

AS TOLD IN A LINE

A BOILING DOWN OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY.

MENTIONED IN SMALL SPACE

The Busy Reader Can Absorb in a Few Moments a Good Deal of Information.

Foreign.

Newspapers of Madrid express little regret at the expiration three days ago of article four, of the treaty of Paris, which gave Spain equal commercial privileges with the United States in the Philippine Islands.

During the voyage of the Cunard liner, Luscania, which sailed from New York April 7, for Liverpool, two young women (Americans), who had occupied a second-class together, committed suicide by shooting. The bodies buried at sea.

With but a short distance separating them from their home port and a market for their catch, the 200 men comprising the crew of the sealing steamer Vanguard, were forced to abandon their ship and all on board, the results of a month's strenuous work, when the steamer's main shaft was broken among the ice fields of New Foundland. A catch of 9,000 seals went down with the steamer.

A dispatch from Messina to a local newspaper declares that, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, the king and queen, who recently visited the earthquake districts, are greatly displeased with the small amount of work so far accomplished.

A permanent company for the production in Germany of English plays in English, under the management of Madame Meta Illing, will open at the Royal theater in Wiesbaden, May 17.

The French government has informed the state department of its determination to put into effect immediately the decision to expel former President C. Castro of Venezuela from Fort de France, Martinique, and compel him to return to Europe.

An empty balloon came down near Conti, and apprehension is felt for the three aeronauts that sailed away in the airship from Paris.

The latest intelligence from German Southwest Africa says the discoveries of diamonds at Luderitz Bay are more important than was at first supposed. Diamonds hitherto have been picked upon the sandy desert, but attempts to bore for water led to the finding of blue earth pockets containing diamonds similar to the Kimberley and other South African stones.

General.

President Taft went to New Haven to attend a meeting of Yale corporation, visiting in New York by the way.

Bakers of Chicago appeal to Secretary Knox for assistance in their battle with the wheat combine.

The fact that hides have been put on the free list indicates that the Massachusetts shoemakers are more powerful politically than the agricultural west that grows hides.

By a vote of 84 to 54 the Missouri house of representatives passed the bill submitting a constitutional amendment providing for statewide prohibition to a vote of the qualified electors of the state.

Benjamin Thaw, well known banker and half brother of Harry Thaw, is critically ill from pneumonia at his home near Pittsburgh, Pa.

Gov. Shallenberger of Nebraska has issued his Arbor Day proclamation. The time is Thursday, April 22d.

The French government is to present San Francisco with a commemorative gold medal.

Presidents of several of the anthracite coal railroads held a conference to discuss the situation growing out of the failure of the coal operators to reach any agreement with the miners.

A movement is on foot in Nicaragua to displace President Zelaya.

Vice President Sherman was a speaker at the Utica chamber of commerce banquet.

President Taft has been urged to put a premium on sobriety in the army.

Theodore Roosevelt, in a cablegram from Port Said to a Paris newspaper, denies that he gave any interviews to French correspondents at Naples. He says he never saw the correspondent of Le Journal, whose "interview" with Mr. Roosevelt was widely published.

The season of aerial flights is soon to begin at Fort Meyer.

A fire in Rochester, N. Y., destroyed property worth \$500,000.

The summer home of President Taft will be a house on Woodbury Point at Beverly, owned by Robert D. Evans of Boston.

After the death of Boston Stainaker at a cheap lodging house in Parkersburg, W. Va., it was learned that he had \$100,000 worth of property.

Robert Rice, a wealthy planter, and his wife of Santa Anna, Tex., are dead from the effects of wounds inflicted by the same bullet.

Lorando Taft, who has been awarded the commission for the Columbus memorial fountain to be erected in the Union Station plaza at Washington, D. C., receives the first prize of \$20,000.

Crazy Snake is as hard to find as the traditional needle in the haystack.

Speaker Cannon may change the whole house banking and currency committee.

Gompers had an audience with President Taft to discuss labor matters. It is said that 1,500 men employed in Nebraska saloons will lose their jobs July 1.

