

THE O'NEIL FRONTIER.

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O'NEIL NEBRASKA

Hebron, one of the oldest cities in Palestine, has always been famous for its oriental water bottles, made of goat skins. Here are to be found large tanneries, where these receptacles are turned out by thousands. Lying on the ground in rows may be seen hundreds of goat skins awaiting purchasers. Each skin is inflated, either with water or with air so that the buyer may know it is water tight. The majority of the skins used come from Arabia, while a large number are also received from the Lebanon. They are brought to Hebron by the camel caravans and are bought by the tanneries and turned into bottles. They pass through many processes and a tanner will spend a week on a single skin before it is rendered water tight and serviceable. From Hebron these "bottles" are sent to all parts of the east, thousands going down into Egypt and the Sudan every year. They are also used as rafts. A number of inflated skins are attached to a light wooden frame, which then not only readily floats, but is capable of carrying quite a heavy load. Such rafts are to be seen on the rivers or Syria and also on the Euphrates and Tigris.

It is likely that the English shall learn some new tastes and new habits when their men come home. They may bring back with them a taste of French bread, strong coffee, chocolate (which is not meat), cheap wine and black cigars. Even Englishmen, after a long residence in France, come by custom to prefer coffee to tea, and the full flavored cigars of the French Regie (Capitals and Maryland) to the lighter kind popular in this country. French soldiers brought with them from Algeria the taste of absinthe, and English officers brought back with them from Egypt in 1885 the cigar habit. We may take it, too, that the British soldier will bring home with him many fragments of the French language. The Boers gave them the word "commander." This war has given the English no new terms so far, but it will probably add a good deal of French to their slang.

A Texas politician, making his final campaign statement, apologizes to the telephone girls to whom he was fretful when the excitement was running high. We mention the matter to show an unworldly world that even our fiercest politicians remember in their calm, untroubled moments that no gentleman ever permits his wrath to explode upon a defenseless telephone girl without sending, at the proper time, an apology and a box of chocolates.

The British war office gives to its prisoners of war the following daily rations: One and a half pounds of bread; meat, one ounce; fresh vegetables, eight ounces; butter, one ounce; condensed milk, one-twentieth of a pound; tea, one-half ounce; coffee, one ounce; sugar, two ounces; salt, one-half ounce.

Dr. Max Yoder, of St. Paul, Minn., who attempted to enlist, was told that he was six pounds overweight, and the recruiting officer told him that, to reduce, he ought to take long walks and avoid meat. Faithfully Yoder trudged over long walks and spared meat and turned a cold eye on beer. At the end of the week he had gained six pounds.

The present population of Italy is nearly 35,000,000, about 10,000,000 less than Great Britain. Its area is 110,555 square miles, 10,000 square miles less than Great Britain. Included in Italy's population are nearly 11,000 Germans and 12,000 Austrians. The number of Italians abroad has been estimated at about 5,558,000.

A scientific investigator of Europe has discovered a new method of destroying fungus and household pests by the use of mercury. In enclosed spaces the mercury is employed in the form of vapor. In other cases it is injected in metallic form directly into the circulating fluids of the plant.

King Emmanuel of Italy, though well shaped in person and good looking, is very small, not more than 5 feet, 2 inches in height, but, resenting the disposition in his taken every care to increase his stature by constant exercise and is now a very fair athlete.

Kenloops, British Columbia, a town of about 6,000 people, boasts the possession of the longest street car system in the world. The Canadian Pacific railroad, which extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific runs through the main streets of the town.

Suleiman Bin Misa, the sultan of Selangor, has affirmed his loyalty to Great Britain, and has issued an order to all the people living in his country enjoining them to entertain no evil intention against the British government.

Progressive Rochester, N. H., has installed a revolving door in the postoffice, but two unprogressive citizens, walking abreast, were unable to manipulate this "new fangled" door, each pushed on his side of the door.

The construction of a new port on the east coast of the Island of Luzon is expected to reduce the time for trips between the Pacific coast of the United States and Manila by four days.

A man in Washington, D. C., is so fat that he was unable to kill himself with three shots of a revolver. He weighs 450 pounds. The three bullets failed to hit a vital part.

