. H. Wilson, state epidemiologist. All cases are ordered quarantined whether diagnosed as influenza or la grippe.

Bud R. Latta, wealthy Burt county stockman, died suddenly of pneumonia while attending the Western stock show at Denver. For several years he had been prominent in horse racing circles and was widely known throughout the middle west.

Following refusal of the Guaranty Trust company of New York to accept the courthouse reconstruction bond issue of Douglas county, an effort was made to sell the \$822,000 bonds to the state of Nebraska.

The Nebraska state exhibit took first prize at the Western Potato show in Denver. The prize was a silver trophy cup. Jake Pedrett of Kimbali took first in Individual marketing exhibit.

Dr. Dillion of the state health department says that this year's influenza epidemic is not threatening to be so widespread as that of a year ago, and the disease is in a much milder form.

Mrs. Edna Perrin of Lincoln, who has been made head of the women's division of the Pershing-for-president movement in Nebraska, plans to organize workers in all parts of the

Lisco has been left in total darkness as the result of a fire which destroyed the garage of the Mitchell Motor company which furnished the current. The

loss is placed at \$40,000. A style show of made-over women's apparel, to popularize home "dressmaking," is being organized in Lincoln as a part of the drive to reduce

The executive committee of the Neoraska prohibition party at a meeting at Lincoln decided to hold a state convention this year and puts a full ticket in the field.

Gregg Brothers, Hooker county farmers, who raised 40,000 pounds of sweet clover seed last year, are said to have refused an offer of \$10,000 for the

The Rotary Club of Aurora is backing a movement to organize a company of National guards in the city, Preliminary plans for the construc-

tion of a new Methodist church at Alliance have been perfected. Good Roads enthusiasts of Hooper

endorsed a \$1,200,000 road bond issue for Dodge county.

A movement has been inaugurated at Sutherland to organize a commercial

The annual business meeting of the Nebraska Press association will be

held in Lincoln, February 26, 27 and 28. The annual convention of the Nebraska Brotherhood of Threshermen will be held at Lincoln, February 10

The state government has offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of the Mexican who, in company with a fellow country man, murdered police officers S. E. McComber and George Rogers, at North Platte. The other Mexican was captured soon after the

Members of the Fremont board of education voted to grant an increase of 20 per cent to teachers.

George Schrieker, Holt county rancher, in announcing his intention to move to California, stated that in the past twelve years he has cleaned up \$30,000 on his ranch, most of which was made in hay and live stock.

Kearney city commissioners have called a special election for February 24 at which time citizens of the city will vote on a \$100,000 bond proposition for the purpose of erecting a municipal auditorium.

The reclamation service at Washington announced that homesteaders will get an opoprtunity to file on 5,000 acres of land in the Platte Valley district. Applications for entry will be accepted from February 28 to March 5. A water service rental basis will be the system of payment for the first three years, it was said. The cost of the irrigating system will later be assessed according to acreage. A 5,000acre tract near Shoshone, Wyo., will be open for homestending in the week

beginning March 5. It is said that considerably more than \$100,000 will have to be advanced from the state guaranty fund to pay depositors of the Valparatso state bank which was closed recently. Total deposits were in excess of \$400,000 and the shorings in the bank's funds is believed to be from \$150,000 to \$175,000, A receiver for the institution has been appointed

Four Nebraskans, R. B. Howell, Mrs. M. D. Cameron, E. L. Burke and Vicfor Rosewater of Omalu, and Repressentative C. F. Renvis, Falls City, were named on an advisory committee. by the State Railway commission Nes of 100 prominent republicans of the braska is confronted with another soft | Upited States by Chairman Will Hays corn crisis similar to the one which of the national committee to draw up a program for the 1920 campaign,

Besides untold number of cases of flu, searlet fever and kindred diseases now comes the report from Omaha that the state's biggest city has a case of leprosy. It is believed to be the first case of the kind recorded in Nebraska. The patient is being treated in a hospital in the city,

A campaign for the enlistment of 350,000 Nebraska housewives to aid in combating the high cost of living was nunched February 1, under the direction of Mrs. Chas. Ryan of Grand Island, state economic director, All housewives will be asked to sign pledges to observe thrift.

