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NEBRASKA

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In Hawaii grows the world's rarest plant called the silver sword. Its very name is odd and appropriate to the cactus like growth and the long, silky gray leaves which give it its peculiar name. The reason for its rarity is that it is found only on the most inaccessible slopes of the volcanoes of this group of islands. From the earliest times it has been greatly admired by the natives, who call it "ahinahina," gray haired, because they had never before the com-ing of the white man seen silver and therefore could not apply to the plant a name which well describes it. Climbers who have found specimens prize them more highly than do Alpine climb-ers the edelweiss, since it is far more beautiful and difficult to obtain than the famous flower of the Swiss.

A Canadian soldier in a hospital near Bromley, Kent, has a thin metal splinter from an explosive bullet lodged in his heart. Its presence was dis-closed by x-rays, and, for the time being no operation is contemplated. Whether the metal splinter works in or out means the difference between life and death for the patient. The patient, who gets about as freely as any convalescent, feels the splinter much in the way that a nail in a boot irritates the foot. He can not sleep on his left side, and finds that practically sitting up in bed all night is the easiest way of getting rest. up in bed all n. of getting rest.

"New York, New Jersey and several other states," according to Rider and Driver, "have started a movement that is rapidly becoming general for the provision of strips on the sides of the motor highways suitable for horse drawn vehicles." The idea is to have a roadway in the center not less than 15 feet wide for automobiles, and a section on each side of not less than six feet in width for horses. The motor cars can then spin along their part of the road and give a fair chance slower horsedrawn vehicles on the side.

Among economic questions brought to the fore as a result of the present world conditions is that of fuel. Sweden's fuel supply is insufficient, hence the import of coal and oil is considerable, amounting to more than 100,-000,000 crowns (\$26,800,000) annually. The annual consumption of coal amounts to 4,900,000 tons, of which Sweden produces less than 10 per cent and this ratio can not be increased enough to have any perceptible effect on the import as a whole.

The Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power company, Itd., of Johannes-burg, is by far the largest power and burg, is by far the largest power and lighting company in South Africa, and it supplies from its four large stations nearly all the gold mines and reef towns with both power and light, transmission being by three-phase long distance, 40,000 volts overhead. Distribution is by 20,000 volts under ground and 10,000 overhead.

Referring to the German East African campaign the London weekly Times prints this curious dispatch: "Owing to transport difficulties rations were at one time reduced to a cup of rice and a piece of sugar cane. Our were at one time reduced to a cup of rice and a piece of sugar cane. Our cattle have now been successfully pro-tected, and a campaign is being waged against giraffes which have been de-stroying our telegraphs by scratching their necks on the wire."

"It is wrong to go into the water for a short time and come out and rest on the warm sand in the hot sun," says J. H. P. Brown in Modern Swimming. "If you desire a sun bath, take it either before or after your swim." The alternate chilling and roasting practice of the seabeach bather is declared by this swimming instructor to be enervating and productive of diseases of the heart, circulation, etc.

cific coast in the vicinity of San Francisco and Puget sound have been published in order to make immediately available information relative to currents derived from observations by the United States coast and goodstip supplies. United States coast and geodetic survey. Further information is to be added as rapidly as observations are

Commercial Attache Philip B. Ken-nedy, at Melbourne, Australia, has re-seived a letter from Commander J. M. Poyer, U. S. N., governor of American Samoa, stating that the highest bidder for the copra crop of the islands was John Rothschild & Co., of San Fran-tisco, who bid \$108.60. This is the high-est price in the history of the govern-

Among the Chinese a particular species of dog is said to be reared for the table. It is a small dog of a greyhound shape, with a muzzle much more elongated than in terriers. The flesh of black dogs is preferred to that of animals of any other color on account of the greater amount of nutriment the black dogs are supposed to possess.

When seals are born they are snow white, which makes them invisible on the ice. Their eyes and noses are, how-ever, black, and when the little ones are suddenly alarmed they close their eyes, bury their noses and lie quita still. It is only when they begin to seek their own food that they become dark and sleek.