Investigation by the geological survey of the erosion of drainage basins proves that the surface of the country is being worn away at the rate of about an inch in 700 years.

Portugal's navy consists of half a dozen small protected cruisers, in conjunction with a dozen torpedo craft and three submarines.

Syria, almost the only country in the world in which pistachio nuts are cultivated, produces about 500,000 pounds of them a year.

No less than 60,000,000 gallons of milk are received in London by rail every year, the output of at least 120,000 cows.

The lands most free from earthquake convulsions are Africa, Australia, Russia, Siberia, Scandinavia and Canada.

It is estimated that the pensions paid to revolutionary war veterans amounted to \$70,000,000.

The United Ancient Order of Druids has completed an existence of 134 years as a friendly society.

Government care of the survivors of the war of 1812 cost nearly \$48,000,000 in pensions.

In Central park, New York, bacteria are found to the extent of 1,500 every cubic foot.

In its variety of resources, Russia is second only to the United States.

A. O. U. W. OFFICIALS UNDULY LIBERAL TO NORFOLK NEWSPAPER

State Insurance Examiner Puts Order Under Grill Account of Printing Bills.

Lincoln, Neb., May 10.—The A. O. U. W. is due to come under the fire of criticism from the state insurance department. This will relate largely to the size of the printing bills. Within a year and a half the organization has incurred the expense of \$29,000 for printing. The work is not done on contracts based on competitive bids, but has been handed over to the Huse Printing company of Norfolk. The examiner's report shows that the organization has been paying 14 cents a month per copy for its official organ, while similar papers of other organizations cost but 2 to 4 cents each. Complaint is also paid to the payment of \$5,000 for a book containing pictures of the officers and buildings. The claim was made out by the American Photogravure company, but the examiner says he found no such organization. He says that the checks were being sent to the Huse company.

Four years ago the surplus of the society was \$600,000, but it has now dropped to \$120,000. The order has added 3,000 members in the last year, and now has 41,000 in the state.

WISNER MAN NAMED TO NEW JUDICIAL POSITION

Lincoln, Neb., May 10.—A. R. Oleson, of Wisner, Cuming county, has been appointed by Governor Morehead as judge of the Ninth district created by the last legislature by the addition of the counties of Grant and Cheyenne and the addition of a second judge. The law goes into effect July 8, and a successor will not be elected until 1916. Mr. Oleson is a graduate of the Wisconsin law school. He served as a republican legislator in 1901, and was one of nine legislators who blocked the election of D. E. Thompson as United States senator. He said that after that the republican leaders in that county shut him out of all political conventions and gatherings, and for seven years he has been a democrat.

OPTIMISM IS KEYNOTE OF MEETING OF BANKERS

Lincoln, Neb., May 10.—Optimism marked the utterances of speakers at the meeting of Group No. 1 of the Nebraska Bankers' association. It was generally agreed that prosperity is not only on the way, but is here. The banks have a plethora of money, but the amount of loans is gradually increasing along safe lines. It was stated that the era of liquidation is practically over and that business has turned the corners.

The principal address was made by Asa Ramsey, deputy federal reserve agent at the Kansas City regional bank. Mr. Ramsey declared that hostile comment on the part of bankers is rarely heard now that the system has got into working order. He said that the bank at Kansas City has not quite made expenses, but that was because the initial cost of doing business is large. Later on, sure dividends would be paid to the banker stockholders. The bank was organized just too late to get in on the \$20,000,000 needed for crop moving. He showed how the red tape had been cut and how to do business with the bank. He felt sure that with the establishment of this system all chances of a panic have vanished.

COUNTIES NOT LIABLE FOR CARE OF POOR IN TOWNS

Lincoln, Neb., May 10.—Answering an inquiry from County Attorney Kiplinger, of Wayne, as to whether the county commissioners must care for the poor in the incorporated villages and cities of the county, Deputy Attorney General Roe has sent a negative answer. The opinion is somewhat lengthy and holds that the county board is under no legal obligation to furnish support and medical attendance unless to inmates of the county almshouse or poor farm. He holds that the duty of furnishing supplies and medical attendance to the poor of the incorporated towns and cities rests upon the authorities thereof. He says that a physician acting for a city or town cannot recover from the county for any services he may render the poor of the municipality.

