

PUT INTO A PARAGRAPH

Washington, Congressional, Political and Other Events Briefly Told

A. G. L. d'Amad, having acknowledged both authority of the interview published October 7, in which he declared the time had arrived for France to call a halt on Spain's penetration of Morocco, War Minister Brun has placed him on the retired list.

Edgar W. Mix, victor in the international race for the Gordon Bennett balloon cup, was accorded a warm reception on his arrival in Paris.

Cortlandt F. Bishop and Major T. Bentley Mott, American military attaché at Paris, on behalf of Ambassador White, and many of Mr. Mix's American friends met the aeronaut at the station and escorted him to the Aero Club of France.

Tia-Hung-Tse, president of the board of justice, has been appointed grand counselor of the empire in succession to Chang-Chieh-Tung, deceased. An imperial edict issued eulogizes Chang-Chieh-Tung, gives him posthumous honors and promotes his three sons.

The Spanish camp, under Commander General Sotomayer, was the object of a surprise attack at 6 o'clock in the morning by the Moors. The enemy was repulsed and shelled until 9 o'clock. The Spaniards lost two men wounded.

Henry White, the American ambassador to France, has been given a leave of absence, and accompanied by Mrs. White will sail on November 3 for the United States, not to return.

The preparations for the extension of Spain's operations in Morocco, involving the sending of heavy reinforcements, are creating increasing uneasiness in Paris.

General.

A West Indian hurricane swept up the Florida coast and in the interior, doing heavy damage.

The fifteen-year prison sentence of Charles W. Morse was sustained by the court of appeals.

New York faces a pie famine as a result of the strike of the employees of several big pie bakeries.

New rules affecting the bishops throughout the world were made known at the vatican. "These prescribed that the bishops shall be allowed two years following their appointment in which to arrange the canonical visitations in their dioceses."

"Conochot," the home of former Governor William Sprague, one of the most beautiful estates in Rhode Island, was destroyed by fire, with all its contents. The loss is estimated at about \$1,000,000, on which there is no insurance. Mr. and Mrs. Sprague escaped without injury.

After being in jail five months charged with counterfeiting, John Preston has been released on the discovery that the alleged bad money is all genuine. News reached Bristol, Tenn., from Abingdon, Va., where he was in jail. A grand jury ordered his release.

The proprietors of the bull rings in the north of Spain have formed an association which aims at the regulation and encouragement of this national sport.

Fred Thomas, engineer of the city electric lighting plant at Newbern, N. C., was instantly killed by coming in contact with some part of an arc machine carrying 2,300 volts.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Arctic explorer, headed the most impressive of the Centennial week pageants when he rode at the head of the military, historical and educational parade.

Seventy thousand acres of land under the Carey act were opened for entry in Montana. Number one was drawn by R. A. Carpenter of Oak Park, Ill.

Governor Hughes of New York renewed his activity against race track betting in his state.

Hog-growers in central New York are obtaining unheard of prices for this year's crop.

The governors of the Bank of England raised the minimum discount rate from 2 1/2 per cent. to 3 per cent. This is the first change since April 1 last, when it was reduced from 3 per cent.

Secretary of War Dickinson will soon argue a case on behalf of the Illinois Central road.

At Philadelphia Miss Campbell, the British champion, won her match with Mrs. R. H. Marlow, 3 up and 2 to play, thereby capturing the American championship.

George W. Bowers, acting general manager of the South Omaha plant of the Armour Packing Company, who disappeared a month ago, was located at Fort Francis, Ont., by a representative of the company.

Governor Hughes was the central figure in the Hudson, N. Y., celebration.

Copies of circulars issued in north China by a body of Chinese, calling themselves the popular association of the three eastern provinces, have been received in Japan, after having been spread broadcast among Chinese of the lower classes.

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

A cut of 10 per cent. in salaries of all officials and employees of from Mayor Busse's been agreed upon by the mayor and department heads.

Senator Aldrich has explained to Frenchmen some of the misunderstandings concerning the tariff.

Commander Peary has formally notified the National Geographical society of his compliance with the resolution of the society urging Peary and Dr. Cook speedily to submit all their observations, notes and data to a competent scientific commission in the United States.

Miss Clara L. Clemens, daughter of Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), was married to Ossip Gabrilowitch, the Russian pianist, in a wedding took place in the drawing room at "Storm Field," Conn., Mr. Clemens' country home, with Rev. Dr. Jos. H. Twitchell of Hartford officiating.