Lighting dangerous waters in which abound reefs, rocks and shoals has progressed from wood fires and can-dles to oil vapor and electric lamps. The early lighthouses were lighted by wood or coal fires burned in open bra-giers and later by candles inclosed in

A well known American writes thinks that the signing of peace will lead to an emigration movement that will amaze the world. After the Franco-German war in 1870, 200,000 Germans settled in three American states

-Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa. Under the rule of the United States more than 3,000,000 natives of the Philippines have had some instruction in the English language and more of speak and write it than any

The ratio of color blind people to those of normal sight is about 65 to 1,154. This does not mean that all of the 65 are absolutely color blind, but that is the ratio of those who are more

Sam R. Taylor, rural mail carrier on toute 10, East Nashville, Tenn., handles more mail than any other rural carrier in the United States. During the month of April this year he collected and detwered 45,817 pieces of mail on his toute, which serves 528 families. In one lay Carrier Taylor has collected and distributed 6,549 pieces.

Commercial Attache William F. Montavon reports that, according to press advices from La Paz, crop conditions in Bolivia are worse even than bad been anticipated. Early frosts have injured, if not completely ruined the potato and parley crops.

# **FIVE PERSONS HURT** IN HOTEL COLLAPSE; ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Lincoln Landmark Erected In 1876, Drops During Early Hours of Morning.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.-Five persons were injured, two seriously and one probably fatally, when the Capital hotel, of this city, collapsed about 3:30 this morning. The injured are: C. F. Rudicell and H. F. Paylor, both

of Broken Bow, Neb.
W. F. Davey, H. H. Weinburg and
Guy Slade, all of Palmyra, Neb.
Rudicell will probably die. He has a roken back. The hotel is an old landmark of the city, and was built in 1876.

BURNS THE POSTOFFICE. Burwell, Neb., Aug. 14.—The Blake postoffice, located about 20 miles north of Burwell, was burned to the ground and all mail and other contents com-

pletely destroyed. The postmistress was temporarily away from the house to take dinner to the haying hands in the field a few miles away, and while away someone broke into the house and set fire to it from the inside.

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Suspicion led to a young lad who had recently been working in that neighborhood and who held a grudge against the owner of the house. Search was made for him and he was caught and brought to Burwell and has made full confession to County Attorney Laverty, and is now in jail awaiting the action of the court. of the court. 

#### EDITOR DIES.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14—Shirley A. Fossler, assistant city editor of the Nebraska State Journal and Lincoln Daily News, and son of Prof. L. A. Fossler, of the University of Nebraska, died at 7 o'clock this morning after two weeks' illness with tonsilitis and complications resulting from dispased tonsils diseased tonsils.

#### \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*<u>\*\*</u>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* STOP AUTO THEFTS.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14 - The increasing number of automobiles stolen has led Sheriff Gus Hyers, of Lancaster county, and Chief Antles, of Lincoln, to work on a plan to organize a vigilance committee of car owners to assist in running down thieves. Sheriff Hyers says that after Lancaster county is orsays that after Lancaster county is or-ganized efforts will be made to organize in other counties in the state. Chief Antles says that there should be a law that garages, repair shops and filling stations should keep a record of all au-tomobile license numbers and engine numbers. The chief thinks that this would soon check the wholesale stealing of motor cars.

#### **GUARDS VOTE?**

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—Attorney General Reed proposes to lay the blame on congress if the 1,500 Nebraska guardsmen now in service on the Texas guardsmen now in service on the Texas border are not allowed to vote this fall at the state election. The attorney general says that it will be necessary to call a special session of the legislature to pass such a law, but he thinks the trouble and expense may be saved by congress acting in the matter. Attorney General Reed has written a letter to each of the Nebraska congressmen asking them to see that the job is men asking them to see that the job is done if the boys are still at the front during election time. Some contend that the attorney general is wrong in assuming that congress has anything to do with the fixing of the rights of suffrage for Nebraska citizens.

#### ASSESSMENTS.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—The state board of assessment has finished its task. In nine counties the assessed valuation on real estate was raised from 5 to 15 per cent and in 18 counties it was reduced from 3 to 10 per cent.

The total reduction in the 18 counties amounts to \$4,042,859. The total increase in the nine counties is \$4,065,590. It will be seen from the figures that the increases do little more than offset the reduction so that the total assessed valuation in the state remains about \$501,000,000. The levy of 6.8 mills will be allothy reduced. be slightly reduce 1.

KNIFE IN HEART.

Lincoln. Neb., Aug. 14.—Mrs. Elizabeth Luedtke, 50, the mother of eight children, plunged a butcher knife into her heart here after she had locked the children in different rooms in the house. The oldest girl managed to escape by a window and found her mother lying in a pool of blood on the floor.

