

## PLATTSMOUTH NEWS-HERALD

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# PUT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

Foreign.

The speeches of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, delivered before the French labor organizations are arousing intense interest in labor circles. The extreme socialists bitterly condemn him as a reactionary.

Mohamed Ali, the dethroned shah, who is now in the Russian summer legation, has declined to receive a deputation to inform him of his deposition. Sipahadar and Sardarasad, the leaders in the nationalist movement, sent a telegram to the British and Russian legations requesting them to fix a time when his majesty may receive a deputation notifying him of the change of sovereign.

A new dirigible torpedo recently planned by a Swedish inventor has aroused great interest in Swedish naval circles. The torpedo is operated by electricity.

The Russian embassy at Constantinople has addressed a sharp note to the port, calling the attention of the Turkish authorities to the advance of Turkish troops into Persian territory, north of Uremiah, and requesting their immediate withdrawal.

The suffragettes in Holloway jail, London, who have been making trouble for the authorities by refusing to comply with the prison regulations, have been ordered confined to their cells for a period of 24 hours. But their spirits do not appear to be depressed, and they are as determined as ever to refuse to work or submit willingly to the treatment usually accorded to criminals.

The Peruvian government has given orders that passage money be advanced to all Peruvian subjects in Bolivia who desire to leave the country on account of the ill feeling engendered by the arbitration award of President Alcorta of Argentina in the boundary dispute between the two countries.

General.

Reports from all parts of Mexico indicate that the sentiment in favor of a strike in sympathy with that of train dispatchers by the engineers and conductors of the merged railroads of Mexico, is rapidly crystallizing.

The French aviator, Latham, failed in attempt to cross the Straits of Dover in an aeroplane.

Upon conviction by court martial for passing bogus checks and failing to pay his debts, Major Charles J. T. Clark, Twenty-sixth Infantry, has been dismissed from the army.

At the close of the first day of legislation for the Spokane, Coeur D'Alene and Flathead reservation lands it is estimated that 28,000 applications were filed.

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James J. Hill thinks the best thing that congress could do would be to adjourn and go home.

The war department has passed judgment that a soldier whose death resulted from an accident while engaged in athletic contest encouraged by the officers of his regiment was in the line of duty.

Money order transactions in the postoffices of the country have grown to so large an extent in the last year or two that it is now necessary to maintain a force of 750 accountants, bookkeepers, assorters and examiners in the office of the auditor of the post-office department.

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Reports from all parts of South Dakota continue to give glowing accounts of the excellent condition of crops of all kinds.

Sixteen persons, five of them women, met death by drowning in the waters either surrounding or in the vicinity of New York Sunday.

Frank Carlson of Iron Mountain, Mich., committed suicide Sunday on a Union Pacific train just west of North Platte, Nebraska.

President Diaz of Mexico will come to El Paso, Tex., to confer with President Taft upon the occasion of the latter's western tour this fall.

Edward Hayden, Omaha, head of the great department store, died suddenly in that city a few days ago.

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Albert Ryan of Colorado, an organizer of the Western Federation of Miners, shot and killed H. F. Snyder, and fatally wounded Otto Miller, a porter, at the United States hotel in Los Angeles.

Kermit Roosevelt, son of the ex-president, shot a hippopotamus.

President Taft called the tariff conference leaders into consultation and told them the corporation tax must make good.

A call has been issued by Chairman Warren Keifer for a republican state convention to be held in Lincoln, Neb., on July 27.

Two killed and a score injured, one probably fatally, was the sudden termination of a baseball game in Lead, when the lightning struck in the grand stand.

There were 15,416 persons to each library and an average of seventy-two volumes to every one hundred persons in the United States in 1908, according to a bulletin issued by the United States bureau of education.

An aggregate of \$380,494,598 in savings deposits in the national banks of the country is shown in the complete report issued by the comptroller of the currency on returns from the national banks, under the call for their condition on June 23.

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Reproduction of etchings of former Presidents Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln and of President Taft are to adorn American embassies and legations throughout the world.