T. P. O'Connor is coming to the United States to seek aid for the Irish. The five year prison sentence of John R. Walsh, the former Chicago banker, has been affirmed.

The Panama Canal Commission has submitted to the secretary of war an estimate of appropriations aggregating \$48,963,524 for work on the canal during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1910. Of the amount asked for, \$15,504,936 is for skilled and unskilled labor, and \$29,218,983 is for material and supplies used in construction work.

Commander Peary has formally notified the National Geographic society of his acceptance of its offer to examine and pass upon the records of his polar explorations. Notice to this effect came to Prof. Willis L. Moore, president of the society, in a telegram from Commander Peary in New York.

Congressman Parsons charges Tammany congressman with coming to relief of the Cannon machine on condition that "up-state" republicans in New York block legislation to prevent Tammany frauds in New York city elections.

Albert Pultzer, a brother of Joseph Pultzer, publisher of the New York World, committed suicide in Vienna. It was evident that he made double sure of death, for he had first swallowed poison, and then, standing in front of a mirror, had sent a bullet from a revolver through his right temple.

Washington.

Nebraska and Kansas millers are pressing for early action in the prospective litigation on the flour bleaching question. The department of justice and agriculture last spring agreed that a shipment of Nebraska bleached flour should be seized and a case made up and taken to the courts just as soon as possible for test of the whole question and decision whether the bleaching is injurious or amounts to adulteration in the view of the law. The months have rolled along and no case has been started. Now it is explained that the agricultural people are doing all they can.

Brigadier General Amos S. Kimball, U. S. A. (retired), who saw forty years' service in the army, and was retired at his own request in 1902, having been made a brigadier general several days before his retirement, died at his home here at the age of 69.

The secretary of the treasury has notified the postmaster general that the new postoffice at Watertown, S. D., will be ready for occupancy between November 15 and December 1. The popular idea that the American Indians are decreasing in number is dissipated by official figures showing that there are more than 200,000 red men in the United States. The increase in population is about 40,000 in the last two decades.

Whether the valuable lobster or the worthless dogfish of the waters of Rhode Island and Massachusetts is to be allowed to survive is a burning question that is receiving the consideration of Commissioner George M. Bowers, of the bureau of fisheries.

A new counterfeit five dollar silver certificate has appeared in Michigan and other places, and the secret service issued a warning to the public. The counterfeit bears the Indian head, and is of the series of 1889, has the signatures of United States Treasurer Treat and Register Vernon and is described as having check letter "2B" face plate number 1242 and back plate number 862.

Personal.

The fund for a monument to the late Governor Johnson of Minnesota now amounts to \$5,000. Contributions are limited to \$1 and the total to \$25,000.

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.

President Taft spoke to 29,000 school children in Portland, Ore. Harvard university formally opened by installation of President Lowell. The Duchess of Aosta is about to leave Naples for the Congo and will spend the winter in Africa for the benefit of her health.

Congressman Parsons of New York has thrown down the gauntlet to Cannon forces.

Street car strikers in Omaha have determined to go on with the fight. William Randolph Hearst again in the race for mayor of New York. President Taft ended a strenuous period of dinners and speeches by sleeping in the mountains.

MR. CRANE DEPOSED

MINISTER DESIGNATED TO CHINA SHORN OF HIS TITLE.

KNOX DEMANDS RESIGNATION

With Surrender of His Commission a New Chapter is Written in Diplomacy.

Washington.—Charles R. Crane of Chicago minister designate to China, on Tuesday was practically deposed by a demand from Secretary Knox for his resignation.

Thus a new chapter in American diplomacy was written. A citizen, chosen with special regard for his qualifications for the post was recalled before he had embarked from San Francisco and discharged from his high office because of alleged indiscreet disclosures through the press.

The history of this extraordinary affair, which began about a week ago with the announcement that Minister Crane had been stopped at San Francisco at the moment of embarkation for his post by a demand from Secretary Knox for his return to Washington, reached at least its first crisis soon after noon Tuesday, when the Secretary, in a formal statement, announced that Mr. Crane's resignation had been invited and the minister designate replied in an equally formal statement that, although his designation already had been tendered to the president, he felt himself unjustly treated.

Moreover, Mr. Crane, in his statement reflected severely upon the officials of the State department, charging that not only had they refrained from giving him the instructions usually used to a minister or ambassador about to leave for his post, but that he had been denied access to them even after he had made repeated appointments with them.

He enters a sweeping denial of the charge that he "gave out" a newspaper story which is said to be the cause of his deposition, and places squarely upon the shoulders of President Taft the responsibility for the various utterances he has made regarding conditions in the far east which have aroused the ire of Secretary Knox and for final action upon his resignation.

