

PUT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

Foreign.

Mohammed Ali Mirza, the deposed shah of Persia, sailed from Anzoli, on the Caspian sea, on his way to exile in Russia. He is expected to land at Petrovsk, on the west shore of the Caspian. He will be taken direct to Odessa on a special train. His movements are being kept as secret as possible as the Caucasus is swarming with Persian revolutionists and attempts at assassination are feared.

The English government has completed arrangements to take over all the coast stations of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph company stations, except the Poldhu and Clifton, which the company retains for its projected trans-Atlantic service. The government pays \$75,000 for these stations and gets also the right to use all existing patents and all improvements made during the next fourteen years.

A young woman committed suicide in a frightful manner in Paris. Having had a quarrel with her lover, who is a lion tamer in a theater, in which three lions are introduced in the course of a melodrama, the woman went behind the scenes and thrust her arm into the cage. The animals were wild with rage and with a few blows of their claws tore her head and breast to pieces.

Harry Whitney of New Haven believes that Dr. Frederick Cook found the pole, and that Commander Peary did the same. In expressing the belief he said that he knows no reason for doubting Cook more than Peary. "Dr. Cook's story," he added, "seems to me truthful and probable. Nothing else would explain his twelve months' absence."

General.

A monument to the madness of "Mad Anthony" Wayne, the revolutionary general who led a successful attack against apparently hopeless odds on Great Britain's Stony Point Gibraltar 139 years ago, was dedicated at Stony Point, N. Y., as one of the opening events of the up-state Hudson-Fulton celebration.

After a happy married life of more than fifty years David Ackermann and wife were found dead in bed at their home in Philadelphia, having been accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas.

John Van Nortwick, millionaire paper and pulp manufacturer and owner of extensive water power rights in Wisconsin, died at his home in Appleton of heart failure.

The picture of Martha Washington may be placed upon one of the postage stamps of the present series. A number of women prominent in the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have requested the postoffice department to take such action. It is suggested that the proposed issue of the 12-cent stamp offers an opportunity to do this.

The department of justice is preparing to fight the cases against those persons who by various means obtained from members of the five civilized tribes of Indians lands that under the federal government's contention could not be alienated.

The fishing schooner Caldwell H. Colt of Pensacola port has been seized by a Mexican gunboat off Progresso and her crew of eight men have been thrown in prison.

Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick has offered \$1,000,000 toward the improvement of Lake Michigan in the neighborhood of Lake Forest, Ill.

On the steps to the Hall of Fame at New York university an unknown man shot himself in the head. The body was removed to the morgue.

Government reports from customs receipts and internal revenue are favorable.

Peary, in his ship, the Roosevelt, was central figure in Hudson-Fulton Journey up the Hudson.

Charles W. Murphy, president of the Chicago National Baseball club, who was recently fined \$500 for alleged tampering with a Toronto pitcher, has entered a demand that the national commission reopen the case.

Lucius H. Bigelow, head of the music publishing firm of Bigelow & Main, New York city, died at his summer home at Ridgeville, Conn., aged 72.

Falling from one of the upper floors of a skyscraper office building in Philadelphia, Robert Bredbury, aged 66 years, met death in sight of hundreds of spectators.

The Omaha street car trouble is over and strike-breakers have been sent away.

Revolutionists are active in Paraguay, according to advices received at the state department from Minister O'Brien.

Members of the cabinet are getting back to Washington to take up routine work.

Republicans of Nebraska will have a banquet at Kearney October 14.

Thomas H. Swope, millionaire and philanthropist, died suddenly at his home in Kansas City following a stroke of apoplexy. He was eighty-one years old.

Germans of Chicago celebrated the anniversary of the landing of the German pilgrim fathers and the founding of Germantown on October 6, 1683.

The cases for the United States and Great Britain in the Newfoundland fisheries arbitration have been completed, and will be delivered at Washington and London at once.

Knox is the thirteenth of the ninety-two counties in Indiana to vote "wet." Sixty-two counties have voted "dry" and eight are "dry" through the operation of the remonstrance law. Nine counties remain in which no action has been taken.

The financial report of the North German-Lloyd Steamship company for the first six months of 1909 shows net earnings of \$1,250,000, as against losses for the corresponding periods of 1908 amounting to \$1,750,000.

President Taft opened the irrigation tunnel at Montrose, Colo., which will reclaim many acres of land.

Elaborate dinners provided for the president on his western tour are said to be dogging his digestion.

The president approves of the conservation of natural resources by inviting Ballinger and Pinchot to remain in the government service.

Wilbur Wright circled the great statue of liberty at the entrance of New York in his aeroplane.