The Rome Tribune says Arch-Bishop Farley of New York will be created a cardinal at the consistory to be held in November.

The tariff conferees agreed on a new custom court except one provision, and dispute over drawback provision of law.

A falling building in Philadelphia killed seven people.

The Retail Lumber Dealers' association of Mississippi and Louisiana was sued in the chancery court of Holmes county at Lexington, Miss., under the anti-trust statute for the recovery of penalties aggregating \$14,184,000.

State troops were called out to keep order among 3,000 rioting steel workers at Pittsburg, Pa.

A conference at the white house resulted in conclusion to reduce corporation tax from two to one per cent.

The story of a recent fight of Philippine constabulary with Moro outlaw has reached America.

When the Pacific coast Unitarian conference affirmed its approval of the Methodist platform, it changed two words in plan No. 1 to commit the Unitarian church to woman suffrage.

Civil service employees are anxious to have congress investigate the system, for they believe they will get better salaries.

If departments at Washington want to show low estimates next winter they must not expect congressional relief.

President Taft speaks favorably of the plan to connect church and gymnasium, and praises the worker whose vacation is short.

Congressman Kinkaid has persuaded the secretary of the navy to loan Nebraska the figurehead of the battleship Nebraska.

More than 4,000 Western Union telegraph poles in Iowa were broken by the recent storms and floods throughout the state.

Wolast and Nelson fought a round bout at Los Angeles, the former getting much the better of it.

Washington.

Declaring that any corporation which "keeps just and true books of account," can make up the return required by the proposed corporation tax law and meeting other attacks on that measure, Attorney General Wickes made public a letter he has written to a Wall street firm of accountants who challenge some provisions of the proposed law as "absolutely impossible of application."

All discrimination is not forbidden by the act to regulate commerce, but only such discrimination as is undue.

This, in effect, was a decision of the Interstate Commerce commission announced in the case of the Morbeck-Demer company against the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and the Pennsylvania railroad.

Some notable instances of the disadvantages in which United States imports into France are placed by the operation of the pending Franco-Canadian tariff agreement, just ratified by the French parliament are given in reports which have reached the state department.

A shake-up in the personnel of commerce and labor took place when approximately 100 employees were reduced, and the resignations of about ten others were accepted. This action was taken by Secretary Nagel as a result of an investigation into the efficiency record of the employees.

The revolution in Colombia is at an end, according to a message which was received by Senor Gusman, Colombian charge d'affairs, who rushed immediately with it to the state department.

Personal.

President Taft announces that his dates for the trip beginning Sept. 15 are liable to revision.

Charles R. Crane of Chicago, vice president of the Crane Elevator Company, has been chosen by President Taft as minister to China.

Twenty-five thousand dollars will be at President Taft's disposal on his western tour.

Rockefeller has decided nearly all his property in Cleveland to his son.

Terry McGovern, once featherweight champion, is a physical wreck and has been taken to sanitarium.

The Roosevelt expedition which has been hunting for the last five weeks in the Sotik district, arrived at the farm of Captain Richard Attenborough on the south shore of lake Naivasha.

Gov. Johnson of Minnesota who has passed through several operations, is said to be improving.

## JAUNT OF MR. TAFT THE GUARANTY CASE

UNCLE SAM WILL PAY FOR WESTERN TRIP.

MADE \$25,000 APPROPRIATION

What Bonding Companies Must Do If They Get Business From the Government.

Washington—The urgency deficiency bill was passed by the house Tuesday after four days of tempestuous debate. The amount carried by it is \$454,809, or \$20,408 more than the original sum, and includes the \$25,000 traveling expenses for the president.

The session began calm enough, but as the day wore on the members got into a more or less surly mood, and this led to a succession of objections to amendments and to almost every one of the remaining paragraphs, some of which were sustained.