Mr. Crane's Statement.

Mr. Crane's statement is as follows: "The statement issued by the Department of State is slightly inaccurate in saying that the secretary has informed me that my resignation will be accepted. The letter I received from Mr. Knox at noon Tuesday says that he has recommended to the president that the president accept my resignation. Before this letter had been received by me I had already sent to the president, through his secretary, Mr. Carpenter, the following telegram:

"Washington, D. C., Oct. 12.—President W. H. Taft: The State department objects to certain things I have done in the effort to carry out my understanding of your wishes as expressed by you to me. I have carefully considered the entire matter. In my judgment no mistake has been made except as the department has made it a mistake. However, I did not and cannot guarantee to make no mistakes, unless I have cordial support and co-operation of the government.

"The matter in which the department has proceeded and is proceeding is inconsistent with my own self respect and my conception of the dignity of the position and with the understanding upon which I accepted it. I appreciate the personal consideration I have received from you, and under all circumstances have decided to await information as to your wishes before taking action. You will understand, of course, that my resignation is in your hands.

"CHARLES R. CRANE."

Discovery of America.

Chicago.—More than twenty thousand Italians marched in a parade here Tuesday to commemorate the four hundred and seventeenth anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus. Columbus day, made a legal holiday by the state of Illinois, also was marked by exercises on the Spanish caravels, models of Columbus' ships in which he made his voyage of discovery. These models, presented to Chicago by Spain after the world's fair in 1893, have been preserved here.

Auditor Short \$20,000.

St. Paul.—A. A. Kremer, county auditor of Itasca county, who was arrested Monday by State Public Examiner M. F. Kain and suspended from office by order of Governor Eberhard, was released on bail at Grand Rapids, Mich. There is a shortage of \$20,000.

Bishop Hare Critically Ill.

Atlantic City, N. J.—The Right Rev. William Hobart Hare, bishop of So. Dakota, is critically ill here. Death is said to be only a matter of hours.

Meat Charges Made Again.

St. Louis.—A reopening of the East St. Louis meat inspection investigation is pressed by charges made by the health department of this city. Dr. G. A. Jordan, the St. Louis official who made the complaint, charges that four beef carcasses, afflicted with melanosia, a black ulcerous growth, were stamped in East St. Louis and shipped to this city, where they were seized September 29. Similar charges were made regarding a quantity of decayed pork sausage stamped by government inspectors at Alton, Ill.

DANGER IN GASOLINE

CAREFULNESS WILL SAVE LIFE AND PROPERTY.

A WARNING TO THE PUBLIC

Governor Shallenberger Issues an Election Proclamation—Other Matters of State-Wide Interest.

A. V. Johnson, chief deputy fire commissioner, has issued a bulletin dealing with gasoline, in which he recommends that fire department chiefs and village authorities be required to make investigations with reference to merchants who overstock their cellars or warehouses with gasoline.

The bulletin also recommends that where merchants carry large stocks of gasoline they should be required to store them in a pit or cave at a distance from buildings and outhouses, piping the same to their store rooms.

Chief Deputy Johnson gives the following advice to people who use gasoline:

"The gasoline stove is very useful, but it may be a death-dealing monster. Every one who uses a gasoline stove should see to it that it is kept thoroughly clean and free from rust. If care is exercised in using this stove while filling it and in closing the valves it may be operated with safety. "Burning gasoline may be extinguished by smothering with wet rags, flour, sand or ashes if the amount of fluid is small. Throwing water only spreads the blazing stuff."

Here are some of the hints suggested in the bulletin:

Reservoirs of gasoline stoves should be outside of the buildings.

Reservoirs should not be completely filled.

Be sure to close every burner tightly when not in use.

The opening through which the tank is filled should be kept tightly closed at all times.

Watch your reservoirs and burners for leaks.

Gasoline is more dangerous than powder. Therefore, all cans should be kept tightly closed.

The bulletin states that during the year of 1908 one person in every 44,000 in the United States was burned to death by gasoline explosions, most of the victims being women and children.

Election Proclamation.

Governor Shallenberger issued the following election proclamation: "State of Nebraska, Executive Office. Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of section eleven (11) of chapter twenty-six (26) of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1909, entitled "Elections," I, Ashton C. Shallenberger, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby issue my proclamation declaring that on Tuesday, the second day of November, A. D. 1909, there will be an election held at the usual places of voting in said state for the election of the following officers, to-wit:

"Three judges of the supreme court. Two regents of the state university. One regent of the state university to fill vacancy.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska.