A reduction of \$20,000,000 is the estimated effects of the house amendments to the Payne bill on revenues.

Fifty thousand pounds of government powder exploded at Wayne, N. J., at the Dupont black powder mills instantly killing one workman and seriously injuring several others.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson decided that the claim of the New York Central railroad for \$36,000 for expenses in fumigating its cars under the foot and mouth quarantine order is unjust, and has notified the company the department will decline to pay the claim.

At El Paso, Tex., Clay Radcliffe, 17 years old, shot and killed Blanche Atkinson, 17 years old, because she had broken her engagement to marry him. Among the nominations sent to the senate were the following from civil life to be second lieutenants in the coast artillery corps: Robert Elton Guthrie of Nebraska and George Elmer Nikirk of Iowa.

The Payne tariff bill passed the house on the 9th. Mayor Unterkircher of Davenport, Ia., issued orders that all the gambling houses and sporting houses in the city be closed and the tenants driven out of the city.

F. Marion Crawford, the novelist, died at Sorrento, Italy. He was born in 1845. He had been ill for some time.

Washington.

A vacancy in the office of chaplain of the navy will be filled by the appointment of a minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, and Secretary Meyer will ask the board of bishops soon to meet in Richmond to nominate a candidate.

The Times of this city says that Mr. Bryan will make the race for United States senator from Nebraska.

Fruit jobbers of Omaha, Lincoln, Sioux City and the whole west are wiring their senators protesting against the proposal of the Aldrich bill to double the tariff on lemons.

Senator Burkett notified the New England senators who are making the fight for free hides, that he will talk two months on the tariff bill before he will allow hides to go on the free list. He is convinced that the live stock interest gets the benefit of this tariff and he proposes to insist that it be retained.

Wool, hide and coal, in which Nebraska, Iowa, Wyoming, South Dakota and inter-mountain states are greatly interested, will be taken care of by the senate tariff bill.

A medal in gold, the gift of the French government, commemorative of the restoration of San Francisco from the fire and earthquake of three years ago, is to be presented in person to the authorities of that city by Ambassador Jusserand between May 20 and 25.

According to the official report of the department of foreign affairs of Japan, 307 more Japanese returned to their native country from the United States and Hawaii during March than entered the states and Hawaii.

Rev. E. E. Davidson of the First Christian church of Washington, who is charged with having contracted a common law marriage with Miss Laura Dunn Clark, daughter of a former mayor of this city, at the Metropolitan hotel, St. Louis, last December, has resigned his pastorate. Mr. Davidson denies he entered into any sort of marriage contract with Miss Clark.

The State college of Washington won the national competition championship for rifle shooting, with 22-caliber cartridges, among the colleges and universities on their indoor ranges in the contest last week, that institution making the highest score—949.

President Taft has won a signal victory for the Philippine Islands in the acceptance by the senate committee on finance of the provision of the Payne bill for the free admission of 300,000 gross tons annually of Filipino sugar.

Personal.

Western senators say free shoes must accompany free hides.

Delegates to the Kappa Delta convention called on the president.

School children of Des Moines have petitioned Roosevelt not to kill wild animals.

Death is announced of Sir Donald Currie, the well known English shipowner.

Gompers is going to Europe to study the labor situation.

Rear Admiral Sakamoto of the Japanese navy visited the naval academy at Annapolis.

Wade H. Ellis was called into conference by President Taft to help straighten out the tangle which exists in the filling of a number of federal officers in Ohio.

Lord Kitchener will cross Canada this summer on his return trip from India.

Tewfik Pasha has been appointed grand vizier, Rifaat Pasha, foreign minister, and Ahmed Pasha, minister of war of Turkey.

Grover Walker, president of the First National bank of Hoxie, Kas., was so dangerously injured in a motor car accident that he died.

Joseph J. Hanks, a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died at Bloomington, Ill.

Mrs. Louise Ann Harris, a second cousin of President Jefferson Davis, of the confederate states, died at Mobile.

Andrew Carnegie has given an Omaha church \$1,000 toward securing a pipe organ.