Mrs. Luedtke was suffering from melancholia. She had attempted suicide once before by slashing her

FLEGE IN BAD LUCK.

Lincoln. Neb., Aug. 14.—After spending a fortune in a series of vain efforts to gain the freedom of William Flege, serving time in the Nebraska penitentiary on conviction of the mur-der of his sister, the brothers of Flege, who are wealthy, have come face to face with what is believed to be a hos-tile pardon board. Lawyers who have interested themselves in the case say the members of the Flege family have spent approximately \$50,000 to secure the convict's freedom

LINCOLN-Attorney General Reed today gave an official opinion that money belonging to a nonresident, but deposited in a bank in this state, is not assessable for taxes in Nebraska, but should be as-sessed to the owner at the place of his residence. The question was presented by County Attorney A. V. Thomas, of Butler county, who wrote that a \$25,000 de-posit belonging to a California man had

been listed for taxation in Butler. VALLEY-Reports that the desperado who last Saturday held up and rebbed the bank at Florence was in hiding on an island in the Platte river near Valley caused a posse of men to be formed and a hunt started for the stranger. The campers saw him swim the river and wander about on the island seeking a hiding place. His description tallies, it is said, with that of the Florence bank rob-

FULLERTON-The park has been scene of busy activity this week. Men and teams Monday and Tuesday hauled and erected over 100 small tents, the big tent, 89x120, the dining tent, 40x60, and the ice cream tent, 20x40 feet. The electric company has its wires strung and the lightning system is better than ever before. Hundreds of lights sparkle all over the beautiful grove and in the tents. Campers commenced to move to the grounds early Monday morning and have been coming all week.

The banana takes the place of cereals among the Indians of South America, in the East Indies and in parts of Africa.

### **NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES**

RAIN FOLLOWS STORM.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—The wind which rushed through Oxford Wednesday evening had the characteristics of a twister. Two men, one a merchant of the town, and the other a tramp, were hurt. The hobo was resting in were hurt. The hobo was resting in the Burlington round house when it was damaged by the storm. The Burlington round house, the Oxford state bank building, a large store building on the main street and one of the best residences in the place state has on the main street and one of the best residences in the place sustained the most damage. Reports of the storm show that the rain was very heavy between Kenesaw and Oxford, with good showers along the Republican valley line of the Burlington railroad. The rains came in time to do much good to the corn. the corn.

#### THURSTON FUNERAL.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 12.—The funeral of Hon. John M. Thurston, former United States senator from Nebraska, set for today, is under the direction of St. John's Masonic lodge of which Mr. Thurston, was a member. The active

St. John's Masonic lodge of which Mr. Thurston was a member. The active pall bearers designated are Omaha men who were members of the legislature which elected Mr. Thurston to the United States Senate.

The honorary pall bearers include United States Senator Hitchcock, Contressman Lebeck, former Senators Allen and Brown, former Congressmen Connell, Mercer and Kennedy, members of the local federal and state courts and others. The body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Washington for inferment in the Congressional cemetery. erment in the Congressional cemetery.

#### JONES RE-ELECTED.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—L. O. Jones, who has been president of the Nebraska who has been president of the Nebraska Epworth assembly since it started 20 years ago, was again named for the office by the Nebraska Conference Epworth league. President "Jones was elected over O. J. Fee by the big vote of 128 to 12. Charles Strader, of Lincoln, was named for treasurer, and Rev. C. M. Shepard, of Lincoln, for auditor. Mr. Shepard, like Mr. Jones, has been with the assembly since its hirth. The assembly since its hirth. the assembly since its birth. The assembly was voted one of the best in its history. The program was of very high order and the attendance much arger than in 1915.

CAR SHORTAGE.
Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—The state railway commission is aiding Nebraska shippers by getting after the railroads to induce them to furnish more ears to shippers. The transportation com-panies promise the commission to do their utmost to have loaded cars emptied that they may be placed in service again. There is a loud wail for grain cars all over the eastern and central part of the state. The railroads have extra forces of men employed on the repair tracks to get the rolling stock quickly into service. The famine is the greatest in many years.

#### DEMOS TO OPEN.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Democratic state headquarters will be opened in Lincoln the latter part of next week. Chairman Langhorst has named five persons who, with the elective officers, will constitute the executive committee. They are: J. S. McCarty, Lincoln; Frank Haycox, Calloway; M. L. Corey, Clay Center: James C. Dahlman, Omaha, and A. P. Young, Nebraska City.