CUMING COUNTY FARMER MISSING; SEARCHERS ACTIVE

West Point, Neb., May 10.—Frank Ridder, a prominent and wealthy farmer in Cuming county, living near the church, left his farm home late Wednesday night and has not since been seen. As soon as his absence was noticed, the alarm was given and searching parties of neighbors were organized and searched the country west of the river, but they failed to find any trace of the missing man. Ridder is a German farmer, about 45 years of age, and has a wife and family. About a year ago he was stricken with a mental malady and was sent to a hospital in Chicago for treatment. After a stay there of some two or three weeks he suddenly left the institution and no trace of him could be traced until about a week later he returned to his home at Montevideo. He has remained there until the present time, and it is feared that a sudden return of his trouble has occurred.

RAILROAD TAX COMMISSION IN PLEA FOR REDUCTION

Lincoln, Neb., May 10.—Tax Commission of the Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul & Omaha road made an earnest plea yesterday to the state board of equalization that its members go into executive session for an hour and consider his claim that the state is assessing for more than 100 per cent of its actual value and more than 100 per cent of the value found by the state's own railway commissioners. Mr. Polley said that for years he has been trying to get the state to deal squarely with the matter of taxation, and that if they ever looked into his claims they would find them correct. The road is valued at \$45,100 a mile and has been taking \$25,000 a year more from it in taxes than it should pay.

MEET GOES TO NELIGH

Neligh, Neb., May 8.—Neligh won first place in the high school track meet here Friday, participated in by Neligh, Ewing, Tilden and Oakdale schools. Neligh was strong in the track events and Ewing in the field. Neligh and Ewing tied on 36 points each, but the honors were awarded to Neligh under rules adopted by the association, providing in such cases they should go to the team having the most firsts. Tilden won 22 points and Oakdale 5. The attendance was large.

FARMERS DISGUSTED WITH INTERFERENCE FROM CITY EXPERTS

President Gustafson, Nebraska Union, Says Ruralites Can Handle Own Affairs.

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—C. H. Gustafson, president of the Nebraska Farmers' union, engaged in a heated discussion with Allen G. Fisher and others, following his address before the Nebraska Commercial club association here yesterday. Gustafson asserted the farmers of the state were disgusted with the efforts of the townspeople to interfere with their affairs.

"We don't want any of your help," he is alleged to have said, "nor any of your farm demonstrations or seed or corn specials. We're able to attend to our own affairs without your help. We don't believe in a lot of your methods." Fisher and others replied to Gustafson's address, accusing him of being unpatriotic toward the interests and advancement of the state. Gustafson stoutly maintained, however, that every one of the 16,000 members of the union believed as he did.

The following officers were elected by the association: J. W. Steinbrink, Nebraska City, president; W. D. Fisher, Alliance, secretary, and the following vice presidents for each congressional district: C. E. Eustice, Auburn, first; J. L. McGinnis, Omaha, second; S. J. Thornton, Neligh, third; A. Hahn, David City, fourth; R. A. Blake, Hastings, fifth, and A. G. Fisher, Chadron, sixth. The next convention will be held in Omaha.

DAHLMAN AFTER SCALP OF ELECTION COMMISSIONER

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—Mayor Dahlman, with after election exuberance, announced yesterday that he will bring charges before Governor Morehead against Election Commissioner Moorhead, in an effort to secure the latter's removal from office.

The mayor alleges that the defeat of Commissioner McGovern is due entirely to the disfranchising of legal voters by a too literal enforcement of the law by the election of commissioner. Commissioner Moorhead's answer is that he has at all times simply complied with the law.

DECLARED CHARLES BRYAN HAS EYE ON GOVERNORSHIP

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—The election of Charles W. Bryan as one of the city commissioners of Lincoln, and the probability that he will be selected by his associates for mayor has caused the political prophets to agree that Mr. Bryan will be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

BEEMER SALOONS CLOSED PENDING COURT APPEAL

Beemer, Neb., May 8.—The remonstrances against two saloonkeepers of Beemer, Claus Stamp and Frank Konepasek, were heard yesterday afternoon. It was generally agreed that applications for license were not lawfully gotten out. It also charged the men with law violations, selling liquor to minors, selling on Sunday and selling after 8 o'clock. After the hearing the board decided to grant the licenses, but B. J. Johnson, the attorney for the Anti-Saloon league, immediately appealed the case to the district court. The two saloons in question will stay closed until the case is decided in the district court.