Influenza vaccines effective during he 1918 epidemic are declared by Dr. Dillon of the state department of public health to be worthless in the present epidemic, because a different "bacterial flora" seems to be acting this

Women of a number of Dodge county towns met at Fremont and organized a community women's club federation, the object of which is to form a better acquaintance among members and co-operate in furthering better interests of the community.

The report sent broadcast over the state that Doane college at Crete was closed because of an epidemic of spinal meningitis in the city is flatly denied by officials of the institution, who claim that the situation has been greatly exaggerated.

wheat and no relief in sight owing to of Siberia, they are discarding much car shortage. Chappell is the largest wheat shipping point in the state and it is estimated that one-fourth of the wheat is still in the farmers' hands. Architect Bowell of Grand Island submitted plans for Broken Bow's new hotel to a delegation of leading citizens. The hostelry is to be a three story affair with eighty-four rooms.

ic lodge to remove the Old People's holding out, though with waning treaty would certainly cause political at Plattsmouth to Fremont, where the Masonic orphanage is now located.

In order that the meetings of organized agriculture will no longer conflict with the western livestock show at Denver, the meetings hereafter will be held the week of January 3.

The University of Nebraska won twenty-seven ribbons on fat steers and twelve ribbons on fat hogs at the national western live stock show at

An American Legion post has been honor of Claire Freyer, the only man | for all political prisoners and let the from that place to lose his life over-

ance money, which they have just re- as soon as the Japanese have left, and ceived for the building which burned recently.

that no new cases of spinal meningitis have developed since the first report of seven cases and five deaths. Attorney General Davis has ruled

that garage owners cannot hold stolen met in Ekaterinodar decided that they cars for a repair bill incurred by the The influenza situation has become

so severe at Shubert, Richardson countremain as their commander in chief ty, that the village school has been with the understanding that he should closed. Cozad's new sewer system is expect-

ed to be completed in about sixty days, A force of 100 men are at work on the had taken refuge on a British vessel project.

Plans are being made to pave seyeral blocks of street in the business section of Mitchell,

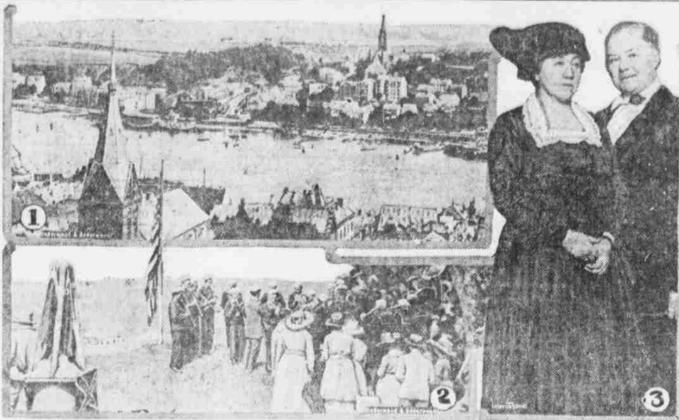
The board of education at Beatrice has raised the salaries of school teachers 20 to 25 per cent for the remainder of the school year.

The prohibition of railroad strikes is the question which will be debated from one end of the this state to the other during the next four months by the schools in the Nebraska High School Debating lengue which is beginning its thirteenth annual contests. The contest will be concluded by the state debate at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln on high school fete day in May.

Business men of O'Nelll plan to erect a 14-ton artificial ice plant to cost \$35,000 this spring.

Hearing on the referendum case of Governor McKelvie's code bill has ganda in America is imperiling the again been postponed by the state su- American Federation of Labor. Its preme court, the date now being set for February 16.

The North River Irrigation district has been voted bonds to the amount of \$120,000 for the improvement and propaganda which emanates from extension of irrigation canals this those who say they are quite free from summer. This will open up about Russian influences and Russian pay 7,000 acres for beet raising, and places is especially dangerous, and he decries appeal to congress to pass the bill by exaggerated. Oshkosh in line for a sugar factory.



I-The old scaport of Flensburg in the part of Schleswig-Holstein which Germany must return to Denmark. -American blue jackets taking part in the dedication of the site for the Louisiana monument on the Vicksburg battlefield. 3-Mrs. George Bass of Chicago (left) and Mrs. May E. Foy of California, the only women on the committee of arrangements for the Democratic National convention,

## **NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS**

Idea of Russia for the Russians to Govern as They Please Gains Headway.