"Done at Lincoln this first day of October, A. D. 1909.

"ASHTON C. SHALLENBERGER, Governor.

"GEORGE C. JUNKIN, Secretary of State.

"By Addison Watt, Deputy Secretary of State."

Deficit is Wiped Out.

State Treasurer Brian had reported that the state had been plunged into debt to the extent of \$1,000, but next day when he opened his mail he found \$10,000 to the "good." The money received goes to the general fund and the fund for the redemption of outstanding state warrants and will be used to take up warrants that are presented to the treasury for payment. On the previous day the general fund and the redemption fund were exhausted and when warrants were presented for payment the treasurer was obliged to buy them with state school funds and other state trust funds.

New Turn in Bonding Case.

In order to meet the demurrer of Attorney General Thompson the American Surety company has amended its pleadings in the federal court so as to allege that the rates fixed by the state bond board are confiscatory. The company is trying to secure a restraining order to set aside the law passed by the last legislature, under which the board has been acting.

Cash Needed for Campaign.

"Hard up" expresses the condition of both the republican and democratic state committees in a financial way. The debt of \$600 or \$700 that the republican organization inherited from last year has not yet been squared and the current expenses of the campaign are being held down to fit a small income. Meanwhile Chairman Byrnes of the democratic state committee has sent out an urgent appeal from Columbus to party leaders over the state asking financial assistance for carrying on political work.

NEBRASKA HAS DEBT.

Is Small, However, and Can Soon Be Wiped Out.

For the first time since June 24 the state of Nebraska has an outstanding debt. Last week a debt of \$1,000 in the form of registered state warrants appeared on Treasurer Brian's books. There not being enough money in the general fund or the fund for the redemption of outstanding warrants, the treasurer had to buy the warrants presented to him by using trust funds, the same as was done for years prior to June 24, when there were no warrants registered. The state board of assessment made no levy for the redemption fund when it met during the last summer because there was then no apparent need of it. If county treasurers remit all that is due the state Treasurer Brian believes the state debt can be wiped out by December 1, when taxes on the new levy will begin to come in. The state debt was over \$2,000,000 a few years ago.

Election Proclamation.

Governor Shallenberger has issued an election proclamation. If the non-partisan judiciary law had been upheld by the supreme court this duty would not have been necessary, but under the law as it exists the governor is required to issue a proclamation and get it into the hands of county clerks twenty days before the general election. The governor's proclamation is dated October 1, but pending the receipt of printed copies it was not announced. The proclamation is very brief as follows:

Under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the provisions of section eleven (11) of chapter twenty-six (26) of the compiled statutes of Nebraska for the year 1909, entitled "Elections," I, Ashton C. Shallenberger, governor of the state of Nebraska, do hereby issue my proclamation declaring that on Tuesday, the 2d day of November, A. D. 1909, there will be an election held at the usual places of voting in said state for the election of the following officers, to-wit: Three judges of the supreme court; two regents of the state university; one regent of the state university to fill vacancy.

May Investigate Railroads.

The state railway commission may be forced to investigate the books and records of some of the railroads that are in federal court objecting to the enforcement of the 2-cent fare law, the Aldrich commodity rate law and the anti-pass law and other regulatory acts passed by the legislature of 1907. If this step is necessary the commission will employ an expert accountant and empower him to employ a large force of accountants to investigate records and accounts for the purpose of gathering evidence to meet the testimony introduced by the railway companies.

C. W. Hillman of Louisville, Ky., who did similar work in Minnesota, held a conference with the state railway commission in regard to such proposed work in Nebraska. The commission may employ Mr. Hillman as its chief accountant in charge of the proposed investigation of railroad accounts.

Wreck in Burlington Yards.

C. E. Safford, fireman on a Burlington switch engine, died as a result of injuries received in a wreck in the Burlington yards. Burlington passenger train No. 9, heavily loaded with Ak-Sar-Ben passengers, crashed into the switch engine, which was on the main line when the passenger train entered the yards. Hundreds of people were jarred, thrown to the floor of the cars or hurled back into their seats. The excursionists were preparing to leave the coaches and were crowded in the aisles when the crash came. The crew of the switch engine, with the exception of the fireman, jumped. Stafford was plumed between the engines and was terribly bruised and scalped.

State Prison Census.