ASKS REVOCATION OF TWO INSURANCE LICENSES

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—W. J. Connell, an Omaha attorney, has filed a complaint against the Reliance Life Insurance company, of Pittsburgh, and the Maryland Casualty company, of Baltimore, asking for their licenses to do business in Nebraska be revoked.

Mr. Connell alleges that his son, Ralph S. Connell, was shot from ambush while riding near their home in Tulare, N. M., last June, and that the companies have refused to pay the insurance. He demands a refund of \$10,000 in the Pittsburgh company, and \$25,000 in the other, and are trying to compromise with the widow on a two thirds basis.

CRITICIZES MANAGEMENT OF A. O. U. W. OFFICIALS

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—In a report made by one of the examiners of the state board of equalization charges are made that officers of the Ancient Order of United Workmen in Nebraska have been negligent in their duties and that their management of affairs has been weak. Just to what extent the weakness has extended Finance Commissioner L. Brian refused to say until the matter has been fully gone into by the insurance board. Governor Morehead and State Auditor Smith, two of the members, would say nothing about the matter, and the third member, Attorney General Roe, declared that Mr. Reed himself is a member of the order.

FRENCH FOOLED TURKS WHILE BRITISH LANDED

Paris, May 7.—The Official Gazette of the navy department published today an account of the landing of French troops on the Asiatic side of the Dardanelles, which confirms previous reports that the purpose of this enterprise was to make a diversion while the main landing force was going ashore on the Gallipoli peninsula.

A regiment of colonial infantry departed at Kum Kaless on the Asiatic side and attacked a greatly superior force of Turks. The official Gazette says the French took 500 prisoners and then retired to their ships, having fulfilled their mission of engaging the attention of the Turks while the main landing operations were being carried out in force on the European side.

The Valley of Decision. From the Christian Herald.

The spring is a picture of revival and regeneration when the latent life of the barren trees springs into flower and fruit. Spring is a new birth to the seemingly dead plants. As the south wind blows away the fogs, and the south wind gently wooes slumbering life into useful service for man, so God's convicting and converting spirit awakens our dormant powers to life and love and liberty. "Heaven is near in the valley of decision." A Christian life is more than mere natural, more useful, than an un-Christian life.

PULLMAN'S APPLY FOR HIGHER ASSESSMENT; OFFICIALS SURPRISED

Makes Suggestion of 21 Per Cent Raise and Given 25, Just For Good Measure.

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—A rude shock was inflicted upon the members of the state board of equalization Tuesday when Thomas H. Benton, representing the Pullman Car company, appeared before that body and asked that the assessed value of the company's property be assessed higher than it was last year. He suggested that the total be increased 21 per cent. Governor Morehead, not to be put down in generosity, asked for an increase of 25 per cent which would be acceptable to the company. Mr. Benton said it would not affect the company will be assessed at the rate of \$15,000 for each standard Pullman car and \$8,000 for each tourist sleeper. The total will be \$812,000. R. W. McGinnis, general agent of the Northwestern, asked a reduction of \$500 a mile on the assessment against his company, from \$7,000 to \$6,500. He insisted that most of its properties in Nebraska were branch lines and should not be taxed as though they were main line trackage. He said that part of the county touched is pretty dead, and that the new order reducing rates will give the company less revenue than last year, in spite of the good crop prospects. Treasurer Hall wanted to know if he thought taxes on farm lands should be remitted during poor crop years, but Mr. McGinnis did not answer.

MR. AND MRS. NEFF FIGHT WHITE SLAVERY CHARGE

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—Mr. and Mrs. Grover Neff, former residents of Seward, Neb., are making a vigorous fight in federal court against a charge of white slavery. In the case, Nellie Taylor, swore that she was induced to go to St. Joseph from her home in Lincoln, and that after they got there Mrs. Neff told her that her husband was unable to get work and that to keep from starving they would have to go with men, with men, and they did. She said that before leaving Lincoln, Mrs. Neff dictated a postcard to Mrs. Taylor telling her not to worry, that her husband was safe, that she had married and was going on a wedding tour in the west.

