

MORE PERSONS AUTO VICTIMS

New Accident Record in
Nebraska Despite More
Rigid Laws

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Although Nebraska's new laws calculated to safeguard the autoist went into effect August 3, the motor vehicle accident rate leaped to a record total for the two week period ending August 11.

The report of the Nebraska press association issued Wednesday that 21 persons were killed during the period in motor vehicle accidents and the total casualty list mounted to 438 for the period. Both marks were records during the past two years that the press association has been keeping accident charts.

There was a total of 31 accidental deaths during the two-week period, with the automobile in the role as the greatest killer. In all classifications there were 669 accidents. There was 120 accidents in the agricultural pursuits.

Nebraska's all corn-and-weeds-caused 15 accidents by causing poor visibility at intersections. Ten accidents were caused by hit and run drivers. Mechanical defects and tire blowouts were responsible for four deaths. Trucks were involved in 43 accidents, injuring 51 people and killing four.

Since January 1 this year, there have been 358 persons accidentally killed in the state, and of this number 176 met death in automobile crashes.

BRYAN BELITTLES PLAN OF FORMER GOVERNOR

Lincoln, Neb.—Governor C. W. Bryan Wednesday described the suggestion of Samuel R. McKelvie, former member of the federal farm board, for the distribution of wheat held by the grain stabilization corporation for use by the needy of the nation as "a nice gesture which already has been declined by the farm board and the president."

The Nebraska governor criticized the farm board for its handling of the wheat surplus and the national administration for the economic situation.

"McKelvie's suggestion," Bryan added, "would not be of any service in relieving the hungry unless some way can be found of prying the wheat loose from the board."

"It seems to me," Bryan added, "that it would be much more business like as well as human for the government to use the wheat which it is holding to relieve hunger, rather than to sit on it and advise local communities throughout the nation to take care of their own unemployed and their own hungry."

"Although both conditions were brought about by the action of the national administration in the past 10 years, it is its problem and it should go about it in a manly way instead of passing the buck and appointing more commissions."

BELIEVE HE WAS KILLED BY HIT AND RUN CAR

Waverly, Neb.—The body of Herbert Wetenskap, 23 years old, a farmer, was found Wednesday in a cornfield a mile east of here. His head was crushed. He had been missing since Tuesday night.

After an investigation of the death, Lancaster county officials said they believed the young man had been the victim of a hit and run driver.

With Donald Ossenkop, 25, who also lives near Walton, Wetenskap left the Edgar Lippe farm Tuesday night about 9 o'clock with a truckload of cattle for the Omaha market. The truck was disabled and Wetenskap started to town for repairs. The body was found not more than 250 yards from the spot where Ossenkop sat waiting in the truck, officers said.

GAS-ELECTRIC TRAIN NORFOLK TO LONG PINE

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Authority has been granted by the state railway commission to the Chicago and North Western Railway company to substitute gas-electric motive power on trains No. 11 and No. 22 running between Norfolk and Long Pine.

CARROLL PEOPLE TO PAY HIGHER PHONE RATES

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—The state railway commission has granted authority to the Union Telephone company of Carroll to publish and collect increased rates at its Carroll exchange and to publish a rate of 25 cents a month for desk sets to apply to business and residence telephones. The latter becomes effective September 1, 1931.

ASK FOR RATES ON SAND AND GRAVEL

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Application has been filed with the state railway commission by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway company for authority to establish a rate of 60 cents a ton on sand and gravel from the Brockman pit near Coleridge to Wausa and the Chicago and North Western Railway company has asked authority to publish emergency rates on carloads of sand and gravel from the Lyman Richey pit west of Fremont to Creston, Leigh, Clarkson and Howells.

FORMER NEBRASKA G. A. R. COMMANDER DEAD

Fremont, Neb.—Lucius Dunbar Richards, 84 years old, Nebraska republican and veteran of the Civil war, died at his home here Wednesday night after a 10-day illness. He was a past commander of the Nebraska G. A. R. and once was a candidate for governor. Several years ago he gained nationwide distinction by suggesting a reunion of confederate and federal veterans of the Civil war. Four children survive him, including Mrs. Josephine Sears of Deadwood, S. D.