After denying the usual extra month's pay to officers and employees of the capitol, the house threw out of the bill the allowance for extra work to committee stenographers and then turned in and refused to carry out a mandate of the United States supreme court for the payment to J. M. Ceballos & Co. of New York of \$205,614. Finally the democrats, led by Mr. Bowers (Miss.), sought to defeat the proposition for payment of a levy for the creation of a fund to pay obligations of the banks to their depositors.

In discussing the latter point, Judge Albert says the primary object of the law is not to protect depositors, but to avert panics, by some guaranty to depositors that their money is safe. The fact that depositors are incidentally benefited by the act does not render it void, the brief says. The passage of the banking act, he says, was the result of the financial disturbances some months ago, and it has for its object the welfare of the public. The brief calls attention to the enactment of a guaranty act in New York in 1829 and in Vermont in 1831. A search of the records fails to disclose, the brief says, an attack on the constitutionality of these laws.

In discussing the right of the state to limit the banking business to corporations, Judge Albert said the issue of notes and bills was a part of the banking business under the common law, and yet this had been regarded as a franchise. This, he said, shows that what is called a common law or natural right may pass to a right that may be enjoyed only by virtue of a sovereign grant.

A private bank, the brief says, goes out of existence with the death of the owner, while the corporation bank is exempt from the accidents of disease and death.

In his conclusion Judge Albert said: "Legislative acts are presumably valid. They are not to be set aside on light or trivial grounds. The act may not have been conceived in wisdom, but it is easily traceable to a desire to serve the public good. Its wisdom or its lack of it does not concern the court, so long as the legislature acted within the limits of its constitutional powers. It was designed to allay distrust of the banking system at times when such distrust spells panic and commercial disaster. While it may not be the best means of serving the end, it cannot be fairly said that it will not serve it in some measure. It is the will of the people, expressed by the supreme legislative body of the state, and as such, comes before the court attended by the presumption of validity."

Violated Eight-Hour Law.

Grand Island, Neb.—O. M. Evans, contractor on the government building here, was arrested by Marshal Sammons on charge of violating the eight-hour law, on complaint of E. K. Wilkins, inspector for the government. Evans was brought before United States Commissioner Ragan at Hastings this morning, waived examination and was bound over to the federal court at the January term here. Mr. Evans alleged that it is a case of spite work on the part of the inspector and denies his guilt.

NEW GRAIN RATES IN OCTOBER

Tariffs Equalizing Haul to Chicago from Middle West Points.

Chicago.—According to a decision reached by western railroads, tariffs will go into effect Oct. 1, equalizing the grain rates to the southeast from all points in Iowa, North and South Dakota, Minnesota and Nebraska, so that grain can be moved to this city at rates equal to those of St. Louis and other junction points.

Former Nebraskan a Suicide.

Columbia City, Ind.—William J. Hobart, former station agent at Hazelton, Neb., committed suicide here. He left a letter addressed to his wife at Eagles Ford, O., blaming some one referred to as "That She Devil."

Body Recently Cremated.

Colorado Springs—The body of Mrs. J. Addison Hayes of Colorado Springs, daughter of the late Jefferson Davis, was cremated at the Riverside cemetery, Denver. The cremation was private and an effort was made to keep it a secret.

Wanted in Nebraska.

Pierre, S. D.—Chas. Williams and Harry Middaugh were arrested by the Stanley county officers, and are being held in jail at Fort Pierre for the offense from Nebraska, who want them on a charge of stealing a bunch of horses.

Congressmen to Hawaii.

Washington.—A party of twenty-five senators and members of the house is preparing to visit Hawaii, in response to an investigation by the Hawaiian legislature. The party will sail from San Francisco on August 24.

Mule's Age Over 50.

Sundance, Wyo.—A mule owned by Al Mauch died here at the age of 51 years. The animal was brought to this section by pioneers over forty years ago. It was then over 10 years of age.

CHANGE GRAIN RATE.

Becomes Effective On and After August 10.

On and after August 10 the Missouri Pacific, Burlington, Union Pacific and Northwestern railroads are authorized by the state railway commission to apply the wheat rate on all flour shipments in the state and the corn rates on all shipments of mill stuff.