#### **GOMPERS SCORES BOLSHEVISM**

Germany Objects to Extradition of Accused Officers and Soldiers-Jugo-Slavs Reject Adriatic Compromise -Edwin T. Meredith Appointed Secretary of Agriculture.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD.

Russia-including Siberia-for the Russlans, to do with as they please and govern as they please, is the slogan that seems likely to win in the vast realm that the czars once ruled. And though just now the bolshevikl are the controlling faction in almost Elevitors of Chappell are full of all of European Russia, and in much of their "bolshevikiness" and other factions are coming around to the belief that, if they cease fighting, the most radical leaders will speedily lose their power and the country will settle down under a liberal government and will be able to make peace with the rest of the world. In southern Plans are being made by the Mason- Europe the Don Cossacks are still chances of success. In Siberia, when the Czech forces have departed, the liberal Russians will find themselves opposed only by the reactionaries who have the support of Japan. The latest cables from Vladivostok tell of an abortive revolution there by soldlers who feared they were to be disarmed by the Japanese troops, and therefore started an uprising against the liberals who had planned to take over the government peacefully. The rebels were taken prisoner by General Rozanoff's student officers, after organized at Plainview and named in which Rozanoff proclaimed amnesty peasant prisoners go home with their arms. The Siberlans, it is said, be-Methodists of Pawnee City plan to lieve that their country will join hands build a new church with \$10,000 insur- with the Moscow soviet government that bolshevism will then rapidly disappear. How soon the Japanese troops Reports from Crete are to the effect | will depart is not known. The American evacuation is already under way.

> Delayed dispatches from South Russia say the Cossack federation which would continue to fight the bolsheviki unless their independence were rec-ognized. They wanted Denikine to have no voice in civil affairs. This proposition he probably rejected, as later dispatches said he and his staff at Constantinople. Meanwhile the bolsheviki moving westward from the Casplan were threatening the Cossacks in the flank and rear. Admiral Kolchak, it develops, sur-

rendered to the Siberian revolutionlsts on the advice of General Janin, the Czech commander, in order to avert a fight in which the Czechs might have been annihilated. Kolchak is to be tried by court-martial. Russian officers under Semenoff's command are so enraged against the Czechs that they have formed a league whose slogan is "Have Janin's blood."

In England organized labor continues to urge complete and immediate peace with soviet Russla, at the same time disclaiming any belief in the soundness of the political and social theories on which the soviet govern ment is based.

Realizing how bolshevist propapresident, Samuel Gompers, has come out with an article in which he condemns boishevism "completely, finally and for all time." He thinks that the

pass judgment on bolshevism until we know more about it and see more of its results. Mr. Gompers addressed himself particularly to trades unionsts, and he tells them that the bolfunds of trade unions, throttled the abor press, killed labor organizations, split up trade unions as a class and put down strikes by force of arms and by executions. The constitution of soviet Russia, he adds, provides for and enforces compulsory labor. It may be this pronouncement by the great labor leader will have a beneficial effect on those union labor men of this country who have been submitting too much to the leadership of disloyal radicals; but there are signs that Mr. Gompers' influence is declining somewhat.

Although the German government, as such, is ostensibly doing all it can to carry out the terms of the treaty, many of the individual members of it are openly in sympathy with the general sentiment throughout the country against the surrender of officers and others for trial by the allies on charges growing out of their misdeeds during the war. Great mass meetings to protest against such action are being held in Berlin, and while the government does not officially countenance them, it does not prevent them and various high officials have declared that they will not take part in the surrender of the accused. The Ebert government has sent a note to the allies urging them to abandon their demands in this matter on the ground that execution of article 228 of the that would seriously hamper production. It suggests that the trials Germany with the participation of allied representatives.

What will be done in the matter of Holland's refusal to extradite the former kalser is not settled. The juristic experts at the supreme council took up the study of the case anew and it s believed the council dispatched another note to the Dutch last week. Probably connected with the agita-

tion against the extradition of officers and soldiers was the attempt on the life of Mathias Erzberger, German minister of finance, who signed the armistice terms. He was seriously wounded by a student. The incident was succeeded by rumors of a coming monarchist uprising and Minister of Defense Noske filled the strategic positions in Berlin with troops. The revolt failed to materialize.