President Taft says he will urge upon congress the necessity of authorizing the secretary of the interior to issue \$10,000,000 bonds for the completion of irrigation projects in the west upon which work has been suspended because of lack of funds.

Margaret Price Evans, the wife of a New York clergyman, committed suicide at Penwynn, Wales.

Harry Whitney says he is satisfied that both Cook and Peary reached the pole.

Senator La Follette has a bitter fight on his hands in Wisconsin.

Washington.

Continued improvement in the industrial situation in the United States is indicated by the reports of leading industrial commercial movements received during August by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor. Unusually large movements of soft coal, coak and iron ore and large shipments of lumber are indicated.

Census Director E. Dana Durand announces November 3 next as the date for making a practical test of the qualifications of applicants for appointment as special agents for the collection of the thirteenth census statistics of manufacturers and mines and quarries. Blank applications may be obtained now by writing the bureau of the census.

Secretary of War Dickinson left the city for Bellemeade, Tenn., the home of his son, immediately upon receipt of a telegram to the effect that the young man was suffering from a serious attack of heart failure.

It is said that progressive republicans in the lower house are likely to form an independent organization.

Representatives of eleven governments will attend the tenth annual meeting of the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States, to be held here. From the United States will be medical officers of the army, navy and marine hospital service and national guard organizations. It is believed the convention will be the most important to this branch of medical profession held in years.

When the long-heralded meeting between President Taft and Diaz of Mexico at El Paso and Juarez, Mex., takes place in October, the intervening territory between these two cities, which is in dispute, will be for this occasion regarded as neutral territory, and the flags of neither nation will be displayed therein. This understanding has been reached on the part of the two nations concerned as the result of correspondence.

Personal.

In Washington the president's tour is regarded as the opening of a campaign for a second term.

David Hill, who succeeded Charles Tower as ambassador to Germany, arrived on the liner George Washington for his first visit to this country since his appointment to the post at Berlin.

President Taft spoke to 20,000 school children in Portland, Ore.

Street car strikers in Omaha have determined to go on with the fight to a finish.

Alfred Farlow, chairman of the committee on publication of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, confirmed a report that Mrs. Augusta E. Stetson of New York had been dismissed from the body of Christian Scientists.

Judge William J. Gaynor was made the Tammany nominee for mayor of New York.

Old Battiste, the last medicine man of the Colville Indians, committed suicide in a spectacular manner at Oroville, Wash., by lying down on the railway track in front of an engine.

Brigadier General Winfield S. Edgerly, commanding the department of the Dakotas, with headquarters at St. Paul, is soon to be retired.

Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins, with her two sons and daughter, Miss Katherine Elkins, are soon to arrive from Europe.

NEEDS LEGISLATION

CONGRESS MUST MEET THE MCVEY SITUATION.

PLANS OF THE ADMINISTRATION

Bill Will Probably Be Drawn by Monetary Commission Along Lines of Taft's Views.

Washington.—The coming congress must meet a situation born of the panic of 1907, when the issue of clearing house certificates by the government to supply sufficient currency to meet the demands of the business interests of the country was necessary. The temporary legislation enacted during that critical period must be either supplanted or re-enacted into permanent law, and foremost among the various projects that have been advanced as a proper solution of the government's problem stands the proposed national central bank.

It is the common belief that it will form the basis of the curative legislation to be recommended by the monetary commission and President Taft in his recent Boston speech signified his own favorable disposition toward the project.

"A bank of the people and for the people" is the definition of this institution made by George M. Reynolds, president of the American Bankers' association, in his Chicago speech. He pointed out that the people were to be the stockholders, for anyone would be privileged to buy the bank stock just as he might a government bond.

A small interest on such an investment would be guaranteed by the government. Any other earnings more than sufficient to pay the guaranteed interest would be shared by the government and by the stockholders.

Political control of the great bank would be made at least extremely difficult by the life appointment of the officers. Integrity of operation would be assured by a board of supervisors appointed by the president, the secretary of the treasury and the comptroller of the currency (subject to the approval of the senate) for alternate terms of at least eight years to bridge over political mutations.

Thus would be met the objections founded upon the history of the old United States bank, that the Central bank might be prostituted to political use and be made an engine for the perpetuation in power of one party. It is not intended that the Central bank should support the credit of the nation. If the national government needs funds, if it spends more money than it collects by taxation, it must continue in the old way to borrow from the world-at-large by the sale of bonds.

The single purpose of this projected bank would be to safeguard the business interest of the people in their private relations. If there were need for more money for business purposes the bank would supply it by notes and if there were a plethora, in dull times these notes would be retired rapidly.