#### YEGGS OUT OF LUCK.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12—Yeggs robbed the postoffice at South Bend, Wednes-day night, but received little booty. They blew open the safe. Sheriff Quin-ton, of Cass county, with a posse, is in pursuit of the gang.

FREMONT-A crowd estimated at 20,000 visited the tractor demonstration grounds here yesterday. The rain of Wednesday

#### PROSPERITY PERMANENT FITZGERALD DECLARES

Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 12.— Unstinted praise of the Wilson administration was voiced by Congressman John J. Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, temporary chairman of the democratic convention here today. The democratic party in three years, he said, had en-acted "more progressive, remedial and beneficial legislation than had been perfected previously in any two de-

cades.
"This included the constitutional amendments for the elections of senators and the levying of a tax on incomes, the Underwood tariff law, the federal reserve act, the good roads law, the agricultural co-operative extension act, the Clayton act and the anti-in-

Mr. Fitzgerald denied the assertion of Charles E. Hughes, republican candi-late for president, that the country is enjoying only temporary presperity. He declared that exports have virtually doubled since the advent of the Wilson administration and now aggregate \$4. 000,000,000 annually, of which less than 3 per cent consist of war munitions. He quoted figures to show that new textile mills are under construction, that many wage increases have been reported and that bank resources and deposits have increased greatly. This condition, he said, was due chiefly to the belief of the people that the affairs of the nation were in safe hands and that there was no fear of the country being

#### PUBLISHERS DELAYING PRINT PAPER REPORT

Washington, Aug. 11.—The federal trade commission today announced that its investigation into the price of news print paper is being delayed to some extent by failure of newspaper published. lishers to send in answers to the commission's questions as promptly as ex-

"Reports have been received," said the commission in a statement, "to the effect that some publishers are hesi-tating to answer the commission's inquiry, fearing that their complaints will reach the paper manufacturers and they will have their supply cut off. The commission has assured all such pub-lishers that their communications will be treated as confidential when requested and, therefore, they need not have the least hesitation in furnishing all the information in their posses

The largest railway scale in the world has recently been completed at West Albany, N. Y. It is capable of accommodating a load of 1,650,000 pounds. It consists of six weighing instruments each having a capacity of 275,000 pounds. It is designed for weighing locomotives and other heavy rolling stock. Some of the engines used upon the Pacific coast weight 215 tons each but this giant would be able to weigh four

# EJECT MAIL CARRIER FROM MOVIE THEATER; AFTER LONG ILLNESS; **WORE COLORED SHIRT**

Nebraska Youth Has Experience In Kansas City-Doorman Causes Arrest.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 12.—Becau "he did not have a white collar on and wore a colored shirt," the management wore a colored shirt," the management of the Regent motion picture theater, yesterday afternoon refused admittance to W. M. Kramer, 22 years old, a rural mail carrier from Melford, Neb., and later caused his arrest because he protested against being excluded from the house. According to W. M. Butcher, the doorman, who accompanied the prisoner to police headquarters Kramer tendered a dime and started to pass in, when the doorman stopped him. when the doorman stopped him.
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"You must present a different appearance if you enter this theater."

Kramer remonstrated. He wanted to see the show, he said.

"If he had gone home and dressed up it would have been all right," Butcher declared at the station, "but we don't allow men with colored shirts in our theater. Besides he told me he had more money than I had sense."

Several patrons of the theater fol-

Several patrons of the theater followed the arresting officer and Butcher to the station and demanded his release. They were told, however, that Kramer was being held "for safe keeping." One of the men said he believed the mail carrier's appearance was sufficiently conventional considering the

the mail carrier's appearance was sufficiently conventional, considering the weather, to admit him to any hotel or theater in the city.

Kramer had not been drinking, they said, and his conduct was neither loud nor boisterous. Immediately after the departure of Butcher the police released Kramer and directed him to the leased Kramer and directed him to the Union station, where he took a train at 9 o'clock last night for Nebraska.

"At first I could not understand why the doorman would not let me into the theater," the young man said. "I thought perhaps he believed I had not paid my dime and i started to explain. 'You are not presentable, so beat it,' he told me then. 'My clothes are clean, even if they are working clothes. They are the best I've got with me. I have not been drinking. I think I've got a perfect right to go in, so long as I behave myself,' I told him.