CUDAHY IS INDICTED

CHARGES ARE THAT OF VIOLATING THE REVENUE LAW.

A LARGE NUMBER OF COUNTS

Uncle Sam Defrauded of Eighty Thousand Dollars in Revenue on Oleomargarine.

Topeka, Kas.—Charged with defrauding the government by violations of the internal revenue laws, an indictment was formally returned against the Cudahy Packing company of Kansas City, Kas., in the United States district court here Friday.

The company is indicted on 695 counts. The officers of the company will be summoned to appear in court and defend the charges outlined in the indictment.

The Cudahy Packing company of Kansas City was indicted on the charge of wholesale violations of the United States internal revenue laws. The charge is that the company has defrauded the government out of over \$80,000 in revenues on oleomargarine.

The revenue law provides that each pound of uncolored oleomargarine must bear a revenue stamp of a quarter of a cent, but that each pound of which coloring matter has been added to give it the appearance of butter, a 10-cent revenue stamp must be attached.

It is charged in the indictments that the Cudahy company has sold the colored product under the quarter of a cent tax and consequently has defrauded the government out of large sums.

Inspectors have been working on the case several months and have secured samples sold in towns and cities from New York to Seattle and from Duluth to Jacksonville. These were forwarded to the government chemist, who reported that every sample contained coloring matter, and this evidence was turned over to District Attorney H. J. Bone of Topeka, who submitted the facts to the grand jury.

Every sample now in the hands of the government experts bears the identification mark of the inspector who purchased it, as well as the analysis, which shows that it contains coloring matter.

It is claimed by the government officials that the Cudahy company has succeeded in monopolizing the oleomargarine market by selling the colored product and paying the tax on the basis of uncolored, there being a difference of 9 1/2 cents per pound. By this means, it is claimed, they were enabled to undersell other manufacturers and control the market.

Washington.—Internal revenue officials expressed no surprise at the announcement that the Cudahy Packing company had been indicted at Topeka, Kas., for frauds against the internal revenue laws.

It was admitted that the oleomargarine business of the company had been under observation and investigation by treasury agents for three months or longer.

CUDAHY DENIES FRAUD.

South Omaha Packer Says No Coloring Matter in Oleomargarine.

Omaha.—When the Associated Press dispatch from Topeka was read to E. A. Cudahy, president of the Cudahy Packing company at South Omaha, he stated that he had anticipated such action being taken by the government for some time. Mr. Cudahy declared that the suit was without foundation, as there had been no case of fraud connected with it, and that the law had been lived up to.

MASSACRE OF ARMENIANS.

Soldiers Seemingly Powerless to Control Situation.

Constantinople.—A massacre of Armenians has taken place at Adana, Asiatic Turkey and, according to the latest telegrams from Mersina, is still in progress. Soldiers, powerless to control the situation, are joining in the pillage of the town. The fatalities are said to be numerous. The riots began last Wednesday and the town of Adana has been burned and many Christians killed.

Fairbanks Goes to Orient.

San Francisco.—Former Vice President Charles W. Fairbanks, accompanied by Mrs. Fairbanks and others, sailed for the orient Friday on the Japanese liner Chiyu Maru. He will stop at Honolulu, leaving there on May 17 for Yokohama, whence he will proceed to Peking.

Tarred and Feathered.

Linton, N. D.—J. Bierman of Strasburg, N. D., was tarred and feathered and about to be hanged when he was rescued by the sheriff. Bierman is accused of attempting to attack a 9-year-old girl.

Iowa Officials Raid Diner.

Des Moines, Ia.—County Attorney R. C. Howard and Sheriff Tom Canfield raided the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul diner at Churlian Friday and on a search warrant seized two kegs of beer, one barrel of wine and a quantity of whiskey. Conductor Sam Snow of the diner was arrested under the new law, which prohibits drinking on trains in Iowa. Seventy-five samples of wet goods purchased on diners will be used as evidence in the suit to be started at once by the county attorney.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

For the first time in its history Wolbach, Greeley county, has gone dry by a majority of fifteen votes.