COOK GIVES HIS LAST WORD.

Cables University of Copenhagen Records Go There First.

Copenhagen—Prof. Torp, the rector of the university here, has received the following cablegram from Dr. Cook:

"The press reports are incorrect. My records will go to you first. 'FREDERICK A. COOK.'"

Dr. Cook's cablegram to Prof. Torp has created an excellent impression throughout Denmark. The Danish people, who are most anxious to ascertain the result of the examination of Dr. Cook's data, are dissatisfied, however, over the report that the explorer has requested the university to keep its verdict a secret until his records have been investigated by the geographical societies of the world.

CHANG CHIH TUNG IS DEAD.

Grand Councillor of Chinese Empire Expires at Peking.

Peking.—Chang Chih Tung, grand councillor of China, died at 9:45 o'clock Tuesday night.

Chang Chih Tung, who was one of three members of the general council, had been in the government service practically all his life. He was formerly viceroy of Shang Sha and was made a grand councillor in 1907.

Vice President's Son Weds.

Utica, N. Y.—Richard Updyke Sherman, son of Vice-President James S. Sherman, and former secretary to the collector of the port of New York, was married Tuesday to Miss Eleanor Miller of Utica.

Japs Reach Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The commercial commissioners of Japan arrived here Tuesday from Cleveland. The Brooks plant of the American Locomotive works and the vineyards of northern Chautauqua county were visited early in the day.

Walsh Must Serve.

Chicago, Ill.—John R. Walsh, convicted of misapplication of the funds of the Chicago National bank, must serve the sentence of five years imprisonment imposed upon him by the trial jury, save in the event that the supreme court upsets the affirmation of the verdict of guilty handed down by the United States circuit court of appeal here Tuesday. Counsel for Mr. Walsh in their appeal laid stress on what they alleged was a lack of criminal intent on the part of the defendant.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

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

The Box Butte county fair this year was a great success.

Richard Sneath, aged 18 years, son of Robert Sneath, a prosperous farmer living west of Pender, was accidentally killed by the discharge of a shotgun. The top of his head was blown off.

The grading for the Union Pacific's double track from Kearney to North Platte is nearly completed. Ties are being laid from North Platte and the bridge work is being pushed as hard as possible.

Governor Shallenberger has appointed as delegates to a good roads convention at Columbus, O., October 26 to 29, Dan Stephens of Fremont, Mr. Longworthy of Seward and J. J. Derlight of Omaha.

Robert Spencer, a young farmer west of Nebraska City, raised 350 bushels of potatoes on an acre of ground this year and sold them for 40 cents per bushel. It was on high ground and the patch had been used for corn last year.

The unofficial count of the ballots cast in the special election held for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of \$100,000 for the erection of a new court house for Dawson county shows the bonds were defeated by over 200 votes.

Mrs. J. W. Kaiser, wife of the superintendent of the county infirmary at Dunbar, who mysteriously disappeared about ten days ago, has been located at Huron, S. D., working in a hotel, and could not give any account of her strange actions.

A. E. Fisher, traveling salesman for L. J. Kinney & Co., cigar manufacturers of Hastings, dropped dead in front of an undertaker's establishment on the main street. Apoplexy was the cause. Mr. Fisher was 45 years old and lived here.

Samuel Spies, a young farmer, committed suicide in Dodge county under dramatic circumstances. Spies believed his wife had drowned herself in the Elkhorn river, which flows a few rods from the house occupied by the couple, and in a fit of remorse blew out his brains with a 38-caliber pistol.

President Crabtree delivered the opening address of the Peru Normal school year. In closing he spoke especially on the "school policy." He spoke in part as follows: "As I see it our school policy is not to tear down, but to build up. It is not to discourage any worthy student enterprise, but to encourage and develop."

N. P. Miller, a prominent farmer living seven miles west of Adams, has mysteriously disappeared and searching parties which have been looking for him have failed to find any trace of him. Mr. Miller was a well known political leader in that locality and his friends are unable to explain his absence. Foul play is feared.

David E. Allen of Otoe county celebrated his 80th birth anniversary by presenting each of his three daughters with \$500 in gold. Mr. Allen came to Nebraska City in 1857 and has since made it his home. He owns eighty acres of land, which is nearly in the heart of the city and which he has always fought to prevent it being made a part of the city and has succeeded so far.

Charles Johnson of Greeley was killed while returning home from Spaulding. He fell from a load of well tubing under the team he was driving. One of the horses became frightened and kicked him in the head. The team then ran into a wire fence and became entangled in the wire. The body of the dead man was found there a few hours later by neighbors.