HORSES LOST IN BARN FIRE NEAR ROSALIE, NEB.

Rosalie, Neb.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed a barn and its contents with an estimated loss of \$3,400 on the farm of Ed Anderson, one mile south of here Wednesday afternoon.

Five head of horses were burned in their stalls. The flames destroyed 400 bushels of grain, farm machinery and several sets of harness.

The fire started while Mr. Anderson was working in the field and Mrs. Anderson was visiting a neighbor. Neighboring farmers rushed from their fields and formed a bucket brigade to fight the fire. The loss is partially covered by insurance.

SHOWS DECLINE IN ILLITERACY

Douglas County Leads in
Nebraska in Persons Not
Able to Read

Washington, D. C.—(UP)—Although Nebraska reduced the number of illiterates within the state by more than 1,000 during the last decade, rival states crowded her from the second place position held in 1920 to a present sixth place position.

Reports of the national advisory committee on illiteracy show that the number of illiterates in Nebraska fell from 13,784 in 1920 to 12,725 in 1930. In 1920 Nebraska ranged just below Iowa as having second least illiteracy among the 48 states. The percentage at that time was 1.4 per cent of the population unable to read and write. Today the percentage is 1.2 but Nebraska position is sixth.

Iowa, Washington, Oregon and Idaho are above Nebraska in percentage of illiteracy as compared to population, while Kansas and Nebraska have the same percentage.

Fourteen Nebraska counties list 10 or less illiterates. Among these are Hooker, with no illiterates and Arthur and Logan, which have one each. Twenty four counties have 100 or more illiterates each. Four have more than 500 each as follows: Gage, 599; Lancaster, 1,136; Scotts Bluff, 1,170; and Douglas, 3,336.

Illiteracy among foreign born whites in the state declined from 9,468 to 6,924. Native white illiterates, however, increased in number from 3,360 to 3,726. There were listed for the state 450 Negroes who are unable to read or write and 1,589 persons belonging to races other than Negroes, most of whom were Indians.

BURLINGTON RAILROAD SHOPS ARE REOPENED

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Burlington shops at Havelock, Lincoln suburb, are open, following a brief closing for conversion of the shops from locomotive to car rebuilding.

When the shops were reopened, work was provided for the full force of the old shops. Burlington railway officials announced. Initial plans for the shops call for the building of two stock cars a day in addition to repair and rebuilding. Later, when the machinery has been altered, box cars will be built.

Manager E. Flynn, in charge of lines west on the Burlington system, stated the change meant "permanence" of employment for men at the local shops. "The men employed recognized that the locomotive repair work to which the shops were formerly devoted was becoming lighter. They were greatly relieved to learn of the company's plans which will assure them of permanent employment."

SEVERAL SEEKING POST IN NORFOLK COLLEGE

Norfolk, Neb.—Eight have applied for the deanship of the Norfolk Junior college, left vacant by the death of Dr. Charles Lindsay last Tuesday.

The men who are conferring with the school authorities in regard to the deanship include Samuel A. Mahood of Tulane university at New Orleans, William R. Thompson, former principal at Cotwood Falls, Kan.; W. T. McDonald, registrar of the Grand Island college which was abandoned last June; C. H. Wilcox, assistant professor of history at the University of Wisconsin, and John M. Matzen of Lincoln, former state superintendent.

Samuel Davenport from Columbia university has applied. He lacks only a foreign language requirement from having his doctors degree. Mr. Davenport is only 24 years old.

MOTHER OF II TAKES BABE TO COUNTY JAIL

Kearney, Neb.—While Mrs. Helen Shada, 36 years old, seemed content in jail here where she has taken her 6-month-old baby to serve a six months term for bootlegging with her, the husband and father, John Shada, was bitter in his denunciation of the law "which puts an innocent baby behind the bars."

Officials permitted the woman to take the baby to jail with her when she pleaded that it needed her care. They are in a cell in the basement of the courthouse, the jail proper being overcrowded.

