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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

Figures compiled by insurance companies give an interesting estimate of the causes of aerial accidents: During the early days of practical aviation (namely, from 1908 to 1913), 60 per cent of the casualties were due to collapse on account of faulty construction. In the year 1912 to 1915, fatalities from this source were reduced to 2 per cent. Other accidents during this latter period are classified as follows: Forty per cent were due to entering tall spins when too close to the ground; 25 per cent were due to lack of judgment in landing; 10 per cent were due to forced landings in undesirable places, on account of engine trouble; 2 per cent were due to fire; 2 per cent were due to collapse of the machine; and 22 per cent were due to lack of skill on the part of pilots still in training.

A few days ago, according to a story in the French papers, a street row occurred here in which some American soldiers took part, one of whom was hit by a revolver bullet. The hospital surgeon took a long time probing the wound; but the American stoically bore the pain. "What are you doing anyway?" he asked finally. "Looking for the bullet," said the doctor. "Why didn't you say so? I've got it in my pocket. I took it out myself," was the retort.

"Big teeth no tenderfoot—um heap much man." This was the verdict of Red Tomahawk, aged Sioux chief, who is credited with the slaying of King Bull, upon the late Col. Theodore Roosevelt. His comment on President Wilson's visit to the peace conference was "Big chief him stay at home; send little chief, the other tribes think big chief heap big chief. Big chief go himself, strange tribes say, him no big chief why he come? Him nobody to send?"

The steamship *Wachetta*, formerly the German sea raider *Wolf* that was credited with having sunk 15 allied ships, docked in Galveston recently, carrying a French crew. "One of her sailors, Pierre Matelot, spent two and a half months on the *Wachetta* and the *Wachetta* which he had sunk the sailing ship on which he was. Lady Mackenzie is now in New York from East Africa for the purpose of exploring the Tana river and hunting big game. The Tana river, she says, is one of the most treacherous streams in the world, and at places along its course, the forests are so dense that travel is possible only by climbing over the tops of the trees.

In one-half column in a recent London Times, one read that: A settlement has been reached in the flour mill workers' strike. Sydney bakers have decided to strike. Although the Danish government has intervened in the harbor workers' strike, their efforts have been unsuccessful. Traffic on the Trans-Australian railway has been suspended owing to a strike of the employes.

The present industrial unrest is due to the system permitting "the acquisition of wealth for which no adequate service has been rendered" according to an "industrial engineer" who expressed his views in a letter made public in New York addressed to the labor conference in Washington.

Serbian in Paris declare they have received advices that one of the airplanes attached to D'Annunzio's headquarters at Fiume has flown over Spalato and other Dalmatian cities, dropping pamphlets proclaiming the poet's intention of seizing the Dalmatian coast as soon as he had sufficient troops.

It is reported that a scheme has been devised to make salable the great amount of 3-cent stamped envelopes and 2-cent post cards which the government had on hand when a 2-cent postage stamp was first issued, by attaching "2c" on the post cards, and printing "2c" just below the stamp on the envelope.

Hereafter Mme. Emmy Destinn, the opera singer, will appear under the name of Mme. Emma Destinova. The singer's real name is Emmy Kittel. She is the daughter of a sister of Françoise and adopted the name of her teacher, Frau Marie Loewe Destinn.

The bishop of Shelmford has barred money raised from "what dines and dances" from a fund of \$1,250,000 which the people of Essex are trying to collect for church extension. He has never heard of either being opened or closed with prayer," the bishop declares.

Five hundred Armenian women employed by the American Red Cross have built 100 miles of stone roads and reconstructed several steel bridges in Mesopotamia within the last few months. The roads were rebuilt in order to facilitate transportation of Red Cross supplies.

Ernest Vizetelly, who made the name of Emily Zola known in England through his comprehensive translations, and who for many years occupied a high position in the London literary world, is now an inmate of the sick ward in a North London workhouse. Mr. Vizetelly is now 43 years old.