"At that he seized me by the collar and said: 'I guess you are one of those fresh guys that have to be shown,' and he kicked me out into the street. Then he called an officer."

Kramer showed the police a bump as large as an egg on his neck which, he said, came from the kick.

#### NEBRASKA MEN WELL.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—According to Sergt. E. B. DeWolfe, of Company D, Fifth regiment, Nebraska troopers, the latter are well treated and are having a good time. He declares that many of the stories of dangers and hardships and trouble with Mexicans are mostly fictitious. Sergent DeWolfe declares that tales of improper actions on the part of Nebraska soldiers at Sinton, Tex., have no real foundation in fact. He says that the camp has been pronounced by army officers who have inspected it to be one of the best on the border. The senitation is good and inspected it to be one of the best on the border. The sanitation is good and there is very little sickness. The sergeant states that he has made the statements to one of the Lincoln papers to set things right with the people of Nebraska who have been fed with accounts of hardships, dangers and privations which never existed.

#### SAVED FROM DEATH.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—By standing on their tiptoes Charles Desper, of 210 South Eleventh street, and A. Ander-son of 2300 South Fifteenth street, saved themselves from death when an elevator lift at the Shurtleff apartment down nine stories. The men stepped out on the platform when it was unlocked and it shot downward with lightning speed. Instant presence of mind of the two men in standing on their tiptoes saved them. They received nothing worse than sprained ankles

#### EPWORTH ASSEMBLY.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Big crowds at the Nebraska Epworth assembly this year are expected to permit the management to pay off all debts and leave a snug sum as a nest egg for the ensuing year. President Jones reported that over \$32,000 are now invested in the grounds. The attendance for the first eight days of 1916 has far exceeded the same period of 1915. and the receipts are consequently much,

#### SPRAGUE RENAMED.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Pert Sprague of York was again elected secretary of the democratic central committee at its meeting here. Dr. E. C. Webber, of Wahoo, was named vice chairman; A V. Johnson of Lincoln was elected treasurer. Sprague has done good work and no one was nominated against him Chairman Langhorst expressed great confidence in the outcome of the cam-paign and predicted harmony and en-thusiasm all along the line. Langhorst is considered a Hitchcock man, while Sprague is credited with being a Bryan supporter. On the motion of Arthur Mullen of Omaha, the rules which governed the committee during the last two campaigns were adopted. John A. Maguire, candidate for congress from the First district; State Treasurer Hall, Secretary of State Pool and State Auditor Smith were present.

#### STORM IN NEBRASKA.

Holdridge, Neb., Aug. 12.—The Oxford State bank and the Burlington roundhouse were partially demolished by a heavy wind storm which swept Oxford and adjacent territory last eve-ning. All wires between Holbrook and Oxford are down and reports are mea-

It is known that a number of farm buildings were swept away by the storm. A bank employe and a tramp in the roundhouse were injured. Telephone lines west of Holdredge were blown down. The storm was accompanied by heavy rain.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 10.—County Attorney Peterson, of Knox county, reported to the state board of assessment that his country had followed the instructions of the board and had assessed lands at 75 per cent of their sales value, making a total increase of \$800,000 in its assessed valuation.

### LIGHTNING HITS AUTO. Denver, Colo., Aug. 10.—L. D. Spalding, of Omaha, who, with his family, is making a tour of Colorado in his au-

tomobile, reports their narrow escape from death on the summit of Pike's peak, Friday afternoon, when their car was struck by lightning. Mr. Spalding and his daughter were in the front seat and his wife in the rear. The bolt struck the top just above the windshield and tore through the cloth, running down the side of the car to the ground. All were stunned and dazed for several minutes. They will continue their trip through the

Rockies.

# JOHN THURSTON DIES FRIEND OF M'KINLEY

Won Fame as An Orator, One Speech Being Warlike-Was Prominent Politician.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 11.—John M. Thurston, former senator from Nebraska, and nationally prominent republican, died here at 4 o'clock today. publican, died here at 4 o'clock today. He had been critically ill for four weeks, following a heat prostration, and his death has been momentarily expected for three days. Thrombophlebits was the immediate cause of death, according to a statement by the attending physician, Dr. F. J. Schlier Mr. Thurston was born at Montpelier, Vt., August 21, 1847. He was one of President McKinley's closest advisers and was regarded by McKinley as one of the country's ablest men.

of the country's ablest men.
During his service in congress Mr. Thurston won national notice as at orator. A speech he made in the Senate is claimed to have precipitated the

Spanish-American war.
After finishing his term in the Sen ate. Thurston opened offices in Washington and practiced law until 1915 when his health failed. He returned to Omaha and later resumed the practice of law, but his failing health handi-

of law, but his failing health handit capped him greatly.