The large farm house on the farm of George Smith, six miles southwest of Stella burned, the loss being \$4,000.

Mrs. Augusta Erickson, six miles south of Holstein, suicided by drinking carbolic acid. No cause is given.

Hundreds of acres of alfalfa will be grown in the vicinity of Sutherland the coming year.

A. D. Burr, deputy clerk of the district court of Lancaster county, died from ptomaine poisoning, caused by eating cheese.

Frank Howland, who, two years ago, forged checks in Tecumseh, has been apprehended at Falls City and will be taken back to answer before the courts.

The farm of 150 acres owned by the Cloud estate and located three miles northeast of Beatrice, was sold last week to John Barnard for \$112.50 an acre.

Thieves stole thirteen horses in Holt county and sold them at Ord. The animals were replevied, but the thieves got away.

William Ladd is suing the Lincoln Traction company for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained, being struck by a street car of the defendant.

For the first time in eleven years Kearney will submit to a liquor drouth as a result of the recent election. The temperance people are jubilant over the outcome.

Miss Lucile Bates, a daughter of Colonel M. A. Bates and wife in Plattsmouth, has been appointed by the governor to a position with a \$1,000 a year salary.

One thousand trees have been planted along the Union Pacific track between Kearney and the cotton mill west of town. Elm and bull pine are the varieties used.

Frank Riechow, a farmer living southeast of Norfolk is in jail at Stanton for shooting his neighbor, Otto Bernstrom. Bernstrom received two shots in the face, though they did not penetrate deeply.

W. H. Wilcott of Sutherland, aged 74, was taken to Omaha for amputation of one of his legs. Over fifty years ago a running sore started as a result of a burn, and he has suffered greatly down through the years.

M. W. Burger has inaugurated a movement to organize a farmers' elevator company at Crab Orchard, in Johnson county. The object is to buy or build a farmers' elevator at that point.

Peter Backes, an inmate of St. Joseph's Home for the Aged at West Point, died of senile debility in that institution. The deceased was for many years a respected citizen of West Point.

The property, franchise and everything belonging to the Citizens' Gas company of Nebraska City were sold by a special master in chancery to Frank R. Grover and Christy C. Loser of Chicago, who represented the bondholders. The price paid was \$6,000.

Polk county is on the water wagon. Saloons were knocked out at Shelby, Osceola and Stromburg, and Osceola went the others better, for pool and billiard halls are banned. Osceolans will have to travel sixteen miles to Central City to get a drink.

The faculty and students of the Peru Normal are very much pleased over the \$40,000 appropriation for an administration building. To show their appreciation to the legislature they decided to hold a jollification.

New towns along the North Platte are springing up like mushrooms along the new Union Pacific extension to Northport. The Union Pacific has resumed track laying along this route and the rails will soon be down as far as Northport.

The body of G. T. Stains, one of the early residents of Humboldt and vicinity, was brought from Salt Lake City, where he died, and interment made at the cemetery near Morrill, Kas., just across the Nebraska line, where his wife was buried nine years ago.

The dates have been fixed for the next annual convention of the Nebraska Travelers' association for Aug. 6 and 7 in Grand Island. On the 7th the local U. C. T. will have its annual picnic at Schimmer's lake, as a feature of the entertainment exercises.

Mrs. Dick Steinbeck of Hall county, widow of a farmer who passed away about a year ago in a temporary aberration of mind, wandered away from the home of relatives during the night and was not found until twelve hours later, when the deputy sheriff discovered the woman in the underbrush along Wood river. She had suffered greatly from exposure.

Godlieb Bott, who lived sixteen miles north of Chappell, and was about 75 years old, had been sick for some time, and his daughter, Mrs. George Poole, thinking he would get better care by taking him to a hospital in Omaha, started to bring the old gentleman to town to take the train. When about half way to town he died.

At Neligh Jess Kinman was sentenced to the penitentiary for ten years for attempted outrage of a 6-year-old girl.

Leo Calvin was arrested in Central City, for absconding from Cannon City, Colorado, with public funds. He will be taken back for trial.