FATHER FLANAGAN'S HOME IN FINANCIAL DISTRESS

Omaha, Neb.—Rev. A. P. Flanagan, acting director of Father Flanagan's boys' home, says the institution will be forced to close if an emergency appeal for financial aid is unsuccessful.

Declaring the depression had caused the income of the home to be cut in half this year, Rev. Flanagan said \$37,500 is needed to pay obligations on the home and provide maintenance. The home is nonsectarian, and receives no aid from church, city, state or welfare organization.

Side Glances

By George Clark



"I keep a budget, but I don't let it bother me. I'm buying these sodas out of my next Christmas shopping fund."

Germany Will Profit in Long Run By Learning to Shift for Herself

By Theodore H. Price in Commerce and Finance.

The international conference that was held at London does not seem to have had much effect. The financiers representing the conferees appear to have gone back home convinced that Germany will have to take care of herself. So far as it can now be discovered this is what Germany intends to do. The experience is likely to be good for her and in a few years she will probably be thankful that she has learned to walk alone financially. Of course her progress may be slower than might otherwise have been the case but she will be stronger for the effort she will have to make, and no one has ever doubted her industry or ingenuity.

Of course, the pessimists will be gloomy—they always are. But hard work is a wonderful specific for cholera, and those who have food to eat and clothes to wear can find a good deal of joy in life if they are constructively at work.

It is difficult to say just how Germany will employ herself during the coming winter, but it is evident that a new spirit has taken hold of the people, and that it is likely to enthuse the whole nation. So imbued, it does not need much sympathy, and the indications are that within a year or two Germany will be as prosperous as was France shortly after the Franco-Prussian war. Therefore it is hardly necessary to dwell upon the troubles that may be ahead for the people who formerly composed the German Empire. Of course, they will have trouble. Everybody does. But probably they will extricate themselves more quickly than any other nation in the world, and find themselves struggling up the hill of difficulty at an amazingly rapid pace. The bank rate is raised to 15 per cent.

Meantime, the centers of trouble seem to have shifted to England and Russia. We are really ignorant of Russia's condition, but the whole world knows of England's predicament. She is boldly trying to be the financial Atlas of the reconstructed universe, and she has a heavy load to carry. But it is well to recollect that Atlas has always managed to sustain the universe despite its weight, and that the history of the past provides us with the only data from which we can draw any conclusions.

Then there is America. Of course, the universe is important, and Central Europe has long considered itself an essential part of the Aryan cosmogony, but to Americans the United States is the most important part of all the world, and if the outlook is reasonably cheerful here the American business man is not much disturbed by conditions elsewhere.

Therefore it is satisfactory to report that there is a scattered improvement in business in the United States, and that the indications favor its extension in the near future.

MARK ANTONY WON'T TELL

The biggest laugh we get today
From advertising dope,
Are blubs extolling merits of
A certain toilet soap.

An actress' charming face peers forth

With plaint, "Why look your age?
I'm really thirty nine!" She means,
"And I am still the rage."

Who's Who has spilled the beans for her.

For Jo, from out its covers
Has crept the fact, on fifty's brink
Miss So and So now hovers.

But Cleopatra's safe enough— She used those "soothing oils."

And she might claim that "glow of
youth."
"Though really forty, galls."
—Sam Page.

CALLED HIS BLUFF

London—Sir Charles Trevelyan,
Labor member of the English Par-
liament, told that body that what

NO PLAYTHING

Jellico, Tenn.—Mrs. E. A. Warm-
ing was opening a package of toys
for her children. In the pile there
appeared a very live-looking snake
that wiggled from side to side and
hissed.

KEPT HER SHOES WET

Newburyport, R. I.—(UP)—Her
husband kept her shoes in a pail of
water, so she couldn't go out at
night, Mrs. John Earl complained
in court here. The husband was
convicted of assault but the case
was filed.

It's About Time.

From All for Alla, Stockholm.
Guest: I believe your hotel soon
celebrates its 10th anniversary.
Landlord: Quite right, sir.
Guest: Don't you think you might
have clean table cloths to celebrate
the event?