The defense of the Neffs is that the girl ran away from cruel treatment at home and went to St. Joseph on her own accord.

LINCOLN CREAMERY MAN TRANSFERRED TO CHICAGO

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—A. E. Wilkerson, general manager of the Beatrice Creamery company, has been transferred to the general headquarters of the company at Chicago, and will leave for that city shortly. This company formerly controlled a creamery at Sioux City, Mo., has been sold at Lincoln, Neb., to the Topeka, Oklahoma City, Cheyenne, Beatrice, Pueblo and Deadwood. It was begun 15 years ago in a modest way at Beatrice, and owes its present standing to the business genius of George E. Haskell, who has made a million out of the business.

WRONGED OPERA SINGER HAS NO LEGAL REDRESS

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—Walter Wheatley, the operatic singer who was detained under bond for a week because some federal sleuth thought he was a fugitive, has been freed by a local banker from Americus, Ga., who has been consulting attorneys trying to find what redress he has. His attorneys tell him that he has none. He has not even been able to find out who it was that ordered his arrest. The local federal officer, William J. Kip, says how he came to be picked upon, that their orders came from Chicago to arrest him, and that Chicago got its orders from Washington. Just how this Wheatley came to be arrested promises to be a mystery.

OMAHA ADOPTS MEASURE FOR LOWER LIGHT RATE

Omaha, Neb., May 8.—Without a dissenting vote, and with only one request for action of another sort, the city commission passed Commissioner Butler's electric light rate reduction ordinance. This ordinance provides for the following general reductions:

On commercial lighting, from 11 cents per kilowatt hour to 8 cents per kilowatt hour; on residence lighting, from 11 cents per kilowatt hour, to 8 cents per kilowatt hour; on room power, from 9 cents per kilowatt hour on the first 200 kilowatt, to 8 cents; next 400 kilowatt from 5 cents to 4 1/2 cents, and the next 2,600 kilowatt from 3 cents to 2 1/2 cents, and in excess of the above kilowatt the rate remains at its present figure.

The secondary charge for commercial lighting is reduced from 6 cents per kilowatt to 5 1/2 cents; secondary charge in residence lighting from 6 cents to 5 1/2 cents per kilowatt.

All heating and battery charges are reduced from 6 cents to 5 1/4 cents per kilowatt hour. No change is made in the wholesale rate.

GUILTY OF PERJURY

New York, May 8.—A verdict of guilty was returned last night against Frank D. Safford, the aged hotel clerk of the Hotel Kensington, in Plainfield, N. J., who was charged with perjury in connection with proceedings growing out of the \$50,000 breach of promise suit brought by Miss Rose Tanager against James W. Osborne, widely known criminal lawyer.

ILLINOIS "WETS" WIN IN CLASH WITH "DRYS"

Springfield, Ill., May 6.—The first clash between the "wets" and the "drys" in the Illinois senate today resulted in victory for the "wets" by a vote of 23 to 22 the senate refused to adopt Senator Cleary's resolution providing that his residence district anti-saloon bill be taken from the license committee and placed on the calendar.

INSURANCE RATES SOON UNDER BUREAU CONTROL

Des Moines, Ia., May 6.—The Independent Rating bureau will remove from Cedar Rapids to Des Moines to take charge of fire insurance rates under direction of State Insurance Commissioner English, as provided in the newly enacted anti-competition law. It is expected that other bureaus may be formed, including one to handle mutual business.

G. W. BRYAN WILL BE NEXT LINCOLN MAYOR; DAHLMAN FOR OMAHA

"Brother" Charley Makes Fine Spurt on First Entry Into Campaign Game.

