

THE O'NEIL FRONTIER.

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O'NEIL, NEBRASKA

Simple fare is quite the rule now both at Buckingham and at the new dining room at the hotel. Meals in the royal household have never been so elaborate during the present reign as they were in King Edward's time. King George is not nearly so much of an epicure as his father was. He has to be exceedingly careful what he eats, and he avoids rich foods both for preference and of necessity, for he occasionally suffers from gastritis. Both the king and queen prefer boiled fish, and meat cooked quite plainly, without an abundance of richly seasoned sauces, which delight the heart of a clever French chef. A recent dinner menu at the palace consisted mainly of boiled turbot, a dish of cutlets, a fruit salad, and a savory. Champagne is rarely drunk except on special occasions, and when it is the bottle is not placed in a silver holder or covered with a napkin. But the label and everything which might signify the brand is removed.

New York city is trying the experiment of closing certain highways to traffic daily and letting the youngsters romp in them. Huge signs are placed across these thoroughfares reading: "Street closed for play." Miss Ruth Robinson, chief play organizer, says: "It brings an ache to the heart to see how reluctant some of the babies are to cut loose and play in the open street safety which is so readily granted to their little minds with guilt. No one, after watching for an hour or two the healthy spirit that grows among the children in these allotted play streets can doubt their benefit to the little people of New York. Play is the best constructive factor in child growth. Even kittens and puppies will not thrive unless permitted to play. Play is the most skillful of physical trainers and moral teachers."

Judge Robert O. Harris tells of a rather embarrassing introduction which former Ambassador Curtis Guild once received when he went to speak at a republican rally in the western part of Massachusetts. According to Judge Harris it went something after this fashion: "The voters decided that the town committee ought to have a rally with the best speaker it could get. We couldn't get Governor Robinson, we couldn't get Senator Hoar, nor Tom Reed, but we did the best we could, and I now have the honor of introducing Mr. Curtis Guild of Boston."

Charles Hoffbauer, the artist, who while a student in Paris won a second medal at the Salon with his first picture, a feat never before or since duplicated, is now at the front with his regiment in France. For two years prior to the war breaking out he was engaged in making some elaborate decorative work for the Richmond confederate memorial. He is, perhaps, best remembered by his famous painting in the Luxembourg, called "War," showing a dead soldier, in a woodland, on a white horse.

Kenneth W. Tinker, age 6, son of Harry Tinker, who is the owner of an independent telephone company, largely of rural subscribers, at Clio, Mich., is one of the youngest telephone operators in Michigan, if not in the United States. Without any assistance he has mastered the switchboard with such a degree of proficiency that it is no longer necessary to have a more experienced operator near by to take the more difficult local calls. There are 215 subscribers to the system on 27 party lines.

The Italian earthquake, coming in the midst of the great war, recalls one curious effect of a seismic shock in 1888. The cables, connecting Australia with the outer world, were suddenly broken by a distant earthquake, and the government, under the impression that an enemy had cut the lines, mobilized the naval and military forces in readiness to repel attack.

A dust-laying compound, the basis of which is molasses, has been successfully made use of in the South African mines. The preparation, which contains a small quantity of some insecticide, forms a thick coating on the underground walk and surfaces and closely covers all dangerous noxious matter.

A Cairo correspondent writes to the Manchester Guardian that, owing to the falling of the Nile, Egypt will have to import nearly all her rice for nearly 100 years, and the facilities for water storage have been insufficient to relieve the distress.

Princess Shakhovskaya is the only woman aviator in the great war. She is said to be in active service at the front in east Prussia. At first her application was rejected because of her sex, but she demonstrated that she could manage a flying machine as well as a man and was finally accepted.

The United States of America is by far the greatest steel producing country on earth. Germany comes next, with Great Britain third. The figures for 1910 (the latest at hand for the moment) show this country to be equal in steel products to both Germany and the United Kingdom.

The little town of Sabetha, in Kansas, possesses a citizen by the name of H. Rider Haggard. Nor is this all. Robert Louis Stevenson was reported as having paid a visit to his grandmother, Mrs. Fannie Brannigan.