Unless legislation looking to the return of railroads to private ownership takes definite shape during December, the country will be disastrously handicapped next year in having its business moved according to Walker D. Hines, director general.

Japanese Geisha girls of Honolulu have won a short lived strike for an increase in pay and hereafter will receive \$1.50 an hour, an increase of 50 cents over the former rate. Tea garden proprietors will pass the additional entertainment cost on to their patrons.

A Chicago boy of 14 supports his mother, has an auto, a motorcycle, clothes in plenty and a bank account of \$2,000. He confesses that since last Christmas, he has robbed more than 100 purses of women in department stores.

More than \$1,000,000 worth of Thrift stamps, War Savings stamps and Treasury certificates have been disposed of during the 22 months they have been on sale, according to figures given out last night by Secretary of the Treasury, Gifford.

Two little Chicago girls of 11 and 12 years, gave as the explanation of their setting fire to a building: "Why, we didn't like the people who stayed there." "And it was such an old building, and we were just having fun."

At the request of the new Polish government a commission of London police officers will be sent to Poland to advise the authorities how to organize a permanent police force.

Prisoners in the Galveston county jail have been burning up their blankets, mattresses and other cell furnishings to warm up the food furnished them by the sheriff.

Leong Kow, chairman of the convention of American born Chinese now in session in Los Angeles, announces that the meeting will forward to the Senate a protest against the annexation of Shantung by Japan.

A negro film, which was ordered produced for the colored business men of Los Angeles, will soon be on exhibition. It is endorsed by Gen. Leonard Wood, who considers it a fitting tribute to the loyal negro citizens of the United States.

Having told us how he economizes on clothes, Mr. Armour tip us off where he buys his meats? asks the *Columbian Record*.

NEGRO IS FIRST TO BE SENTENCED

Given Thirty Days In County Jail For Carrying Gun at the Time of Omaha's Recent Riots.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 28.—Lester Price, 16 years old, a negro orphan boy, living at 2226 Seward street, was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail by Judge Redick in district court, when he pleaded guilty to a charge of carrying concealed weapons on the night of the riot in Omaha. Price is the first person to be sentenced for alleged complicity in the recent disorders. He was included in the first eight indictments returned by the special grand jury.

LEADER AMONG NEBRASKA WOMEN QUILTS PLACE

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 27.—Mrs. A. E. Davison, leader of the women's section of the college of agriculture extension service, has resigned. Mrs. Davison is one of the pioneers in women's club work and extension work in the state. Her work began about eight years ago, when she and three others carried on all the college of agriculture extension work among women. Mrs. Davison has made a specialty of rural women's clubs and prior to the war she mothered about 600 of these clubs. She has held club meetings in every county in the state and probably knows Nebraska conditions better than any other woman. At the beginning of the war when the state's relations service needed 19 exceptional workers, Mrs. Davison was called to Washington to do nationwide work among women. Shortly after her return she was named leader of the women's section of the college of agriculture extension service.

NEW COMMISSIONER FOR OMAHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 28.—J. David Larson of Salt Lake City is to be the new commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

The executive committee of the chamber, authorized Chairman Brogan to contract with Mr. Larson and the matter was concluded by telegraphic negotiations yesterday.

Mr. Larson will assume his duties December 1.

The new commissioner has been for four years secretary of the Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce. Previously he held a similar position at Ogden, Utah, for four years and still earlier spent eight years in newspaper work in Utah. He is 36 years old.

ALLEGED CATTLE RUSTLER ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA

Scottsbluff, Neb., Oct. 28.—Lon L. Guy, alias Guy E. Moore, who is alleged to have stolen 60 head of cattle from C. E. Winetor of McGrew, Neb., last August, has been arrested at Los Angeles, California.

Guy, who is said to be an ex-convict, is alleged to have boarded the cattle train at Melbeta, near here, and accompanied a shipment of cattle consigned to Allen Dudley & Co. of South Omaha. He is said to have forged the bill of lading and to have received payment for the shipment. Sheriff Frank Koenig left last night for Los Angeles to return the prisoner here for trial.