Mrs. Doty and her two sons, who live south of Cody, were arrested and brought to Valentine charged with arson. It is charged they set fire to a barn which was totally destroyed and a horse, wagon and harness, together with several hundred bushels of grain.

NEBRASKA'S CAPITAL

MATTERS OF INTEREST ORIGINATING AT LINCOLN.

REFUSAL OF ROSE TO CONCUR

A Dissenting Opinion From Member of Supreme Court in the Ledwith Mandamus Suit.

Judge W. B. Rose of the supreme court has filed a dissenting opinion in the case wherein John J. Ledwith brought a suit for mandamus against the state treasurer to compel him to sign a warrant for \$35 for services he rendered as an instructor in the university and to compel him to credit the university with the sum of \$946,017.96.

In his opinion, in which a majority of the court concurred, Judge C. B. Letton granted a mandamus to compel the state treasurer to countersign the warrant, but the relief for the credit item was not granted. In the same opinion the court also held that the "proceeds of the 1-mill levy" meant the entire 1-mill levy. It was held also that the proceeds arising from the investment of the permanent university fund and the fund donated by the general regents without the legislature appropriating the same biennially, in his conclusion Judge Letton said:

"As to the details regarding the funds involved we are not fully advised, but enough appears to justify us in requiring the respondent to countersign the warrant presented by the relator."

Judge Rose takes exceptions to this statement on the part of Judge Letton. He said:

"If there is an unexpended appropriation out of which the state treasurer may lawfully pay the warrant for \$35, I am of the opinion relator should be required, as a condition of relief, to describe it in definite and precise terms, especially under a constitution providing that 'each legislature shall make appropriations for the expenses of the government, until the expiration of the first fiscal quarter after the adjournment of the next regular session,' and that 'no money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of a specific appropriation made by law. When these provisions of the constitution are respected, there is never any mistake or uncertainty about the identity of any appropriation or the amount of any unexpended balance in any fund in the state treasury."

New State Fair Building.

The board of managers of the Nebraska state fair met at the state house and took action toward the erection of one-half of the new stock coliseum. This building is to be similar to the stock coliseums in the Minnesota, Indiana and Kentucky fair grounds, and is to have a ring 120 by 270 feet. Around the ring will be placed the seats, which will accommodate over 4,000 people. The building, when completed, will be 200 feet wide by 300 feet long, and will be constructed of steel, brick, and concrete. The complete cost will be \$115,000, but it is the intention of the board to only erect half of it for the present, and when a later appropriation is received to have it completed. The action of the board regarding the new building will be referred to the board of public lands and buildings, as that board has charge of the disbursement of the appropriation. As soon as the board of public lands and buildings gives its approval the work on the new building will be started, and it is expected that this will be in a short time. It is the intention to have it completed, or at least in such a state that it can be used by next fall at fair time.

On the Governor's Staff.

Governor Shallenberger sent a commission to the general freight agent of the Burlington railroad west of the Missouri river, making him a colonel on his staff. The appointment is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Colonel Fanning, accepted by the governor.

The Saloon Closing Law.

Letters are still coming to the governor in bunches in regard to the 8 o'clock closing law, and some of them have unique features. A letter was received from a guard at the Lincoln insane asylum. The guard stated that during the heat of the excitement he went into the dipsomaniac ward and took a straw vote among the inmates. By a vote of 2 to 1, they declared in favor of the governor's action.

J. F. Swain, Harrisburg, Neb., wrote that before the governor had signed the bill he had bet with a friend, 2 copper cents, that the governor would sign it. After the cents were paid to him he had them made into a fob, with a compass attached, and sent the fob to the governor as a memento of the occasion.

The Fruit Outlook.

"We will have an abundance of fruit," said ex-Congressman Pollard while here on business from his home at Nehawka. "If we had ordered the spring ourselves it could not have been better from the standpoint of the fruit man. The cold weather has kept the apples back and it will be two weeks at least even with warm weather, for them to bud out. By that time the cold weather will have been passed and there will be little danger. I have been told the peaches have been damaged, but ours are not."