The "safety first" idea, which has recently come into general practice on most American roads, is an old one in Germany and other European countries, where the practice extends to every form of industry, as well as the railroads.

War on rats for the purpose of preventing the spread of bubonic plague is conducted not because the rats themselves spread the plague, but rather the fleas which are carried by the rodents.

Whalrus is now a well established industry off the Portuguese-African coast. The "humpbacked" whale averages 45 feet in length and the occasional sperm whale about 50 feet.

The witch tree of Nevada is so luminous that a persons standing near it can read ordinary print easily. The tree itself can be seen for a mile on the darkest nights.

Engineers in India are trying the novel experiment of catching that country's heavy rainfall in reservoirs and using it to produce electric power.

Ernest Roume, former governor general of the French province in east Africa, has been appointed governor general of Indo-China by the cabinet.

Oil-fueled locomotives in operation at Buenos Ayres have shown an economy of 20 to 30 per cent over coal.

The omnibuses of London carried the entire population of the city 100 times in the course of last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS \$60,000 ALLOWANCE FOR HOME ASYLUM

Fund to Be Used in Erection of New Building—Governor's Road Bill Killed.

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—The house of representatives yesterday recommended for passage a series of appropriation bills, including \$60,000 for a new building for the Norfolk asylum. This appropriation had been recommended by the board of control, had passed the careful scrutiny of the house finance ways and means committee and received no opposition in the house. Another of these bills appropriated \$4,000 for a septic tank and sewage system at the Norfolk asylum and another \$6,000 for furniture to equip the new building just finished at the Orthopedic hospital at Lincoln.

House democrats, with the aid of a few republicans, fell on a bill for road building that was backed by the governor, and eventually killed it. The bill provided for oiling, grading and paving, the creation of districts, and the assessment on the abutting property. In this bill the assessment district went back two miles on either side and a board of viewers were to determine whether the assessments were equal to the cost. If not the paving could not be done unless donations were made to cover the difference. This bill was specifically recommended in the governor's message, but democrats all over the house fell on it, with a few exceptions, they voted from one end to the other and the vote was taken 43 votes were found against it and 32 for it.

The redrafted compromise warehouse bill was reported out of senate standing committee and will now have to run the gauntlet of sifting committees of all of both houses. Its chances are slim. The new bill, which is a product of various other bills, and without the main features of any, provides that all warehouse or elevators in the state which store grain over 15 days at a time must become warehouses, under the law and be under supervision of the railway commission. Other elevators, etc., have an option of becoming warehouses. The compulsory warehouse section applies only to those which are not at terminal points, these companies coming under the optional section.

PLUMBERS OBJECT TO THEIR STATUS IN MOVIES

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—Nebraska plumbers, in their state association meeting, called upon the national association to aid in compelling the making of the pictures to quit presenting the plumbers in an obnoxious manner. Several speeches were made in condemnation of the peculiar idea of humor displayed by scenario writers in depicting the activities of the plumber. President Krueger declared that the plumber was in fact a class of workmen as could be found in any film he saw the other day makes the plumber who came to fix the water pipe, lap up whisky from a barrel he found in the cellar, make love to the hired girl and otherwise disport himself as a bad character.

After a long debate the association decided to hold an executive session to consider what should be done to help out the master plumbers recently convicted in Des Moines. George H. Wentz, of Lincoln, one of the master plumbers, was the speaker who was rendered and who got into the trouble because he was president of the Nebraska association, argued against a secret session, asserting that that fact was potent in influencing an unfavorable verdict.

CITY ENGINEER PUZZLED OVER UNPLANTED SEWER

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—The city engineer is scratching his head over a little puzzle. A contractor is putting a big storm water sewer through the main retail portion of the town to carry off surplus water that has caused great damage in the past. In the work of excavation he has come across six different sewers that nobody in the department had ever heard about and of which there is no official record. The methods of construction and the materials used have not been employed for many decades in the making of sewers. Engineer Dobson is inclined to think that possibly the Indians or mound builders may have built them, although he never heard of either ever taking the trouble to put in sewage plants.