FORMER CONGRESSMAN MOVING TO FLORIDA

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 28.—Former Congressman W. L. Stark, of Aurora, Neb., is paying a farewell visit at the home of his brother-in-law, W. M. Ellsworth, 1317 South Twenty-sixth street, on his way to Florida, where he and Mrs. Stark expect to reside in the future.

The move is made necessary by the state of Mrs. Stark's health. Mr. Stark has made his home in Nebraska for the past 42 years, and formerly represented the Fourth district in congress. He has disposed of his home and other interests in Aurora, Neb., and expects to proceed to the south today.

FEDERAL AID SOLDIERS AT NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 28.—Twenty-five discharged soldiers, disabled at the service, are enrolled in the University of Nebraska for agricultural training under federal aid. About double this number were designated by the government to receive agricultural training at the university. Some, however, decided to ask for different training and some were obliged to return to hospitals for further treatment. Practically all those studying agriculture left the farm for war and have a general working knowledge of farming. Most of them are from this state. One is from New Zealand.

KILLED WHILE SCUFFLING FOR POSSESSION OF GUN

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 28.—Art Meyers was accidentally shot and killed here. He was under the influence of liquor, witnesses say, and procured a gun and threatened to kill someone. J. W. Lawhead and Ed. Wolford remonstrated with him and say they attempted to take his gun. During the scuffle the weapon was discharged, the bullet entering Meyers' heart. At the coroner's inquest both men were exonerated from any blame for the killing. A bottle partly filled with banana extract was found in his pocket.

PREMONT.—Charles McKissick while hunting on the Platte river west of Fremont shot a black eagle that measured 7 feet and 6 inches from tip to tip of wings. The big bird took a long jump in McKissick's waders when it grabbed the boot before the hunter had killed it. It is the first bird of the kind seen in this section for 29 years.

LINCOLN.—The program for the annual convention of the Nebraska Potato Improvement Association, which will be held at Rushville, November 12, 13 and 14, has been announced by H. O. Werner, secretary of the association.

LAUREL MURDERERS IN UNUSUAL PLEA

Claim Wrongful Conviction Because of Definition—Placed on the First Degree Crime.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 27.—Two former temporary residents of Sioux City, John Robert Francis and James L. Parker, now serving life sentences in the Nebraska penitentiary for killing Harold C. Crowover, former manager of the telephone exchange at Laurel, Neb., appeared in supreme court Friday, by their attorney, J. C. Robinson, in an effort to convince that tribunal that they had been wrongfully convicted.

On their behalf it was argued that a first degree murder conviction cannot be sustained in their cases because the killing of Crowover, while possibly malicious and intentional, was without premeditation. It was also insisted that the other definition of first degree murder, a killing while the accused were in the perpetration of a burglary cannot apply to them because the murder was committed a mile away from the scene of the burglary some time afterwards. The point made was that the burglary had been completed and that the killing did not, therefore occur while the accused were in the commission of burglary.

The evidence was to the effect that two stores were entered by burglars in Laurel, on the night of June 13 and 14, 1918. A passerby gave the alarm while a burglar was inside one of the stores. He ran to a concealed auto, that had previously been stolen, and with a companion sought to escape. A flat tire led to their being overtaken by a posse and in the gun battle that followed Crowover was killed. Dr. Sackett so bravely hurt that he died the day after in Sioux City, and John Newman—all members of the posse—wounded. The two burglars were also hit. Francis sought to show that a third burglar was the one who did the killing and some evidence was introduced to show he had boasted later of it in a Sioux City poolroom. The posse members said there never was but two in the burglar car.

HOLDS "DRY" AMENDMENT CAN'T GO TO VOTE OF PEOPLE

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 27.—Representing the association that put prohibition across in Nebraska, former Attorney General W. T. Thompson has filed a brief in supreme court in support of the proposition that the ratification of the national prohibitory amendment by the state legislature of 1919 is not subject to a referendum.