Shallower Handbags

Many of the handbags you'll see
in the fall will be in a new rectan-
gular shape instead of the almost
square shape were accustomed to.
They're shallower and longer, but
still remain flat and capacious.

FINDS MANY DIVORCES ARE NOT COMPLETE

Alliance, Neb.—(Special)—A flurry has been caused here by the discovery of District Court Clerk Phil Groves that 43 divorce cases tried here in the last five years are incomplete and the decrees never given. Some of the parties in question have remarried, of course bigamously.

The main reason for the unfinished proceedings is the holding of the decree by the clerk for payment of court costs or failure to file by the attorney until his fees are paid.

The divorce does not go into effect until the decree is on file.

PROVIDE WORK FOR MORE MEN

City of Lincoln to Ask
Bids Requiring Men In-
stead of Machines

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—In response to pleas of Lincoln's more than 5,000 unemployed, the Lincoln receive bids for construction of a city commissioners has arranged to water pipe line from the new wells at Ashland on basis of hand and machine labor.

The council will therefore receive bids for the project as to comparative cost of machine trench work and hand trench work. Their actions will depend upon the difference in costs, they indicated.

The action was taken following recent protests of unemployed laborers in Lincoln that machine trenching would provide work but for 50 men while employment of hand labor would provide jobs for approximately 400 or more men.

It is the claim of the unemployed workers that they face a winter of extreme want unless some effort is made by the city to provide work. In an appeal to Attorney General C. A. Sorensen, the laborers recently expressed their desire to be given work instead of charity.

ANTHRAX CAUSE OF HEAVY LOSS

Sections of Boyd and
Knox Counties Hard Hit
by the Disease

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Loss of cattle and hogs from infection with anthrax in northeastern and north central Nebraska has been considerable, according to Dr. F. R. Woodring, field chief for the state department of agriculture, who is investigating conditions in that territory. No estimate has been made as to the number of animals lost, although it is believed that more than 100 have died in the vicinity of Spencer, which is probably a very small portion of the total. Twenty four farms have been reported to the department as under quarantine near Spencer and Verdigre and 20 additional quarantines were expected near Lynch.

Dr. Woodring says rain and cooler weather would greatly relieve the situation.

Stock digging for the roots of whatever vegetation was left after infestation by grasshoppers and the drought are said to become infected with anthrax and thus cause its spread. The sections of Boyd and Knox counties that were hardest hit by the drought and grasshopper menace seem to be suffering most from anthrax.

BOND COMPANY WITHDRAWS OMAHA BRIDGE BID

Omaha, Neb.—Negotiations for the purchase of the \$2,000,000 South Omaha bridge bond issue have been formally withdrawn by Stranahan-Harris and company, Toledo bond house. The company notified the city council that it could not accept terms demanded by the city. It was the only bonding company to bid for the issue and it was believed no other offers will be received because of publication of a traffic survey showing that tolls would not pay interest on the bonds. Further action by the council was indefinitely postponed.

LOOKS LIKE BANK AUDITOR LET OUT

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—A. B. Hoagland, state banking department auditor who checked the Farmers State bank of Genoa, has been given a two weeks' vacation and it is uncertain whether or not his services will be needed by the department at the end of that time.

The Genoa institution, now defunct, was formerly owned by A. C. Knudson, secretary of banking under Governor Bryan, and information concerning the check of this bank led to accusations in regard to some transactions against the governor and Mr. Knudson during the closing hours of the special session of the legislature. Secretary Luikart of the banking department stated that there is an effort to reduce the force of the department and it was not known whether Mr. Hoagland would be needed.

VERDIGRE FARMER HAS ANTHRAX INFECTION

Verdigre, Neb.—(Special)—Frank J. Siverkrubbe, residing west of Verdigre was here Sunday to consult doctors, and it was found that the scratch on his right hand was infected and found to be anthrax. Dr. Donald Raffington of Omaha is here and he gave the patient serum. Two state veterinarians were here from Center who also pronounced the infection anthrax.