ENTRIES NUMBER 18 FOR SCHOOL CONTEST AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb., March 22.—Eighteen high schools have entered the contest of the East Central Nebraska Declamatory association, which will have its annual public event here next Thursday night. The schools and the contestants are: Fremont, Hesselah McGiffin; Genoa, Marion Joung; Mead, Albert Shires; Herman, Leo Cameron; Oakland, Vernie Mossman; Clarkson, Josephine Zrust; Osceola, Mildred Crisp; South Omaha, Frank A. Broadwell; Papillion, Ralph Nickerson; Murdock, Catherine Tool; Washburn, Mildred Rodgers; Octavia, Barton Johnson; Columbus, Albert Phillips; Ashland, Ethel King; Schuyler, Caritta Range; Bellevue, Karl Barnstad; North Bend, Katherine Farrell; Scribner, Annabelle Zingarella.

WANTS DIVORCE AFTER 48 YEARS OF WEDDED LIFE

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—After being married to Clements C. Schmalz for 48 years, Mrs. Henrietta Schmalz asks the district court for divorce and alimony. She alleges that her husband refuses to furnish her adequate support and that he has been guilty of great cruelty. Schmalz is a wealthy farmer. The couple have reared 11 children, the youngest of whom is past 20.

HOUSE PASSES BILL TO MODIFY LABEL REGULATIONS

Lincoln, Neb., March 22.—A bill was passed by the house which in part nullifies the present law regarding labels in newspapers. The present bill will allow a newspaper to retract within a certain length of time when convinced that the publication in its former article had worked an injustice on the party covered in the article.

LONG, 'SNUG' WINTER CAUSES FEED SCARCITY

Ainsworth, Neb., March 20.—Feed in the southern part of Brown county is getting scarce. H. W. Hitchcock brought up a bunch of cattle Friday and will feed them here. Many other cases are reported where cattle will have to be taken to where feed is or they will suffer. Roads are in such a bad condition that neither hay nor corn can be hauled any distance.

The waste from two wood pulp mills in Sweden that use the sulphite process, ordinarily regarded as valueless, is being converted into industrial alcohol.

C. W. BRYAN TO MAKE PLUNGE AS ASPIRANT FOR BERTH AS MAYOR

Will Make Campaign For Mayor on Platform of General City Improvement.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—C. W. Bryan, brother of the secretary of state, and now publisher of the Commoner, will probably enter the lists in a few days as a candidate for mayor. The present executive, F. C. Zehrung, is a candidate for a second term, but there is considerable sentiment against him because of his deference to mercantile interests in every crisis, and particularly because he ordered the legal department to prosecute a dealer who had been caught giving short weight to customers in a half dozen different cases. He also protected several other business men from prosecution for violation of the weights and measures ordinance.

Mr. Bryan will make the race on a platform which pledges the city to a plan of development along various lines, for additional parks, strict enforcement of laws against business men, and for welfare work. The present administration is elected by the "wet" and liberal elements of the city. Mr. Bryan is a "dry," and although the liquor question is not at issue, it will not be kept out of the campaign.

LOS ANGELES ONLY CITY TO PROFIT FROM EXPO

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—According to C. H. Rudge, Lincoln business man, just back from the Pacific coast, Los Angeles is the only California city that is making any money from the two expositions. It had no expenses to pay for the exposition, but everybody goes to Frisco or San Diego stops there. At San Diego he found a gigantic hotel stood vacant because no one would rent. Consequently, the Frisco exposition are complaining of poor business. General conditions there have not been helped much by the exposition, and business is poorer than in the middle west. Many vacant spots were found in the exposition buildings at San Francisco, and many exhibits are only half completed.

FOUNTAIN DENIES KILLING GIRL AT GRAND ISLAND

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—The mysterious murder of little Goldie Williams at Grand Island several years ago has not been solved. Some weeks ago four of the Williams family told reporters at Hastings where they now live, that word had come to them that David Fountain, alias Frank Fairchild, now under sentence of death in the Folsom penitentiary in California, had confessed to the crime.

Sheriff Hyezer, at once to the authorities, and Warden Smith has just replied to the effect that Fountain has made no such confession, but on the contrary denies having been in Nebraska at the time. Fountain is an Iowa man with a long criminal record. He served four months in the penitentiary at Cherry Hill, one term in the Marshalltown reformatory and was two years at the Clarinda and two years at the Mount Pleasant insane asylums, escaping from the former and disappearing.