The state railway commission has issued an order that the Missouri Pacific Railway company be directed to maintain an agent at the station of Glen Rock until January 1, 1910, at which time, in the absence of any material increase in business, and on proper showing being made, the railway company will be given authority to discontinue the service of the said agent at Glen Rock. The company had asked leave to close the station.

At Dalton, eighteen miles north of Sidney, about dark an extra freight train going north on the Burlington railroad ran into the rear end of the regular freight train. A traveling salesman was fortunately notified in time and proceeded to jump from the train just in time to avoid being hit. His grip, upon which his head had been resting, was literally torn to shreds. The caboose and two freight cars of the regular freight were smashed to kindling.

In the district court of Dodge county Judge Hollenbeck handed down a decision sustaining the judgment of the county court in the matter of the inheritance tax on the Davenport estate. The principal question involved was whether contracts for the sale of lands in Nebraska which were in the possession of the decedent at his home in New York state were taxable in Nebraska. The county court held they were not and Judge Hollenbeck affirmed the judgment.

Louis Brommel, the farmer of Syracuse who was kicked in the stomach by one of his horses and who was taken to an Omaha hospital, died there from his injuries.

J. M. Proctor, deputy United States marshal, of Arlington, served a subpoena on H. J. Crapenheft to appear as a witness in the case of the United States against the tramp who rifled Mr. Crapenheft's mailbox a few weeks ago and abstracted a check therefrom and was arrested while attempting to cash it at Blair. The case will be tried in the United States district court at Omaha.

THE WHEAT FIGURES

NEBRASKA CROP ESTIMATED AT 50,000,000 BUSHELS.

MADISON GETS A NEW DEPOT

Other Matters Here and There in the Commonwealth of More or Less Interest.

Statistics compiled by the state labor bureau show that the total production of wheat in Nebraska this year was 50,370,000 bushels. This is almost equal to the banner year, 1902, when 50,500,000 bushels were produced, and a little in excess of the yield of 1901, when the total was 50,200,000. The labor bureau report shows a production of 45,500,000 bushels of winter wheat this year and the yield averaged 20.13 bushels to the acre. The government report gives the average yield at 14.9 bushels. A total of 2,870,000 bushels of spring wheat was raised, the average yield being 14.9 bushels to the acre. The total yield of wheat in Nebraska last year was 43,840,000, according to the state labor bureau. There were 41,000,000 bushels of winter wheat and the average yield per acre was 16.99. The total yield of spring wheat was 2,840,000 and the average yield per acre was 13.98 bushels.

New Station for Madison.

The good offices of the state railway commission have been used to get the Union Pacific Railroad company to build a new station at the town of Madison and now ex-Senator W. V. Allen, who started the agitation, desires the board to do what it can to get as large a station as possible, one that will be adequate for twenty-five years. In compliance with a recommendation signed by Railway Commissioner Cowles recommending a new station the road has promised to build, but some elevator firms who are occupying the right-of-way by encroachment of the road are slow in removing their buildings to new locations so that the road can have room for the proposed improvements.

To Dissolve Merger.

County Attorney Tyrrell began proceedings before the state railway commission, the object and purpose being to dissolve the merger of the Lincoln Traction company and the Citizens' Railway company, which was consummated February 3, last; the cancellation of all stocks and bonds issued subsequent to such merger; to compel the company to render better service and treat the public and its employees with more consideration and to bar it from transacting any other business than that provided for in its charter.

Commercial Clubs Has Surplus.

A surplus of nearly \$5,000 in the treasury of the Lincoln Commercial club was shown by the annual cash statement of Secretary Whitten laid before the directors. Three years ago the organization was struggling along under serious handicap for lack of funds. At one time it was necessary for some of the leading members to give their personal notes at a bank for \$1,500 to pay the current expenses of the club. During the last year the general fund has been swelled about \$2,750. Contributions to the convention fund made during the last year aggregated in the neighborhood of \$7,000. Some firms which derive direct benefit from conventions held here have not so far subscribed to this fund, but it is hoped to secure them, as well as others which indirectly profit from the gatherings held in Lincoln.

Contractors Boycott City.

Claiming that they have trouble getting their money, that the city hall will not pay a good price for the work and that they are "harrassed" by over-critical taxpayers and public officials, a number of firms engaged in laying pavement by contract have declared a strike, boycott, embargo or whatever it may be called against Lincoln. Persistent advertising by the city authorities for bids on work to be done has met with a refusal to submit any propositions. For this reason it is probable no more paving will be done this fall other than what has been contracted for.

Appointment by Governor.