The troublesome Adriatic problem is not yet solved. In response to the ultimatum of the supreme council, the Jugo-Slav government sent a note rejecting the compromise that had been offered by Italy and agreed to by the other great powers. The reply from Belgrade was couched in conciliatory terms, however, and left the way open for further discussion. The suggested solution was based on the pact of London, and the Jugo-Slavs say that as this treaty was secret they cannot consider a solution based on a pact which they have never had an opportunity to examine and discuss. They suggest a new basis of compromise along the lines of President Wilson's proposals. Indeed, all through this quarrel the Jugo-Slavs have justified their stand by that taken by Mr. Wilson, and they still seem to think that our president can enforce his views on Great Britain, France and Italy, though just how this can be done it is not easy to see:

So far Hungary has declined to sign the peace terms submitted by the allies. She says she cannot fulfill the demands made, and cannot agree to the loss of territory. Premier Huszar, addressing a meeting of women Wednesday, declared that Hungary would be a monarchy, without doubt, and that the new king would be chosen immediately after the national assembly convenes. In the recent elections the national Christian party was overwhelmingly successful, the socialists declining to vote.

their arguments that we should not | granting credits of \$150,000,000 for Poland, Austria and Armenia to alleviate conditions in those countries, He says: "It is unthinkable to me that we should withhold from those people, who are in such mental and shevists have split up the reserve physical distress, the assistance which can be rendered by making available on credit a small proportion of our exportable surplus of food which would alleviate the situation."

Prospects of agreement in the senate on the peace treaty dwindled still further last week. The bipartisan committee, unofficial, was looked to by the more hopeful for a solution of the tangle, but the chances were not good. Article ten and the Monroe doctrine clause were the sticking points. Senator Hitchcock, peeyed by the continued delay, threatened to take the whole matter before the senate in open the socialist democratic organization session, but later said he would not of young people of Switzerland. do that until all hope of settlement by private negotiation had falled. Other senators said nothing would be gained by throwing the treaty back into the senate in the near future.

The president has "promoted" Secretary of Agriculture Houston to succeed Mr. Glass as secretary of the treasury, and has appointed Edwin T Meredith of Iowa to the place Mr. Houston will vacate. The changes will take effect as soon as Mr. Glass is sworn in as senator. The new sec retary of agriculture is both a practical farmer and a business man. He is the editor of Successful Farming and before establishing that paper was of the Chicago Federal Reserve bank much lost motion." There has been the measure reaches the house floor. evidence that Mr. Houston was not very popular with the farmers, and the change is counted on by the leaders of the Democratic party to restore good relations between the farmers and the administration.

It was said in Washington that Secretary of the Interior Lane desires to retire from the cabinet in the near future. There has been no suggestion as to his successor.

Three favorite sons dropped out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination last week. They were Governors Goodrich of Indiana, Sproul of Pennsylvania and Coolidge of Massachusetts. The managers of the Wood, Lowden and Johnson booms renewed their activity in the chase for delegates. The boom for Hoover, though still restricted, gave indications of early expansion. In that connection a statement by Secretary Daniels to a graduating class in Philadelphia is interesting. Said he:

"I can tell you who the next president is going to be. Do you want me to tell you who he is? I don't know whether he belongs to my party or yours. If he has one drop of reactionary blood he will not have a chance of election. No old-fashioned politician will do. He must be progressive and meet the new conditions."

When reporters asked Secretary Daniels whom he meant, he smiled. Asked if the name of the man he had in mind has been included among those suggested as presidential candidates, Mr. Daniels replied: "We will not dis-

The senate committee on military

affairs voted, 10 to 5, to retain universal military training in the army reorganization bill, and the measure was formally reported to the senate by Chairman Wadsworth. The bill was changed by the committee so that it provides for two training periods each year, and a youth eligible to training is permitted to select any one of the six periods immediately following his eighteenth birthday, Republican Leader Mondell in the bonse attacked universal military training, declaring it would cost the government a billion dollars the first year and \$700,900,000 a year thereafter. Senator Wadsworth President Wilson, in a letter writ- in reporting his bill showed that Monten to Secretary Class, has made an | dell's estimates of the cost were great-

# REDS ARE CUNNING

POSE AS MERCY WORKERS TO SPREAD POISON DOCTRINE.