DROP MANSLAUGHTER CHARGES AT FREMONT

Fremont, Neb.—(Special)—Charges of manslaughter preferred by County Attorney Fred H. Richards, Jr., against William Fishman of Muscatine, Ia., were dropped just before the hour set for Fishman's preliminary hearing Monday. Attorney Richards said further investigation of the case convinced him that the charges were not justified. Fishman's automobile on August 12 ran over Hazel Bliss, 5 years old at North Bend, the girl dying from her injuries.

HORSE VALUES UNDER AUTOS

But Nebraska Cattle Have
Lead Over Motors by
\$21,000,000

Lincoln, Neb.—(UP)—Cattle owned by Nebraskans are valuable by approximately \$21,000,000 than are the automobiles owned by Nebraskans, according to assessment valuations compiled by Tax Commissioner Smith.

The comparative figures show the value of Nebraska's 2,604,900 cattle to be \$78,784,088 while the 331,322 automobiles owned by residents of the state are valued at \$56,312,273. Horses, however, are valued at less than one-half the valuation of automobiles. The state's 633,190 horses are valued at \$21,354,602. Figures of automobile valuations, Smith explains, do not include reports for six counties which last year had 12,100 cars.

While the value of Nebraska cattle fell this year from \$85,267,465 a year ago to \$78,784,088 this year, the number of cattle in the state was shown to have increased from 2,474,206, in 1930 to 2,604,900 this year.

Stocks of horses on Nebraska farms fell off from 670,137 in 1930 to 333,190 this year and valuations from \$24,750,294 last year to \$21,354,602 this year. Last year there were 337,055 automobiles with a valuation of \$70,258,505 whereas this year's incomplete reports show 331,322 automobiles, valued at \$56,312,275.

ASSERTS NEED OF AID PLAIN

Former Solon Studies Con-
ditions in Northeast Ne-
braska Counties

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—After spending seven weeks studying conditions in five counties of northeastern Nebraska where damage by grasshoppers and drought runs high, former Congressman Thorpe has asked Governor Bryan to visit that section and see for himself the deplorable conditions existing there.

Thorpe reports the whole of Knox and Cedar counties taken by grasshoppers and drought and much of Antelope county burnt to a crisp. In portions of Madison and Platte counties conditions are distressing, and although some portions of the counties named may be able to take care of themselves, he expressed the belief that something had to be done immediately. He states that there are vast areas where farmers have neither feed nor seed and that the governor or any other person making the statement that no suffering exists in that section is mistaken.

GOVERNOR INSPECTS NATIONAL GUARDSMEN

Ashland, Neb., Aug. 16.—Ten thousand spectators attended the governor's day review of Nebraska's national guardsmen here Sunday afternoon on the closing day of the annual encampment.

Charles W. Bryan mounted a horse to inspect the 1,700 troops of which he is commander-in-chief, while the visitors, including many from Omaha and Lincoln massed sidelines.

"Quite an improvement" was noted by the chief executive in the military appearance of the company.

Mrs. Bryan also reviewed the afternoon parade from an automobile parked near the reviewing stand. Major General Johnson Hagood of Omaha, commander of the seventh corps area, was an unofficial observer.

The units of the guard demonstrated to Governor Bryan during the morning their proficiency in various military tactics. In the afternoon they lined up for formal review. The governor then mounted and with a group of officers rode down the ranks. He was in civilian clothes.

"Camp Ashland has improved greatly since I served as governor some years ago," he said.

After the review he went to headquarters and met the officers, then returned to Lincoln by automobile as he came.

NEW OUTBREAKS OF ANTHRAX IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb.—(Special)—Dr. P. R. Woodring and Dr. J. N. McInay of the state department of agriculture are investigating reports of new outbreaks of anthrax infection near Blair and Springview. Fifteen cattle and hogs is the toll to date in the vicinity of Blair, with three new cases reported and 100 head of stock is the total loss near Springview and several new cases reported.

It is said the disease is confined to a few scattered farms and it is probable that rigid enforcement of the quarantine laws will prevent further spread. Sockmen are asked to burn carcasses of animals dying from the infection.

Holding fish and frogs' heads in the mouths of children suffering from whooping cough is an old "cure" still practiced among peas- antry of western Ireland.

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