Miss Mattie Allen of the Whittier public school was appointed a member of the state board of inspectors which has in charge the enforcement of the child labor law as it relates to compulsory attendance at school. The appointment was made by Governor Shallenberger.

Millers Want Transfer Switch.

The railroad commission began taking testimony in the complaint of Wells, Abbott & Nieman, a milling company of Schuyler, which wants a transfer switch put in there between the Burlington and the Union Pacific.

New Rule in Effect.

Financial relations between members of the faculty and students of the University of Nebraska were cut off by a rule that went into effect last week. From now on all money paid for instruction, books or supplies by the students must go through the hands of the treasurer of the university. This rule was adopted last spring by the board of regents in order to systematize the finances of the university and protect professors from accusations of misuse of funds or overcharging students for books.

PAPERS ARE FAULTY.

Various Irregularities in Obtaining Naturalization.

Because of various irregularities in obtaining naturalization papers, sixteen Nebraska residents of different nationalities will probably have to go through the process of being made citizens a second time. Papers have been completed in the office of United States Attorney A. W. Linn for filing in the federal court attacking the validity of their certificates. Most of those whose citizenship is thus called into question live at Omaha and South Omaha, but others are scattered over the state. The list includes Germans, Bohemians, Scandinavians, Italians, an Irishman or two and others of miscellaneous nativity.

The suits to have the decrees of naturalization set aside will be commenced in the districts where the persons respectively live. Only two of the number will be filed in the Lincoln division. In some cases it will be alleged that the individual was naturalized illegally before he had been in this country five years. Another ground will be that some of them were more than 18 years old on arriving in this country and did not make a formal declaration of their intention to become citizens, which is required of all except those coming here as minors. In one or two instances the claim will be made that the certificate is defective because witnesses for the person naturalized were not themselves citizens.

About Bank Assessments.

In reply to a recent inquiry Henry Seymour, secretary of the state board of assessment and equalization, has written the following statement of how state, national and savings banks are assessed:

"State, national and savings banks, domestic and foreign, are assessed upon the value of their capital stock, and taxes are levied upon a per cent basis, the same as all other property in this state is taxed. The value of the stock is found by taking the market value of the same, together with the surplus and undivided profits, from which is deducted the real estate and other tangible property of the bank, which is assessed separately. The names of the stockholders and the amount owned by each are listed by the bank, but the tax is levied against and paid by the bank. Trust companies are assessed the same as banks. Building and loan associations are assessed only on their real estate, but the shares of the stock in the same are held to be credits and are assessed to the owners and the members of the association. Deposits in savings banks as well as all other banks are listed and assessed to the depositors. The rate of taxation varies in the several taxing districts of the state because of difference in the amount of the levy for local taxation."

Dundy Survey Must Wait.

Notwithstanding a petition from Dundy county landowners the state land commissioner will not carry out the provisions of the act of the last legislature for a resurvey of a north and south line through Dundy county until the government is given an opportunity to comply with an act of congress introduced by Congressman Norris. By a little more delay the county of Dundy may get a more extensive resurvey from the general government and the state may be able to save the funds appropriated by the legislature for a lesser resurvey.

The act of congress calls for a resurvey of the disputed line and also a resurvey of several townships in Dundy county. Congressman Norris thought he was doing a favor to the people of Dundy county when he got this act passed and he is much surprised now to find that many residents of the townships interested have signed a petition to proceed with the proposed state resurvey of the north and south line. He thinks the people interested do not fully understand the situation or they would not have signed the petition to proceed with the proposed state resurvey of only one line. The legislature appropriated \$25 to resurvey one line. This amount will not be sufficient to pay for the work.

Chancellor Visits Harvard.

Chancellor Avery of the University of Nebraska left for Harvard. He will attend the inauguration of President Lowell of that institution. Chancellor Avery will attend a meeting of representatives of universities and colleges and deliver an address on the duty of deans.

Omaha Invites Governor.

The governor has received an invitation from the Commercial club of Omaha to be present November 13, when fifty distinguished men from Japan are to be entertained for an entire day.

Irrigation Exposition Coming.

A good share of the United States Land and Irrigation exposition, which is to be held in Chicago November 20 to December 4, will be on exhibition at the National Corn exposition which opens in Omaha December 6.

Pure Food Prosecutions.

Although the immediate victims of prosecution are eighteen local catchers, the packing interests in Nebraska are attacked directly in prosecutions brought by Deputy Food Commissioner Mains on charges of misbranding lard, cottolene and other substitutes for lard. The prosecutions are brought under a section of the pure food act. It is believed that the eighteen defendants will obtain an attorney who will attack the constitutionality of the law as it stands today.