NO EXPENSE ALLOWANCE FOR CAPTURE OF GONZALES

Fremont, Neb., March 20.—For the privilege of going out through the timber and getting shot at by a murderer, Sheriff Condit, of this county, may have to dig up about \$75 out of his own pocket. It was Sheriff Condit and his party who last month captured Gonzales, murderer of Policeman Ring, of Omaha. The deputies will likely get no pay. When Sheriff Condit put in his bill to the county board here yesterday, Chairman Flanagan protested against the Omaha authorities should stand for it, and not Dodge county. The board refused to pay, because a statute forbids taking a corpse outside the county, unless the remains are accompanied by relatives or friends. The Omaha board turned down the bill and Dodge county will likely have to pay it, because the law makes it plain. The sheriff has already paid out about \$20 from his pocket on account of the chase.

OMAHA ANNEXATION BILL PASSED WITH AMENDMENT

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—In a fight which split up the forces of both annexation and antiannexation, covered in the bill known as the Omaha annexation bill, which proposes to annex South Omaha, Dundee and one or two other suburbs, the bill was passed by a vote of 52 to 44.

In order to get sufficient votes to carry the bill with the emergency clause attached to give the people of the whole Omaha a chance to vote on the proposition, instead of being forced into annexation.

This concession is not satisfactory to the affected suburbs, as they wanted a separate vote on the question of being absorbed. Under the plan for a vote of the whole territory it is assumed that the Omaha vote will dominate and force the suburbs into annexation, regardless of their personal wishes.

MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM WORKING WELL IN OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., March 20.—A further reduction in Omaha water rates will shortly be considered by directors of the Metropolitan water district. Definite action awaits the report of auditors who have been making the semi-annual examination of the books.

While the reduction will not be as great as some earlier cuts, it will probably bring the cost to the small consumers down to 21 cents per 1,000 gallons, or perhaps even to 20 cents. These are the consumers who paid 35 cents under private ownership, the net reduction after 30 months of public ownership therefore being from 40 to 43 per cent, depending on just how low the new reduction may go.

Present rates are 23 1/3 cents per 1,000 gallons, with an additional 5 per cent off for prompt payment of bills.

LOSS OF ABOUT \$18,000 IN FIRE AT AINSWORTH

Ainsworth, Neb., March 19.—The business buildings occupied by the Fannie Taylor restaurant, the L. D. Bailey shoe and variety store, and the Foster barber shop, were burned at an early hour Thursday morning. The fire originated in the rear of the Taylor restaurant and was discovered between 4 and 5 o'clock. The office of Dr. Carter, just north of the barber shop, was torn down by the authorities to prevent a further spread of the fire. The loss will aggregate about \$18,000.

HARK! IT'S THEATER OWNERS WHO OPPOSE SUNDAY OPERATIONS

They Think Sunday Opening in Lincoln Would Cut Trade During Week.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Petitions are in circulation submitting to a vote of the people of Lincoln at the May theater the question of whether or not theaters shall be allowed to operate on Sunday. Since frontier days the Sunday theater has been under the ban in the capital city, but with the coming of the movies a strong influence has been worked up that is demanding Sunday opening.

The manager of the Oliver, the big opera house, is mayor of the city, but is not in favor of Sunday opening. Several of the moving picture managers are also opposed. They argue that their chief patronage comes from persons who do not spend for amusement, and if the theater is opened Sunday it will simply be crowded with those who would have gone some week night, and who will leave the week nights to vacant theaters.

DR. NAMSYTH SEES INTELLECTUAL REVOLUTION

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—"The world is on the threshold of a great intellectual revolution second only to that which followed the reformation and the renaissance," said Dr. George W. Namsyth, speaking at the state university. "The philosophy of force, which is only a name for the doctrine that might is right, has had its day. It goes far back to the days of the ancients, and is having its last try out in the European arena of war. It rests on two fundamental errors. One is that it overlooks the fact that the real struggle of men is not with other, but against their environment and economic production. The other is that it ignores entirely the fact of association; that men owe their dominant position in the world to the fact that they are co-operating in the work of civilization. The way will be paved for this old philosophy, but its benefits will lie in striking out on a new path of social justice."