There are at present 426 convicts in the state prison. Of these 87 are colored. A census of the prison on October 1 showed 429 prisoners. Of these there were white males, 330; white females, 4; colored males, 82; colored females, 5; Indians, 7; Japanese, 1. Douglas county at present furnishes three-sevenths of all the convicts in the state prison. One hundred and eighty-two prisoners are from Douglas county.

The "Nebraska" Figurehead.

Secretary C. S. Paine of the State Historical society has received word that the figurehead from the battleship Nebraska has been shipped from the New York navy yard and will arrive in Lincoln within a few days. This figurehead was secured for the historical society through the efforts of Congressman Kinkaid and it will be held by the society as a permanent loan from the federal government. The figurehead is no longer used on some of the battleships of the navy. The one from the Nebraska weighs 4,050 pounds. It was shipped from the navy yard last week.

Complaint Against Express Company. Failure to provide sufficient facilities for the prompt transportation of shipments delivered to it is the basis of a complaint to the state railway commission filed against the Adams Express company by the Lincoln Commercial club, acting for the Appel Mercantile company. The charge is made that while the business of the express corporation has increased 20 per cent within a year or so no more wagons have been put on to take care of it and no attempt is being made to see that shippers receive proper attention.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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December 31, 1906, \$559,000
December 31, 1907, 1,152,250
December 31, 1908, 1,453,218
September 30, 1909, 1,815,335

Local Agents Wanted

In every town in Nebraska. Liberal commissions are paid. Write the Box Butte county fair this year was a great success.

Central City schools that were temporarily closed on account of diphtheria have been reopened.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob S. Wendell of Plattsmouth celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Seventy-five gold dollars were presented to the venerable couple to remind them of their golden wedding.

George Fox, a farmer living about two miles east of Weston, was held up by four men late Saturday night while on his way home from Wahoo. The holdups got nothing, as he was broke.

If you want to sell life insurance for an active old line Nebraska company write to the Midwest Life at Lincoln.

The record price was paid for land in Hamilton county last week when John Byers paid Emil Johnson \$162.50 an acre for an eighty situated two miles west of Aurora. The land has good improvements.

While attempting to light a gasoline lamp C. Evans of Aurora, son of Sam Evans, was fatally burned. In some way not clearly understood a can of gasoline that was sitting under the lamp exploded and enveloped the young man in flames.

John Burdell, a traveling man from Fremont, was killed at Waterloo by being run into by a work train on the Union Pacific road. Burdell had been in town on business during the day and about 6:30 was going to the depot to take a train home when the accident occurred.

Merle Huston, a Syracuse youth, 19 years of age, received clemency in the court of Judge Frost at Lincoln. Huston confessed to taking two wheels valued at \$70. The judge allowed the offender to plead guilty to a charge of petit larceny and assessed a fine of \$25.

The clashing interests of the different telephone companies at this place have at last found common ground. A deal entered into turned the interests of the old Bell company to the Independent company through arrangements for consolidation.

Isaac Pollard & Sons of Nehawka have early winter apples of their own raising. The late ripening apples such as Winesaps, Ben Davis, etc., have not been gathered. They have also shipped three cars of elder and two cars of vinegar of their own make.

Frank Nohel, aged 27, a Northwestern brakeman of Norfolk, was killed a few miles west of Norfolk. While riding on the gangway of the engine he leaned out just as the train reached the Elkhorn river bridge. He was knocked off the train and his body rolled into the river below.

The Peru Canning company is working its force to the fullest extent in their attempt to get the heavy tomato crop out of the fields before frost. All available students of the normal are employed Saturday and after hours in addition to the regular force.

The repairs, decorations and new additions to St. Mary's Catholic church at West Point, made necessary by the tornado of June 24, are now completed and the edifice is in a much better condition than ever before. The mural decorations have been placed on the walls in oil instead of water colors and the effect is much better.

The war of extermination of squirrels has begun in this section, says a Nebraska City dispatch, and the telephone companies have offered a royalty for the scalps of all squirrels killed near their cable lines. The companies have experienced trouble by reason of the squirrels cutting their cables for the past two years and the repairing of the same has been an expense running up into many hundreds of dollars, but they were afraid to kill the pests until the law was suspended and now the slaughter is on.

Beatrice may soon have another creamery, as parties are desirous of locating there.

Fred Bernhart, living nine miles east of Bloomfield, committed suicide. He had been to town on Saturday evening about 6 o'clock he left the house and went to a buggy that was standing about 150 yards from his house and was sitting in the buggy when the family heard the sound of the revolver. He shot himself through the mouth, the bullet entering the brain and killing him instantly.