Lincoln, Neb., May 7.—Charles W. Bryan, brother of Secretary of State Bryan, was elected yesterday a member of the Lincoln city commission, and probably will be chosen as the next mayor, the position to which he aspires. Under the plan here the members of the commission elect the mayor. Frank C. Zahnig, present mayor, was a candidate for re-election but was backed by a so-called business men's organization, but he fell more than 700 votes behind Bryan and failed to land on the commission. The new commission will consist of three former members, George C. Maynard, William Schroeder and T. J. Hensley and two new members, Mr. Bryan and John Wright. The five commissioners designate the mayor and the unanimous election of Mr. Bryan to that position is conceded.

FOUND THINGS CHANGED AFTER LAPSE OF 80 YEARS

Omaha, Neb., May 7.—Within the confines of the little government agency at Bellevue 80 years ago the first white child was born in the state of Nebraska. Today that same "hot" now a white bearded man of four score years, is visiting in the city of his nativity. He is Dr. Samuel T. Merrill. Instead of the crude wooden huts and log stockades which kept unfriendly Indians from molesting the first white child of the little community, Dr. Merrill found upon his return to Omaha from Rochester, N. Y., where he now resides, tall skyscrapers and a metropolitan city of 150,000 population.

On a night when the cuisine of modern hotels Dr. Merrill recalls what he watched the Indians partake of stewed dog, the culinary delicacy of the redmen. He is the son of a missionary who was working among Indians at Bellevue in 1835, when Dr. Merrill was born. It was the first white child of the territory he was the object of great interest among the tribesmen who used to travel miles for a glance at his little pink white toes and fair complexion. His parents instituted the first agricultural school in the state and were first to instruct the Indians how to plant corn and other crops.

FLEA BEETLES INJURING EARLY SPRING VEGETABLES

Lincoln, Neb., May 7.—Many complaints have come to the college of agriculture in regard to the flea beetles that are eating the leaves of radish, cabbage and other vegetables of this family at the present time. The beetles that seem to be doing most of the damage are the cabbage flea beetle, a small, shiny, bluish-black species and another kind known as the striped flea beetle, which has a small yellow stripe on each side of the back. When the beetles, or the leaves on which they are working, are touched, the insects jump away like fleas. They can be driven away from gardens by dusting with finely sifted ashes or air slaked lime. To each pint of the finely sifted ashes or lime add one teaspoonful of kerosene and finely crushed moth balls. Mix thoroughly and dust the mixture on the plants from a coffee can, the bottom of which has been punched with many small holes. If one cares to handle the insects can be got rid of on radishes or turnips by the use of paris green, using one part paris green to 10 parts flour or air slaked lime. Mix thoroughly and place in a cloth sack. Shake the sack over the plants in the early morning while the dew is still on the leaves.

STATE OFFICIAL ASKED TO TRACK MARGARET MURPHEY

Lincoln, Neb., May 7.—The state labor bureau has a new duty to perform. Commissioner Coffey received a letter from New York asking for information regarding Margaret Murphey, daughter of Jeremiah Murphey, a civil war veteran, who left that state 35 years ago with what was known as the Father Smith pilgrims, and went to Omaha. The letter states that it was rumored that she married a man named McCarty and that they settled in O'Connor.

A number of years ago there was a small settlement in Greeley county known as the "Boston colony," and the postoffice was called O'Connor. O'Connor is still on the map, and lies south-east of Greeley three or four miles. This postoffice was established in the '80s, or before, and it is possible that this is where Miss Murphey went, as it was an Irish settlement, and a family by the name of McCarty resided in that locality.

DAHLMAN AGAIN WINS IN ELECTION AT OMAHA

Omaha, Neb., May 7.—Five of the present commissioners, Dahlman, Hummel, Kugel, Butler and Withnell, were re-elected in the municipal election held yesterday. John C. Drexel and Walter S. Jardine were chosen as the other commissioners. The latter defeated Thomas McGovern, present public improvement commissioner, by 17 votes. J. B. Hummel, commissioner of parks, polled the highest number of votes. It is generally conceded that Mayor Dahlman will again be chosen mayor.

SPANISH PALACE OF JUSTICE IS BURNED

Madrid, May 5.—The court archives stored in the Palace of Justice were destroyed by the fire which started last evening. The flames have been brought under control, but probably will smolder for a week, according to the chief of the fire department. Not only did the water supply fail, but the firemen lacked adequate apparatus with which to make their fight.