This order is supplementary to a recent order allowing the roads to raise the rates on flour to a parity with the wheat rate between about 10 per cent of the mill stations in the state and Omaha. These stations had enjoyed for many years a low flour rate, which were put in many years ago to encourage local industry.

This order followed on a complaint of the Updike Milling company. As soon as this order was filed it was found that the Missouri Pacific had been left out of the complaint. The commission thereafter avoided a discrimination by pulling the Crete-Omaha rate on the Missouri Pacific up to the wheat rate. The railroads then filed a petition asking that other mill products besides wheat flour be put on the same basis as corn, the general contents being that the stations which had the lower rates were not entitled to discrimination as against 90 per cent of the stations in the state and that the finished product should, as a general thing, take as high a freight rate as the raw material from which it is made.

Several hearings have been held in the cases. After referring in detail to the reasons justifying the order on flour rates the commission in the order issued says: "Mill stuff, which consists of bran and shorts, bears the same relation to corn as flour to wheat. Both are more valuable than corn and, if anything, more bulky, and do not move in the same quantities. The commission, for the reasons fully set forth in the case of the Updike Milling company vs. Union Pacific Railroad company (formal No. 61), no special reasons being developed to the contrary, finds that the rates on flour should not be less than the rates on wheat, and that the rates on mill stuff should not be less than the rates on corn between the stations herein named."

Senator T. J. Majors, appointed by Gov. Shallenberger to a place on the new state normal board, has filed a demurrer to the petition of the attorney general challenging the right of Majors to accept the appointment because he is a member of the legislature. The demurrer alleges that the amended petition of the attorney general does not state sufficient facts to constitute a cause of action and that the two causes of action are improperly joined in the information. The validity of the new law authorizing the governor to appoint a new normal board is involved in the suit.

Old Soldiers Are Safe.

Members of the Soldiers' Home at Grand Island, who have exposed the management of that institution, are now getting fearful that they will be removed from the home and not permitted to come back. A letter to this effect was received by a member of the Board of Public Lands and Buildings. The board has assured the old soldiers that none of them will be let out for telling what is going on. The board has supervision over admission and discharges from the home, and the superintendent is powerless to act in the matter.

For Historical Society.

The state historical society has received a large framed portrait of William H. Russel of the old freighting firm of Russel, Majors and Waddell, who were the most prominent freighters on the plains in the early pioneer days. The portrait was the gift of Charles R. Moorhead of El Paso, Tex., who was on the plains as a young man and knew and worked for Mr. Russel. The Nebraska state historical society has never had a portrait of Mr. Russel and has been anxious to get one.

Prize Packages Under Ban.

Food Commissioner Mains will test the pure food law, which provides that there shall be no prizes in food packages, by arresting J. R. Burley, a grocer here. The grocer sells food packages in which entitle the holder to books for a certain number of slips.

City Attorney Stewart Resigns.

City Attorney John M. Stewart has resigned and so has his deputy, F. A. Williams. The resignation of both are to take effect any time between now and October 1.

Hospital Needs New Engine.

Attorney General Thompson, Land Commissioner Cowles and Secretary of State Junkin visited the Hospital for the Insane at Lincoln and decided on the immediate purchase of an engine and the construction of a standpipe. The present emergency engine is 26 years old and of little value, while the present reservoir would be of little help in case of fire.

Bullard Takes Vacation.

S. Bullard, head janitor at the state house for a number of years, left for a visit to Boulder, Co., where his son resides.

Warden Needs Guards.

Warden T. W. Smith still insists that it is bad venture for the state penitentiary to raise sugar beets with convicts. As evidence of the bad effect of working convicts in the beet field he recited on his monthly report that four convicts escaped during last month. The best field is a mile or more from the prison and the convicts have to be taken through a bottom country across a stream, well wooded. At the time of the recent escape of the four trustees, the warden had guards working fifty convicts.