MRS. JENNIE L. BEVERLY IS APPLICANT FOR DIVORCE

Madison, Neb., March 19.—Mrs. Jennie L. Beverly filed suit in district court yesterday for divorce from her husband, William B. Beverly, who is proprietor of the Oxnard hotel at Norfolk. Mrs. Beverly states in her petition that they were married at Sioux City in 1906, and argues as cause for suit that her husband has become addicted to the use of intoxicants and has treated her with extreme cruelty. She asks in addition to decree of divorce the custody of their two children, a son and daughter, and temporary and permanent alimony. Mrs. Beverly has filed an answer admitting the allegations of Mrs. Beverly's petition touching the matter of their marriage, that they have two adopted children, and property statement, but enters denial of all other allegations.

FERTILIZING INCREASES CORN YIELD 30 PER CENT

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Data from the Nebraska experiment station which were obtained in co-operation with Nebraska farmers in several counties show that the average annual yields of corn from manured fields during a period of three years were 10 bushels greater than from adjoining fields which were not manured. The average annual yields from the unmanured fields were 26.81 bushels an acre and the yields from the manured fields were 36.76 bushels an acre, according to data from other experimental stations. The lasting effect of farm manures is at least 20 years; that is to say, a farm may continue to obtain increased annual yields for several years after a good application of farm manure or the turning under of organic matter in some other form.

RECRUIT'S INITIALS SPELL OMINOUS WORD, "W-A-R"

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—The last man to append his name to an application for enlistment in the army, before the Lincoln recruiting office closed was W. A. Riley, a native of Lincoln, born on St. Patrick's day, and enlisted on that day as a matter of celebration. The most significant point to the recruiting office was the fact that the applicant's initials spelled W-A-R. The Lincoln office has been receiving from 20 to 40 applications a month for the last year, and it was closed because headquarters reported that the lists were full.

SAYS RAILWAY TRAINMEN NOT PLANNING STRIKE

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Chairman Frye, of the grievance committee of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, declares that there is no immediate prospect of a strike on the Burlington, and that the men are not preparing for any trouble with the road. There are difficulties and disputes over wages and working conditions, but as yet there has been no action on a strike. The men of the men have been lodged with the federal board and after it has reported the trainmen will be given a chance to ballot on what action is to be taken. Mr. Frye says that this would take 30 days, and that the officers have every hope of speedy settlement.

DID NOT WANT CORPSE CARRIED OUT FRONT DOOR

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Believing it to be unlucky to have a dead man's body taken out of the front door of his saloon, Frank Splain entered vigorous objections when the coroner started to carry out the corpse of Fred Kapke, a German who had died of heart trouble while talking with some friends at the bar. As the alley was muddy, the coroner refused to use the back door, and Mr. Splain's hunch is still working overtime. Kapke was a prominent claimant in the case of the late Mrs. Kapke, and when the attack came, in five minutes he was dead.

NELIGH.—The jury brought in a verdict for the defendant in the suit for \$25,000 damages brought by W. W. Coleman against C. L. Watters, alleging the alienation of the affections of the plaintiff's wife.

GOT ROUGH TREATMENT IN ASKING FOR MONEY

Lincoln, Neb., March 18.—As one reason why she should have a divorce and alimony, Mrs. Lizette Hesselmer told the district court that when she asked her son George to give her some money for her support, after her husband had refused, the young man pushed her against the wall and then knocked her down, while her husband stood by smiling. She said she was left lying on the floor for half an hour and after she did get up unassisted she was forced to go to her bed.

JURY ACQUITS VANCE OF KILLING KRAUSE IN WEST POINT CASE

No Controversy As to Facts in Incident—"Unwritten Law" Plays Part.

West Point, Neb., March 19.—Evidently applying the "unwritten law," a jury in district court here late last night brought in a verdict of acquittal for Joseph Vance, on trial for the murder of Amundus Krause. There was no controversy as to the facts in the case, as Vance shot Krause in the presence of witnesses.