AUDITOR TO ENFORCE LAW.

Begins General Insurance Campaign in Nebraska.

State Auditor Barton has started out to make every insurance company doing business in Nebraska either conform to the law and the requirements of his office or quit business.

To a number of companies Mr. Barton has written letters calling attention to their weak points and giving instruction for these matters to be corrected or he will at once proceed to put the companies out of business.

The action of the auditor has stirred up quite a rumpus among several of the companies and one company wrote the auditor a lengthy letter telling what it intended to do in the way of reform. This was answered by Mr. Barton with the statement that promises did not go and that the evils must be corrected by May 1 or proceedings would be instituted.

Between now and July the auditor will issue his order prohibiting any company from printing on its policies the statement that the same is guaranteed by the state. A bill which was introduced in the legislature attempted to prevent this, but it failed of passage. The bill gave the companies until January 1, 1910, to conform to the new rule and get rid of their present literature. The auditor will make his ruling in conformity with that bill, which was killed by the insurance lobby.

Experiment With Sugar Beets.

Nebraska will very shortly begin to experiment with sugar beets, the board of public lands and buildings at the earnest solicitation of Governor Shallenberger having signed a contract to cultivate 100 acres of beets, to be sold to a contracting firm. The state will be out about \$300 for the seed to start with. The governor anticipated it would require about eighteen convicts to attend to the cultivation of the beets. On paper the governor has figured an immense profit to the state. Warden Smith, however, is very much opposed to the experiment and he is satisfied the state will lose money. In the first place private parties have failed to make money out of the sugar beet business and several factories in Nebraska have been shut down. The convicts, members of the board believe, are not capable of working the beets successfully and believe that there are too many risks for the state to enter into the business.

Chance to Test New Law.

An opportunity is at hand to test the validity of the act of the late legislature to charge \$50 for listing with the secretary of state the resident agent of foreign corporations. Heretofore this charge has been nominal, 30 cents, but the late legislature increased the fee to \$50. So far one incorporation has paid the increased fee. An electrical company of Omaha sent down the name of its agent, who takes the place of its retiring agent, and the company failed to send the necessary \$50 fee. The company has been notified of the change in the law, and the listing of its new agent is held up pending the receipt of the \$50.

Valuation Law Includes Street Lines.

If the street railways of Omaha and Lincoln have an idea that Senator Ransom saved them from the operations of the physical valuation bill when he saved the bacon of the stock yards, they have another guess coming. Under a ruling of the state railway commission the bill applies to street railways. The commission bases its construction on this section: "Sec. 2. The term public service corporation when used in this act shall mean and embrace every railroad, railway, telegraph, express, telephone and the railroad transportation property of stock yard companies."

Experts Open the Vault.

The vault in the governor's office was broken open, men drilling holes in the steel combination lock and forcing the door, then proceedings were stopped, all being by order of the governor. The vault has been used for storing the junior's implements of warfare on dirt and office supplies of no great value. Some one turned the combination and the vault was locked. No one knew the combination and experts had to be sent for.

Go After Delinquents.

A campaign against all delinquent taxpayers who have started by County Treasurer Berry, as soon as the routine work of the office for the next month has been handled. Mr. Berry says that his plans are so complete that he will begin issuing distress warrants against all the responsible delinquents who have paid no attention to the notices that have been sent them. Mr. Berry declares that he will clean up all the delinquent taxes that are collectible before he goes out of office. Total amounts to \$50,000.

Banks Incorporated.

Articles of incorporation for the new state banks were filed with the banking department. These two make sixteen since February 23, or twenty-four since the first of the year.

Seward Bonds Missing.

The owners of \$10,000 Seward county court house bonds are trying to get the state auditor to record duplicate bonds because this little batch cannot be located. The bonds were kept in a bank, but somehow they cannot be found, so Attorney Cary and the county attorney of Seward county told at the state house at a recent visit here. The lawyers said the owners of the bonds were willing to put up security that the county would suffer no loss were the bonds duplicated. The auditor has made no decision.