Mr. Thurston was temporary chaireman of the republican party convention in 1888 and several times served as a delegate at large to the party's conventions. He was elected to the Sentate in 1894. He was at one time solicitor general of the Union Pacific raliroad.

On Christmas day, 1872, Mr. Thurston

On Christmas day, 1872, Mr. Thurston was married to Miss Martha Poland, daughter of Col. Luther Poland, of Omaha. She died March 14, 1898, and in November of the next year, Mr. Thurston was married to Lola, daughter of William J. Furman, former congressman from Florida.

#### NO MORE MILEAGE.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—State Food Commissioner C. E. Harman has made a new rule. Hereafter his inspectors will be required to buy railroad tickets and obtain receipts for them and the use of mileage books will be discontinued in his department. Commissioner Hersan says that there has been no scandal in his department over the employment of his department over the employment of railway mileage books. It has been charged that many departments of the state government buy mileage books with state funds and use them for private trips. Under the present system of purchasing mileage books, it is claimed that there is no way of telling how many trips are made by state officials in the interest of the state or in cials in the interest of the state or in the interest of themselves. The state spends from \$40,000 to \$60,000 a year for mileage and traveling expenses. During two months of last fall employes of the food and dairy department spent \$4,275 for railroad fare and hotel expenses.

#### LAND OWNERS PROTEST.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11—Claiming that the land is too poor to justify the raise a delegation of citizens from Boone county appeared before the state board of assessment to protest against a 10 per cent increase made by the board. L. G. Brian, of Lincoln, former state treasurer and insurance commissioner, owns land in Boone county made prinicpal speech. He declared that the board has increased the valuation in past year when it should not have done so, and the boost was not justified now. In Boone land is valued at \$8.73 an acre assessed value. The board proposes to make it \$9.60.

#### NO RECRUITS.

are to be closed by an order of the war department. The stations are in charge of officers of the Nebraska national guard opened for the purpose of filling the gaps in the two Nebraska regiments now on the Texas border. About balf a dozen recruits were hte total number received at the stations of the

#### ELECTROCUTED.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 11.—L. A. Williams, manager of the Nebraska Gas & Electric plant at Norfolk, was killed last night at Meadow Grove, a station 20 miles west of Norfolk. He was electrocuted. A helper named Beaumont was somewhat burned.

Williams was about 40 years old and a former football star on the Ames, Ia., agriculture team. He leaves a wife.

#### HUGH MURPHY DIES.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 11—Hugh Murphy, pioneer paying contractor of Omaha, died Tuesday at Old Orchard, Me., where he had gone early this summer to try to regain his health, which had been failing for the last three years. Mr. Murphy celebrated his 35th wedding anniversary last Tuesday. His home is at 212 South Thirty-fourth street. He is survived by his wife, two sons. Hugh, fr., and Richard, and two daughters, Mrs. George Adams, of Cheyenne, and Miss Helen Murphy.

LINCOLN-The Nebraska rallway com mission is implored by shippers for relief from the car shortage situation. The grain movement now is very heavy and the car shortage is fast growing more serlous. The Eurlington is the only road in the state which has a fair amount of cars and the chances are that it will not be long when it will fly signals of distress. The Union Pacific and the Northwestern have a few empties on hand but the Rock Island and the Missouri Pacific have practically none. Grain elevators everywhere are full.

LINCOLN-The state normal board is In session to award coal contracts for the four normal schools and to buy 1,400 opera chairs for the auditorium of the normal school at Kearney. Before the board adjourns several vacancies in normal school

faculties will be filled. LINCOLN-State Engineer Johnson will attend a big federal good roads meeting which will be held at Washington, D. C., August 16. It has been called by Director L. W. Page of the federal government. Engineer Johnson will ask that federal ald be extended to elay and gravel roads.

The United States, in 1915, produced 41.581.150 tons of coke

#### CYRUS DIXON DIVORCED. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 9 .- Mrs. Elsie

Steinert Dixon, wife of Cyrus B. Dixon, of Sloux City, today was granted a divorce by Judge Heard, in the Chicago courts. Mrs. Dixon alleged that two months after her marriage to Dixon she visited her mother in Chicago, and that while there she received a letter from her hasband saying that he has not been divorced from his former wife for one year and, therefore, the last marriage was illegal. Judge Heard angulled the marriage.