Mrs. Vance admitted, on the witness stand, that she had been maintaining the relations with Krause. The discovery of his wife's infidelity, Vance claimed, made him temporarily insane. The jurors deliberated about six hours. Some of them wanted to bring in a verdict for a minor offense, but the majority held out for absolute acquittal, to which the entire panel agreed at a late hour last night.

LARGE CANADIAN LYNX KILLED NEAR BASSETT

Basnett, Neb., March 19.—While George and Frank Kofron, sons of Joseph Kofron, living seven miles north-east of here, were hauling hay they saw what they supposed was a large wolf in a grove on the Kofron ranch. The boys started the dog after it and the supposed wolf instantly went up one of the largest trees. The boys were surprised to see such a performance and while one of them went home to get a gun the other boy and dog kept the animal up the tree. They shot it, but did not know what it was. It was brought to town and identified as a very large Canadian lynx. It had tufts on the ears two and a half inches long and paws large as a man's hand, and weighed 60 pounds. Fred Prelle, an old time hunter and trapper, bought it. As far as is known, this is the largest Canadian lynx killed or seen in Nebraska. The supposition is that it came down the Missouri river and then up the Niobrara.

HALL INSISTS COUNTY TREASURERS MUST REMIT

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—State Treasurer Hall has issued a statement to the press in which he declares that he will invoke the penalty of the law against any county treasurer who declines to comply with his demand for a monthly remittance of state taxes collected. He declares that the law does not require him to send out an examination each month to find out how much is due the state from each treasurer, but that it provides for a settlement by the exhibition of accounts to the state auditor and a penalty for refusal to do so. The treasurer says he is not making this order to embarrass the county treasurers, but because the state has been embarrassed financially in the past when there was state money in the hands of treasurers, who were holding it until they chose to let go of it, or every six months.

"DRY" CONGRESSMAN PUSH SEVERAL PROJECTS

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—Expert Powell, formerly of Pawnee county, who was recently elected in Los Angeles as the first party prohibitionist ever sent to congress, is in Lincoln on a visit. Mr. Randall says that recent observations at Washington convinced Powell that the big question there relating to liquor is how to introduce four measures at the next session, which he believes have a fair chance to get through. These will prohibit the issuance of any government liquor license to a person who cannot show a local history to deny the sale of the United States mails to liquor advertising; to prohibit the transportation of liquor in interstate commerce, and to prohibit the use of food products for the manufacture of liquors.

RAILROADS NOT EQUIPPED ON OPERATING STATISTICS

Lincoln, Neb., March 19.—Lincoln Powell, of the state railway commission, writing from Chicago to the members of that body, declares that the state's experts are accumulating a lot of valuable evidence to submit at the rate hearing when it is resumed shortly. He expresses the belief that the state will make a strong showing in opposition to an increase. The railroad representatives told the Interstate Commerce commissioners that they had no data showing the cost of operating trains. The state's experts have, and will submit, an expert report studying the operation of 5,000 different trains running from the Missouri river to Chicago, and says this will be an important point in the case.

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PRESIDENT SELLS HIS COTTON FOR CHARITY

Washington, March 19.—President Wilson today sold a bale of cotton and sent the proceeds to charity in Oklahoma. During the "buy a bale of cotton" movement, the president bought several bales and one now is in storage at Boswell, Okla. H. H. Conway, of Paris, Tex., offered to buy it at 10 cents a pound and today the president accepted his offer and directed that the proceeds be sent to a charity in Oklahoma, to be selected by Senators Gore and Owen.

AVIATOR KILLED.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 17.—Frank Stites, a local aviator, aged 30, fell 300 feet in an "air well" at a motion picture city near here, jumped from the aeroplane when 30 feet from the ground, and died from his injuries shortly afterward.

COPPER COMPANY FAILS.

Butte, Mont., March 17.—Charles M. Everett took charge today as receiver of the affairs of the Butte-Duluth Copper company under appointment of the United States district court. The Provident Security company, of Duluth, in a petition filed with the court, alleged the interest payments on outstanding bonds and other obligations.

The effect of the war on the herring fishery on the east coast of England is indicated by the fact that the total catch to date this season is 40,000 fish fewer than usual.

MEMEL OCCUPIED BY RUSSIAN ARMY

Baltic Seaport Has Been Seized By Invaders—Only Minor Activities Reported on Both Battle Fronts.