The church of Santa Barbara, adjoining the Palace of Justice, was badly damaged, but the portion containing the tomb of Ferdinand VI, of Braganza, was saved.

EAST OHIO STRIKE NEARS SETTLEMENT

Cleveland, Ohio, May 5.—Miners and operators of the joint case committee continued their conference today in an effort to reach an agreement that may end the 13 months strike in the eastern Ohio field.

With the agreement reached yesterday on the size of "rooms" in which coal shall be mined, to encourage them the negotiators tackled the problems of "yardage" and "dead work" anew today.

ITALY READY TO STRIKE WITH FORCES OF ALLIES

Italy will never forget the injustice done her by the Austrians and, therefore, the Italians will join the cause of the allies in the great European war. This is the view expressed by Oswald de Zola, who arrived here yesterday from his home in Italy. His wife formerly was Miss Theresa Davidson, daughter of Ben Davidson, of Sioux City. Signor Zulliani and family will make an extended visit in the Davidson home at Twentieth and Jackson streets.

GERMANY WARNED BY UNITED STATES

Recent Note Informed Berlin That Kaiser's Government Would Be Held Responsible In Case of Attack.

Washington, D. C., May 10.—When the German admiralty proclaimed the waters around Great Britain and Ireland a "war zone" and warned neutral vessels against the dangers that lay therein, the United States did not admit Germany's right to place hazards in the way of American vessels or lives. There was no distinction drawn then as to whether the representations of the United States covered Americans traveling on belligerent or neutral craft, but officials informally disclosed later that the note had been purposely phrased as to cover both contingencies. The language of the American note was everywhere recalled last night as a possible index of the policy to be pursued. The decision at the time aroused particular interest because of the flag of belligerent vessels, the Lusitania itself having flown an American flag to escape attack from German submarines. The United States remonstrated with Great Britain over such use of the American flag and said at the same time in a note to Germany:

"If the commanders of German vessels of war should act upon the presumption that the flag of the United States was not being used in good faith and should destroy on the high seas an American vessel or the lives of American citizens it would be difficult to view the act as any other than as an indefensible violation of neutral rights, which it would be very hard indeed to reconcile with the friendly relations now existing between the two governments.

"If such a deplorable situation should arise, the imperial German government can readily appreciate that the government of the United States would be constrained to hold the German government to a strict accountability for such acts of its naval authorities and to take any steps that might be necessary to safeguard American lives and property and to secure to American citizens the full enjoyment of their acknowledged rights on the high seas."

Officials, however, were careful to point out that if no American lives were lost there might be many qualifying circumstances which would remove from the present incident the vital interest that the United States otherwise might have in it.

It was indicated, for example, that a marked division of opinion had existed among legal authorities as to whether a hostile vessel need give any warning to a merchantman traveling under convoy, or the exercise of right of visit and search to determine the presence of contraband. Such conditions obviously would imperil the safety of the attacking vessel itself. On the other hand it had been urged that under no circumstances can an unarmed merchantman be attacked unless resisting capture or attempting to run a blockade.

"TREATY IS OFF"—ITALY

Geneva, Switzerland, (via Paris), May 8.—The Tribune publishes a dispatch from Rome saying the Italian government has decided, owing to the recent uprising in Tripoli, to notify Turkey that it considered void the treaty of Lausanne. Such a notification, the Tribune says, "would amount to a declaration of war on Italy."

Rome Notifies Turkey That Pact Is No Longer Operative—Tantum to Declaration of War.

A number of German correspondents from Milan and Turin have arrived at Lugano.

AMERICAN CONSUL IS STRANGELY MISSING

London, May 8.—E. Kilbourne Foote, American vice consul at Chemnitz, is missing according to an announcement made here today, but that is going. This organization says Mr. Foote left his post a month ago for America. Nothing has been heard from him since and it is thought that he has been stopped by the German authorities. Mr. Foote is a native of Ohio.

Mr. Rockefeller's Grievance.

From the Kansas City Star.

The thing that sticks particularly in young Mr. Rockefeller's crop is that Mr. Walsh, as chairman of the industrial relations commission, holds "a commission from the government of the United States."

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