The liquor forces have a petition with 40,000 names attached asking for a direct vote, and the Lancaster district court held that as the people of Nebraska have reserved certain law making powers they have a right to pass on the ratification resolution.

Mr. Thompson says that if the plaintiff should prevail in the case it would do him no good because the federal secretary of state has already certified that the necessary number of states have approved, and this is an action that cannot be impeached. The points made by Mr. Thompson in support of his proposition are: That Article V of the federal constitution provides that all amendments shall be valid to all intents and purposes when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states, and that this precludes a referendum. The term legislature used therein means the legislative body that represents the people.

That ratification is not a legislative act as contemplated by the federal constitution.

That a history of the constitutional convention and a study of the political and governmental bodies at the time the constitution was adopted shows that a referendum was never contemplated, and that before one can be held on ratification resolutions the federal constitution must be amended.

That the people have surrendered this power to the federal authorities and must first get it back through amending the federal constitution before they can reserve it in the states.

That state constitutional provisions and statutes in conflict with the federal constitution are void. Courts are bound to support the federal constitution as the supreme law.

That the certificates of the state legislatures and the secretary of state impart absolute verity and cannot be impeached, except when fraud is proven, and that courts cannot go behind the secretary's certificate.

SIX PERSONS DIE IN CROSSING ACCIDENT

Kearney, Neb., Oct. 27.—Six persons were instantly killed by a Union Pacific train nine miles from here when an enclosed Ford car dashed over the tracks at a crossing, directly in front of a train trying to make up an hour and a half lost time. The automobile and a half was crushed and the occupants instantly killed, the bodies being hurled in all directions.

From letters in a pocket of the man, it is believed the persons were Charles Kimberly, his wife, three young daughters and a young son, of Spurgeon, Colo. The three girls were caught by the cowcatcher and carried half a mile before the train could be stopped.

Congress because of treaty obligations, may not be able to deport alien who withdrew their citizenship papers to escape the draft, says a member of the House immigration committee.

"MISSING" MAN SHOWS UP VERY MUCH ALIVE

West Point, Neb., Oct. 27.—William Neary, the West Point man whose disappearance at Pierre, S. D., was noted in the state press, returned to West Point, Wednesday evening, apparently in good health. No explanation of the mystery has been made to the citizens here.

Sociologists estimate that among every 1,000 bachelors there are 38 criminals, whereas married men produce 18 to 1,000.

NEBRASKA WOMEN MAY GET TO VOTE

Supreme Court's Decision on Constitutional Convention Believed to Leave the Way Open.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 25.—Women voters in the state are again demanding to know whether they have a right to participate in the election of delegates to the state constitutional convention, to be held November 4. The attorney for the state association of suffragists told the officers some time ago that they had such a right, but the attorney general, in an opinion formally given out, said they could not. For that reason they did not offer to vote at the primary.

Now comes the supreme court, and in the opinion holding that the law calling the convention was constitutional, says that the office of delegate is not one created by the constitution. This being true, the suffragists think they have the right to vote, since the limited suffrage law permits them to vote for all officers not created by the constitution. The attorney general will be asked to revise his opinion or state it anew, at least.

DODGE, NEB. SCHOOLS ARE IN AN UPROAR

Premont, Neb., Oct. 25.—There is a lively scrap on in the schools at Dodge, where the superintendent, E. R. Wilder, has just been dismissed after an investigation by the board into which A. A. Reed, high school inspector, was called. It is said that Mr. Reed recommended that a change be made and the board acted accordingly.

The latest development in the situation is the "walk out" of the high school seniors. Not a senior is attending school. The upper class members quit, it is said, because their sympathies and those of some of their parents were with the superintendent.

They objected to alleged disciplinary measures of Miss Roberta Chipperfield, the principal of the high school. Miss Chipperfield, it is said, had differed with the former superintendent, whose inclination was toward more laxity in school room rules.