### CARRIED U. S. CREDENTIALS

Several Arrests Made-One Woman Caught in Net-German and Swiss Subject Captured.

London.—Bolshevist agents entrusted with messages regarding sensational widespread red plans have been for considerable time traveling between Berlin and soviet Russia on false credentials, it is stated in official quarters. The credentials they carry are said to have described them as delegates of the American Red Cross mission in Berlin to conduct investigations regardling the exchange of German prisoners. from Russia. These couriers, it appears, were enrying dispatches between Moscow and belshevist organizations in other countries including the German Sparineists and the Swiss: communists. Lithuanian authorities discovered the illicit traveling after Lithumnia's borders had been crossed many times, and a number of arrests

Not all the couriers were provided with American papers, but such forged credentials were found on several of the prisoners.

Two men who carried Red Cross passes admitted they had nothing to do with the American mission, but in reality, were working for the communists. One woman, similarly equipped, who worked from Dvinsk, said she had been instructed to deliver documents

to persons she did not know personally, Most interesting of the captures were two men en route to Moscow by way of Berlin. They carried letters concealed in their neckties. One of themwas a German, a member of the independent socialist party of Germany, and the other was a Swiss belonging to an extremists' organization called

Jumps From Airplane.

Omnha, Neb.-The first parachute drop from an airplane ever made in this part of the country, was accomplished by Art Blute, 28, of Council Bluffs, at the Ashmusen airdrome here, before a crowd of 500 persons, Bluto, who has been a professional balloonist for eight years, made the daring leap from a height of 2,500 feet. He jumped from a wing of a plane piloted by A. J. Nielson of Council Bluffs. The airplane was traveling at terrific speed when Bluto dived from it. The descent took 44 seconds,

Favor Relief for Europe.

Washington, D. C .- In voting to recpublisher of the Farmers' Tribune. He ommend new government loans of \$50,is president of the Associated Adver | 000,000 to European countries for food tising Clubs of the World, a director relief, the house ways and means comand was one of the excess profits ad bers, went counter to the majority visers of the treasury department ap view of the republican legislative steerof the accused persons be held in pointed in 1917. He has said that one ling committee. While there was no of his first undertakings as head of the Indication that this disagreement on department of agriculture will be to program would result in an open fight, try to work out some method of get | clonk room discussion strongly forecast ting crops to market "without too vigorous opposition to any loan when

Circulating Pershing Petitions.

Lincoln, Neb.—Circulation of petitions has begun to place the name of Gen. John J. Pershing on the ballot in Nebraska as a republican candidate for president. The Pershing petitions will be filed at the office of the secretary of state within a week or 10 days, when the name of General Pershing will be placed on the ballot to go before the voters in the state-wide primaries to be held April 20,

Sanity Probe Called Off.

Lincoln, Neb.—The examination by the state penitentiary board to determine the sanity of Alson B. Cele and Allen V. Grammer, sentenced to be electrocuted February 6 for the murder of Mrs. Vogt in Howard county in 1917 was called off. The attorney general's office produced a statute discrediting the authority for the probe-

Youths Must Be Trained.

Washington, D. C .- By a vote of 9 to 5, the senate military committee approved provisions for compulsory military training for boys between 18 and 21 years inclusive, and ordered a favorable report upon the army reorgunization bill.

Whiskey for Flu Patients.

Detroit, Mich.-United States Marshal Henry Behrendt was authorized in a telegram from Washington to furnish free of charge to all repainble physicians whiskey to be used in the treatment of influenza cases,

Would Extend Europe Credit, Washington. D. C. - Republican members of the house ways and means committee favor legislation as hortring the freasary to extend additional credits of \$50,000,000 to certain European countries for food relief.

To Prosecute Unfair Dealers.

Lincoln, Neb.—Mrs. Clindes G. Roan. state economy director, made the assertion here that unfair dealers placing excessive margins on necessities of life will face federal presecution in Nobraska under the organization of the Nebraska economy campaign, aconerating with the United States Deportment of Justice. These necessities will not only be incited to food, but will include fuel, wearing apparel and anschinery. Nebraska will be divided into two districts eastern and western, for the administration of the campaign.