# 25,000 MORE TROOPS ARE CALLED OUT

All Additional Guardsmen In Ohio, Vermont and Kentucky Ordered to Mexican Border.

#### WON'T WAIT TO RECRUIT

Anarchistic State Throughout Mexico Is Reported to Be Growing Worse as Famine Pinches.

Washington, Aug. 14.-Twenty-five thousand more state troops were today ordered to the border by the war department. All Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont troops were ordered to move and all departmental commanders were instructed to send troops as soon as possible.

The following announcement was

made: "Commanding general, eastern department has been directed to send Kentucky troops to the border as soon as they have been equipped and transportation can be obtained and to see that attention is given to getting Ver-mont troops to the border as soon as

possible.

"Commanding general, central department, has been directed to send Ohio troops to the border as soon as they are equipped and transportation can be obtained. "All department commanders have

been directed to send all other national guard troops in their respective deare equipped and transportation can be obtained."

# Won't Wait to Recruit. It was stated at the war department that under these orders national guard regiments now held at state mobilizations points would be sent to the border without waiting until they were

recruited to the mobilization strength War department officials said the purpose of the movement was to re-lieve the trying situation of regiments held at state mobilization camps, dur-ing recruiting. The men have been several weeks under canvas while a

several weeks under canvas while a few recruits necessary to bring each regiment up to required minimum strength are being sought.

The best available information on the number of guardsmen on the border is in health statistics of last week which covered 98,000 state troops of the posterior portion and including all on border service, not including several regiments. It is considered certain that more than 140,000 national guardsmen are in the camp along the

#### international line. Camps Are Available.

Thoroughly equipped camps readily capable of expansion are waiting the troops, all details of water and food supplies have been worked out on a basis that the army is confident, insures adequate provision for any number of troops and the addition of 25,000 troops to the border commands are not expected to create any new diffi-culties.

### PITIABLE CONDITIONS GROW

STEADILY WORSE IN MEXICO Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—Because few recruiting stations at Lincoln and Omaha are to be closed by an order of the war department. The stations are in charge were Mexicans, said that rioters had were Mexicans, said that rioters had selzed the electric lighting and power plant outside the city and that, as a result, the town had been without lights or street car service for more than a week before their departure. Peons throughout the country north of the capital are suffering from hunger, they added

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The situation in Zacatecas was de scribed as pitiable. At railway sta-cions in that state, according to refu-gees, men, women and children would beg travelers for scraps of bread or bits of fruit peel.

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Garrisons on both the American and Mexican side of the river have been augmented by the arrival of fresh troops today. The First South Carolina infantry, under Col. Edgeworth Montague Blythe, of Greenville, detrained in El Paso, while, simultaneously, 250 men from the garrison of Chinuahua City, who arrived with Gen. Cabriel Cavira who arrived with Cen. Gabriel Gavira, inspector-general of the de facto forces, went into barracks in Juarez.

# MANY PRINTERS MAY SOON BE LAID OFF

Alarming Paper Shortage May Render Thousands Idle. Union Heads Fear.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 14.—The danger that thousands of printers may be that thousands of printers may be thrown out of work because of the high cost of white paper was said to be a ruestion seriously concerning the dele-rates to the 62nd annual convention of the International Typographical union which begins here next Monday. John W. Hays, secretary and treasur-

er of the union said alarming shortage of white paper is making it difficult for many newspaper corporations to conlinue business. In some cities he said there was talk of consolidating two or more plants to reduce working forces

#### BANKRUPT SHIPPING CONCERN REORGANIZES

New York, Aug. 12.—Committees representing the holders of bends and stocks of the International Mercantile Marine company have agreed to a plan of financial readjustment of that comor inancial readjustment of that com-pany which was distributed today. It provides for a continuance of the ex-isting company, for the refunding of about half of the company's bonded in-debtedness and the payment of the balance in each. The 32 per cent of back dividends due on the preferred stock is left to be dealt with by the new board of directors.

#### BLAST KILLS 115.

London, Aug. 12.—According to a telegram from Bucharest, the number of persons killed in the explosion in the powder factory at Dudesti was 116. Earlier reports stated that only 20 per-sons had been killed.