NEBRASKA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUB AT FAIRBURY

Fairbury, Neb., Oct. 25.—The centenary of the Nebraska federation of Women's clubs began with an evening of celebration of their silver anniversary. Its features were the greetings among friends from all parts of the state, brief histories of the beginning and growth of the federation and accounts of the 30 or more silver anniversary clubs added the past year. Three hundred delegates are present.

The report of the endowment fund committee disclosed that the silver bricks presented the evening before, together with previous funds gathered, give to the fund \$2,927.69. It was decided to continue the gathering of this fund until the desired amount of \$10,000 should be raised, the interest of which would provide for the expenses of the federation meetings.

Active interest is being taken in the election of the president. The names of Mrs. H. E. Goodrich, of Nelson, Mrs. E. B. Penny, of Fullerton, Mrs. M. D. Cameron, of Omaha, and Mrs. Slater, of Hastings, are under consideration. It is considered that the fifth district, which has never been honored with an office, should have first consideration. The election takes place Thursday afternoon.

IS PLACED ON TRIAL FOR BRUTAL MURDER OF WIFE

Valentine, Neb., Oct. 25.—The trial of Joseph Blaska, charged with the murder of his wife near the Spade ranch in this county, last March, is on in district court here.

The defendant admits beating his wife to death with a harness tug, and claims her infidelity was the cause of his attack. A paper, alleged to have been written by Mrs. Blaska in the Bohemian language, and purporting to be a confession of infidelity, was introduced. Three sons of Blaska supported their father's testimony.

LONG LOST BROTHER IS HEARD FROM, WEALTHY

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 24.—A long-lost brother has proved a veritable Aladdin to two Omaha women, Mrs. Margaret Rice and Miss Catherine Desmond, 2501 Farnam street.

During a 16 years' absence, since John Desmond went west to "make a fortune," his sisters had not heard from him. A few months ago they received a letter, telling them that he had become rich from the proceeds of a mine, and that he wanted them to make their home with him. They left Omaha last night for Tonopah, Nev. to meet him.

OMAHA'S MAYOR TO RESUME DUTIES NOV. 1

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 25.—Mayor Smith will return to Omaha and resume his duties at the city hall about November 1, according to a telegram which he sent to O. M. Olsen, his private secretary, yesterday.

The mayor is now at Haines City, Fla., visiting his son and recuperating from the attack made upon him by the mob September 28. He said he was improving so rapidly that he expects to return much sooner than originally intended.

Training Little Children

Planting a Garden More Fun Than Playing House—The Little Child-seed Is Alive and Grows Up Just Like Boys and Girls—It Must Have a Clean House to Live in, a Comfortable Bed to Sleep in, Something to Eat and Something to Drink.

(Suggestions by mothers who have been kindergartners. Issued by the United States Bureau of Education, Washington, D. C., and the National Kindergarten Association, 3 West Fourth Street, New York.)

BY MRS. BERTHA LEWIS.

No matter what the child's after-life is to be, he should have the opportunity at least once in his life to experiment with plants. The plant, which sets its feet in the earth, lifts its head toward the sky, extends its arms to the air and sunshine and gives lodging to the creatures of earth and air, is a powerful factor in the life of man. Our whole aim in encouraging gardening must be to help the child realize that at his feet Mother Nature has set a prize, which, rightly appreciated, will answer all his needs and afford him the purest pleasures of life.

God gives to plants their life, their laws of form, color and number of parts. The child creates his garden; it is the work of his hands, the expression of his mind. He arranges it according to his fancy in regard to color and position. He chooses this or that for reasons which appeal to him. The child may be taught in a simple way that as God observed order in the universe as His first law, giving to each form of life its place in the world, so order in the garden is the first necessary step to secure growth and development of life within it.

The child likes a comfortable bed to sleep in, a clean house to live in, a comfortable meal when hungry, a drink of clean water when thirsty. In the same way, the little seed likes a soft, comfortable bed in which to lie. Therefore, the earth must be well cultivated, all weeds, sticks and loose stones being removed. The earth must be rich enough to supply food to the growing plants and plenty of clean water given early every morning and, if the day is hot, in the evening also.