London, March 22.—Relative inaction prevails along both battle fronts in Europe, the occupation of the German Baltic seaport of Memel by the Russians being the outstanding feature of the developments of the war in the past few days. The Berlin official statement today says Memel has been taken.

Austrian reports by way of Berlin claim that the Russian offensive movement in the Carpathians through the Lupkow pass has resulted in failure, but direct reports from both Vienna and Petrograd agree that Austrians as well as Russians are making attacks and counter attacks in the Carpathians without any decisive results. The Germans still British troops Ossowetz without success according to the Russians, who claim to have destroyed the advance trenches of their antagonists. Neither side reports any important actions on the western front during the past week.

Berlin, (via wireless to Saville), March 20.—The German general staff today gave out a report on the progress of the fighting as follows: "On the road between Wyszchaete and Ypres, near St. Eloi, German soldiers captured from British troops a group of houses on the south slope of the Lorette heights.

"In the Champagne district the day generally was quiet, with the exception that early in the morning German troops occupied some French trenches to the north of Benusjour. "French attacks to the north of Verdun, in the Woivre plain, and at a point near Combras to the east of the heights of the Meuse, all were repulsed, the enemy sustaining heavy losses. French troops made several advances against the German positions at Reich Ackerkopf and Hartmanns Weilerkopf, but these attacks soon broke down and the French sustained heavy losses under the German fire.

"On the eastern front the day was comparatively quiet. Memel, the Prussian port on the Baltic, has been occupied by the Russians."

NOTED WOMAN WRITER LEAPS TO HER DEATH

Mrs. Ellen Heney, Editor of Woman's Magazine, Ends Life in Delirium.

New York, March 22.—Mrs. Ellen Heney, editor of the Woman's magazine, published in Detroit, and writer of short stories, plunged five stories from her room to her death at her home here today. She was delirious from typhoid fever at the time and made her way to a window during a brief interval in which her nurse had left the room for medicine.

Mrs. Heney, who was a sister of W. W. Farley, state excise commissioner had been ill since Sunday. She was 32 years old and came to this city 15 years ago from Binghamton, N. Y.

WOULD EXTEND SCOPE OF IOWA OUSTER LAW

Amendment Proposed to Make It Apply to Members of City Commission.

Des Moines, Ia., March 22.—A great saving will be made in cities and towns that have occasion to bring removal proceedings against their officials, if an amendment proposed by Senator Foster, of Guthrie county, to the present laws is adopted. This is the opinion of Attorney General Cossom, author of the statutes, under which 26 public officials have been ousted of office to resign.

Senator Foster proposes to change the law so that it will apply to "all county, township, city and town officers, elected or appointed." As the law now reads, it applies to the county attorney, members of the boards of supervisors, sheriffs, mayors, police officers, marshals or constables.

One of the objects of the amendment, for instance, is to include the commissioners under the commission plan of city government. It is not right, friends of the amendment claim, to oust a chief of police or other public official under a law that cannot reach the superintendent of public safety, who, in many cases, is at the root of the evil conditions. Under the present law a recall and election is necessary to oust any member of the city council.

Sioux City is cited as an argument in favor of the Foster amendment. Action brought under the Cossom law brought about the resignation of the chief of police. In the case of the councilman over him, the expense of circulating petitions for recall, court proceedings and possibly a special election will be large. A conservative estimate of such an expense is placed at \$5,000.

Attorney General Cossom, in an interview today declared that the total expense of ousting 26 public officials in Iowa, outside the salary and regular expenses of his office and the county officers who worked with him, was less than \$500. At the same time it is estimated enough money has been returned to the public coffers as a result of "graft" exposed in these proceedings to pay the salary of the attorney general for 10 years.

NEW RECORD IS SET BY 1914 COTTON CROP

Washington, March 20.—The greatest cotton crop ever produced in the United States was grown in 1914.

Census bureau statistics issued today giving final ginning figures officially place the 1914 crop as a record with 16,192,143 bales of 500 pounds each. That is 409,442 equivalent 500 pound bales, or 204,721,000 pounds more than produced in the great crop of 1911.