"Oh, Painter of the fruits and flowers, We thank Thee for Thy wise design; Whereby those human hands of ours In nature's garden work with Thine.

"Gifts that grow are best; Hands that bless are best; Plant; Life does the rest."

Please pass this article on to a friend and thus help Uncle Sam reach all the mothers of the country.

A New Era Dawning

From True Love Magazine.

"I see the kings depart! Scepter and crown, Trappings and royal raiment are laid down. The day of pomp is done, And one by one Crowded court and hall Go the pale ghosts of kings, and all Their panoply and mad imaginings. This is the people's hour. The holy flower Of Freedom blooms in every stricken heart—I see the kings depart!"

With the signing of the armistice, November 11, 1918, a new era dawned for the entire world. The seething cauldrons of war which had known no rest for the past four years began to cool and the fires which had been kept at white heat were allowed to die out.

Gradually order is coming out of chaos, the long strain of mental and physical tension is relaxing, and people are resuming normal life. War engenders its own peculiar emotional state—more so than peace—and the time of flag waving, hoarsely shouting patriotism has passed. This new era will be the true testing time of loyalty to and love of country.

Assuredly it will take time for readjustment and to resume our work and various pursuits of happiness. It required time—so much that we fretted and fumed about it—and effort and patience and great loss, for the United States to prepare to enter the war, but the ultimate achievements were hailed loudly and boastfully, with no thought or mention of the monstrous sacrifice of business and industry. Every reasonable person will understand that it must also take time, effort, patience and some loss in readjusting the unusual to the usual conditions once more.

Economic, financial, scientific and commercial leaders and experts predict for our country a season of unprecedented prosperity and development; but it is for the people, for us, to bring this about with the least possible friction and disaster by being "steady," cool headed and optimistic. We must look for the doughnut—not for the whole.

We are going to work with a will and we are going to play again, as we used to do "before the war." With the lifting of food, fuel, light and "flu" bans, we are going to relax and find pleasure and entertainment in our leisure hours without fear of conscience or our neighbors' opinion.

And with this return to our accustomed ways we will need most of all a strong and healthy reaction to plain, every day common sense, which is, after all, the only effective leaven in the affairs of government "of the people, for the people, and by the people."

Optimism and hard work will bring lasting prosperity.

October Mists.

Herbert Milton Sylvester.

These autumn mists are the mists of June grown older. This mellow atmosphere, these days of old gold studies of tree and shore, of soft yellow, shimmering mists, of half lights among the woods, where the leaves drop thick and of occasional clear gray skies, are the rare ripes of the whole year. They stay with us until the Indian summer has come and gone, and with the first flurry of snow they come back, the airy sprites of the clouds, to whiten all the fields, where in the blossoming summer time they had many a curvet and romp with the winds, and many a caress from the sun. Sometimes they slip the leash of winter, and in a single night touch the trees, the wayside bushes, the rocks and fences, not forgetting even the ragged pine stumps in the pasture, with a marvelous fretwork of crystal splendor, that flashes in the morning sunshine from every crest and pinnacle.

Also Uses Direct Action.

There is "one big union." It is composed of something more than 100,000,000 people and is known briefly as the United States. It is a union patient but powerful. At times it uses its power.

Obeying Instructions.

From the Houston Post.

As he weighed out the sugar the grocer's boy whistled lustily.

"Don't you know that it is very rude to whistle while you are waiting on a lady?" said the elderly customer severely.

"Well, the gov'nor told me to do it when I served you," explained the boy.

"He told you to whistle?" said the customer in great surprise.

"Yes, sir. He said ever we sold you anything we'd have to whistle for the money."

A Domestic Fault.

"With the return of so many pre-war war."

Men with aptitude for and interest in the training of carrier pigeons are being sought by the United States navy. Recruiting officers, officers at the Great Lakes naval training station declare the feathered sailors of the air are destined to play an important part in naval aviation of the future, both in times of peace and war.

Cadets of the graduating class of the United States military academy at West Point are visiting battlefields of the world.